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## Texas Wildflowers

"I managed to get my phone and started walking. I couldn't die like this. Those two-second pauses felt like what I thought was death, and I wouldn't go out without a fight. I was barefoot and shirtless and thought maybe I needed some fresh air. It didn't register with me that it was twenty-nine degrees outside. I opened the door and walked outside in just my pants. As I made the call, some lady, who was bundled up from head to toe, stared at me as if I had lost all of my senses. She looked at my bare feet and bare chest and noticed how I was shaking as I was trying to dial the number." This scene provides the backdrop for one of the many battles that Bernard L. Dillard faces in "Lemonade", a coming-of-age story, which highlights his persistence, faith, and triumph as he journeys toward the ever-elusive space called manhood. Exposed to the goods, the bads, and the uglies of Dillard's world, readers can't help but sympathize with, cheer for, and laugh out

loud at a man, who is trying his best to find the most stable path that leads from boy to man. Written like a novel and presented in bite-sized chapters, "Lemonade" is indeed a page-turner. Throughout these pages, Dillard shares the story behind his success. Through candor, vulnerability, and a tinge of wit, Dillard describes how he overcame his own sense of adversity. Although he has held many of these details close to the vest over the years, he now exposes past wounds in his own life with the hopes of encouraging others to succeed despite their own feelings of injury and loss. In a nutshell, it is a story about the youth of today and their struggle to become the successful men and women of tomorrow.

### Into the Wild

### The Cabaret of Plants: Forty Thousand Years of Plant Life and the Human Imagination

A complex and fiercely contemporary tale of inheritance, enlightenment, life, death, desire and family trees, *The Seed Collectors* is the most important novel yet from one of the world's most daring and brilliant writers. Great Aunt Oleander is dead. To each of her nearest and dearest she has left a seed pod. The seed pods might be deadly, but then again they might also contain the secret of enlightenment. Not that anyone has much time for enlightenment. Fleur, left behind at the crumbling Namaste House, must step into Oleander's role as guru to lost and lonely celebrities. Bryony wants to lose the weight she put on after her botanist parents disappeared, but can't stop drinking. And Charlie struggles to make sense of his life after losing the one woman he could truly love. As Henry James said of George Eliot's *Middlemarch*, *The Seed Collectors* is a "treasurehouse of detail" revealing all that it means to be connected, to be part of a society, to be part of the universe and to be human.

## The Seed Collectors

Within the Walls by Stephanie Bennett is a fast-paced novel with a look into the increasingly digital existence of humanity. As media outlets, corporations, and advertisers seek to mesh simulated life with tangible life, the eventual collision of these two worlds is far from the minds of many who cut their teeth on mommy's iPod.® Within the Walls brings us to the busy world of the character, Emilyya, a creator of virtual vacations in the year 2071. What with micro-sleeping, sixteen hour workdays, and her total immersion in virtual relationships (both at work and in her flat), at 29, she hasn't seen much of a need to think about for anything beyond the walls of her, highly productive life. But the discovery of a mysterious letter sends her world spinning. Enter the inner chambers of Emilyya's search for meaning. Take a careful look within the walls; her story may be closer than you think.

## Wildflower

Focusing on the human relationship with plants, the author of Second Nature uses botany to explore four basic human desires--sweetness, beauty, intoxication, and control--through portraits of four plants that embody them: the apple, tulip, marijuana, and potato. 100,000 first printing.

## A Tale of Two Fields

A compassionate and captivating examination of evolving attitudes toward mental illness throughout history and the fight to end the stigma. For centuries, scientists and society cast moral judgments on anyone deemed mentally ill, confining many to asylums. In Nobody ' s Normal, anthropologist Roy Richard Grinker chronicles the progress and setbacks in the struggle against mental-illness stigma—from the eighteenth century, through America ' s major wars,

and into today ' s high-tech economy. Nobody ' s Normal argues that stigma is a social process that can be explained through cultural history, a process that began the moment we defined mental illness, that we learn from within our communities, and that we ultimately have the power to change. Though the legacies of shame and secrecy are still with us today, Grinker writes that we are at the cusp of ending the marginalization of the mentally ill. In the twenty-first century, mental illnesses are fast becoming a more accepted and visible part of human diversity. Grinker infuses the book with the personal history of his family ' s four generations of involvement in psychiatry, including his grandfather ' s analysis with Sigmund Freud, his own daughter ' s experience with autism, and culminating in his research on neurodiversity. Drawing on cutting-edge science, historical archives, and cross-cultural research in Africa and Asia, Grinker takes readers on an international journey to discover the origins of, and variances in, our cultural response to neurodiversity. Urgent, eye-opening, and ultimately hopeful, Nobody ' s Normal explains how we are transforming mental illness and offers a path to end the shadow of stigma.

