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***THE STRANGER IN THE LIFEBOAT** by Mitch Albom (HarperCollins, November 2021). (Mitch's backlist below & on page 50)

What would happen if we called on God for help and God actually appeared? In Mitch Albom's profound new novel of hope and faith, a group of shipwrecked passengers pull a strange man from the sea. He claims to be "the Lord." And he says he can only save them if they all believe in him. Adrift in a raft after a deadly ship explosion, nine people struggle for survival at sea. Three days pass. Short on water, food and hope, they spot a man floating in the waves. They pull him in.

"Thank the Lord we found you," a passenger says.

"I am the Lord," the man whispers.

So begins Mitch Albom's most beguiling and inspiring novel yet.

Albom has written of heaven in the celebrated No. 1 bestsellers *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* and *The First Phone Call from Heaven*. Now, for the first time in his fiction, he ponders what we would do if, after crying out for divine help, God actually appeared before us? What might the Lord look, sound and act like?

In *The Stranger in the Lifeboat*, Albom keeps us guessing until the end: Is this strange and quiet man really who he claims to be? What actually happened to cause the explosion? Are the survivors already in heaven, or are they in hell?

The story is narrated by Benji, one of the passengers, who recounts the events in a notebook that is later discovered – a year later – when the empty liferaft washes up on the island of Montserrat. It falls to the island's chief inspector, Jarty LeFleur, a man battling his own demons, to solve the mystery of what really happened.

A fast-paced, compelling novel that makes you ponder your deepest beliefs, *The Stranger in the Lifeboat* suggests that answers to our prayers may be found where we least expect them.

***Sold to: UK: Little Brown; Germany: Ullstein; Brazil: Sextante; Poland: Zysk**

***FINDING CHIKA: A Little Girl, an Earthquake, and the Making of a Family** by Mitch Albom (HarperCollins, November 5, 2019; paperback publication May 18, 2021)

New York Times Best Seller

Bestselling author Mitch Albom returns to nonfiction for the first time in more than a decade in this poignant memoir that celebrates Chika, a young Haitian orphan whose short life would forever change his heart.

Chika Jeune was born three days before the devastating earthquake that decimated Haiti in 2010. She spent her infancy in a landscape of extreme poverty, and when her mother died giving birth to a baby brother, Chika was brought to The Have Faith Haiti Orphanage that Albom operates in Port Au Prince.

With no children of their own, the forty-plus children who live, play, and go to school at the orphanage have become family to Mitch and his wife, Janine. Chika's arrival makes a quick impression. Brave and self-assured, even as a three-year-old, she delights the other kids and teachers. But at age five, Chika is suddenly diagnosed with something a doctor there says, "No one in Haiti can help you with." Mitch and Janine bring Chika to Detroit, hopeful that American medical care can soon return her to her homeland. Instead, Chika becomes a permanent part of their household, and their lives, as they embark on a two-year, around-the-world journey to find a cure. As Chika's boundless optimism and humor teach Mitch the joys of parenting, he learns that a relationship built on love, no matter what blows it takes, can never be lost.

Told in hindsight, and through illuminating conversations with Chika herself, this is Albom at his most poignant and vulnerable. Chika is a celebration of a girl, her adoptive guardians, and the incredible bond they formed—a devastatingly beautiful portrait of what it means to be a family, regardless of how it is made.

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***NO ONE GOES ALONE: a novel** by Erik Larson (PRH Audio/A Random House Audiobook Original, September 28, 2021)

From *New York Times* bestselling author Erik Larson comes his first venture into fiction, an otherworldly tale of intrigue and the impossible that marshals his trademark approach to nonfiction to create something new: a ghost story thoroughly grounded in history.

Pioneering psychologist William James leads an expedition to a remote isle in search of answers after a family inexplicably vanishes. Was the cause rooted in the physical world . . . or were there forces more paranormal and sinister at work? Available only on audio, because as Larson says, ghost stories are best told aloud.

A group of researchers sets sail for the Isle of Dorn in the North Atlantic in 1905 to explore the cause of several mysterious disappearances, most notably a family of four who vanished without a trace after a week-long holiday on the island. Led by Professor James, a prominent member of the Society for Psychical Research, they begin to explore the island's sole cottage and surrounding landscape in search of a logical explanation.

The idyllic setting belies an undercurrent of danger and treachery, with raging storms and unnerving discoveries adding to the sense of menace. As increasingly unexplainable events unfold, the now-stranded investigators are unsure whether they can trust their own eyes, their instincts, one another—or even themselves.

Erik Larson has written a terrifying tale of suspense, underpinned with actual people and events. Created specifically to entertain audio listeners, this eerie blend of the ghostly and the real will keep listeners captivated till the blood-chilling end.

Read by Julian Rhind-Tutt and featuring Erik Larson reading his *Notes for a Narrator*.

***THE SPLENDID AND THE VILE: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Bombing of London** by Erik Larson (Crown, Feb 25, 2020); (*See Erik's backlist on p 52.)
#1 New York Times bestseller

In that first cataclysmic year, Churchill defied ever-escalating aggression from Hitler to win England's first major victory of the war, one that rallied Britons everywhere and played an important role in persuading President Franklin Roosevelt to support him to the fullest extent possible. The narrative will begin with Churchill's appointment as prime minister on May 10, 1940, the day Hitler invaded Holland and Belgium; it will end one year later, on May 10, 1941, with the last and most ferocious night of the Blitz, a night filled with Vonnegutian violence and devastation, capped by the bizarre arrival on British soil, by parachute, of Hitler's closest deputy, Rudolf Hess.

Larson's acclaimed storytelling skills will bring to life one of the most important political figures of the 20th Century and will also be a narratively engrossing "Downton on Downing." Set in locales ranging from the Prisoner Room at the prime ministerial country house, Chequers; to London's Dorchester Hotel, where Lady "Emerald" Cunard threw charismatic parties as shrapnel peppered the windows; and of course to 10 Downing Street and the Cabinet War Rooms, Larson's book will provide a vivid portrait of London in the darkest time imaginable, through the day-to-day experience of Churchill and his family—his wife, Clementine; their daughters, Sarah, Diana, Mary; and their son, Randolph—and the cadre of close advisers who comprised Churchill's "Secret Circle." The book will draw upon a wealth of new sources, including recently declassified files as well as personal diaries that only now have become accessible to researchers. *The Splendid and the Vile* promises to take readers out of today's political dysfunction and back to a time of true leadership, when Churchill's eloquence, strategic brilliance, and perseverance bound a country together in the face of unrelenting horror.

***Sold to: UK/ANZ: HarperCollins; France: Cherche Midi; Italy: Neri Pozza; Denmark: Gyldendal Forlag; Norway: Font Forlag; Spain: Ariel; Netherlands: Karakter; Hungary: Maxim; Brazil: Intrinseca; Greek: Dioptra; Russia: Alpina; Czech: Leda; Slovak: Premedia; Sweden: Modernista; Poland: Spoleczny Instytut; China (simplified): ThinKingdom; Ukrainian: Nash Format; Croatian: 24 Sata; Korea: SangSang Academy; Bulgaria: Iztok-Zapad; Portugal: LeYa**

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***THE CULTURE PLAYBOOK: 60 Highly Effective Actions to Help Your Group Succeed** by Dan Coyle (PRH/Random House, May 3, 2022); [ms. available](#). (Dan's backlist is below & on p. 53.)

What is great culture made of? How do you get more of it, or turn around a group that needs improving? In THE CULTURE PLAYBOOK, Daniel Coyle delivers a simple, clear, field-tested guide for building a strong, cohesive, high-performing group. Coyle, author of the *New York Times* bestselling *The Culture Code*, spent the last six years studying and consulting with some of the most successful groups on the planet — including IDEO, Pixar, the San Antonio Spurs, Navy SEALs Team 6, and others. Here, he distills his findings into 60 concise, actionable, scientifically proven tips for building safety, generating trust, and establishing purpose — plus a set of conversation-igniting exercises to help you assess and improve your current culture. The result is a book that will sharpen the skills of any leader and strengthen the cohesion of any team — because it demonstrates that great culture is not controlled by fate or luck; it's controlled by you. The book will have a bit more of a workbook feel — lots of questions for reflection, plus a short workshop at the end. We see people putting this thing to use.

<http://danielcoyle.com/>

Sold to Japan: Kanki; UK: Random House UK; Spain: Conecta; Romania: SC Publica

***THE CULTURE CODE: The Secrets of Highly Successful Groups** by Daniel Coyle (PRH/Bantam, January 2018);

<http://thetalentcode.com/>

***New York Times* bestseller**

New York Times bestselling author of *The Talent Code* and *The Little Book of Talent* Daniel Coyle's THE CULTURE CODE, unlocks the secrets of highly successful groups and provides tomorrow's leaders with the tools to build a cohesive, motivated culture.

Where does great culture come from? How do you build and sustain it in your group, or strengthen a culture that needs fixing?

In *The Culture Code*, Daniel Coyle goes inside some of the world's most successful organizations—including the U.S. Navy's SEAL Team Six, IDEO, and the San Antonio Spurs—and reveals what makes them tick. He demystifies the culture-building process by identifying three key skills that generate cohesion and cooperation, and explains how diverse groups learn to function with a single mind. Drawing on examples that range from Internet retailer Zappos to the comedy troupe Upright Citizens Brigade to a daring gang of jewel thieves, Coyle offers specific strategies that trigger learning, spark collaboration, build trust, and drive positive change. Coyle unearths helpful stories of failure that illustrate what not to do, troubleshoots common pitfalls, and shares advice about reforming a toxic culture. Combining leading-edge science, on-the-ground insights from world-class leaders, and practical ideas for action, *The Culture Code* offers a roadmap for creating an environment where innovation flourishes, problems get solved, and expectations are exceeded.

Culture is not something you are—it's something you do. *The Culture Code* puts the power in your hands. No matter the size of your group or your goal, this book can teach you the principles of cultural chemistry that transform individuals into teams that can accomplish amazing things together.

***Sold to UK: Random House; Brazil: Sextante; Korea: Woongjin Think Big; Netherlands: Maven; Spain: PRH/Conecta; Russia: Azbooka-Atticus; China: Cheers Publishing Company; Romania: SC Publica; Israel: Matar; Turkey: Buzdagi Yayinevi; Lithuania: Vaga; Japan: Kanki; Taiwan: Prophet Press; Arabic: Arab Scientific; Italy: Unicomunicazione; Vietnam: Alpha; Ukrainian: Nash Format**

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***STRANGERS IN THE LAND: The Purging of Chinese from America** by Michael Luo (Doubleday, Summer 2025, [ms available Summer 2024](#))

In STRANGERS IN THE LAND, New Yorker journalist Michael Luo proposes to write a narrative history of a forgotten chapter in American history, when Chinese immigrants flocked the United States but were ultimately driven out of communities up and down the West Coast. America, in the middle of the 19th century, was engaged in an epic struggle over race. Largely forgotten in this defining period of American history, however, is the virulent racism Chinese immigrants endured on the other side of the country. The story of the Chinese in America—the first Asian Americans—spans the California gold rush, the construction of the transcontinental railroad, the enactment of the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, the law's repeal in the 1940s, and ultimately the liberalization of America's immigration laws in 1965. Luo will trace the history of a people violently rebuffed at nearly every turn and their determination to resist.

Michael's 2016 *New York Times* piece "[An Open Letter to the Woman Who Told My Family to Go Back to China](#)" was read by over a million people. And a [subsequent video](#) generated 27 million views on Facebook alone.

***PEOPLE LOVE DEAD JEWS: Reports from a Haunted Present** by Dara Horn (Norton; Sept 7, 2021): [Excludes UK: we control translation] (Dara's backlist is on p. 54).

A startling exploration of how Jewish history is exploited to comfort the living by acclaimed author Dara Horn. After the feedback Dara Horn received for her Atlantic piece about the Downtown Manhattan Auschwitz attraction, and op-eds she wrote for the Times after the two mass synagogue shootings, she conceived of a book of essays centered on the implications evoked in her title: PEOPLE LOVE DEAD JEWS. The original and reworked pieces here collect her thoughts about a subject that she has strenuously avoided in her fiction: the fetishization of dead Jews. Dead Jews are lessons, symbols, metaphors, harbingers, icons, and examples.

Reflecting on subjects as far-flung as the international veneration of Anne Frank, the blockbuster travelling exhibition called "Auschwitz," the Jewish history of the Chinese city of Harbin, and the little known "righteous-gentile" Varian Fry, Dara Horn challenges us to confront the reasons why there might be so much fascination with Jewish deaths, as emblematic of the worst of evils the world has to offer, and so little respect for Jewish lives, as they continue to unfold in the present.

Horn draws on her own family life—trying to explain Shakespeare's Shylock to a curious ten-year-old, her anger when swastikas are drawn on desks in her children's school in New Jersey, the profound and essential perspective offered by traditional religious practice, prayer, and study—to assert the vitality, complexity, and depth of this life against an anti-Semitism that, far from being disarmed by the mantra of "Never forget," is on the rise.

PEOPLE LOVE DEAD JEWS will stand alongside books by Rebecca Solnit's *Men Explain Things to Me*, Zadie Smith's *Feel Free*, even Ta-Nehihi Coates's *We Were Eight Years in Power*, as a compilation of persuasive essays that nail down an otherwise evasive new brand of exploitation and betrayal.

***CONTROLLING WOMEN: What We Must Do Now to Save Reproductive Freedom** by Kathryn Kolbert and Julie F. Kay (Hachette Books, July 13, 2021).

The definitive account of the battle for reproductive freedom and a bold new strategy to safeguard our rights, from two lawyers at the forefront of the movement.

While *Roe v. Wade* is a household name in America, few are aware of the impact of *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, the Supreme Court's 1992 ruling that preserved but redefined and substantially limited abortion rights, especially for the most marginalized women. *Casey* rather than *Roe* has established the constitutional standards that today govern abortion in the U.S. When pundits talk about the reversal of *Roe*, they really mean the reversal of *Casey*. Within the next two years and likely far sooner, we are going to lose the protections of *Roe* and *Casey*. Through state legislation, the appointment of hundreds of anti-abortion federal judges, and the rapidly changing makeup of the Supreme Court, reproductive freedom has never been in more dire straits.

Legal titans Kathryn Kolbert and Julie F. Kay share the story of one of the most divisive issues in American politics through behind-the-scenes personal narratives of the stunning losses and hard-earned victories in landmark abortion rights cases. They chronicle how a convergence of Supreme Court appointments and the strategies of political movements on both sides of this contentious debate have led us to a make-or-break moment for legal abortion in the United States. Most urgently, they propose a bold new strategy for engaging a fresh generation and broadening the scope of abortion rights supporters.

Kathryn Kolbert made her second appearance before the Supreme Court in 1992, arguing *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*. She co-founded the Center for Reproductive Rights. She founded NPR's *Justice Talking* and the Athena Center for Leadership at Barnard College.

Julie F. Kay helped lay the groundwork for the legalization of abortion in Ireland through the first direct challenge to the country's absolute ban on abortion before the European Court of Human Rights. Julie began her legal career at the Center for Reproductive Rights and has spent the ensuing decades developing innovative legal and policy initiatives to advance gender equality and religious freedom.

***THE HIVE** by Gregg Olsen (Thomas & Mercer, April 2021); (See Gregg's backlist on p 15)

The next domestic thriller by #1 New York Times bestselling author Gregg Olsen.

Beautiful and Machiavellian Marnie Spellman is the OG of wellness and natural cosmetics empires promising devotees (in this case, "Marnie's Army") beauty *and* happiness. Charismatic Marnie claims a swarm of honeybees told her the secrets of nature when she was a girl -- and that she was to be a messenger to women.

Beaten down by a recent divorce and her partner's suicide Detective Lindsay Jackman takes on the case of a murdered journalist, she discovers a connection to a 20-year-old, unsolved homicide. As Jackman unravels the lies, rivalries, and mystery surrounding Marnie Spellman, she threatens not only Spellman's planned comeback, but the lives of former members of her inner circle, The Hive. A faded actress, an upcoming politician, a businesswoman and a homemaker...all have more than enough to hide.

As she digs for the shocking truth, Lindsay discovers not everything -- or everyone -- is what they seem.

<http://www.greggolsen.com>;

***Sold to: Lithuania: Balto; Croatia: 24 Sata; Russia: AST**

***SEEKING WISDOM: A Spiritual Path to Creative Connection** by Julia Cameron (St. Martin's/Essentials, January 11, 2022); [ms. available](#). (previously titled **TALKING TO GOD**). (See **Julia's backlist below & on p. 55.**)

In another 6 week creativity program, Julia Cameron focuses on cultivating the art of prayer in one's life to unblock creatively and live a more authentic, joyful life. **SEEKING WISDOM** is a perfect follow-up to **THE LISTENING PATH**, which shifted our perspective to the creative art of attention, fostering re-engagement with one's environments and building deeper connections to gain insight, clarity and deepen our creativity. **SEEKING WISDOM** takes us to the next level; through inspiring stories and revealing exercises, Julia will guide her reader to find a way forward as an artist, through prayer. In another 6 week creativity program, Julia's audience can delve into the inextricable link between spirituality and creativity, and put prayer into their daily practice. The book explores the questioning and seeking of a higher power, and finding solace, answers, gratitude, joy and creative growth through prayer.

From reframing the God concept and "praying on the page" to learning about trusting guidance, readers will see how writing is an act of prayer, that "as we take care to write what is unfolding within us, the flow of words is a flow of grace. The higher power writes through us." Julia teaches us how life is a prayer, how prayer is woven into the very fabric of life. "*For decades, I have shared this connection with my students and as they have worked with this concept, their creativity—and their connection to the divine—have consistently blossomed as well.*"

***Sold to: UK: Profile**

***THE LISTENING PATH: The Creative Art of Attention [A 6-Week ARTIST'S WAY program]** by Julia Cameron (St. Martin's/Essentials, January 2021);

Publisher's Weekly Bestseller

From the bestselling author of **THE ARTIST'S WAY** comes a new guide that will urge readers to listen more carefully, to listen in deeper ways, which will bring us healing, insight and clarity. The act of listening generates empathy and connection. We hone our presence and have deeper, more meaningful relationships. **THE LISTENING PATH** is a gentle path with tools along the way to become better listeners –to our environment, to each other and to ourselves. Listening connects us to higher realms and brings us to our true, authentic selves.

Hailed by the New York Times as "The Queen of Change," Julia Cameron is credited with starting a movement in 1992 that has brought creativity into the mainstream conversation— in the arts, in business, and in everyday life. She is the best-selling author of more than forty books, fiction and nonfiction; a poet, songwriter, filmmaker and playwright. Commonly referred to as "The Godmother" or "High Priestess" of creativity, her tools are based in practice, not theory, and she considers herself "the floor sample of her own toolkit." The New York Times described *The Artist's Way* as "one of the most enduring books in the broader self-help genre, its purpose and style seemingly invulnerable to social and cultural shifts." *The Artist's Way* has been translated into forty languages and sold over five million copies to date. juliacameronlive.com

***Sold to: UK: Profile; Netherlands: Bruna; Italy: Longanesi; Russia: Eksmo; France: Leduc; Finland: Like Publishing; Korea: Business Books; Spain: Aguilar; Brazil: Sextante; Serbia: Publik; Turkey: Macaron Yayinlari; Taiwan: Eurasian Publishing Group; Romania: Editura Creator; Poland: Szafa**

(15 territories including the US)

***THE ARTIST'S WAY** by Julia Cameron (TarcherPerigee/PRH, 1992; 25th Anniversary edition)

****Moving forward, our agency will be handling renewals for this title.)**

"Julia Cameron invented the way people renovate the creative soul." –The New York Times
Over five million copies sold! Since its first publication, **THE ARTIST'S WAY** phenomena has inspired the genius of Elizabeth Gilbert, Tim Ferriss, and millions of readers to embark on a creative journey and find a deeper connection to process and purpose. Julia Cameron's novel approach guides readers in uncovering problems areas and pressure points that may be restricting their creative flow and offers techniques to free up any areas where they might be stuck, opening up opportunities for self-growth and self-discovery.

The program begins with Cameron's most vital tools for creative recovery – The Morning Pages, a daily writing ritual of three pages of stream-of-conscious, and The Artist Date, a dedicated block of time to nurture your inner artist. From there, she shares hundreds of exercises, activities, and prompts to help readers thoroughly explore each chapter. She also offers guidance on starting a "Creative Cluster" of fellow artists who will support you in your creative endeavors.

A revolutionary program for personal renewal, **THE ARTIST'S WAY** will help get you back on track, rediscover your passions, and take the steps you need to change your life.

Recent sales through the David Black Agency:

***Sold to: UK: Profile/Souvenir; Italy: Longanesi; Netherlands: Bruna; Finland: Like Publishing; Czech: Maitrea; China (simplified): Oak Tree Publishing; Latvia: Zvaigne; Germany: Droemer Verlag; Denmark: Saga Egmont; Poland: Szafa**

(11 territories including the US)

***GOLDENROD** by Maggie Smith (One Signal/Simon & Schuster; July 27, 2021) [**Excludes UK; translation only**]

With her breakout bestseller *KEEP MOVING*, Maggie Smith captured the nation with her “meditations on kindness and hope” (NPR). Now, with *Goldenrod*, the award-winning poet returns with a powerful collection of poems that look at parenthood, solitude, love, and memory. Pulling objects from everyday life—a hallway mirror, a rock found in her son’s pocket, a field of goldenrods at the side of the road—she reveals the magic of the present moment. Only Maggie Smith could turn an autocorrect mistake into a line of poetry, musing that her phone “doesn’t observe / the high holidays, autocorrecting / shana tova to shaman tobacco, / Rosh Hashanah to rose has hands.”

Slate called Smith’s “superpower as a writer” her “ability to find the perfect concrete metaphor for inchoate human emotions and explore it with empathy and honesty.” The poems in *Goldenrod* celebrate the contours of daily life, explore and delight in the space between thought and experience, and remind us that we decide what is beautiful.

Maggie Smith is the award-winning author of *Good Bones*, *The Well Speaks of Its Own Poison*, *Lamp of the Body*, and the national bestseller *Keep Moving: Notes on Loss, Creativity, and Change*. A 2011 recipient of a Creative Writing Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts, Smith has also received several Individual Excellence Awards from the Ohio Arts Council, two Academy of American Poets Prizes, a Pushcart Prize, and fellowships from the Sustainable Arts Foundation and the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts. She has been widely published, appearing in *The New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, *The Paris Review*, *The Best American Poetry*, and more. You can follow her on social media @MaggieSmithPoet.

*** KEEP MOVING** by Maggie Smith (Signal/Atria, October 2020). [**Excludes UK; translation only**]

**National bestseller*

For fans of Anne Lamott and Cleo Wade, a collection of quotes and essays on facing life’s challenges with creativity, courage, and resilience.

When Maggie Smith, the award-winning author of the viral poem “Good Bones,” started writing inspirational daily Twitter posts in the wake of her divorce, they unexpectedly caught fire. In this deeply moving book of quotes and essays, Maggie writes about new beginnings as opportunities for transformation. Like kintsugi, the Japanese art of mending broken ceramics with gold, *Keep Moving* celebrates the beauty and strength on the other side of loss. This is a book for anyone who has gone through a difficult time and is wondering: What comes next?

“A Poet for Times of Trouble.” —The Wall Street Journal

“Keep Moving speaks to you like an encouraging friend reminding you that you can feel and survive deep loss, sink into life’s deep beauty, and constantly, constantly make yourself new.”

—Glennon Doyle, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Untamed* and *Love Warrior*

- Cosmopolitan’s “Best Nonfiction Books of 2020”
- Marie Claire’s “2020 Books You Should Pre-Order Now”
- Parade’s “25 Self-Help Books To Get Your 2020 Off On The Right Foot”
- The Washington Post’s “What to Read in 2020 Based on the Books You Loved in 2019”.

***Sold to: Netherlands: BBNC Uitgevers; Turkey: Can Yayinlari; Russia: Progress Kniga; Korea: Positive Thinking Publishing; Brazil: Editora Nacional**

***KEEP MOVING: THE JOURNAL: Thrive Through Change and Create a Life You Love** by Maggie Smith (One Signal/Simon & Schuster; October 26, 2021) [**Excludes UK; translation only**]

Based on the national bestseller *Keep Moving*—called “a meditation on kindness and hope” (NPR)—a 52-exercise journal about hope and renewal from the award-winning poet.

As Maggie Smith navigated loss and upheaval, she wrote to herself each day—forgiving herself for a past mistake, reflecting on moments of joy, or looking towards the future, ending each note-to-self with the phrase “keep moving.”

In her own words, “I wasn’t offering wisdom from on high; I was talking to myself at the bottom of a dark well, trying to climb up into the light, little by little, day by day.” Smith was surprised not only by how uplifting this process was, but also by the outpouring of support and gratitude from thousands of people who found solace in her words.

Through the healing power of writing, *Keep Moving: The Journal* invites us to find beauty in the present moment, embrace change, and create a life we love.

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***TIRED AS F*CK: Burnout at the hands of diet culture, self-help culture, and hustle culture, and why rest is the cure** by Caroline Dooner. (Previously titled TWO YEARS OF REST). (HarperWave, Feb 2022); [ms. available.](#)

*Blending memoir and blistering social observations, the author of **The F*ck It Diet** looks back at her desperate attempts to heal her hunger, anxiety, and imperfections through extreme diets, culty self-help methods, and melodramatic bargains with the universe.*

Offering a frank and funny critique of the cultural forces that are driving us mad, Caroline Dooner examines how treating ourselves like never ending self-improvement projects is a recipe for burnout. We have become unknowingly complicit in perpetuating our own exhaustion because we are treating ourselves like machines. But even phones need to f*cking recharge.

