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### The Crazyladies of Pearl Street

"Thomas Christopher Greene's *If I Forget You* is the most moving and beautifully-written love story I've read since *Cold Mountain*."—Howard Frank Mosher, author of *God's Kingdom*  
Two former lovers reconnect in this beautiful and haunting tale of great lost love from the critically acclaimed author of *The Headmaster's Wife*. Deeply affecting and compulsively readable, *The Headmaster's Wife* was a breakout book for Thomas Christopher Greene. Now, Greene returns with a beautifully written, emotional new novel perfect for his growing audience. Twenty-one years after they were driven apart by circumstances beyond their control, two former lovers have a chance encounter on a Manhattan street. What follows is a tense, suspenseful exploration of the many facets of enduring love. Told from altering points of view through time, *If I Forget You* tells the story of Henry Gold, a poet whose rise from poverty embodies the American dream, and Margot Fuller, the daughter of a prominent, wealthy family, and their unlikely, star-crossed love affair, complete with the secrets they carry when they find each other for the second time. Written in lyrical prose, *If I Forget You* is at once a great love story, a novel of marriage, manners, and family, a meditation on the nature of art, a moving elegy to what it means to love and to lose, and how the choices we make can change our lives forever.

### The Yellow House

Draws on the author's personal experiences to offer insight into and advice on the financial world, drawing on a belief that Southeast Asia and China are the dominant drivers of the world economy.

### The Truth about Butterflies

A sensitive and reflective twenty-four-year-old woman chronicles her family's confrontation with illness when it is discovered that her father suffers from an inoperable brain tumor

### The Summer of Katya

The last time Valerie was in Paris, she was three years old, running from the Nazis, away from the only home she had ever known. Now as a young woman all alone in the world, Valerie must return to Paris, to the bookshop and her sole surviving relative, her grandfather Vincent, the only person who knows the truth about what happened to her parents. As she gets to know grumpy, taciturn Vincent again, she hears a tragic story of Nazi-occupied Paris, a doomed love affair and a mother willing to sacrifice everything for her beloved daughter. Can Valerie and Vincent help each other to mend the wounds of the past?

Valerie isn't after a fairytale ending, she only wants the truth. But what is the one devastating secret that

Vincent is determined to keep from his granddaughter? An unputdownable and unforgettable story of love, fear and courage in a time of war. Immerse yourself in a Paris where soldiers' boots echo on cobbled streets and the air is full of whispers. Fans of *Before We Were Yours*, Kathryn Hughes and *The Paris Wife* will be absolutely hooked by this beautiful, tragic tale. Readers are falling in love with *The Paris Secret*: 'WOW that was one brilliant read, definitely up there with my top books for 2018! Superbly written and a beautiful if heart-wrenching at times storyline It's a beauty and the granddad and Clotilde are just wonderful characters. Highly recommend, worthy of more than 5 stars!' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 Stars. 'How to put my feelings into words about this book absolutely one of the best books I have read in 2018... Lily Graham has written one of the best books of the year in my honest opinion! If I could have given this a higher rating than 5 stars I would have done so... truly an unforgettable story!' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars. 'Warning! This book will make you cry and crave the attention of a mangy old cat. It will make you want to head straight to Paris to find this magical bookstore! The most moving story I've read in a long while... Magical... Mon Dieu, I have not wept so much in a while. Such rich characters and vivid scenes. Gorgeously evoked! I fell in love with one of them myself. I bawled at one of the later scenes. But by the end I was smiling and crying. I was an emotional mess all round really. Think I need that mangy old bookshop cat to come alive so I have something to cuddle right now.' The Book Trail 'What a delightful yet sad and heart-breaking story! I loved the back and forth storytelling... The author has quite a talent for painting a picture as it was so easy for me to imagine everything!' Goodreads Reviewer 'You really get a sense of Paris as well as sadly the war... Really makes you fall in love with the place I was gripped... Valerie's story will have readers totally engrossed and taken on an emotional roller coaster of a ride... A heart-breaking and emotional read that will have you reaching for the tissues more than a few times. Sometimes in happiness and others in sadness. A captivating and beautifully written story that ingrains itself in readers' hearts and minds.' By The Letter Book Reviews, 5 Stars 'This book pulls you in from the start. I love the character of Valerie and the growth of the relationships throughout the story... A quick, sweet read... Overall, a great story.' Goodreads Reviewer

### **The Neverland Inn**

A memoir on grief, hope, and transformation, and a single enduring truth: life cannot be restrained by death. After the death of her daughter, and quickly losing her own battle with grief, Nancy moved from the house she can no longer bear to live in. While packing, she finds a box in the attic. Inside she uncovers treasures she didn't know existed and evidence that she and her daughter's lives had been more divinely entwined than she could've imagined.

