War Child

A Child Soldier's Story

Emmanuel Jal, read by Megan Lloyd Davies

Emmanuel Jal is prominently featured in the forthcoming film THE GOOD LIE, opening September 10, 2014 in NYC, LA & Toronto.

In the mid-1980s, Emmanuel Jal was a seven year old Sudanese boy, living in a small village with his family. But as Sudan’s civil war moved closer—with the Islamic government seizing tribal lands for water, oil, and other resources—Jal’s family was forced to move again and again, seeking peace. Jal's father rose to become a powerful commander in the Christian Sudanese Liberation Army, fighting for the freedom of Sudan. Soon, Jal was conscripted into that army, one of 10,000 child soldiers, and fought through two separate civil wars over nearly a decade.

Orphaned and adrift, Jal lived through horror: witnessing the deaths of friends and family members; killing soldiers and civilians with a gun he could barely lift; starving to the point of near-cannibalism, and coming to the edge of suicide. But, remarkably, Jal survived; escaping the army, he began the journey that would lead him to music: recording hip-hop songs about his life and performing with Moby, Bono, Peter Gabriel, and other international music stars.

Shocking, inspiring, and finally hopeful, War Child is a memoir by a unique young man, who is determined to tell his story and in so doing bring peace to his homeland.

PRAISE

Praise for War Child:

"Fast-paced...stark...a provocative challenge." —The New York Times

"Jal's story...fits securely in the history of Sudan’s second civil war but also stands on its own." —TIME

EMMANUEL JAL now lives in London. He is a spokesman for Amnesty International and Oxfam, and has done work for Save the Children, UNICEF, World Food Programme, Christian Aid, and other charities, and has established his own charitable foundation, Gua Africa, to help former Sudanese child soldiers. In May 2008 released his first studio album, Warchild (Sonic 360). A documentary about Jal’s life, also called War Child, premiered to acclaim at the 2008 Berlin and the Tribeca Film Festivals.
Necessary Lies
Diane Chamberlain

Bestselling author Diane Chamberlain delivers a breakout book about a small southern town fifty years ago, and the darkest—and most hopeful—places in the human heart

It is 1960 in North Carolina and the lives of Ivy Hart and Jane Forrester couldn't be more different. Fifteen-year-old Ivy lives with her family as tenants on a tobacco farm, but when her parents die, Ivy is left to care for her grandmother, older sister, and nephew. As she struggles with her grandmother’s aging, her sister’s mental illness and her own epilepsy, she realizes they might need more than she can give.

When Jane takes a position as Grace County’s newest social worker, she doesn’t realize just how much her help is needed. She quickly becomes emotionally invested in her clients’ lives, causing tension with her new boss and with her husband. No one understands why Jane would want to become a caseworker for the Department of Public Health when she could be a housewife and Junior League member. As Jane is drawn in by the Hart women, she begins to discover the secrets of the small farm—secrets much darker than she would have guessed. Soon, she must decide whether to take drastic action to help them, or risk losing the battle against everything she believes is wrong.

Set in rural Grace County, North Carolina in a time of state-mandated sterilizations and racial tension, Necessary Lies tells the story of these two young women, seemingly worlds apart, but both haunted by tragedy. Jane and Ivy are thrown together and must ask themselves: how can you know what you believe is right, when everyone is telling you it’s wrong?

PRAISE

“This enthralling novel transfixed me from the very first pages.”—Christina Schwarz

"Necessary Lies shines!"—Lesley Kagen

“Expertly intertwines history and matters of the heart - love, loyalty and choosing what is right, no matter the consequences.”—Heather Gudenkauf

“Diane Chamberlain’s Necessary Lies is the most important book she has ever written.”—Dorothea Benton Frank

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Play

Kylie Scott

From the USA Today bestselling author of LICK comes the second red hot New Adult novel in the Stage Dive series.

Kylie Scott returns with the highly anticipated follow-up to international bestseller LICK

Mal Ericson, drummer for the world famous rock band Stage Dive, needs to clean up his image fast—at least for a little while. Having a good girl on his arm should do the job just fine. Mal doesn’t plan on this temporary fix becoming permanent, but he didn’t count on finding the one right girl.

Anne Rollins never thought she’d ever meet the rock god who plastered her teenage bedroom walls—especially not under these circumstances. Anne has money problems. Big ones. But being paid to play the pretend girlfriend to a wild life-of-the-party drummer couldn’t end well. No matter how hot he is. Or could it?

PRAISE

Praise for the Stage Dive series

"The stuff my rock star dreams are made of. A thrill-ride. I felt every stomach-dip in the process. And I want to turn right around and ride it again. Every girl that’s ever had a rock-star crush, this would be the ultimate fantasy.”—Maryse’s Book Blog

“This book rocked my world!! Lick is an addictive blend of heart-warming passion and light-hearted fun. It’s a story you can lose yourself in. The perfect rock star romance!”—Aestas Book Blog

"An engrossing, sexy, and emotional read.”—Dear Author

“Scrumptious and delicious. Firmly in my top ten best books this year!”—The Book Pushers

USA Today Best Selling Author - KYLIE SCOTT is a long time fan of erotic love stories, rock n roll, and B-grade horror films. Based in Queensland, Australia she reads, writes and never dithers around on the internet.
James Herriot's Treasury for Children

Warm and Joyful Tales by the Author of All Creatures Great and Small

James Herriot; Illustrated by Ruth Brown and Peter Barrett

Warm and joyful tales for children from one of our most beloved authors, beautifully re-packaged

Children have always found a delightful friend in James Herriot. His award-winning stories for young readers bring the farmyard world of Herriot's Yorkshire to vibrant life. Featuring a host of adorable animals and colorful townsfolk, each of the stories is narrated by the country vet himself, with all of the warmth, caring, and good humor that have made James Herriot beloved the world over. Here, in James Herriot's Treasury for Children, we find all of his books for children collected in one beautiful volume. From the springtime frolic of Oscar, Cat-About-Town to the yuletide warmth of The Christmas Day Kitten, these stories—radiantly illustrated by Peter Barrett and Ruth Brown—are perennial favorites, and this new complete edition will make a wonderful gift for all readers, great and small. Taken together, these stories comprise a wondrous Herriot menagerie, a family treasure that will be passed, with joy and affection, from generation to generation.

PRAISE

"James Herriot found a gentle, wise and often humorous way to write about animals and to evoke a beautiful but fading way of life in those Yorkshire Hills. He showed me how to focus not just on the animals, but on the people who lived with the animals, and their loving, sometimes difficult and very wonderful connections with one another. While he is known for his wonderful writing about animals, I often think of his ability to capture people. From the first, I've tried to capture that feeling, that uplifting and heartwarming style. I can't say that I have ever quite matched the writing of James Herriot, but he has always inspired me and give..."

James Herriot is the author of the bestselling series of memoirs that includes All Creatures Great and Small and Every Living Thing.
Three Can Keep a Secret

A Joe Gunther Novel

Archer Mayor

The New York Times bestselling Joe Gunther series returns with a complex case involving two corpses, one escaped mental patient, and a long-held secret that binds them together

“Three can keep a secret, if two of them are dead.” — Benjamin Franklin

Joe Gunther and his team—the Vermont Bureau of Investigation (VBI)—are usually called in on major cases by local Vermont enforcement whenever they need expertise and back-up. But after the state is devastated by Hurricane Irene, the police from one end of the state are taxed to their limits, leaving Joe Gunther involved in an odd, seemingly unrelated series of cases. In the wake of the hurricane, a seventeen year old gravesite is exposed, revealing a coffin that had been filled with rocks instead of the expected remains.

At the same time, an old, retired state politician turns up dead at his high-end nursing home, in circumstances that leave investigators unsure that he wasn’t murdered. And a patient who calls herself The Governor has walked away from a state mental facility during the post-hurricane flood. It turns out that she was indeed once “Governor for a Day,” over forty years ago, but that she might have also been falsely committed and drugged to keep her from revealing something that she saw all those years ago. Amidst the turmoil and the disaster relief, it’s up to Joe Gunther and his team to learn what really happened with the two corpses—one missing—and what secret “The Governor” might have still locked in her brain that links them all.

PRAISE

“This twenty-fourth entry in a wonderful series is [one of] Mayor’s best.” — Booklist (starred review)

“Mayor handles each [of the book’s two storylines] adeptly and shrewdly, bringing them to separate and startling conclusions.” — Publishers Weekly


“A riveting read…Mayor writes an intelligent mystery…It's a pleasure to find a story that captures readers' attention, makes them care about the characters—and offers such dark chills.” — Associated Press on Tag Man

In addition to being a bestselling novelist, ARCHER MAYOR is an investigator for the sheriff's department, the state medical examiner, and has twenty-five years of experience as a firefighter/EMT. He lives in Newfane, Vermont.
Louise Penny Boxed Set (1-3)
Still Life, A Fatal Grace, The Cruelest Month
Louise Penny

Go back to where it all began with the first three books in #1 New York Times bestseller Louise Penny’s Chief Inspector Armand Gamache series

Chief Inspector Armand Gamache of the Sûreté du Québec digs beneath the idyllic surface of village life in Three Pines, finding long buried secrets—and facing a few enemies of his own. With nine books in the series and more to come, this boxed set of the first three books—Still Life, A Fatal Grace, and The Cruelest Month—introduces not only the engaging series hero Inspector Gamache, who commands his forces—and this series—with integrity and quiet courage, but also the spectacular Louise Penny.

A #1 New York Times bestseller and multiple award winner, Louise Penny "writes with grace and intelligence" (New York Times Book Review) and "with her smart plot and fascinating, nuanced characters...proves that she is one of our finest writers (People). The acclaimed series is a sensation—there are nearly 850,000 print copies in the US and Canada alone, and it has been translated into 35 languages.

PRAISE

"A gem of a book...a beautifully told, lyrically written story of love, life, friendship and tragedy." —Booklist (starred) on Still Life

“Like a virtuoso, Penny plays a complex variation on the theme of the clue hidden in plain sight. Filled with unexpected insights, this winning traditional mystery sets a solid foundation for future entries in the series.” —Publishers Weekly (starred) on Still Life

"Remarkably, Penny manages to top her outstanding debut. Gamache is a prodigiously complicated and engaging hero, destined to become one of the classic detectives.” —Kirkus Reviews (starred) on A Fatal Grace

LOUISE PENNY is the #1 The New York Times and Globe and Mail bestselling author of nine Chief Inspector Armand Gamache novels. She has been awarded the John Creasey Dagger, Nero, and Barry Awards, as well as two each of the Arthur Ellis, Macavity, and DILys Awards. Additionally, Louise has won five Agatha Awards and five Anthony Awards. She lives in a small village south of Montréal.
The Impersonator

Mary Miley

“The story is engrossing, the characters satisfyingly larger than life, and one can only hope for an encore from the smart, feisty, and talented heroine.”—Publishers Weekly (starred)

In 1917, Jessie Carr, fourteen years old and sole heiress to her family’s vast fortune, disappeared without a trace. Now, years later, her uncle Oliver Beckett thinks he’s found her: a young actress in a vaudeville playhouse is a dead ringer for his missing niece. But when Oliver confronts the girl, he learns he’s wrong. Orphaned young, Leah’s been acting since she was a toddler.

Oliver, never one to miss an opportunity, makes a proposition—with his coaching, Leah can impersonate Jessie, claim the fortune, and split it with him. The role of a lifetime, he says. A one-way ticket to Sing Sing, she hears. But when she’s let go from her job, Oliver’s offer looks a lot more appealing. Leah agrees to the con, but secretly promises herself to try and find out what happened to the real Jessie. There’s only one problem: Leah’s act won’t fool the one person who knows the truth about Jessie’s disappearance.

Set against a Prohibition-era backdrop of speakeasies and vaudeville houses, Mary Miley’s Minotaur Books/Mystery Writers of America First Crime Novel Competition winner The Impersonator will delight readers with its elaborate mystery and lively prose.

PRAISE

“Miley shows a deft touch and sets a blistering pace. Jessie Carr leaps off the pages in this Roaring Twenties period piece that drips with bathtub gin, truck-size cars, outsize personalities, money, high stakes and enough twists, turns and sleights of hand to keep one reading late into the night.”—David Baldacci

“Miley, winner of the Minotaur Books/Mystery Writers of America First Crime Novel Award, presents a colorfully detailed mystery…and a heroine whom readers will want to see succeed.”—Kirkus

“[A] spirited debut…Compelling characters, an engaging storyline, and a heroine with lots of moxie make this a thoroughly enjoyable read.”—Booklist

MARY MILEY is the winner of the 2012 Minotaur Books/Mystery Writers of America First Crime Novel Competition. She worked at Colonial Williamsburg, taught American history at Virginia Commonwealth University for thirteen years, and has published extensively in history and travel. Miley lives in Richmond, Virginia. Her second novel, Silent Murders, will be available in hardcover in September 2014.
LEAD

The Kids Got it Right
How the Texas All-Stars Kicked Down Racial Walls

Jim Dent

Jim Dent, New York Times bestselling author of The Junction Boys, pens the story of Texas high school football integration, and the three men who put together a championship team

Jim Dent takes readers to the heart of Texas football with the incredible story of how two young men broke the chain of racism that had existed for more than half a century. In 1965, black and white players barely mixed in Texas. That summer, Jerry LeVias and Bill Bradley came together at the Big 33 game in Hershey, Pennsylvania. When no one else would room with LeVias, Bradley stepped forward. Big-hearted, gregarious, and free-spirited, Bradley looked out for LeVias – one of three black players on the team.

A year earlier, Texas had lost to the Pennsylvania all-stars in the most significant defeat in the state’s proud history. Texas coach Bobby Layne was mad-as-hell that he was forced to play with second stringers. So he traveled to Austin and asked the Texas governor to end the scheduling conflict with the in-state all-star game so he could suit up the best players. Layne also sought permission to recruit black players. After all, Texas was flush with black stars, some of whom would mature into the most notable players in the history of the NFL.

Layne’s scheme never would have worked without Bradley and LeVias. Together the two led their team proudly to face down the competition at Hershey Stadium. The Kids Got It Right is a moving story, reminiscent of Remember The Titans. Jim Dent once again brings readers to cheers and tears with a truly American tale of leadership, brotherhood, and good-old’ Texas-style football.

PRAISE

“If I could have any sports wish granted today, it would be that every student from seventh grade up in Southeast Texas be required to read Jim Dent’s latest and, without question, most important book — The Kids Got It Right. Dent, who is a masterful story teller, is at his best with this real-life tale.” — Port Arthur News

“Consummate sports chronicler Dent examines a transformative football event in Texas that blurred racial boundaries… A passionate, well-reported history of the role Texas football played in America’s racial integration.” — Kirkus

JIM DENT, a New York Times bestselling author, has written ten books including fan favorites Twelve Mighty Orphans and Junction Boys, which became a popular ESPN movie. He is an award-winning journalist who covered the Dallas Cowboys for the Dallas Times Herald and Fort Worth Star-Telegram for eleven years.
Indulge
Delicious Little Desserts That Keep Life Real Sweet

Kathy Wakile

Little sweet treats from Real Housewives of New Jersey star, Kathy Wakile, the cast’s resident dessert chef

On The Real Housewives of New Jersey, Kathy Wakile is the one-and-only dessert expert. Ever since Kathy wowed everyone with a Thanksgiving dessert extravaganza, viewers can't stop talking about her luscious, inventive, bite-size desserts. Now, Kathy’s Indulge, a treasure trove of some of her greatest recipes is here and she's serving up over 75 treats from the sweet life including:
- Almond Joyous Cheesecake Cuties
- Caramel Walnut Chocolate Tartletti
- White Chocolate Blondie Bites
- Fabulous Gelati in mouthwatering flavors: Tanned & Salty, Chocolate-Covered Cherry, Orange Dreamsicle and more
- PB&J Baby Bundts
- Apple Ricotta Zeppoli
- Pumpkin Ginger Sticky Buns
- Chocolate Hazlenut Kisses

All the treats are small so you can indulge without over-indulging. As Kathy says "Indulge, it's not going to kill you." With family stories, backstage glimpses into The Real Housewives of New Jersey and beautiful color photography throughout, Indulge is the cookbook Kathy's legion of fans will be clamoring for next fall.

PRAISE
"I know my way around a dessert and Kathy's are the best!! (Start with her can't-miss cannolis...)")—Andy Cohen, author of Most Talkative
"I absolutely love desserts but I don’t bake much because I have always found it be very hard. After reading Kathy’s wonderful recipes, though, I might have to start baking because she makes it so easy and the desserts sound delicious."—Fabio Viviani, author of Fabio’s Italian Kitchen, Try This At Home and The Café Firenze Cookbook

KATHY WAKILE is one of Bravo TV’s "The Real Housewives of New Jersey". She regularly serves as an Honorary Prof. at the L’Ecole Culinaire, an ACCSC-accredited culinary school that offers degree and diploma programs, sharing her passion and knowledge of culinary trends and her unique experience bringing personally-developed food products to market. She lives in Wayne, NJ with her husband, Rich, and their children, Victoria and Joseph.
Fallen Women

Sandra Dallas

The New York Times bestselling author of True Sisters and Prayers for Sale is at her best with a novel about a woman's search for information surrounding the death of her estranged sister.

From the ballrooms and mansions of Denver's newly wealthy, to the seamy life of desperate women, Fallen Women illuminates the darkest places of the human heart.

It is the spring of 1885 and wealthy New York socialite Beret Osmundsen has been estranged from her younger sister, Lillie, for a year when she gets word from her aunt and uncle that Lillie has died suddenly in Denver. What they do not tell her is that Lillie had become a prostitute and was brutally murdered in the brothel where she had been living.

When Beret discovers the sordid truth of Lillie’s death, she makes her way to Denver, determined to find her sister’s murderer. Detective Mick McCauley may not want her involved in the case, but Beret is determined, and the investigation soon takes her from the dangerous, seedy underworld of Denver’s tenderloin to the highest levels of Denver society. Along the way, Beret will not only learn the depths of Lillie’s depravity, but will also expose the darkest side of Gilded Age ambition in the process.

Sandra Dallas once again delivers a page-turner filled with mystery, intrigue, and the kind of intricate detail that truly transports you to another time and place.

PRAISE

Praise for Fallen Women:

"The author’s depiction of 19th-century Denver, especially its seedier side, is vividly authentic, while the nascent bond between Mick and Beret will have readers eagerly anticipating their next encounter." —Publisher's Weekly

"Sure to be snapped up by era fans as well as Dallas' loyal readership." —Booklist

Praise for True Sisters:

"A born storyteller, Dallas excels not only at plot but also at populating her novels with memorable individuals." —Richmond Times Dispatch

"Dallas offers a richly drawn fictional account of tragic true events." —Booklist

SANDRA DALLAS is the author of twelve novels, including True Sisters, The Bride's House, Whiter Than Snow, Prayers for Sale, Tallgrass and New Mercies. She is a former Denver bureau chief for Business Week magazine and lives in Denver, Colorado. Visit her at www.sandradallas.com
In an America split into the genetically superior and inferior, a fiercely ambitious ballerina and a boy from the wrong side of the tracks must stop a deadly virus that is spreading quickly.

Ohio, 2135. For Davis Morrow, perfection is not an aspiration but a daily reality. Like all Superiors (Priors), Davis has been primed since conception to be smarter, stronger, and more graceful than the lowly Imperfects (Imps) who first rejected, and now are denied, the Priors’ medical advancements. A fiercely ambitious ballerina, Davis is preparing for the rigorous trials that will earn her a place in the international *Olympiads*, and she has put her trust in her father and the protection his mayoral platform promises: total segregation of Priors and Imps. Then she meets Cole, a mysterious boy who leaves her with more questions each time he disappears. She has no idea that Cole has his own agenda: that he is in fact an Imp, a rising star in the bloody and popular underground cage-fighting tournament called the FEUDS, and that he has every reason to hate her—and that, despite all his best efforts, Cole is finding himself as drawn to Davis as she is to him.

Suddenly, Priors start disappearing. A virus is spreading. Searching for its source, Davis begins to rely more and more on the elusive Cole, and Cole in turn must question his hatred of the Priors when he discovers Davis is in more danger than anyone else from this virus that will soon consume the entire community. Can he save her? Can a ballerina and a boy from the wrong side of the tracks find the source of the deadly virus and stop it, even from across their great divide?

**PRAISE**

"Heart-pounding and romantic, *Feuds* catapulted me into a future that’s as conceivable as it is frightening. Impossible to put down!"—Jacqueline Green, author of *Truth or Dare*

"*Feuds* sucked me in with its break-neck pace and ‘Romeo & Juliet’-style love story. Completely captivating."—Amy Plum, internationally bestselling author of the *Revenants* series

AVERY HASTINGS is an author and former book editor from New York City. She grew up in Ohio, graduated from the University of Notre Dame and earned her MFA at the New School. When she's not reading or writing, Avery can usually be found in the park with her affable dog, and like her protagonists, she knows how to throw a powerful right hook and once dreamed of becoming a ballerina. In addition to New York, Avery has recently lived in Mumbai and Paris, but is happy to call Brooklyn home (for now).
His to Claim

Opal Carew

Available in the first time as a complete book, our latest erotic serial novel from Opal Carew features special bonus material.

Rafe Ranier, a rock musician by night and head of a multi-million dollar family business during the day, never wanted to get involved with his secretary. But when their combustable attraction ignites, they wind up in bed together—and Rafe’s solitary world is shaken to its core.

Melanie, a shy wallflower who’s harbored a secret crush on her boss for years, is torn. Her heart couldn’t stand it Rafe breaks it off, but that doesn’t mean she can’t indulge in an illicit affair with him…as long as he understands that falling in love is not on the table.

But when Melanie agrees to go on tour with Rafe and his band, Savage Kiss, they both discover that passion can set fire to even the most carefully laid plans.

PRAISE

“Carew brings erotic romance to a whole new level… she sets your senses on fire!” — Reader to Reader

"You might find yourself needing to turn on the air conditioner because this book is HOT! Ms. Carew just keeps getting better.” —Romance Junkies

"A dip in an icy pool in the winter is what I needed just to cool off a little once I finished this yummy tale!” —Night Owl Reviews (5 stars)

“Carew is truly a goddess of sensuality in her writing.” —Dark Angel Reviews

“Whew! A curl-your-toes, hot and sweaty erotic romance. I didn’t put this book down until I read it from cover to cover… I highly recommend this one.” —Fresh Fiction

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The New York Times Piece of Cake Puzzles

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PRAISE

"[Will Shortz] is the crossword king." — Steve Kroft, 60 Minutes

"The prince of crossword puzzlers." — Greenwich Magazine


Southern as a Second Language

A Novel

Lisa Patton

Everyone's favorite Southern Belle, Leelee Satterfield, finally makes her dreams come true—not without some humor and misadventure, of course—in this finale by bestselling writer Lisa Patton.