### Are You My Mother?

A deeply emotional standalone romance set in the worlds of professional basketball and high fashion. Divorced. Single dad. Traded to a losing squad. Cheated on, betrayed, exposed. My perfect life blew up in my face and I'm still picking up the pieces. The last thing I need is her. A wildflower. A storm. A woman I can't resist. Lotus DuPree is a kick to my gut and a wrench in my plans from the moment our eyes meet. I promised myself I wouldn't trust a woman again, but I've never wanted anyone the way I want Lo. She's not the plan I made, but she's the risk I have to take. A warrior. A baller. The one they call Gladiator. Kenan Ross charged into my life smelling all good, looking even better and snatching my breath from the moment we met. The last thing I

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need is him. I'm working on me. Facing my pain and conquering my demons. I've seen what trusting a man gets you. I. Don't. Have. Time. For. This. But he just keeps coming for me. Keeps knocking down my defenses and stealing my excuses one by one. He never gives up, and now I'm not sure I want him to.

## Hook Shot

Weaned Seals and Snowy Summits is a collection of revelations that two Earth-loving souls have gleaned through nature exploration. The authors are focused on how soil and birds; trees and rivers; rain, cycles, and science can inspire creativity and care for the land. The authors' lives have taken different trails, yet they are aligned in promoting environmental stewardship through understanding, inspiration, and enjoyment of the ecological world. They share the goal of leaving the world a better place. It is by deep engagement with creatures and landscapes that one feels the interconnection with the web of all living beings and finds wisdom for everyday living. Travel through the pages of this book to see the beauty and awe of this Earth. tales of wonder contributes to our understanding of the interdependence of life BJ Kempner Award-Winning Writer-Producer an enchanting, inspiring, important book C Charles, Ph.D. Co-Founder Children and Nature Network compelling, passionate, memorable journey through transcendent prose an intimate invitation to rediscover our natural world RS Raney Environmental Educator descriptive passages and philosophical musings encounters with nature in its glory K Tichenor, Ed.D. Sr VP Worcester Polytechnic Institute an exultation of life sheer poetry as we hunger for wholeness HB Rinker, Ph.D. Ecologist rich with texture and imagery K Trnka M.S.Ed. Sacred Earth Publishing an engaging read flowing from two nature-appreciating people JT McGill, Ph.D. Retired Sr. VP Johns Hopkins University guidance to motivate readers to make their own connection to Earth RG Dodson Author

## Within the Walls

## Next to You

## Weaned Seals and Snowy Summits

Jane Silverlake, a young woman from the wild heath regions of Victorian England, uses her paranormal ability to see the souls of handcrafted objects to infiltrate a mysterious dream-manipulation cult into which the man she loves has gone missing.

## Life After Life

On December 26th, 1990 Marguerite Elisofon gave birth to premature twins: Samantha and Matthew. Marguerite and her husband soon noticed their daughter lagged behind her brother in ways that scared them. Samantha, they learned, was on the autistic spectrum. Most "experts" weren't optimistic about her chances for leading a normal life and prepared the Elisofons for the worst. But Marguerite and her family refused to accept these limitations. Twenty-three challenging years later, Samantha graduated from Pace University . . . cum laude! In *My Picture Perfect Family*, Marguerite tells her family's courageous story. At the end of the twentieth century, when the current supports for children on the autistic spectrum did not exist, Marguerite and her family pioneered their own path. They encountered "special" schools with questionable methods, naysayers telling them to lower their expectations, as well as their own worst fears of what Samantha --and their family--might become. But nothing could shake Marguerite's determination to hold her family together, and nothing could deter Samantha's tremendous persistence, boundless energy and drive to succeed. Addressing not only her disabilities but also her talents, the

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Elisofons discovered Samantha was a lyrical soprano with perfect pitch. They encouraged Samantha to take singing lessons at age ten, and she gradually developed a strong enough voice to perform the national anthem at Pace University's 2014 freshman convocation. When you hear about autism, it's often the extreme cases. But the vast majority of individuals lie somewhere in the middle of the spectrum. Marguerite's memoir is an inspiring account of how an "ordinary" family faced the challenges of raising a child with disabilities and achieved extraordinary results. My Picture Perfect Family is a universal story about the struggles and successes of a family determined to leave no child behind. It's a tale of unconditional love, a portrait of authentic parenthood, and a message of hope to all families. Most of all, it's a true story about never giving up on your child, or your famil.

### Strange Tidings

The New York Times bestselling author of *The Splendor Before the Dark* reveals the untold story of Mary Magdalene—a disciple of Jesus Christ and the most mysterious woman in the Bible. Was Mary Magdalene a prostitute, a female divinity figure, a church leader, or all of those? Biblical references to her are tantalizingly brief, but we do know that she was the first person to whom the risen Christ appeared—and the one commissioned to tell others the good news, earning her the ancient honorific, “Apostle to the Apostles.” Today, Mary continues to spark controversy, curiosity, and veneration. In a vivid re-creation of Mary Magdalene's life story, Margaret George convincingly captures this renowned woman's voice as she moves from girlhood to womanhood, becomes part of the circle of disciples, and comes to grips with the divine. While grounded in biblical scholarship and secular research, *Mary, Called Magdalene* ultimately transcends both history and fiction to become a “diary of a soul.”