### **The Woman who Went to Bed for a Year**

The conservative, thoughtful, thrifty investor's guide to building a real-estate empire. Profitable real-estate investing opportunities exist everywhere as long as you know what to look for and understand how to make prudent deals that transform property into profits. David Crook, of *The Wall Street Journal*, shows how to make safe and sane investments that ensure a good night's sleep as your real-estate portfolio grows, your properties appreciate and your income increases. *The Wall Street Journal Complete Real-Estate Investing Guidebook* offers the most authoritative information on:

- Why real-estate investing is a great wealth-building alternative to stocks and bonds and why it's crucial that you avoid get-rich schemes
- How to get the financing and make the contacts to get started
- How to start small and local, be hands-on and go step-by-step with a vacation home to rent out, a pure rental property or a small apartment building
- How to find and value great properties, do the numbers and ensure you have that beautiful thing called cash flow
- How the government blesses real-estate investors with tax breaks and loopholes, and how you can be one of the anointed
- How to deal with the nuts-and-bolts of being a landlord and have a strife-free relationship with your tenants

## **Peace Like a River**

In early 1970s Riggold, Georgia, Catherine Grace Cline, the daughter of the local Baptist preacher, dreams of escaping her small town for Atlanta, but after her dream becomes reality, a tragedy transforms her perspective.

## **Mother of Pearl**

"Indisputably one of the century's greatest writers." —Annie Proulx "The Hanging Garden is a novel for our time--a story about parentless children, mistreated by a world that, by its lights, intends no harm but nonetheless does enduring damage." —The New York Times Book Review (cover review, 05/26/13)  
From the Nobel Prize-winning author of *The Eye of the Storm* comes a vivid, visceral tale of childhood friendship and sexual awakening from beyond the echoes of World War II. Sydney, Australia, 1942. Two children, on the cusp of adolescence, have been spirited away from the war in Europe and given shelter in a house on Neutral Bay, taken in by the charity of an old widow who wants little to do with them. The boy, Gilbert, has escaped the Blitz. The girl, Eirene, lost her father in a Greek prison. Left to their own devices, the children forge a friendship of startling honesty, forming a bond of uncommon complexity that they sense will shape their destinies for years to come. Patrick White's posthumously discovered novel, *The Hanging Garden*, which represents the first part of what was intended to be his final masterpiece, is a breathtaking and important literary event. Seamlessly shifting among points of view, and written in dazzling prose, Patrick White's mastery of style and highly inventive storytelling will transport you as the work of few writers can.

## **The Wall Street Journal Complete Money and Investing Guidebook**

An Object of Desire? Or of Fear? It was stolen from a New Orleans grave—the centuries-old bust of an evil man, a demonic man. It's an object desired by collectors and by those with wickedness in their hearts. One day, its current owner shows up at Danni Cafferty's antiques shop on Royal Street, the shop she inherited from her father. But before Danni can buy the statue, it disappears and the owner is found dead.... Michael Quinn, former cop and now private investigator, is determined to find and destroy this object with its long history of evil and even longer trail of death. He and Danni are drawn together in their search for the missing statue, following it through sultry New Orleans nights to hidden places in the French Quarter and secret ceremonies on abandoned plantations. But Cafferty and Quinn know that their story won't end when this case is closed and the dead rest in peace once again.

## **The Descendants**

Now a major motion picture starring George Clooney and directed by Alexander Payne. Fortunes have changed for the King family, descendants of Hawaiian royalty and one of the state's largest landowners. Matthew King's daughters—Scottie, a feisty ten-year-old, and Alex, a seventeen-year-old recovering drug addict—are out of control, and their charismatic, thrill-seeking mother, Joanie, lies in a coma after a boat-racing accident. She will soon be taken off life support. As Matt gathers his wife's friends and family to say their final goodbyes, a difficult situation is made worse by the sudden discovery that there's one person who hasn't been told: the man with whom Joanie had been having an affair. Forced to examine what they owe not only to the living but to the dead, Matt, Scottie, and Alex take to the road to find Joanie's lover, on a memorable journey that leads to unforeseen humor, growth, and profound revelations. Look for special features inside. Join the Circle for author chats and more.

RandomHouseReadersCircle.com BONUS: This edition includes an excerpt from Kauai Hart Hemmings's *The Possibilities*.

