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Long Winded

An inspiring and compelling memoir from a young woman who lost her childhood to slavery—and built a new life grounded in determination and justice. When Shyima Hall was eight years old, her impoverished parents sold her to pay a debt. Two years later, the wealthy family she was sold to moved to Orange County, California, and smuggled her with them. Shyima served the family eighteen hours a day, seven days a week until she was twelve.

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That's when an anonymous call from a neighbor brought about the end of Shyima's servitude—but her journey to true freedom was far from over. A volunteer at her local police department since she was a teenager, Shyima is passionate about helping to rescue others who are in bondage. Now a US citizen, she regularly speaks out about human trafficking and intends to one day become an immigration officer. In *Hidden Girl*, Shyima “commands unfailing interest, sympathy, and respect” (Publishers Weekly), candidly reveals how she overcame her harrowing circumstances, and brings vital awareness to a timely and relevant topic.

Why Me?

Behind the glitz and the glamour of the beauty queen mother lies a web of secrets. CeeCee is a child desperate for a touch of approval, the love of her mother. Her reality is a life of neglect, homelessness, dirty secrets, and abuse. But somewhere amid the chaos and despair, CeeCee holds onto something precious, the only thing that drives her on - hope. If she can only find the key. the key that will open the door to love, trust, and the healing of broken places. *Ghost No More* is a memoir of tragedy, love, and strength that proves joy can be found beyond abuse. -Hauntingly beautiful. Honestly and unflinchingly written, *Ghost No More* held me in its grasp as I turned from shock at the cruelty of some people to awe at the strength of one little girl to overcome. It is more than the story of an abused child; it's a story about the capacity of the human spirit to survive and thrive. It will leave you feeling empowered in your own life journey. -- Leslie G Nelson, author of *Everything I Needed to Know About Parenting I Learned in*

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Prison: A Correctional Officer's Tale topics- child abuse, women's memoir, hope, health, eating disorders, teen, depression, true crime, recovery,

Buried Memories: A Vulnerable Girl and Her Story of Survival

UPDATED: New chapters from Katie In 1992, nine-year-old Katie Beers was kidnapped by a family friend and locked in an underground box for 17 days. Katie has now come forward to tell the story that created a national media storm as reporters uncovered the truth about her pre-kidnapping life of neglect and sexual abuse and the details of her rescue. She shares how this experience and the recent death of her kidnapper, John Esposito, has affected her life. Despite the horrible reality of Katie's days of being chained in darkness, the kidnapping was, in fact, the climactic end of a tragic childhood and the beginning of a new life. Katie breaks her silence and reveals her inspiring healing process to the journalist who covered the story of the disappearance more than twenty years ago. Buried Memories is the only source that includes the complete details of her traumatic childhood, transcriptions of recordings from Esposito, a first-hand account of how Katie felt after Esposito's death in 2013, and Katie's hopeful view of the future as she looks back into her dark past.

Hidden Girl

A special fiftieth anniversary edition of Kurt Vonnegut's masterpiece, "a desperate, painfully

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honest attempt to confront the monstrous crimes of the twentieth century” (Time), featuring a new introduction by Kevin Powers, author of the National Book Award finalist *The Yellow Birds*. Selected by the Modern Library as one of the 100 best novels of all time *Slaughterhouse-Five*, an American classic, is one of the world’s great antiwar books. Centering on the infamous World War II firebombing of Dresden, the novel is the result of what Kurt Vonnegut described as a twenty-three-year struggle to write a book about what he had witnessed as an American prisoner of war. It combines historical fiction, science fiction, autobiography, and satire in an account of the life of Billy Pilgrim, a barber’s son turned draftee turned optometrist turned alien abductee. As Vonnegut had, Billy experiences the destruction of Dresden as a POW. Unlike Vonnegut, he experiences time travel, or coming “unstuck in time.” An instant bestseller, *Slaughterhouse-Five* made Kurt Vonnegut a cult hero in American literature, a reputation that only strengthened over time, despite his being banned and censored by some libraries and schools for content and language. But it was precisely those elements of Vonnegut’s writing—the political edginess, the genre-bending inventiveness, the frank violence, the transgressive wit—that have inspired generations of readers not just to look differently at the world around them but to find the confidence to say something about it. Authors as wide-ranging as Norman Mailer, John Irving, Michael Crichton, Tim O’Brien, Margaret Atwood, Elizabeth Strout, David Sedaris, Jennifer Egan, and J. K. Rowling have all found inspiration in Vonnegut’s words. Jonathan Safran Foer has described Vonnegut as “the kind of writer who made people—young people especially—want to write.” George Saunders has declared Vonnegut to be “the great, urgent, passionate American writer of our century, who offers us . . . a model of the kind of compassionate thinking that might yet save us from ourselves.” Fifty