Neil Patrick Harris

“ Steven Tyler is one of the giants of American music, who ’ s been influential for a whole generation of Rock ’ n ’ Roll fans around the world. Long May He Rock! ” —Sir Paul McCartney Does the Noise in My Head Bother You? is the rock memoir to end all rock memoirs — the straight-up, no-holds-barred story of Grammy Award-winning, Rock ’ n ’ Roll Hall of Fame inductee, and all around superstar legend Steven Tyler, lead singer of Aerosmith (and celebrity judge on American Idol). The rock and roll epic that is Tyler ’ s life begins with Tyler ’ s youth in the Bronx, tracing his early music career and influences, his legendary partnership with Joe Perry, the meteoric rise, fall, and rise of Aerosmith over the last three decades, their music, Tyler ’ s battles with substance abuse, his epic romantic life, his relationship with his four children (including actress Liv Tyler), life on the road and in the spotlight, the economics of the rock star business --and all the sex, drugs, and rock and roll that anyone could ask for. In Tyler ’ s own words: “ I ’ ve been mythicized, Mick-icized, eulogized and fooligized, I ’ ve been Cole-Portered and farmer ’ s-daughtered, I ’ ve been Led Zepped and 12-stepped. I ’ m a rhyming fool and so cool that me, Fritz the Cat, and Mohair Sam are the baddest cats that am. I have so many outrageous stories, too many, and I ’ m gonna tell ’ em all. All the unexpurgated, brain-jangling tales of debauchery, sex & drugs, transcendence & chemical dependence you will ever want to hear. And this is not just my take, this is the unbridled truth, the in-your-face, up-close and prodigious tale of Steven Tyler straight from the horse ’ s lips. ”

### The Serpent and the Pearl

SELECTED AS ONE OF THE 10 GREAT THRILLERS FOR YOUR BEACH READING LIST BY ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY For readers of Ron Rash, Thomas H. Cook, and Tim Johnston, In Wilderness is a suspenseful and literary love story hailed by New York Times bestselling author Joshilyn Jackson as “ heartbreaking, bold,

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relentless ” and “ the work of a true original. ” Includes an exclusive conversation between Diane Thomas and Christina Baker Kline Told she is dying of the mysterious illness that plagues her, thirty-eight-year-old Katherine Reid moves to a remote cabin in the southern mountains to live out her last days. But in this peaceful solitude, her life may still be in terrible danger: A damaged young man also lives in the forest, and he watches her every move. Praise for *In Wilderness* “ A harrowing exploration of desire and obsession, *In Wilderness* sends two people into a physical and psychological wilderness that becomes stranger and more terrifying the deeper they go. ” —Christina Baker Kline, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Orphan Train* “ Not my usual thing, which makes me say it all the louder: I love, love, love this book—the fearless and unflinching story of two extraordinary, vivid people alone in a vast pristine wilderness, told with genuine suspense and a wonderfully empowering ending. *In Wilderness* is altogether spectacular. ” —Lee Child, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Personal* “ Thomas writes hauntingly of obsession and survival in this dark, unusual love story. . . . As the author moves her characters through the seasons of 1966, 1967, and 1968, she offers a deep and unforgettable look into how tragedy and madness can shape lives. Written from the points of view of two suffering people, the story takes on an almost surreal, lyrical quality. Riveting and raw. ” —Publishers Weekly “ Explosive . . . The tension continues to grow. . . . Thomas writes with richness, describing the natural world as viscerally as she does the interior lives of these two intense characters. . . . Recommended for readers who also like the raw, honest writing of Amy Bloom or Amanda Coplin. ” —Library Journal “ Gripping . . . powered by genuine suspense and driven forward by two characters whose lives readers cannot look away from . . . a memorable story of an isolated, beautiful place and of two people trying to make sense of the world they have chosen to live in. ” —Booklist “ Unforgettable: a mad, haunting, dreamlike story of love, obsession, and wildness . . . Diane Thomas mixes elegant prose with raw emotion. ” —William Landay, New York Times bestselling author of *Defending Jacob* From

the Trade Paperback edition.

## I Thirst

From tips on life, love, and everything in between; to original DIYs, recipes, and style hacks; to the incredible story of a girl next door turned Internet sensation, *Make Your Mind Up* is the ultimate guide to rocking your look and ruling your world—from inspirational YouTuber, designer, entrepreneur, and digital influencer, Bethany Mota. When Bethany first propped her camera on a stack of books and pressed record on her family's handheld camera in 2009, she didn't realize her life was about to change—forever. After uploading her first video to YouTube at just thirteen years old, Bethany quickly became one of the Internet's go-to beauty, style, and lifestyle vloggers. Since then, she has filmed countless room tours and tutorials, traveled the world, experimented with hundreds of DIYs, designed her own clothing line, gone on an international tour, competed on *Dancing with the Stars*, and created health, beauty, and wellness content for multiple platforms. But before Bethany found her #MotaFam online, life wasn't looking so great: After being intensely bullied in school, the already shy Bethany retreated further into her shell, suffering from crippling anxiety and a lack of self-confidence she just couldn't shake. From growing up on a dairy farm in small-town Los Banos, California, to figuring out how to overcome anxiety and find her voice, to finally breaking out of her shell and learning to forge her own positive path, *Make Your Mind Up* is more than just a heartwarming memoir or lifestyle guide—this is a portrait of Bethany's life, exactly how she lives it.