TIRED AS F*CK will examine how our culture exhausts us. Caroline will look at years of desperate attempts to heal her health problems, undiagnosed anxiety, an eating disorder and dental trauma through extreme methods and through bargains with God. She takes a good hard look at the dark side of self-help, and explains how she eventually used a radical period of rest to push back against cultural expectations and reclaim some peace. **TIRED AS F*CK** empowers us to say no to the things that exhaust us. It inspires us to carve out time to slow down, feel okay about doing less, and honor our humanity.

This is not a self-help book, it's a cautionary tale. It's an honest look at the dogma of wellness and spiritual self-improvement culture and revels in the healing power of rest and letting shit go.

<https://carlinedooner.com/>

***THE F*CK IT DIET: Eating Should Be Easy** by (HarperWave, March 2019).

THE F*CK IT DIET is the anti-diet bible, a game-changer in the way we view dieting, weight and health. A comprehensive program for chronic dieters, this funny, edgy sourcebook teaches why—and how—to escape the plague of diet culture and regain the personal power we've lost to shitty beliefs about food, weight and worth.

When we diet and restrict, we put our bodies through a famine state, biologically in survival mode and fixated on food; our metabolism slows and our minds become obsessed with finding our next meal. By allowing foods and healing our metabolisms, by trusting ourselves and facing our fears, THE F*CK IT DIET gives the body what it needs. Designed for anyone who feels guilt or pain over eating, weight, or body image, THE F*CK IT DIET teaches readers to become easy and normal with food and their relationship to their body. THE F*CK IT DIET is the only diet that works because it tackles two things at once: the biological reality that dieting triggers a famine response in the body, and the mental, emotional and cultural reasons that we become obsessed with food in the first place.

THE F*CK IT DIET is a movement and can break millions of people free from the destructive cycle of dieting and self-hatred. As Caroline says: “**In this brave new world, your hunger is your friend, so fucking eat.**”

<https://thefuckitdiet.com>

Link to download the final pdf: <https://we.tl/t-PqYvGNX2GT>

***Sold to: UK: HarperCollins; Brazil: BestSeller/Record; Spain: Urano; Italy: Sonzogno; Germany: Arkana/Goldmann; Portugal: Saida de Emergencia; France: First Editions; Netherlands: Nieuw Amsterdam; Taiwan: Yuan-Liou; Turkey: Parola Yayinlari; Indonesia: M&C Publishing**

(12 territories, including the US)

***WHAT DOESN'T KILL US MAKES US: Tragedy, Trauma, and the Quest for Identity** by Mike Mariani (Ballantine, August 2022). [ms. available.](#)

A cross between *Far From the Tree* and *The Body Keeps the Score*, WHAT DOESN'T KILL US MAKES US looks at how we build new identities following events that cleave life irrevocably into a before and after, drawing on individual stories, the lessons of neuroscience, literature, and religion, as well as the author's personal experience of loss and diagnosis with a chronic illness (as detailed in [The New Yorker](#)).

Mike Mariani is a journalist whose work has appeared in as *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *The Atlantic*, *Vanity Fair*, *The Guardian*, *The Atavist*, *GQ*, *Nautilus*, *The LA Review of Books*, *Psychology Today*, *Slate*, *Newsweek*, *Mother Jones*, and many more.

***HOW TO GIVE A F*CK ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE** by Sarah Cooper (Audible Original; Spring 2022); [ms. Dec. 2021](#).
A modern, comedic take on Dale Carnegie's bestselling HOW TO WIN FRIENDS AND INFLUENCE PEOPLE.

***HOW TO BE SUCCESSFUL WITHOUT HURTING MEN'S FEELINGS: Non-threatening Leadership Strategies for Women** by Sarah Cooper (Andrews McMeel, October 2018); <http://sarahcpr.com/>

Ambitious women are so scary. In this fast-paced business world, female leaders need to make sure they're not perceived as pushy, aggressive, or competent. In HOW TO BE SUCCESSFUL WITHOUT HURTING MEN'S FEELINGS, Sarah Cooper, author of the bestselling **100 TRICKS TO APPEAR SMART IN MEETINGS**, illustrates how women can achieve their dreams, succeed in their careers, and become leaders, without harming the fragile male ego.

Chapters include, among others, "9 Non-threatening Leadership Strategies for Women," "How to Ace Your Job Interview Without Over-Acing It", and "Choose Your Own Adventure: Do You Want to Be Likable or Successful?" It even includes several pages to doodle on while men finish what they're saying. Each chapter also features an exercise with a set of "inaction items" designed to challenge women to be less challenging.

And, when all else fails, a set of wearable mustaches is included to allow women to seem more man-like. This will cancel out any need to change their leadership style. In fact, it may even lead to a quick promotion!

- [Based on Sarah's viral post: 9 Non-Threatening Leadership Strategies for Women](#)

***Sold to: UK: Square Peg/PRH; Spain: Planeta; France: Eyrolles; Netherlands: Van Duuren; Germany: Mentor; Norway: Frisk Forlag**

***100 TRICKS TO APPEAR SMART IN MEETINGS: How to Get By Without Even Trying** by Sarah Cooper (Andrews McMeel; October 2016); <http://sarahcpr.com/>

Sarah Cooper is a writer, blogger comedian whose satirical blog "[The Cooper Review](#)" has us laughing in our cubicles (or open floor plan). She's been there. Formerly at Google, GoogleDocs and Yahoo, Sarah has observed and mastered that necessary bane of our corporate existences: the meeting. Her "[10 Tricks to Appear Smart in Meetings](#)" post has circled the globe, with 5 million views and counting. In it we see our daily conquests. We want to succeed. We want to look smart and master the hell of our corporate life with minimal effort. **100 TRICKS TO APPEAR SMART IN MEETINGS** is an illustrated business humor book that captures this zeitgeist in the form of hilariously bad advice—advice that you might just want to take. It's "funny because it's true." <http://thecooperreview.com>

***Sold to: UK: Square Peg/PRH (3 book deal); Japan: Hayakawa; Germany: Arison/RH Germany; Netherlands: Kosmos; Taiwan: China Times; Italy: BUR/Rizzoli; Thailand: WeLearn Co.; Russia: Azbooka-Atticus; Vietnam: Women's Publishing; China: China South Booky; Korea: Saiplanet; France: Dunod; Spain: Urano; Czech Republic: Albatros; Indonesia: PT Elexmedia**

(16 territories including the US)

***DRAW WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE: The Coloring and Activity Book for Serious Businesspeople** by Sarah Cooper (Andrews McMeel; October 2016.)

Adult coloring for cubicle dwellers. The creator of the viral sensation "10 Tricks to Appear Smart in Meetings" helps you color away the stress with a coloring and activity book that will have you in stitches. Color in mind-numbing illustrated corporate idioms, such as the "deep dive," the "low-hanging fruit," and other buzzword coloring activities. Draw what success looks like; make it a Venn diagram. Includes a meeting survival guide coloring checklist. Plus mad libs for resignation letters, post mortems, peer reviews, and scathing manifestos.

***Sold to: UK: Square Peg/Random House; Russia: Azbooka-Atticus**

***TRICKS TO APPEAR SMART IN MEETINGS—2021 Day-to-Day Calendar** (Andrews McMeel; July 2020)

***TRICKS TO APPEAR SMART IN MEETINGS—2021 Monthly Planner** by Sarah Cooper (Andrews McMeel, July 2020)

From bestselling author and founder of popular satire blog TheCooperReview.com comes an all-new daily calendar and an all new planner featuring timely tips for succeeding fabulously at work with minimal effort. You'll learn familiar corporate strategies for appearing engaged while zoning out, using meaningless buzzwords in the right context, creating impressive presentations of no value to anyone, and much, much more.

* **BIRD BROTHER: A Falconer's Journey and the Healing Power of Wildlife** By Rodney Stotts with Kate Pipkin (Island Press, February 2022). Formerly titled **LEARNING TO FLY** [Translation rights only; Excludes UK/Commonwealth] **Ms. available;**

A powerful memoir by a former drug dealer turned master falconer, about the healing power of wildlife and nature---an urban HIS FOR HAWK.

To escape the tough streets of inner city Southeast Washington D.C. in the late 1980s, young Rodney Stotts would ride the metro to the Smithsonian National Zoo. There, the bald eagles and other birds of prey captured his imagination for the first time. In *Bird Brother*, Rodney shares his unlikely journey from dealing drugs to becoming a conservationist and one of America's few Black master falconers.

Rodney grew up during the crack epidemic, with guns, drugs, and the threat of incarceration an accepted part of daily life for nearly everyone he knew. To rent his own apartment, he needed a paycheck—something the money from dealing drugs didn't provide. For that, he took a position in 1992 with a new nonprofit, the Earth Conservation Corps. Gradually, Rodney fell in love with the work to restore and conserve the polluted Anacostia River that flows past D.C. As conditions along the river improved, he helped to reintroduce bald eagles to the region and befriended an injured Eurasian Eagle Owl named Mr. Hoots, the first of many birds whose respect he would work hard to earn.

That part of his life—along with the chance to be involved in his children's lives—was nearly lost when Rodney was arrested on drug charges in 2002. The jail sentence sharpened his resolve to get out of the hustling life. With the fierceness of the raptors he had admired for so long, he began to train to become a master falconer and pursue his dream to build an aviary and develop his own raptor education program and sanctuary. Rodney's son Mike, a D.C. firefighter, has also begun his journey to being a master falconer, with his own kids cheering him along the way. Eye-opening, witty, and moving, **BIRD BROTHER** is a love letter to the fierce raptors and humans who transformed what Rodney thought his life could be. It is an unflinching look at the uphill battle Black children face in pursuing stable, fulfilling lives, a testament to the healing power of wildlife, and a reminder that no matter how much heartbreak we've endured, we still have the capacity to give back to our communities and pursue our wildest dreams.

<https://rodneysraptors.webs.com> VIDEOS: National Geographic-This Man Turned His Life Around by Mastering Falconry <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pGyVYw6dgj8>; How Falconry Transformed a Family: <https://bit.ly/2lEskN4>

***THE PORTFOLIO LIFE: Embrace Change, Future-Proof Your Career, and Craft a Life Worthy of You** by Christina Wallace (Grand Central, 2023; ms delivery May 2022)

While the frameworks and tools that our parents and professors have given us over the years for crafting our careers, building financial stability, and creating family and community are well-intentioned, they aren't particularly applicable to the professional and personal challenges we now face. To survive and thrive amidst these waves of change we need a new playbook for success. Enter **THE PORTFOLIO LIFE**.

Roughly, it acknowledges that you shouldn't put all of your eggs in one basket, but rather craft a mix of opportunities that together address your need. And that your needs will change and when that happens, you should adjust the mix. A portfolio life is built on the same ideas: you need more than any one opportunity can offer; diversification can help you navigate change and mitigate uncertainty; and when your needs change you can always rebalance your portfolio.

A self-described "human Venn diagram" Christina Wallace has crafted a career at the intersection of business, technology, and the arts. She is a Senior Lecturer at Harvard Business School and is the co-host of *The Limit Does Not Exist*, a podcast on the iHeartRadio network focused on crafting custom careers. A creative non-fiction and business writer, Christina co-authored *New To Big: How Companies Can Create Like Entrepreneurs, Invest Like VCs, and Install a Permanent Operating System for Growth* (April 2019, Crown).

***INSIDE THE PRESIDENTIAL BUBBLE:** by Pete Souza (Little, Brown, tk; ms available January 2022); <http://www.petesouza.com>

A new look at life in the Obama White House from #1 New York Times Bestselling author and photographer, Pete Souza.

UPCOMING PUBLICATIONS

***DR. LINCOLN'S LET'S TALK ABOUT DOWN THERE: An OBGYN Answers All of Your Embarrassing Questions Without Making You Feel Embarrassed for Asking** By Jennifer Lincoln, MD (Andrews McMeel, Sept. 14, 2021) <https://www.drjenniferlincoln.com/about>

A [TikTok top creator](#) with nearly 100 million video views to date and almost a million followers, Jennifer Lincoln, MD in her first illustrated question-based book addresses over 100 essential and surprising vaginal health topics from does the color of my period matter (sometimes) to can my doctor shorten my abnormally long labia (they could, but first let's discuss what is actually normal)? Dr. Lincoln is member of TikTok's Creative Learning Fund which boosts her videos within their algorithm as she continues to provide the shame-free, myth-busting, evidence-based sex education for women of all ages. Dr. Lincoln receives messages every day about how her confidence-building and often humorous content has empowered women to understand their bodies and ask the questions they were too afraid to ask. This engagement and feedback has demonstrated that women are eager for a modern one-stop shop for all of the health-related articles they've ever read written by someone with the expertise to get it right – while keeping the answers as digestible and entertaining as fifteen second TikTok videos.

DR. LINCOLN'S LET'S TALK ABOUT DOWN THERE will appeal to the audience now reading Dr. Jen Gunter's THE VAGINA BIBLE and the mother-daughter audience that for generations depended upon Boston Women's Health Book Collective's OUR BODIES, OURSELVES as a trusted resource.

View a sample of Dr. Lincoln's TikTok Videos here:

[What to Use and Avoid to clean your vulva](#)

[My thoughts on the ice cube in the vagina trend](#)

[Magic Shaving Powder](#)

***Sold to: Romania: Editura Creator**

***BEING GANDHI: My Life-Changing Experiments Following the Mahatma's 6 Moral Truths in these Immoral Times** by Perry Garfinkel (Sounds True; 2023). [ms. delivery April \(Author controls UK, Germany, India\)](#)

These days it often seems that the human race has lost its moral compass. Who can we turn to for inspiration? Where are the mentors and role models representing a dedication to higher standards of integrity? Perry Garfinkel, author of the bestselling **BUDDHA OR BUST** and a *New York Times* contributor, looks to Mahatma Gandhi for direction. More than ever, we need to follow Gandhi's example and "be the change." But how? Garfinkel will conduct an "experiment with truth" and follow Gandhi's six main principles, literally—and live them on a daily basis: truth, non-violence, vegetarianism, simplicity, faith and celibacy. He will turn to Gandhi and the body of writing he left behind, "a virtual how-to instructional on living a virtuous life, one man's guide to moral integrity followed by many people around the world—but not enough." With Gandhi as our guide, Garfinkel will examine his own beliefs and intentions, and work on cleaning up habits in practice and in thought. The hope is to become a better version of oneself.

Garfinkel will travel to locations of importance to the Mahatma and places that changed him. From Porbandar, where Gandhi was born in 1869 and where his philosophy took root; to Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, where Gandhi was thrown off a train, motivating him to enact his first protests and give rise to the birth of nonviolent resistance; to London, where Gandhi became intensely involved with the London Vegetarian Society. Garfinkel will learn to use the spinning wheel and how to wear a dhoti as Gandhi did, to express the simplicity of his life, "reducing himself to zero." Culminating in walking Gandhi's 240-mile Salt March, the Dandi March, which added momentum for the push to achieve India's sovereignty, Garfinkel will examine the historical and metaphorical meaning of the march for independence. While looking at Gandhi's example as a model of hope, **BEING GANDHI** will seek to inspire and influence others to look within to change.

***Sold to: Germany: Heyne; India: S&S India**

***NO POINT B: New rules for leading change when change doesn't stop coming** by Caleb Gardner.(Matt Holt Books/BenBella; 2022) [ms.. Dec. 2021](#)

Caleb Gardner was the lead digital strategist for Barack Obama's political advocacy group OFA and ran Obama's Twitter account @BarackObama. Drawing on real-life stories as well as experts in sociology, psychology and management, Gardner distills nine principles for mobilizing the next generation of effective change leaders. NO POINT B argues that we need new rules for managing change when our world never stops changing. Applying his vast experience in both business leadership and social activism, Gardner will show how the simple idea of giving up on ever being done with change, and instead embracing change as a core competency for living in an incredibly complex world, could revolutionize our relationship with modernity and transform our ability to lead.

<https://calebgardner.com/> <https://platinumspeakersagency.com/speakers/caleb-gardner/>)

***KING** by Jonathan Eig (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2022). ms. due Dec. 2021.

See Eig's backlist on pages 40 & 49)

Martin Luther King Jr. was the courageous and brilliant leader of the American civil rights movement, but today many know nothing about him beyond four syllables: "I have a dream." When we turn heroes into superheroes, when we simplify the lives of great men and women in order to make their lessons easier to digest, we lose sight of their true greatness. We fail to honor them as real people with real accomplishments. Martin Luther King is fast approaching this predicament. The timing for a fresh look at his life could not be better, and the need for one is urgent: thousands of previously unseen documents have come to light, and many of King's friends, followers, and confidants are eager to talk. Those who can give firsthand accounts are nearing the point in their lives where, if they aren't heard soon, their stories will be lost for good.

In the thirty-six years since the last full biography of King was published, a plethora of new primary documents have become available, and our understanding of King the man has fundamentally changed. The new materials include the 102 interviews with King contemporaries conducted from 2010-2016 for the National Museum of African American History and Culture; more than 100 interview transcripts from the 1987 documentary EYES ON THE PRIZE; handwritten notes from James Baldwin; a 1964 interview with King himself taken by the poet and novelist Robert Penn Warren; as well as tens of thousands of newly released FBI documents.

Some of King's contemporaries, including Harry Belafonte and Andrew Young, have already given interviews for Jonathan Eig's book. Eig has been promised interviews with Rev. Jesse Jackson, **Congressman John Lewis**, and Diane Nash. This book will also incorporate recent research suggesting that King battled depression, drawing from thousands of newly archived personal correspondence, including letters from King to his first biographer, Lawrence Dunbar Reddick, in 1958. Jonathan Eig is the *New York Times* best-selling author of five critically acclaimed books. <http://jonathaneig.com>

***Sold to: UK: Simon & Schuster; Netherlands: Overamstel; Germany: DVA/PRH; Denmark: Klim**

***RETHINKING SEX: A New Etiquette for Sex in an Age When Consent Is Not Enough** by Christine Emba (Sentinel/PRH, March 2022). ms fall 2021.

Christine Emba's RETHINKING SEX is an urgent response to the intimate gray area that has become most women's experience of #MeToo. She begins with the *New Yorker* short story "Cat Person" and the online account of a date with Aziz Ansari. They went wildly viral not because they were extraordinary tales of celebrity impropriety, but because women related to the everyday, pervasive, entirely ordinary bad sex that women routinely consent to but is also unwanted and often leads to unhappiness.

As an opinion columnist for *The Washington Post* who focuses on, among other things, feminism and Millennial culture, Emba intends RETHINKING SEX to grapple with the role sex-positive feminism and a pornography-drenched popular culture plays in shaping women's and men's ideas of consent. Many women still feel an internal, social, or even political pressure to consent to sex. And many men don't realize to what degree this happens—or if they do, they're willing to ignore it.

What about when consent is not only not enthusiastically affirmative—but not consent at all? We don't have a coherent framework with which to evaluate these situations—and so they remain common enough to be epidemic and disappointing for women who are only just beginning to speak up about consented-to but unwanted bad sex. It's these gray areas that RETHINKING SEX will address. Emba will talk to experts, ethicists, reach into philosophy, examine gender norms, etc., to sort out how women and men can stop both overvaluing and undervaluing sex at the same time. She outlines ways for women to rethink not only their relationship to men or consent or feminism—but *their relationship to sex itself*.

***GHOSTS OF SEGREGATION** by Richard Frishman and Dr. D Brian Foster (Celadon, Fall 2022, ms available Spring 2022); <https://www.ghostsofsegregation.com/>

A collection of photographs by photojournalist Richard Frishman and essays by Dr. D Brian Foster depicting the ways in which physical vestiges of segregation remain part of our physical and built worlds in America, based upon this article in the *New York Times*.

***EVERY GODDAMN DAY: Neil Steinberg's Chicago** by Neil Steinberg (University of Chicago Press, 2022) ms.fall 2021.

A historical calendar that captures the spirit of Chicago and illuminates daily life for Americans in the 19th and 20th centuries by Chicago Sun Times columnist Neil Steinberg. <http://www.everygoddamnday.com/>

***JUVENILE JUSTICE** by Jeff Hobbs (Simon & Schuster, Spring 2022) ms end of 2021

JUVENILE JUSTICE explores the juvenile criminal justice system through the stories of several teens in juvenile prison, showing what it looks and feels like to be entering into the system, coming out of the system, and to make one's way beyond the system.

***THE COMPLETE BOOK OF CAT NAMES (YOUR CAT WON'T ANSWER TO ANYWAY)** by Bob Eckstein, W.W. Norton (Spring 2022). Ms. delivery TK.

This is the purrfect “Go To” book for cat lovers. It contains both real and witty lists of cat names as well as fun facts and 30-40 black and white illustrations. Bob Eckstein is the New York Times bestselling author of FOOTNOTES FROM THE WORLD'S GREATEST BOOKSTORES and most recently has published three cartoon anthologies with Princeton Architectural Press. For more on Bob, please visit <http://bobeckstein.com>.

***THE LITTLE BOOK OF PET REMEMBRANCE: A Collection of Quotations** by Sara Bader (Simon & Schuster, 2022). ms. available Dec 2021; [UK rights only; excludes translation]

To many of us, the bond we have with our pets is unlike any other connection: deeply emotional and sacred. Pets are part of the family—they fill emotional roles with unconditional love, and when it's time for them to leave, the pain can be unbearable. Losing our companions and such a profound connection is devastating and disorienting; so many are unprepared by the depth of the sorrow and mourning when a beloved pet has died. THE LITTLE BOOK OF PET REMEMBRANCE by Sara Bader is a poignant celebration of the intimate bond between humans and their animals. It is equal parts salve and guide, a heartfelt, comforting collection of quotations from those who have loved and lost an animal. This treasury of quotes will help the reader process the loss of a pet, through the stages of grief, from celebration of the bond to the last words of farewell. Readers will be comforted to discover that many of the world's finest writers, musicians, actors, philosophers, politicians and other luminaries have struggled to pick up the pieces after losing a close animal companion—from Emily Dickinson to Mary Oliver, Lord Byron to Oprah Winfrey, Charles Dickens to Anne Lamott. The collection articulates and dignifies the profound connection we share with our faithful friends, providing solace when we need it most; this book will offer profound, intimate words that can help us during the grieving process.

***THE END OF OMNIPOTENCE: HOW JEROME POWELL'S FEDERAL RESERVE STARTED A NEW ECONOMIC ERA** by Jeanna Smialek, (Knopf, 2023) ms Spring 2022.

The Federal Reserve Bank has long enjoyed a degree of mystery. For anyone not on Capitol Hill or Wall Street, it's hard to conceive of what happens in those marble halls—and until recently, those who ran the show didn't feel any particular need to explain the role they held in the economy—setting everything from interest rates to bond prices—to the public. But, NYT financial journalist Jeanna Smialek, who began her career covering “the Fed” as a young reporter in 2013, has noticed a shift that belies what could be a massive sea change. Though the Fed was traditionally a nonpartisan organization formed by bankers to protect the interests of Wall Street, this book will trace how its current Chair, Jerome Powell, is guiding the Fed's evolution through its efforts to save the economy and ordinary people from pandemic recession.

The fundamental tension at the core of this book is the same conflict that has shaped the Fed's institutional history: it is an organization that is meant to serve the broader economy by first serving the banks. Where the Fed was once wholly invested in the needs of people that reflected their own ranks—businessmen, hedge fund managers, and the born-wealthy, mostly white, Ivy educated class—Powell, Quarles, Brainard, Mnuchin, and Kashkari all represent different approaches and ideologies for our economic survival. As their lives and stories intertwine, the threads of our society are woven together: the struggle between Wall Street and Main Street, politics and technocracy, hope and caution, and the looming threat of a pandemic that will collapse our society as we know it.

*The New York Times, where Smialek has worked since 2013, has offered to support the book at the time of publication.

***THE GLOBAL GREEN BOOK: A personal history of African Americans Going, Staying, and Returning from Abroad** (Crown, Spring 2023). ms. spring 2022

Dr. Tamara Walker, Assistant Professor of History at the University of Toronto and founder of The Wandering Scholar, traces the long history of African Americans traveling and living abroad, offering a lens what it means to be black within a global context. THE GLOBAL GREEN BOOK will follow the exploits of well-known personages, such as Josephine Baker, Langston Hughes, James Baldwin, and those “hidden figures” who had an enormous influence on black travel.

Dr. Walker's research has received support from the Ford Foundation, the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, and the Fulbright Scholars Program, among others. In 2017, Dr. Walker published her first book, *Exquisite Slaves: Race, Clothing and Status in Colonial Lima* (Cambridge University Press), which won the 2018 Harriet Tubman Prize awarded by the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture.