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years after its initial publication at the height of the Vietnam War, Vonnegut's portrayal of political disillusionment, PTSD, and postwar anxiety feels as relevant, darkly humorous, and profoundly affecting as ever, an enduring beacon through our own era's uncertainties. "Poignant and hilarious, threaded with compassion and, behind everything, the cataract of a thundering moral statement."—The Boston Globe

Survivors Club

A woman discovers her marriage is built on an illusion in this harrowing and ultimately inspiring memoir. "Be forewarned: You won't sleep until you finish the last page."—Caroline Leavitt, author of *Cruel Beautiful World* One night. One email. Two realities Before: Jen Waite has met the partner of her dreams. A handsome, loving man who becomes part of her family, evolving into her husband, her best friend, and the father of her infant daughter. After: A disturbing email sparks suspicion, leading to an investigation of who this man really is and what was really happening in their marriage. In alternating Before and After chapters, Waite obsessively analyzes her relationship, trying to find a single moment from the past five years that isn't part of the long con of lies and manipulation. Instead, she finds more lies, infidelity, and betrayal than she could have imagined. With the pacing and twists of a psychological thriller, *A Beautiful, Terrible Thing* looks at how a fairy tale can become a nightmare and what happens when "it could never happen to me" actually does.

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Girl Unbroken

A “stunningly written memoir” that takes you on the journey of a child abuse and sexual assault survivor turned activist. Photo Gallery included (Medium). A #1 Bestseller in Cults & Demonism and Parenting & Relationships When Misty Griffin was six years old, her family started to live and dress like the Amish. Misty and her sister were kept as slaves on a mountain ranch and subjected to almost complete isolation, sexual abuse, and extreme physical violence. Their stepfather kept a loaded rifle by the door to make sure the young girls were too terrified to try to escape. No rescue would ever come since the few people who knew they existed did not care. When Misty reached her teens, her parents feared she and her sister would escape and took them to an Amish community. Devastated to again find herself in a world of fear, cruelty, and abuse, Misty was sexually assaulted by the bishop. After she escaped and reported the bishop, she found herself alone in a modern world with only a second-grade education and no ID or social security card. Misty has a message for abuse survivors: “Please be encouraged, the cycle of abuse can be broken. This is my story of survival and moving past the abuse to embrace my dreams.” In June 2019 Misty graduated nursing school. She continues to work to raise awareness about child abuse and sexual assault. “A testament to the courage, fortitude and power of one young woman to take back her life.” —Becca Anderson, author of *The Book of Awesome Women*

Blood and Sand

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Fever 1793

Her mother called her “laundry lady,” “stupid,” and “slut” so often that Christina Meredith rarely heard her own name as she grew up. Now Christina devotes her name to protecting abused and neglected children so no one has to have a childhood like hers. Born into a large working-class family in upstate New York, Christina endured years of psychological and physical abuse before entering the foster care system as a teenager. With nowhere to turn after she graduated high school, Christina lived in her car for almost a year, working three jobs to survive. As she read her Bible in her car every day, always looking over her shoulder for her birth mother, Christina had no idea that in just a few years she would be crowned Ms. California. She had no idea that her suffering would one day help others find their own healing. She did know God was faithful. And she never gave up hope for a better life. In CinderGirl, Christina tells her incredible story of leaving behind abuse and homelessness to become Ms. California and the founder of the Christina Meredith Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides support for foster care girls living in abusive situations. With stunning vulnerability, Christina invites us into her childhood home and the heart of a child longing to be loved. She asks us to journey with her across the country and deep into a growing faith. She invites us to know more fully a God who provides, even in the most difficult situations. CinderGirl is a gripping and inspiring story of one young woman’s determination to overcome hardship in order to help others know they are not alone and they too can find wholeness after tragedy.