## Lemonade

'I read this book in a single addictive sitting. It will stay with me for a long time' Jeet Thayil'Paralkar has created my favorite kind of story:

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morbid, magical, and enthralling' Sarah Blake As dusk approaches, a former surgeon goes about closing up his dilapidated clinic in rural India. His day, like all his days, has been long and hard. His medical supplies arrive late if at all, the electricians in the clinic threaten to burn out at any minute, and his overseer, a corrupt government official, blackmails and extorts him. It is thankless work, but the surgeon has long given up any hope of reward in this life. That night, as the surgeon completes his paperwork, he is visited by a family - a teacher, his heavily pregnant wife and their young son. Victims of a senseless attack, they reveal to the surgeon wounds that they could not possibly have survived. And so the surgeon finds himself faced with a preposterous task: to mend the wounds of the dead family before sunrise so that they may return to life. But this is not the only challenge laid before the surgeon, and as the night unfolds he realises his future is tied more closely to that of the dead family than he could have imagined. At once dustily realist and magically unreal, *Night Theatre* is a powerful fable about the miracles we ask of doctors, and the fine line they negotiate between life and death.

### In Wilderness

### Arctic Dreams

In this memoir, Neil Patrick Harris shares intimate and hilarious stories about everything from his early days in LA, life on the *How I Met Your Mother* set, secrets from backstage at award shows, and family life with David, Harper, and Gideon. He also lets you, the reader, choose which path you want him to follow.--Adapted from publisher description.

### Night Theatre

The author of the National Book Award long-listed "When the Moon

"Was Ours" delivers a spellbinding romance about a lush garden and two lovers who fall under its spell.

### The Botany of Desire

"Highly entertaining... Mabey gets us to look at life from the plants' point of view." —Constance Casey, *New York Times*

The Cabaret of Plants is a masterful, globe-trotting exploration of the relationship between humans and the kingdom of plants by the renowned naturalist Richard Mabey. A rich, sweeping, and wonderfully readable work of botanical history, The Cabaret of Plants explores dozens of plant species that for millennia have challenged our imaginations, awoken our wonder, and upturned our ideas about history, science, beauty, and belief. Going back to the beginnings of human history, Mabey shows how flowers, trees, and plants have been central to human experience not just as sources of food and medicine but as objects of worship, actors in creation myths, and symbols of war and peace, life and death. Writing in a celebrated style that the *Economist* calls "delightful and casually learned," Mabey takes readers from the Himalayas to Madagascar to the Amazon to our own backyards. He ranges through the work of writers, artists, and scientists such as da Vinci, Keats, Darwin, and van Gogh and across nearly 40,000 years of human history: Ice Age images of plant life in ancient cave art and the earliest representations of the Garden of Eden; Newton's apple and gravity, Priestley's sprig of mint and photosynthesis, and Wordsworth's daffodils; the history of cultivated plants such as maize, ginseng, and cotton; and the ways the sturdy oak became the symbol of British nationhood and the giant sequoia came to epitomize the spirit of America. Complemented by dozens of full-color illustrations, The Cabaret of Plants is the magnum opus of a great naturalist and an extraordinary exploration of the deeply intertwined history of humans and the natural world.

## Make Your Mind Up

One powerful family holds a city, a faith, and a woman in its grasp—from the national bestselling author of *Daughters of Rome* and *Mistress of Rome*. Rome, 1492. The Holy City is drenched with blood and teeming with secrets. A pope lies dying and the throne of God is left vacant, a prize awarded only to the most virtuous—or the most ruthless. The Borgia family begins its legendary rise, chronicled by an innocent girl who finds herself drawn into their dangerous web...

Vivacious Giulia Farnese has floor-length golden hair and the world at her feet: beauty, wealth, and a handsome young husband. But she is stunned to discover that her glittering marriage is a sham, and she is to be given as a concubine to the ruthless, charismatic Cardinal Borgia: Spaniard, sensualist, candidate for Pope—and passionately in love with her. Two trusted companions will follow her into the Pope's shadowy harem: Leonello, a cynical bodyguard bent on bloody revenge against a mysterious killer, and Carmelina, a fiery cook with a past full of secrets. But as corruption thickens in the Vatican and the enemies begin to circle, Giulia and her friends will need all their wits to survive in the world of the Borgias.

