



### **WE LOVE ANDERSON COOPER by R.L. Maizes (July 2019)**

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In this quirky, humorous, and deeply human short story collection, Pushcart Prize-nominated author R.L. Maizes reminds us that even in our most isolated moments, we are never truly alone. In **We Love Anderson Cooper**, characters are treated as outsiders because of their sexual orientation, racial or religious identity, or simply because they look different. A young man courts the publicity that comes from outing himself at his bar mitzvah. When a painter is shunned because of his appearance, he learns to ink tattoos that come to life. A paranoid Jewish actuary suspects his cat of cheating on him—with his Protestant girlfriend. In this debut collection, humor complements pathos. Readers will recognize themselves in these stories and in these protagonists, whose backgrounds are vastly different from their own, because we've all been outsiders at some point.

**Praise:** “Maizes’s precise prose crackles with humor, insight, and a big heart for her cast of memorable characters. *We Love Anderson Cooper* marks the arrival of a vibrant new voice in American fiction.”—Will Allison, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Long Drive Home* and *What You Have Left*

*The author’s debut novel will follow in 2020.*



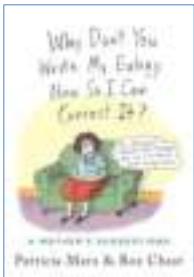
### **THIS CHAIR ROCKS: A Manifesto Against Ageism by Ashton Applewhite (March 2019)**

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In our youth obsessed culture, we’re bombarded by media images and messages about the despairs and declines of our later years. Wrinkles are embarrassing. Gray hair should be colored. Older minds and bodies are too frail to keep up with the pace of the modern working world and olders should just step aside for the new generation. Ashton Applewhite once held these beliefs too until she realized where this prejudice comes from and the damage it does. Lively, funny, and deeply researched, **This Chair Rocks** traces her journey from apprehensive boomer to pro-aging radical, and in the process debunks myth after myth about late life. Explaining the roots of ageism in history and how it divides and debases, Applewhite examines how ageist stereotypes cripple the way our brains and bodies function, looks at ageism in the workplace and the bedroom, critiques the portrayal of elders as burdens to society, describes what an all-age-friendly world would look like, and offers a rousing call to action. It’s time to create a world of age equality by making discrimination on the basis of age as unacceptable as any other kind of bias. Whether you’re older or hoping to get there, this book will change the way you see the rest of your life.

**Praise:** “Wow. This book totally rocks. It arrived on a day when I was in deep confusion and sadness about my age. Everything about it, from my invisibility to my neck. Within four or five wise, passionate pages, I had found insight, illumination and inspiration. I never use the word empower, but this book has empowered me.”—Anne Lamott, *New York Times* bestselling author

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**WHY DON'T YOU WRITE MY EULOGY NOW SO I CAN CORRECT IT?: A Mother's Suggestions** by Patricia Marx and Roz Chast (April 2019)  
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*New Yorker* writer Patty Marx has never been able to shake her mother's one-line witticisms from her brain, so she's collected them into a book, accompanied by full color illustrations by *New Yorker* staff cartoonist Roz Chast. These snappy maternal cautions include:

- *If you feel guilty about throwing away leftovers, put them in the back of your refrigerator for five days and then throw them out.*
- *If you run out of food at your dinner party, the world will end.*
- *When traveling, call the hotel from the airport to say there aren't enough towels in your room and, by the way, you'd like a room with a better view.*

**The authors' next title Never Go To Orgies Alone: Advice for Love and Dating will follow in February 2020.**

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**FOLDED WISDOM: Notes from Dad on Life, Love, and Growing Up** by Joanna Guest (May 2019)  
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For her entire childhood, Joanna's father, an artist by training, had a morning ritual: wake up early, walk the dog, and sit down at the kitchen table with two blank sheets of paper and plenty of colored markers. On those pages, every morning, he would craft a note to young Joanna and her brother Theo. Over the years, these beautifully illustrated and heartwarming notes morphed from word games and puzzles for five-year-olds to thoughtful guidance, advice, and reflections for teens approaching adulthood. Each morning, without fail, her father would have a note waiting for his two children. Now, with more than 3,500 of her father's colorful, vibrant, touching notes in hand, Joanna has chosen the most poignant and collected them into this beautiful book. With the illustrated notes throughout, the book is organized by themes such as forgiveness, love, friendship, teamwork, and more. These notes are full of messages we all need to hear. Heartfelt and full of possibility for the future, the notes are timeless and relevant reminders of our common humanity. They hold lessons that are easily applicable to each of our lives.

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**WILLIAM & HARRY: The Windsor Brothers** by Danny Danziger (May 2019)  
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The British royal princes William and Harry come from a family where fraternal relationships have often been hostile, at best. Historically and genetically it is extraordinary that these two brothers, just two years and two months apart and temperamentally so dissimilar, should love each other with such depth. But since birth, the boys have been in lockstep, drawn together by their birthright and the unique and tragic circumstances of their childhood. They are, however, not just the living legacy of their beautiful, troubled mother, Princess Diana, nor, by dint of birth, simply successors to a long-lasting dynasty. They are strong individuals in their own right and have made the British royals once again an object of universal fascination. **William & Harry** focuses on this intriguing fraternal relationship—the older brother, happily married and father of three, who is destined to be king, and the irrepressible younger brother who, not long ago, was a carefree bachelor with a penchant for hijinks, and is now married to Meghan Markle, a woman who defies royal expectations. In this insightful biography, *Sunday Times* columnist Danny Danziger brings to life the special bond between the world's two most famous siblings.