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A Beautiful, Terrible Thing

"In the blink of an eye, Mom ran up behind me and pushed me into the fence. Instinctively, I reached out my arms to stop my fall and ended up grabbing the live fence. My hands clamped around the thin wires, and my body collapsed to the ground as the electricity coursed through it. I opened my eyes and saw my mother standing over me with the strangest smile on her face. "Oh, my God, I'm going to die!" I thought in panic. Imagine never being able to close your eyes and remember the feel of your mother's arms wrapped around you. Now imagine closing your eyes and remembering your mother's tears splashing down on your face as she is on top of you, crying as she is trying to choke you to death. My mother left me these memories and many more during my traumatic childhood. After many years of struggling with trying to understand "Why Me?" I took back control of my life and started saying, "It was me, now what am I going to do?" The answer is my book, "Why Me?." It is my childhood journey through the terrors of physical and mental abuse from first grade until the day I moved out. It is my way of letting the world know what was really going on behind closed doors' -- Cover p. [4].

Not Without My Sister

When Tuesday Storm's mother plunges headfirst down a flight of stairs, it's the second-worst thing that ever happens in Tuesday's life. The first? Mama survives the accident. Suddenly she's furious with Tuesday for some mysterious "bad thing" she's done. The doctor says the

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aggression is due to a brain injury and only temporary. So the Storms do what any proud, Southern family would. They hide the problem, hoping it will go away. Meanwhile little Tuesday becomes the target of unrelenting hostility and twisted “punishments.” In this based-on-a-true-story novel, a now-grown Tuesday recounts, with raw emotion, her sudden “loss” of a nurturing mother, and the tragic years to follow living with the monster in her mother’s clothes--a monster she can’t stop loving.

Ghost No More

CIA officer Darcy St. James is after a man who knew that the September 11 attacks would happen. Navy SEAL Sam "Cougar" Houston is busy being deployed around the world chasing after this man. Under the pressure of war St. James and Houston discover the sweetness of love, but their romance might be short lived.

Educated

The legendary Spartacus is recast as a fierce female warrior in this action-packed tale of a 17-year-old princess and a handsome gladiator who dared take on the Roman Republic.

Etched in Stone

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“A riveting memoir that takes readers on a roller coaster ride from the depths of hell to triumphant success.”—Dave Pelzer, author of *A Child Called “It”* Michelle Stevens has a photo of the exact moment her childhood was stolen from her: She’s only eight years old, posing for her mother’s boyfriend, Gary Lundquist—an elementary school teacher, neighborhood stalwart, and brutal pedophile. Later that night, Gary locks Michelle in a cage, tortures her repeatedly, and uses her to quench his voracious and deviant sexual whims. Little does she know that this will become her new reality for the next six years. Michelle can also pinpoint the moment she reconstituted the splintered pieces of her life: She’s in cap and gown, receiving her PhD in psychology—and the university’s award for best dissertation. The distance between these two points is the improbable journey from torture, loss, and mental illness to healing, recovery, and triumph that is Michelle’s powerful memoir, *Scared Selfless*. Michelle suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, and depression, and made multiple suicide attempts. She also developed multiple personalities. There was “Chelsey,” the rebellious teenager; “Viscous,” a tween with homicidal rage; and “Sarah,” a sweet little girl who brought her teddy bear on a first date. In this harrowing tale, Michelle, who was inspired to help others heal by becoming a psychotherapist, sheds light on the all-too-real threat of child sexual abuse, its subsequent psychological effects, and the best methods for victims to overcome their ordeals and, ultimately, thrive. *Scared Selfless* is both an examination of the extraordinary feats of the mind that are possible in the face of horrific trauma as well as Michelle’s courageous testament to their power.

North of Normal

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An inmate finds himself in an impossible predicament after a life-changing encounter in prison, his survival tied to three seemingly unconnected people on the outside. Unseen forces work to destroy them before they can discover their destiny. Divided families, destroyed careers, sexual abuse, drugs, violence, and attempted murder combine to derail their lives and thrust them into peril. If they can find a way to overcome these obstacles, they can change their world forever; but if they fail, they will set in motion a series of events spelling destruction for future generations. A cosmic war rages in an attempt to prevent the unleashing of hell's agenda. Four lives converge at the center of the battle

THREE MUST DIE SO THAT ONE MAY LIVE.