Since the debut of Whistlin' Dixie in a Nor'easter, Lisa Patton's character Leelee Satterfield has entertained tens of thousands of readers. Watching the former Southern Belle tackle life and love in Vermont was only the tip of the iceberg when it came to antics, charades, mischief, and romance. Now, back in Memphis and beginning a relationship with the namesake of Yankee Doodle Dixie, you'd think Leelee might just sit back and enjoy her newly-crafted life. But that just wouldn't be as much fun . . .

Opening up her restaurant with her boyfriend, Peter, proves to be harder than she originally anticipated—especially when her unpredictable best friends are involved! Toss in a lisping neighbor, a male dog named Roberta, and the return of her evil ex-husband who started the whole mess in the first place . . . Well, this is a recipe for just the kind of novel readers expect from Lisa Patton.

As life and love challenge Leelee's resolve and sense of humor, this is an endearing and chuckle-inducing conclusion to a very beloved character who keeps us guessing up to the very last page as to whether or not it all works out in the end. Whether in maple tree Vermont or magnolia-filled Memphis, Leelee's heart and laughter will delight readers of any climate!

PRAISE

Praise for Lisa Patton and the Dixie Series

“...Like sitting with a keen-eyed, witty best friend while she whispers her secrets that seem meant only for you. Lisa Patton writes with profound intimacy as she reveals the wonder of love and acceptance and its transcendent power to change a life.” —Patti Callahan Henry

“Lisa Patton's voice leaves us laughing, crying, and definitely wanting more!” —Susan Gregg Gilmore

LISA PATTON spent more than twenty years in the music industry before turning to fiction and is now the bestselling author of Whistlin' Dixie in a Nor'easter and Yankee Doodle Dixie. Born and raised in Memphis, Lisa spent time as a Vermont innkeeper until three subzero winters sent her speeding back down South. The proud mother of two sons, Lisa lives in Franklin, Tennessee, with her husband and a little Havanese pooch named Rosie.
The Art of Noise
Conversations with Great Songwriters
Daniel Rachel

A collection of brand-new, exclusive, in-depth, revealing conversations about songwriting with some of the world's most noted hitmakers

THE ART OF NOISE offers an unprecedented collection of insightful, of-the-moment conversations with twenty-seven of the great songwriters. They discuss everything from their approach to writing, to the inspiration behind their most successful songs, to the techniques and methods they have independently developed to foster their creativity.

Contributors include:
Sting * Ray Davies * Robin Gibb * Jimmy Page * Joan Armatrading * Noel Gallagher * Lily Allen * Annie Lennox, Damon Albarn * Noel Gallagher * Laura Marling * Paul Weller * Johnny Marr * and many more

Each interview is approached with depth of understanding--of the practice of songwriting, but also of the individual musician's catalog. The result is a collection of interviews that's probing, informed, and altogether entertaining—what contributor Noel Gallagher called "without doubt the finest book I've ever read about songwriters and the songs they write."

The collected experience of these artists makes this book the essential word on songwriting—as told by the songwriters themselves.

PRAISE
Called a Best Music Book of the Year by the Guardian (UK) and NME

“This is without doubt the finest book I've ever read about songwriters and the songs they write. Fantastic, insightful interviews. I remember being interviewed for it at the time and thinking, 'I wish all interviews were like this.' ” —Noel Gallagher

"A great set of questions. I'm proud to be a part of this project." —Ray Davies

“Rachel is a really intelligent, clued-up, and musically astute interviewer and his book is worth more than its hefty weight.” —Daily Sport (UK)

DANIEL RACHEL is a writer and musician. He wrote his first song when he was sixteen and was the lead singer of Rachel's Basement. A specialist in Forum Theatre direction, he lives in north London with his partner and three children. The Art of Noise is his first book.
Fall of Night

Jonathan Maberry

The sequel to Dead of Night, bringing back beloved characters Desdamona Fox and Billy Trout as they race against time to quarantine a zombie epidemic while caught in a military strike...

Stebbins Little School is full of bodies. It's unthinkable to Desdamona Fox. Children are sobbing as panicked teachers and neighbors beat down their family members outside of the school...or the things that used to be their family members. Parents don't eat their children do they?

Officers Fox and Hammond, along with journalist Billy Trout, are calling it the beginning of the end. This is the zombie apocalypse. An insane escaped serial killer is infecting Stebbins County with a deadly virus, and now the whole world is watching while Fox, Trout, and the remaining inhabitants of Stebbins fight for their life against...what? The undead? The President and the National Guard are ready to nuke Stebbins, PA off the map and cut their losses. But the infection is spreading and fast. Worse, the scientist who created the virus is missing. It's a numbers game as the body count rises; Fox has to contain the infected and evacuate the living before it's too late, and the clock is ticking...

Fall of Night, Maberry's nail-biting sequel to Dead of Night, picks up where the first novel left off—on a wild goose chase for a mad man and the missing scientist who gave him new "un"-life. Chilling, gory, and hair-raisingly scary, Maberry fans won't be able to read this fast-paced thriller with the lights off.

PRAISE

"This has to be one of the best traditional zombie tales I've ever read... This is a zombie book for the ages." —Seattle Post Intelligencer on Dead of Night

"Maberry grounds the story with scientific confidence, spares no attention to detail, and presents the undead as more than faceless targets." —Publishers Weekly on Dead of Night

"Patient Zero is high-octane excitement from beginning to end...Joe Ledger and the DMS have my vote as the team to beat when combating terrorist threats...Maberry has struck upon gold, a perfect blend of military thriller and science-based horror." —David Morrell, bestselling author of First Blood on Patient Zero

JONATHAN MABERRY is a New York Times bestseller and multiple Bram Stoker Award-winning author of Patient Zero, The Pine Deep Trilogy, The Wolfman, Zombie CSU, and They Bite. His work for Marvel Comics includes The Punisher, Wolverine, DoomWar, Marvel Zombie Return and Black Panther. His Joe Ledger series has been optioned for television.
Hip Pressure Cooking

Fast, Fresh, and Flavorful

Laura D.A. Pazzaglia

Learn how to make attractive, delicious and healthy pressure-cooked meals

The once-lowly and maligned pressure cooker is making a comeback. This relic of your grandparents’ kitchen is not only improved and safer these days, but also saves time, creates more flavor, and conserves energy. Laura Pazzaglia wasn’t thinking of all this when she tried pressure cooking for the first time, but she knew she had found the solution to her time-crunched life. She cooked so much that she began offering recipes, advice and more on the website she created. And Pazzaglia figured out how to make pressure cooked food more appealing, gaining a large following for her improved recipes and techniques.

Hip Pressure Cooking offers over 240 surefire recipes for all types of food. The range is astounding, including sections on cooking with ingredients like eggs, and the special cooking techniques Laura has developed and perfected over the years. The emphasis on fresh ingredients is sure to appeal to today’s modern consumer. Additionally Laura shares her in-depth knowledge about the basic operation of your pressure cooker, walking you through reading the pressure signal, removing the pressure valve, and more. The secret is out—now you can discover the potential of this super appliance with this revolutionary guide to cooking with pressure!

PRAISE

“If you haven’t yet discovered that magic of pressure cooking, this book will make you want to rush out and buy a cooker. Laura Pazzaglia’s treasure trove of imaginative recipes and ingenious techniques will quickly convince you that there’s no better way to prepare healthy, delectable, contemporary meals in minutes.”

—Lorna Sass, author of Pressure Perfect and Great Vegetarian Cooking Under Pressure “Authoritative, concise, and creative, Hip Pressure Cooking is the final word on using your pressure cooker to full effect. This isn’t just your grandmother’s cooking tool. The harried, modern home cook can benefit immensely from a pressure cooker...

LAURA PAZZAGLIA launched hippressurecooking.com to share her discoveries, recipes, reviews and tips. Today Laura is considered one of the world’s top experts. She lives in Italy, near Rome, and travels frequently to the U.S. and Europe to share her passion for pressure cooking.
Kinslayer

The Lotus War Book Two

Jay Kristoff

Book Two in the critically acclaimed Lotus War series that began with Stormdancer, featuring butt-kicking heroine Yukiko and Jay Kristoff’s stunningly original Japanese dystopian steampunk world

With his debut novel, Stormdancer, Jay Kristoff came roaring onto the fantasy scene—he has been praised as “the master of unique and intense plots and huge twists” (USAToday.com), while critics raved about the novel, calling it “[A] fast-paced, fantastical adventure [that] is sharp as a Shogun’s sword.” (The LA Times). And with healthy sales in hardcover and electronic—fueled by Jay’s inventive, enthusiastic, and relentless promotion on his website, Facebook, Twitter, and the blogosphere—we know readers agree.

Now Jay returns with Kinslayer, the hotly anticipated follow-up to Stormdancer. Following Shōgun Yoritomo’s assassination, the threat of civil war looms over the Shima Imperium. The Lotus Guild conspires to renew the Shōgun’s broken dynasty and crush the growing rebellion. Yukiko is blinded by rage over her father’s death, and her ability to hear the thoughts of beasts is swelling beyond her control. Along with Buruu, Yukiko’s anchor is the rebel Guildsman Kin. But the boy has his own secrets, and is haunted by dreams of a future he’d rather die than see realized. And a new enemy gathers its strength, readying to push the fracturing Shima Imperium into war. Sent on a mission across storm-tossed oceans, Yukiko and her mighty thunder tiger will face a foe no sword or talon can defeat: Buruu’s own blood-stained past.

PRAISE

Praise for Kinslayer

“Kinslayer is intense and heart-punching. Are you ready? Probably not. Will you venture into the storm anyway? I think you should.” —YABooksCentral.com

“Teeming with sex and secrets, torture and gore, intense loyalties and crushing betrayals, this is an expansive tale constructed on a complex, fully realized world; it requires and rewards complete immersion.” —Bulletin of the Center for Children’s Books, starred review

JAY KRISTOFF grew up in the most isolated capital city on earth and fled at his earliest convenience, although he’s been known to trek back for weddings of the particularly nice and funerals of the particularly wealthy. Being the holder of an arts degree, he has no education to speak of. He is six feet seven inches and has approximately 13,520 days to live. He lives in Melbourne with his wife and the world’s laziest Jack Russell Terrier.
American Betrayal
The Secret Assault on Our Nation’s Character

Diana West

Conservative columnist Diana West uncovers how and when America gave up its core ideals and began the march toward Socialism

In *The Death of the Grown-Up*, Diana West dissected our inability to become adults who can judge right from wrong. In *American Betrayal*, she digs into our modern political landscape, dominated by President Barack Obama, to ask how did America turn its back on its basic beliefs and ignore the Socialist movement underway long before the 2012 election?

West's surprising answer takes the form of an investigative history that explores the massive, Moscow-directed penetration of U.S. society. She looks at those who concealed it—Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower—those who did the penetrating—Hiss, Currie, Silvermaster, Hopkins, Adler, and hundreds more; and the forgotten heroes who exposed it—Lyons, Bullitt, Dies, Chambers, Bentley, Jordan, Epstein, and even McCarthy.

West finds that even before WWII, the U.S. made a deal-with-the-devil, accepting Big Lie after Big Lie from the Soviet Union, concealing them in order to take the stage as the post-war superpower, and losing our values in the process. The sorry story continues today with Americans acquiescing to pro-Islamic radicalism while leading Republicans are fearful of speaking out against liberal excesses. In *American Betrayal*, Diana West shakes the historical record and dislodges a shocking number of icons to discover how a nation of adolescents became so cowardly that we cannot defend our most cherished values.

PRAISE

"Diana West masterfully reminds us of what history is for: to suggest action for the present. She paints for us the broad picture of our own long record of failing to recognize bullies and villains. She shows how American denial today reflects a pattern that held strongly in the period of the Soviet Union. She is the Michelangelo of Denial."—Amity Shlaes, author of *Coolidge* and the NYT bestseller *The Forgotten Man: A New History of the Great Depression*

"This explosive book is a long-needed answer to court histories that continue to obscure key facts about our backstage war with Moscow."—M. Stanton Evans, author of *Blacklisted by History*

DIANA WEST writes a syndicated column that appears in about 120 newspapers and online sites weekly. She is also an online contributor to Breitbart's Big Peace and her work has appeared in *The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Times, The New Criterion*, and *The Washington Post Magazine*. She lives in Washington, D.C.
Promote Yourself
The New Rules for Career Success
Dan Schawbel

The New York Times and Wall Street Journal bestseller Promote Yourself is the definitive book on how to build an outstanding career whether you're starting out or upping your game.

How people perceive you has always been vital to a successful career. Now with the Internet, social media, and the unrelenting hum of 24/7 business, the ability to brand and promote yourself effectively has become absolutely essential. No matter how talented you are, it doesn’t matter unless managers can see those talents and think of you as an invaluable employee, a game-changing manager, or the person whose name is synonymous with success. So, how do you stand out and get ahead?

By drawing on exclusive research on the modern workplace and countless interviews with the most dynamic professionals, career guru and founder of Millennial Branding Dan Schawbel’s New York Times Bestseller Promote Yourself gives you the new rules for success, and answers your most pressing questions about your career:

* What are managers really looking for?
* How do you create a personal brand for professional success?
* What do you do if you're stuck at work?

Promote Yourself frees you from outdated rules and lays out a step-by-step process for building a successful career in an age of ever-changing technologies and economic uncertainty. By basing your personal brand on the rock-solid foundation of hard, soft, and online skills that are essential to get the job done right and by knowing exactly what managers value, Schawbel provides you with the unique skills and message that you’ll need today and for the rest of your career.

PRAISE

"Promote Yourself is a perfect read for young people starting their 'real' job, or veterans who want to up their game. Think of Dan Schawbel’s new book as everything you always wanted to know about building a career but didn’t know how (or whom) to ask.” —Daniel H. Pink, #1 New York Times bestselling author of To Sell Is Human and Drive

“A smart, practical guide on navigating the world of work today.”—USA Today

DAN SCHAWBEL is a New York Times and Wall Street Journal bestseller and is the Managing Partner of Millennial Branding, a Gen Y research and consulting firm. Recognized as a “personal branding guru” by The New York Times and named to both the Inc. and Forbes “30 Under 30 List,” he is also the author of Me 2.0 and the founder of the PersonalBrandingBlog.com. He lives in Boston, Massachusetts.
Accused: A Rosato & Associates Novel

Lisa Scottoline

From the New York Times bestselling author comes a much-anticipated new thriller featuring the all-female law firm, Rosato & Associates

Lisa Scottoline revolutionized crime fiction when she introduced her all-female law firm of Rosato & Associates, thrilling readers with her twisty, fast-paced plots and capturing their hearts with her cast of strong yet totally relatable female characters. Now Bennie Rosato, Mary DiNunzio, Judy Carrier, and Anne Murphy are back with all cylinders firing in Accused.

Their most challenging and dangerous case ever begins with an astonishing request from a thirteen-year-old prospective client. Allegra Gardner’s sister Fiona was murdered six years ago. It seemed like an open-and-shut case: the accused, Lonnie Stall, was seen fleeing the scene; his blood was on Fiona and her blood was on him; most damningly, Lonnie Stall pleaded guilty. But Allegra believes Lonnie is innocent and has been wrongly imprisoned. Taking the case seems foolhardy to Mary DiNunzio, because the Gardner family is one of the most powerful in the country and Allegra’s parents do not believe in reopening it. But the Rosato & Associates firm can never resist an underdog. Was justice really served all those years ago? It will take a team of unstoppable female lawyers, plus one thirteen-year-old genius, to find out. Accused kicks off an annual fall series featuring the new adventures of Rosato & Associates, delivering all the emotion, action, and humor we’ve come to expect from one of the best writers in the business.

PRAISE

Praise for Accused:
"Accused is a scorcher of a story...you'll be riveted till the very last page." —Linda Fairstein

“Scottoline writes riveting thrillers that keep me up all night.” —Harlan Coben

"Terrific!" —Booklist

Praise for Lisa Scottoline:
“Lisa Scottoline is one of the very best writers at work today.” —Michael Connelly

LISA SCOTTOLINE is the New York Times bestselling and Edgar-Award winning author of twenty-one novels. She has served as the President of Mystery Writers of America and her recent novel, Look Again, has been optioned for a feature film. She is a weekly columnist for The Philadelphia Inquirer and her columns have been collected in two books and optioned for television. She has been published in thirty countries. She lives in the Philadelphia area with an array of disobedient pets.

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Jeeves and the Wedding Bells

Sebastian Faulks

"In my humble opinion, Faulks has outdone Wodehouse." — Publishers Weekly

One B. Wooster, more than familiar with the country house set-up, finds himself at the stately home of Sir Henry Hackwood in Dorset. On this occasion, however, it is Jeeves, a gentleman’s personal gentleman, who is to be seen in the drawing room while Bertie finds himself below stairs—a role for which he has no discernable talent and a situation he doesn’t much like.

The root cause of this role-reversal is love. Bertie, you see, has met one Georgiana Meadowes on the Côte d’Azur. However, Georgiana is spoken for. Orphaned at young age, she is the ward of the impoverished Sir Henry Hackwood. In order to help Sir Henry maintain his beloved Melbury Hall, Georgiana is engaged to marry a man of sufficient means, one Rupert Venables. Meanwhile, Peregrine ‘Woody’ Beeching, one of Bertie’s oldest chums, is desperate to regain the trust of his fiancée Amelia, Sir Henry’s tennis-mad daughter, and has approached Bertie—well, Jeeves, actually—for help.

But why would this necessitate Bertie having to pass himself off as a servant when he has never so much as made a cup of tea? Could it be that the ever loyal, Spinoza-loving Jeeves has something up his sleeve?

With the approval of the Wodehouse estate, acclaimed novelist Sebastian Faulks brings P.G. Wodehouse’s most beloved characters back to life in a hilarious affair of mix-ups and mishaps, a brilliantly conceived, seamlessly executed novel worthy of the master himself.

PRAISE

"This Faulks certainly knows his stuff when it comes to homaging, let me tell you. Dashed if most of the time I didn’t think I was reading the echt thing." — Christopher Buckley, New York Times Book Review

"Faulksie nails it again, evoking rather than imitating, but doing so in perfect pitch." — Booklist (starred review)

"Entirely delightful... The hours spent on Jeeves and the Wedding Bells are pure pleasure; and if, like me, you are a Wodehouse addict, you will undoubtedly want to buy three copies for your friends’ Christmas stockings." — A. N. Wilson Financial Times

SEBASTIAN FAULKS is the author of several books including the international bestselling novel Birdsong, the critically acclaimed novel Charlotte Gray, and the bestselling James Bond sequel, Devil May Care. He lives in London with his wife and their three children.
Lord Savage

Mia Gabriel

A delicious historical erotic romance where a woman’s most sensual fantasies are unleashed by the notorious Earl of Savage.

I’d never felt so vulnerable, at once both lost and found, as I now did sprawled across Savage in this foolish throne-chair. His strength was my solace, my comfort, and there was nothing better than hearing the beating of his heart beneath my ear.

Once trapped in a loveless, pleasure-less marriage, Evelyn Hard leaves her home in New York for the glittering ballrooms of London. However, when she arrives she meets the Earl of Savage, a dark, powerful man who seems to live up to his name, despite his noble trappings, a man who possesses her with just one look. Soon Evelyn finds herself pulled into Savage's world - a world of passion unlike any she has ever experienced. Evelyn's heart is captured with no hope of escape. But can they overcome the tortures of the past together...?

Savage never imagined someone like Evelyn walking into his life. As soon as he sees her he knows he must have her, no matter the cost.

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The Practical Preppers
Complete Guide to Disaster Preparedness

Scott Hunt

A complete guide to disaster preparedness from Practical Preppers, the experts featured on the hit Nat Geo show "Doomsday Preppers"

The world we live in is an unstable one. From natural disasters of biblical proportions to concerns about the economic downturn and government shutdown, the hits just keep on coming. At the same time, the power grid is incredibly fragile. Our dependency on widely distributed long distance systems for power, medicine, and food makes our society susceptible to attack, whether by foreign or domestic enemies, or the weather. No matter the concern, the solutions are the same. Scott Hunt, the owner of Practical Preppers—the consultant firm featured on every episode of the hit Nat Geo show "Doomsday Preppers" (recent episodes had 15 million viewers)—and an experienced engineer and homesteader, offers readers a complete and detailed guide to sustainable living. With this book, anyone can learn how to:

- Secure a water source—even in an urban area
- Grow and preserve food
- Set up an alternative energy supply
- Maintain a shelter—including alternative cooking and sanitation methods during a long power outage
- Bug out—what to include in your bug out bag and how to leave
- Prepare for medical issues
- Deal with security concerns

Preparing for disruption of services is a noble venture which gives peace of mind. This book will empower readers of all skill levels and resources to achieve an independent, sustainable lifestyle.

SCOTT HUNT is the owner of Practical Preppers, the consultants featured on the hit Nat Geo show “Doomsday Preppers.” He received his masters in engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and has worked as a welding and metal fabricator as well as a product development engineer with Michelin Tire Corporation. An experienced homesteader, he is currently a sustainable living design engineer specializing in off grid water and energy systems.
Under Fire
The Untold Story of the Attack in Benghazi
Fred Burton and Samuel M. Katz

On the night of September 11, 2012, the American diplomatic mission at Benghazi, Libya, came under ferocious attack by a heavily armed group of Islamic terrorists. The prolonged firefight, and the attack hours later on a nearby CIA outpost, resulted in the deaths of four Americans, including the American ambassador to Libya.

After the fall of Qaddafi, Benghazi was transformed into a hotbed of fundamentalist fervor and a den of spies for the northern half of the African continent. Moreover, it became the center of gravity for terrorist groups strategically situated in the violent whirlwinds of the Arab Spring. On the eleventh anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, a group of heavily armed Islamic terrorists had their sights set on the U.S. presence in the city.

Based on the exclusive cooperation of eyewitnesses and confidential sources within the intelligence, diplomatic, and military communities, Fred Burton and Samuel M. Katz reveal for the first time the terrifying twelve-hour ordeal confronted by Ambassador Christopher Stevens, Sean Smith, his Diplomatic Security (DS) contingent, and the CIA security specialists who raced to rescue them.

More than just the minute-by-minute narrative of a desperate last stand in the midst of an anarchic rebellion, Under Fire is an inspiring testament to the bravery and selflessness of the men and women who put their country first while serving in one of the most dangerous regions in the world.