***THE ENLIGHTENMENT CAMPAIGN: Fear, Propaganda and the True Story of the Nazi Plot to Steal the American Presidency** by John Klima (Pantheon/PRH, 2023); ms. spring 2022. [Excludes UK;translation only]

The year: 1940. Joseph Goebbels, desperate for a favorable outcome to the US presidential election, deployed every media tool at his disposal. THE ENLIGHTENMENT CAMPAIGN: Fear, Propaganda and the True Story of the Nazi Plot to Steal the American Presidency, is the first book to prominently feature captured and declassified Nazi communiqués sent from Washington, D.C., to Berlin that show how the Nazis attempted to contaminate the American political system by meddling in the 1940 election. The protagonist: one of the farthest-reaching voices in American media of the time—the largely forgotten dynamo Dorothy Thompson. The first woman journalist to interview Hitler, in 1931, she came back from the experience aghast, and spent the next decade—the period of this book—sounding the alarm of the creeping threat of fascism coming to America. Through her syndicated columns and her regular radio addresses, her audience numbered 13 million. She was the first woman journalist to make the cover of TIME Magazine. Since her interview with Hitler—and drawing on her decades in Europe as a foreign correspondent—she saw the way insidious propaganda and the stoking of xenophobia could drive an economically vulnerable democracy into the arms of an anti-democratic despot.

In a fast-paced, informative, and reverberating narrative, John Klima recounts this battle for the hearts and minds of the American people.

***Sold to: Netherlands: Karakter; Sweden: Lind & Co.**

***LIGHT THROUGH DISTANT WINDOWS** by John T. Edge (Clarkson Potter, Fall 2023), ms available Fall 2022.

Food writer and founder of the Southern Foodways Alliance and Center for the Study of Southern Culture in Oxford in Mississippi, John T Edge returns to his roots to grapple with racism, restaurants, and the South he grew up in. Reading restaurants like texts, he brings a new perspective to the racial divisions of the food world in his hometown.

***UNTITLED ON EMMETT TILL** by Wright Thompson (Penguin Press, 2023); ms delivery Oct 2022

More details TK. See Wright's recent piece in The Atlantic.

https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2021/09/barn-emmett-till-murder/619493/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=share

***DBNY** by Daniel Boulud and Andrew Friedman (Grand Central, Summer 2024, ms available Summer 2023)

Chef Daniel Boulud's career to date has spanned four decades, more than a dozen restaurants worldwide, and the mentorship of countless chefs, many of whom have become household names in their own right. He first trained under a succession of influential figures in his native France, but as readers will learn in this book, it's been his relationship with New York City, and by extension America, that has been the greatest catalyst for his seemingly boundless ideas, energy, and success. As the fortieth anniversary of his moving to New York City approaches, Daniel is ready to tell his story, and that of his times, mingling it with a celebration of his adopted home.

FICTION

***BRIDES OF ROME** by Debra Macleod (Blackstone Publishing; Oct 2020)..

Book 1 in The Vesta Shadows Trilogy <https://debramaymacleod.com/>

Link to download the final pdf: <https://we.tl/t-nuAv1POsJt>

Their world was one of power and privilege. It was a world of war, secrets and sacred duty. It was the world of ancient Rome – and unless you know the story of the Vestal Virgins, you don't know the story of Rome at all. In *The Vesta Shadows* trilogy (*Brides of Rome*, *To Be Wolves*, *Empire of Iron*), Debra May Macleod dramatizes – for the first time – the brilliant, sometimes brutal role of the Vestal Virgins, all while immersing the reader in fast-paced, emotional storylines that blaze through the most captivating events in history, from the assassination of Julius Caesar and the Plague to the bedroom politics of Rome's elite and the desperate struggles of its slaves.

If George R. R. Martin, Robert Harris and Phillipa Gregory sat in a room for a year to write about the Vestal Virgins and ancient Rome, this is the book series they'd create. Dramatic rights have already been optioned, a pilot script – called *Vestals* – has been created, and the project is currently being considered by The History Channel.

They were *The Brides of Rome*: the esteemed Vestal Virgins, priestesses of Vesta, who protected the Eternal Flame that protected the Eternal City. Dedicated to a thirty-year vow of chaste service, Priestess Pomponia finds herself swept up in the intrigue and violence of Rome's powerful: Julius Caesar, Antony and Cleopatra, Octavian and his maneuvering wife Livia, all while guarding the secret affection she has in her heart. But when a charge of incestum – a broken vow of chastity – is made against the Vestal order, the ultimate punishment looms: being “buried alive” in the Evil Field. (Note: Can work as a standalone novel – completed manuscript, approx. 87, 000 words.)

Debra May Macleod has a Bachelor of Arts degree (English, Classics) as well as a Law degree. She is an authority on the Vesta tradition and serves as an expert resource for the media. She has spoken about Vesta on television and radio, online (i.e. *The Huffington Post*, *Vox*) and her work with the Flamma Vesta has been featured in *Watkins Mind Body Spirit Magazine's* “Most Spiritually Influential” edition.

***Sold to: Germany: Rowohlt; Portugal: Saida de Emergencia; Italy: TEA Editori; Spain: Boveda; UK: Canelo**

***TO BE WOLVES** by Debra Macleod (Blackstone Publishing; Oct 26, 2021). Ms. available.

Book 2 in The Vesta Shadows Trilogy

In *To Be Wolves*, the second book in *The Vesta Shadows* series, all of Rome lives in fear of the contagion that is striking down strong and weak, rich and poor. Against this backdrop, Priestess Pomponia struggles to control the obsession the young Vestal Quintina has for a forbidden love. Most dangerous of all, she faces a threat from a ruthless man seeking vengeance for what may have been Pomponia's fatal mistake in judgment as Vestalis Maxima. In this sequel to *Brides of Rome*, the lives of Rome's ruling elite clash with Rome's powerless – the slave charioteer Scopus the Titan and the famous “Apollo's Pair” – to create a page-turning drama that once again brings the world of Ancient Rome to life in all its violent spectacle and gilded brilliance.)

***Sold to: Germany: Rowohlt; Portugal: Saida de Emergencia; Italy: TEA Editori; Spain: Boveda; UK: Canelo**

***EMPIRE OF IRON** by Debra Macleod (Blackstone Publishing; March 2022). Ms. available June 2021.

Book 3 in The Vesta Shadows Trilogy

In *Empire of Iron*, the third and climactic novel in *The Vesta Shadows* trilogy, Priestess Pomponia must navigate the sexual deviances and self-serving politics of Tiberius – the man who will succeed Augustus as Caesar – to ensure the Vestal order maintains its power and privilege, even as she grooms Quintina to succeed her. All the while, she lives in near crippling fear of the frightening Soren's vengeance; however, she conspires with Scopus the Titan to exact their own vengeance. While she struggles with these personal threats, Pomponia helps Caesar Augustus uncover a dramatic assassination plot against his life, one that results in the creation of the politically-influential Praetorian guard, an order that Pomponia realizes the Vestal order must intimately align itself with.

***Sold to: Italy: TEA Editori; Germany: Rowohlt; UK: Canelo**

***LAVENDER HOUSE: Book 1 in the Evander Mills Series** by Lev A.C. Rosen, Forge/Macmillan (October 18, 2022).
Book 2 in the series: ms. available Fall 2022; publication Fall 2023

When you're a cop in 1952 and your colleagues bust you in a raid on a gay bar, your career options become extremely limited. Former San Francisco Police Inspector Evander Mills has decided on his own version of retirement: drink until his money is gone, and pitch himself into the bay to finish up.

But then Pearl sits down next to him and offers him a private gig – she's a widow, and she wants some answers about what happened. She's the perfectly polished sort of mourner that's always pinged him as a suspect, except for two things. Those widows don't tend to know where to find disgraced gay cops. And those widows aren't mourning their wife.

Persuaded to take the case, Mills accompanies Pearl to Lavender House, the family seat of Irene Lamontaine. After her husband's death, Irene took over the Lamontaine Soap empire, and took Pearl as her secret partner. Their ambitious son Henry is married to keep the family fortune respectable, though he seems to resent having taken his late mother's advice. Henry's boyfriend Cliff, a former dancer, lives in the house as his "social secretary" and takes his fun where he can get it. Henry's wife Margo understands her public role in preserving the family's legacy – though her girlfriend, nightclub owner Elsie Gold, might not. Margo's mother Alice certainly doesn't; she knows she's a charity case, and those don't make for happy house guests. (And Evander hasn't even met the butler yet.)

For a gay man half-dead just from loneliness, Lavender House is bewitching. But Evander immediately finds himself a pawn in a family game of old money, subterfuge, and jealousy – and Irene's death was only the beginning. The gates of Lavender House can't lock out the real world, and not even a soap empire can keep everyone clean. Seedy and delicious, Lavender House is Knives Out with a queer historical twist.

For more on Lev AC Rosen, please visit: <https://www.levacrosen.com>

***DATING DR. DIL (The Shakespeare Aunty Trilogy)** (Avon, January 2022) ms. available.. [Translation only; Excludes UK & Commonwealth.] (Previously titled IF SHAKESPEARE WAS AN AUNTY trilogy)

Nisha Sharma's hilarious new romantic comedy inspired by Taming of the Shrew features a love-phobic TV doctor who must convince a love-obsessed homebody they are destined to be together.

Kareena Mann prefers restoring her classic car to swiping right on dating apps. When her father announces he's selling her mother's home, Kareena makes a deal with him: he'll gift her the house if she can get engaged in four months. Now the only man in her life is the one she doesn't want. Dr. Prem Verma is dedicated to building a local community health center, but he needs to get donors with deep pockets. When Kareena's meddling aunts presented him with a solution: convince Kareena he's her soulmate and they'll fund his clinic. Even though they have conflicting views on love-matches and arranged-matches, the more time Prem spends with Kareena, the more he begins to believe she's the woman he wants to spend the rest of his life with. But for Prem and Kareena to find their happily ever after, they must admit that hate has turned into fate.

<https://www.nisha-sharma.com>

***LYING NEXT TO ME** by Gregg Olsen (Thomas & Mercer, May 2019)

#1 Kindle Bestseller; Washington Post Bestseller, Amazon Charts Bestseller [Translation only; excludes UK & Commonwealth.]

From #1 NY Times bestselling master of crime and psychological suspense, a thriller that will appeal to readers of Gillian Flynn, Shari Lapena and Paula Hawkins:

Adam and Sophie Warner and their three-year-old daughter are vacationing in Washington State's Hood Canal for Memorial Day weekend. It's the perfect getaway to unplug, and to calm an uneasy marriage. But on Adam's first day out on the water he sees Sophie abducted by a stranger. A hundred yards from shore, he can't save her. And Sophie disappears.

In a nearby cabin is another couple, Kristen and Connor Moss. Unfortunately, beyond what they've heard in the news, when it comes to Sophie's disappearance they're in the dark. For Adam, at least there's comfort in knowing that Mason County detective, Lee Husemann, is an old friend of his. She'll do everything she can to help. She must. But as Adam's paranoia about his missing wife escalates, Lee puts together the pieces of a puzzle. The lives of the two couples are converging in unpredictable ways, and the picture is unsettling. Lee suspects that not everyone is telling the truth about what they know—or have yet to reveal all the lies they've hidden from the strangers they married.

LYING NEXT TO ME reminds us that there are four sides to every affair. www.greggolsen.com

***Sold to: Czech: Grada; Lithuania: Balto; Russia: AST; Hebrew: Tchelet Books; Vietnam: 1980 Books**

***THE LAST THING SHE EVER DID** by Gregg Olsen (Thomas & Mercer, January 2018)

<http://www.greggolsen.com>; *Amazon Charts bestseller*

From the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author, master of crime and crime fiction, Gregg Olsen now brings his talents to his most gripping and commercial work yet, in a novel of psychological suspense **THE LAST THING SHE EVER DID**. What if everything you want is wrapped up in a moment....a moment where you make a terrible mistake. And you make the wrong choice to fix it. Along the Deschutes River in Bend, Oregon, two families live side by side. Neighbors Liz and Carole are the best of friends, until a tragic moment when an accident happens. Liz, hopped up on Adderall, backs out of her driveway and there's a THUMP. Carole and David's three year old son Charlie is missing. How can you tell your best friend you killed her son? And what happens if you don't tell her, you hide it, and your husband comes in to clean up your mess—and then betrays you in the process. In **THE LAST THING SHE EVER DID**, one bad decision leads to a spiral of death and haunting unease in this community along the Deschutes River, a place where jealousies, betrayals and not-quite-what-they-seem lives converge. **(140K copies sold)**

***Sold to: China: Citic; Netherlands: Karakter; Korea: Hans Media; Slovak: Ikar**

***THE SOUND OF RAIN: Nicole Foster Thriller Book 1** by Gregg Olsen (Thomas & Mercer, December 2016)

Former homicide detective Nicole Foster has hit rock bottom. Driven off the force by her treacherous partner and lover, she's flat broke and struggling with a gambling addiction. All Nicole has left is the dream of a warm bed at a homeless shelter and the haunting memories of three-year-old Kelsey Chase—whose murder case ended her career.

As Nicole obsesses over the old facts, she realizes everything about that case felt off: a disinterested mom, a suicidal pedophile, and too many questions left unanswered. When the little girl's grieving father begs Nicole for help, she's drawn back into the investigation...and given one shot at redemption.

But the deeper Nicole digs, the more evil she uncovers, including betrayals that hit painfully close to home. Will a shocking discovery be the key to finally getting justice for Kelsey and resurrecting her own life?

***Sold to: France: Chambre Noire; Czech Republic: Ritareklama**

***THE WEIGHT OF SILENCE: Nicole Foster Thriller Book 2** by Gregg Olsen (Thomas & Mercer, August 2018)

A heart-pounding novel of unspeakable crimes and unforgivable sins from the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Sound of Rain*.

Homicide detective Nicole Foster has finally balanced an unsteady life and is anxious for a second chance. There's no better place to start over than at the beginning—back at her childhood home on the Washington coast, where's she raising her niece and keeping an eye on her increasingly fragile father. But Nicole's past is never truly behind her—not when a disturbing new case stirs dark memories of the haunting investigation that shattered her career.

In the middle of the hottest August in a century, a toddler is found dead inside a parked car. Her father says he forgot her. It's an unthinkable crime. And for Nicole, it's made all the more unbearable by her own suffocating secrets—those shared by an old rival who has reappeared from the shadows and is pushing Nicole to the edge once again.

Now, wherever the truth lies, solving this case and avenging an unforgivable death is the most important move in Nicole's career. But to see it through to the end, how far is she willing to go? And what is she prepared to risk this time?

***Sold to: France: Chambre Noire; Czech Republic: Ritareklama**

***THE STRANGER INSIDE** by Laura Benedict (Little Brown/Mulholland, Feb 2019; paperback Feb 2020)

What if you came home to find a stranger living in your house? A chilling, suspenseful psychological drama in the tradition of Shari Lapena and Liane Moriarty, by the Edgar and ITW Thriller Award nominated author Laura Benedict.

One hot August night, Kimber Hannon returns from a trip to find the locks on her house changed, and a stranger living inside. When the police arrive, a man calling himself Lance Wilson produces a lease with Kimber's signature on it. Incensed, she impulsively attacks him, and as they grapple, he whispers something to her, something no one else knows. Shocked, she retreats. To her lawyer and friends, Kimber maintains that she knows nothing about the stranger, though privately she suspects he must be someone from her past. Someone who knew her before her sister's death, twenty-five years earlier, a death she was secretly responsible for. Why are all these things happening to her? And why now? In order to return peacefully to the home she loves, Kimber will have to reconcile her losses, and learn to forgive herself.

“Suspenseful and moving, *The Stranger Inside* gripped me from the first page. Laura Benedict is at the top of her game.” —MEG GARDINER, author of *Into the Black Nowhere* <http://www.laurabenedict.com>

***Sold to: (Mulholland UK simultaneous pub.); Germany: Droemer; Turkey: Arkadya**

***UNFOLLOWING YOU by Komal Kapoor** (Andrews McMeel, Feb 2019). [Excludes UK; translation rights only].

An empowering, modern love story told through a series of interconnected poems, texts and unsent letters, a collection that reflects love and heartbreak in the digital age. Komal cleverly weaves in the complexities and hilarity of the swipe culture and contemporary romance. We experience the magical beginnings of falling in love in “**Part I: Following You**” and confront the pain of lost love in “**Part II: Unfollowing You.**” Ultimately, our protagonist’s strength emerges anew; there is rebirth after the death of a relationship. In an accessible style that is both playful and raw, Komal’s writing captures a vulnerability, humor and honesty that her audience connects with.

Komal has amassed an Instagram following of 300K; her poetry speaks to millennial and Gen Z women and fits into the massively successful category of poetry collections by authors such as Rupi Kaur, RH Sin, Courtney Peppernell, and authors such as Atticus and Christopher Poindexter. Unlike other collections, **UNFOLLOWING YOU** is a chronological love story with a voice that brings together pop culture, humor and emotions in a unique way. Instagram: @komalesque; <https://www.komalesque.com>

***OPPO: A Novel by Tom Rosenstiel** (Ecco/HarperCollins, December 2019).

A breathless and highly charged political thriller: the story of a senator who is offered the vice presidential slot by both parties’ presidential nominees and then gets ominous threats

It’s presidential primary season in Washington, DC, and both parties are on edge. At campaign rallies for all the candidates around the country, there are disturbing incidents of violence and protest and shocking acts of civil disobedience. Rena and Brooks are happy to sit it out.

Against this backdrop, Wendy Upton, the highly respected centrist senator, must make a choice: she’s been offered the VP slot by both parties’ leading candidates. When she receives an anonymous, unnerving threat that could destroy her promising career, she hires Peter Rena to investigate her past and figure out which side is threatening her and what they are threatening her with.

As Rena digs through the senator’s seemingly squeaky-clean past, he must walk the tightrope between two parties at war with each other and with themselves, an electorate that is as restive as it has ever been, and a political culture that is as much driven by money as it is by ideology.

***THE GOOD LIE by Tom Rosenstiel** (Ecco/HarperCollins, Feb 2019); <http://www.tomrosenstiel.com/press/>

An intelligent and propulsive international political thriller in which political fixer Peter Rena is hired by the president to investigate the bombing of an American military base overseas

When a shadowy American diplomatic complex is attacked in North Africa, the White House is besieged by accusations of incompetence and wild conspiracy theories. Eager to learn the truth, the president and his staff turn to Peter Rena and his partner, Randi Brooks. The investigators dive headfirst into the furtive world of foreign intelligence and national security, hoping to do it quietly. That becomes impossible, though, when it blows up into an all-out public scandal: Congress opens hearings and a tireless national security reporter publishes a bombshell exposé.

Now, Rena and Brooks are caught in the middle. The White House wants to prevent debilitating fallout for the president, the military appears to be in shutdown mode, the press is hungry for another big story, and rival politicians are plotting their next move. Rena learns the hard way that secrets in Washington come with a very high price.

With intelligence, style, and a breakneck pace, *The Good Lie* explores the contours of secrets, lies, and the dangers of a never-ending war.

***SHINING CITY by Tom Rosenstiel** (Ecco/HarperCollins, Feb 2017) <http://www.tomrosenstiel.com/press/>

Peter Rena is a “fixer.” He and his partner, Randi Brooks, earn their living making the problems of the powerful disappear. They get their biggest job yet when the White House hires them to vet the president’s nominee for the Supreme Court. Judge Roland Madison is a legal giant, but he’s a political maverick, with views that might make the already tricky confirmation process even more difficult. Rena and his team go full-bore to cover every inch of the judge’s past, while the competing factions of Washington D.C. mobilize with frightening intensity: ambitious senators, garrulous journalists, and wily power players on both sides of the aisle. All of that becomes background when a string of seemingly random killings overlaps with Rena’s investigation, with Judge Madison a possible target. Racing against the clock to keep his nominee safe, the President satisfied, and the political wolves at bay, Rena learns just how dangerous Washington’s obsession with power—how to get it and how to keep it—can be.

SHINING CITY is a cross between Jack Reacher and *SCANDAL*, with an in-depth political insight that’s more common in Washington biographies than in fiction. Tom Rosenstiel is ideally suited to write it. Currently the executive director of the American Press Institute, Tom is a senior fellow at the Brookings Institute and founder of the Project for Excellence in Journalism at the Pew Research Center. Former chief Congressional Correspondent for *Newsweek* as well as a national correspondent in Washington for the *Los Angeles Times* and press critic for MSNBC, Tom is fascinated by the point where politics converges with morality.

***THE LIGHT IN THE WOODS: a novel by Jean Marie Pierson** (Post Hill Press, Nov 2017);

Christmas 1944. Before a little man started a great big war, there was Santa Claus. And Raymond Kozak believed in him with his whole heart. But the magic of the holiday season lost its shine for this 10-year-old boy after his father is killed in battle. That was until a deer marked with star on its face wandered into his yard, unafraid of his presence. Until his mother made him work for Oscar Taglieber, the old clockmaker down the street. Until he saw that light in the woods. Together with his friend Olive, Ray is drawn to uncover the implausible. Is Santa real? Is there a heaven? Do angels hide in plain sight? In this small seaside town pillars of the Christmas season transcend death and folklore to help a boy deal with his insurmountable grief and instill hope that one day, he might just all that he thought was lost back.

With the intrigue and twists of *THE BOOK THIEF* and in the spirit of *THE FIVE PEOPLE YOU MEET IN HEAVEN*, this novel will ignite our faith in a world beyond perception and has the makings of a true Christmas classic.

***CELESTIAL MECHANICS** by William Least Heat-Moon (Three Rooms Press, April 2017)

William Least Heat-Moon's first book, bestselling *BLUE HIGHWAYS*, tells of a 13,000-mile journey around America on back roads. With his first novel *Celestial Mechanics*, he takes us on an even more powerful journey, one that is not just about finding your place in America but about what it means to exist in a universe we struggle to fathom. When Silas Fortunato applies for an editorial position for the "spirituality" section of a local newspaper, he is asked to fill in a bubble sheet to mark his religion. The problem is, his beliefs don't fall within any of the categories. Silas believes that selflessness enlarges vision and that what a person should strive for is to be overcome by the beyond. He believes in honoring otherness and in giving questions credence over certainty. He calls himself a Cosmoterian because his goal is to make himself worthy of the majesty of Cosmos. Silas is a man driven by big ideas, but it is the everyday smallness that perpetually both intrigues and eludes him. WILLIAM LEAST HEAT-MOON, pen name of William Trogdon, is of English, Irish, and Osage ancestry. He lives in Missouri on an old tobacco farm he's returning to forest.

***DEPTH a novel** by Lev AC Rosen (Regan Arts, April 2015)

DEPTH follows private investigator Simone Pierce in a post-apocalyptic Manhattan submerged and surrounded by unforgiving ocean. A routine case turns into a deadly one as Simone finds herself in the middle of the city's most powerful factions vying for control of what remains beneath the deadly waters. DEPTH is where Phillip K. Dick meets Raymond Chandler—a post-apocalyptic noir of intrigue, betrayal, romance and violence.

Lev AC Rosen is the author of the critically acclaimed *ALL MEN OF GENIUS* (Tor, 2011), *WOUNDBABOUT* (Little Brown, June 2015), *THE MEMORY WALL* (Knopf Books for Young Readers, September 2016), and the forthcoming young adult LGBTQ sex-positive book *JACK OF HEARTS (AND OTHER PARTS)* (Little Brown, October 2018) ***Sold to UK: Titan Books**

***GONZO GIRL: A Novel** by Cheryl Della Pietra (Touchstone/Simon & Schuster; July 2015; paperback July 2016)

The barely masked roman à clef of author Cheryl Della Pietra who fictionalizes (just a bit) how fast and furious her 3pm-2am job working for Hunter S. Thompson truly was. Alley Russo, a recent college grad desperately trying to make it in the grueling world of NY publishing, hears the infamous Walker Reade is looking for an assistant to replace the eight others who have recently quit. Hungry for a chance to get her manuscript onto the desk of an experienced editor, Alley jumps at the opportunity to help Reade finish his latest novel. After surviving a three-day "trial period" involving a .44 magnum, purple-pyramid acid, violent verbal outbursts, brushes with fame and the law, a bevy of peacocks, and a whole lot of cocaine, Alley is invited to stay at the compound where Reade works. For months Alley attempts to coax the novel out of Walker page-by-page, all while battling his endless procrastination, vampiric schedule, Herculean substance abuse, mounting debt, and casual gunplay. As the job takes a toll on her psyche, Alley realizes she's alone in the Colorado Rockies at the mercy of a drug-addicted literary icon who may never produce another novel—and her fate may already be sealed.

*****Film Deal:** <http://deadline.com/2017/03/becca-thomas-directing-gonzo-girl-book-to-movie-olivia-cooke-1202035844/> "Becca Thomas and Jessica Caldwell are adapting Cheryl Della Pietra's book *Gonzo Girl*, inspired by the author's crazy experiences while working with the late journalist and novelist Hunter S. Thompson. Thomas is set to direct and Olivia Cooke, who just completed a turn in Steven Spielberg's *Ready Player One* at Warner Bros., is attached to star. The film will be produced by Tom Heller and Frank Hall Green under their Catch & Release Films banner."

***Sold to: Germany: Heyne; UK: Two Roads/Hodder; France: Bragelonne**

RECENTLY PUBLISHED NON-FICTION and BACKLIST

***THE FINANCIAL MINDSET FIX: A Mental Fitness Program for an Abundant Life** by Joyce Marter (Sounds True, July 2021); (**Previously titled MENTAL WEALTH) [Excludes UK & Commonwealth; translation rights only]; www.joyce-marter.com;

A step-by-step guide to cultivate mental and spiritual discipline for taking charge of your financial well-being

Does prosperity lead to happiness . . . or is it the other way around? As a therapist, Joyce Marter noticed an extraordinary trend: as her clients improved their mental health, they were suddenly receiving raises, getting promotions, finding better jobs, or starting their successful businesses. Since then, Marter has become a go-to expert on the “Psychology of Success”—pioneering ways to help us improve our financial well-being by focusing on our psychological and spiritual issues around money. With *The Financial Mindset Fix*, Marter crystallizes her most powerful and effective practices for success. Here, she guides you through 12 mindsets to transform your relationship with wealth—along with innovative exercises, self-assessment tools, and insights for shifting into a mindset of abundance; changing unconscious habits and beliefs that keep you trapped; using mindfulness to make good financial choices; sharing your good fortune with others through generosity and service; and realizing an expansive vision of your healthiest, wealthiest life.