## **The Wall Street Journal. Complete Real-Estate Investing Guidebook**

A classic spy novel from the bestselling author, Trevanian, about a westerner raised in Japan who becomes one of the world's most accomplished assassins Nicholai Hel is the world's most wanted man. Born in Shanghai during the chaos of World War I, he is the son of an aristocratic Russian mother and a mysterious German father and is the protégé of a Japanese Go master. Hel survived the destruction of Hiroshima to emerge as the world's most artful lover and its most accomplished—and well-paid—assassin. Hel is a genius, a mystic, and a master of language and culture, and his secret is his determination to attain a rare kind of personal excellence, a state of effortless perfection known only as shibumi. Now living in an isolated mountain fortress with his exquisite mistress, Hel is unwillingly drawn back into the life he'd tried to leave behind when a beautiful young stranger arrives at his door, seeking help and refuge. It soon becomes clear that Hel is being tracked by his most sinister enemy—a supermonolith of international espionage known only as the Mother Company. The battle lines are drawn: ruthless power and corruption on one side, and on the other . . . shibumi.

### **1339 Or So**

THE YELLOW HOUSE delves into the passion and politics of Northern Ireland at the beginning of the 20th Century. Eileen O'Neill's family is torn apart by religious intolerance and secrets from the past. Determined to reclaim her ancestral home and reunite her family, Eileen begins working at the local mill, saving her money and holding fast to her dream. As war is declared on a local and global scale, Eileen cannot separate the politics from the very personal impact the conflict has had on her own life. She is soon torn between two men, each drawing her to one extreme. One is a charismatic and passionate political activist determined to win Irish independence from Great Britain at any cost, who appeals to her warrior's soul. The other is the wealthy and handsome black sheep of the pacifist family who owns the mill where she works, and whose persistent attention becomes impossible for her to ignore.

### **The Eiger Sanction**

From the critically acclaimed author of Natalie Tan's Book of Luck and Fortune comes a new delightful novel about exploring all the magical possibilities of life in the most extraordinary city of all: Paris. Vanessa Yu never wanted to see people's fortunes--or misfortunes--in tealeaves. Ever since she can remember, Vanessa has been able to see people's fortunes at the bottom of their teacups. To avoid blurting out their fortunes, she converts to coffee, but somehow fortunes escape and find a way to complicate her life and the ones of those around her. To add to this plight, her romance life is so nonexistent that her parents enlist the services of a matchmaking expert from Shanghai. After her matchmaking appointment, Vanessa sees death for the first time. She decides that she can't truly live until she can find a way to get rid of her uncanny abilities. When her eccentric Aunt Evelyn shows up with a tempting offer to whisk her away, Vanessa says au revoir to California and bonjour to Paris. There, Vanessa learns more about herself and the root of her gifts and realizes one thing to be true: knowing one's destiny isn't a curse, but being unable to change it is.

### **The Scarlet Sisters**

Thirty years on the beat in Montreal's teeming immigrant district have caused Lieutenant La Pointe to develop a tough brand of rough justice that finally fails him as he confronts the realities of a police force and a justice system that has dramatically evolved over the years. Reprint. 25,000 first printing.

### **Sweet Water**

Critically-acclaimed author Don Winslow introduces a prelude to Trevanian's classic thriller *Shibumi*, the story of genius, mystic and the perfect, formidable assassin Nikolai Hel. It is the fall of 1951, and the Korean War is raging. Twenty-six-year-old Nikolai Hel has spent the last three years in solitary confinement at the hands of the Americans. Hel is a master of *hoda korosu*, or "naked kill," is fluent in seven languages, and has honed extraordinary "proximity sense": an extra-awareness of the presence of danger. He has the skills to be the world's most fearsome assassin and now the CIA needs him. The Americans offer Hel freedom, money, and a neutral passport in exchange for one small service: go to Beijing and kill the Soviet Union's commissioner to China. It's almost certainly a suicide mission, but Hel accepts. Now he must survive chaos, violence, suspicion, and betrayal while trying to achieve his ultimate goal of *satori*: the possibility of true understanding and harmony with the world.