## My Picture Perfect Family

The definitive history of the Vikings -- from arts and culture to politics and cosmology -- by a distinguished archaeologist with decades of expertise *The Viking Age* -- from 750 to 1050 -- saw an unprecedented expansion of the Scandinavian peoples into the wider world. As traders and raiders, explorers and colonists, they ranged from eastern North America to the Asian steppe. But for centuries, the Vikings have been seen through the eyes of others, distorted to suit the tastes of medieval clerics and Elizabethan playwrights, Victorian imperialists, Nazis, and more. None of these appropriations capture the real Vikings, or the richness and sophistication of their culture. Based on the latest

archaeological and textual evidence, *Children of Ash and Elm* tells the story of the Vikings on their own terms: their politics, their cosmology and religion, their material world. Known today for a stereotype of maritime violence, the Vikings exported new ideas, technologies, beliefs, and practices to the lands they discovered and the peoples they encountered, and in the process were themselves changed. From Eir í k Bloodaxe, who fought his way to a kingdom, to Gudrid Thorbjarnard ó ttir, the most traveled woman in the world, *Children of Ash and Elm* is the definitive history of the Vikings and their time.

### Losing Jon

This *New York Times* – bestselling exploration of the Arctic, a National Book Award winner, is “ one of the finest books ever written about the far North ” (Publishers Weekly). “ The nation ’ s premier nature writer ” travels to a landscape at once barren and beautiful, perilous and alluring, austere yet teeming with vibrant life, and shot through with human history (San Francisco Chronicle). The Arctic has for centuries been a destination for the most ambitious explorers—a place of dreams, fears, and awe-inspiring spectacle. This “ dazzling ” account by the author of *Of Wolves and Men* takes readers on a breathtaking journey into the heart of one of the world ’ s last frontiers (The New York Times). Based on Barry Lopez ’ s years spent traveling the Arctic regions in the company of Eskimo hunting parties and scientific expeditions alike, *Arctic Dreams* investigates the unique terrain of the human mind, thrown into relief against the vastness of the tundra and the frozen ocean. Eye-opening and profoundly moving, it is a magnificent appreciation of how wilderness challenges and inspires us. Renowned environmentalist and author of *Desert Solitaire* Edward Abbey has called *Arctic Dreams* “ a splendid book . . . by a man who is both a first-rate writer and an uncompromising defender of the wild country and its native inhabitants ” —and the *New Yorker* hails it as a “ landmark ” work

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of travel writing. A vivid, thoughtful, and atmospheric read, it has earned multiple prizes, including the National Book Award, the Christopher Medal, the Oregon Book Award, and a nomination for the National Book Critics Circle Award. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Barry Lopez including rare images and never-before-seen documents from the author ' s personal collection.

### Slip Or Jump

**NATIONAL BESTSELLER** • “ A delightful debut. ” —People For readers of *Lilac Girls* and *The Nightingale*, *The Chilbury Ladies' Choir* unfolds the struggles, affairs, deceptions, and triumphs of a village choir during World War II. As England becomes enmeshed in the early days of World War II and the men are away fighting, the women of Chilbury village forge an uncommon bond. They defy the Vicar ' s stuffy edict to close the choir and instead “ carry on singing, ” resurrecting themselves as the Chilbury Ladies ' Choir. We come to know the home-front struggles of five unforgettable choir members: a timid widow devastated when her only son goes to fight; the older daughter of a local scion drawn to a mysterious artist; her younger sister pining over an impossible crush; a Jewish refugee from Czechoslovakia hiding a family secret; and a conniving midwife plotting to outrun her seedy past. An enchanting ensemble story that shuttles from village intrigue to romance to the heartbreaking matters of life and death, Jennifer Ryan ' s debut novel thrillingly illuminates the true strength of the women on the home front in a village of indomitable spirit.

### And the Mountains Echoed

A New York Times Notable Book and the March 2001 selection of Oprah's Book Club® ! *Icy Sparks* is the sad, funny and transcendent tale of a young girl growing up in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky

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during the 1950 ' s. Gwyn Hyman Rubio ' s beautifully written first novel revolves around Icy Sparks, an unforgettable heroine in the tradition of Scout in *To Kill a Mockingbird* or Will Tread in *Cold Sassy Tree*. At the age of ten, Icy, a bright, curious child orphaned as a baby but raised by adoring grandparents, begins to have strange experiences. Try as she might, her "secrets"—verbal croaks, groans, and physical spasms—keep afflicting her. As an adult, she will find out she has Tourette ' s Syndrome, a rare neurological disorder, but for years her behavior is the source of mystery, confusion, and deep humiliation. Narrated by a grown up Icy, the book chronicles a difficult, but ultimately hilarious and heartwarming journey, from her first spasms to her self-acceptance as a young woman. Curious about life beyond the hills, talented, and energetic, Icy learns to cut through all barriers—physical, mental, and spiritual—in order to find community and acceptance. Along her journey, Icy faces the jeers of her classmates as well as the malevolence of her often-ignorant teachers—including Mrs. Stilton, one of the most evil fourth grade teachers ever created by a writer. Called willful by her teachers and "Frog Child" by her schoolmates, she is exiled from the schoolroom and sent to a children ' s asylum where it is hoped that the roots of her mysterious behavior can be discovered. Here Icy learns about difference—her own and those who are even more scarred than she. Yet, it isn ' t until Icy returns home that she really begins to flower, especially through her friendship with the eccentric and obese Miss Emily, who knows first-hand how it feels to be an outcast in this tightly knit Appalachian community. Under Miss Emily ' s tutelage, Icy learns about life ' s struggles and rewards, survives her first comical and heartbreaking misadventure with romance, discovers the healing power of her voice when she sings, and ultimately—takes her first steps back into the world. Gwyn Hyman Rubio ' s *Icy Sparks* is a fresh, original, and completely redeeming novel about learning to overcome others ' ignorance and celebrate the differences that make each of us unique.