Money brings up deep issues for all of us—around self-worth, self-image, justice, and survival-level fear. “We are all works in progress,” says Marter. “No matter where you are on your journey, these tools are meant to be lifelong companions to a life of greater prosperity and joy.”

***Sold to: Spain: Diana; Korea: Gimm Young**

***ACROSS THE AIRLESS WILDS: The Lunar Rover and the Triumph of the Final Moon Landings** by Earl Swift (Custom House/Morrow, July 2021) [Excludes UK rights; translation only]

In this follow-up to the acclaimed New York Times bestseller Chesapeake Requiem, Earl Swift rediscovers the final three Apollo Moon landings, arguing that these overlooked missions—distinguished by the use of the revolutionary Lunar Roving Vehicle—were the pinnacle of human exploration.

The most enduring tire tracks in the universe lie not on any highway, remote desert trail, or indeed anywhere on Earth. They are found on the Moon, where fifty-six miles of car tracks lie nearly perfectly preserved, etched into the lunar landscape almost exactly as they were left nearly a half-century ago. The ends of these trails mark the farthest extremes to which mankind has ventured, the limits of a species that was born to wander.

The tracks were left by crews of the last three manned missions to the Moon—Apollos 15, 16, and 17. Over the decades since, the achievements of these astronauts have dimmed in the shadow cast by the first Moon landing, Apollo 11. But as Earl Swift brilliantly uncovers, in so many ways the earlier missions were but a prelude for the final acts; for while Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin trod a chunk of flat lunar plain smaller than a football field, the final three Apollos each commanded a mountainous area the size of Manhattan—traveling miles across the broken, desolate lunar surface, conducting experiments, and collecting more than a quarter-ton of prized geologic samples. Often treated as little more than historical footnotes, they were the true explorers of the Moon. And they succeeded for one very American reason: they drove.

So-called “Moon cars” had been the stuff of science fiction since before the Wright brothers flew. But it was only after World War II that engineers and scientists took up the challenge of how to move astronauts and equipment across extraterrestrial landscapes. The result was the Lunar Roving Vehicle—a true engineering marvel that was developed piecemeal through the late 1950s and 1960s, deployed on the final three Apollo missions, and revolutionized the exploration of the moon. In this fast-moving exploration of the lunar rover and the scientific discoveries it enabled, Swift puts the reader alongside the men who dreamed of the rover, designed it, troubleshooted its flaws, and drove it on the lunar surface. Finally shining a deserved spotlight on these overlooked yet crucial missions and the fascinating characters involved in them, *Across the Airless Wilds* is a celebration of human genius, perseverance, and daring. (See CHESAPEAKE REQUIEM on p. 34.)

***THE PROFESSION: A Memoir of Community, Race, and the Arc of Policing in America** by Bill Bratton and Peter Knobler (Penguin Press; June 2021)

A memoir about the epic, transformative career of Bill Bratton, legendary police commissioner and police reformer, in Boston, Los Angeles, and New York.

When Bill Bratton became a Boston street cop after his return from serving in Vietnam, he was dismayed by the corrupt old guard, and it is fair to say the old guard was dismayed by him, too. But his success fighting crime could not be denied. Propelled by extraordinary results, Bratton had a dazzling rise, and ultimately a dazzling career, becoming the most famous police commissioner of modern times. *The Profession* is the story of that career in full.

Everywhere he went, Bratton slashed crime rates and professionalized the vocation of the cop. He and his team created the revolutionary program CompStat, the Big Bang of modern data-driven policing. But his career has not been without controversy, and central to the reckoning of *The Profession* is the fundamental crisis of relations between the Black community and law enforcement; a crisis he now believes has been inflamed by the unforeseen consequences of some well-intentioned

policies. Building trust between a police force and the community it is sworn to protect is in many ways, Bratton argues, the first task--without genuine trust in law enforcement to do what's right, little else is possible.

The Profession is both a searching examination of the path of policing over the past fifty years, for good and also for ill, and a master class in transformative leadership. Bill Bratton was never brought into a police department to maintain the status quo; wherever he went--from Boston in the '80s to the New York Police Department in the '90s to Los Angeles after the beating of Rodney King to New York again in the era of unchecked stop-and-frisk--root-and-branch reinvention was the order of the day and he met the challenge. There are few other positions on Earth in which life-and-death stakes combine with intense public scrutiny and turbulent political crosswinds as they do for the police chief of a major American city, even more so after counterterrorism entered the mix in the twenty-first century. Now more than ever, when the role of the police in society is under a microscope like never before, Bill Bratton's authority on the subject of improving law enforcement is profoundly useful. A riveting combination of cop stories and community involvement, *The Profession* presents not only a fascinating and colorful life at the heights of law-enforcement leadership, but the vision for the future of American policing that we sorely need.

***DO SOMETHING FOR NOTHING** by Joshua Coombes (Akashic Books, May 2021).

Four years ago, Joshua Coombes first shared a cup of coffee with a homeless man and asked if he could cut his hair. Coombes didn't know it at the time, but that one small act would soon lead to something greater than he ever could have believed was possible. Encouraged to get to know those whom he had rarely acknowledged, Coombes cut the hair of homeless people whenever he had free time, hearing their stories and placing his hands on them, even though it had been ages since many of them had been touched. The BBC shot a video of Josh and called him "Hairdresser for the Homeless"—that video went [viral](#), now having been viewed nearly 30 million times.

Coombes has traveled to a dozen countries, and across the US, cutting hair and hearing stories. He recently filmed a documentary with Morgan Freeman and has partnered with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, LUSH cosmetics, and TOM'S shoes, among others. *Do Something for Nothing* will consist of 200 high-res photos, including 80 before-and-after photos of some of the homeless people Coombes has come to know. *Do Something for Nothing* hopes to inspire readers to humanize those they barely see; it reminds us of the goodness that is in the world & of our power to make a difference.

***Sold to: UK & Commonwealth: Murdoch Books**

***THE INDISPENSIBLE SCRATCH & SNIFF GUIDE TO CANNABIS** by Richard Betts and Rotem Roffe (Houghton Mifflin, April 2021).

From The New York Times best-selling author of *The Essential Scratch & Sniff Guide to Becoming a Wine Expert*, everything you need to know about America's favorite recreational plant

Who better to guide you through the distinctive scents of cannabis than Richard Betts, a Master Sommelier (one of fewer than 200 in the world) with an unrivaled nose and the author of three scratch-and-sniff books? In this novel book, Betts demystifies the differences between cannabis and hemp, indica and sativa, and describes how each strain will make you feel and more, aided by scents to truly allow readers to understand the distinction between Train Wreck and Sour Diesel. With a short history lesson on where Mary Jane came from and how it became humanity's beloved pastime, plus a guide to the most popular strains, this handbook is a fact-filled and fun guide to all things cannabis. And if you don't live in a state that has legalized marijuana, this book is the closest thing you'll have to toking up!

***RACE AGAINST TIME: A Reporter Reopens the Unsolved Murder Cases of the Civil Rights Era** by Jerry Mitchell, (Simon & Schuster; Feb, 2021).

On June 21, 1964, more than twenty Klansmen murdered three civil rights workers. The killings, in what would become known as the "Mississippi Burning" case, were among the most brazen acts of violence during the civil rights movement. And even though the killers' identities, including the sheriff's deputy, were an open secret, no one was charged with murder in the months and years that followed.

It took forty-one years before the mastermind was brought to trial and finally convicted for the three innocent lives he took. If there is one man who helped pave the way for justice, it is investigative reporter Jerry Mitchell.

In *Race Against Time*, Mitchell takes readers on the twisting, pulse-racing road that led to the reopening of four of the most infamous killings from the days of the civil rights movement, decades after the fact. His work played a central role in bringing killers to justice for the assassination of Medgar Evers, the firebombing of Vernon Dahmer, the 16th Street Church bombing in Birmingham and the Mississippi Burning case. Mitchell reveals how he unearthed secret documents, found long-lost suspects and witnesses, building up evidence strong enough to take on the Klan. He takes us into every harrowing scene along the way, as when Mitchell goes into the lion's den, meeting one-on-one with the very murderers he is seeking to catch. His efforts have put four leading Klansmen behind bars, years after they thought they had gotten away with murder.

Race Against Time is an astonishing, courageous story capturing a historic race for justice, as the past is uncovered, clue by clue, and long-ignored evils are brought into the light. This is a landmark book and essential reading for all Americans.

***THE INTELLECTUAL DEVOTIONAL SERIES** by David S. Kidder and Noah Oppenheim (Rodale, May 2006-May 2010) ; **updated pb. edition January 2021**

Now updated to reflect current events, this daily digest of intellectual challenge and learning will arouse curiosity, refresh knowledge, expand horizons, and keep the mind sharp.

Millions of Americans keep bedside books of prayer and meditative reflection--collections of daily passages to stimulate spiritual thought and advancement. The Intellectual Devotional is a secular version of the same--a collection of 365 short lessons to inspire and invigorate every day of the year. Each daily digest of wisdom is drawn from one of seven fields of knowledge: history, literature, philosophy, mathematics and science, religion, fine arts, and music.

Impress your friends by explaining Plato's Cave Allegory, memorize Sonnet 18, and unlock the mystery of how batteries work. Daily readings range from important passages in literature to basic principles of physics, from pivotal events in history to images of famous paintings with accompanying analysis. The book's goal is to refresh knowledge we've forgotten, make new discoveries, and exercise modes of thinking that are ordinarily neglected once our school days are behind us. Offering an escape from the daily grind to contemplate higher things, The Intellectual Devotional is a great way to awaken in the morning or to revitalize the mind before retiring in the evening.

The original THE INTELLECTUAL DEVOTIONAL, an instant *New York Times Bestseller* over a decade ago, is now an instant 2018 bestseller in Japan! Each installment in the The Intellectual Devotional series offers a year's worth of knowledge in single page entries for each day of the week. The books in the series and the territories in which they have sold are:

***THE INTELLECTUAL DEVOTIONAL: Sold to China: China City; Taiwan: Ecus; Brazil: Verus; Portugal: Circulo; UK: Hodder; Korea: Haseo; Croatia: Profil; Germany: Goldmann; Spanish language (excluding the US): Martinez Roca; Turkey: Maya Kitap; Japan: Bunkyosha; Korea: Wisdomhouse Mediagroup**

***TID: AMERICAN HISTORY**

***TID: MODERN CULTURE: Sold to Spain: Martinez Roca; Turkey: Maya Kitap; Japan: Bunkyosha; Korea: Wisdomhouse**

***TID: HEALTH: Sold to Japan: Bunkyosha; Taiwan: Mook Publishing**

***TID: BIOGRAPHIES: Sold to Spain: Martinez Roca; Thailand: Amarin; Turkey: Maya Kitap; Japan: Bunkyosha; Korea: Wisdomhouse**

***PAPPYLAND: A Story of Family, Fine Bourbon, and the Things that Last** by Wright Thompson (Penguin Press, Nov 10, 2020).

New York Times Bestseller

The story of how Julian Van Winkle III, the caretaker of the most coveted cult Kentucky Bourbon whiskey in the world, fought to protect his family's heritage and preserve the taste of his forebears, in a world where authenticity, like his product, is in very short supply.

Americans have always made bourbon. It's said that George Washington himself is responsible for its proliferation, driving disgruntled distillers further out west to avoid taxation, to what was then called "Bourbon County," Kentucky. Bourbon inspired America's signature cocktails: the Sazerac, the Old Fashioned, the Manhattan. There are more barrels of bourbon in Kentucky than there are people. And yet for years, bourbon had a reputation of being your father's or worse, your grandfather's drink. The idea of a high-end bourbon was so discordant with public perception that you couldn't even buy a single-barrel bottle—there was simply no market for it. But what there was and wasn't a market for never much mattered to Pappy van Winkle. PAPPYLAND is an ode to bourbon, about the man who makes the best bourbon in the world. It's the tale of a family—and a business—that helped build the foundation for bourbon's rise. The power of Wright's voice, combined with Julian's story will ensure that PAPPYLAND is more than just a great read but a salve for all of those who will never be lucky enough to taste Pappy for themselves.

***UNDAUNTED: My Fight Against America's Enemies, at Home and Abroad** by John Brennan (Celadon/Macmillan; October 6, 2020). [Translation only; excludes UK]

A powerful and revelatory memoir from former CIA director John Brennan, spanning his more than thirty years in government.

Friday, January 6, 2017: On that day, as always, John Brennan's alarm clock was set to go off at 4:15 a.m. But nothing else about that day would be routine. That day marked his first and only security briefing with President-elect Donald Trump. And it was also the day John Brennan said his final farewell to Owen Brennan, his father, the man who

had taught him the lessons of goodness, integrity, and honor that had shaped the course of an unparalleled career serving his country from within the intelligence community.

In this brutally honest memoir, Brennan, the son of an Irish immigrant who settled in New Jersey, describes the life that took him from being a young CIA recruit enamored with the mystique of spy work, secretly defiant enough to drive a motorcycle and sport a diamond earring, and invigorated by his travels in the Middle East to being the most powerful individual in American intelligence. He details his experiences with very different presidents and what it's been like to bear responsibility for some of the nation's most crucial and polarizing national security decisions.

He pulls back the curtain on the inner workings of the Agency, describing the selfless, patriotic, and invisible work of the women and men involved in national security. He also examines the insularity, arrogance, and myopia that have, at times, undermined its reputation in the eyes of the American people and of members of other branches of government. Through topics ranging from George W. Bush's intervention in Iraq to his thoughts on the CIA's controversial use of enhanced interrogation techniques to his eye-opening account of the planning of the raid that resulted in Bin Ladin's death to his realization that Russia had interfered with the 2016 election, Brennan brings the reader behind the scenes of some of the most crucial moments in recent U.S. history. He also candidly discusses the times he has failed to live up to his own high standards and the very public fallouts that have resulted. With its behind-the-scenes look at how major U.S. national security policies and actions unfolded during his long and distinguished career—especially during his eight years in the Obama administration—John Brennan's memoir is a work of history with strong implications for the future of America and our country's relationships with other world powers.

UNDAUNTED offers a rare and insightful look at the often-observed world of national security, the intelligence profession, and Washington's chaotic political environment. But more than that, it is a portrait of a man striving for integrity; for himself, for the CIA, and for his country.

New York Times <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/29/us/politics/john-brennan-book.html>

***Sold: France: Talent Editions; Bulgaria: Knigomania**

SHIT, ACTUALLY: The Definitive, 100% Objective Guide to Modern Cinema by bestselling author Lindy West. (Hachette Books; October 20, 2020. (see Lindy's backlist on page 23))

****Your Favorite Movies, Re-Watched****

New York Times opinion writer and bestselling author Lindy West was once the in-house movie critic for Seattle's alternative newsweekly *The Stranger*, where she covered film with brutal honesty and giddy irreverence. In *Shit, Actually*, Lindy returns to those roots, re-examining beloved and iconic movies from the past 40 years with an eye toward the big questions of our time: Is *Twilight* the horniest movie in history? Why do the zebras in *The Lion King* trust Mufasa-WHO IS A LION-to look out for their best interests? Why did anyone bother making any more movies after *The Fugitive* achieved perfection? And, my god, why don't any of the women in *Love, Actually* ever fucking talk!?!?

From *Forrest Gump*, *Honey I Shrunk the Kids*, and *Bad Boys II*, to *Face/Off*, *Top Gun*, and *The Notebook*, Lindy combines her razor-sharp wit and trademark humor with a genuine adoration for nostalgic trash to shed new critical light on some of our defining cultural touchstones—the stories we've long been telling ourselves about who we are. At once outrageously funny and piercingly incisive, *Shit, Actually* reminds us to pause and ask, "How does this movie hold up?", all while teaching us how to laugh at the things we love without ever letting them or ourselves off the hook.

Shit, Actually is a love letter and a break-up note all in one: to the films that shaped us and the ones that ruined us. More often than not, Lindy finds, they're one and the same.

***LIVE NOT BY LIES: A Manual for Christian Dissidents** by Rod Dreher (Sentinel/PRH, Sept 29, 2020);

New York Times bestseller

***The New York Times* bestselling author of *The Benedict Option* draws on the wisdom of Christian survivors of Soviet persecution to warn American Christians of approaching dangers.**

For years, émigrés from the former Soviet bloc have been telling Rod Dreher they see telltale signs of "soft" totalitarianism cropping up in America—something more *Brave New World* than *Nineteen Eighty-Four*. Identity politics are beginning to encroach on every aspect of life. Civil liberties are increasingly seen as a threat to "safety." Progressives marginalize conservative, traditional Christians, and other dissenters. Technology and consumerism hasten the possibility of a corporate surveillance state. And the pandemic, having put millions out of work, leaves our country especially vulnerable to demagogic manipulation. In *Live Not By Lies*, Dreher amplifies the alarm sounded by the brave men and women who fought totalitarianism. He explains how the totalitarianism facing us today is based less on overt violence and more on psychological manipulation. He tells the stories of modern-day dissidents—clergy, laity, martyrs, and confessors from the Soviet Union and the captive nations of Europe—who offer practical advice for how to identify and resist totalitarianism in our time. Following the model offered by a prophetic World War II-era pastor who prepared believers in his Eastern European to endure the coming of communism, *Live Not By Lies* teaches American Christians a method for resistance:

SEE: Acknowledge the reality of the situation.; JUDGE: Assess reality in the light of what we as Christians know to be true; ACT: Take action to protect truth.

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn famously said that one of the biggest mistakes people make is assuming totalitarianism can't happen in their country. Many American Christians are making that mistake today, sleepwalking through the erosion of our freedoms. *Live Not By Lies* will wake them and equip them for the long resistance.

Bestselling author of **THE BENEDICT OPTION**, Rod is a senior editor at The American Conservative and the author of **CRUNCHY CONS**, **HOW DANTE CAN SAVE YOUR LIFE** and **THE LITTLE WAY OF RUTHIE LEMING**. <http://www.theamericanconservative.com/dreher/>

***Sold to: France: Elidia; Slovak: Postoj; Italy: Giubilei Regnani; Spain: Encuentro; Hungary: Mathias Corvinus; Poland: Espirit; Ukraine: Nash Format; Romania: Contra Mundum; Slovenia: Druzina; Croatia: Verbum**

(11 territories including the US)

***THE BENEDICT OPTION: A Strategy for Christians in a Post-Christian Nation** by Rod Dreher (Sentinel/PRH; March 2017); <http://www.theamericanconservative.com/dreher/>

New York Times best-selling author Rod Dreher, a columnist and blogger for The American Conservative who draws over 900,000 page views monthly, has been stirring up a storm since he began writing on his blog about what he has coined the “Benedict Option.” Dreher calls on traditional Christians to learn from the example of St. Benedict of Nursia, a sixth-century monk who turned from the chaos and decadence of the collapsing Roman Empire, and found a new way to live out the faith in community. With the goal of turning the energies formerly spent trying to change the larger culture to strengthen the internal bonds of the Christian community, **THE BENEDICT OPTION** launches a model for traditionalist Christian life to survive in this new era.

***Sold to: France: Artege Editions; Czech Republic: Hesperio; Korea: Korea Inter Varsity Press; Slovakia: Konzervativny; Spain: Encuentro; Brazil: Cedet/Ecclesiae; Germany: Fe-Medien; Italy: Edizioni San Paolo; Poland: Wydawnictwo AA; Croatia: Verbum; Hungary: Osiris**

(12 territories, including the US)

***THE KIDNAP YEARS: The Astonishing True History of the Forgotten Kidnapping Epidemic that Shook Depression-Era America** by David Stout. (Sourcebooks, September 2020) [Translation only; excludes UK & Commonwealth]

The economic depression years of 1929 through the 1930s were a time of incomparable financial desperation in America. Lawlessness and corruption proliferated in the decimating poverty of that era. But little known are the countless serial dramas that played out in homes and hide-outs, courtrooms and newsrooms across the country. In a time of panic, legal lethargy, corruption and incompetence, there was one sure means to make money: kidnapping.

David Stout, an Edgar Award-winning true crime author, novelist, and *New York Times* editor and criminal justice reporter, embarked upon **THE KIDNAP YEARS** while researching the “Lindbergh Law.” “When the Lindbergh toddler was taken, kidnapping was not even a felony in New Jersey; it was a misdemeanor.” Before the “Lindbergh Law,” there was no coordination among law enforcement between states. Congress passed the law just weeks after the abduction and murder of the namesake aviation hero’s infant son—when this crime had already reached epidemic proportions in the United States. **THE KIDNAP YEARS** moves with a gritty, propulsive pace, reanimating the sepia-tone silent era, exhuming bygone primary sources and interweaving interviews with relatives of survivors. Local bankers were despised and were prime targets; families of brewers, doctors, furriers, merchants, grocers and clothiers were targets, too. Newspapers had trouble simply keeping up with the abductions—dozens more victims every year—and at a certain point, simply stopped trying. Nationwide revulsion—at last—lifted the languishing legislation. Some kidnapers were professional criminals branching out from gambling and bootlegging. Amateurs tried their hands, driven by desperate joblessness: a victim’s release after a ransom payment put meals on the kidnapper’s table. But sometimes their unskilled fevered strategies led to the death of the hostage. Hunger and hopelessness as gnawing motivation, are, if not forgivable, excruciatingly poignant.

THE KIDNAP YEARS tells stories long forgotten or that haven’t been told at all. The stories lay bare why each one of those distant lives and deaths matters, not just in haunting individual humanity, but also historically, collectively, for what their sacrifices contributed toward the “Lindbergh Law” itself and the birth of psychiatric profiling, fingerprinting, improved news-gathering standards, law enforcement accountability, and legal protocols.

David Stout’s books have frequently been adapted for made-for-television movies.

***OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HUNGER: A Memoir** by Lisa Donovan (Penguin Press, August 2020)

Renown Southern pastry chef Lisa Donovan's memoir of cooking, survival, and the incredible power in reclaiming the stories of women. Donovan's experiences as a woman in some of the most intense and successful restaurants in America brought her to a reckoning and, ultimately, a revolutionary decision to reclaim a spirit of generosity in the often toxic restaurant industry. Inspired by her [viral call-to-arms essay](#) for Food & Wine.

Noted chef and James Beard Award-winning essayist Lisa Donovan helped establish some of the South's most important kitchens, and her pastry work is at the forefront of a resurgence in traditional desserts. Yet Donovan struggled to make a living in an industry where male chefs built successful careers on the stories, recipes, and culinary heritage passed down from generations of female cooks and cooks of color. At one of her career peaks, she made the perfect dessert at a celebration for food-world goddess Diana Kennedy. When Kennedy asked why she had not heard of her, Donovan said she did not know. "I do," Kennedy said, "Stop letting men tell your story."

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HUNGER is Donovan's searing, beautiful, and searching chronicle of reclaiming her own story and the narrative of the women who came before her. Her family's matriarchs found strength and passion through food, and they inspired Donovan's accomplished career. Donovan's love language is hospitality, and she wants to welcome everyone to the table of good food and fairness. Donovan herself had been told at every juncture that she wasn't enough: she came from a struggling southern family that felt ashamed of its own mixed race heritage and whose elders diminished their women. She survived abuse and assault as a young mother. But Donovan's salvations were food, self-reliance, and the network of women in food who stood by her. In the school of the late John Egerton, OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HUNGER is an unforgettable Southern journey of class, gender, and race as told at table.

***SHOW THEM YOU'RE GOOD: A Portrait of Boys in the City of Angels the Year Before College** by Jeff Hobbs (Scribner, June 2020)

The bestselling, critically acclaimed, award-winning author of *The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace* presents a brilliant and transcendent work that closely follows four Los Angeles high school boys with vastly different backgrounds and resources as they apply to college.

Four teenage boys are high school seniors at two very different schools within the city of Los Angeles, the second largest school district in the nation with nearly 700,000 students. Author Jeff Hobbs, writing with heart, sensitivity, and insight, stunningly captures the challenges and triumphs of being a young person confronting the future—both their own and the cultures in which they live—in contemporary America.

Combining complex social issues with the compelling experience of the individual, Hobbs takes us deep inside these boys' worlds. The foursome includes Tiofilo, a nonchalant skateboarder harboring serious ambitions to attend an elite college despite a father who doesn't believe in him; Carlos, son of undocumented delivery workers, who aims to follow in his older brother's footsteps and attend Yale; Owen, ambivalent about high school in general but still yearning to fulfill the expectations of his successful and loving parents; and Sam, devoted member of the academic decathlon team who lives in a tiny cramped apartment with his Chinese mother and Jewish father and cannot wait to have some independence.

Filled with portraits of secondary characters including friends, peers, parents, teachers, and girlfriends, this masterwork of immersive journalism is both intimate and profound and destined to ignite conversations about class, race, expectations, cultural divides, and even the concept of fate. Hobbs's portrayal of these young men is not only revelatory and relevant, but also moving, eloquent, and indelibly powerful.