### **The Main**

From America's most authoritative source: the quintessential primer on understanding and managing your money *Money* courses through just about every corner of our lives and has an impact on the way we live today and how we'll be able to live in the future. Understanding your money, and getting it to work for you, has never been more important than it is today, as more and more of us are called upon to manage every aspect of our financial lives, from managing day-to-day living expenses to planning a college savings fund and, ultimately, retirement. From *The Wall Street Journal*, the most trusted name in financial and money matters, this indispensable book takes the mystery out of personal finance. Start with the basics, learn how they work, and you'll become a better steward of your own money, today and in the future. Consider *The Wall Street Journal Complete Personal Finance Guidebook* your cheat sheet to the finances of your life. This book will help you:

- Understand the nuts and bolts of managing your money: banking, investing, borrowing, insurance, credit cards, taxes, and more
- Establish realistic budgets and savings plans
- Develop an investment strategy that makes sense for you
- Make the right financial decisions about real estate
- Plan for retirement intelligently

Also available—the companion to this guidebook: *The Wall Street Journal Personal Finance Workbook*, by Jeff D. Opdyke Get your financial life in order with help from *The Wall Street Journal*. Look for:

- *The Wall Street Journal Complete Money and Investing Guidebook*
- *The Wall Street Journal Complete Identity Theft Guidebook*
- *The Wall Street Journal Complete Real Estate Investing Guidebook*

### **The Language of Film**

Follows the life of six-year-old Jean-Luc during the Depression, living with his little sister and young mother after being abandoned by his con-artist father.

### **The Paris Secret**

The day her gifted twins leave home for university, Eva climbs into bed and stays there. For seventeen years she's wanted to yell at the world, 'Stop! I want to get off'. Finally, this is her chance. Perhaps she will be able to think. Her husband Dr Brian Beaver, an astronomer who divides his time between gazing at the expanding universe, an unsatisfactory eight-year-old affair with his colleague Titania and mooching in his shed, is not happy. Who will cook dinner? Eva, he complains, is either having a breakdown or taking attention-seeking to new heights. But word of Eva's refusal to get out of bed quickly spreads. Alexander the dreadlocked white-van man arrives to help Eva dispose of all her clothes and possessions and bring her tea and toast. Legions of fans are writing to her or gathering in the street to catch a glimpse of this 'angel'. Her mother Ruby is unsympathetic: 'She'd soon get out of bed if her arse was on fire.' And, though the world keeps intruding, it is from the confines of her bed that Eva at last begins to understand freedom. *The Woman Who Went to Bed for a Year* is a funny and touching novel

about what happens when someone stops being the person everyone wants them to be. Sue Townsend, Britain's funniest writer for over three decades, has written a brilliant novel that eviscerates modern family life. Sue Townsend is Britain's favourite comic author. Her hugely successful novels include eight Adrian Mole books, *The Public Confessions of a Middle-Aged Woman (Aged 55¾)*, *Number Ten*, *Ghost Children*, *The Queen and I* and *Queen Camilla*, all of which are highly acclaimed bestsellers. She has also written numerous well-received plays. She lives in Leicester, where she was born and grew up.

### **Incident at Twenty-Mile**

#### **Shibumi**

Part love story and part psychological thriller from best-selling author Trevanian, "a tour de force . . . A story that explores meticulously some of the darker corners of the human soul." -- *The Washington Post*  
In the quiet Basque countryside in 1914, Jean-Marc Montjean, a handsome young doctor, moves to the small French village of Salies to assist the village physician. It's there that he meets the seductive, beautiful Katya Treville. Jean-Marc is bewitched, driven to know everything about her. But as he and her family become friendly, he realizes they are haunted by an old, dark secret. When Jean-Marc learns that the Trevilles are planning to leave the village forever, he insists on a final meeting with Katya. That meeting and the events that follow turn what was an idyllic romance into an unending nightmare. And when Katya's secret is revealed, the chilling climax will stay with the reader long after the last page is turned. "A most exquisite, elegant, ingenious thriller." -- *The New York Daily News*

### **The Loo Sanction**

Unravel the Mysteries of the Financial Markets—the Language, the Players, and the Strategies for Success Understanding money and investing has never been more important than it is today, as many of us are called upon to manage our own retirement planning, college savings funds, and health-care costs. Up-to-date and expertly written, *The Wall Street Journal Complete Money and Investing Guidebook* provides investors with a simple—but not simplistic—grounding in the world of finance. It breaks down the basics of how money and investing work, explaining:

- What must-have information you need to invest in stocks, bonds, and mutual funds
- How to see through the inscrutable theories and arcane jargon of financial insiders and advisers
- What market players, investing strategies, and money and investing history you should know
- Why individual investors should pay attention to the economy

Written in a clear, engaging style by Dave Kansas, one of America's top business journalists and editor of *The Wall Street Journal Money & Investing* section, this straightforward book is full of helpful charts, graphs, and illustrations and is an essential source for novice and experienced investors alike. Get your financial life in order with help from *The Wall Street Journal*. Look for:

- *The Wall Street Journal Complete Personal Finance Guidebook*
- *The Wall Street Journal Personal Finance Workbook*
- *The Wall Street Journal Complete Real Estate Investing Guidebook*

### **Uphill Walkers**

### **To Capture What We Cannot Keep**

Legendary writer Trevanian brings readers his most personal novel yet: a funny, deeply felt, often touching coming-of-age novel set in 1930s America. Six-year-old Jean-Luc LaPointe, his little sister, and his spirited but vulnerable young mother have been abandoned—again—by his father, a charming con

artist. With no money and nowhere else to go, the LaPointes create a fragile nest in a tenement building at 238 North Pearl Street in Albany, New York. For the next eight years, through the Great Depression and Second World War, they live in the heart of the Irish slum, surrounded by ward heelers, unemployment, and grinding poverty. Pearl Street is also home to a variety of "crazy ladies": Miss Cox, the feared and ridiculed teacher who ignites Jean-Luc's imagination; Mrs. Kane, who runs a beauty parlor/fortune-telling salon in the back of her husband's grocery store; Mrs. Meehan, the desperate, harried matriarch of a thuggish family across the street; lonely Mrs. McGivney, who spends every day tending to her catatonic husband, a veteran of the Great War; and Jean-Luc's own unconventional, vivacious mother. Colorful though it is, Jean-Luc never stops dreaming of a way out of the slum, and his mother's impossible expectations are both his driving force and his burden. As legendary writer Trevelyan lovingly re-creates the neighborhood of his youth in this funny, deeply moving coming-of-age novel, he also paints a vivid portrait of a neighborhood, a city, a nation in turmoil, and the people waiting for a better life to begin. It's a heartfelt and unforgettable look back at one child's life in the 1930s and '40s, a story that will be remembered long after the last page is turned.

### **Vanessa Yu's Magical Paris Tea Shop**

Hailed as one of the year's top five novels by Time, and selected as one of the best books of the year by nearly all major newspapers, national bestseller *Peace Like a River* captured the hearts of a nation in need of comfort. "A rich mixture of adventure, tragedy, and healing," *Peace Like a River* is "a collage of legends from sources sacred and profane -- from the Old Testament to the Old West, from the Gospels to police dramas" (Ron Charles, *The Christian Science Monitor*). In "lyrical, openhearted prose" (Michael Glitz, *The New York Post*), Enger tells the story of eleven-year-old Reuben Land, an asthmatic boy who has reason to believe in miracles. Along with his sister and father, Reuben finds himself on a cross-country search for his outlaw older brother who has been controversially charged with murder. Their journey is touched by serendipity and the kindness of strangers, and its remarkable conclusion shows how family, love, and faith can stand up to the most terrifying of enemies, the most tragic of fates. Leif Enger's "miraculous" (Valerie Ryan, *The Seattle Times*) novel is a "perfect book for an anxious time of great literary merit that nonetheless restores readers' faith in the kindness of stories" (Marta Salij, *Detroit Free Press*).

### **The Wall Street Journal. Complete Personal Finance Guidebook**

An abusive drunk of a husband. An invalid mother whose health continues to fail. A son banished from home. Thirty-three-year-old Addie Coulter is certain life can't get any worse. But after a series of tragedies and losses that challenge her will and test her faith, Addie is forced to leave the only home she's ever known and travel with her daughter to live with her brother and sister-in-law in Golden Meadow. It is here, on the road to recovery, that she meets the dashing Hiram Graham and begins to believe it's possible to love again. Set during a time when life itself was filled with strife and hardship, author Ramona Bridges weaves an unforgettable story about unfailing love, deceit, and forgiveness in her debut novel, *Sweet By and By*. When the revealing of a horrible secret and the arrival of a dangerous criminal threatens to disrupt everything Addie's built and destroy her chance at true love, she's left with only one option: trust in her Savior to bring her safely to the other side. With a cast of characters that will capture your imagination and your heart, *Sweet By and By* celebrates God's promise of faith and hope amidst life's inevitable disappointments. *Sweet By and By* is a story about life-like characters told with southern flair; highlighted with Scripture to remind us that God knows every human need, joy, and weakness; and with just enough romance to spark the imagination. -Kay McQueen

### **The Eiger Sanction**

1910. Pownal, Vermont. At 12, Grace and her best friend Arthur must leave school and go to work as a “doffers” on their mothers’ looms in the mill. Grace’s mother is the best worker, fast and powerful, and Grace desperately wants to help her. But she’s left handed and doffing is a right-handed job. Grace’s every mistake costs her mother, and the family. She only feels capable on Sundays, when she and Arthur receive special lessons from their teacher. Together they write a secret letter to the Child Labor Board about underage children working in Pownal. A few weeks later a man with a camera shows up. It is the famous reformer Lewis Hine, undercover, collecting evidence for the Child Labor Board. Grace’s brief acquaintance with Hine and the photos he takes of her are a gift that changes her sense of herself, her future, and her family’s future. From the Hardcover edition.