PRAISE
"AMAZING READ." —Politico

"A gripping first-hand narrative...[The authors] keep the politics out of it and let events of that night speak for themselves." —Huffington Post

"Heart-stopping, minute-by-minute detail...Much more a tale of valor on the ground than a story about the overshadowing grandstanding we've witnessed from those in Washington's bleachers." —Graydon Carter, Vanity Fair


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The Partner Track
A Novel
Helen Wan

A sparkling debut novel in which a young attorney must choose between the prestige of partnership and the American Dream that she—and her immigrant parents—have come so close to achieving

In the eyes of her corporate law firm, Ingrid Yung is a “two-fer.” As a Chinese-American woman about to be ushered into the elite rank of partner, she’s the face of Parsons Valentine & Hunt LLP’s recruiting brochures—their treasured “Golden Girl.” But behind the firm’s welcoming façade lies the scotch-sipping, cigar-smoking old-boy network that shuts out lawyers like Ingrid. To compensate, Ingrid gamely plays in the softball league, schmoozes in the corporate cafeteria, and puts in the billable hours—until a horrifically offensive performance at the law firm’s annual summer outing throws the carefully constructed image way out of equilibrium.

Scrambling to do damage control, Parsons Valentine announces a new “Diversity Initiative” and commands a reluctant Ingrid to spearhead the effort, taking her priority away from the enormous deal that was to be the final step in securing partnership. For the first time, Ingrid finds herself at odds with her colleagues—including her handsome, golden-boy boyfriend—in a clash of class, race, and sexual politics.

PRAISE

"Engaging and suspenseful...She dissects the tokens of status in this world in a manner that's reminiscent of Tom Wolfe."—Wall Street Journal

“A master storyteller...Wan paints a realistic and immersing portrait of the elite world of corporate law. She had me rooting for Ingrid’s success and happiness from the first chapter.”—Real Simple

"Wan succeeds in exploring and fictionalizing the timely topics of sexism and racism in workplace politics in a fluent, thought-provoking, and compelling tale."—Booklist

"Intriguing and entertaining. This reviewer is looking to Wan’s next novel."—Library Journal

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All Things Bright and Beautiful

James Herriot

The bestselling sequel to All Creatures Great and Small, in a fresh trade paperback edition

The second volume in the multimillion copy bestselling series

Millions of readers have delighted in the wonderful storytelling and everyday miracles of James Herriot in the over forty years since his delightful animal stories were first introduced to the world.

Now in a new edition for the first time in a decade, All Things Bright and Beautiful is the beloved sequel to Herriot's first collection, All Creatures Great and Small, and picks up as Herriot, now newly married, journeys among the remote hillside farms and valley towns of the Yorkshire Dales, caring for their inhabitants—both two- and four-legged. Throughout, Herriot's deep compassion, humor, and love of life shine out as we laugh, cry, and delight in his portraits of his many, varied animal patients and their equally varied owners.

PRAISE

"James Herriot found a gentle, wise and often humorous way to write about animals and to evoke a beautiful but fading way of...you can't really ask more from a writer."—Jon Katz, New York Times bestselling author of Second Chance Dog

"The kind of book that makes an evening seem a little warmer and your pet a bit more important."—The Philadelphia Inquirer

"Whether sad or glad, each story shows his affection for animals and people...this man is a celebrant of life."—Chicago Tribune

"Herriot is both tender and wise... a book to be happy with."—The Boston Globe

"You had better read this book yourself. It's a treat, a rare one."—The Washington Post

JAMES HERRIOT was a veterinarian in Yorkshire, England for over half a century until his death in 1995. His bestselling memoirs include All Things Bright and Beautiful, All Things Wise and Wonderful, The Lord God Made Them All, and Every Living Thing. At age 23, Herriot qualified for veterinary practice with the Glasgow Veterinary College, and moved to the town of Thirsk in Yorkshire to work in a rural practice. He would live in, work in, and write about the region for the rest of his life.
Salvation of a Saint
A Detective Galileo Novel
Keigo Higashino

From the author of the internationally bestselling, award-winning The Devotion of Suspect X comes the latest novel featuring “Detective Galileo”

In 2011, The Devotion of Suspect X was a hit with critics and readers alike. The first major English language publication from the most popular bestselling writer in Japan, it was acclaimed as “stunning,” “brilliant,” and “ingenious.” Now physics professor Manabu Yukawa—Detective Galileo—returns in a new case of impossible murder, where instincts clash with facts and theory with reality.

Yoshitaka, who was about to leave his marriage and his wife, is poisoned by arsenic-laced coffee and dies. His wife, Ayane, is the logical suspect—except that she was hundreds of miles away when he was murdered. The lead detective, Tokyo Police Detective Kusanagi, is immediately smitten with her and refuses to believe that she could have had anything to do with the crime. His assistant, Kaoru Utsumi, however, is convinced Ayane is guilty. While Utsumi’s instincts tell her one thing, the facts of the case are another matter. So she does what her boss has done for years when stymied—she calls upon Professor Manabu Yukawa.

But even the brilliant mind of Dr. Yukawa has trouble with this one, and he must somehow find a way to solve an impossible murder and capture a very real, very deadly murderer.

Salvation for a Saint is Keigo Higashino at his mind-bending best, pitting emotion against fact in a beautifully plotted crime novel filled with twists and reverses that will astonish and surprise even the most attentive and jaded of readers.

PRAISE

“To dispute a common complaint: They are indeed writing confounding puzzle mysteries the way they used to. They just happen to be writing them in Japanese. And by ‘they,’ I mean Keigo Higashino, whose elegant whodunits... are feats of classic ratiocination.” — New York Times Book Review

KEIGO HIGASHINO is Japan’s bestselling author with dozens of bestsellers and numerous films and television series based on his work. He won the Naoki Prize and was a finalist for the Edgar Award for The Devotion of Suspect X. He lives in Tokyo, Japan. ALEXANDER O. SMITH has translated a wide variety of fiction, for which he has been nominated for the Eisner Award, and won the ALA’s Batchelder Award. He holds an M.A. in Classical Japanese from Harvard University and he lives in Japan.
Pimento Cheese: The Cookbook
50 Recipes from Snacks to Main Dishes Inspired by the Classic Southern Favorite

Perre Coleman Magness

Over 50 recipes for using and making this beloved southern classic dish

No party, picnic, or tailgate is complete without the southern favorite that is taking the north by storm--pimento cheese. Now, the creator of popular blog The Runaway Spoon has written the definitive work on the joys of making and cooking with pimento cheese--and not just the kind you spread on crackers. You'll find recipes for spicing up the basic, no-frills version, but also recipes that incorporate those brilliant flavors into dishes for every time of day. With over 50 recipes and full color photographs throughout you can start with a breakfast of Pimento Cheese Popovers stuffed with scrambled eggs, or plan a nice brunch served with Pimento Cheese Waffles with Pimento Syrup and Bacon. Invite the neighbors over for Pimento Shrimp and Cheddar Grits or Cheddar Gnudi with Pimento Romesco. And serve it all with some Pimento Cheese Green Beans on the side. Authoritative, creative, and amusing, and peppered with anecdotes and lots of useful hints and tips, Pimento Cheese explores the myriad ways to prepare this humble--and essential--Southern staple.

PERRE COLEMAN MAGNESS is the cook and writer behind the website The Runaway Spoon, which focuses on creative recipes with a Southern slant. Perre Coleman has studied food and cooking around the world, mostly by eating, but also through serious study in London, Morocco, Thailand, and Mexico. But her kitchen of choice is at home in Memphis, Tennessee, cooking like most people, experimenting with unique but practical ideas.
King's Mountain

A Ballad Novel

Sharyn McCrumb

McCrumb's first Ballad Novel featuring the American Revolution—a character-driven epic of the King's Mountain battle, considered to have been the turning point for Yankee victory.

John Sevier had not taken much interest in the American Revolution; he was too busy fighting Indians in the Carolinas and taming the wilderness. But when an arrogant British officer threatens his settlement—promising to burn the farms and kill families—the war becomes personal.

That arrogant officer is Patrick Ferguson of the British Army, who is both charmingly antagonistic and surprisingly endearing. Inventor of the Ferguson rifle and devoted lover to his mistress, Virginia Sal, Patrick becomes a delightful anti-hero under McCrumb’s watchful eye.

Through varying perspectives, King's Mountain is an elegant saga of the Carolina Overmountain Men—the militia organized by Sevier (who would later become the first governor of Tennessee)—and their victory in 1780 against the Tories in a battle that Thomas Jefferson later called "the turning point of the American Revolution."

Peppered with lore and the authentic heart of the people in McCrumb’s classic Ballad novels, this is an epic book that paints the brave action of Sevier and his comrades against a landscape of richly portrayed characters. Harrowing battle descriptions compete with provoking family histories as McCrumb once again shares history and legend like no one else. Both a novel of war and family, crafted with heart and depth, King's Mountain celebrates one of Appalachia's finest hours.

PRAISE

Praise for Sharyn McCrumb and her New York Times Bestselling Ballad Novels:

“Ms. McCrumb writes with quiet fire and maybe a little mountain magic....She plucks the mysteries from people's lives and works these dark narrative threads into Appalachian legends older than the hills. Like every true storyteller, she has the Sight.”

—NYT Book Review

“There are few writers today who are able to blend past and present, tradition and law, legends and headlines in a wholly credible fashion—Tony Hillerman springs inevitably to mind. Sharyn McCrumb is another; her widely acclaimed Ballad series is one of the finest being written today.”

—Bookpage

SHARYN MCCCRUMB is the New York Times bestselling author of The Ballad of Tom Dooley and other acclaimed Ballad novels. Her books have been named Notable Books of the Year by The New York Times and the Los Angeles Times. She lives and writes in the Virginia Blue Ridge, less than a hundred miles from where her family—kinsmen of the Seviers—settled in 1790.
"There are certain things you want in a village mystery: a pretty setting, a tasteful murder, an appealing sleuth . . . Malliet delivers all that." —Marilyn Stasio, *The New York Times*

G.M. Malliet has won over mystery readers, Agatha Christie devotees, and cozy fans with her charming and wonderful mysteries set in the town of a quaint English village and featuring retired MI5 spy turned vicar Max Tudor. Now, following *Wicked Autumn* and *A Fatal Winter*, Max Tudor returns to Nether Monkslip, where some new residents cause quite a stir.

Vicar Max Tudor, reveling in his new-found personal happiness with Awena Owen, feels that life at the moment holds no greater challenge than writing his Easter sermon. With Awena away, he looks forward to a dinner that includes newcomers to the village like West End dramatist Thaddeus Bottle and his downtrodden wife Melinda. But when one of the dinner guests is found dead in the pre-dawn hours, Max knows a poisonous atmosphere has once again enveloped his perfect village of Nether Monkslip. Funny, smart, and perfect for fans of Agatha Christie and Louise Penny, *Pagan Spring* is a one-of-a-kind mystery featuring everyone’s favorite attractive vicar.

**PRAISE**

Praise for *Pagan Spring*
"Contemporary cozies don't get much better than this."—*Publishers Weekly* (starred)

"A well-told tale whose greatest beauty, its charming cast of characters, binds together two generations."—*Kirkus*

Praise for *A Fatal Winter*
"For Louise Penny fans."—*Library Journal* (starred)

"Agatha Christie fans will relish [this] delicious...novel."—*Publishers Weekly* (starred)

Praise for *Wicked Autumn*
“A superb novel… A wonderful read.”—Louise Penny, author of *A Trick of the Light*

“Sly humor rivals Jane Austen's.”—*The Boston Globe*

G. M. Malliet’s book *A Fatal Winter* was shortlisted for the Agatha Award and named one of the top 5 mysteries of 2012 by *Library Journal* (with *Wicked Autumn* on that list in 2011.) In addition, Malliet won an Agatha Award for *Death of a Cozy Writer*, which initially won the Malice Domestic grant. It was nominated for both a Macavity and an Anthony Award and chosen as one of the Best Books of 2008 by Kirkus Reviews. She lives in the Washington, D.C., area.
This Is How You Say Goodbye
A Daughter's Memoir
Victoria Loustalot

A razor-sharp memoir in which a young woman travels to Stockholm, Paris, and Angkor Wat to navigate romantic entanglements and explore a complicated past with her difficult and charismatic father...

When Victoria Loustalot was eight years old her father swept her up in a fantasy: a trip around the world. It was a grandiose plan, but it had never been so much as a possibility. Victoria’s father was sick. He was HIV positive and soon to fall prey to AIDS. In three years he would be gone.

Fifteen years later, Victoria is living in New York, exploring the new possibilities of young adulthood and the realities of dating in her twenties. But amidst the late-night cocktails, and pillow talk that lasts into the early hours of the morning, Victoria can’t help feeling that something is missing in all of her romantic relationships. There’s a yearning for connection that she can’t seem to find. That’s when she turns back to her father to explore that deeply enigmatic relationship that was cut off too soon. Victoria felt trapped beneath all of the unanswered questions he left behind.

So Victoria sets off on an international voyage -- to Stockholm, Angkor Wat, and Paris – to discover and make peace with her father. And to find wholeness, and perhaps love along the way…

PRAISE

“(C)ompling reading. An intimate portrait of a bittersweet father-daughter relationship.”—Kirkus

“A portrait of a man stoic in the face of quiet suffering. By turns sweet . . . and heart-wrenching . . . Loustalot writes with courage and candor about bidding her beloved father a final farewell.”—Booklist

“Eloquent . . . gently probing . . . delineates a young woman’s arduous pass to self-realization.”—Publishers Weekly

"Loustalot is a beguiling writer and This Is How You Say Goodbye a smashing debut.”—Alexandra Styron, author of Reading my Father

VICTORIA LOUSTALOT is a twenty-seven-year-old journalist and essayist living in New York City. She earned her B.A. and M.F.A. from Columbia University. Her writing has appeared in The New York Times and The Onion as well as online for AOL, iVillage, Women’s Wear Daily, Glamour Magazine’s relationship blog “Smitten,” Brides and the recently launched Crushable among others. She also wrote The New Yorker’s daily literary blog, “The Book Bench,” in 2008 and 2009.
Sway
Kat Spears

In this hilarious and often poignant debut YA, a young man who avoids emotional connection at all costs, is forced to open his heart when he meets the girl of his dreams.

High school senior Jesse Alderman, or Sway as he's known, could sell hell to a bishop. He also specializes in getting things people want—term papers, a date with the prom queen, fake IDs. It's all business with Jesse. He has few close friends and he never lets emotions get in the way.

But when Ken, captain of the football team, leading candidate for homecoming king, and all around jerk, hires Jesse to help him win the heart of the angelic Bridget Smalley, Jesse finds himself feeling all sorts of things. While following Bridget and learning the intimate details of her life, he falls helplessly in love for the very first time. He also finds himself in an accidental friendship with Bridget's younger brother who's belligerent and self-pitying after spending a lifetime dealing with cerebral palsy. Suddenly Jesse is visiting old folks at nursing home in order to run into Bridget, and offering his time to help the less fortunate, all the while developing a bond with this young man who idolizes him. The tinman really does have a heart after all.

A Cyrano De Bergerac story with a modern twist, Sway is told from Jesse’s point of view with unapologetic truth and biting humor, his observations about the world around him untempered by empathy or compassion—until Bridget's presence in his life forces him to confront his quiet devastation over a life changing event a year earlier and maybe, just maybe, feel SOMETHing, again.

PRAISE

"A page turner about high school’s victims and villains — and about layers of callousness that spring from true grief."—Meg Medina, Ezra Jack Keats award-winning author of Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass

"[The] characters are fantastic and real, but that plot? The liks and riffs that led to Jesse's transfirmation totally blew me away, every damn page."

KAT SPEARS works at the library of Virginia where she organizes author appearances and other literary events such as the annual Virginia Literary Festival and "Books on Broad." She is currently at work on her next standalone YA and lives with her husband and three children in Richmond, VA.
Being Audrey Hepburn

A Novel

Mitchell Kriegman

The story of a 19-year-old girl from Jersey who finds herself thrust into the world of socialites after being seen in Audrey Hepburn’s dress from the film *Breakfast at Tiffany’s*.

Lisbeth comes from a broken home in the land of tube tops, heavy eyeliner, frosted lip-gloss, juiceheads, hoop earrings and “the shore.” She has a circle of friends who have dedicated their teenage lives to relieve the world of all its alcohol one drink at a time.

Obsessed with everything Audrey Hepburn, Lisbeth is transformed when she secretly tries on Audrey’s iconic Givenchy. She becomes who she wants to be by pretending to be somebody she’s not and living among the young and privileged Manhattan elite. Soon she’s faced with choices that she would never imagine making – between who she’s become and who she once was.

In the tradition of *The Nanny Diaries* and *The Devil Wears Prada*, this is a coming of age story that all begins with that little black dress…

PRAISE

Praise for Mitchell Kriegman:

“One of the most brilliant, creative people.” —Geraldine Laybourne, founder of Oxygen Media and Nickelodeon

MITCHELL KRIEGMAN has been published in *The New Yorker, The National Lampoon, New York Press, Glamour*, and *Harper’s Bazaar*. A winner of four Emmy Awards and a Directors Guild Award, he was also a writer for *Saturday Night Live*. Kriegman was the creator of the classic groundbreaking television series *Clarissa Explains It All*, as well as the executive head writer on *Ren and Stimpy, Rugrats*, and *Doug*. He is currently teaching writing and filmmaking at Stonybrook Southampton.
For the Next Generation

A Wake-Up Call to Solving Our Nation's Problems

Debbie Wasserman Schultz with Julie M. Fenster

Congresswoman and Democratic National Committee Chair
Debbie Wasserman Schultz challenges the nation to resolve tough issues for future generations.

America has witnessed the dangers that come with shortsightedness, Debbie Wasserman Schultz writes. If we want to ensure prosperity for ourselves and an improved way of life for young Americans, we have to change, starting now. We must:

- Continue job growth
- Keep our economy robust
- Formulate a long-term energy solution
- Reform immigration policies

Yet these important issues have been sidelined by gridlock in a Congress that is too concerned about the next election to worry about the future. The group of Americans who have the most to lose from this dysfunction are the ones least represented in government: America’s children. For the Next Generation is a call to action, one mother’s challenge to her congressional colleagues and to the rest of the nation, to adopt a parent’s perspective for doing right by kids.

Marked by clarity and by Debbie’s characteristic poise, this polemic digs deep, exposing very real threats that America faces as a result of its failure to confront tough decisions. Debbie conveys a vision of an America galvanized by a renewed sense of purpose through forward-thinking policies on education, civil rights, and foreign policy. She describes how she will fight to overcome the legislative obstacles that inhibit progress, and she calls upon fair-minded Americans to lend their own strengths to securing a better tomorrow for the next generation.

PRAISE

“Schultz appeals for resolution of political discord and issues a challenge to adopt a parent’s perspective on how lawmaking or the lack of it will affect future generations. Throughout, she offers remembrances of her three children growing up—constant reminders of the significance of her job to the future of her children and other children. An interesting perspective on parenting and lawmaking.” —Booklist

"A frankly partisan political treatment anticipating the upcoming midterm elections, the author's detailed discussion of the issues chronicles the effects of legislative obstructionism and should help fill in the record for all voters...she ..."

DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ was the youngest woman elected to the Florida state legislature and the first Jewish Congresswoman ever elected from Florida. Wife, mother of three, and breast cancer survivor, she is currently the Chair of the DNC.
Tudors
The History of England from Henry VIII to Elizabeth I

Peter Ackroyd

“Highly engaging….Ackroyd presents in rich prose….how the English Reformation was not a movement of the people but a personal project of King Henry.” —Booklist (starred review)

Peter Ackroyd, one of Britain’s most acclaimed writers, brings the age of the Tudors to vivid life in this monumental book, charting the course of English history from Henry VIII’s cataclysmic break with Rome to the epic rule of Elizabeth I.

Rich in detail and atmosphere, Tudors is the story of Henry VIII’s relentless pursuit of both the perfect wife and the perfect heir; of how the brief reign of the teenage king, Edward VI, gave way to the violent reimposition of Catholicism and the stench of bonfires under “Bloody Mary.” It tells, too, of the long reign of Elizabeth I, which, though marked by civil strife, plots against her, and even an invasion force, finally brought stability.

Above all, it is the story of the English Reformation and the making of the Anglican Church. At the beginning of the sixteenth century, England was still largely feudal and looked to Rome for direction; at its end, it was a country where good governance was the duty of the state, not the church, and where men and women began to look to themselves for answers rather than to those who ruled them.

PRAISE


“Ackroyd writes with such lightly-worn erudition and a deceptive ease that he never fails to engage.” —The Telegraph (UK)

“Superbly accessible and readable.” —The Financial Times (UK)

“Ackroyd clearly relishes the wicked glamour of the family which presided over the Reformation, saw off the Spanish Armada, founded the British Empire and left the country they ruled a great European power . . . Fluent and colorful.” —Sunday Express (UK)

“As so often in Ackroyd’s books there are irresistible small details of everyday life in historic London.” —Daily Express (UK)

PETER ACKROYD is an award-winning novelist, as well as a broadcaster, biographer, poet, and historian. He is the author of many acclaimed books including Thames: Sacred River, London: The Biography, and the first volume of his history of England, Foundation. He holds a CBE for services to literature and lives in London.
Wild Things to Sew & Wear

15 Animal-Themed Garments and Accessories for Your Little Critters and You

Molly Goodall

Whimsical, animal-inspired designs for children

Everyone has a little wildness inside; now you can make these charming animal-inspired designs so your children can have the fun of wearing it proudly on the outside! This collection of 15 animal-themed garments and accessories includes easy-to-follow patterns to suit all skill levels, from beginner to advanced, and in a range of sizes. These are simple, bold, and playful clothes that your child won’t want to take off. Learn how to create adorable wearables in the shape of woodland animals, wild animals, and farm animals, including a lion or fox coat, an owl hat, a leopard skirt, kitten mittens, and more. A comprehensive techniques section shows you how to lay out the pattern pieces on the fabric, transfer markings, and cut with confidence. The combination of classic tailoring techniques mixed with contemporary styling makes for timeless garments sure to be treasured for years. As an added bonus, a pattern CD is also included!

MOLLY GOODALL has a background in childrenswear, toy design, and fine art; she holds a BFA in Fashion Design from Parsons the New School for Design. She began to design and sew animal coats to encourage her two year old to wear his hood in the cold. This led to the 2010 launch of her whimsical kids clothing range, Little Goodall, using classic tailoring techniques mixed with contemporary styling to craft unique garments. Molly lives and designs in Texas with her husband and son.
Johannes Cabal: The Fear Institute

Jonathan L. Howard

“Howard’s characters, relentless imagination, twisting plotlines, and use of language make the series a real pleasure to read, and The Fear Institute is the best Cabal yet.” —Richard Kadrey

Beyond the wall of sleep lies the Dreamlands, a world formed by dreams, but not a dream itself. For countless millenia, it has been explored only by those with a certain detachment from mundane reality, its strange seas navigated and its vast mountains climbed by philosophers, mystics, and poets. Well, those halcyon days are over, beatniks.