***WHAT BIRDS EAT: How to Preserve the Natural Diet and Behavior of North American Birds** by Kim Long. (Mountaineers Books, Sept. 2020);

Of the nearly 1,200 species of native bird species in North America (including Mexico), 37 percent are now declared to be in need of urgent conservation. Human forces have decimated populations of insects, a prime direct and indirect bird food, to about half their levels worldwide over the past 40 years. Many millions of acres of forest, grassland, pastures and wetlands are lost each year. As natural habitats shrivel, sources of seeds, foliage, fruits, pollen, nectar, insects, fish, rodents, carrion and other prime avian nutritional reserves suffer.

Why should we care about the diverse and often very narrow and specific menus for birds? What does it matter how and for what tasks they manicure talons or sharpen their beaks? What is the ecological impact globally of these dietary stresses? The quest for necessary and digestible nutrients leaves birds to often desperate adaptations, including altered breeding cycles and seasonal migration patterns.

This popular wildlife author provides a unique new lens focused specifically on idiosyncratic bird anatomy and digestion for understanding the crisis posed for birds by urbanization, deforestation, pesticides, herbicides and climate change.

Grassroots awareness of a symbiotic social contract between birds and humans seems apparent. For many people, birds are cherished as dearly as are dogs and cats. Market research shows that bird food sections in gardening, grocery and home supply stores have grown exponentially, while birds have seized upon the hospitality hinted by a world of backyards,

birdbaths, feeders and windowsills. But these tweaks in the natural order are not nearly enough. Breadcrumbs, landfills and garbage cans are hardly a worthy buffet.

WHAT BIRDS EAT explores the complex disruptions that imperil the eco-framework connecting birds and their natural independent foraging of food sources. The book features rich photography, detailed illustrations, and approachable resources for general readers as well as avid birders. Awareness and information, says this author, lead to more sustained and effective, sensitive and enlightened engagement with the creatures who provide us with soaring beauty, glorious song and lively spirit.

***MAKERS: PARIS The Artists, Artisans and Iconoclasts Shaping the City**, By Kate Van Den Boogert with Photographs by Carrie Solomon, (Prestel, April 14, 2020) **[Excludes UK; translation only.]**

Meet the extraordinary community of artisans and creative entrepreneurs making their mark on Paris today.

This inspirational guide introduces you to the locals behind thirty-five of Paris's unique shops, studios, and more. Through beautifully illustrated spreads, immerse yourself in the daily practices of diverse creatives including fashion designer Isabel Marant; baker Apollonia Poilâne, whose sourdough loaves are the toast of the city; fourth-generation art supplier Sophie Sennelier; Palais-Royal shoe designer Pierre Hardy; jet-setting street artist and hotelier André Saraiva; bookseller Sylvia Whitman who continues her father's literary heritage with flair; French cocktail expert Franck Audoux; the duo behind ecological sneaker brand Véja; the inventor of the bistronomy movement Yves Camdeborde; plus a host of chocolatiers, florists, cheesemakers, patissiers, stationers, and more. Each maker links to the next with a personal introduction that adds insight to how these interconnected communities thrive and grow together. You'll get to know each maker—their tools, practices, passions, histories, inspirations, and work environments. Makers Paris takes you inside their businesses to show you how they invent, craft, and sell their wares, and demonstrates in the process how each maker's own passions and talents splendidly intersect with their city's hunger for quality, style, and substance. Whether you're planning a trip to Paris, looking for inspiration, or just wondering what's hot in the City of Lights, this thrilling tour will leave you inspired, satisfied...and hungry. CARRIE SOLOMON, one of France's most renowned still-life photographers, is a food and travel writer/photographer for *Elle* France. Her most recent book is *Inside Chefs' Fridges - Europe* and she is working on a new volume exploring the home fridges of chefs across the world. KATE VAN DEN BOOGERT is Founding Director of Gogo City Guides, up-to-date, seasonal guides to Paris & London.

***HACKING PLANET EARTH: How Controlling Nature and Geoengineering the Future Can Save the World** by Tom Kostigen (Tarcher Perigee/PRH; March 24, 2020)

[UK rights only; excludes translation] (previously titled FRANKENPLANET);**

There is no going back. We are now past the point of irreversible global warming. That means that in the future, where we live, how we live, and the air we breathe are going to be radically altered. In order to survive, we will have to artificially modify nature. NYT bestselling author Tom Kostigen's HACKING PLANET EARTH is a narrative portrait of how we'll set a new course for our future world. Can we make a better Earth? Or might we unleash unforeseen consequences that will bring about mass extinction?

HACKING PLANET EARTH takes us on gripping adventures to underground, off-the-grid, and prototype facilities the world over, where science is exploring the next step in the environmental movement: geoengineering, or artificially modifying nature. Readers will dive into the waters surrounding the Great Barrier Reef, climb to top of mountains deep in the Panamanian jungle, trek through the Sahara Desert, and tunnel underground in Japan and Brazil, to join scientists on the front lines of geoengineering.

***VOYAGE OF MERCY: The USS Jamestown, the Irish Famine, and the Remarkable Story of America's First Humanitarian Mission** by Stephen Puleo (St. Martin's, March 2020);

More than 5,000 ships left Ireland during the great potato famine in the late 1840s, transporting the starving and the destitute away from their stricken homeland. The first vessel to sail in the other direction, to help the millions unable to escape, was the USS Jamestown, a converted warship, which left Boston in March 1847 loaded with precious food for Ireland. VOYAGE OF MERCY tells the incredible story of Captain Robert Bennet Forbes and the crew of the USS Jamestown as they embarked on a voyage that began a massive eighteen-month demonstration of soaring international goodwill against the backdrop of unfathomable despair—one nation's struggle to survive, and another's effort to provide a lifeline.

***NOBODY'S CHILD: A Tragedy, a Trial, and a History of the Insanity Defense** by Susan Nordin Vinocour (WW Norton, March 2020).

Dr. Susan Vinocour, a forensic psychologist and former Assistant Prosecutor, provides a ground-level view of the legal treatment of the mentally ill, revealing the deficiencies of not only a flawed justice system but also a world deeply conflicted about the criminally insane. NOBODY'S CHILD tells the story of the legal and cultural history of the Insanity Defense through the lens of a single case: a mentally ill woman named Dorothy Dunn who was charged with second degree murder in

the death of her grandchild. Dr. Vinocour, who has worked all her life as an advocate for abused children, was hired to evaluate Mrs. Dunn. Though she swore to herself she would never empower an oppressor, her findings compelled her to a role of unexpected advocate, even though it cost her dearly. NOBODY'S CHILD was shortlisted for the [J. Anthony Lukas Work-in-Progress Award](#).

***Sold to: UK: Biteback Publishing**

***THE LAST NEGROES AT HARVARD** by Kent Garrett and Jeanne Ellsworth (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Feb 2020).

In 1959, Kent Garrett was admitted to Harvard along with seventeen other black freshmen, the largest group of African Americans ever to be admitted at one time. THE LAST NEGROES AT HARVARD is the story of the pioneering black men of the Harvard class of 1963. It awarded its first degree to a black man in 1870, but the class of 1963, with eighteen men, was the first to allow blacks to feel a collective identity. They were a diverse group. They came from farms, prep schools, the Caribbean, and housing projects. They had different skin colors and different ways of coping with the balance of assimilation into a rigid white hierarchy and maintaining—or, for themselves, inventing—the idea of what it means to be black. THE LAST NEGROES AT HARVARD will contextualize the volatile rise of identity politics that has become such an enormous part of contemporary campus experience at Harvard, at Yale, Amherst, Mizzou, Pomona, and countless other places where self-defined groups demand to set their own terms for social engagement. This book takes you into the lives of the men and women in Cambridge on the cusp of the greatest tumult of the Civil Rights Movement to see just how such a collective identity crystallized.

***WOULD I LIE TO YOU? The Amazing Power of Being Honest in a World That Lies** by Judi Ketteler [formerly titled HONEST LIFE, HAPPY LIFE] (Kensington Books, Dec. 31, 2019) [ms. available](#)

What would it mean to commit to unconditional honesty and what impact might that have on our lives? If you've had a conversation consisting of more than a few words with someone today, chances are you've told a lie according to a study that found that people lie at least once every ten minutes. Love may curb the habit slightly (another researcher found that married people lie in one out of every ten conversations with each other). As someone who has struggled with candor, Judi Ketteler decided to start paying attention to how often she lied. Last year Ketteler chronicled the experience of keeping an honesty journal in her *New York Times* piece "How Honesty Could Make You Happier."

Ketteler expands her investigation in a smart, poignant, at times irreverent narrative, WOULD I LIE TO YOU? She'll delve into the field of research about the study of honesty, interviewing social scientists, psychologists, and behavioral economists in her quest to discover whether there is any such thing as a truly honest life; the difference between honesty that is difficult but necessary, and honesty that is destructive; whether the same approach to honesty works in both our public lives and our private lives; and, interrogates why living an honest life leads to a happier life. An award-winning journalist, Ketteler has written for *The New York Times*, *Better Homes & Gardens*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Runner's World*, *Self*, *Women's Health*, and many others. She's also a regular columnist for *Cincinnati Magazine*, where she writes pieces about the weirdness of midlife. www.judiketteler.com.

***Sold to: Netherlands: Bruna**

***THE SUSPECT: A Deadly Olympic Bombing, the FBI, the Media, and the Man in the Middle** by Kent Alexander and Kevin Salwen (Abrams, November 2019).

A contributing source for the Warner Bros.' film *Richard Jewell* starring Sam Rockwell, Kathy Bates, Jon Hamm, Olivia Wilde, and Paul Walter Hauser, directed by Clint Eastwood.

A gripping insider account of the terrorist bombing at the 1996 Olympic Games that captured the world's attention, and the heroic security guard-turned-suspect at the heart of it all

On July 27, 1996, a hapless former cop turned hypervigilant security guard named Richard Jewell spotted a suspicious bag in Atlanta's Centennial Olympic Park, the town square of the 1996 Summer Games. Inside was a bomb, the largest of its kind in FBI and ATF history. Minutes later, the bomb detonated amid a crowd of fifty thousand people. But thanks to Jewell, it only wounded 111 and killed two, not the untold scores who would have otherwise died. With the eyes of the world on Atlanta, the Games continued. But the pressure to find the bomber was intense. Within seventy-two hours, Jewell went from the hero to the FBI's main suspect. The news leaked and the intense focus on the guard forever changed his life. The worst part: It let the true bomber roam free to strike again.

What really happened that evening during the Olympic Games? The attack left a mark on American history, but most of what we remember is wrong. In a triumph of reporting and access in the tradition of the best investigative journalism, former U.S. Attorney Kent Alexander and former Wall Street Journal reporter Kevin Salwen reconstruct all the events leading up to, during, and after the Olympic bombing from mountains of law enforcement evidence and the extensive personal records of key players, including Richard himself.

The Suspect, the culmination of more than five years of reporting, is a gripping story of the rise of domestic terrorism in America, the advent of the 24/7 news cycle, and an innocent man's fight to clear his name.

***Sold to: UK: Hodder; Italy: Mondadori**

***THE WITCHES ARE COMING** by Lindy West (Hachette Books, Nov. 5, 2019) (previously titled **CHOOSING THE LIE**);

In **THE WITCHES ARE COMING**, the firebrand *New York Times* columnist and bestselling author of *Shrill* provides a brilliant and incisive look at how patriarchy, intolerance, and misogyny have conquered not just politics but American culture itself. The book lays out Lindy's grand theory of America: seemingly disparate or even insignificant threads from throughout the past few hundred years gathered into one sprawling, funny, illuminating tapestry. The title is derived from Lindy's NY Times column: <https://nyti.ms/2zhBUqA>

Lindy is the author of the *New York Times* bestselling and award-winning **SHRILL** (Hachette Books, 2016), which was named one of the Best Books of 2016 by NPR, *Esquire*, *The Los Angeles Times*, and more, Winner of the 2016 *Stranger Genius* Award and the 2017 PNBA Book Award, Lindy West was praised by *The New York Times Book Review* as "one of the most distinctive voices advancing feminist politics through humor." *The Washington Post* says "West defies clichés both by being persistently hilarious and deeply loving."

<http://www.lindywest.net/>

***Sold to: Australia/New Zealand: Allen & Unwin; Turkey: Ithaki Publications**

***SHRILL: Notes from a Loud Woman** by Lindy West (Hachette Books, May 2016; paperback March 2017)

<http://www.lindywest.net>

Guardian and GQ writer Lindy West's **SHRILL** is about the making of a funny feminist coming of age in a popular culture that is hostile to women (especially fat women) and doesn't think women (especially feminists) are or can be funny. Katha Pollitt filtered through David Sedaris, Lindy is one of the most popular voices on the web: Provocative, profane, vulnerable, skewering, scatological, personal: think Roxane Gay (if she could make you spit-take) or an American Caitlin Moran (a huge Lindy booster). **SHRILL** is her comic polemic memoir, interwoven chapters about what it means to become self-aware the hard way, to go from wanting to be silent and invisible to earning a living speaking for the silenced in all caps. Lindy narrates her life in a world where not all stories are created equal, not everybody's bodies are treated with equal respect—where jokes can be weaponized to hurt or deployed to spread what she has come to call "radical empathy."

*Film option to Elizabeth Banks for her company Brownstone Productions, rights were purchased by Warner Bros.. Hulu bought the pilot and ordered six episodes straight to series, co-show-run by Lindy and Ali Rushfield, written by Lindy, Aidy, Ali.

Hulu series (season 1) aired March 2019.

****Trailer:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JyUr_-jxWZA#action=share

<https://deadline.com/2018/08/aidy-bryant-star-shrill-hulu-comedy-series-elizabeth-banks-lorne-michaels-alexandra-rushfield-1202438250/>

***Sold to UK: Quercus; Korea: Sejong; Japan: Futaba-Sha**

*** FARM + LAND'S Back to the Land: A Guide to Modern Outdoor Life** By Freddie Pikovsky and Nicole Caldwell (Chronicle, Nov. 2019) [*Excludes UK; translation rights only]

FARM + LAND is a practical and story-driven guidebook for those of us who aspire to abandon our cubicles for a simpler, more grounded kind of life.

A meld between Cabin Porn and Norwegian Wood, **FARM + LAND'S BACK TO THE LAND** will take readers across the country, hearing the stories of how first-generation farmers, foresters, viticulturists, and more, abandoned their city lives and came to live closer to the land. Featuring 250-300 photographs as well as how-tos such as Growing Wormwood and Making Absinthe, Foraging Edible Berries, Building a Yurt, and Crafting Snake Skin Boots, **FARM + LAND** will be the perfect gift for those of us who want to do more than just fantasize about a simpler life. We want to hold it in our hands.

Freddie Pikovsky is the lead author of *The Off Track Planet Guide to the Young, Sexy, and Broke* (Running Press 2013), which has sold over 50,000 copies. He later developed a series of *Off Track Planet Guides*, which have been a mainstay at Urban Outfitters ever since. In addition, Freddie runs the *Off Track Planet* Twitter handle, which has over 30,000 followers. Nicole Caldwell has a master's from Columbia's School of Journalism, and is the former editor-in-chief of *Playgirl Magazine*. In 2009, Nicole left Manhattan for a 65-acre organic farm, animal sanctuary, and sustainability campus called *Better Farm* in Northern New York, where she spends her days sipping coffee from an enameled mug and heading out into the wilderness for her day's work.

***Sold to: Germany: GeraNova Bruckmann**

***IT SHOULDN'T BE THIS HARD TO SERVE YOUR COUNTRY: Our Broken Government and the Plight of Veterans** by David Shulkin (Public Affairs, Nov. 2019)

A memoir by Dr. David Shulkin, the former Secretary of Veterans Affairs who was appointed by President Obama and served under Trump until he was fired by a tweet. Shulkin describes his fight to save veteran health care from partisan politics and how his efforts were ultimately derailed by a small group of unelected officials appointed by the Trump White House. Known in health care circles for his ability to turn around ailing hospitals, Dr. David Shulkin was originally brought into government by President Obama to save the beleaguered Department of Veterans Affairs. When President Trump appointed him as secretary of the VA, Shulkin was as shocked as anyone. Yet this surprise was trivial compared to what Shulkin encountered as secretary: a team of political appointees devoted to stopping anyone -- including the secretary himself -- who stood in the way of privatizing the agency and implementing their political agenda. In this uninhibited memoir, Shulkin opens up about why the government has long struggled to provide good medical care to military veterans and the plan he had to solve these problems. This is a book about the commitment we make to the men and women who risk their lives fighting for our country, how the VA was finally beginning to live up to it, and why the new administration may now be taking us in the wrong direction.

***JOE BIDEN: A Life of Trial and Redemption** by Jules Witcover (William Morrow; revised edition Sept. 2019);

Newly updated, the definitive biography of the forty-seventh Vice President of the United States, Joe Biden, which examines the fascinating life of a man who has shaped Washington politics for more than four decades, including his years in the Obama White House.

Raised in the working-class towns of Scranton, Pennsylvania, and Wilmington, Delaware, and with lackluster grades in school and no particular goals, Joe Biden shocked the nation in 1972 when he became one of the youngest elected senators in U.S. history. Over the course of four decades, he carved a legacy for himself as one of the most respected legislators in the country, and was a close friend and partner to President Barack Obama, who valued his vice president's vast experience in domestic and foreign affairs.

Yet Biden's political success has been matched by personal tragedy and countless challenges. Within two months of being elected in 1972, Biden lost his wife, Neilia, and his young daughter in a tragic accident—a loss that brought him to the nadir of despair and shook his resolve to stay in politics. He suffered two brain aneurysms and career-threatening gaffes and miscues. In 2015, he lost his eldest son, Beau, to brain cancer. Now, Biden is back in the spotlight as the frontrunner in a crowded Democratic field challenging Donald Trump in the 2020 presidential election.

Based on exhaustive research by one of Washington's most prolific journalists, including numerous exclusive interviews with Biden's confidants and family members, as well as President Obama and the former vice president himself, *Joe Biden* goes beyond conventional biography to track the forces that have shaped a man who, with his plainspoken style and inspiring life story, has resonated with millions of Americans and whose work has shaped modern American life.

Jules Witcover is one of the most distinguished and recognized of the veteran Washington correspondents. A former political columnist for the Baltimore Sun, he is the author of numerous books, including *85 Days: The Last Campaign of Robert Kennedy*, *Very Strange Bedfellows: The Short and Unhappy Marriage of Richard Nixon and Spiro Agnew*, *The Party of the People: A History of the Democrats*, and *The Year the Dream Died: Revisiting 1968 in America*.

***THE MANY LIVES OF MICHAEL BLOOMBERG** by Eleanor Randolph (S&S, Sept. 2019).

(Previously titled THE BLOOMBERG PHENOMENON).

With unprecedented access, the veteran New York Times reporter and editorial writer who covered New York City and state politics offers a revealing portrait of one of the richest and famously private/public figures in the country. Business genius, inventor, innovator, publisher, philanthropist, activist, and sly wit Michael Bloomberg.

Michael Bloomberg's life sounds like an exaggerated version of *The American Story*, except his adventures are real. From modest Jewish middle class (and Eagle Scout) to Harvard MBA to Salomon Brothers hot shot (where he gets "sent upstairs" and later fired) to creator of the machine that would change Wall Street and the rest of the world and make him a billionaire. Randolph's account of Bloomberg's life and time reads almost like a novel, a quintessentially American story. She explains the "machine" he invented that gave and continues to give instant access to an infinite amount of information to bankers and investors on how, what, and where to invest, and how it changed the financial universe. Randolph recounts one day not long ago when the Bloomberg machine briefly blipped and the whole world's financial marketplace came to a halt. Randolph recounts Mayor Bloomberg's vigorous approach to New York city's care—including his attempts at education reform, contract control, anti-smoking and anti-obesity campaigns, green climate control, and his political adventures with both aides and opponents.

After a surprising third term as Mayor, Bloomberg returned to his business and doubles its already tremendous worth. The chapter that describes this is one of the most revealing of his temperament and energy and vision as well as how he spends his "private" time—private but convivial. Bloomberg's philanthropies are education, anti-NRA, and supporting a

cleaner environment. He is a moderate liberal in a time when that quality holds the future of the Democratic Party and the country to account.

***RARE BREED: How to Stand Out, Be Dangerously Original and Unleash the Leader You Were Born to Be** by Sunny Bonnell and Ashleigh Hansberger (HarperOne, Sept. 2019).

An unconventional business book for the rebels and misfits—the Rare Breeds—who don’t fit the traditional mold, offering an approach that’s anything but business as usual.

What if your biggest weaknesses are actually your greatest strengths?

Sunny Bonnell and Ashleigh Hansberger, award-winning brand consultants and founders of Motto, bring their wisdom and insights to this radical “outside the box” business guide written specifically for the mavericks, oddballs, and visionaries they call Rare Breeds. While most advice guides encourage you to change your inherent characteristics to get the job, get the promotion, get the client, Bonnell and Hansberger identify a different approach: instead of trying to conform, march to the beat of your own drum. By following your own path, you’ll find your success.

For readers of Jason Fried and David Heinemeier Hansson’s *REWORK* and Jen Sincero’s *YOU ARE A BADASS*, *RARE BREED* is a roadmap for reviving the untapped leadership potential hidden in us all. From their perch as award-winning leadership consultants, Sunny Bonnell and Ashleigh Hansberger know that bold, template-shattering leaders, who they identify as “Rare Breed” leaders, don’t achieve results by playing by the rules. Instead, Rare Breeds take traits once considered vices—being rebellious, weird, hot-blooded, or instinctive—and wield them as tools of creation and growth, turning those “vices” into “virtues.” Bonnell and Hansberger have identified nine “virtues” that Rare Breed leaders harness to create opportunity and foment change. Through pithy mantras drawn from a vast array of business and inspirational stories (including their own story), they show how individuals and companies have declared war on the ordinary—and along the way, forged a new and winning paradigm for tomorrow’s leaders. *RARE BREED* aims to transform the way we think, lead, and live.

***BLESS THIS MESS: A Modern Guide to Faith and Parenting in a Chaotic World** by Reverend Molly Baskette and Dr. Ellen O’Donnell (Convergent Books, PRH, August 2019); **[Translation only; excludes UK] (Previously titled FEAR NOT PARENTING)**

Where the bestselling book *CRUCIAL CONVERSATIONS* meets the wisdom of *THE BLESSING OF A SKINNED KNEE*, **BLESS THIS MESS** pairs spiritual guidance with child development to provide practical solutions for parents as they raise their children in this age of anxiety. Based on research and weaving in teachings from the Bible and pastoral tradition, the authors also share their own personal successes and failures with a relatable sense of humor and profound honesty. Ellen O’Donnell, Ph.D., is a child psychologist at Massachusetts General Hospital for Children and Shriners Hospital for Children-Boston, as well as an Instructor at Harvard Medical School. Molly Phinney Baskette, MDiv., is the Senior Minister of First Congregational Church of Berkeley, CA, and the author/co-author of several series of books, including grief workbooks for children and practical how-tos for church renewal. For a brief video of Ellen and Molly talking about this forthcoming title, please click [here](#).

***HOT COLD HEAVY LIGHT: 100 Art Writings, 1988-2017** by Peter Schjeldahl (Abrams, June 2019). **[Translation only; excludes UK]**

“To read Peter Schjeldahl,” wrote *Art in America*, “is not to agree or disagree, but rather to enter the enchanting flow of a fertile imagination.” **HOT COLD HEAVY LIGHT: 100 Art Writings, 1988-2017** invites you to drown in that enchantment. Chosen from uncollected work for *Seven Days*, *The Village Voice*, and *The New Yorker*, every essay in the book contains at least one insight, aperçu, or original formulation forcing you to reconsider an artist you thought you knew, the relationship of that artist to the world of art, or the relation of art to life.

Peter has taught at Harvard, won a Guggenheim fellowship, the Frank Jewett Mather Award for distinguished art criticism, and is the first full-time art critic to be hired as such by *The New Yorker* since Harold Rosenberg exalted the Abstract Expressionists.

The book has been conceived for maximum usefulness and maximum pleasure. The energy of Peter’s prose and the intensity of his intelligent attention are riveting. Each essay is an occasion for a concentrated performance—there are no throwaways among Peter’s pieces. They’re like conversations with an interlocutor able to fluently explain the hydra-headed art scene by legibly rendering his aesthetic impressions for your understanding. For more than three decades, Peter has been our American Baudelaire, a *flâneur* who, as chronicler of our art world, also embodies an Emersonian ideal of openness and clarity. **HOT COLD HEAVY LIGHT**, with its dazzling, Wildean introduction, is a *summa* of his career, and is writing that deserves to given permanent availability in book form. Peter’s visibility and centrality at *The New Yorker*, plus his extracurricular engagements, is an extraordinary platform and will guarantee considerable review attention.

***THE FATHER OF ALL DAD GUIDES: From A(doring) to Z(addy)** by Madeleine Davies and Tara Jacoby (St. Martin's Press, May 2019)

Of all the mammalian species of North America, few are as paradoxically mysterious and demanding of attention as the human father of the United States. Quiet yet steady in his affection and deafeningly loud when he's mad, our dads—as much as we love them—are a particularly exciting study, which is why the authors created this guide as an aid for readers to identify themselves (if you happen to be a dad), their dads (if you happen to have a dad), dads on television (often a stand-in when your dad's not around), and dads in the wild.

In *A Guide to American Dads from A(doring) to Z(addy)*, you will learn how to identify fathers through:

- Their markings. Some dads have mustaches. Others do not!
- Dad calls. These include: “I’ll turn this car around right now” and “Can’t you ask your mom about that?”
- Migration patterns. Why does Dad consistently ignore directions when he clearly doesn’t know where he is going?
- Hibernation. Dads are tired all the time.
- Defining characteristics. All dads are different, but they typically fall into at least one of the categories we’ve collected here. Is your dad obsessed with barbecuing? He might be a grill dad. Did he only really begin to see women as people deserving of political and social equality after he had daughters? That right there is the feminist dad!