### **The Hanging Garden**

"Stellar's Island is a fascinating tale of exploration in the era of sailing ships. It is about courage and scientific curiosity, even in uncharted waters, alien lands, and desperate circumstances, undaunted in the face of storms, scurvy, and shipwreck." --Jacket.

### **The Great British Bake Off: The Big Book of Amazing Cakes**

Set in and around London's Regent's Park, where the city's wealthiest, poorest, kindest, and most vicious citizens all cross paths, *The Keys to the Street* tells of the deadly thanks a young woman risks receiving in return for an act of selfless generosity. "Is it true that we dislike those who have done us a service?" asks Mary Jago's grandmother. One of many questions about the best and worst of human nature, it is one with an answer Mary will discover for herself as a consequence of donating her own bone marrow to save the life of a young man she doesn't know. "It's us he's after," says Dill, "our sort." Dill's sort are the homeless who seek refuge in the park, whose corpses have lately been turning up impaled on the spiked railings that surround it. Mary is not their sort at all and would under ordinary circumstances be separated from such horror by social barriers stronger than iron bars. But she has performed a bold act, and the circumstances of her life are now extraordinary -- she is receptive to previously undreamed of happiness, and vulnerable to the darkest grief. From the Trade Paperback edition.

### **If I Forget You**

In *The Butterfly Sister* by Amy Gail Hansen—a moving Gothic tale that intertwines mystery, madness, betrayal, love, and literature—a fragile young woman must silence the ghosts of her past. Ten months after dropping out of all-girl Tarble College, Ruby Rousseau is still haunted by the memories of her senior year, a time marred by an affair with her English professor and a deep depression that caused her to question her sanity. When a mysterious suitcase arrives bearing Ruby's name and address, she tries to return it to its rightful owner, Beth—a dorm-mate at Tarble—only to learn that Beth disappeared two days earlier. With clues found in the luggage, including a tattered copy of Virginia Woolf's *A Room of One's Own*, which Ruby believes instigated her madness, she sets out to uncover the truth.

### **Stellar's Island**

‘Oh my goodness – another girl Mrs Swain!’ Clara’s normal iron composure broke and she screamed, ‘No! That’s not the bloody deal!’ And that is how my nanna, Bertha Swain, entered the world. When Helen Batten’s marriage breaks down, she starts on a journey of discovery into her family’s past and the mysteries surrounding her enigmatic nanna’s early life. What she unearths is a tale of five feisty red heads struggling to climb out of poverty and find love through two world wars. It’s a story full of surprises and scandal – a death in a workhouse, a son kept in a box, a shameful war record, a clandestine

marriage and children taken far too soon. It's as if there is a family curse. But Helen also finds love, resilience and hope – crazy wagers, late night Charlestons and stolen kisses. As she unravels the story of Nanna and her scarlet sisters, Helen starts to break the spell of the past, and sees a way she might herself find love again.