Slaughterhouse-Five

Radiant in her white satin wedding gown, Patricia Blakley was living a dream come true. At last, she was marrying the man she loved, Ted Kimble—a fellow Christian and son of a local preacher. But little did she realize her new husband had a dark side. Shock waves rocked the small, North Carolina town of Pleasant Garden when Patricia's charred body was discovered inside the Kimble's burned-out home. Soon family and friends learned an even worse truth—Patricia had died from a bullet wound to the head. Now, in *Unholy Covenant*, North Carolina journalist Lynn Chandler-Willis uncovers the story behind the crime. Taking readers from the crime scene to the courtroom, she delivers a passionate account of a crime that forever changed the lives of many in the small North Carolina community.

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Dying to Live

Sex, drugs, and . . . bug stew? In the vein of *The Glass Castle* and *Wild*, Cea Sunrise Person's compelling memoir of a childhood spent with her dysfunctional counter-culture family in the Canadian wilderness—a searing story of physical, emotional, and psychological survival. In the late 1960s, riding the crest of the counterculture movement, Cea's family left a comfortable existence in California to live off the land in the Canadian wilderness. But unlike most commune dwellers of the time, the Persons weren't trying to build a new society—they wanted to escape civilization altogether. Led by Cea's grandfather Dick, they lived a pot-smoking, free-loving, clothing-optional life under a canvas tipi without running water, electricity, or heat for the bitter winters. Living out her grandparents' dream with her teenage mother Michelle, young Cea knew little of the world beyond her forest. She spent her summers playing nude in the meadow and her winters snowshoeing behind the grandfather she idolized. Despite fierce storms, food shortages, and the occasional drug-and-sex-infused party for visitors, it seemed to be a mostly happy existence. For Michelle, however, now long separated from Cea's father, there was one crucial element missing: a man. When Cea was five, Michelle took her on the road with a new boyfriend. As the trio set upon a series of ill-fated adventures, Cea began to question both her highly unusual world and the hedonistic woman at the centre of it—questions that eventually evolved into an all-consuming search for a more normal life. Finally, in her early teens, Cea realized she would have to make a choice as drastic as the one her grandparents once had in order to save herself. While a successful international modeling career offered her a way out of the wilderness, Cea discovered that this

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new world was in its own way daunting and full of challenges. Containing twenty-four intimate black-and-white family photos, North of Normal is Cea's funny, shocking, heartbreaking, and triumphant tale of self-discovery and acceptance, adversity, and strength that will leave no reader unmoved.

The Sound of Gravel

"The incredible true story of Michael Bornstein--who at age 4 was one of the youngest children to be liberated from Auschwitz--and of his family"--

True Honor

Based on a true story, The Forgotten Child is a heart-breaking memoir of an abandoned newborn baby left to die, his tempestuous upbringing, and how he came through the other side. It's a freezing winter's night in 1954. A baby boy, a few hours old, is left by his mother, wrapped in nothing but two sheets of newspaper and hidden amongst the undergrowth by a canal bank. An hour later, a late-shift postman is walking wearily home when he hears a faint cry. He finds the newspaper parcel and discovers the newborn, white-cold and whimpering, inside. After being rushed to hospital and against all odds, the baby survives. He's baptised by the hospital chaplain as Richard. Everything feels as though it's looking up; Richard is put into local authority care and regains his health. However, after nearly five blissful years in a rural

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care home filled with loving friends, it soon unfolds that his turbulent start in life is only the beginning Based on a devastating true story, this inspirational memoir follows Richard's traumatic birth, abusive childhood, and search for the truth.

I Speak for This Child

In the riveting conclusion of the Twilight Court Series, Seren is faced with a ruthless enemy who seems to have discovered a way to steal magic from fairies. All evidence points to Lana Clach-ex-queen of the Colorado Underground-but the Councils aren't convinced. Can Ambassador Seren prove Lana's guilt before it's too late? Or is the future already etched in stone?

CinderGirl

#1 NEW YORK TIMES, WALL STREET JOURNAL, AND BOSTON GLOBE BESTSELLER • One of the most acclaimed books of our time: an unforgettable memoir about a young woman who, kept out of school, leaves her survivalist family and goes on to earn a PhD from Cambridge University “An amazing story, and truly inspiring. It’s even better than you’ve heard.”—Bill Gates NAMED ONE OF THE TEN BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW • ONE OF PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA’S FAVORITE BOOKS OF THE YEAR • BILL GATES’S HOLIDAY READING LIST • FINALIST: National