Davies was a Senior Writer at Jezebel, where her articles routinely got 100,000+ unique page views, and her podcast gets 15k+ listeners a week. Her article, “[Becoming Ugly](#),” was shared over 1.2 million times. Jacoby is a freelance illustrator whose unique style has garnered a devoted following. Perfect for readers of *Stuff White People Like* and *Sh*t My Dad Says*.

****The authors can modify the book according to different countries’ tropes.**

***TWO WEEKS IN NOVEMBER: The Astonishing Untold Story of the Operation that Toppled Mugabe** by Douglas Rogers (UK & South African publication April 2019),

Two Weeks in November is the thrilling, surreal, unbelievable and often very funny true story of four would-be enemies --a high ranking politician, an exiled human rights lawyer, a dangerous spy and a low-key white businessman turned political fixer -- who team up to help unseat one of the world’s longest reigning dictators, Robert Mugabe in Zimbabwe.

What begins as an improbable adventure destined for failure, marked by a mixture of bravery, strategic cunning and bumbling naiveté, soon turns into the most sophisticated diplomatic-political-military operation in African history. By virtue of their being together, the unlikely team of misfit rivals is suddenly in position to spin what might have been seen as an illegal coup into a mass popular uprising that the world – and millions of Zimbabweans – will enthusiastically support. Impeccably researched, deftly written, and told in the style of a contemporary political thriller, *Two Weeks in November* is *Ocean’s 11* meets *Game of Thrones*: a real-world life or death chess match for the future of a country where the political endgame is never a forgone conclusion.

<http://www.douglasrogers.org>

***Sold to: UK: Short Books; South Africa: Jonathan Ball**

***NEW TO BIG: How Established Businesses Can Grow Like Startups** by David S. Kidder and Christina Wallace, (Crown Business, April 2019). [Translation only; excludes UK.] (Formerly titled **THE GROWTH OS**)

<http://bionicsolution.com/>

In **NEW TO BIG** serial entrepreneurs David Kidder and Christina Wallace reveal the blueprint for igniting growth revolutions inside established companies—funding portfolios of startups and monitoring their progress as they grow from new ideas into big businesses. When David Kidder was invited to speak at GE’s annual leadership conference in 2012, he posed a rather unexpected question from the stage down to then-chairman and CEO Jeff Immelt, “How many \$50 million companies did you launch last year?” The answer was zero. But Immelt, rather than being angry or offended by the radical candor, admitted to the 700 leaders in attendance, “That was the most important question in the thirty-seven years of this conference.” The fact is, as Kidder shows in **NEW TO BIG**, entrenched thinking and outdated bureaucracy is at war with new ideas. Established companies are skilled at growing big businesses into even bigger ones. Entrepreneurs and early-stage investors, on the other hand, are skilled at discovering new opportunities and turning them into big businesses. **NEW TO BIG** combines the best of both worlds, introducing established companies to the methodology, tools, and systems of entrepreneurship and venture capital. It creates a way of working that they call the Growth Operating System. **NEW TO BIG** is designed to unpack the Growth Operating System that veteran venture capitalists and successful entrepreneurs use to discover the future in the face of the unknowable.

***Sold to: Indonesia: Elex Media; Brazil: Benvira/Somos Educacao; China (simplified character): Hangzhou Blue Lion Cultural and Creative**

***A IS FOR ADVICE (The Reassuring Kind): Wisdom for Pregnancy** by Ilana Stanger-Ross (William Morrow; March 2019)

Where **WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU'RE EXPECTING** meets **OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS** with a dash of **CALL THE MIDWIFE**, **A IS FOR ADVICE** is a beautifully illustrated collection of reassuring stories and tips on pregnancy, birth, and the early postpartum period to help guide and reassure expectant mothers through this emotional, life-changing time. Experienced registered midwife Ilana Stanger-Ross does not judge or champion a particular type of birth experience. Going beyond the "birth wars," she provides information to empower you to be your own advocate and to feel confident that your choices are right for your circumstances, desires, and needs. Arranged alphabetically like a baby's book—C is for Control; F is for Fear; W is for Water—**A IS FOR ADVICE** offers twenty-six lessons on carrying, delivering, and caring for your baby. Throughout, Stanger-Ross's guiding message is heartfelt and simple: "Be gentle with yourself." Warm and wise, illustrated with charming one-color line drawings, **A IS FOR ADVICE** is a feminist guide to help new mothers-to-be—and their partners—truly enjoy this beautiful life-changing experience. Ilana is also the author of the acclaimed novel **SIMA'S UNDERGARMENTS FOR WOMEN** (Viking, 2010).

***AN AMERICAN SUMMER: Love and Death in Chicago** by Alex Kotlowitz (Nan A Talese/PRH; March 2019)

From the bestselling author of *There Are No Children Here*, a richly textured, heartrending portrait of love and death in Chicago's most turbulent neighborhoods.

The numbers are staggering: over the past twenty years in Chicago, 14,033 people have been killed and another roughly 60,000 wounded by gunfire. What does that do to the spirit of individuals and community? Kotlowitz set out to chronicle one summer in the city, writing about individuals who have emerged from the violence and whose stories capture the capacity—and the breaking point—of the human heart and soul. The result is a spellbinding collection of deeply intimate profiles that upend what we think we know about gun violence in America. Among others, we meet a man who as a teenager killed a rival gang member and twenty years later is still trying to come to terms with what he's done; a devoted school social worker struggling with her favorite student, who refuses to give evidence in the shooting death of his best friend; the witness to a wrongful police shooting who can't shake what he has seen; and an aging former gang leader who builds a place of refuge for himself and his friends.

Applying the close-up, empathic reporting that made *There Are No Children Here* a modern classic, Kotlowitz offers a piercingly honest portrait of a city in turmoil. These sketches of those left standing will get into your bones. This one summer will stay with you.

***Sold to: Poland: Czarne**

***THERE ARE NO CHILDREN HERE The Story of Two Boys Growing Up in the Other America** by Alex Kotlowitz (Doubleday/Nan A. Talese Books 1992;

The bestselling true story of brothers Lafayette and Pharoah Rivers, ages 11 and 9 at the start, brings home the horror of trying to make it in a violence-ridden public housing project. The boys live in a gang-plagued war zone on Chicago's West Side, literally learning how to dodge bullets the way kids in the suburbs learn to chase baseballs. "If I grow up, I'd like to be a bus driver," says Lafayette at one point. That's *if*, not *when*--spoken with the complete innocence of a child. The book's title comes from a comment made by the brothers' mother as she and author Alex Kotlowitz contemplate the challenges of living in such a hostile environment: "There are no children here," she says. "They've seen too much to be children." This book humanizes the problem of inner-city pathology, makes readers care about Lafayette and Pharoah more than they may expect to, and offers a sliver of hope buried deep within a world of chaos. Alex Kotlowitz is the bestselling author of three previous books, including *An American Summer: Love and Death in Chicago* (Nan A. Talese/Doubleday 2019) and the national bestseller *There Are No Children Here*, selected by the New York Public Library as one of the 150 most important books of the twentieth century. *The Other Side of the River* was awarded the Chicago Tribune's Heartland Prize for Nonfiction. His work has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times Magazine* and on *This American Life*. His documentary work includes *The Interrupters*, for which he received a Film Independent Spirit Award and an Emmy. His other honors include a George Polk Award, two Peabodys, the Helen B. Bernstein Award, and the Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Award. He teaches at Northwestern University.

***Sold to: Japan: Fruitful English**

***SHADE: A Tale of Two Presidents** by Pete Souza (Little Brown, October 16, 2018; paperback Oct. 22, 2019)

By former White House photographer and #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of **OBAMA: An Intimate Portrait**, **SHADE** is a portrait in contrasts, telling the tale of two presidencies through a series of powerful visual juxtapositions—with Pete Souza's unforgettable images of President Obama given new power and meaning when framed by tweets, headlines, quotes, and other material from the first 500 days of the Trump administration.

When Souza left the White House in 2017, he didn't know what it meant to "throw shade"—but soon learned he was doing it, by posting photographs on Instagram from the Obama years along with captions that vividly define the contrast between the Obama and Trump administrations. Since then, he has become a potent force in American life, offering incisive political criticism alongside powerful reminders of the best our country has to offer to nearly two million followers.

More than a sharp compendium of "claps back," this collection of Souza's indelible photography of a historic time is a touchstone to an era of integrity. Souza's work reminds us of the highest American values we share; they are a reminder of a President we could believe in, and gives the courage to stand up and speak out for what we believe in.

***Sold to: UK: Little Brown**

***OBAMA: An Intimate Portrait – The Historic Presidency in Photographs** by Pete Souza (Little, Brown, November 2017); <http://www.petesouza.com>
#1 New York Times Best Seller

During his time as President, Barack Obama has embodied the diversity of our country in a way that has made us feel that, no matter what divided us, we were fundamentally the same. As we move forward into a new era of American Politics, where the divisions of our country threaten schism, the American people will want to remember how it has felt to have someone of President Obama's character, integrity, and eloquence representing us to the world. Chief White House Photographer Pete Souza has been by the President's side with unique access to the most compelling and intimate moments over the 44th President's eight years in office. Souza's shares 300 photos from his collection of over 2 million to craft an inspiring and authentic portrait of the man we have been proud to call our own. While Pete Souza's iconic photos, his never-before-shared stories, and his friendship with the most powerful man in the world, will be inadequate replacement for the man who, for eight years, has made us believe the best in ourselves, it will be something to hold onto, to page through, to show our children, to inspire us, and to remind us of the promise President Barack Obama made as he prepared to step down from office: that the best for our country is yet to come.

***Sold to UK: Particular Books/Penguin Random House; Netherlands: Spectrum; Germany: Penguin Random House/Prestel; Denmark: Gyldendal**

***41 REASONS I'M STAYING IN: A Celebration of Introverts** by Hallie Heald (William Morrow; February 2019)

For lovers of Susan Cain's *New York Times* bestselling book QUIET. In a world of seemingly unending social obligations, we could all use a night off. In **41 REASONS I'M STAYING IN**, illustrator and self-proclaimed introvert Hallie Heald imaginatively portrays engaging and sometimes outlandish excuses to avoid leaving home. With each illustrated page comes a new room and character, pursuing their obsessions, hobbies, interests, and sudden whims with gusto: plotting world takeover, learning magic, obsessing over a crush, redecorating, and beyond. This dark and humorous celebration of introverts offers a unique look into their private worlds and reminds us of the deep fulfillment and joy we can find in spending time alone. For more on the incredible illustrative work of Hallie Heald please visit <http://www.hehdesignsny.com>.

***FULLY HUMAN: A Three-Step Path to Productivity, Happiness, and Success** by Susan Packard (Tarcher/Penguin, Feb. 2019); [Translation only; excludes UK] (Previously titled **EMOTIONS AT WORK**.)

HGTV cofounder Susan Packard launches the next chapter in emotional intelligence (EQ), and shows how employees and business leaders alike can increase their satisfaction and productivity—in work and life—via her three-step path toward EQ Fitness. Success is an inside job. EQ Fit leaders know that the *emotional* health of their organizations is key to their *economic* health, and it all begins with tending to one's own emotional fitness. As technological advances increase efficiency, old-school hierarchies are fading fast, and instead of top-down bravado, there's a new path forward. Packard shows how the most successful companies are rich with "connector" emotions like hope, empathy, and trust building. She tackles unconventional topics, like how workaholicism keeps us emotionally adolescent and how forgiveness belongs in the workplace, too. The best leaders balance power with grace, and everyone can effectively use both resilience—an ability to endure tough situations and make tough decisions—and vulnerability—a willingness to open up, change, and admit when we need help—to be more effective. In FULLY HUMAN, Packard offers exciting new tools so we can bring the best of ourselves to all we do.

***ANTISEMITISM: Here and Now** by Deborah Lipstadt (Schocken/Knopf, January 29, 2019); formerly titled THE NEW ANTISEMITISM.

In **ANTISEMITISM: Here and Now**, Professor Deborah Lipstadt, the preeminent American historian of Holocaust Studies and Modern Jewish History, examines the root causes of the spike in anti-Jewish violence and vandalism that have plagued Europe and America in the last several years.

Over the last decade, there has been a noticeable uptick in antisemitic rhetoric and incidents by left-wing groups targeting Jewish students and Jewish organizations on American college campuses. Jews in countries throughout Europe have been attacked by terrorists. And the re-emergence of the white nationalist movement in America, complete with Nazi

slogans and imagery, has brought to mind the fascist displays of the 1930s. Where is all this hatred coming from? Is there any significant difference between left-wing and right-wing antisemitism? What role has the anti-Zionist movement played? And what can be done to combat this latest manifestation of an ancient hatred? In a series of letters to an imagined college student and imagined colleague, both of whom are perplexed by this resurgence, Deborah Lipstadt gives us her own superbly reasoned, brilliantly argued, and sure-to-be-controversial responses to these troubling questions.

Comparable to the polemical works of Christopher Hitchens, *ANTISEMITISM* will be argumentative, controversial, and accessible. It will inform opinion and demand response. The award-winning author of *The Eichmann Trial and Denial: Holocaust History on Trial* gives us a penetrating and provocative analysis of the hate that will not die, focusing on its current, virulent incarnations on both the political right and left, and on what can be done about it.

Lipstadt is also the author of *DENIAL: Holocaust History on Trial* (formerly *HISTORY ON TRIAL*, Ecco 2005; world rights) and *DENYING THE HOLOCAUST* (Free Press 1993; Plume 1994).

***Film adaptation of DENIAL released Sept. 30, 2016**

***Sold to Israel: Kinneret; Netherlands: Het Spectrum; UK/ANZ: Scribe; Germany: Berlin Verlag; Czech Republic: Triton; Poland: Arbitror; Italy: LUISS University Press**

***NEW EROTICA FOR FEMINISTS** by Caitlin Kunkel, Brooke Preston, Fiona Taylor and Carrie Wittmer (Dutton Plume; Sceptre UK, November 2018) <https://www.neweroticaforfeminists.com/>

“He calls me into his office and closes the door....to promote me. He promotes me again and again. I am wild with ecstasy.”

And so began the feminist erotica daydream that sparked a viral sensation. **NEW EROTICA FOR FEMINISTS** is a sly, satirical take on all the things that turn feminists on: power, equality, and oh yeah, Tom Hardy in a Wild Feminist t-shirt stocking their fridge with LaCroix. This book balances the raucous and light-hearted satirical subversion of surprisingly “safe for work” erotica and porn tropes, with a deeper, powerful feminist message about the role of women, sex, and inequality in our society—and how far we still have to go. With its razor-sharp edge and laugh-out-loud humor, **NEW EROTICA FOR FEMINISTS** is a book women and other enlightened readers will eagerly gift their friends and give themselves. The book is based on the authors’ Feb 2018 satirical piece in McSweeney’s that has gone viral, leaving feminists wanting more. In the first few weeks, it was shared over 100,000 times on Facebook and read over half a million times on McSweeney’s. Clearly, imagining a world where porn and erotica were written by feminists resonates—the timing is perfect to expand this into a book of erotic adventures that every feminist needs.

NEW EROTICA FOR FEMINISTS taps into the zeitgeist of the #metoo and Times Up movement and will appeal to readers of edgy, feminist voices such as Lindy West, Caitlin Moran, Amy Schumer, Jessi Klein et al.

Written by co-founders and editors of the comedy and satire site for women, [The Belladonna](#) and based on their piece in McSweeney’s, [New Erotica for Feminists](#).

***Sold to: UK: Sceptre/Hachette; Brazil & Portugal: UBOOK**

***EVERYONE’S A CRITIC: The Ultimate Cartoon Book (cartoons by the world’s greatest cartoonists celebrate the art of critique)** edited by Bob Eckstein (Princeton Architectural Press, October 2019); **[Translation only; excludes UK]**

We are all critics now. From social media “likes” to reviews on Yelp and Rotten Tomatoes, we’re constantly asked to give our opinion and offer feedback. **EVERYONE’S A CRITIC** is a curated collection of the best and brightest New Yorker cartoonists celebrating the art of the drawn critique, whether about restaurants, art, sports, dates, friends, or modern life. Featuring the work of thirty-six masters of the cartoon, including Roz Chast, Sam Gross, Nick Downes, Liza Donnelly, Bob Mankoff, Michael Maslin, and Mick Stevens, over half the cartoons in this book appear in print for the first time.

Bob Eckstein is a New Yorker cartoonist and the *New York Times* bestselling author of **FOOTNOTES FROM THE WORLD’S GREATEST BOOKSTORES**, which has been translated by The Commercial Press (China), Hyundae Munhak Publishing (Korean), and X-Knowledge Co. (Japan).

***THE ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF THE SNOWMAN** by Bob Eckstein (Globe Pequot, Sept. 2018)

A thoroughly entertaining exploration, this book travels back in time to shed light on the snowman’s enigmatic past—from the present day, in which the snowman reigns as the King of Kitsch, to the Dark Ages, when the very first snowman was created. Eckstein’s curiosity about the topic began playfully enough, but soon snowballed into a (mostly) earnest quest of chasing Frosty around the world, into museums and libraries, and seeking out the advice of leading historians and scholars. The result is a riveting history that reaches back through centuries and across cultures—sweeping from fifteenth-century Italian snowballs to eighteenth-century Russian ice sculptures to the “white-trash years” (1975-2000). The snowman is not just part of our childhood memories, but is an integral part of our world culture, appearing—

much like a frozen Forrest Gump—alongside dignitaries and celebrities during momentous events. Again and again, the snowman pops up in rare prints, paintings, early movies, advertising and, over the past century, in every art form imaginable. And the jolly snowman—ostensibly as pure as the driven snow—has a dark past full of political intrigue, sex, and violence. With over two hundred illustrations, *THE ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF THE SNOWMAN* is a truly original winter classic—smart, surprisingly enlightening, and quite simply the coolest book ever. <http://bobeckstein.com/>

***RESCUING LADYBUGS: Inspirational Moments with Animals that Changed the World** by Jennifer Skiff (New World Library; Sept. 2018); <http://jenniferskiff.com/> (Jennifer's backlist is on page 35).

Jennifer Skiff always believed that all animals, from the dog to the spider, had souls; and that we have a divine relationship to all animals. Bestselling author and animal rights advocate Skiff (author of *GOD STORIES* and *DIVINITY OF DOGS*), presents her next compilation of stories by recognized leaders in the global animal rights and compassion movement. In each story, a contributor shares an experience with another animal that affected them so profoundly it caused them to change the world; to advocate for animal welfare and rescue animals from suffering wherever possible.

Countless times throughout our lives, we're presented with a choice to help another soul. *RESCUING LADYBUGS* highlights the true stories of remarkable people who didn't look away from seemingly impossible-to-change situations and instead worked to save animals. Prepare to be transported to Borneo to release orangutans, Brazil to protect jaguars, Africa to connect with chimpanzees and elephants, the Maldives to free mantas, and Indonesia, the only place where dragons still exist on earth. Each story inspires and illuminates the divine connection between all species. A call to action for all to become part of the compassion movement.

***THE GOOD NEIGHBOR: The Life and Work of Fred McFeely Rogers** by Max King and Pat Mulcahy (Abrams Books, Sept. 2018)

Fred Rogers' seminal tv program, *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*, was on the air for 31 seasons, shepherding American children through the tumultuous 60s, the radicalized 70s, into the 80s and 90s, and well into the new century. During times of great cultural upheaval, Rogers was the one constant. Every day, we would watch as he hung up his jacket and took off his shoes, as he laced up his sneakers and zipped into one of his many cardigans, all the while singing to his viewers, making us feel that, no matter what our religion, our social status or our creed, we were the most important part of his day. As Maxwell King, Senior Fellow and former Director of the Fred Rogers Center for Early Learning and Children's Media, will show in his pointed biography, *The Good Neighbor*, that sentiment is absolutely true.

***CHESAPEAKE REQUIEM: A Year With the Watermen of Vanishing Tangier Island** by Earl Swift (HarperCollins, August 2018) <http://www.earlswift.com/>

Tangier Island, Virginia is a community unique on the American landscape. Mapped by John Smith in 1608, settled during the American Revolution, the tiny sliver of mud is home to 470 hardy people who live an isolated and challenging existence, with one foot in the 21st century and another in times long passed. They are separated from their countrymen by the nation's largest estuary, and a twelve-mile boat trip across often tempestuous water—the same water that for generations has made Tangier's fleet of small fishing boats a chief source for the rightly prized Chesapeake Bay blue crab, and has lent the island its claim to fame as the softshell crab capital of the world.

Yet for all of its long history, and despite its tenacity, Tangier is disappearing. The very water that has long sustained it is erasing the island day by day, wave by wave. It has lost two-thirds of its land since 1850, and still its shoreline retreats by fifteen feet a year—meaning this storied place will likely succumb first among U.S. towns to the effects of climate change. Experts reckon that, barring heroic intervention by the federal government, islanders could be forced to abandon their home within 25 years. Meanwhile, the graves of their forebears are being sprung open by encroaching tides, and the conservative and deeply religious Tangiermen ponder the end times. *Chesapeake Requiem* is an intimate look at the island's past, present and tenuous future, by an acclaimed journalist who spent much of the past two years living among Tangier's people, crabbing and oystering with its watermen, and observing its long traditions and odd ways. What emerges is the poignant tale of a world that has, quite nearly, gone by—and a leading-edge report on the coming fate of countless coastal communities.

***Sold to: China: China Social Sciences Press**

***A BITE-SIZED HISTORY OF FRANCE: Gastronomic Tales of Revolution, War and Enlightenment** by Stephane Henaut and Jeni Mitchell (New Press, July 2018)

From the cassoulet that won a war to the crepe that doomed Napoleon, from the new foods borne of crusades and colonization to the rebellions sparked by bread and salt, the history of France is intimately entwined with its gastronomic pursuits. A witty exploration of the facts and legends surrounding some of the most popular French foods and wines by a French cheesemonger and an American academic, *A Bite-Sized History of France* tells the compelling and often surprising story of France from the Roman era to modern times. Traversing the cuisines of France's most famous cities as well as its underexplored regions, this innovative social history explores the impact of war, imperialism,

and global trade, the age-old tension between tradition and innovation, and the ways in which food has been used over the centuries to prop up social and political identities. From Roquefort and absinthe to couscous and Calvados, these tales will delight and edify even the most seasoned lovers of food, history and all things French.

***Sold to: Brazil: Editora Seoman; France: Flammarion; Netherlands: Brandt; Turkey: Say Yayinlari; Korea: Book's Hill**

***GOODBYE, SWEET GIRL: A Story of Domestic Violence and Survival** by Kelly Sundberg [formerly IT WILL LOOK LIKE A SUNSET: A Memoir] (HarperCollins, June 2018) **[Translation only; excludes UK]**

When Kelly Sundberg's piece about domestic violence, "It Will Look Like a Sunset," was published by *Guernica* magazine it was heralded as the must-read piece to explain why women stay and one of the most read pieces in *Guernica's* history, selected for the 2015 Best American Essays anthology. A moving portrait about the see-saw of love/violence that is symptomatic of abusive relationships, one reviewer said, "We come out of her essay believing that a partner can be both loving and dangerous. Warm and monstrous. A good father and a frightening husband." Like Jeannette Walls' *THE GLASS CASTLE* and Mary Karr's *THE LIAR'S CLUB*, Sundberg's story of survival is ultimately a triumphant one. Sundberg has garnered support from writers like Rebecca Solnit and Cheryl Strayed; her outspokenness on domestic violence, through her speeches and articles, will no doubt continue to hit a political and cultural nerve as well.

***Sold to: Germany: Piper**

***SHARP: The Women Who Made an Art of Having an Opinion** by Michelle Dean (Grove/Atlantic, April 2018)

Critical, intelligent, and utterly readable, *SHARP* will discern the matriarchal lineage of young women who settled in New York City with the intention of making their names in the world of letters, sparring in the intellectual scum, and settling the issues of the day with opinions more sophisticated, vigorous, and lethally witty than the men who were their peers. Dorothy Parker, Rebecca West, Mary McCarthy, Hannah Arendt, Susan Sontag, Joan Didion, Janet Malcolm, Renata Adler, Pauline Kael, and Nora Ephron—these are the main characters of this family romance. Their lives intertwine. They enable each other and feud, and manufacture unique spaces and voices, and, Michelle shows, haunt each other. Combining biography, original research, critical reading, and gossip, *SHARP* brings to life the unemptied ashtrays, the editorial rows, the romantic entanglements, the ideological umbrage, the acidic reviews, the corrosive parodies, the principled stands, the loyalties and defections of these women as they invented new journalistic opportunities for women and brought new sensibilities to the reading public.