### Counting on Grace

Barrie Graeber has two great kids, a loving husband, and a respected job as the high school counselor in her close-knit community. Without warning, everything unravels when her teenage daughter, Pearl, is betrayed by friends and lashes out. Nothing prepares this mother for the helplessness that follows when her attempts to steer her daughter back on course fail and Pearl shuts her out . . . or when she discovers the unthinkable about her nemesis, the football coach. Emotionally riveting and profoundly moving, *Mother of Pearl* brings us into the heart of a mother bound by an incredible burden, who ultimately finds she must recognize her own vulnerability and learn to trust in something much bigger. "Heart-wrenching yet filled with grace and hope, Kellie Coates Gilbert's *Mother of Pearl* is beautifully written and a book that needs to be read by everyone with a child or grandchild. Novel Rocket and I give it a high recommendation." Ane Mulligan, Sr. Editor Novel Rocket "A story that could have come from today's headlines, *Mother of Pearl* is a compelling, thought-provoking debut. With impeccable prose, Kellie Coates Gilbert kept me turning the pages in this high-stakes story of one mother's quest for healing and justice." - Carla Stewart, award-winning author of *Chasing Lilacs* and *Stardust* "Kellie Coates Gilbert's debut novel kept me turning pages and on the edge of my seat. Wonderful, richly-drawn characters who drew me to their hearts despite their flaws. *Mother of Pearl* carries a sobering message but it's deftly threaded through a story that is anything but sober. I will eagerly await Gilbert's next offering." -Deborah Raney, author of the *Hanover Falls Novels* series from Howard/Simon & Schuster "Gilbert's debut novel is a force to be reckoned with. *Mother of Pearl* will pluck at the cords of every reader's heart and refuse to let go until the last page. The story shines a light in the dark places of an issue too often over-looked. There's a desperate need for awareness regarding this sensitive topic, and Gilbert's Barrie is a mother who is willing to stand her ground in the face of the fiercest opposition. A heart-twisting tale that readers won't soon forget."—Elizabeth Goddard, Carol Award winning author of *The Camera Never Lies* "Kellie Gilbert's debut novel is a beautifully written, moving story about the vastness of a mother's love for her daughter. Highly recommended." Lisa Harris, Christy Award Finalist "A cautionary tale for our times, *Mother of Pearl* is a compelling journey through loss and longing, grief and redemption, crime and justice. Kellie Coates Gilbert unfolds her story with the sensitivity of a skilled writer." – Lisa Wingate, National bestselling, award-winning author of *Dandelion Summer* and *Blue Moon Bay* "From the deepest recesses of her heart, Kellie Coates Gilbert pens her debut novel – *Mother of Pearl*. It is a story about love, family, tragedy and loss that the author writes with an immeasurable depth of passion and skill. Beautifully and compellingly written, this heartbreaking - yet heartwarming story goes beyond the norm, allowing us to touch the very soul of depression and grief. And to come out the better for it. This story will remain with me for many years to come." - Nancy Jo Jenkins, author of *Coldwater Revival* "I started and finished *Mother of Pearl* in one night. There is no better endorsement than simply not being able to put a book down. And I couldn't put down this first time authors debut novel. I was totally engrossed." - Tina Sloan, Author of *Changing Shoes*, and television star of *Guiding Light*

### Hard Laughter

THE BRAND-NEW OFFICIAL BAKE OFF BOOK! THE ULTIMATE CAKE-BAKING BIBLE The Big Book of Amazing Cakes brings the magic of The Great British Bake Off to your kitchen with easy-to-follow recipes for every shape, size and delicious flavour of cake you can imagine. Featuring the very best cakes from inside the Bake Off tent, alongside much-loved family favourites, stunning

showstoppers and classic bakes, the book is packed with expert advice and helpful tips for decorating. From simple sponges to spectacular celebration cakes, aspiring star bakers will have everything they need to create the perfect bake for any occasion. Includes exclusive recipes by the series 10 bakers, and favourite bakes from contestants across all ten series.

### **Street Smarts**

In 1952, Madeleine Blais's father died suddenly, leaving his pregnant wife and their five young children to face their future alone. Uphill Walkers is the story of how the Blais family pulled together to survive and ultimately thrive in an era when a single-parent family was almost unheard-of. As they came of age in an Irish-American household that often struggled to make ends meet, the Blais children would rise again and again above all obstacles — at every step of the way inspired by a mother who expected much but gave even more, as she saved and sacrificed to provide each child with the same education they would have received had their father lived. Beautiful, heartbreaking, and full of wonderful insights about sisterhood, brotherhood, and the ties that bind us together, Uphill Walkers is a moving portrait of the love it takes to succeed against the odds — and what it means to be a family. "In plain-spoken prose Uphill Walkers has a remarkable dignity and eloquence." — Carmela Ciuraru, USA Today "Beautiful This is the story of a family, united by blood, pride, and the bonds that defy logic." — Ellen Kanner, The Miami Herald "Scrupulously candid and deeply compassionate." — Reeve Lindbergh, The Washington Post Book World

### **Sweet by and by**

Set against the construction of the Eiffel Tower, this novel charts the relationship between a young Scottish widow and a French engineer who, despite constraints of class and wealth, fall in love. In February 1887, Caitriona Wallace and Émile Nouguier meet in a hot air balloon, floating high above Paris, France—a moment of pure possibility. But back on firm ground, their vastly different social strata become clear. Cait is a widow who because of her precarious financial situation is forced to chaperone two wealthy Scottish charges. Émile is expected to take on the bourgeois stability of his family's business and choose a suitable wife. As the Eiffel Tower rises, a marvel of steel and air and light, the subject of extreme controversy and a symbol of the future, Cait and Émile must decide what their love is worth. Seamlessly weaving historical detail and vivid invention, Beatrice Colin evokes the revolutionary time in which Cait and Émile live—one of corsets and secret trysts, duels and Bohemian independence, strict tradition and Impressionist experimentation. To Capture What We Cannot Keep, stylish, provocative, and shimmering, raises probing questions about a woman's place in that world, the overarching reach of class distinctions, and the sacrifices love requires of us all.