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Book Critics Circle's Award In Autobiography and John Leonard Prize For Best First Book • PEN/Jean Stein Book Award • Los Angeles Times Book Prize Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, Tara Westover was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. Her family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education, and no one to intervene when one of Tara's older brothers became violent. When another brother got himself into college, Tara decided to try a new kind of life. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Harvard and to Cambridge University. Only then would she wonder if she'd traveled too far, if there was still a way home. "Beautiful and propulsive . . . Despite the singularity of [Westover's] childhood, the questions her book poses are universal: How much of ourselves should we give to those we love? And how much must we betray them to grow up?"—Vogue NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY The Washington Post • O: The Oprah Magazine • Time • NPR • Good Morning America • San Francisco Chronicle • The Guardian • The Economist • Financial Times • Newsday • New York Post • theSkimm • Refinery29 • Bloomberg • Self • Real Simple • Town & Country • Bustle • Paste • Publishers Weekly • Library Journal • LibraryReads • BookRiot • Pamela Paul, KQED • New York Public Library

Spilled Milk

Told in their separate voices, sixteen-year-old Prince Oliver, who wants to break free of his fairy-tale existence, and fifteen-year-old Delilah, a loner obsessed with Prince Oliver and the

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book in which he exists, work together to seek his freedom.

Etched in Sand

From a North Carolina small-town high school band to the principal oboe chair of the New York Philharmonic, the improbable odyssey affirming the value of liberal learning as much as of God-given musical talent; the significance of good luck as much as hard work; and the importance of faithful apprenticeship as much as courageous self-realization.

Donovan Pasha and Some People of Egypt

Scarred

A childhood tragedy cost her more than she could've imagined, but it also gave a gift far worth more than she could've hoped for. Unabashed, deeply personal, and thoroughly captivating, *Through the Fire* is a story of pain, despair, courage, hope and redemption. This inspirational story will stay with you long after you've turned the last page.

Unholy Covenant

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What was getting from place to place like in the days of old? What were some of the biggest inventions that brought us to the fantastic subway systems found in cities today? Discover how transportation has changed over hundreds of years, and where it might be headed in the future.

The Odyssey of Homer

The true story of three girls violated and betrayed.

Through the Fire

Regina's Calcaterra memoir, *Etched in Sand*, is an inspiring and triumphant coming-of-age story of tenacity and hope. Regina Calcaterra is a successful lawyer, New York State official, and activist. Her painful early life, however, was quite different. Regina and her four siblings survived an abusive and painful childhood only to find themselves faced with the challenges of the foster-care system and intermittent homelessness in the shadows of Manhattan and the Hamptons. A true-life rags-to-riches story, *Etched in Sand* chronicles Regina's rising above her past, while fighting to keep her brother and three sisters together through it all. Beautifully written, with heartbreaking honesty, *Etched in Sand* is an unforgettable reminder that regardless of social status, the American Dream is still within reach for those who have the desire and the determination to succeed.

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Empire of Sand

An instant New York Times bestseller “A haunting, harrowing testament to survival.” — People Magazine “An addictive chronicle of a polygamist community.” — New York Magazine “Unforgettable” — Entertainment Weekly The thirty-ninth of her father’s forty-two children, Ruth Wariner grew up in polygamist family on a farm in rural Mexico. In *The Sound of Gravel*, she offers an unforgettable portrait of the violence that threatened her community, her family’s fierce sense of loyalty, and her own unshakeable belief in the possibility of a better life. An intimate, gripping tale of triumph and courage, *The Sound of Gravel* is a heart-stopping true story.

Transportation Long Ago and Today

A shocking true tale of childhood abuse at the hands of a stranger. Sophie Jenkins is living a happy life in the idyllic Dorset countryside when she meets Martin Brett, the man who will go on to abuse her and haunt her dreams for years to come. A momentary act of neglect leads to a horrible series of events that leaves her changed forever. Badly let down by the adults entrusted to care for her, Sophie's life begins to spiral downwards. However, Sophie's message is ultimately one of hope and empowerment. She is in the process of rebuilding her life when fate leads her to encounter her childhood attacker once again. The story ends with a truly shocking climax. **WARNING:** This book is based upon a true story of child abuse and

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contains passages that some readers may find disturbing. All names and places have been changed to protect the identities of the innocent. For every book sold or borrowed, a donation will be made to the NSPCC

American Daughter

The second time I witnessed Jackson try and kill himself, he was standing in the surf on the ocean's edge with a .22 in his right hand. It was September, and I squinted down the coastline, hoping to see someone, anyone, witness what was about to happen. But there was no one. No one would ever know what caused the jagged, broken pieces of Jackson to collide into my world. No one would know the whole story, the true story. Not unless I kept him alive. I had to keep him alive. If he was going to die right then and there, he deserved to know who I really was, not just who I was pretending to be. I closed my eyes, not knowing if what I was about to say was going to help or hurt the situation. "Jackson, I've been lying to you this whole time." Due to graphic scenes and mature content, this book is recommended for readers 18+.