***Sold to UK: Virago/Little, Brown UK; Brazil: Todavia Livros; China: Social Sciences Academic Press; Spain: Turner Libros; Portugal: Bertrand; Russia: Livebook**

***INFIDELITY: Why Men and Women Cheat** by Kenneth Paul Rosenberg, M.D. (Da Capo Press; April 2018) **[Translation only, excludes UK & Commonwealth]**

Infidelity is a key social issue of the 21st century, no longer confined to "cheaters" bars or secret rendezvous during business trips. The Internet is a technological playground for philanderers, turning previously out-of-reach fantasies into instant opportunities. And in both genders, infidelity—emotional, virtual, and sexual—is on the rise. In his new book, *INFIDELITY: Why Men and Women Cheat*, renowned sex and addiction specialist Kenneth Paul Rosenberg, M.D. draws from the latest research in neuroscience and his own clinical practice to reveal the mechanics of the sexual brain. And through concrete rules, Dr. Rosenberg guides couples on how to prevent cheating, stop it from progressing, and repair the damage caused by an affair. *INFIDELITY* is poised to become a classic guide for men and women to help them understand and overcome their own self-inflicted barriers to love and commitment and discover their true sexual and romantic potential.

***CHEFS, DRUGS AND ROCK & ROLL: How Food Lovers, Free Spirits, Misfits and Wanderers Created a New American Profession** by Andrew Friedman (Ecco/HarperCollins, February 2018).

Chefs, Drugs and Rock & Roll transports readers back in time to witness the remarkable evolution of the American restaurant chef in the 1970s and 1980s. Friedman goes inside Chez Panisse and other Bay Area restaurants to show how the politically charged backdrop of Berkeley helped spark this new profession; into the historically underrated community of Los Angeles chefs, including a young Wolfgang Puck; and into the clash of cultures between established French chefs in New York City and the American game changers behind the Quilted Giraffe, River Café, and other storied establishments. Along the way, the chefs, their struggles, their cliques, and, of course, their restaurants are brought to life in vivid, memorable detail. As the '80s unspool, we watch the profession evolve as American masters like Thomas Keller rise, and watch the genesis of a "chef nation" as chefs start crisscrossing the country for work and special events and legendary hangouts like Blue Ribbon become social focal points, all as the industry-altering Food Network shimmers on the horizon.

A (mostly) oral history told primarily in the words of the people who lived it—from writers like Ruth Reichl to chefs like Jeremiah Tower and Jonathan Waxman—in an unparalleled 360-degree re-creation of the industry and the times

through the perspectives not only of the pioneering chefs but also of line cooks, front-of-house personnel, investors, and critics who had front-row seats to this extraordinary transformation.

About the author: <http://toqueland.com/andrew-friedman/>

***ATKINS EAT RIGHT, NOT LESS: Your Guide book for Living a Low-Carb Lifestyle** by Atkins Nutritionals, Inc. (Touchstone, January 2018). **(UK & Commonwealth, & Spanish only; excludes all other translation)**

This is *not* a diet book, but a guidebook to living a low-carb lifestyle, showcased with stunning photography and arresting design and curated and produced as a beautiful, readable object. It is filled with practical advice backed by science, simple solutions for cutting carbs and sugar and living a healthier lifestyle, meal plans that help you ease into whatever level of cutting carbs you'd like *on your terms*, and mouthwatering recipes featuring fresh ingredients—meals that are visually appealing while sacrificing nothing in terms of taste or experience.

***Sold to: UK: Vermillion/PRH UK**

***DREAM BIG DREAMS: Photographs from Barack Obama's Inspiring and Historic Presidency** by Pete Souza (Hachette Book Group/Young Readers, November 21, 2017)

From former Chief Official White House Photographer Pete Souza comes a book for young readers that highlights Barack Obama's historic presidency and the qualities and actions that make him so beloved.

Pete Souza served as Chief Official White House Photographer for President Obama's full two terms. He was with the President during more crucial moments than anyone else—and he photographed them all, capturing scenes both classified and candid. Throughout his historic presidency, Obama engaged with young people as often as he could, encouraging them to be their best and do their best and to always “dream big dreams.” In this timeless and timely keepsake volume that features over seventy-five full-color photographs, Souza shows the qualities of President Obama that make him both a great leader and an extraordinary man. With behind-the-scenes anecdotes of some iconic photos alongside photos with his family, colleagues, and other world leaders, Souza tells the story of a president who made history and still made time to engage with even the youngest citizens of the country he served. By the author of *Obama: An Intimate Portrait*, the definitive visual biography of Barack Obama's presidency, *Dream Big Dreams* was created especially for young readers and not only provides a beautiful portrait of a president but shows the true spirit of the man. (Page Count 96; retail price \$21.99)

***COUNTING BACKWARDS: A Doctor's Notes on Anesthesia** by H.J. Przybylo, M.D. (W.W. Norton, Nov. 2017; paperback Nov. 2018); **[Translation only; excludes UK];**

A moving exploration of the most common but most mysterious procedure in medicine. For many of the 40 million Americans who undergo anesthesia each year, it is the source of great fear and fascination. In *Counting Backwards*, Dr. Henry Jay Przybylo—an anesthesiologist with more than thirty years of experience—has written an unforgettable account of the routine procedure's daily dramas and fundamental mysteries. Przybylo has administered anesthesia more than 30,000 times in his career—erasing consciousness, denying memory, and immobilizing the body before reversing all of these effects—on newborn babies, screaming toddlers and sullen teenagers, his own son, and even a gorilla. With compassion and candor, he weaves his experiences into intimate stories that explore the nature of consciousness, the politics of pain relief, and the wonder of modern medicine. Through its intense and humane tales of mistakes, near-disasters, life-saving successes, and moments of grace, *COUNTING BACKWARDS* shines a light on one of the most fascinating but unexplored corners of the medical world. This book will find an audience with readers of Atul Gawande, Jerome Groopman, and Oliver Sacks.

***Sold to: Russia: AST; Japan: Misuzu Shobo; China: Beijing Time-Chinese Publishing**

***PLUCKED: Chicken, Antibiotics and How Big Business Changed the Way the We Eat** by Maryn McKenna (National Geographic Books; Sept. 2017; paperback August 2019); (Formerly titled *BIG CHICKEN*).

PLUCKED uses chicken as the lens for “examining everything that has gone wrong in the modern agricultural system: overuse of antibiotics, threats to the environment, violations of animal welfare, destruction of farm economies and rural civic structure, disruption of international trade and delivery of over-processed, obesity-promoting, nutritionally hollow food.” And it will also look for solutions, to show that change is possible, seeking to return chicken to a sustainable and honored place on our plate, and asking whether, with reform, chicken can safely feed the world. Rich with characters who together propelled the story of “chicken's unintended consequences,” *PLUCKED* will reveal how the antibiotic era created modern agriculture. Chicken is at the heart of those developments.

<http://marynmckenna.com>; [Maryn's TED Talk: What Do We Do When Antibiotics Don't Work Anymore?](#)

***Sold to: UK: Little, Brown UK: Korea: Eco Livre; Italy: Enea Edizioni; China: Citic**

***LIFE LESSONS: 100 Prayers and Meditations** by Julia Cameron (Tarcher Perigee/PRH, August 2017)

This book of prayers and affirmations by bestselling author of *The Artist's Way* is full of inspiration and encouragement. Beautifully packaged, these pocket prayers are perfect for carrying around or sharing as a gift. All too often we yearn for a more spiritual life but tell ourselves it's too difficult. But the smallest prayer is heard and answered. The simplest overture meets with a loving response. Each of the prayers in this book is a starting point. Taken collectively, they offer an approach to God that is powerful as well as simple. These prayers not only allow us to reach out to God, but they allow God to reach out to us. Each entry is a corrective to commonly held misconceptions of the divine. Like the postures assumed in hatha yoga, they stretch us gently. Through these prayers, we learn more of ourselves and the divine.
<http://juliacameronlive.com>.

***Sold to: UK: Hay House; Russia: AST**

***SHAKE SHACK: Recipes and Stories** by Randy Garutti, Mark Rosati and Dorothy Kalins (Clarkson Potter, May 2017); <https://www.shakeshack.com/>

In just 10 years, Shake Shack has become a new American institution, with a thoroughly fresh set of values, a language all its own, inspiring passionate consumer loyalty to a “modern day roadside burger stand.” Shake Shack has found a place in hip contemporary culture with surprising speed. On a recent *Saturday Night Live*, a convict is asked what he wants for his last meal: “Shake Shack.” The wildly successful Shake Shack IPO unlocked a level of support for founder Danny Meyer’s philosophy of enlightened hospitality, ideas that came together as Danny launched his first restaurant, Union Square Cafe in 1986, and were perfected at his second, Gramercy Tavern, in 1994. It’s a philosophy summed up in a line from Maya Angelou that Shake Shack folks love to quote: “People will forget what you said. People will forget what you did. People will never forget how you made them feel.”

***Sold to: Korea: Donghak Publishing Co.; UK: Little, Brown**

***25 DAYS: Retrain Your Brain, Stop the Gain, and Reveal the Leanest, Strongest You** by Drew Logan (North Star Way/Simon & Schuster, April 2017)

What if we could train our brains to stop weight gain? Get them to work for us, not against us in our striving to be lean, healthy, and fit? We can. In 25 Days rising fitness star Drew Logan shows us how. Celebrity trainer Drew Logan knows firsthand how the brain affects your ability to perform and function at your best. After a life-threatening medical emergency, which left his short-term memory fried, he could no longer follow the complicated diet and fitness regimens he'd used on himself and with his famous clients. He needed to create something simpler, something that even he could follow. Drew was shocked to discover that the resulting program was even more effective than the complicated regimes of the past. That program is the basis of 25 Days. Drew created a unique, multifaceted approach that helps readers to rewrite our neurological patterning (what *lies underneath* those pesky habits that get in our way over and over again) so that the brain's neural pathways, biochemistry, and hormones work together efficiently and effectively.

***CRAVINGS: How I Conquered Food—A Memoir** by Judy Collins (Nan Talese Books/Knopf, February 2017).

A memoir about food addiction and recovery by folk-pop singer and NY Times bestselling author Judy Collins. For as long as Judy can remember, she’s been running—away from the demons, the alcohol, and the food. No matter her path, she could not leave her eating disorder far enough behind—the cravings were always there. CRAVINGS is Judy’s powerful story of her lifelong search for a physical and spiritual solution to her eating disorder. Countless doctors, therapists and diets, plus surviving over 50 years of this hell, have given her great wisdom and perspective. In her quest to control the food and compulsive overeating, she has looked to the most notable diet gurus in history: Lord Byron, William Banting, Gayelord Hauser, Atkins, Stillman, Jean Nidetch and more. Like Judy, these leaders had one thing in common: at the start of their search for answers, they were overweight or sick from a condition that resulted from bad food habits and addictions to grains, sugar, flour, junk and wheat. In order to face the food, in order to find a way out of her misery, Judy had to give up the foods to which she was addicted that were killing her.

***THE MEZCAL RUSH: Explorations in Agave Country** by Granville Greene (Counterpoint; March 2017)

[Translation only; excludes UK]

¡Para todo mal mezcal, y para todo bien tambien! So goes the Mexican proverb: “For everything bad mezcal, and for everything good as well!” Indeed, the smoke-drenched agave distillate is quickly becoming as familiar around the world as its mighty cousin, tequila, and now holds a spot on the top shelf of every mixologist’s bar. In THE MEZCAL RUSH, journalist Granville Greene searches for the story behind the mysterious spirit in his glass, embarking on a lively journey that takes him deep into the remote, mountainous regions of Oaxaca and Guerrero states, where no one mixes mezcal into cocktails, and it’s always sipped puro and typically saved for special occasions. As he travels to rural stills, Greene discusses the gold rush-style surge of “single-village” mezcals as luxury exports, and the subsequent overharvesting that now threatens the diversity and sustainability of wild agave crops in Oaxaca and Guerrero.

***THE CANCER WHISPERER: Finding Courage, Direction and the Unlikely Gifts of Cancer** by Sophie Sabbage (Plume/PRH, Jan. 2017) ***US rights only; UK & translation controlled by Valeria Huerta Agency**

Since being diagnosed with late-stage lung cancer at age 48 in October 2014, Sophie has drawn on all her skills, wisdom, courage and tenacity to pull herself back from the brink of death and create her life anew. Instead of going to war with cancer she chose to listen to it, thrive with it and transform her life in response to it. Sophie started writing this book 10 months after her initial diagnoses and is living with cancer and thriving. Cancer is her healer. THE CANCER WHISPERER is more than a book about having cancer, it's a book about living, and what it means to live a good life. About finding peace with oneself, looking after oneself, and about never taking no for an answer. Sophie refused to be a victim of her disease and will help others navigate their cancer journeys with power, purpose and autonomy. With a step-by-step approach and poetic prose, Sophie distills her research and experience, empowering the reader with practical tools. www.sophiesabbage.com; ***#4 Amazon UK bestseller; Top 20 Hardback bestseller list; Nielsen Bookscan UK**

***Sold to: UK: Hodder/Coronet; Brazil: Sextante; Germany: PRH/Irisana; Italy: Corbaccio; Spain; Holland.**

****Sophie is the author of the bestselling LIFESHOCKS: And How to Love Them (Hodder UK, June 2018)**

***A.D.H.D. NATION: The Dark Side of America's Favorite Disease** by Alan Schwarz (Scribner, Sept. 2016)

In the last 20 years, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder has become a true medical phenomenon, the result of a perfect storm of haughty scientists who cannot be wrong, insatiably greedy drug executives, and worried parents, terrified that their children will fall behind the curve—resulting in the creation of one of the most dangerous, pervasive misdiagnoses in recent history. Pulitzer Prize-nominated journalist Alan Schwarz takes us behind the scenes and follows the advent of A.D.H.D, through the blooming of the diagnosis in upwardly mobile families of the 1980's and 90's, through four distinct narratives, from families who have come to rely on the drug to the doctor who pioneered its use and the corporation who reaps \$10 billion each year in revenue from its prescription, each narrative revealing a pivotal dimension of the story. Schwarz writes for the *New York Times* and is one of the most influential journalists on the subject of public health. In addition to being a finalist for the 2010 Pulitzer Prize in Public Service, he has won the Polk Award and several other journalism honors.

***Sold to: Netherlands: Kosmos; UK: Little, Brown UK; Israel: Focus; Japan: Seishin Shobo**

***OUT OF THE WRECK I RISE: A Literary Companion to Recovery** by Neil Steinberg and Sara Bader (University of Chicago Press, Sept. 2016) <http://www.everygoddamnday.com/> <http://www.quotenik.com/>

Addiction is easy to fall into and hard to escape. It destroys the lives of individuals, and has a devastating cost to society. The National Institute of Health estimates seventeen million adults in the United States are alcoholics or have a serious problem with alcohol. This scourge affects not only those who drink or use drugs but also their families and friends, who witness the horror of addiction. Both the afflicted and those who love them are often baffled by what is happening, never mind what to do about it. With *Out of the Wreck I Rise*, columnist Neil Steinberg and Sara Bader have created a resource like no other—one that harnesses the power of literature, poetry, and creativity to illuminate what alcoholism and addiction are all about, while forging change, deepening understanding, and even saving lives.

***BIG SCIENCE FOR LITTLE PEOPLE: 52 Activities to Help You & Your Child Discover the Wonders of Science—An Official Geek Mama Guide** (Roost Books, September 2016)

Make your child's first forays into science fun! 52 clever and easy experiments for things that will zip, zoom, and fly, and fizz, bubble, and burst. For children ages 4 to 8. Introduce future engineers, inventors, naturalists, and artists to the physics and chemistry, biology and ecology behind everyday play. Create chemical reactions, explore gravity and friction, transform states of matter, play with air pressure, and much more through 52 simple experiments that zip and zoom, fly and fizz, bubble and burst. Geek mom Lynn Brunelle (and author of the critically acclaimed memoir, MAMA GONE GEEK) has created an interactive guide perfect for both kids and their parents: the projects will engage children, and the informative lessons will help parents when asked the inevitable question, why?

***CALLINGS: A Celebration of Lives of Purpose and Passion** by Dave Isay (Penguin Press, April 2016)

Stories of passion, courage, and commitment, following individuals as they pursue the work they were born to do, from StoryCorps founder Dave Isay, unforgettable stories from people doing what they love. Some are paid well for their work, others not at all; some found their paths at a very young age, others later in life; many overcame great odds or upturned their lives in order to pursue what matters to them. Many of these stories have never been published or broadcast until now. ***Sold to: China: Cheers Publishing**

***A KILLING IN AMISH COUNTRY: Sex, Betrayal, and a Cold-blooded Murder** by Gregg Olsen and Rebecca Morris (St. Martin's Press, July 2016)

At just 30 years old, Barbara had everything she'd ever wanted: five beautiful children, a home, her faith, and a husband named Eli. But while Barbara was happy to live as the Amish have for centuries - without modern conveniences, Eli was tempted by technology: cell phones, the Internet, and sexting. Barb Raber was raised Amish, but is now a Conservative Mennonite. She drove Eli to appointments in her car, and she gave him what he wanted when he wanted. When Eli starts asking people to kill his wife for him, Barb offers to help. It was only the third murder in hundreds of years of Amish life in America, and it fell to Edna Boyle, a young assistant prosecutor to seek justice for Barbara Weaver.

***THE BRIDGE LADIES** by Betsy Lerner (HarperCollins, May 2016; paperback May 2017)

For the past 50 years, Monday afternoons in New Haven, Connecticut were always the same. Roz, Rhoda, Bea, Jackie, and Bette. A card table with four folding chairs. The old deck of cards in their worn-out box. The Bridge game. As a child Betsy found her mother Roz and her four best friends chic, with their frosted hairdos and shiny nylons, serious about the game in a way that sent her tiptoeing around the corners of the living room. When Betsy was a teenager, the women seemed hopelessly square, content to sit idle as the sexual revolution erupted outside. And as an adult, established in New York City, with a successful career in publishing, Betsy looked on the Bridge Ladies as a distant relic of her past. Then, her husband accepted a job in New Haven, and she found herself right back where she started. Suddenly, as taking care of aging Roz became more hands-on, the days of the Bridge Ladies came hurtling back, their Monday lunch and Bridge Club still ongoing for over fifty years. To Betsy, they once were the most boring people on the planet. But once she started looking, really looking, at them, that was the farthest thing from the truth. With the compelling mother/daughter relationship theme of *The Joy Luck Club* and the braided stories of a group of female friends of *The Girls from Ames*. www.betsylerner.com

***Sold to: UK: Macmillan; Netherlands: Atlas Contact; Germany: BTB**

***MARKETS OF PROVENCE: Food, Antiques, Crafts and More** by Marjorie R. Williams (St. Martin's, May 2016)
[Translation only, excludes UK & Commonwealth]

Provence, France is justly famous for its dazzling light, vibrant colors, rich history, and flavorful foods and wines. And its markets have been the beating heart of Provençal life since the Middle Ages. In *Markets of Provence*, Marjorie R. Williams whisks you away to 30 of the best. This pocketable guide, complete with detailed maps and organized by days of the week, gives you all the information you need for your visit to this Mediterranean region. Included are: indispensable advice on timing, navigation, negotiation and payment; tips on etiquette while surveying vendors' produce; and even some French language lessons to help you brush up on your essential français. Complete with restaurant recommendations and other useful tips, this book will help you get the most out of the experience. Supplemented with beautiful full-color photographs and color-coded maps, *Markets of Provence* is a must-have for every traveler. www.marjorierrwilliams.com

***THE ART OF RISK: The New Science of Courage, Caution and Chance** by Kayt Sukel (National Geographic Books, March 2016)

Are risk-takers born or made? Why are some more willing to go out on a limb than others? How do we weigh the value of opportunities large or small that may have the potential to change the course of our lives? Author Kayt Sukel asks these questions and applies the latest research in neuroscience and psychology to compelling and enlightening real-world situations in her new book *THE ART OF RISK*. Building on a portfolio of work that has appeared in such publications as *Scientific American*, *Atlantic Monthly*, *The Washington Post*, and more, Sukel blends riveting case studies and hard-hitting science to explore risk-taking and how it impacts decision-making in work, play, love, and life, providing insight in understanding individual behavior and furthering personal success. Sukel is also the author of *THIS IS YOUR BRAIN ON SEX: The Science Behind the Search for Love* (Formerly *DIRTY MINDS*). <http://kaysukel.com>

***Sold to: Czech Republic: Albatros; China: Gingko**

***PLEASE DON'T BITE THE BABY (and please don't chase the dogs): Keeping Our Kids and Our Dogs Safe and Happy Together** by Lisa Edwards (Seal, October 2015)

Like *Bringing Up Bébé* and *Operating Instructions*, Edwards chronicles a dog trainer's endearing journey to ensure that her household survives & thrives when she introduces her newly adopted son to her motley pack of animals. Lisa knows all too well that the dog/child relationship is simultaneously treasured and feared. As her dog training techniques seep into how she navigates her first year with her child, some welcome outcomes are a baby who sleeps well, eats well, and is content playing alone or patiently sitting through restaurant meals without much distress. The unhappy impacts are more questions of effect: did the fact that Lisa is trained to know what an animal needs or wants through body language cues slow down Indy's need for verbal communication; or will his love of the most dangerous dog in the house become an issue as he grows? Training a dog to be around a child, and vice versa, is more complicated than this dog trainer bargained for. *Lisa's prior foreign publishers of international bestselling *A DOG NAMED BOO*: UK: Little, Brown; Russia: Hemiro;

***Sold to: Korea: Achimnamu**

***MAMA GONE GEEK:** Calling on My Inner Science Nerd to Help Navigate the Ups and Downs of Parenthood by Lynn Brunelle (Roost/Shambhala, Fall 2014)

One artsy science-nerd mom applies what she knows to raise science savvy and confident kids. Readers can follow Lynn's magical stories as she seamlessly incorporates lessons of the physical world into her sons' everyday lives.

***Sold to Taiwan: Walker Cultural Enterprises**

***THE BIRTH OF THE PILL: How Four Crusaders Reinvented Sex and Launched a Revolution** by Jonathan Eig, (W.W. Norton, October 2014; paperback Oct 2015) [Catalog link here](#); <http://jonathaneig.com>

The dramatic story of how visionary scientist Gregory Goodwin Pincus toiled for decades to develop the birth control pill. Spanning the years from feminist Margaret Sanger's heady Greenwich Village days in the early 20th century to trial tests in Puerto Rico in the 1950s to the cusp of the sexual revolution in the 1960s, this is a grand story of radical feminist politics, scientific ingenuity, establishment opposition, and, ultimately, a sea change in social attitudes. Beyond the pill's indisputable impact, there's another remarkable story about its creation that's never been told: that of the passionate, brilliant, and tumultuous life of its creator.

***Sold to UK: Macmillan; Netherlands: Carrera; France: Editions Globe; China: Guangxi Normal University Press; Poland: Czarne; Russia: Livebook**

***THE THIRD PLATE: Field Notes on the Future of Food** by Dan Barber (Penguin Press, May 2014; Paperback, April 2015) <http://www.thethirdplate.com/> [Catalog link here](#) *New York Times bestseller*

The Third Plate is Blue Hill chef Dan Barber's extraordinary vision for a new future of eating. After a decade spent investigating farming communities around the world in pursuit of singular flavor, Barber finally concluded that—for the sake of our food, our health, and the land that supports it all—the way we approach food requires a radical transformation.

***Sold to: Italy: Bollati Boringhieri; Taiwan: Business Weekly Publications; China: Shanghai Literature and Arts Publishing House; Japan: NTT Publishing; Portugal: Rocco; UK: Little, Brown UK; Korea: Geulhangari Publishers; Vietnam: Huy Hoang (9 territories including US)**

***THE DIVINITY OF DOGS: A Collection of Spiritually Enlightening Canine Interventions** by Jennifer Skiff (Atria/Simon & Schuster, October 2012) [Catalog link here](#)

Jennifer Skiff's dogs have guided her through life—they have been a source of protection, healing through difficult times and have embodied pure, unconditional love. Jennifer is among the ranks of millions who appreciate the souls of dogs and whose connection with them is on another, more spiritual level. Stories include that of seventy-nine year old Jim Touzeau, who had a heart attack, but his Australian Shepherd pounced on his chest so many times (with both paws), that his heart started again.

***Sold to Brazil: Pensamento Cultrix; UK: Hay House; Australia: Allen & Unwin; Italy: Lit Edizioni**

***GOD STORIES: Modern Day Encounters with the Divine** by Jennifer Skiff (Harmony, November 2008) [Catalog link here](#)

***Sold to Australia: Random House Australia; Germany: Goldmann Arkana; Czech Republic: Leda; Croatia: Planetopija; Brazil: Pensamento-Cultrix; World French: ADA (7 territories including US)**

***CULINARY INTELLIGENCE: The Art of Eating Healthy (and Really Well)** by Peter Kaminsky (Knopf 2012)

For many, the idea of healthy eating equals bland food, calorie counting, and general joylessness; or that the task of great cooking is a complicated, expensive luxury beyond our means or ability. Kaminsky, who has written cookbooks with four-star chefs (such as Daniel Boulud), shows us that anyone can learn to eat food that is absolutely delicious and healthy. Recently, Kaminsky found himself facing a tough choice: lose weight or suffer the consequences. For 20 years, he had been living the life of a hedonistic food and outdoors writer, an endless and luxurious feast. Things had to change. But how could he manage to get healthy without giving up the things that made life so pleasurable? In *Culinary Intelligence*, Kaminsky tells how he lost thirty-five pounds and kept them off by thinking more—not less—about food, and he shows us how to eat in a healthy way without sacrificing the fun and pleasure in food—how we can do this in everyday life: thinking before eating, choosing good ingredients, understanding how flavor works, and making the effort to cook.