Johannes Cabal is coming.

Cabal, a necromancer of some little infamy, is employed by the mysterious Fear Institute to lead an expedition into the Dreamlands, an expedition to hunt and destroy the dread Phobic Animus, the font of terrors, the very source of all the world’s fear. They will enter exotic lands where magic is common and monsters abound. Cabal will encounter witches, vile abominations, and far too many zebras.

And, when they finally come close to their goal, Cabal will have to face his own nightmares. But for a man who communes easily with devils and the dead, surely there is nothing left to fear. . . .

PRAISE

Praise for The Fear Institute:

“Howard’s affectionate, witty homage to Lovecraft’s dream stories, complete with early-20th-century setting and language, is an enjoyably macabre comic adventure, and his antihero Cabal is, for all his overweening self-confidence, an engaging protagonist whose heart is not quite as hard as he would like to pretend.” —Publishers Weekly

“Comedy meets high-concept fantasy in Howard’s latest Johannes Cabal outing. … Genre fans will appreciate Howard’s attention to world building, while more general readers will simply enjoy all the horrific fun.” —Booklist

JONATHAN L. HOWARD is a game designer, scriptwriter, and a veteran of the computer-games industry since the early nineties, with titles such as the Broken Sword series to his credit. He is author of Johannes Cabal the Necromancer and Johannes Cabal the Detective, as well as the YA novels Katya’s World and Katya’s War. He lives in the United Kingdom with his wife and daughter.
Will Shortz Presents Snowed-In Sudoku

200 Challenging Puzzles

Edited by Will Shortz

200 extra-hard Sudoku puzzles!

It's time to cuddle up, grab a pen and take on these two hundred all-new extra challenging puzzles.

Features:
- 200 hard puzzles
- Big grids for easy solving
- Introduction by legendary puzzlemaster Will Shortz

PRAISE

“A puzzling global phenomenon” — The Economist

WILL SHORTZ has been crossword editor of The New York Times since 1993. He is also the puzzlemaster on NPR’s Weekend Edition Sunday and the founder and director of the annual American Crossword Puzzle Tournament.
The New York Times Snowed-In Sunday Crosswords

75 Sunday Puzzles from the Pages of The New York Times

Edited by Will Shortz

A fantastic collection of seventy five Sunday crosswords

Since it first ran in 1942, The New York Times Sunday crossword puzzles are the standard by which all others are judged.

Features:

- 75 classic Sunday New York Times crosswords
- Portable and perfect for solving on the go
- Edited by the #1 man in American crosswords, Will Shortz

PRAISE

"[Will Shortz] is the crossword king." —Steve Kroft, 60 Minutes

"The prince of crossword puzzlers." —Greenwich Magazine


Getting Even

Sarah Rayner

From the international bestselling author of One Moment, One Morning, set in the heart of London’s Soho adland, a unputdownable story of jealousy, sex, friendship and backstabbing.

Revenge has never been such fun

How would you feel if your best friend at work betrayed you? Was secretly having an affair with an influential colleague? Won a coveted promotion, then teamed you up with a mere junior, leaving you feeling completely demoted? What would you do? For Ivy there’s no choice. The only person she has ever trusted, Orianna, has blown it big time. So there's only one way forward: revenge.

Ivy's campaign is brilliant, if horribly destructive, and she's determined to get even with the woman who has dared to cross her. But is Ivy really the innocent party? Or is she hiding secrets of her own?

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The Assassination of the Archduke

Sarajevo 1914 and the Romance That Changed the World

Greg King and Sue Woolmans

Drawing on unpublished letters and rare primary sources, King and Woolmans tell the true story behind the tragic romance and brutal assassination that sparked World War I

In the summer of 1914, three great empires dominated Europe: Germany, Russia, and Austria-Hungary. Four years later all had vanished in the chaos of World War I. One event precipitated the conflict, and at its hear was a tragic love story. When Austrian heir Archduke Franz Ferdinand married for love against the wishes of the emperor, he and his wife Sophie were humiliated and shunned, yet they remained devoted to each other and to their children. The two bullets fired in Sarajevo not only ended their love story, but also led to war and a century of conflict.

Set against a backdrop of glittering privilege, The Assassination of the Archduke combines royal history, touching romance, and political murder in a moving portrait of the end of an era. One hundred years after the event, it offers the startling truth behind the Sarajevo assassinations, including Serbian complicity and examines rumors of conspiracy and official negligence. Events in Sarajevo also doomed the couple’s children to lives of loss, exile, and the horrors of Nazi concentration camps, their plight echoing the horrors unleashed by their parents’ deaths. Challenging a century of myth, The Assassination of the Archduke resonates as a very human story of love destroyed by murder, revolution, and war.

PRAISE

“With the 100th anniversary of this tragedy less than a year away, this personal and political study, with its revisionist take, will be popular with historians and general readers alike and is highly recommended.” —Library Journal (starred review)

“An entertaining challenge to a century of misconceptions.”—Kirkus Reviews

“Covers the subject so thoroughly and so honestly that this is almost certainly the last book that needs to be written.” —Robert K. Massie, author of Nicholas and Alexandra on The Resurrection of the Romanovs

“Wonderfully vivid...a worthy companion to Edvard Radzinsky’s The Last Tsar.” —Publishers Weekly on The Last Empress

GREG KING is the author of eleven previously published books, including the United Kingdom bestseller The Duchess of Windsor, and the internationally acclaimed The Fate of the Romanovs, The Court of the Last Tsar, and Resurrection of the Romanovs.
Tote-ally Amazing Bags

30 Quick and Easy Bags to Make for All Occasions

Helen Angharad Henley

Create a variety of practical and fun bags—including full-size patterns and hidden spiral binding

The tote bag in its humblest form is a simple rectangular bag with two handles, but the possibilities offered by the style are limitless. This colorful book guides the reader through all the possible incarnations of the tote bag, from children’s bags and simple grocery totes to stylish shoulder bags in contemporary fabrics, with patterns ranging from the fun to the functional. With more than 30 projects complete with colorful photos and full-size patterns, this book imparts lots of useful tips to help you achieve a truly professional finish. Techniques cover all the basics of machine sewing and finishing, from straight seams to topstitching, as well as detailed instructions on the specifics of bag construction, handle making, patch and zipped pockets, and interlining. And the styles in this book range from appliqué to stenciled designs using fabric paint, giving you the freedom to design the tote-ally amazing bag of your dreams!

HELEN ANGĦARAD HENLEY has been stitching and knitting for as long as she can remember. She has written for Making Gifts, Simply Homemade, Quick & Crafty, and Handmade magazines, and contributes to influential blog Sew, Mama, Sew. Her handmade products have appeared on Sew Hip Magazine, on Cuteable, and on Etsy, and her popular blog, angharadhandmade.blogspot.com, has been recognized as one of Dotcomgiftshop's list of “101 lovely craft blogs.”
In her riveting New York Times bestselling memoir, Elizabeth Smart reveals how she survived nine months with her captors and the secret to forging a new life in the wake of a brutal crime.

On June 5, 2002, fourteen-year-old Elizabeth Smart, the daughter of a close-knit Mormon family, was taken from her home in the middle of the night by religious fanatic, Brian David Mitchell and his wife, Wanda Barzee. She was kept chained, dressed in disguise, repeatedly raped, and told she and her family would be killed if she tried to escape. After her rescue on March 12, 2003, she rejoined her family and worked to pick up the pieces of her life.

In My Story she tells, for the first time, of the constant fear she endured every hour, her courageous determination to maintain hope, and how she convinced her captors to return to Utah, where she was rescued minutes after arriving. Smart explains how her faith helped her stay sane in the midst of a nightmare and how she found the strength to confront her captors at their trial and see that justice was served.

In the years after her rescue, Smart transformed from victim to advocate, traveling the country and working to educate, inspire and foster change. She has created a foundation to help prevent crimes against children and is a frequent public speaker. In 2012, she married Matthew Gilmour, whom she met doing mission work in Paris for her church.

Elizabeth is writing a new chapter for the trade paperback edition that will explore how she readjusted to life after the kidnapping, how she learned to cope, and how telling her story has changed her.

PRAISE

Smart stresses the fundamental qualities of her suffering: hunger, thirst, loneliness. . . . Its power lies in the way Smart presents herself, as a pure girl who emerged from degradation purer still—stronger but somehow still innocent." —The New Yorker

"Smart’s memoir is as compelling as it is disturbing. Her stoic Mormon faith, moreover, will both inspire and mystify readers." —Boston Globe

"Smart speaks candidly about the shame of rape, confessing her deep fear that her Mormon family would reject her as a result of her experiences. . . . Smart is already making waves in the media." —New York magazine

ELIZABETH ANN SMART is an American activist and president of the Elizabeth Smart Foundation. She first gained widespread attention at age fourteen when she was kidnapped from her home and rescued nine months later.
Party Games  

* A Fear Street Novel  

R. L. Stine  

A new young adult horror novel in R.L. Stine's bestselling Fear Street series, which has sold 80 million copies worldwide, making it one of the bestselling young adult series ever.  

R.L. Stine's hugely successful young adult horror series *Fear Street* is back with the first new book in almost 2 decades. With more than 80 million copies sold around the world, *Fear Street* is one of the bestselling young adult series of all time. Now, with *Party Games*, R.L. Stine revives this phenomenon for a new generation of teen readers, and the announcement of new *Fear Street* books caused a flurry of excitement both in the press and on social media, where fans rejoiced that the series was coming back.  

Her friends warn her not to go to Brendan Fear's birthday party at his family's estate on mysterious Fear Island. But Rachel Martin has a crush on Brendan and is excited to be invited. Brendan has a lot of party games planned. But one game no one planned intrudes on his party—the game of murder. As the guests start dying one by one, Rachel realizes to her horror that she and the other teenagers are trapped on the tiny island with someone who may want to kill them all. How to escape this deadly game? Rachel doesn't know whom she can trust. She should have realized that nothing is as it seems... on Fear Island.  

R.L. Stine makes his triumphant return to Shadyside, a town of nightmares, shadows, and genuine terror, and to the bestselling series that began his career writing horror for the juvenile market, in the new *Fear Street* book *Party Games*.  

**PRAISE**  

"R.L. Stine, whose "Goosebumps" books are a children's publishing phenomenon, is reviving another beloved series: "Fear Street," a best-selling line of young-adult horror books set in the fictional town of Shadyside." —*The New York Times*  

"Nineties-era nostalgists are celebrating the news that Fear Street, R.L. Stine's sprawling classic horror series for teens — which ran from 1989 to 2005 and has sold 80 million copies — will be making a comeback."—*New York Magazine*  

"You can now get excited for next year's October 31st. R.L. Stine is releasing a new book in his classic YA horror series, Fear Street, in time for Halloween 2014."—Flavorwire.com...  

R.L. STINE is one of the bestselling children’s authors in history, with more than 400 million books sold to date. In 1986, he wrote his first teen horror novel, *Blind Date*, which became an instant bestseller. In 1989, Stine created the Fear Street series, one of the bestselling young adult book series in history, with 80 million copies sold worldwide. He is also the author of the bestselling children's series Goosebumps, which began in 1992 and has sold 300 million copies around the world.
The Persian Pickle Club 20th Anniversary

Sandra Dallas

Sandra Dallas' beloved novel about the loyalty and friendship within a women's quilting circle in Depression-era Kansas—now back with an all new cover look to celebrate twenty years

It is the 1930s, and hard times have hit Harveyville, Kansas, where the crops are burning up, and there's not a job to be found. For Queenie Bean, a young farm wife, a highlight of each week is the gathering of the Persian Pickle Club, a group of local ladies dedicated to improving their minds, exchanging gossip, and putting their quilting skills to good use. When a new member of the club stirs up a dark secret, the women must band together to support and protect one another. In her magical, memorable novel, Sandra Dallas explores the ties that unite women through good times and bad.

PRAISE

"A simple but endearing story that depicts small-town eccentricities with affection and adds dazzle with some late-breaking surprises. Dallas hits all the right notes, combining an authentic look at the social fabric of Depression-era life with a homespun suspense story." —Publisher's Weekly

"Affecting...A book about how times can never be so hard that they can't be eased when people come together." —Denver Post


SANDRA DALLAS is the author of thirteen novels, including Fallen Women, True Sisters, The Bride's House, Whiter Than Snow, Prayers for Sale, Tallgrass and New Mercies. She is a former Denver bureau chief for Business Week magazine and lives in Denver, Colorado. Visit her at www.sandradallas.com
Die and Stay Dead

Nicholas Kaufmann

In this pulse-pounding sequel to Dying Is My Business, Trent, a man who can't stay dead or retain his memories, tries to uncover his connection to a deadly Doomsday cult bent on destroying NYC.

A brutal murder in Greenwich village puts Trent and the Five-Pointed Star on the trail of Erickson Arkwright, the last surviving member of a doomsday cult. Back in the day, the Aeternis Tenebris cult thought the world would end on New Year's Eve of 2000. When it didn't, they decided to end it themselves by summoning Nahash-Dred, a powerful, terrifying demon known as the Destroyer of Worlds. But something went wrong. The demon massacred the cult, leaving Arkwright the sole survivor.

Now, hiding somewhere in New York City with a new identity, Arkwright plans to summon the demon again and finish the job he started over a decade ago. As Trent rushes to locate a long-lost magical artifact that may be the only way to stop him, the clues begin to mount... Trent's past and Arkwright's might be linked somehow. And if they are, it means the truth of who Trent really is may lie buried in the twisted mind of a madman.

PRAISE

Praise for Dying Is My Business:

“Filled with characters that should appeal to urban fantasy readers…and told with a real sense of style and wit, the book should have no trouble amassing an enthusiastic readership.” —Booklist

“Truly an unforgettable suspense novel that’s narrated with humor and a bit of sarcasm—something that is usually only done well by Dean Koontz... Creepy, fun, and immensely entertaining...a definite keeper!” —Suspense Magazine

“...If you like your Urban Fantasy spiced up with elements that have made the adventures of Marvel Comics’ heroes so exciting, powerful, and poignant, pick up Dying Is My Business.” —Criminal Element

NICHOLAS KAUFMANN lives in Brooklyn, New York with his wife and two cats—one of which has special needs, the other of which only pretends to.
Insane Training
Garage Training, Powerlifting, Bodybuilding, and All-Out Bad-Ass Workouts
Matt Kroczaleski

"Kroc," one of the hardest working badasses in the strongmen world, shares his intense training techniques that have made him a household name in fitness magazines & powerlifting competitions.

Matt is a world champion, record holding powerlifter, and an NPC bodybuilder famous for his grueling, high intensity workouts.

Insane Training is what Matt is famous for, and his book of the same name is full of programs that will help every gym rat take it to the next level, whether that’s flipping a tractor tire 100 yards, deadlifting three times their body weight, improving athletic performance or puking in a bucket—it has it all!

Not for the faint of heart or average gym-goer, this is for athletes who want to take their training to the max.

PRAISE

"In the weight training/fitness industry we all pride ourselves on how hard we work and how far we can push our bodies. Matt...pushes those boundaries to another level...after meeting Matt in 2010, intensity has a whole new definition." —IFBB Pro Bodybuilder Seth Feroce

"Matt's intensity and effort in training is at the top of the human performance community...Intensity, effort, knowledge, and passion are encoded in his genetics. He is also a good friend as well as someone I've always admired because of his commitment..." —Marc Megna, former NFL Patriots player

"Matt's training methods are about one thing, results." —James C. Dezao IV client

MATT “KROC” KROCZALESKI is a world champion and world record holding powerlifter as well as a national caliber bodybuilder. One of the very few lifters that combines otherworldly strength with an equally impressive physique, Matt is the 2006 Arnold Schwarzenegger Classic WPO Powerlifting Middle Weight Champion and in 2009 became the all-time world record holder in the 220lb class posting a 2551lb total via 1003lb squat, 738lb bench press and an 810lb deadlift.
It Doesn't Have to Be That Way
How to Divorce Without Destroying Your Family or Bankrupting Yourself
Laura Wasser

Maria Shriver, Kim Kardashian, Stevie Wonder, Britney Spears . . . Who do they have in common? Top LA divorce lawyer Laura Wasser

If anyone ever had a platform to write a divorce book for today's generation, it's Laura Wasser. She has been practicing in her field for nearly twenty years, represented many of the country's top celebrities and has been celebrated for her unique style, her empathy and her expertise. Wasser's personal and professional life have been profiled by publications like the Los Angeles Times, Vogue and Interview. Most important, her approach is different from almost any other and she articulates it in a simple manner.

Laura Wasser addresses an entire generation who want—and need—to handle their breakups differently. It's no secret that the divorce rate in America is more than half the marriage rate. Yet the means for dissolving a relationship often seem hopelessly mired in an outdated perception of how it's supposed to be done. Wasser acknowledges that this generation's realities have evolved greatly since the previous generation's in almost every way, and that they want to get divorced inexpensively and efficiently and maintain control of the process themselves. The daughter and partner of a prominent Los Angeles Family Law attorney, she has a deep history in the field, and she knows the available roads to resolution like nobody else. At times psychologist, at times strategist, and distinctly of this generation, Laura and her book will offer readers safer passage through what can be a devastating time, emotionally and financially.

PRAISE

"I trust Laura like no one else—she is the voice of reason during a time of uncertainty."—Kim Kardashian

"[Laura Wasser] is all about moving forward to a positive place. That's her spirit."
—Stevie Wonder

"High-profile figures . . . trust Wasser when their relationships are heading toward divorce"—Hollywood Reporter, "Power Lawyers 2012"

LAURA WASSER was named one of Hollywood Reporter's 100 Power Lawyers in 2011, 2012 and 2013, one of the California Daily Journal's Top 100 Lawyers in Sep. 2012, and one of Southern California's Top 50 Women Attorneys in 2012 and 2013. She has been profiled in publications ranging from the Los Angeles Times to Vanity Fair and has represented the likes of Heidi Klum, Ashton Kutcher, Christina Aguilera and Ryan Reynolds, as well as many pro bono clients from the Harriet Buhai Center for Family Law.
Love Italian Style
The Secrets of My Hot and Happy Marriage
Melissa Gorga

Real Housewives of New Jersey star Melissa Gorga shows you how to love your man and keep him happy, satisfied, faithful, and devoted to you.

What you see is what you get with Melissa Gorga. On Real Housewives of New Jersey, she’s that beautiful, ambitious woman with a successful career who puts her family first. In fact, her stable yet sexy marriage to lovable Joe is a welcome antidote to the constant fighting and backbiting on the show. Despite the pressure of life in the spotlight, she makes marriage look easy. How does she do it? Melissa’s overriding principle: Treat your husband like a king. And in return, you’ll be treated like a queen.

In Love Italian Style, Melissa shares her (and his) secrets to relationship success—generations-tested old-fashioned values served up with a modern, sexy twist. To her, the four tenets to a happy marriage are respect, honesty, loyalty, and passion (underscore passion). By sharing her and Joe's life together—from the story of their first date to how they keep it hot in the bedroom a decade later—Melissa admits that, yes, marriage has been a lot of work, but the rewards are ten-fold. With her time-tested strategies, you can "Gorganize" your own relationship, strengthen your bond, and amp up the passion for lifelong bliss. Some of Melissa's how-to's:

- Dress to impress your man
- Flirt with your hubby
- Cook Italian style
- Fight right
- Keep the romance alive and the home fires burning

This playful guidebook promises to make any marriage better—the Gorga way!

PRAISE
"Gorga's tips are charming." —Publishers Weekly

MELISSA GORGA is the star of Bravo TV's The Real Housewives of New Jersey, loved for her witty, fun personality and sweet marriage to Joe Gorga. Gorga has been featured in US Weekly, People, Glamour, and Life & Style and has appeared on Good Morning America, the Today show, Entertainment Tonight, Access Hollywood, E!, On Air with Ryan Seacrest, among others. Gorga has also had two hit songs in the top 10 of the iTunes Charts. She lives with her husband and three children in New Jersey.
The King of Sports
Football's Impact on American Society
Gregg Easterbrook

Gregg Easterbrook, author of the wildly popular ESPN.com column Tuesday Morning Quarterback, takes on football's place in American society

Gridiron football is the king of sports – it’s the biggest game in the strongest and richest country in the world. In The King of Sports, Easterbrook tells the full story of how football became so deeply ingrained in American culture. Both good and bad, he examines its impact on American society. The King of Sports explores these and many other topics:

* The real harm done by concussions (it's not to NFL players).
* The real way in which college football players are exploited (it's not by not being paid).
* The way football helps American colleges (it's not bowl revenue) and American cities (it's not Super Bowl wins).
* What happens to players who are used up and thrown away (it’s not pretty).
* The hidden scandal of the NFL (it’s worse than you think).

Using his year-long exclusive insider access to the Virginia Tech football program, where Frank Beamer has compiled the most victories of any active NFL or major-college head coach while also graduating players, Easterbrook shows how one big university “does football right.” Then he reports on what’s wrong with football at the youth, high school, college and professional levels. Easterbrook holds up examples of coaches and programs who put the athletes first and still win; he presents solutions to these issues and many more, showing a clear path forward for the sport as a whole.

PRAISE

“Provocative and thoughtful.” —Tampa Bay Times

“Delivers hits more devastating than the most ferocious, head-hunting linebacker…. A startling and disturbing new book that takes aim at hypocrisy in the National Football League and big money college football.” —Buffalo News

“Offers plenty to think about. It's a blitz of sports and cultural perspective well worth any fan's time.” —Creative Loaing Charlotte

GREGG EASTERBROOK is the author of eight books, including The Leading Indicators, The Progress Paradox, The Here and Now and Sonic Boom. He is a contributing editor of The Atlantic Monthly and The Washington Monthly, and a columnist for ESPN.com. He has been a distinguished fellow of the Fulbright Foundation, a visiting fellow of the Brookings Institution, and a political columnist for Reuters.
Queens: A Culinary Passport

Exploring Ethnic Cuisine in New York City's Most Diverse Borough

Andrea Lynn

Discover the best places to eat in Queens—NYC's most diverse borough!

Everyone knows New York City is the culinary epicenter of the United States. And while Manhattan gets Michelin stars and Brooklyn gets blogger hype, real culinary fanatics know that authentic ethnic food experiences happen in the restaurants of Queens. There, New York's celebrated ethnic diversity is the most potent, with more than one million foreign-born residents. This means food lovers can travel the globe without using any vacation time: take a culinary tour of China, sip a frappe in Greece, dine on authentic Italian sausage—all without ever leaving Queens!