Tears of the Silenced

A raw, candid account of sexual and physical abuse and how one survives it, Big Boy is also a tale of hope and redemption. Told in a no-nonsense, first-person account, Zach Neuhaus takes us from his Pacific Northwest childhood--where his alcoholic father and codependent mother

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failed to provide a healthy environment for him--through his bumpy, rough teen years, and finally into his college days and then into his thirties, where he finally found a sense of self-love and security. From the scarred innocence of childhood, the trauma of being "cared for" in a world of sick and broken adults, to the nearly-devastating reality of adulthood, we follow Neuhaus as he slowly matures and becomes--waywardly--a man. Neuhaus explores what lies beneath the first layer of humanity, to show us the sickness, the complexity, and the pain which many of us have experienced as well. Neuhaus explores thoroughly this profound and important question: What does it mean to be a Millennial man in the 21st century? Prominent themes include: Sexual predation; alcoholism; sexism; toxic masculinity; the male psyche; self-love and self-acceptance; redemption; relationships; and much more. This is a memoir which cracks the reader's heart in half and begs to show you The Truth. It will make you think; it will challenge your preconceived notions about sex and gender and abuse; and it will make you cry. But most of all: It will, hopefully, drive you back to that most human of places: Compassion.

The Forgotten Child

The Art of Living

Tells the story of a child's abuse at the hands of his alcoholic mother

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Big Boy

As seen in the HBO docuseries THE VOW: The shocking and subversive memoir of a 12-year-NXIVM-member-turned-whistleblower, and her inspiring true story of abuse, escape, and redemption. "'Master, would you brand me? It would be an honor.' From the second I climb onto the table, acutely aware that I am lying in the sweat of my sisters, I will have blocked that out. Lying there completely naked, I am at my most vulnerable but determined to prove my strength. I try to keep my legs closed as my body wills itself to protect my most private area. . . . I tell myself: I am a warrior. I birthed a human. I can handle pain. But nothing could have ever prepared me for the feel of this fire on my skin." Scarred is Sarah Edmondson's compelling memoir of her recruitment into the NXIVM cult, the 12 years she spent within the organization (during which she enrolled over 2,000 members and entered DOS—NXIVM's "secret sisterhood"), her breaking point, and her harrowing fight to get out, to expose Keith Raniere and the leadership, to help others, and to heal. Complete with personal photographs, Scarred is also an eye-opening story about abuses of power, female trust and friendship, and how sometimes the search to be "better" can override everything else. • In the tradition of Unorthodox by Deborah Feldman, Escape by Carolyn Jessop, and Troublemaker by Leah Remini • This tell-all follows Sarah from the moment she takes her first NXIVM seminar, to the invitation she accepts from her best friend, Lauren Salzman, into DOS, to her journey toward become a key witness in the federal case against its founders • Evokes questions about friendship, ethics, good and evil, making it a brilliant selection for book clubs Audio edition read by the author.

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Three Gray Dots

Based on a true story, Brooke Nolan is a battered child who makes an anonymous phone call about the escalating brutality in her home. When Social Services jeopardize her safety, condemning her to keep her father's secret, it's a glass of spilled milk at the dinner table that forces her to speak about the cruelty she's been hiding. In her pursuit for safety and justice Brooke battles a broken system that pushes to keep her father in the home. When jury members and a love interest congregate to inspire her to fight, she risks losing the support of family and comes to the realization that some people simply do not want to be saved.

"Beautifully written, hauntingly real, Spilled Milk is a must read for any young adult today." - F.P Lione, Author

Dirty Little Dog

In I Speak For This Child, best-selling novelist Gay Courter recounts her experiences as a Guardian ad Litem, a volunteer court-appointed advocate for children involved in Florida's court system. Following her first tentative approach to her local Court Appointed Special Advocates program to her more determined efforts, we get an insider's glimpse on this hidden world and learn what it takes to ensure that America's most vulnerable citizens are treated with care and respect. Courter's story is both heartbreaking and heartwarming, and is an inspiration for anyone who has ever looked up from a newspaper and wondered, "What can I do to help?"