## An Open Pit Visible from the Moon

The New York Times – bestselling graphic memoir about Alison Bechdel, author of *Fun Home*, becoming the artist her mother wanted to be. Alison Bechdel's *Fun Home* was a pop culture and literary phenomenon. Now, a second thrilling tale of filial sleuthery, this time about her mother: voracious reader, music lover, passionate amateur actor. Also a woman, unhappily married to a closeted gay man, whose artistic aspirations simmered under the surface of Bechdel's childhood...and who stopped touching or kissing her daughter good night, forever, when she was seven. Poignantly, hilariously, Bechdel embarks on a quest for answers concerning the mother-daughter gulf. It's a richly layered search that leads readers from the fascinating life and work of the iconic twentieth-century psychoanalyst Donald Winnicott, to one explosively illuminating Dr. Seuss illustration, to Bechdel's own (serially monogamous) adult love life. And, finally, back to Mother—to a truce, fragile and real-time, that will move and astonish all adult children of gifted mothers. A New York Times, USA Today, Time, Slate, and Barnes & Noble Best Book of the Year “As complicated, brainy, inventive and satisfying as the finest prose memoirs.” —New York Times Book Review “A work of the most humane kind of genius, bravely going right to the heart of things: why we are who we are. It's also incredibly funny. And visually stunning. And page-turningly addictive. And heartbreaking.” —Jonathan Safran Foer “Many of us are living out the un-lived lives of our mothers. Alison Bechdel has written a graphic novel about this; sort of like a comic book by Virginia Woolf. You won't believe it until you read it—and you must!” —Gloria Steinem

## The Chilbury Ladies' Choir

Romance is in full bloom for four McBride sisters living in Texas. A jilted Rosy goes home to Galveston to nurture her broken heart. Will

she find the courage to love again? Lily has just opened a Christian counseling business. Will an eccentric client cause her to break the most solemn of vows? Violet runs a business that shows people how to live romantically. Will a quirky geek teach her the real meaning of love? Heather 's perfectly planned life has just come undone. Will an unexpected date give her the courage to let go—in life and love?

### Nobody's Normal: How Culture Created the Stigma of Mental Illness

Situated among the North Cascade Mountains of Washington State, in the Glacier Peak Wilderness Area, Miners Ridge contains vast quantities of copper. Kennecott Copper Corporation 's plan to develop an open-pit mine there was, when announced in 1966, the first test of the mining provision of the Wilderness Act passed by Congress in 1964. The battle over the proposed “ Open Pit, Big Enough to Be Seen from the Moon, ” as activists called it, drew the attention of both local and national conservationists, who vowed to stop the desecration of one of the West 's most scenic places. Kennecott Copper had the full force of the law and mining industry behind it in asserting its extractive rights. Meanwhile the U.S. Forest Service was determined to defend its authority to manage wilderness. An Open Pit Visible from the Moon tells the story of this historic struggle to define the contours of the Wilderness Act—its possibilities and limits. Combining rigorous analysis and deft storytelling, Adam M. Sowards re-creates the contest between Kennecott and its shareholders on one hand and activists on the other, intent on maintaining wilderness as a place immune to the calculus of profit. A host of actors cross these pages—from cabinet secretaries and a Supreme Court justice to local doctors and college students—all contributing to a drama that made Miners Ridge a cause c é l è bre for the nation 's wilderness movement. As locals testified at public hearings and writers penned profiles in the nation 's magazines and newspapers, the volatile political economy of copper proved

equally influential in frustrating Kennecott ' s plans. No law or court ruling could keep Kennecott from mining copper, but the pit was never dug. Identifying the contingent factors and forces that converged and coalesced in this case, Sowards ' s narrative recalls a critical moment in the struggle over the nation ' s wild places, even as it puts the unpredictability of history on full display.

### Mary, Called Magdalene

Fifteen years ago Francesca Lia Block made a dazzling entrance into the literary scene with what would become one of the most talked-about books of the decade: *Weetzie Bat*. This poetic roller coaster swoop has a sleek new design to match its new sister and brother books, *Goat Girls* and *Beautiful Boys*. Rediscover the magic of *Weetzie Bat*, Ms. Blocks sophisticated, slinkster-cool love song to L.A.the book that shattered the standard, captivated readers of all generations, and made Francesca Lia Block one of the most heralded authors of the last decade.