Queens: A Culinary Passport welcomes visitors to the borough, serving as your guide to more than 40 hand-picked ethnic restaurants and food stands, complete with chef profiles and recipes for recreating signature dishes at home. Also included are highlights of not-to-be-missed hidden spots, like ethnic grocery stores stocked with Greek essentials, fish markets that boast of visitors like chef Lidia Bastianich, and delis that turn out freshly made mozzarella and sopressata. For Queens novices, the book includes easy-to-follow subway directions and even detailed walking tours of each neighborhood, ensuring that your next trip to Italy, India, Greece, Latin America, and the Caribbean is only a borough away.

ANDREA LYNN, a southern-raised food writer, moved to NYC to attend culinary school and experience a diverse array of ethnic cuisine. After working at a restaurant and as a personal chef, she edited recipes for Art Culinaire and worked as senior editor at Chile Pepper, where she developed recipes for a spice-obsessed audience. Andrea now works as a freelance food writer and recipe developer and is author of the I Love Trader Joe's College Cookbook. She lives in Astoria.
Still Foolin' 'Em
Where I've Been, Where I'm Going, and Where the Hell Are My Keys?

Billy Crystal

Hilarious and heartfelt observations on aging from one of America's favorite comedians as he turns 65, and a look back at a remarkable career

Seventy-seven million baby boomers have either recently joined or will soon join Billy Crystal at this milestone birthday. In this New York Times bestseller, Crystal looks back at the most powerful and memorable moments of his storied life and provides a roadmap to the absurdities and challenges that come along with aging. He reflects on everything from his legendary stint at Saturday Night Live, to making City Slickers and When Harry Met Sally..., to his long run as host of the Academy Awards, to his one-day career with the New York Yankees (he was the first player to ever "test positive for Maalox") and his enduring friendships with several of his idols, including Mickey Mantle and Muhammad Ali. In between these unforgettable tales are chapters like "Buying and Plot" and "Nodding Off," in which Crystal catalogs his gripes in hilarious detail. He lends a light touch to more serious topics like religion ("the aging friends I know have turned to the Holy Trinity: Advil, bourbon and Prozac") grandparenting, and of course, dentistry. Wise, poignant and laugh-out-loud funny, Still Foolin' 'Em is a triumphant counterpunch to the indignities of aging, from the beloved comedian who for forty years has captured the anxieties and joys of his generation.

PRAISE


"Still Foolin’ ‘Em... moves from one funny, strange and heartfelt moment to the next as smoothly as the best of the nine Academy Awards shows Crystal hosted." —Los Angeles Times

"Crystal is, as always, charming and wry." —New York Daily News

"Crystal gets a lot of laughs out of the indignities of aging." —USA Today

"Laugh-out-loud funny." —Entertainment Weekly

Billy Crystal is a comedian, actor, producer, director, author, and nine-time Oscars host. He has starred in many hit films, among them When Harry Met Sally, City Slickers, and Analyze This. He is the author of two children's books the Tony award-winning play 700 Sundays, which was later adapted into a book. A former cast member of Saturday Night Live, Crystal is a six-time Emmy winner, and recipient of the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor. He lives in Los Angeles with his wife, Janice.
A Street Cat Named Bob
And How He Saved My Life

James Bowen

This phenomenal and inspiring instant New York Times bestseller has sold more than a million copies around the world and has taken the social media world by storm.

After only one week on sale, A Street Cat Named Bob shot to #7 on The New York Times bestseller list after achieving bestseller status around the world, from Thailand to Germany to Turkey. Now in paperback, this instant classic about the power of love is poised to make an even larger impression with American readers.

When street musician James Bowen found an injured cat curled up in the hallway of his apartment building, he had no idea how much his life was about to change. James was living hand to mouth on the streets of London, barely making enough money to feed himself, and the last thing he needed was a pet. Yet James couldn't resist helping the strikingly intelligent but very sick animal, whom he named Bob. He slowly nursed Bob back to health and then sent the cat on his way, imagining that he would never see him again. But Bob had other ideas.

Perfect for fans of Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat That Changed the World and Oogy: The Dog Only a Family Could Love, this book about the transformative power of love between man and animal is guaranteed to win over countless American readers.

PRAISE

"the book's feline title character has become as famous as John Grogan's dog Marley."—The New York Times

"A huge success, selling more than a million copies worldwide"—Today.com

"[Fans] came from as far as Japan and across Europe to catch a glimpse of this feline literary lothario."—USA Today

"Bowen shares how his life has changed since he took in an alley cat named Bob."
—People

"Stellar...A beautiful...story of second chances for both man and beast."—Booklist (starred)

"A rich, moving story—perfect for cat lovers."—Kirkus

"This poignant, uplifting story is a bestseller for good reason.—Modern Cat"

JAMES BOWEN is a street musician in London. He found Bob the Cat in spring 2007, and the pair have been inseparable ever since.
The Walking Dead: The Fall of the Governor: Part Two

Robert Kirkman and Jay Bonansinga

“An essential read for any fan of 'The Walking Dead'.” — Examiner.com

The Walking Dead series of original novels, set in the universe of Robert Kirkman’s iconic comic, reaches its crescendo in The Fall of the Governor, Part Two. From coauthors Robert Kirkman, creator of the Eisner Award winning comic book and executive producer of AMC’s blockbuster TV series, and Jay Bonansinga, Stoker award finalist and internationally acclaimed author, comes the gripping fourth in this richly woven, page-turning literary saga, which began with The Walking Dead: Rise of the Governor.

In Rise of the Governor, uber-villain Philip Blake journeyed from his humble beginnings directly into the dark heart of the zombie apocalypse, and became the self-proclaimed leader of a small town called Woodbury. In Book Two, The Road to Woodbury, an innocent traveler named Lilly Caul wound up in the terrifying thrall of Phillip Blake’s twisted, violent dictatorship within Woodbury’s ever tightening barricades.

In The Fall of the Governor, Part One, classic characters from both the comic and television series, including Rick, Michonne and Glenn, finally made their appearance in the Walking Dead novel series, only to discover that the Governor is a very dangerous enemy.

Now, after a pulse-pounding series of events, the Governor and Rick face off one last time, and only one of them will be left standing....

PRAISE

“The novel fleshes out...backstories and connects them, giving depth to people who remained largely mysteries in the comic books. For comic book readers, the novel is full of easter eggs and surprise connections, making it not only entertaining, but necessarily for filling in the gaps left by the comic books.” —Examiner.com on The Walking Dead: The Road to Woodbury

ROBERT KIRKMAN is the creator of many popular comic books, including The Walking Dead, Invincible, and Super Dinosaur. In addition to being a partner at Image Comics, Kirkman is an executive producer and writer on The Walking Dead television show. In 2010, Kirkman opened Skybound, his own imprint at Image, which publishes his titles as well as other original work.

JAY BONANSINGA is a New York Times bestselling novelist, his debut novel, The Black Mariah, was a finalist for a Bram Stoker Award.
I Believe in ZERO
Learning From the World's Children
Caryl M. Stern

First-hand, human stories of hope, resilience, determination, and family: a call to see the world's children as our own, by the President and CEO of the U.S. Fund for UNICEF

In I Believe in ZERO, President and CEO of the U.S. Fund for UNICEF Caryl M. Stern draws on her travels around the world, offering memorable stories that present powerful and sometimes counter-intuitive lessons about life. I Believe in ZERO reflects her—and UNICEF's—mission to reduce the number of children under the age of five who die from preventable causes from 19,000 each day to zero.

Each of the stories in I Believe in ZERO focuses on a particular locale—Bangladesh, Mozambique, earthquake-ravaged Haiti, the Brazilian Amazon—and weaves together fascinating material on the country and its history, an account of the humanitarian crises at issue, and depictions of the people she meets on the ground. Stern tells of mothers coming together to affect change, of local communities with valuable perspectives of their own, and of children who continue to sustain their dreams and hopes even in the most dire of situations. Throughout, Stern traces her emerging global consciousness—and describes how these stories can positively impact our own children.

In this incredibly moving book, Stern hopes to open hearts and minds and leave readers with the belief that no child anywhere should lack basic human support—and that every child and mother can be an inspiration.

PRAISE

“A powerfully written, heartbreaking account of making sure that all children have the opportunity to “dream big dreams and have a fighting chance to realize those dreams.””
—Kirkus

“Stern’s ability to bridge diverse cultures, language barriers, and economic circumstances through simple commonalities—she relates to women in Africa as a mother and gains insight into the experience of displaced persons from her Jewish heritage—is the greatest of many lessons she offers to those wanting to help children in crisis.”
—Publishers Weekly

CARYL M. STERN has spent more than thirty years in the non-profit sector as a child advocate and civil rights activist. Since May 2007, she’s served as President and CEO of the U.S. Fund for UNICEF, leading the day-to-day work of the organization’s National Office and five Regional Offices. Prior to this and other roles at the U.S. Fund, Stern served as the Chief Operating Officer and Senior Associate National Director for the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). She lives with her family in New York.
The New York Times 'Tis the Season Crosswords

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"[Will Shortz] is the crossword king." —Steve Kroft, 60 Minutes

WILL SHORTZ has been the crossword puzzle editor of The New York Times since 1993. He is also the puzzlemaster on NPR’s Weekend Edition Sunday and is founder and director of the annual American Crossword Puzzle Tournament. He has edited countless books of crossword puzzles, Sudoku, KenKen, and all manner of brain-busters. Shortz lives in Pleasantville, New York.
Nine Inches

Stories

Tom Perrotta

The new collection from the New York Times bestselling author of The Leftovers and Little Children, featuring stories focusing on Perrotta's familiar suburban nuclear families

Tom Perrotta’s first book, Bad Haircut, consisted of linked stories featuring a shared protagonist. Now, nineteen years later, he has written and compiled his first true short story collection. This twelve story book features a group set in Perrotta’s trademark suburban setting, focusing on the fissures in families and unexpected connections among members of typical American communities, including “Senior Season” and “Nine Inches”. Others offerings here showcase Perrotta's assured, smooth writing, but may surprise fans with new protagonists and concerns. One of these twistier stories is “The Smile on Happy Chang’s Face”, which was the Boston Book Festival’s first all-city One City, One Story selection in 2010.

Following up on his dramatic and bestselling novel The Leftovers, which is being developed by HBO as a series, Nine Inches is a varied and interesting book from one of our most thoughtful and elegant writers.

PRAISE

"[A] wickedly funny collection of suburbia-skewering stories."—Harper's Bazaar

"The descendant of such chroniclers of small-town America as Thornton Wilder, John O'Hara, and Willa Cather."—New York Times

"The stories hang together so beautifully...It’s as if we’re wandering through a single community. We’re in PerrottaWorld, where the characters and their concerns all seem to rhyme with one another."—Boston Globe

"The acclaimed novelist displays perfect tonal pitch in this story collection, as nobody explores the darker sides of suburbia with a lighter touch."—Kirkus Reviews (starred)

TOM PERROTTA is the author of eight books, most recently The Leftovers. Two of his novels—Election and Little Children—have been made into acclaimed and award-winning movies. Perrotta grew up in New Jersey and now lives outside of Boston, Massachusetts.
The Sisters Weiss

Naomi Ragen

A powerful new novel of identity, loyalty and true love, from the international bestselling author of The Tenth Song—now in trade paperback

In 1950’s Brooklyn, sisters Rose and Pearl Weiss grow up in a loving but strict ultra-Orthodox family, never dreaming of defying their parents or their community’s unbending and intrusive demands. Then, a chance meeting with a young French immigrant turns Rose’s world upside down, its once bearable strictures suddenly tightening like a noose around her neck. Defiantly, she begins to live a secret life that shocks her family when it is discovered. Out of guilt and an overwhelming desire to be reconciled with those she loves, she finally bows to her parents’ demands that she agree to an arranged marriage. But the night before her wedding, she commits an act of defiance so unforgivable it will exile her forever from her innocent young sister, her family, and all she has ever known.

Forty years later, pious Pearl’s sheltered young daughter Rivka suddenly discovers the truth about the family outcast, her Aunt Rose, now a successful photographer. Inspired, but naïve and reckless, she sets off on a dangerous adventure that will stir up the ghosts of the past and alter the future in unimaginable ways for all involved.

PRAISE

"The intense personal drama will reach a wide audience across ethnicity... The secrets hold you to the very end, when the sisters confront the universal question: Whose memory is true to what really happened?" —Booklist (starred review)

“Naomi skillfully spins her magic with credible, charismatic characters we can easily relate to... the shining importance of family values, and finding out who we really are, even if it is the hard way.” — Tatiana de Rosnay, New York Times bestselling author of Sarah’s Key, on The Tenth Song

NAOMI RAGEN is the author of nine novels, including several international bestsellers, and her weekly email columns on life in the Middle East are read by thousands of subscribers worldwide. An American, she has lived in Jerusalem for the past forty years and was voted one of the three most popular authors in Israel.
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PRAISE

"[Will Shortz is] the high priest of puzzling." —Fortune

"[Sudoku] has become a pop culture phenomenon." —CNN

"The latest fad is Sudoku, a number game in a box. In less than two years, the puzzle has won a popularity that verges on the epidemic." —Time

"The newest puzzle craze to sweep the country." —CBS News

WILL SHORTZ has edited The New York Times crossword puzzles since 1993. He founded and directs the American Crossword Puzzle Tournament and captains the U.S. team in the World Puzzle Championship. He is also Puzzlemaster for "Weekend Edition Sunday"on NPR. He lives in Pleasantville, New York.
The Spanish Queen

A Novel of Henry VIII and Catherine of Aragon

Carolly Erickson

From the New York Times bestselling author of The Last Wife of Henry VIII comes a powerful and moving novel about Catherine of Aragon, Henry VIII's first wife and mother of Mary I (Bloody Mary).

When young Catherine of Aragon, proud daughter of King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, is sent to England to marry the weak Prince Arthur, she is unprepared for all that awaits her: early widowhood, the challenge of warfare with the invading Scots, and the ultimately futile attempt to provide the realm with a prince to secure the succession. She marries Arthur's energetic, athletic brother Henry, only to encounter fresh obstacles, chief among them Henry's infatuation with the alluring but wayward Anne Boleyn.

In The Spanish Queen, bestselling novelist Carolly Erickson allows the strong-willed, redoubtable Queen Catherine to tell her own story—a tale that carries her from the scented gardens of Grenada to the craggy mountains of Wales to the conflict-ridden Tudor court. Surrounded by strong partisans among the English, and with the might of Spanish and imperial arms to defend her, Catherine soldiers on, until her union with King Henry is severed and she finds herself discarded—and tempted to take the most daring step of her life.

Carolly Erickson's historical entertainments continue to succeed in creating a unique blend of historical authenticity and page-turning drama.

PRAISE

"Catherine of Aragon does not go down without a fight in Erickson’s sympathetic rendering. . . . A vivid evocation of a queen who refused to be written off.” —Kirkus Reviews

"An exquisitely realistic portrait of Tudor England. . . . compelling reading. . . . Historical fiction fans can’t get enough of the Tudors; this engaging story is a worthy addition to the genre.” —Library Journal on Rival to the Queen

"I re-read the final pages, as hungry for more as a child scraping the last crumbs of chocolate cake off her plate with her fingers.” —New York Times Book Review on The Hidden Diary of Marie Antoinette

Among CAROLLY ERICKSON’s twenty-eight critically acclaimed, prize-winning, bestselling books are biographies, histories and the recent series of fictional historical entertainments. Her range is wide, her audience worldwide. She lives in Washington state and Hawaii.
"[A] fluently written, ingeniously researched, thrillerish work of popular history... Gossip nips at the heels of history on nearly every page."—The Wall Street Journal

During the 1950s, when the Cold War was at its peak, two immensely powerful brothers led the United States into a series of foreign adventures whose effects are still shaking the world. John Foster Dulles was secretary of state while his brother, Allen Dulles, was director of the Central Intelligence Agency. In this book, Stephen Kinzer uses the framework of biography to ask: Why does the United States behave as it does in the world?

The Brothers explores hidden forces that shape the national psyche, from religious piety to Western movies—many of which are about a noble gunman who cleans up a lawless town by killing bad guys. This is how the Dulles brothers saw themselves, and how many Americans still see their country’s role in the world. Propelled by a quintessentially American set of fears and delusions, the Dulles brothers launched violent campaigns against foreign leaders they saw as threats to the United States. These campaigns helped push countries from Guatemala to the Congo into long spirals of violence, led the United States into the Vietnam War, and laid the foundation for decades of hostility between the United States and countries from Cuba to Iran.

The story of the Dulles brothers is the story of America. It illuminates and helps explain the modern history of the United States and the world.

PRAISE

"Anyone wanting to know why the United States is hated across much of the world need look no farther than this book... A riveting chronicle."—The New York Times Book Review

"A secret history, enriched and calmly retold; a shocking account of the misuse of American corporate, political and media power; a shaming reflection on the moral manners of post imperial Europe; and an essential allegory for our own times."—John le Carré

Stephen Kinzer is the author of Reset, Overthrow, All the Shah's Men, and numerous other books. An award-winning foreign correspondent, he served as the New York Times's bureau chief in Turkey, Germany, and Nicaragua and as the Boston Globe's Latin America correspondent. He is a visiting fellow at the Watson Institute for International Studies at Brown University, contributes to The New York Review of Books, and writes a column on world affairs for The Guardian. He lives in Boston.
Coreyography

A Memoir

Corey Feldman

A deeply personal and revealing Hollywood-survival story by The Lost Boys and Stand By Me star

Lovable child star by age ten, international teen idol by fifteen, and to this day a perennial pop-culture staple, Corey Feldman is just as famous for his off-screen exploits as for his roles in the classic films Gremlins, The Goonies and Stand by Me. He’s been linked to a slew of Hollywood starlets, shared a highly publicized friendship with Michael Jackson, and with his frequent costar Corey Haim enjoyed immeasurable success as one half of the popular duo "The Two Coreys."

Much more than the typical celebrity memoir, Corey has revealed the truth about what his life was like behind the scenes: His is a past that included physical, drug, and sexual abuse, a dysfunctional family from which he was emancipated at age fifteen, three high-profile arrests for drug possession, and a nine-month stint in rehab.

While Corey has managed to overcome the traps that ensnared so many other entertainers—he's still acting, is a touring musician, and proud father—many of those closest to him haven't been so lucky. In the span of one year, he mourned the passing of seven friends and family members, including Corey Haim and Michael Jackson. In the wake of those tragedies, he's spoken publicly about the dark side of fame, lobbied for legislation affording greater protections for children in the entertainment industry, and lifted the lid off of what he calls Hollywood's biggest secret.

Coreyography is his surprising account of survival and redemption.

PRAISE

"He narrates in a straightforward, conversational style that spares no details when it comes to darker subject matter...Fans of Feldman and those with an interest in the entertainment industry will appreciate the author’s voice and anecdotes while feeling his pain." —Starred Publishers Weekly Review

"Coyre Feldman's new book is one of the best memoirs I've read all year." —Whitney Matheson, USA Today


COREY FELDMAN is a film and television actor, singer, producer, and father. He lives in Los Angeles, California, with his son, Zen.
The Good Sister

Jamie Kain

A stunning debut young adult novel about love in all its joyful, painful, exhilarating manifestations, and about the ties that bind us together, in life and beyond.

The Kinsey sisters live in an unconventional world. Their parents are former flower-children who still don’t believe in rules. Their small, Northern California town is filled with free spirits and damaged souls seeking refuge from the real world. Without the anchor of authority, the three girls are adrift and have only each other to rely on.

Rachel is wild. Asha is lost. Sarah, the good sister, is the glue that holds them together. But the forces of a mysterious fate have taken Sarah’s life in a sudden and puzzling accident, sending her already fractured family into a tailspin of grief and confusion. Asha has questions. Rachel has secrets. And Sarah, waking up in the afterlife, must piece together how she got there.

PRAISE

"Haunting and compelling."—Allison van Diepen, author of Snitch and Takedown

“Rachel and Asha's lives and loves make for fascinating reading as the mystery of what really happened to their sister Sarah slowly unravels and threatens to destroy them. I couldn't put this book down.”—Jennifer Echols, author of Dirty Little Secret and Playing Dirty

"The Good Sister is a deeply felt novel. Its narrators, the three sisters (all of whom are not only good but also beautiful), are so wonderful. It breaks my heart every time I turn a page."—Paul Griffin, author of Burning Blue

JAMIE KAIN grew up in Louisville, Kentuck but has had a nomadic adulthood. After many moves, she is now happily and permanently settled in Northern California with her husband and two children. Wherever she goes, her devoted writing and jogging partner, a pit bull mix named Reno, can nearly always be found at her side. The Good Sister is Jamie's debut young adult novel.
The Art of Slow Writing
Reflections on Time, Craft, and Creativity

Louise DeSalvo

How and why to write slowly — a new book by acclaimed memoirist and author DeSalvo promoting the benefits of taking your time

In a series of conversational observations and meditations on the writing process, The Art of Slow Writing examines the benefits of writing slowly. DeSalvo advises her readers to explore their creative process on deeper levels by getting to know themselves and their stories more fully over a longer period of time. She writes in the same supportive manner that encourages her students, using the slow writing process to help them explore the complexities of craft. The Art of Slow Writing is the antidote to self-help books that preach the idea of fast-writing, finishing a novel a year, and quick revisions. DeSalvo makes a case that more mature writing often develops over a longer period of time and offers tips and techniques to train the creative process in this new experience.

DeSalvo describes the work habits of successful writers (among them, Nobel Prize laureates) so that readers can use the information provided to develop their identity as writers and transform their writing lives. It includes anecdotes from classic American and international writers such as John Steinbeck, Henry Miller, Virgina Woolf and D. H. Lawrence as well as contemporary authors such as Michael Chabon, Junot Diaz, Jeffrey Eugenides, Ian McEwan, and Salman Rushdie. DeSalvo skillfully and gently guides writers to not only start their work, but immerse themselves fully in the process and create texts they will treasure.

PRAISE

Praise for Virginia Woolf:
"Brave, honest, beautifully attentive, and loyal...Thorough and convincing." —The Boston Globe

"Exciting...Well-documented and revealing." —San Francisco Chronicle

Praise for Vertigo:
"[DeSalvo's] clarity of insight and expression make this an impressive achievement " —Publisher's Weekly

"...Gripping." —Kirkus Reviews

"DeSalvo conveys her experience with wit, style, and creativity." —Library Journal

LOUISE DESALVO is an award-winning teacher and writer. She is currently the Jenny Hunter Endowed Professor at Hunter College where she started Hunter’s MFA in Memoir program. She has published seventeen books, among them Virginia Woolf, named one of the most important books of the 20th century by The Women’s Review of Books, and the groundbreaking Writing as a Way of Healing. She lives in Sag Harbor, NY, and Upper Montclair, NJ with her husband.
Dead Simple

Peter James

Four bodies, one suspect, no trace. The first case for Detective Superintendent Roy Grace, and the first entry in a bestselling mystery series by Peter James.