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A Child Called It

A nobleman's daughter with magic in her blood. An empire built on the dreams of enslaved gods. Empire of Sand is Tasha Suri's lush, dazzling, Mughal India-inspired fantasy debut. "An ode to the quiet, fierce strength of women pure wonder." -- Samantha Shannon, NYT bestselling author of The Priory of the Orange Tree "A darkly intricate, devastating, and utterly original story." -- R. F. Kuang, author of The Poppy War "Stunning and enthralling." -- S. A. Chakraborty, author of The City of Brass

The Amrithi are outcasts; nomads descended of desert spirits, they are coveted and persecuted throughout the Empire for the power in their blood. Mehr is the illegitimate daughter of an imperial governor and an exiled Amrithi mother she can barely remember, but whose face and magic she has inherited. When Mehr's power comes to the attention of the Emperor's most feared mystics, she must use every ounce of will, subtlety, and power she possesses to resist their cruel agenda. Should she fail, the gods themselves may awaken seeking vengeance

The Books of Ambha
Empire of Sand
Realm of Ash

Call Me Tuesday

It's late summer 1793, and the streets of Philadelphia are abuzz with mosquitoes and rumors of fever. Down near the docks, many have taken ill, and the fatalities are mounting. Now they include Polly, the serving girl at the Cook Coffeehouse. But fourteen-year-old Mattie Cook

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doesn't get a moment to mourn the passing of her childhood playmate. New customers have overrun her family's coffee shop, located far from the mosquito-infested river, and Mattie's concerns of fever are all but overshadowed by dreams of growing her family's small business into a thriving enterprise. But when the fever begins to strike closer to home, Mattie's struggle to build a new life must give way to a new fight—the fight to stay alive.

Between the Lines

"American Daughter—in the tradition of classics like *The Glass Castle*, *LA Diaries* and *White Oleander*—explores in unsparing details the complex interplay between intimate family ties, generational abuse and cataclysmic losses." – Gina Frangello, Author of 'Every Kind of Wanting' and 'A Life in Men' Editor of *The Coachella Review* For 50 years, Stephanie Thornton Plymale kept her past a fiercely guarded secret. No one outside her immediate family would ever have guessed that her childhood was fraught with every imaginable hardship: a mentally ill mother who was in and out of jails and psych wards throughout Stephanie's formative years, neglect, hunger, poverty, homelessness, truancy, foster homes, a harrowing lack of medical care, and ongoing sexual abuse. Stephanie, in turn, knew very little about the past of her mother, from whom she remained estranged during most of her adult life. All this changed with a phone call that set a journey of discovery in motion, leading to a series of shocking revelations that forced Stephanie to revise the meaning of almost every aspect of her very compromised childhood. *American Daughter* is at once the deeply moving memoir of a troubled mother-daughter relationship and a meditation on trauma, resilience, transcendence,

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and redemption. Stephanie's story is unique but its messages are universal, offering insight into what it means to survive, to rise above, to heal, and to forgive.

Scared Selfless

In the highly anticipated sequel to her New York Times bestseller *Etched in Sand*, Regina Calcaterra pairs with her youngest sister Rosie to tell Rosie's harrowing, yet ultimately triumphant, story of childhood abuse and survival. They were five kids with five different fathers and an alcoholic mother who left them to fend for themselves for weeks at a time. Yet through it all they had each other. Rosie, the youngest, is fawned over and shielded by her older sister, Regina. Their mother, Cookie, blows in and out of their lives "like a hurricane, blind and uncaring to everything in her path." But when Regina discloses the truth about her abusive mother to her social worker, she is separated from her younger siblings Norman and Rosie. And as Rosie discovers after Cookie kidnaps her from foster care, the one thing worse than being abandoned by her mother is living in Cookie's presence. Beaten physically, abused emotionally, and forced to labor at the farm where Cookie settles in Idaho, Rosie refuses to give in. Like her sister Regina, Rosie has an unfathomable strength in the face of unimaginable hardship—enough to propel her out of Idaho and out of a nightmare. Filled with maturity and grace, Rosie's memoir continues the compelling story begun in *Etched in Sand*—a shocking yet profoundly moving testament to sisterhood and indomitable courage.

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