### This Ruler

The first act of false religion - religion defined as the effort of the soul to make oneself presentable and acceptable to God outside of relational accountability to and submissive dependence upon God - was performed by our first parents in a garden " sewing room " - the stitching together of fig leaves in an effort to cover the shame of personal nakedness. But the real genius in this first act of religion was not the ability to create coverings; the far greater wonder was in the uniformity of the coverings. An apron is an apron, and I suspect there was no distinction, difference, or uniqueness between his and hers. And there the two core characteristics of false religion emerged: self-effort and uniformity. The great post-flood corporate expression of this was the Tower of Babel. God ' s response was to confuse the best

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efforts of man ' s uniformity by introducing into its monotonous sameness distinction, difference, and uniqueness. Driven by its passion for the pseudo-security and comfort of uniformity - which masquerades as unity - the best that the religious soul of man can do is clone carbon copies of the sameness. In contrast to this narrowness is the infinite creativity of the unbounded love of the Sovereign God, who delights in the true unity of spiritual reality that allows for, promotes, and enables infinite distinction, uniqueness, and difference of external expression and " performance " . Therein lies the ancient conflict between the religious soul caught up with the pinching uniformity of doing and the infinite broadness of Sovereignty, who ' s unlimited provision negates and renders ridiculous our silly fig-leaf aprons. The flashpoint of this historic engagement - the place where true and false religion collide - is that mysterious world in each of us where S/spirit and soul meet in the dance.

### Does the Noise in My Head Bother You? (Enhanced Edition)

The apocalypse didn ' t arrive with nuclear war or a plague of zombies, just a quiet virus that sterilized most everyone and put humanity's future in jeopardy. Fifty years later, seventeen-year-old Ed Johnson plies his musical talents in New Philadelphia, jumping at the chance to help launch a coworker ' s band. But Quinn, their beautiful bassist, is inexplicably cold toward him, and other strange things are afoot. In spite of a growing unease, Ed shrugs off being stalked by a crazy, old Native American and a frightening crone. But when nightmare creatures threaten his sister, Ed discovers he is bound to the strangers. To get out of this mess, he must enlist the help of his friends and Quinn, who harbors her own dark secret. But there is little time for Ed to discover the true power of music and save them, himself, and perhaps the future of the human race.

## Phenomenal

During the summer before his final year at Columbia University, Sam Steele was lucky enough to have gotten stoned, which nearly caused him to jump to his death off of a desert cliff. He did not jump. But he did shatter. Psychologically broken, Sam does his best to put himself back together. While his brother flirts with domestic life-wife, children, and a job-Sam's relationship with his girlfriend ends, he is involved in a sex-scandal with a crazy professor/poet, he ditches old 'friends' for actual ones, performs at a concert, gaining rock-star status on campus. But will this be enough? And can Sam find that in life which will bring him happiness?

## Wild Beauty

It is a story about an American high school and a unique group of kids. They spend their time with one another, though not necessarily in a together fashion. Essentially, they are on a greater journey to know themselves. It is a philosophical and metaphorical story of greed and corruption by the publishing companies.

## Weetzie Bat

A Chilling True Story of Injustice David Parrish was in disbelief when he learned that nineteen-year-old Jon Bowie ' s body had been found hanged from a backstop at the local high school ' s baseball field and the death declared a suicide. David had known Jon and his twin brother since they were boys. He had coached them on the baseball field and welcomed them into his home for sleepovers with his own sons. However, when David learned how Jon ' s body was found, he felt compelled to find the facts behind the incomprehensible tragedy. Soon, David would learn of a brutal incident at a local motel where Jon and his brother had been severely beaten by police officers, the charges

filed against those officers, and the months of harassment and intimidation Jon and his brother endured. Few in the utopian community of Columbia, Maryland, believed Jon could commit such a final act. Like many others, David wondered how a fateful night of teens blowing off steam could lead to such a tragic end. As law enforcement failed to find answers and seemed intent on preventing the truth from surfacing, David uncovered a system of cover-ups that could only lead to one conclusion—Jon ’ s death was an act of murder. “ A true page turner, filled with almost-too-unbelievable-to-be-true details of one community ’ s fight to find justice for one of its own . . . the issues raised, particularly when it comes to questions of police brutality and cover-ups, are very much relevant today. ”  
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### Tales of the tip

Teresa's summer vacation falls apart when five of her eight siblings board a Greyhound bus in California headed back to their home in Florida. At seven, Teresa is faced with homelessness and child abuse as she cares for her mentally unstable mother.

### Icy Sparks

So, then. You want a story and I will tell you one Afghanistan, 1952. Abdullah and his sister Pari live in the small village of Shadbagh. To Abdullah, Pari, as beautiful and sweet-natured as the fairy for which she was named, is everything. More like a parent than a brother, Abdullah will do anything for her, even trading his only pair of shoes for a feather for her treasured collection. Each night they sleep together in their cot, their skulls touching, their limbs tangled. One day the siblings journey across the desert to Kabul with their father. Pari and Abdullah have no sense of the fate that awaits them there, for the event

which unfolds will tear their lives apart; sometimes a finger must be cut to save the hand. Crossing generations and continents, moving from Kabul, to Paris, to San Francisco, to the Greek island of Tinos, Khaled Hosseini writes about the bonds that define us and shape our lives, and how the choices we make resonate through history.