It was meant to be a harmless bachelor party prank. A few hours later four of his best friends are dead and Michael Harrison has disappeared. With only three days to the wedding, Detective Superintendent Grace—a man haunted by the shadow of his own missing wife—is contacted by Michael's beautiful, distraught fiancée, Ashley Harper. Grace discovers that the one man who ought to know Michael Harrison's whereabouts is saying nothing. But then he has a lot to gain—more than anyone realizes. For one man's disaster is another man's fortune... Dead simple...

PRAISE

Peter James's superior thriller... gripping... nail-biting... a satisfyingly complex puzzle.”
—The Times (UK)

"Ingenious plotting, high suspense and tight writing." —Daily Mail

PETER JAMES is the #1 international bestselling author of the Roy Grace series with over 5 million copies sold all over the world. His novels have been translated into thirty-three languages and three have been filmed. All his novels reflect his deep interest in the world of the police, with whom he does in-depth research. He has produced numerous films, including The Merchant Of Venice, starring Al Pacino, Jeremy Irons, and Joseph Fiennes. He lives in England.
Dead Man's Time

Peter James

Roy Grace finds himself up against that most dangerous of all adversaries—a man with fury in his heart who has nothing to lose

New York, 1922. Five-year-old Gavin Daly and his seven-year-old sister, Aileen, are boarding the SS Mauretania to Dublin—and safety. Their mother has been shot and their Irish mobster father abducted. Suddenly, a messenger hands Gavin a piece of paper on which are written four names and eleven numbers, a cryptic message that will haunt him all his life, and his father's pocket watch. As the ship sails, Gavin watches Manhattan fade into the dusk and makes a promise, that one day he will return and find his father.

Brighton, 2012. Detective Superintendent Roy Grace investigates a savage burglary in Brighton, in which an old lady is murdered and £10m of antiques have been taken, including a rare vintage watch. To Grace’s surprise, the antiques are unimportant to her family—it is the watch they want back. As his investigation probes deeper, he realizes he has kicked over a hornets nest of new and ancient hatreds. At its heart is one man, Gavin Daly, the dead woman’s ninety-five-year-old brother. He has a score to settle and a promise to keep—both of which lead to a murderous trail linking the antiques world of Brighton, the crime fraternity of Spain’s Marbella, and New York.

Roy Grace, in a race against the clock to stop another killing, has met his most dangerous adversary yet.

PRAISE

"Few authors can dish out thrills and suspense as readily as James, and his ninth DS Roy Grace procedural is heady proof. Nonstop action . . . perfect for Gangs of New York fans." —Library Journal

"Increasingly deserves to be measured against the best in the genre." —Kirkus

"All wittily told." —RT Book Reviews 'Top Pick!'

"Tightly-plotted and historically accurate, Dead Man's Time is a wild ride through past and present." —CurledUp.com

PETER JAMES is the #1 international bestselling author of the Roy Grace series, with more than 14 million copies sold all over the world. His novels have been translated into thirty-six languages; three have been filmed and three are currently in development. All of his novels reflect his deep interest in the world of the police, with whom he does in-depth research. He lives in England.
Redeemed

A House of Night Novel

P. C. Cast and Kristin Cast

The final electrifying installment in the #1 New York Times bestselling vampyre series

In the final electrifying novel in the HoN series, Neferet has finally made herself known to mortals. A Dark Goddess is loose on Tulsa and the world. No single vampyre is strong enough to vanquish her - unless that creature has the power to summon the elements as well as the ability to wield Old Magick. Only Zoey Redbird is heir to such power... but because of the consequences of using Old Magick, she is unable to help. Find out who will win and who will lose in this epic battle of Light versus Darkness.

The House of Night series is an international phenomenon, reaching #1 on U.S., German, and UK bestseller lists, and remaining a fixture on The New York Times Children’s Series bestseller list for nearly 160 weeks and counting. With more than 12 million copies in print, rights sold in thirty-eight countries to date, and relatable, addictive characters, this series is unstoppable. Now, in the final installment of the series, Zoey and her friends face the ultimate battle with evil which will determine the fate of the world, both human and vampyre.

PRAISE

“Twilight meets Harry Potter.” —MTV.com on The House of Night series

“Both intense and thoroughly entertaining. . . . this outing will not disappoint House of Night fans.” —Kirkus Reviews on Destined

“This amazing writing pair once again weaves together a world where rising darkness threatens and brave teens risk everything.” —RT Book Reviews (4 ½ stars) on Destined

“The saga of the House of Night series continues to smolder in Burned . . . fast paced and packed with mystery, suspense, and romance, this book is a hard one to put down.” —Voya

P. C. CAST is a #1 New York Times and USA Today bestselling author whose novels have been awarded the prestigious Oklahoma Book Award, as well as the PRISM, Booksellers Best, Holt Medallion, and more. She lives in Oklahoma with lots of dogs, cats, horses, and a burro. KRISTIN CAST teams up with her mother to write the House of Night series. She has stories in several anthologies, as well as editorial credits and is currently working on her first stand-alone novel, a dark, mysterious fairy tale.
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PRAISE

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My True Love Gave To Me

Twelve Holiday Stories

Stephanie Perkins, Rainbow Rowell, David Levithan, Gayle Forman, Holly Black, Ally Carter, Jenny Han, Laini Taylor, Kiersten White, Matt de la Peña, Myra McEntire, Kelly Link

Twelve romantic holiday stories by twelve bestselling young adult authors edited by Stephanie Perkins.

If you love holiday stories, holiday movies, made-for-TV-holiday specials, holiday episodes of your favorite sitcoms and, especially, if you love holiday anthologies, you're going to fall in love with My True Love Gave to Me: Twelve Holiday Stories by twelve bestselling young adult writers, edited by the international bestselling Stephanie Perkins. Whether you celebrate Christmas or Hanukkah, Winter Solstice or Kwanzaa, there's something here for everyone. So curl up by the fireplace and get cozy. You have twelve reasons this season to stay indoors and fall in love.

STEPHANIE PERKINS has always worked with books—first as a bookseller, then as a librarian, and now as a novelist. She's the author of the international bestsellers Anna and the French Kiss and Lola and the Boy Next Door, as well as the upcoming Isla and the Happily Ever After. My True Love Gave to Me: Twelve Holiday Stories is her first anthology. Stephanie and her husband live in the mountains of North Carolina.
The New York Times Easy as Pie Crosswords

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Edited by Will Shortz

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WILL SHORTZ has been crossword editor of The New York Times since 1993. He founded the American Crossword Puzzle Tournament and the World Puzzle Championship. He is also Puzzlemaster for "Weekend Edition Sunday" on NPR. Shortz lives in Pleasantville, New York.
Crazy, Sexy, Revenge

Mason, J.D.

The exciting final novel in J.D. Mason’s riveting, sexy Gatewood family trilogy of betrayal, murder, and revenge!

Jordan Gatewood’s life is falling apart. Murder, sex, betrayal, suicide—the women in his world are paying him back for all the terrible things he’s done, and they’re bringing on the drama in spades. And now with Desi Green bringing Jordan to the attention of the detective investigating his lover’s murder, his tenuous grip on control threatens to unravel completely.

Desi refuses to let anyone back her into a corner. For years, people have tried to set her back and destroy her, but now, she’s ready to take it to anyone who wants to put her down, including Jordan Gatewood. And when a message comes for her in the form of a brutal attack, Desi will have to fight with everything she has before she gets her revenge…

PRAISE

"Taut, suspenseful and unforgettable. Run, do not walk, and get this book!" —Zane, New York Times bestselling author on Beautiful, Dirty, Rich

4 Stars! "Readers will be spellbound by Mason's story, from the beginning to the surprise ending." —RT Book Review

"Mason's characters create an addictive drama with universal themes of laying claim to family—and to the truth." —Publishers Weekly on Beautiful, Dirty, Rich

"Effortlessly leaves no stone unturned in the lives of these tormented characters. Mason will take your breathe away."

—Romantic Times Book Reviews on You Gotta Sin to Get Saved

J.D. MASON is the author of Drop Dead, Gorgeous, Beautiful, Dirty; Rich, Somebody Pick Up My Pieces; Take Your Pleasure Where You Find It; That Devil’s No Friend Of Mine; You Gotta Sin To Get Saved; This Fire Down In My Soul; Don't Want No Sugar; And On The Eighth Day She Rested; and One Day I Saw A Black King. She lives in Denver, Colorado with her two children.
Off the Leash

The Secret Life of Dogs

Rupert Fawcett

A brilliantly observed, touchingly truthful book of cartoon, featuring the secret thoughts and conversations of dogs of every size, shape and breed

Originally launched on Facebook, Ruper Fawcett's charming and heartfelt Off the Leash cartoons have developed a huge daily following around the world. This book brings together the very best of those cartoons, featuring the secret thoughts and conversations of dogs of every size, shape and breed. The cartoons appeal to all sorts of people, from passionate dog lovers who have eight sleeping on their bed at night, to people who don't have any pets at all, but can still identify with the characteristics. Let's face it, who doesn't like to be fed, have their tummy stroked and snooze on the sofa in the afternoon? A celebration of our favorite belly-scratching, tail-chasing, bed-stealing canine friends.

Ruper Fawcett became a professional cartoonist almost by accident when in 1989, while doodling, he drew a bald man in braces and carpet slippers and called him Fred. The Fred cartoons went on to be syndicated in the Mail on Sunday and published in several books. Off the Leash is his latest creation.

www.rupertfawcettcartoons.com
The Terminals
A Novel
Royce Scott Buckingham

The riveting story of a covert team of young, terminally ill teens who spend their last year alive running dangerous missions as super-spies for an organization that may not be all it seems.

When 19-year-old Cam Cody is diagnosed with a terminal illness, he expects to spend the rest of his shortened life in an adjustable bed. Then one night, a mysterious man offers Cam one chance to join a covert unit of young “terminals.” They are like him, only they spend the last year of their lives executing exciting and dangerous missions to make the world a better place.

With nothing to lose, Cam is in.

A helicopter flies Cam to a secret tropical location, where he’s tossed out with a parachute and an instruction manual. After a rough landing, he meets his nine teammates. The other terminals don’t seem sick; Zara is beautiful, Donnie is an amazing athlete, and Calliope sings like a bird. He soon learns that they’re enhanced with an experimental super steroid TS-8, which suppresses their illnesses’ symptoms and heightens their physical and mental abilities. It’s also fatal if taken for more than a year.

Cam joins this extreme spy team, and they begin pulling dangerous operations in multiple countries. As his teammates fall around him, he starts to receive cryptic messages from a haggard survivor of last year’s class hiding in the forest. She reveals that the program isn’t what it seems, leading Cam to question whether any of them are really sick at all.

PRAISE

Praise for Royce Buckingham:
“Buckingham keeps readers' pulses pounding.” —Kirkus Reviews on The Dead Boys

“A page turner, deftly combining humor and suspense with just a taste of horror.... Demonkeeper is a rollicking good tale.” —Children's BookPage on Demonkeeper

“Buckingham has written an enjoyable novel that is both scary and laugh-out-loud funny.... Fast-paced and full of action and suspense.” —School Library Journal on Demonkeeper

“Thrilling, terrifying—and funny.” —Tacoma News Tribune on Demonkeeper

ROYCE SCOTT BUCKINGHAM is an American fantasy author with a degree in English from Whitman College and a Juris Doctor in Law from the University of Oregon. Buckingham's first foray into the young adult genre was Die Karte Der Welt, which spent more than eight weeks on the German bestseller list in 2013. The Terminals is Buckingham’s first young adult thriller for the U.S.
A Nasty Piece of Work
A Novel

Robert Littell

“A Nasty Piece of Work is one of those page-turning detective tales that feels like an instant classic…. A Chandleresque noir novel, as delightful as it is suspenseful.” —Le Monde

A master of the spy genre crafts an exemplary detective novel, starring a former CIA agent turned private investigator.

Former CIA agent Lemuel Gunn left the battlefield of Afghanistan for early retirement in the desert of New Mexico, where he works as a private investigator from the creature comforts, such as they are, of a mobile home.

Into his life comes Ornella Neppi, a thirty-something woman making a hash out of her uncle’s bail bonds business. The source of her troubles, Emilio Gava, was arrested for buying cocaine. Ornella has reason to believe he is planning to jump bail. Unless she can find him, her uncle is going to be $125,000 out of pocket.

For $95–a-day plus expenses (not to mention the pleasure of her company), Gunn agrees to help Ornella track down the wayward suspect. Curiously, no photographs of Gava seem to exist, and once Gunn begins his manhunt, he starts to wonder whether Gava himself existed in the first place.

Robert Littell has been widely praised as one of the best espionage writers of our time. Now, he’s turned his formidable skills towards crime fiction in A Nasty Piece of Work.

PRAISE

Praise for Robert Littell:

“One of those writers, like Elmore Leonard, who have risen far above genre . . . One of the most talented, most original voices in American fiction today, period.” —The Washington Post

“If Robert Littell didn’t invent the spy novel, he should have.” —Tom Clancy

“Psychologically interesting thrillers that rival in their intensity and the delivery of their plots the best work of John le Carré.” —Chicago Tribune

“Arguably, along with le Carré and Alan Furst, one of the best three or four espionage writers alive.” —The Boston Globe

“The American master of literary espionage.” —The Independent (UK)

ROBERT LITTELL is the author of seventeen previous novels, most recently Young Philby, and the nonfiction book For the Future of Israel, written with Shimon Peres, president of Israel. He has been awarded both the English Gold Dagger and the Los Angeles Times Book Prize for his fiction. His novel The Company was a New York Times bestseller and was adapted into a television miniseries. He lives in France.
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Castaway
Sara Fawkes

For the first time, the four-part eSerial, Castaway, is being published with New York Times bestseller, Anything He Wants, as a 2-in-1

In Anything He Wants, enigmatic billionaire Jeremiah Hamilton seduced Lucy Delacourt, sweeping her out of her ordinary life and into the extravagant lifestyle of the rich and powerful. There she experienced the highest highs, dangerous lows, and unimaginable passion...but always there was her billionaire protector. Safe in his arms, she thought for sure her life had finally found the right track.

Until she couldn't hold back saying the three little words he never wanted to hear, and found out how fragile her new position truly was.

And when she's kidnapped from Jeremiah's home, her future becomes even more uncertain. Lucas Hamilton needs Lucy for his own purposes, but makes it no secret that he wants to get back at his brother any way he can for stealing the family empire. Dangerous outside forces seem intent on taking the proud and wealthy New York family down. But what will broken-hearted Lucy do when her new captor sets his sights on seduction?

PRAISE

Praise for Sara Fawkes

“A titillating story that was enjoyable and very hot…suspenseful and full of intrigue.” – The Romance Reader

“Steaming hot, scandalicious to the nth degree...” – Scandalous Book Reviews

“This book is Smoking HOT! Full of intrigue, secrets, hidden agendas, back stabbing, lust, domination, romance, danger, and of course action. There is so much to like!” – Crazy Four Books

“A crazy, erotic trip into the world of money and sexual submission on a billionaire scale. With a lot of sex, a bit of romance, plenty of toys, and lots of guns this story doesn't have a dull moment.” – The Season for Romance

SARA FAWKES is the USA Today bestselling author of the erotic e-serial novel Anything He Wants. She lives in California with her menagerie of pets and, when not writing, loves to rebuild old motorcycles and practice her fiddle.
New York in Four Seasons

Michael Storrings

A keepsake book that celebrates New York City in all its moods

Michael Storrings, the illustrator and creator of widely collected city-themed Christmas tree ornaments, brings to life only-in-New-York events that mark the four seasons, as well as the subtle changes in textures and colors, that each different season brings to favorite spots in the city. Storrings's delightful watercolors capture the energy and excitement of unique New York City events, including the Easter Parade, the Macy's Fourth of July Fireworks, the Greenwich Village Halloween Parade, and New Year's Eve in Times Square. He also turns his attention to beloved and well-visited spots such as Central Park, the High Line, Museum Mile, and the beach at Coney Island, presenting these and other landmarks as they change with the seasons. And, each gorgeous illustration is accompanied by a richly entertaining description of the place or the event. An elegant and delightful keepsake, New York in Four Seasons is sure to please fans of Michael Storrings and makes a perfect gift for anyone who's fallen in love with New York City.

MICHAEL STORRINGS is an award-winning artist, designer and author. He is the recipient of awards from the American Institute of Graphic Artists and the Art Directors Club, among others. He also designs a line of highly collectible city-themed Christmas tree ornaments sold around the world. Michael’s first book, A Very New York Christmas, was published in 2008, and The Three Gifts, written with Kathie Lee Gifford, was published in 2011, both by St. Martin’s Press. He lives in New York City.
Loop
Karen Akins

A thrilling new YA novel in which a time traveler accidentally brings a boy from the past into the 23rd century, only to discover he's keeping his own set of secrets

At a school where Quantum Paradox 101 is a required course and history field trips are literal, sixteen year-old time traveler Bree Bennis excels...at screwing up.

After Bree botches a solo midterm to the 21st century by accidentally taking a boy hostage (a teensy snafu), she stands to lose her scholarship. But when Bree sneaks back to talk the kid into keeping his yap shut, she doesn’t go back far enough. The boy, Finn, now three years older and hot as a solar flare, is convinced he’s in love with Bree, or rather, a future version of her that doesn’t think he’s a complete pain in the arse. To make matters worse, she inadvertently transports him back to the 23rd century with her.

Once home, Bree discovers that a recent rash of accidents at her school are anything but accidental. Someone is attacking time travelers. As Bree and her temporal tagalongs uncover seemingly unconnected clues—a broken bracelet, a missing data file, the art heist of the millennium—that lead to the person responsible, she alone has the knowledge to piece the puzzle together. Knowledge only one other person has. Her future self.

But when those closest to her become the next victims, Bree realizes the attacker is willing to do anything to stop her. In the past, present, or future.

PRAISE

"Emotional at times, hilarious at times, action-packed almost the entire ride, LOOP is a page-turning adventure with some brilliant and original twists to the time travel genre." —Julie Cross, TEMPEST series

"An intriguingly mindbending time travel tale in which both past and future must be mined for clues. A feisty, witty heroine and quirkily hot hero make for a duo you can’t help but root for, while snappy dialog and imaginative worldbuilding keep the pages turning."—National bestselling author Sophie Littlefield

"Hilarious and suspenseful with a delicious dash of romance, LOOP is a mind-bending good time!" —Melissa Landers, ALIENATED series

Karen Akins lives in the MidSouth where she writes humorous, light YA sci-fi. When not writing or reading, she loves taking care of her son and hanging out with her husband. And watching Downton Abbey. Karen has been many things in her life: an archery instructor, drummer for the shortest-lived garage band in history, and a shockingly bad tic-tac-toe player. LOOP is her first novel. No DeLoreans were harmed in the making of this book.
The One-Day Contract

How to Add Value to Every Minute of Your Life

Rick Pitino with Eric Crawford

A life-changing guide to achieving your goals, by the 2013 NCAA champion college basketball coach and #1 New York Times bestselling author.

Rick Pitino is famous as one of the most dynamic and successful basketball coaches of our time, leading the University of Louisville Cardinals to the NCAA basketball championship in 2013, and is renowned for writing the #1 New York Times bestselling success and leadership book, Success is a Choice.

In his new book, The One-Day Contract, Pitino details his key to success, on the court and in life: to forget about the long game and focus on each day. Coach Pitino was able to turn his team into NCAA champions by applying this idea to everything he and Louisville did—every practice, every recruiting visit, every game preparation, every scouting report, every instruction that he gave players and coaches, and everything he did himself. Every day became just as important as reaching the national championship, and so day by day, in honoring the one-day contract, he and Louisville moved past adversity toward their goal.

In this inspiring and practical guide, Coach Rick Pitino illustrates how to set your own one-day contract, and follow through to honor it for each day, each goal, and each interaction with another person. The One-Day Contract will reshape the way you approach your job, your goals, and your life.

PRAISE

About The One-Day Contract:

"To be in Pitino's presence is to wonder how to spend your time more productively." — USA Today

RICK PITINO is the head basketball coach at the University of Louisville. He won the NCAA Championship in 2013 with the Louisville Cardinals and the 1996 NCAA Championship with the Kentucky Wildcats—the only basketball coach to win national titles at two different universities. He entered the Basketball Hall of Fame on September 8, 2013. He has written five business and leadership books including the #1 New York Times bestseller Success Is a Choice.
SkyMaul 2

Happy Crap You Can Buy from a Plane

Kasper Hauser Comedy Group

The acclaimed parody of the inflight sales catalog returns with an all-new sequel.

The funniest catalog in America. Guaranteed.

Let award-winning comedy troupe Kasper Hauser transport you into the sublime universe that is SkyMaul, where Banana-ganizers and Reality-Canceling Headphones coexist with Crack Pipe Chess Sets and Llamacycles. More than just a catalog parody, SkyMaul 2 explodes with razor-sharp wit, boundless creativity, and a keen eye for the absurd. This smart, edgy satire will earn your laughter again and again.

The first edition of SkyMaul was published seven years ago to excellent reviews and attention, and this new "issue" of the magazine includes all-new products.

PRAISE

Praise for SkyMaul:

“The D.U.I. mask really works!” —David Foster Wallace

“Madly funny, full of wild invention.” —George Saunders

“Fiendishly funny.” —San Francisco Chronicle

“The perfect send-up.” —Salon.com

“A hilarious and wildly inventive spoof.” —Time Out NY

“A smart, warped spoof.” —Austin Chronicle

“Funny and classy.” —Joel Stein, Los Angeles Times

“You will laugh yourself sad.” —Patton Oswalt

KASPER HAUSER is a sketch comedy group whose previous books include such absurdist gems as Earn Your MBA on the Toilet, Obama's Blackberry and Weddings of the Times. The group's members have written for HBO digital and appeared on Comedy Central and This American Life. They perform and produce live shows and digital content, and received a Herald Angel award for their performance at the Edinburgh Fringe festival. They live in the San Francisco area.
The Good Boy

Theresa Schwegel

"A terrific piece of crime writing—propulsive action paired with the authentic sounds of a city on the make...An essential read."—Gillian Flynn

For Officer Pete Murphy, K9 duty is as much a punishment as a promotion. When a shaky arrest reignites a recent scandal and triggers a multimillion-dollar lawsuit, all eyes are on Pete as the department braces for another media firestorm.

Meanwhile, Pete's eleven-year-old son Joel feels invisible. His parents hardly notice him—unless they're arguing about his “behavioral problems”—and his older sister, McKenna, has lately disappeared into the strange and frightening world of teenagerdom. About the only friend Joel has left is Butchie, his father's furry “partner.”