### **Looking for Salvation at the Dairy Queen**

A First-Rate Thriller from a Legendary Master Jonathan Hemlock, the art professor and mercenary who first excited readers with his daring exploits in The Eiger Sanction, returns in an even more masterful adventure in The Loo Sanction, Trevanian's second thrilling spy novel. Hemlock has gone to England to rest, but his vacation is interrupted when the head of British Intelligence needs his highly skilled services. Jonathan must take over the mission of an agent whose murder was so bizarre and terrifying that no other agent was willing to replace him. His task: to locate a set of secretly made films that incriminate a number of high-ranking British officials. His target: a top underworld figure who delights in debauchery and torture. Facing this threat, Jonathan is drawn into a labyrinthine network of intrigue and depravity. As all the pieces in the dangerous puzzle begin to come together, Jonathan is trapped, almost fatally drugged, and forced to attempt one of the most daring escapes ever conceived. The Loo

Sanction is sure to keep readers frantically turning pages until the thrilling climax. Also available as an eBook Look for these other Trevanian classics from Three Rivers Press: Shibumi, The Eiger Sanction, The Main, and The Summer of Katya. From the Trade Paperback edition.

### **The Keys to the Street**

"Daniel Cavanaugh has it all--a lucrative career as a lawyer, a gorgeous fiancée, and his future mapped out for him. So why is he feeling increasingly dissatisfied with his life? When the assignment to handle his late grandmother's estate takes him to the California coast, Daniel welcomes the escape. Staying at the nearby bed-and-breakfast isn't really his style, but he soon realizes the inn may hold the key to the answers he's been seeking. Spindrift Cove has few opportunities for a young unmarried woman like Sarah Michaels. Even so, she enjoys her solitude as owner and chef at the Neverland Inn. She thrives on catering to the needs of her guests and treating them to her fantastic cooking. But when Daniel walks through her door, he immediately tests her patience. Though he is handsome and well-bred, she finds him insufferable. Soon, however, the tranquility of the inn works its magic, and Daniel and Sarah forge a sweet and unexpected connection--until the life he left behind in the city demands his return and it seems that a happily ever after may not be on the menu after all."--

### **Satori**

The myth of the American frontier will never be the same when an eager-to-please stranger, carrying a homemade shotgun and a secret, and a madman escaped from prison, release a reign of terror on the citizens of Twenty-Mile. Reprint.

### **Let the Dead Sleep**

Jonathan Hemlock lives in a renovated Gothic church on Long Island. He is an art professor, a mountain climber, and a mercenary, performing assassinations (i.e., sanctions) for money to augment his black-market art collection. Now Hemlock is being tricked into a hazardous assignment that involves an attempt to scale one of the most treacherous mountain peaks in the Swiss Alps, the Eiger. In a breathtakingly suspenseful story that is part thriller and part satire, the author traces Hemlock's spine-tingling adventures, introducing a cast of intriguing characters--villains, traitors, beautiful women--into the highly charged atmosphere of danger. The accumulating threads of suspicion, accusation, and evidence gradually knit themselves into a bizarre and death-defying climax in this exciting, entertaining novel that will keep readers on the edge of their seats until the last absorbing page.

### **The Crazyladies of Pearl Street**

College professor, art collector, mountaineer, and freelance assassin Jonathan Hemlock takes on an assignment that means a perilous climb up the Eiger Mountain with a climbing party that includes his quarry. Reprint. 35,000 first printing.

### **The Butterfly Sister**

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of Orphan Train, and the critically acclaimed author of Bird in Hand and The Way Life Should Be, comes a novel about buried secrets and the redemptive power of forgiveness—includes a special PS section featuring insights, interviews, and more. Cassie Simon is a struggling artist living in New York City. When she receives a call from a magistrate in Sweetwater, TN, telling her she has inherited sixty acres of land from her grandfather, whom she never

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knew, she takes it as a sign: it's time for a change. She moves into the house where her mother, Ellen, was born—and where she died tragically when Cassie was three. From the moment she arrives in Sweetwater, Cassie is overwhelmed by the indelible mark her mother's memory had left behind. As she delves into the thicket of mystery that surrounds her mother's death, Cassie begins to understand the desperate measures the human heart is capable of.

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