### Langreath, a tale

In April 1992 a young man from a well-to-do family hitchhiked to Alaska and walked alone into the wilderness north of Mt. McKinley. His name was Christopher Johnson McCandless. He had given \$25,000 in savings to charity, abandoned his car and most of his possessions, burned all the cash in his wallet, and invented a new life for himself. Four months later, his decomposed body was found by a moose hunter. How McCandless came to die is the unforgettable story of *Into the Wild*. Immediately after graduating from college in 1991, McCandless had roamed through the West and Southwest on a vision quest like those made by his heroes Jack London and John Muir. In the Mojave Desert he abandoned his car, stripped it of its license plates, and burned all of his cash. He would give himself a new name, Alexander Supertramp, and, unencumbered by money and belongings, he would be free to wallow in the raw, unfiltered experiences that nature presented. Craving a blank spot on the map, McCandless simply threw the maps away. Leaving behind his desperate parents and sister, he vanished into the wild. Jon Krakauer constructs a clarifying prism through which he reassembles the disquieting facts of McCandless's short life. Admitting an interest that borders on obsession, he searches for the clues to the drives and desires that propelled McCandless. Digging deeply, he takes an inherently compelling mystery and unravels the larger riddles it holds: the profound pull of the American wilderness on our imagination; the allure of high-risk activities to young men of a certain cast of mind; the complex, charged bond between fathers and sons. When

McCandless's innocent mistakes turn out to be irreversible and fatal, he becomes the stuff of tabloid headlines and is dismissed for his naiveté, pretensions, and hubris. He is said to have had a death wish but wanting to die is a very different thing from being compelled to look over the edge. Krakauer brings McCandless's uncompromising pilgrimage out of the shadows, and the peril, adversity, and renunciation sought by this enigmatic young man are illuminated with a rare understanding--and not an ounce of sentimentality.

Mesmerizing, heartbreaking, *Into the Wild* is a tour de force. The power and luminosity of Jon Krakauer's storytelling blaze through every page. From the Trade Paperback edition.

### Children of Ash and Elm

What if you could live again and again, until you got it right? On a cold and snowy night in 1910, Ursula Todd is born to an English banker and his wife. She dies before she can draw her first breath. On that same cold and snowy night, Ursula Todd is born, lets out a lusty wail, and embarks upon a life that will be, to say the least, unusual. For as she grows, she also dies, repeatedly, in a variety of ways, while the young century marches on towards its second cataclysmic world war. Does Ursula's apparently infinite number of lives give her the power to save the world from its inevitable destiny? And if she can -- will she? Darkly comic, startlingly poignant, and utterly original -- this is Kate Atkinson at her absolute best.

### The White Forest

Elizabeth Gilbert, author of *The Signature of All Things* and *Eat, Pray, Love* “What a cool and fascinating ride. Leigh Ann Henion has tackled one of the great questions of contemporary, intelligent, adventurous women: Is it possible to be a wife and mother and still explore the world? Her answer seems to be that this is not only

possible, but essential. This story shows how. I think it will open doors for many.” Heartfelt and awe-inspiring, Leigh Ann Henion’s Phenomenal is a moving tale of physical grandeur and emotional transformation, a journey around the world that ultimately explores the depths of the human heart. A journalist and young mother, Henion combines her own varied experiences as a parent with a panoramic tour of the world’s most extraordinary natural wonders. Phenomenal begins in hardship: with Henion deeply shaken by the birth of her beloved son, shocked at the adversity a young mother faces with a newborn. The lack of sleep, the shrinking social circle, the health difficulties all collide and force Henion to ask hard questions about our accepted wisdom on parenting and the lives of women. Convinced that the greatest key to happiness—both her own and that of her family—lies in periodically venturing into the wider world beyond home, Henion sets out on a global trek to rekindle her sense of wonder. Henion’s quest takes her far afield, but it swiftly teaches her that freedom is its own form of parenting—one that ultimately allows her to meet her son on his own terms with a visceral understanding of the awe he experiences every day at the fresh new world. Whether standing on the still-burning volcanoes of Hawai‘i or in the fearsome lightning storms of Venezuela, amid the vast animal movements of Tanzania or the elegant butterfly migrations of Mexico, Henion relates a world of sublimity and revelation. Henion’s spiritual wanderlust puts her in the path of modern-day shamans, reindeer herders, and astrophysicists. She meets laypeople from all over the world, from all walks of life, going to great lengths to chase migrations, auroras, eclipses, and other phenomena. These seekers trust their instincts, follow their passions, shape their days into the lives they most want to lead. And, somewhere along the way, Leigh Ann Henion becomes one of them. A breathtaking memoir, Phenomenal reveals unforgettable truths about motherhood, spirituality, and the beauty of nature. Oprah.com "Part travel memoir, part parenting manifesto and part inquiry into those fleeting, extraordinary glimpses of something that left us groping for rational explanations in the quicksand of all-

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