When Joel and Butchie follow McKenna to a neighborhood bully’s party, illegal activity kicks the dog's police training into overdrive, and soon the duo are on the run, navigating the streets of Chicago as they try to stay one step ahead of the bad guys—bad guys who may have a very personal interest in getting some payback on Officer Pete Murphy.

Pete doesn't know why his boys have gone missing, but when he sets out on his own under-the-radar search and discovers some familiar faces, the investigation throws him into a tailspin.

Edgar Award winner Theresa Schwegel returns with her most dramatic and emotional novel to date, a family epic that combines the hard-boiled grit of her acclaimed police thrillers with an intimate portrait of a young boy trying to follow his heart in an often heartless city.

PRAISE

"Theresa Schwegel’s ear for dialogue is pitch-perfect—from the station house to the streets, from cops to robbers to teens, Schwegel serves up fully-realized characters who pop off the page."—Gillian Flynn

“[A] nail-biter...The reader will empathize with everyone from Pete, who has his heart in the right place but makes several wrong turns, to Butch, who never speaks yet says volumes.”—Publishers Weekly

"Nuanced and impassioned...The dog elevates a fairly conventional detective story into something much more lovable."—Janet Maslin, The New York Times

THERESA SCHWEGEL was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. A Loyola University graduate, she received an MFA in screenwriting at Chapman University. The author of four novels, her debut, Officer Down, won the Edgar Award for Best First Novel and was shortlisted for the Anthony Award.
The Tudor Vendetta (Hardcover Ed.)

C. W. Gortner

Upon the death of Mary I (Bloody Mary), Elizabeth I takes the throne and Brendan Prescott is called to aid the young queen amid a realm plunged into chaos and a court rife with conspiracy.

London, 1558. Queen Mary is dead, and 25-year old Elizabeth ascends the throne. Summoned to court from exile abroad, Elizabeth’s intimate spy, Brendan Prescott, is reunited with the young queen, as well as his beloved Kate, scheming William Cecil, and arch-rival, Robert Dudley. A poison attempt on Elizabeth soon overshadows her coronation, but before Brendan can investigate, Elizabeth summons him in private to dispatch him on a far more confidential mission: to find her favored lady in waiting, Lady Parry, who has disappeared during a visit to her family manor in Yorkshire.

Upon his arrival at the desolate sea-side manor where Lady Parry was last seen, he encounters a strange, impoverished family beset by grief, as well as mounting evidence that they hide a secret from him. The mystery surrounding Lady Parry deepens as Brendan begins to realize there is far more going on at the manor than meets the eye, but the closer he gets to the heart of the mystery in Vaughn Hall, the more he learns that in his zeal to uncover the truth, he could be precipitating Elizabeth’s destruction.

From the intrigue-laden passages of Whitehall to a foreboding Catholic manor and the deadly underworld of London, Brendan must race against time to unravel a vendetta that will strike at the very core of his world—a vendetta that could expose a buried past and betray everything he has fought for, including his loyalty to his queen.

PRAISE

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“Suspense, intrigue, betrayal, and deadly rivalry . . . a swashbuckling, perilous adventure that you simply can’t put down!” —M.J. Rose, author of The Book of Lost Fragrances

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The Tudor Vendetta

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Upon the death of Mary I (Bloody Mary), Elizabeth I takes the throne and Brendan Prescott is called to aid the young queen amid a realm plunged into chaos and a court rife with conspiracy.

London, 1558. Queen Mary is dead, and 25-year old Elizabeth ascends the throne. Summoned to court from exile abroad, Elizabeth’s intimate spy, Brendan Prescott, is reunited with the young queen, as well as his beloved Kate, scheming William Cecil, and arch-rival, Robert Dudley. A poison attempt on Elizabeth soon overshadows her coronation, but before Brendan can investigate, Elizabeth summons him in private to dispatch him on a far more confidential mission: to find her favored lady in waiting, Lady Parry, who has disappeared during a visit to her family manor in Yorkshire.

Upon his arrival at the desolate sea-side manor where Lady Parry was last seen, he encounters a strange, impoverished family beset by grief, as well as mounting evidence that they hide a secret from him. The mystery surrounding Lady Parry deepens as Brendan begins to realize there is far more going on at the manor than meets the eye, but the closer he gets to the heart of the mystery in Vaughn Hall, the more he learns that in his zeal to uncover the truth, he could be precipitating Elizabeth’s destruction.

From the intrigue-laden passages of Whitehall to a foreboding Catholic manor and the deadly underworld of London, Brendan must race against time to unravel a vendetta that will strike at the very core of his world—a vendetta that could expose a buried past and betray everything he has fought for, including his loyalty to his queen.

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The Hidden White House

Harry Truman and the Reconstruction of America’s Most Famous Residence

Robert Klara


Critically acclaimed author Robert Klara leads readers through an unmatched tale of political ambition and technical skill: the Truman administration’s controversial rebuilding of the White House.

In 1948, President Harry Truman, enjoying a bath on the White House’s second floor, almost plunged through the ceiling of the Blue Room into a tea party for the Daughters of the American Revolution. A handpicked team of the country’s top architects conducted a secret inspection of the troubled mansion and, discovering it was in imminent danger of collapse, insisted that the First Family be evicted immediately. What followed would be the most historically significant and politically complex home-improvement job in American history.

Indefatigable researcher Robert Klara reveals what has, until now, been little understood about this episode: America’s most famous historic home was basically demolished, giving birth to today’s White House. Leaving only the mansion’s facade untouched, workmen gutted everything within, replacing it with a steel frame and a complex labyrinth deep below ground that soon came to include a top-secret nuclear fallout shelter. The story of Truman’s rebuilding of the White House is a snapshot of postwar America and its first Cold War leader, undertaking a job that changed the centerpiece of the country’s national heritage. The job was by no means perfect, but it was remarkable—and, until now, all but forgotten.

PRAISE

"Robert Klara displays a talent for uncovering overlooked gems of American history. Here, Klara tells – in highly entertaining detail – the story of how the White House almost fell down on the heads of then-US President Harry Truman and his family.” — Christian Science Monitor, selected as a Top 10 Book of November 2013

"Robert Klara brings the White House—its occupants, its rooms, even its swinging chandeliers—vividly to life in this gripping work of history. The book is rich with historical and architectural detail."—Jeff Shesol, former speechwriter to President Bill Clinton and author of Supreme Power

ROBERT KLARA is the author of FDR’s Funeral Train, which author Douglas Brinkley called “a major new contribution to U.S. history.” Klara has been a staff editor for several magazines including Adweek, Town & Country and Architecture. His freelance work has appeared in the New York Times, the NY Daily News, American Heritage, and The Christian Science Monitor. Klara makes his home in New York City.
Eternal

Shadow Falls: After Dark

C. C. Hunter

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ALSO AVAILABLE

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Last Light

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Tensions rise, secrets grow bigger, and passions run deeper—and hotter—in this second novel of the Night Owl Trilogy from bestselling author M. Pierce

Matt Sky is missing. After a solo ascent of Longs Peak that left only a large blood stain, tatters of climbing clothing, and the tracks of an animal in the snow, he is presumed dead.

Hannah Catalano is guarding a secret: She knows Matt is alive. After Matt's memorial service, she lingers on the East Coast with his family, but it soon becomes clear that his brothers' motives are less than gracious. Nate Sky is bent on tracking down the author of Night Owl, a book that charts the last days of Matt's life with uncanny and scandalous accuracy, and which appeared only after his death. Seth Sky is bent on getting Hannah into his bed.

As Matt struggles to find himself, and Hannah tries to escape Nate's libel suit and fend off Seth's advances, they must strive together desperately to maintain their ruse and their relationship...until Hannah is put in danger and Matt must make a life or death choice.

PRAISE

Praise for Night Owl:

"Tautly written, complex, and vibrating with a dark sensuality that will have you at once blushing and anxious. You'll think you have this book pegged... but you'll be wrong."—Christina Lauren, New York Times, USA Today, and international bestselling authors of The Beautiful Bastard series

"Night Owl took me to dark places I didn't even know I wanted to go."—Abbi Glines, New York Times bestselling author of the Rosemary Beach series

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M. Pierce is the pen name of a bestselling author living in Colorado.
The Shock of the Fall

A Novel

Nathan Filer

"A stunning novel. Ambitious and exquisitely realized... clearly the work of a major new talent."
--S. J. Watson, New York Times bestselling author of Before I Go to Sleep

While on vacation with their parents, Matthew and his older brother snuck out in the middle of the night to cause mischief. Only Matthew came home safely. Now, Matthew tells us, he has found a way to bring his brother back—by going off his meds. Funneled through Matthew’s slightly unreliable voice, the questions spark: What really unfolded that night so long ago? What happened to Matthew’s brother? And what role did Matthew play?

What begins as the story of a lost boy turns into a story of a brave man, yearning to understand what happened that night, in the years since, and to his very person. Where the Moon Isn’t is tragic and tender and wonderful and heartbreaking and complicated, unafraid to look at dark and awful parts of life and the shadows of our hearts.

With a voice reminiscent of Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime, the rawness of Little Bee, the insight of One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest, and a heartbeat all its own, The Shock of the Fall is an enthralling debut you won’t soon forget.

PRAISE


"I can't stop talking about this book. Looking for a fantastic read, a few laughs and a good cry? You've found it. The Shock of the Fall is a fresh smart book with a big daft heart." —Lydia Netzer, author of Shine Shine Shine

NATHAN FILER is a writer and a mental health nurse. He has worked on an inpatient psychiatric ward, and since 2007 has been a researcher at the academic unit of psychiatry at the University of Bristol. Nathan graduated from the prestigious Bath Spa Creative Writing with an MA in 2011. This is his first novel. He lives in Bristol with his family.
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- Do you really, really like cats?
- Do you like cats who look like they are seriously pissed off?
- Do you like cats who are seriously pissed off AND dressed in hilarious costumes?
- Are you impressed by this photographer’s ability to get her cat to pose as such things as an abominable snowman, Medusa, a jazzercise instructor, and a dinosaur?
- Can you think of anything better than THE BEST CAT BOOK EVER?

If you answered “no” to any of these questions, you clearly have no soul, and should probably leave. If you answered “yes” to these questions—you’re in luck, because this book has all of those things, and more!

PRAISE

It's pictures of a cat dressed in costumes... no quotes necessary. Just look at the photos and giggle.

KATE FUNK lives and works in Milwaukee, WI with her kitty sidekick, AC. She earned her BFA in photography at the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design. She now spends most of her time making cat costumes, dreaming up scenes, and spray painting sets, all while ingesting copious amounts of sugar and watching far too much television. When not posing for pictures, AC spends his days napping, giving the stink eye to anyone who disrupts his naps, and getting tummy rubs from Kate.
Fire Base Illingworth
An Epic True Story of Remarkable Courage Against Staggering Odds
Philip Keith

The true story of a North Vietnamese Army attack and how the men of an overrun fire base survived

In the early morning hours of April 1, 1970, more than four hundred North Vietnamese soldiers charged out into the open and tried to over-run FSB Illingworth. The battle went on, mostly in the dark, for hours. Exposed ammunition canisters were hit and blew up, causing a thunderous explosion inside the FSB that left dust so thick it jammed the hand-held weapons of the GIs. Much of the combat was hand-to-hand. In all, twenty-four Americans lost their lives and another fifty-four were wounded. Nearly one hundred enemy bodies were recovered. It was one of the most vicious small unit firefights in the history of U.S. forces in Vietnam.

As in his acclaimed book Blackhorse Riders, a finalist for the prestigious Colby Award, Phil Keith uncovers a harrowing true story of bravery and sacrifice by the men who fought valiantly to hold FSB Illingworth—a tale never-before-told and one that will not be soon forgotten.

PRAISE

"A harrowing tale that centers on an exhausted, ragtag group of U.S. Army troops as they fought for their lives against a 400-man North Vietnamese Army regiment in a vicious engagement in 1970. The heart of the book is a virtually minute-by-minute description of the fighting." —Publishers Weekly

"Impressive verisimilitude and... moment-by-moment accuracy. A respectful account of a battle that was 'a perfect microcosm of what the Vietnam War was becoming in the early days of Vietnamization.'" —Kirkus

"Phil Keith has done an outstanding job... A must-read." —Lt. Col. Anthony Shaffer, USA (Ret.), NYT bestselling author of Operation Dark Heart

PHILIP KEITH became a naval aviator after graduating from Harvard. During three tours in Vietnam, he was awarded, among other decorations, the Presidential Unit Citation, the Air Medal for Gallantry, the Purple Heart, and the Navy Commendation Medal. Keith is also the author of Blackhorse Riders, which was awarded the USA Book Award for Military History. He lives in Southampton, Long Island.
The Baby Chase
How Surrogacy Is Transforming the American Family
Leslie Morgan Steiner

From the New York Times bestselling author of Crazy Love comes a startling new narrative about surrogacy from both sides of the equation: the parents and the gestational carrier

Now in Trade Paperback!

Rhonda Wile and her husband Gerry struggled for years with infertility. With perseverance shocking to all around them, there wasn’t a procedure they wouldn’t and didn’t try—unsuccessfully—until they decided to look for a surrogate. Once considered a desperate, even morally suspect option, surrogacy had started to claim headlines and transform the lives of celebrities like Nicole Kidman and Elton John. For Rhonda, surrogacy seemed like an impossible and unaffordable dream, until she came across the beaming smile of a beautiful Indian woman on the internet. Within a few short months, she had embarked on a journey that would take her into the shadowy, emerging world of Indian carriers and the global surrogacy community.

In The Baby Chase, acclaimed writer Leslie Morgan Steiner weaves the stories together—of a nurse, a firefighter, and the Indian gestational carrier who made their baby dreams come true. Moving, page-turning, and meticulously researched, this deeply complex human journey is paired with an examination of the issues—including its economic, legal, ethical, psychological, and societal ramifications—in clear, informative ways.”—Kirkus Reviews

LESLEI MORGAN STEINER is the New York Times bestselling author of Crazy Love and the editor of the highly acclaimed anthology Mommy Wars. She writes the column “Two Cents on Working Motherhood” for the website Mommy Track’d. From 2006 to 2008, she wrote the popular “On Balance” blog for washingtonpost.com. Steiner received a BA from Harvard College and an MBA from the Wharton School of Business. She now lives in Washington, D.C., with her husband and three children.
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Through the Evil Days
A Clare Fergusson and Russ Van Alstyne Mystery

Julia Spencer-Fleming

New York Times bestselling author Julia Spencer-Fleming raises the stakes for Russ and Clare, putting a new marriage, an unborn child, a missing teen, and their very own lives on the line.

On a frigid night, Chief of Police Russ Van Alstyne and Reverend Clare Fergusson are called to the scene of a raging fire. The extent of the tragedy isn’t known until the next day, when the remains of two bodies are recovered—along with evidence they were shot execution style.

The last thing Russ needs are two potential homicides. He's struggling with the prospect of fatherhood, and his new wife is not happy with his proposal for their long-delayed honeymoon: ice-fishing at a remote Adirondack lake.

St. Alban's Church is still in turmoil over Clare's news that she's five and a half months pregnant—but only two and a half months married. She's worried her drinking and drug use have damaged the baby as she awaits the outcome of the bishop's investigation into her unpriestly behavior.

Officer Hadley Knox is having a miserable January too. Her on-again-off-again lover has a week to weigh a job offer that will take him half a state away, and her ex-husband's in town, threatening to take custody of their kids unless she pays him money she doesn't have.

When Hadley discovers that the dead couple fostered a girl who was a recent liver donee, the search for the killer takes on a new and terrible urgency. As a deadly ice storm hits, Russ and Clare search desperately for the truth. But the hunters will become the hunted when they are trapped in a cabin and stalked through the snowbound woods by a killer.

PRAISE

"Among the best in the series....Readers seeking tales of city crime reaching small towns will love the well-crafted setting and story but shouldn't expect a cozy; there's plenty of grit here.” —Booklist (starred review)

“Both a powerful psychological thriller and a pulse-pounding action adventure that shows us once again why Julia Spencer-Fleming is one of our finest writers of suspense.” —Joseph Finder

JULIA SPENCER-FLEMING is The New York Times bestselling author of One Was A Soldier, and an Agatha, Anthony, Dilys, Barry, Macavity, and Gumshoe Award winner. She studied acting and history at Ithaca College and received her J.D. at the University of Maine School of Law. Her books have been shortlisted for the Edgar, Nero Wolfe, and Romantic Times RC awards. Julia lives in a 190-year-old farmhouse in southern Maine with her husband and three children.
The Bite in the Apple

A Memoir of My Life with Steve Jobs

Chrisann Brennan

An intimate look at the life of Steve Jobs by the mother of his first child, providing rare insight into Jobs's formative, lesser-known years

Steve Jobs was a remarkable man who wanted to unify the world through technology. For him, the point was to set people free with tools to explore their own unique creativity. Chrisann Brennan knows this better than anyone. She met him in high school, at a time when Jobs was passionately aware that there was something much bigger to be had out of life, and that new kinds of revelations were within reach.

The Bite in the Apple is the very human tale of Jobs’s ascent and the toll it took, told from the author’s unique perspective as his first girlfriend, co-parent, friend, and—like many others—object of his cruelty. Brennan writes with depth and breadth, and she doesn’t buy into all the hype. She talks with passion about an idealistic young man who was driven to change the world, about a young father who denied his own child, and about a man who mistook power for love. Chrisann Brennan’s intimate memoir provides the reader with a human dimension to Jobs’ myth. Finally, a book that reveals a more real Steve Jobs.

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Jacob's Oath

A Novel

Martin Fletcher

A heart-wrenching and heartwarming thriller about the consequences of revenge that will be a huge word-of-mouth and book club favorite

This heart-wrenching and heartwarming thriller about the consequences of revenge will be a huge word-of-mouth and book club favorite, and is now in trade paperback.

As World War II winds to a close, Europe's roads are clogged with twenty million exhausted refugees walking home. Among them are Jacob and Sarah, lonely Holocaust survivors who meet in Heidelberg. But Jacob is consumed with hatred and cannot rest until he has killed his brother’s murderer, a concentration camp guard nicknamed "The Rat," also from Heidelberg.

Jacob and Sarah fall in love, for a time, the only Jews in the whole city. As Jacob waits for the concentration camp guard to come home from the war, he is beset by doubt. If he fulfills his oath and kills the guard, he will undoubtedly be caught, and Jacob and Sarah’s new life will die as well. At the same time a secret hit team from the British army’s Jewish Brigade is assassinating former SS officers hiding out in Germany. Jacob’s Oath is both a love story and a riveting thriller with a very tricky ending indeed.

PRAISE

"An amazing book which we would highly recommend. Many of you may recognize his name from his world class reporting at NBC, now he has written a world class novel."—Daniel Silva

“A moving love story...A small gem of a novel.”—Booklist

“The taut prose and multidimensional protagonists help make this a page-turner.”—Publishers Weekly

“A stunning achievement. This novel took my breath away.”—Alyson Richman, nationally best-selling author of The Lost Wife

“A story of searing intensity. This one gets the blood boiling as well as warms the heart.”—Paul Grossman, author of The Sleepwalkers

MARTIN FLETCHER is one of the most highly respected television news correspondents in the world. He is also rapidly gaining an equally impressive reputation as a writer. He has won many awards including the National Jewish Book Award, a Columbia University DuPont Award, several Overseas Press Club Awards, and five Emmys. He spent many years as the NBC News Bureau Chief in Tel Aviv and he is currently based in Israel and New York, where he is a Special...
American Warrior

The True Story of a Legendary Ranger

Gary O’Neal with David Fisher

“A riveting tale of blood and grime and death that is not only vivid but absolutely accurate...Highly recommended.” —Homer Hickam, author Rocket Boys (the basis of the film, October Sky)

Chief Warrant Officer Gary O’Neal is no ordinary soldier. For nearly forty years, he has fought America’s enemies, becoming one of the greatest Warriors this nation has ever known. Part Native American, O’Neal was trained in both military combat and the ways of his native people, combining his commitment to freedom with his respect for the enemy, his technical fighting skills with his fierce warrior spirit.

From his first tour in Vietnam at seventeen to fighting in both Gulf wars, O’Neal was nothing less than a super soldier. A minefield of aggression bordering on a justice-seeking vigilante, O’Neal kept fighting even when wounded, refusing to surrender in the face of nine serious injuries and being left more than once. O’Neal earned countless military honors as a member of the elite Army Rangers corps, a founding member of the legendary first Department of Defense antiterrorist team, a member of the Golden Knights Parachuting Team, and more, devoting his life to training the next generation of soldiers. His unbelievable true stories are both shocking and moving, a reminder of what it means to be a true American hero.

In O’Neal’s own words, he "wasn’t born a warrior”—life made him one. American Warrior will serve as inspiration for American men and women in uniform today, as well as appeal to the countless veterans who served their country alongside O’Neal.

PRAISE

“This story should be required reading for every patriot.” —Gary Dolan, Esq., USMA 1969, Inductee Ranger Hall of Fame – 2011, author of Of Their Own Accord

"Good, bad, and ugly, his hero's tale is unmatched." —Weston Ochse, award-winning author of SEAL Team 666

“O’Neal’s tales of his life and war experiences are graphic and stunning.” —Eugene R Sullivan, Federal Judge, Vietnam Vet, Ranger Hall of Fame member, and author of Washington D.C. legal thrillers

“A remarkable story of a man imbued with the Warrior spirit who carried it to heights few ever reach...He epitomizes the term, Rangers Lead the Way.” —Robert Gilbert, Command Sargent Major

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER GARY LEE O’NEAL (Ret.) trained from childhood in the warrior traditions of the Oglala Sioux and devoted nearly forty years with the U.S. Army Rangers and Special Forces. He lives in Raeford, North Carolina.
50 Deliciously Decorative Cookies

Easy-to-Make Cookie Creations

Fiona Pearce

Learn how to decorate cookies like a pro

These cookies are almost too beautiful to eat! For bakers of all skill levels, this delightful book features 50 projects to try with a wide range of different decorating techniques: elegant cookies piped with royal icing, or fun and funky fondant cookies, or cookies made with amazing colored dough, or built up into awesome 3-D cookie sculptures! The projects are grouped according to the type of icing used, and a neat icon shows roughly how long it takes to make each one. And at the back of the book is a selection of cookie recipes, decorating tips, and a set of templates. With step-by-step instructions and photography, each project features simple, elegant designs that are guaranteed to amaze and delight.

FIONA PEARCE started cake decorating as a hobby in 2009 when she moved to London from Sydney. While completing training in cake decorating, her cake designs became predominantly inspired by the vintage era and she found her passion lies in creating small baked treats such as cookies, cupcakes, and small celebration cakes, and teaching others how to make them. Fiona regularly runs decorating classes in south west London.
The Severed Tower

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J. Barton Mitchell

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Mira ventures west to bargain with Van Cleef, the enigmatic leader of North America’s most infamous resistance group. But Van Cleef has his own plans to end the conflict, a destructive solution that could work—but at a horrible cost. Meanwhile, Holt travels with Ravan and Avril back to Faust, the dangerous desert city to which he swore he would never return. He goes not only to resolve his issues with Tiberius, tyrannical leader of the Menagerie pirate guild, but to enlist his help in the fight to save Zoey. Except word of rebellion is beginning to spread within the Menagerie’s splintering factions, and Tiberius needs Holt’s help—if Holt is willing to give it.

In a cross between Lord of the Flies and War of the Worlds, this thrilling, genre-bending series comes to an unforgettable conclusion as Holt and Mira travel separate, but equally dangerous, paths.

PRAISE

Praise for The Severed Tower:

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Praise for Midnight City:

"Mitchell’s prose debut, the first in a dystopian sci-fantasy series, is an imaginative mix of danger and humor...The action will keep readers turning the pages." —Kirkus Reviews

“A bold narrative style, strong characters, and fast-paced action.” —Booklist

J. Barton Mitchell is a creator and writer of speculative fiction living in Los Angeles and New Mexico. This is his third novel.
Maeve Conlon's life is coming apart at the seams. Her bakery is barely making ends meet, and one of her daughters spends as much time grounded as the other does studying. Her ex-husband has a new wife, a new baby, and a look of pity for Maeve that's absolutely infuriating. Her father insists he's still independent, but he's slowly and obviously succumbing to Alzheimer's. And now, her cousin Sean Donovan has been found dead, sitting in his car in a public park, shot through the head.

There was never much love lost between Maeve and Sean and she's not exactly devastated by his death, but suddenly the police are poking around asking the family questions. It's just one more hassle Maeve doesn't have time for, until she realizes that her father, whose memory and judgment are unreliable at best, is a suspect in the murder. Maeve is determined to clear his name, but is she prepared to cope with the dark memories and long-hidden secrets that doing so might dredge up?

Maggie Barbieri will mesmerize readers with this gripping story about family, justice, and the choices we make that define who we are.

PRAISE

"Grace and humor mark this tale of a woman trying to protect her family without losing herself."—Kirkus (starred)

"[Barbieri] takes readers on a dark ride through the life of an abuse survivor…The story hooks readers until the shocking end. This reviewer is looking forward to more from this talented author."—RT Book Reviews (4½ stars, Top Pick)

“An excellent, edgy thriller. Maggie Barbieri breaks new ground with this provocative new novel showcasing one burnt out mother's desperate determination to protect her family's future by facing down her past. Secrets, betrayals, stunning revelations. This book has it all.” —Lisa Gardner

MAGGIE BARBIERI is a freelance editor as well as a mystery novelist. Her father was a member of the NYPD, and his stories provide much of the background for her novels. She lives in Croton-on-Hudson, New York.
DCI David Brock and DI Kathy Kolla, of Scotland Yard, find themselves pulled into a case of murder, a mysterious death among the houseboats that line the canals around greater London.

DI Kathy Kolla of Scotland Yard is called in as a matter of course by the local Paddington police when a woman turns up dead in what appears to be an accident. On her houseboat, Vicky Hawks is found by one of her neighbors having apparently succumbed to carbon monoxide poisoning due to improper ventilation of the narrowboat’s heating system. But while the cause of death seems apparent and there’s no reason for Kolla to think otherwise, something about this death still bothers her.

Meanwhile, her boss, DCI Brock, is wrestling with harsh budget cuts and a new Commander who is determined to make fundamental changes to the system—including limiting resources devoted to investigations. Struggling against the limitations imposed by the new order at Scotland Yard, Brock and Kolla find themselves pulling at the loose strings in the death of Vicky Hawks, trying to find out who she really was, what she was up to, and how her death might be related to another earlier tragic accidental death.

PRAISE

"Maitland’s ability to...spring surprises that seem as inevitable as they are unexpected make for another deeply satisfying case."—Kirkus Reviews on Chelsea Mansions

"Brock and Kolla’s meticulous, psychologically astute sleuthing fascinates."—Entertainment Weekly on No Trace

"Maitland fills his latest novel with more than one explosion that will leave the reader marveling at his ability to spin a chilling yarn. Frightening and timely, The Raven's Eye displays him at his spellbinding best."—Richmond Times-Dispatch

BARRY MAITLAND is the award-winning author of several previous novels featuring DCI David Brock and DI Kathy Kolla, most recently Chelsea Mansions. Born in Scotland and raised in London, Maitland lives in Australia.
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PRAISE

“A puzzling global phenomenon” — The Economist

WILL SHORTZ has been crossword editor of The New York Times since 1993. He is also the puzzlemaster on NPR’s Weekend Edition Sunday and the founder and director of the annual American Crossword Puzzle Tournament.
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PRAISE

"[The New York Times crossword] is the iconic manifestation of civilization." —Ken Burns

"The prince of crossword puzzlers." —*Greenwich Magazine*

WILL SHORTZ, puzzle editor of *The New York Times* since 1993, is the only academically accredited "enigmatologist" on the world. He founded and directs the American Crossword Puzzle Tournament, held annually in Brooklyn, New York, as well as the World Puzzle Championship. He is the Puzzlemaster for NPR's *Weekend Edition Sunday*. Shortz lives in Pleasantville, New York.
Total War Rome: Destroy Carthage

David Gibbins

An exciting hybrid that brings together the worlds of Sega's successful Total War gaming franchise and action-oriented historical fiction

The Total War PC game franchise has sold more than 12 million copies worldwide to date, with seven million downloads of additional game content. Now, New York Times bestselling author David Gibbins collaborates with game developers The Creative Assembly to create original novels set in the Total War world.

The first book follows the rise of Fabius Petronius Secundus – Roman legionario and centurion – and of his general Scipio Aemilianus, and his rise to power: from his first battle against the Macedonians, to total war in North Africa and the Siege of Carthage. Scipio’s success brings him admiration and respect, but also attracts greed and jealousy – for the closest allies can become the bitterest of enemies. And then there is the dark horse, Julia, of the Caesar family – in love with Scipio but betrothed to his rival Paullus – who causes a vicious feud. Ultimately for Scipio it will come down to one question: how much is he prepared to sacrifice for his vision of Rome?

Not only the tale of one man’s fate, the novel is also a journey to the core of Roman times, through a world of extraordinary military tactics and political intrigue that Rome's warriors and citizens used to cheat death. It is a perfect read for fans of Steven Saylor, as well as the huge built-in community of players who are hungry for more story-telling within and around the vast and intricate world of the games.

PRAISE

“Gibbins delivers the last battle in superb scenes of the horrid surprises of war… ‘Carthage must be destroyed’ is the endgame of this novel, but the road to that Roman victory is the true reading enjoyment.”—Kirkus

“Perhaps the most impressive element of Destroy Carthage is that it finds such a large thread of history that’s so accurately able to parallel the action of the game…. the book is, by large, a political thriller…. If you enjoy immersing yourself in a historical time period and learning a bit about long-extinct cultures… this a solid read that’s definitely worth your time.”—Electronic Gaming Monthly

DAVID GIBBINS is the New York Times bestselling author of seven previous historical adventure novels that have sold almost three million copies and are published in thirty languages. After taking a PhD at Cambridge University, he spent almost a decade teaching archaeology, ancient history and art history as an academic in England, before giving up teaching to write fiction full-time. David divides his time between England and Canada, where he does most of his writing.
Night Work

Steve Hamilton

“Hamilton writes tough, passionate novels...This is crime writing at its very best.” —George Pelecanos

Award-winning author of the acclaimed Alex McKnight series Steve Hamilton delivers an atmospheric standalone thriller.

Joe Trumbull is not a man who scares easily. As a juvenile probation officer in Kingston, New York, he’s half cop, half social worker to the most high-risk youth in the city. And when he’s not pounding the streets, trying to keep his kids out of jail, he’s pounding a heavy bag in the gym. But tonight Joe Trumbull is scared to death.

It’s been two years since his fiancée, Laurel, was brutally murdered. Two years of grief and loneliness. On this hot summer night, he’s finally going on a blind date, his first date since Laurel’s death. He’s not looking for love, just testing the waters to see if it’s possible to live a normal life again. The thought of it is turning his knees to jelly.

Marlene Frost is a beautiful woman. She’s warm and funny, with a smile to match. After the first awkward minutes, Joe finally starts to think this isn’t such a bad idea after all. In fact, maybe this blind date will turn out to be one of the best things that ever happened to him.

He couldn’t be more wrong. Because somehow, for reasons Joe doesn’t yet understand, this one evening will mark the beginning of a new nightmare. A nightmare that will lead him to the most terrible realization of all…

For Joe Trumbull, the past is never past. And the worst is yet to come.

PRAISE

Praise for Steve Hamilton:

“A proven master of suspense.” —Lee Child

“Already one of our best writers.” —Laura Lippman

“Hamilton’s compelling, vigorous prose doesn’t allow the option of taking a break.” —Los Angeles Times

“Steve Hamilton writes the kind of stories that manly men and tough-minded women can’t resist.” —The New York Times

STEVE HAMILTON’s debut, A Cold Day in Paradise, won the PWA/SMP Best First Private Eye Novel Contest before winning both an Edgar and Shamus Award for Best First Novel. His standalone novel The Lock Artist was named a New York Times Notable Crime Book, received an Alex Award, and went on to win the Edgar Award for Best Novel. He attended the University of Michigan, where he won the prestigious Hopwood Award for writing, and now lives in Cottekill, New York, with his wife and their two children.
From Kylie Scott comes the third addictive New Adult novel in the USA Today bestselling Stage Dive series.

One by one, the members of Stage Dive are falling in love. All except for the band's hottie lead singer. But all that's about to change when a new woman comes into his life, turning his world upside down. Readers won't want to miss the third book in this steamy New Adult series about ordinary young women who fall in love with rock stars.

PRAISE

Praise for the Stage Dive series

“The stuff my rock star dreams are made of. A thrill-ride. I felt every stomach-dip in the process. And I want to turn right around and ride it again. Every girl that’s ever had a rock-star crush, this would be the ultimate fantasy.”—Maryse’s Book Blog

“This book rocked my world!! Lick is an addictive blend of heart-warming passion and light-hearted fun. It’s a story you can lose yourself in. The perfect rock star romance!”—Aestas Book Blog

"An engrossing, sexy, and emotional read."—Dear Author

“Scrumptious and delicious. Firmly in my top ten best books this year!”—The Book Pushers

USA Today Best Selling Author - KYLIE SCOTT is a long time fan of erotic love stories, rock n roll, and B-grade horror films. Based in Queensland, Australia she reads, writes and never dithers around on the internet.
Fire and Light
How the Enlightenment Transformed Our World

James MacGregor Burns

"Profound and magnificent... [Burns] brings to vivid life the incandescent personalities and ideas that embody the best in Western civilization."—Michael Beschloss

In this engaging, provocative history, James MacGregor Burns brilliantly illuminates the two-hundred-year conflagration of the Enlightenment, when audacious questions and astonishing ideas tore across Europe and the New World, transforming thought, overturning governments, and inspiring visionary political experiments. *Fire and Light* brings to vivid life the galaxy of revolutionary leaders of thought and action who, armed with a new sense of human possibility, driven by a hunger for change, created the modern world. Burns discovers the origins of a distinctive American Enlightenment in men like Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and James Madison, and their early encounters with incendiary European ideas about liberty and equality. It was these thinker-activists who framed the United States as a grand and continuing experiment in Enlightenment principles.

Today the same questions Enlightenment thinkers grappled with have taken on new urgency around the world: in the turmoil of the Arab Spring, in the former Soviet Union, and China, as well as in the United States itself. What should citizens expect from their government? Who should lead and how can leadership be made both effective and accountable? What is happiness, and what can the state contribute to it? Burns's exploration of the ideas and arguments that formed the bedrock of our modern world shines a new light on these ever-important questions.

PRAISE

“James MacGregor Burns is a national treasure, and *Fire and Light* is the elegiac capstone to a career devoted to understanding the seminal ideas that made America - for better and for worse - what it is.”—Joseph J. Ellis, Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award winning author of *Revolutionary Summer*

"James MacGregor Burns, one of America's most distinguished historians, has written a superb book. *Fire and Light* is a fluent and wide-ranging history of Enlightenment thinkers.”—James T. Patterson, Bancroft Prize-winning author of *The Eve of Destruction*

JAMES MacGREGOR BURNS is the Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award-winning author of *Roosevelt: The Lion and the Fox* and *Roosevelt: The Soldier of Freedom*. He is the author of more than two dozen other books, including *The Deadlock of Democracy* and *Leadership*, which remains the seminal work in the field of leadership studies. He is the Woodrow Wilson Professor of Government Emeritus at Williams College and lives in Williamstown, Massachusetts.
Melissa Explains It All

Tales from My Abnormally Normal Life

Melissa Joan Hart

Melissa Joan Hart, the star of Clarissa Explains It All and Sabrina, the Teenage Witch, explains it all--onscreen and behind the scenes

Melissa Joan Hart explained it all—from dating to bullies—in her groundbreaking role as Clarissa Darling on Clarissa Explains It All. She cast a spell on millions more viewers as Sabrina, the Teenage Witch. Now, in Melissa Explains It All, Melissa tells the frank and funny truth about her extraordinary past and her refreshingly normal present.

From the moment four-year-old Melissa decided she wanted to be on television, she has shown a singular determination and focus—whether it’s for booking three national commercials so her dad would build her a tree house or for nailing the Clarissa audition. And she never let fame go to her head. With one foot in Hollywood and one foot in reality, Melissa makes us laugh along with her as she talks about:

—guest appearances in shows like Saturday Night Live and The Equalizer
—auditioning for Punky Brewster and Clarissa
—her early Broadway days
—wacky parties she’s thrown and attended
—the actors who influenced her and whom she befriended, worked with and competed against
—her experiences both on and off-set—with Sabrina’s Salem the Cat and Elvis the Alligator on Clarissa
—how she met the love of her life at the Kentucky Derby

Melissa Joan Hart explains all that she’s learned along the way—what’s kept her grounded, normal and working when others have not been so fortunate—and shows that she’s the approachable, hilarious girl-next-door her fans have always thought she’d be.

PRAISE

"A delightful and refreshingly honest memoir about growing up Melissa/Clarissa/Sabrina. All the women who grew up with her will go wild for this book."—Delia Ephron

MELISSA JOAN HART is an actor/producer/director. Melissa currently co-stars in the ABC Family series Melissa & Joey. Her big break was landing the title role of Nickelodeon’s Clarissa Explains It All. Melissa is perhaps best known around the world as the star of Sabrina, the Teenage Witch. She has appeared on Dancing with the Stars, That 70’s Show, Law and Order: SVU, and more. Her production company, Hartbreak Films, has produced a number of television series and TV and feature films.
Valley of Fires
A Conquered Earth Novel

J. Barton Mitchell

The sci-fi tour de force series set in an alien-invaded post-apocalyptic world concludes as the teens must unite Earth’s disparate survivors to overthrow its alien invaders once and for all.

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Traveling separate paths with little hope of safety or reuni...

PRAISE

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How to Defend Yourself

Unarmed Combat Skills that Work

Martin J. Dougherty

An essential illustrated guide for beginners on how to defend yourself in unarmed combat.

Effective self-defense is a matter of playing the odds--increasing your own advantages and decreasing those of your opponent. Written in clear easy-to-understand detail, *How to Defend Yourself* gives readers the tools to safely defend themselves. In this step-by-step illustrated guide, experienced martial arts instructor Martin Dougherty teaches a wide range of defense techniques, including:

- Dealing with grabs, punches and kicks
- Using blocks, deflections and evasions
- Identifying potential threats
- Preemptive hits and counterattacks

Comprehensive and essential, *How to Defend Yourself* is an invaluable guide to get out of potentially difficult situations while coming to minimal harm.

MARTIN J DOUGHERTY is Director of Coaching to the All-Styles Martial Arts Association and a Senior Assessor with the Self-Defense Federation, holding black belts in two styles of Ju-Jitsu as well as self-defense. His martial arts career has encompassed ju-jitsu, kickboxing and self-defense as well as military combative systems. Martin has worked in the defense and security industry, where he is an expert on weapon systems and asymmetric conflict.
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PRAISE

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**Word Workout**

*Building a Muscular Vocabulary in 10 Easy Steps*

Charles Harrington Elster

A practical book for building vocabulary—a graduated exercise program featuring thousands of words that begins with those known by most college graduates and ascends to words of the highest level

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**PRAISE**

Praise for *The Accidents of Style*:

“Charles Elster shines a bright light on 350 major potholes, pitfalls, and pratfalls that pock the road of writing. His sage advice...points the reader in the direction of a smoother journey toward writing well.” —Richard Lederer, author of *Anguished English*

“This book is perfect for people who want to take their prose from the pothole-filled side streets to the Autobahn...After I read it, I felt like I'd just had my writing engines tuned by a master mechanic. *The Accidents of Style* is essential for anyone who's serious about the written word.” —Martha Brockenbrough, author of *Things That Make Us (Sic)*

CHARLES HARRINGTON ELSTER is a nationally recognized authority on language and the author of *The Accidents of Style, Verbal Advantage* and many other books. He has written for *The New York Times Magazine*, the *Boston Globe*, and the *Wall Street Journal*, and been a guest commentator on hundreds of radio shows. He lives in San Diego, California.
Death of Riley

Rhys Bowen

“If you are one of the few on the planet yet to discover Molly Murphy, created by Rhys Bowen, now is the time to take the plunge. Molly is sassy, saucy, brave and smart.” —The Huffington Post

For the first time in trade paperback, the winning second entry in Bowen's New York Times bestselling series.

Molly Murphy has finally begun to forget the unpleasant murder of a would-be rapist back in Ireland, not to mention her investigation into the murder of a fellow Irish immigrant, and is free to begin her life in New York City. Given her experiences so far in the New World, Molly's first order of business is to become a private investigator, working for families in Europe who've lost touch with relatives in America. Her second order of business is to hook the handsome NYPD police captain Daniel Sullivan, and she envisions lots of opportunities to "seek his counsel" in her new profession.

Paddy Riley is a tough old Cockney P.I. who specializes in divorce work, and with a little persuasion he's ready to take on Molly as an apprentice. It's not exactly what she imagined, but she plans to make the most of it. That is, until she comes to work one day to find her new world turned upside down. Before long, Molly has set off on a journey that will take her through the back alleys of Manhattan and into the bars and lounges of the literary scene, where she spends time with writers, actors, poets, and musicians.

Armed with nothing more than her fiery will and matching wild red hair, Molly has no idea of the danger her pursuit may bring in this fascinating, well-researched, and suspenseful second novel in Bowen's bestselling series.

PRAISE

Praise for The Family Way

“Highly entertaining...[Molly] pieces together a complicated mystery set against a rich historical backdrop.” —RT Book Reviews (4½ stars)

 “[A] well-paced 12th mystery featuring feisty and endearing Molly Murphy...The usual full-blooded characters will keep readers engaged.” —Publishers Weekly

“Feisty Molly unravels another knotty case while providing insight into life just after the turn of that other century.” —Kirkus Reviews

RHYS BOWEN is the author of the Anthony and Agatha Award–winning Molly Murphy mysteries, the Edgar Award-nominated Evan Evans series, and the Royal Spyness series. Born in England, she lives in San Rafael, California.
The Harlot's Tale
A Midwife Mystery
Sam Thomas

Sam Thomas takes readers back to Civil War England in this riveting sequel to The Midwife's Tale, hailed as an “ingenious, fast-paced mystery” by Kirkus Reviews.

It is August, 1645, one year since York fell into Puritan hands. As the city suffers through a brutal summer heat, Bridget Hodgson and Martha Hawkins are drawn into a murder investigation more frightening than their last. In order to appease God’s wrath—and end the heat-wave—the city’s overlords have launched a brutal campaign to whip the city’s sinners into godliness. But for someone in York, this is not enough. First a prostitute and her client are found stabbed to death, then a pair of adulterers are beaten and strangled. York’s sinners have been targeted for execution.

Bridget and Martha—assisted once again by Will, Bridget’s good-hearted nephew—race to find the killer even as he adds more bodies to his tally. The list of suspects is long: Hezekiah Ward, a fire and brimstone preacher new to York; Ward’s son, Praise-God, whose intensity mirrors his father’s; John Stubb, one of Ward’s fanatic followers, whose taste for blood may not have been sated by his time in Parliament’s armies. Or could the killer be closer to home? Will’s brother Joseph is no stranger to death, and he shares the Wards’ dreams of driving sin from the city.

To find the killer, Bridget, Martha, and Will must uncover the city’s most secret sins, and hope against hope that the killer does not turn his attention in their direction.

PRAISE

“Everything rings true in historian Thomas’s superb first mystery... Authentic details of life in 17th-century York complement the whodunit’s intelligently concealed clues.”
—Publishers Weekly (starred)

“As pleasurable as his mystery is, the true thrill here is Thomas’s lively portrait of 1644 York and his unique heroine.” —Cleveland Plain Dealer

“Thomas’s fiction debut is packed with fascinating information about a midwife’s skills and life during the English civil war. The ingenious, fast-paced mystery is a bonus.”
—Kirkus Reviews

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The New Countess

Fay Weldon

From the award-winning novelist and writer of *Upstairs Downstairs*, the third book in a brilliant trilogy about what life was really like for masters and servants before the world of *Downton Abbey*

England, 1905. Lord Robert and Lady Isobel Dilberne, as well as their entire regal estate, are busy planning for a lavish visit from King Edward VII and his mistress just a few months away. Preparations are elaborate and exhaustive: the menus and fashions must be just so. But even amidst the excitement, not everyone is happy.

Lady Rosina—now widowed and wealthy—insists on publishing a scandalous book despite her mother’s objections. Arthur Dilberne and Chicago Heiress Minnie O’Brien’s two young sons—the eldest of whom is heir to the estate—are being reared to Lady Isobel’s tastes, not Minnie’s. After making a shocking discovery, Minnie will take drastic measures for the sake of her children. And when fate deals a hand in the middle of the royal shooting party, the entire Dilberne estate will face upheaval once again.

*The New Countess* is the final novel in Fay Weldon's outstanding trilogy that began with *Habits of the House* and *Long Live the King*. As the bestselling novelist and award-winning writer for the pilot episode of the original *Upstairs Downstairs*, Weldon magnificently lifts the curtain on early twentieth-century British society, upstairs and downstairs, under one stately roof.

PRAISE

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