Kaminsky tells us what we need to give up and what we can enjoy in moderation but he also shows us how to tantalize our tastebuds by maximizing flavor per calorie & that if we eat delicious, flavorful foods, we'll find ourselves satisfied with smaller portions while still enjoying one of life's great pleasures. ***Sold to: Argentina: Planeta Argentina**

***CHARLATAN: America's Most Dangerous Huckster, the Man Who Pursued Him, and the Age of Flimflam by Pope Brock** (Crown; 2008)

In 1917, John R. Brinkley—America’s most brazen con man—introduced an outlandish surgical method for restoring fading male virility.

It was all nonsense, but thousands of eager customers quickly made “Dr.” Brinkley one of America’s richest men—and a national celebrity. CHARLATAN tells of the life and times of Dr. John Romulus Brinkley, who ruled a branch of American medicine in the 1920s and 30s. Although he offered a range of bogus services, his signature cure was inserting goat testicles into the scrota of impotent men. He made millions of dollars before authorities shut him down, whereupon he jumped across the Rio Grande into Mexico, built the world’s most powerful radio station, and kept right on going. His brilliant innovations changed the course of American advertising and popular culture. Culminating in a decisive courtroom confrontation, Charlatan is a marvelous portrait of a boundlessly audacious rogue on the loose in an America ripe for the bamboozling. **Film Option: [Matt Damon to Star as Con-Man Doctor in ‘Charlatan’](#)

***Sold to: UK: Orion; Russia: AST; Korea: Sodam**

***BEATING BACK THE DEVIL: On the Front Lines With the Disease Detectives of the Epidemic Intelligence Service** by Maryn McKenna (Free Press/S&S 2004; [\[Excludes UK; we control translation \]](#))

The universal human instinct is to run from an outbreak of disease like Ebola. These doctors run toward it. Their job is to stop epidemics from happening.

They are the disease detective corps of the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the federal agency that tracks and tries to prevent disease outbreaks and bioterrorist attacks around the world. They are formally called the Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS)—a group founded more than fifty years ago out of fear that the Korean War might bring the use of biological weapons—and, like intelligence operatives in the traditional sense, they perform their work largely in anonymity. They are not household names, but over the years they were first to confront the outbreaks that became known as hantavirus, Ebola, and AIDS. Every day they work to protect us by hunting down the deadly threats that we forget until they dominate our headlines, West Nile virus, anthrax, and SARS among others.

In this riveting narrative, Maryn McKenna—the only journalist ever given full access to the EIS in its fifty-three-year history—follows the first class of disease detectives to come to the CDC after September 11, the first to confront not just naturally occurring outbreaks but the man-made threat of bioterrorism. They are talented researchers—many with young families—who trade two years of low pay and extremely long hours for the chance to be part of the group that are on the frontlines, in the yellow suits and masks, that has helped eradicate smallpox, push back polio, and solve the first major outbreaks of Legionnaires’ disease, toxic shock syndrome, and *E. coli* O157 and works to battle every new disease before it becomes an epidemic.

Urgent, exhilarating, and compelling, *Beating Back the Devil* takes you inside the world of these medical detectives who are trying to stop the next epidemic—before the epidemics stop us.

Top 10 Science Books of 2004, Amazon.com; Outstanding Academic Title, American Library Association; Best Nonfiction Books of 2004, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution; Georgia Author of the Year, 2004

YOUNG ADULT & MIDDLE GRADE

***RADHA & JAI'S RECIPE FOR ROMANCE** by Nisha Sharma (Crown Books for Young Readers; July 13, 2021)

To All the Boys I Loved Before meets *World of Dance* in this delectable love story that combines food, dance, and a hint of drama to cook up the perfect romance.

Radha is on the verge of becoming one of the greatest Kathak dancers in the world . . . until a family betrayal costs her the biggest competition of her life. Now, she has left her Chicago home behind to follow her stage mom to New Jersey. At the Princeton Academy of the Arts, Radha is determined to leave performing in her past, and reinvent herself from scratch.

Jai is captain of the Bollywood Beats dance team, ranked first in his class, and an overachiever with no college plans. Tight family funds means medical school is a pipe dream, which is why he wants to make the most out of high school. When Radha enters his life, he realizes she's the exact ingredient he needs for a show-stopping senior year.

With careful choreography, both Radha and Jai will need to face their fears (and their families) if they want a taste of a happily ever after.

***Sold to: UK: Stripes Publishing**

***THE SINGH FAMILY TRILOGY** by Nisha Sharma (Avon Impulse, April 2019; [Translation only, excludes UK]

A three-book deal for a contemporary romance series by Nisha Sharma, the award-winning author of YA rom-com *MY SO-CALLED BOLLYWOOD LIFE*, and contemporary romance drama, *THE SINGH FAMILY TRILOGY*. She grew up immersed in Bollywood movies, eighties pop-culture and romance novels so it comes as no surprise that her work features all three. Her writing has been praised by Entertainment Weekly, NPR, Cosmopolitan, Teen Vogue, Buzzfeed, Hypable and more. She lives in New Jersey with her Alaskan-born husband, her cat Lizzie Bennett and her dog Nancey Drew. You can find her online at www.nisha-sharma.com or on Twitter and Instagram @nishawrites.

BOOK 1: THE TAKEOVER EFFECT (April 2019): Three brothers bound by culture, honor and love will pursue the ultimate act of revenge. Hemdeep, Ajay and Zail Singh are the embodiment of Sikh-Punjabi men. They're leaders, powerful and successful in their chosen professions, and devoted to a gentle-spirited father and a mother with an iron-will. Despite their palatial family compound and generations of wealth, they continue to work hard and succeed against every obstacle. Together. When their father's depression chains him to his bed because a conglomerate targets Barat Inc., the family company, in a hostile takeover, the Singh brothers band together to take back what rightfully belongs to them. Along the way, they are joined by Mina Kaur, the young attorney with something to prove when she takes on the Singh's case. There is also Lara Hothi, the socialite with secrets greater than the baby she carries and the love she has for Ajay. Lastly, there is Teseen Bari, the inside agent, Zail's secret lover, and a symbol of everything the Singhs have been fighting. In *The Singh Family*, six Indian Americans will take down an empire in the name of honor, a trait as old as the mustard seed fields in Punjab.

BOOK 2: THE LEGAL AFFAIR: (August 2020) Rajneet Hothi built her empire with sweat, blood, and information. She knows everything there is to know about Ajay Singh, the future CEO of Bharat, Inc., as well as how crucial he is in securing her future. But she didn't expect the passion that burst between them the first time they went head-to-head. She'd never felt anything like it before, especially during her marriage to her soon-to-be-ex-husband. When her company is blamed for her ex's dirty dealings with Bharat, she's forced to prove that Ajay is no match for her in the art of business or seduction. Ajay shouldn't trust Raj or her company. He's on the verge of losing everything his family has worked to achieve, but he can't stop thinking about the breathtaking way Raj opens her mind, body and heart to him. Throwing his infamous caution to the wind, he tempts the gorgeous CEO into his bedroom and boardroom. He soon realizes he wants Raj by his side and he's willing to fight the people he's always protected to be with her. When Raj and Ajay discover the source behind Bharat's leak, they must trust each other and work together to defy the odds and save the Singh legacy.

BOOK 3: UNTITLED (June 2021) details TK.

***MY SO-CALLED BOLLYWOOD LIFE** by Nisha Sharma (Crown Books for Young Readers, May 2018);

Starred Kirkus Review: A fresh, madcap rom-com in which a Princeton, New Jersey, high school senior, aspiring film school student, and Bollywood junkie navigates the dramas of real life. Vaneeta "Winnie" Mehta is digging a grave for her ex-boyfriend Raj's entire film collection. She'd believed that Raj was destined to be with her; their match was fated in her janampatri (natal star chart) after all, so she was devastated to find out via social media that he was hooking up with another classmate. To add insult to injury, she's stripped of her role as school film festival chair because of an administrative snafu, and Raj has secured *Bend It Like Beckham* director Gurinder Chadha—Winnie's idol—as the festival's guest of honor. But when Winnie reconnects with classmate and fellow film geek Dev Khanna and falls for him hard, she is forced to question all that has been prophesied: Is Raj really her destiny, and if she chooses Dev, will she be giving up her chance to live happily ever after? With the help of family and friends, Winnie navigates these ups and downs in order to find her own perfectly scripted Bollywood ending. (Romance, ages 14-18).

Film rights have been optioned by Susan Cartsonis (*The Duff*, *Middle School is the Worst*, *What Women Want*) and Gurinder Chadha (*Bend it Like Beckham*, *Bride and Prejudice*).

- AN NPR BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR
- "A delightful and humorous debut."--Kirkus Reviews, Starred review
- "The perfect timepass for both the Bollywood-obsessed and filmi (melodrama) novices."-*Teen Vogue*
*Sold to: UK: Stripes

***PRIDE WARS: The Four Guardians** (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers; July 2019) [**Translation only; excludes UK**]

The adventure continues in PRIDE WARS Book 2: THE TWELVER. Leo and his companions flee Singara and venture deep into Maguar territory where they discover the enemy is far smarter, far stronger, far stranger, and far more dangerous than they ever imagined. With the Maguar's help, Leo learns more about his mysterious origins and astonishing destiny. Wajid, the captive Maguar recently escaped from Singara, leads them to the Maguar lair of Elyon and to the Temple of the Shakyahs. There they meet The Twelver, the Maguar's supreme leader who is preparing to wage war on the Singa. Meanwhile, the stories keep coming, leaving creatures behind who both help and hinder Leo's quest to find his mother and prevent a battle between the Singa and Maguar prides, as a demonic force threatens both their existences.

***PRIDE WARS: The Spinner Prince** by Matt Laney (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers; March 2018) [**Translation only; excludes UK**]

THE SPINNER PRINCE is being hailed as Game of Thrones meets the Warrior series. In the scientific realm of Singara, where feline humanoids rule, fiction is forbidden. Those caught telling stories lose their tongues before being exiled. Heir to the throne and orphan, thirteen-year-old Prince Leo, is cursed with the unpredictable, uncontrollable habit of telling stories. Worse, the stories carry a dangerous power, leaving creatures behind who cause trouble and threaten to expose Leo's curse. Meanwhile, Leo's elder cousin is making his move to seize the throne and the enemy beyond the Great Wall, another feline race called Maguar, are rising up. Will Leo claim the throne from his rival (and keep his tongue) before his curse is revealed? Or will he embrace his ability as a gift and discover a far greater destiny among the Maguar? The heart-racing story starts here. "Readers who like Erin Hunter's books will race through this title and will be highly anticipating the sequel." –School Library Journal

***RYAN QUINN & THE REBEL'S ESCAPE** by Ron McGee (Harper Children's Books, October 2016) [**Translation only, excludes UK.**]

From an award-winning television writer, The Ryan Quinn Adventure series is where Alex Rider meets Jason Bourne. Fourteen-year-old Ryan Quinn is a new student at the International Community School in New York, a high school populated by the children of diplomats and employees of the United Nations. When his father goes missing while attending an international conference and his mother is abducted, Ryan discovers that his family is involved in a super-secret organization called the Emergency Rescue Committee (the ERC). Created at the start of World War II, the ERC helped thousands escape the Nazis. Defying the U.S. government who for almost seventy years has tried to shut them down, the group has continued to perform daring rescue missions around the world. Ryan's search for his parents leads him to the military state of Andakar in Southeast Asia. Along the way, Ryan faces off against deadly foes, takes part in exciting chases and learns to his surprise that his parents have been secretly training him to be an ERC agent his whole life without even realizing it.

Ron McGee is a winner of the Writers Guild of America award for his work on Disney Channel's Halloween hit GIRL VS. MONSTER. Currently, he is a writer/producer on TNT's #1 scripted series RIZZOLI & ISLES. Previously, he wrote and produced episodes of ABC Family's THE NINE LIVES OF CHLOE KING. A veteran of longform television, Ron has penned numerous movies in a wide range of genres for many of the major television networks, including ABC, NBC, USA, Lifetime, TBS and VH-1. Ron lives with his family in California and this is his novel-writing debut.

*Sold to: Germany: cbt/Random House

***RYAN QUINN AND THE LION'S CLAW** By Ron McGee: *Book Two in the Ryan Quinn Adventures* (Harper Children's Books, September 2017) [**Translation only, excludes UK**]

In the second book in the Ryan Quinn Adventure series, fourteen-year-old Ryan Quinn and his friends are off on another exciting, globe-trotting adventure! Having discovered his parents are part of the secret underground railroad known as the Emergency Rescue Committee (ERC), Ryan Quinn and his friend Danny are off to Africa to rescue a man and woman were once a beloved rap/hip-hop duo, singing protest songs that inflamed the youth of their iron-fisted country. Along the way, the boys face their deadliest enemy Madame Buku, a woman of immense wealth who rules the nation from the shadows. Back in New York, events are just as perilous as their friend Kasey helps Ryan's parents uncover a spy within the ERC. With lives hanging in the balance, Kasey must overcome her self-doubts to stop a greedy mercenary

from selling the ERC's most closely-guarded secrets to the highest bidder. There's never a dull moment as Ryan and his friends face greater dangers and more menacing foes than ever before.

Currently, McGee writes NCIS: New Orleans and was a writer/producer on TNT's #1 scripted series RIZZOLI & ISLES.

***Sold to: Germany: cbt/Random House**

***THE MEMORY WALL** by Lev Rosen (Knopf Books for Young Readers; Sept 2016) [**Translation only, excludes UK**]

Nick's mother has been moved to a nursing home after being diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's. Nick has another theory—he's done his research—and has discovered that there are other medical explanations that could point to a cure for his mother's declining memory. Through the online video game, *Wellhall*, that they both used to play, Nick is convinced his mom is trying to communicate how he can help her to return home. During all of this, Nick's first experiences in junior high could hardly be worse. His old friends have either drifted away or, for their own motives, have spread stories about his mother's odd behavior. Then he meets Nat, a fellow classmate who also plays *Wellhall*. While she is skeptical of Nick's suspicions regarding his mother, putting his only friendship in jeopardy, she agrees to help him learn the truth about his mother's past and present.

Lev AC Rosen is the author of the critically acclaimed ALL MEN OF GENIUS (Tor, 2011), DEPTH (Regan Arts, 2015), WOUNDABOUT (Little Brown, 2015) and THE MEMORY WALL (Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2016).

NONFICTION – SPORTS

***SWING AND A HIT** by Jack Curry and Paul O’Neill (Twelve, Fall 2022). [ms available Winter 2021](#).

The fun and fiery memoir of All Star Yankee and five-time World Champion, Paul O’Neill, written by NYT bestselling sports journalist and author of FULL COUNT, Jack Curry

***IT’S BETTER TO BE FEARED** by Seth Wickersham (formerly titled THE PATRIOT WAY) (W.W. Norton, October 2021)

With new reporting on Tom Brady’s run to the Super Bowl with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. The explosive, long-awaited account of the making of the greatest dynasty in football history—from the acclaimed ESPN reporter who has been there from the very beginning.

Over two unbelievable decades, the New England Patriots were not only the NFL’s most dominant team, but also—and by far—the most secretive. How did they achieve and sustain greatness—and what were the costs?

In IT’S BETTER TO BE FEARED, Seth Wickersham, one of the country’s finest long form and investigative sportswriters, tells the full, behind-the-scenes story of the Patriots, capturing the brilliance, ambition, and vanity that powered and ultimately unraveled them. Based on hundreds of interviews conducted since 2001, Wickersham’s chronicle is packed with revelations, taking us deep into Bill Belichick’s tactical ingenuity and Tom Brady’s unique mentality while also reporting on their divergent paths in 2020, including Brady’s run to the Super Bowl with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Raucous, unvarnished, and definitive, IT’S BETTER TO BE FEARED is an instant classic of American sportswriting in the tradition of Michael Lewis, David Maraniss, and David Halberstam.

***OUT OF THE POCKET: Football, Fatherhood, and College GameDay Saturdays** by Kirk Herbstreit with Gene Wojciechowski (Atria, August 17, 2021)

In OUT OF THE POCKET, football commentator Kirk Herbstreit will dive deep into both his personal and professional worlds. It is a football book, to be sure, but one told with compassion, perspective, honesty—and told by the sport’s foremost expert. What is it like to grow up among Ohio State football royalty, to one day play on the same field as your dad, to grapple with the realities and unforgiving nature of big-time programs such as Ohio State? What is it like to face a monumental post-football career decision? What is it like to be plucked from obscurity and eventually find yourself on the GameDay set surrounded by tens of thousands of passionate fans who treat their Saturdays like a football Mardi Gras? What is it like to be in the booth calling a game that is remembered for years to come? What is it like to be face to face with some of the greatest players and coaches the sport has seen—from Peyton Manning to Tua Tagovailoa, from Nick Saban to Dabo Swinney? How is it that Coach Lee Corso, GameDay’s bombastic but fatherly 84-year-old cohost, always knows exactly what to say to Herbstreit—about football, and about life?

***FINISH STRONG: A Father’s Code and A Son’s Path** by Nate Ebner and Paul Daugherty (Penguin Press; May 2021)

The inspiring story of Nate Ebner's bond with his unconventional father and its remarkable consequences. Nate Ebner made it into the NFL and won two Super Bowls with the New England Patriots, and then took a leave with the team’s blessing to make the Olympic team in the sport he loved above all, rugby. A memoir honoring the author’s late father.

Nate Ebner and his father were inseparable. From an early age, they worked side-by-side in the family junkyard, where part of the job was dispensing citizen's justice to aspiring robbers, and they worked out side-by-side in their grungy homemade gym. Even though Nate was a great peewee football player in football-mad Ohio, he followed his father's passion for rugby and started playing for the same club as his father when he was only thirteen years old.

But Nate had to face the fact that there was no way to make a living as a professional rugby player in this country. So Nate gave his dad the news that he planned to quit rugby and go out for the football team at Ohio State University, with an eye toward making the NFL. As a goal for someone who hadn't even played high school football, this was completely ridiculous. Without blinking, his father told him that if he gave up what he had built in rugby, he had to see it through. It was the last conversation they ever had--the next day, his father was brutally murdered at work by a would-be robber.

Nate went on to make the Ohio State team and when NFL Draft Day came, he was selected by the New England Patriots. Three Super Bowl rings later, his legacy in the sport is secure. But he got another unexpected chance to honor his father's memory when the Olympics admitted rugby as a sport for the 2016 Games. Against long odds, he made the team and competed in Rio in the sport he and his father loved above all others.

An astonishing story of what a father will do for a son and what a son will do for a father, Finish Strong is a powerful reminder that the lessons parents embody for their children continue to bear fruit long after they are gone.

***I CAME AS A SHADOW** by John Thompson with Jesse Washington (Henry Holt, Dec 2020).

The long-awaited autobiography from Georgetown University's legendary coach, whose life on and off the basketball court threw America's unresolved struggle with racial justice into sharp relief.

John Thompson was never just a basketball coach and *I Came As A Shadow* is categorically not just a basketball autobiography.

After three decades at the center of race and sports in America, the first Black head coach to win an NCAA championship makes the private public at last. Chockful of stories and moving beyond mere stats (and what stats! three Final Fours, four times national coach of the year, seven Big East championships, 97 percent graduation rate), Thompson's book drives us through his childhood under Jim Crow segregation to our current moment of racial reckoning. We experience riding shotgun with Celtics icon Red Auerbach, and coaching NBA Hall of Famers like Patrick Ewing and Allen Iverson. How did he inspire the phrase "Hoya Paranoia"? You'll see. And thawing his historically glacial stare, Thompson brings us into his negotiation with a DC drug kingpin in his players' orbit in the 1980s, as well as behind the scenes of his years on the Nike board.

Thompson's mother was a teacher who couldn't teach because she was Black. His father could not read or write, so the only way he could identify different cements at the factory where he worked was to taste them. Their son grew up to be a man with his own life-sized statue in a building that bears his family's name on a campus once kept afloat by the selling of 272 enslaved people. This is a great American story, and John Thompson's experience sheds light on many of the issues roiling our nation. In these pages—a last gift from "Coach"—he proves himself to be the elder statesman whose final words college basketball and the country need to hear.

I Came As A Shadow is not a swan song, but a bullhorn blast from one of America's most prominent sons. Huddle up.

***THREE-RING CIRCUS: Kobe, Shaq, Phil, and the Crazy Years of the Lakers Dynasty** by Jeff Pearlman (Houghton Mifflin, Sept. 2020);

The story of the Lakers dynasty from 1996 through 2004, when Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal combined—and collided—to help bring the Lakers three straight championships and restore the franchise as a powerhouse

In the history of modern sport, there have never been two high-level teammates who loathed each other the way Shaquille O'Neal loathed Kobe Bryant, and Kobe Bryant loathed Shaquille O'Neal. From public sniping and sparring, to physical altercations and the repeated threats of trade, it was warfare. And yet, despite eight years of infighting and hostility, by turns mediated and encouraged by coach Phil Jackson, the Shaq-Kobe duo resulted in one of the greatest dynasties in NBA history. Together, the two led the Lakers to three straight championships and returned glory and excitement to Los Angeles.

In the tradition of Jeff Pearlman's bestsellers *Showtime*, *Boys Will Be Boys*, and *The Bad Guys Won*, *Three-Ring Circus* is a rollicking deep dive into one of sports' most fraught yet successful pairings.

***Sold to: Spain: Roca; Italy: Salani; Poland: Wydawnictwo AA; Turkey: Mavi Agac; Russia: AST Publishers**

***ELWAY: A Relentless Life** by Jason Cole (Hachette, Sept. 2020);

The unauthorized biography of John Elway, Hall of Fame Quarterback, two-time Super Bowl Champion, now President of Football Operations and General Manager of the Denver Broncos.

Jason Cole, a longtime football journalist is writing the definitive biography of one of the games most intense competitors: John Elway. Jason has conducted over 100 hours of interviews with the former Broncos quarterback, both during and after his playing days ended. In addition, he's spoken to an additional 200 people, including Elway's family, friends, former teammates, people who have worked with him, and those strongly influenced by Elway, chief among them New England quarterback Tom Brady. That first-hand view of Elway as he works and manages the Broncos has given Cole an intimate understanding of a very complex man. Elway's combination of competitive confidence and personal humility is a quality that requires deep understanding to explain.

***THE Q FACTOR: The Elusive Search for the Next Great NFL Quarterback** by Brian Billick and James Dale (Twelve/Grand Central Publishing, Sept 2020).

Brian Billick, Super Bowl-winning coach and current analyst for the NFL network, takes on the 2018 draft class of quarterbacks and follows them for two years, identifying the tangibles and intangibles of success, in search of the key to better predicting who will make it as a top-ranked NFL franchise QB.

There are elite athletes in every sport -- people who possess tangible and intangible qualities that allow them to overcome daunting odds, spot opportunity in the midst of adversity, and turn defeat into victory. No position embodies this dynamic more than football quarterbacks, and nothing is a greater test of performance than the NFL.

The tangibles -- metrics, stats, ratings, bowl games, championships -- are critical to evaluation. But they're not enough. Every year, highly rated college quarterbacks are analyzed, critiqued, hyped up and/or doubted, and those who manage to

survive the scrutiny are drafted early. Some of those early picks make it to the top, some end up journeymen, and some just wash out. Why? What separates the elites from the pack?

In *THE Q FACTOR*, former NFL coach Brian Billick takes the highly promising 2018 NFL quarterback Draft class - the most touted class since 2004 (Manning, Roethlisberger, Rivers) and 1983 (Elway, Kelly, Marino) -- and measures the top five quarterback picks to gauge how, why, and if they succeed. They are all first rounders, all with sterling college credentials, all talented athletes, all taken by teams betting their futures. One or maybe two could go on to greatness. But which ones, and why? Could the prediction process be better? Are the "experts" looking at the wrong factors? How do we find the best of the best?

That's what *THE Q FACTOR* explores...and finally explains.

***FULL COUNT: The Education of a Pitcher** by David Cone and Jack Curry (Grand Central, May 2019)
New York Times Best Seller

Legendary MLB pitcher David Cone's upcoming memoir written with Jack Curry. From the pitchers he studied to the hitters who infuriated him, *FULL COUNT* takes readers inside the mind of a thoughtful pitcher, detailing Cone's passion, composure and strategies. The book is also filled with never-before-told stories from the memorable teams Cone played on—including the Mets and Yankees dynasties—and incredible stories about Derek Jeter, Darryl Strawberry, David Wells, Andy Pettite, Joe Torre, and more.

***THE COST OF THESE DREAMS: Sports Stories and other Serious Business** by Wright Thompson (Penguin, April 2, 2019). *New York Times Best Seller*

From one of America's most beloved sportswriters, a collection of true stories about the dream of greatness and its cost in the world of sports.

There is only one Wright Thompson. He is, as they say, famous if you know who he is: his work includes the most read articles in the history of ESPN (and it's not even close) and has been anthologized in the *Best American Sports Writing* series ten times, and he counts John Grisham and Richard Ford among his ardent admirers (see back of book). But to say his pieces are about sports, while true as far as it goes, is like saying Larry McMurtry's *Lonesome Dove* is a book about a cattle drive. Wright Thompson *figures people out*. He jimmys the lock to the furnaces inside the people he profiles and does an analysis of the fuel that fires their ambition. Whether it be Michael Jordan or Tiger Woods or Pat Riley or Urban Meyer, he strips the away the self-serving myths and fantasies to reveal his characters in full. There are fascinating common denominators: it may not be the case that every single great performer or coach had a complex relationship with his father, but it can sure seem that way. And there is much marvelous local knowledge: about specific sports, and times and places, and people. Ludicrously entertaining and often powerfully moving, *The Cost of These Dreams* is an ode to the reporter's art, and a celebration of true greatness and the high price that it exacts.

***Sold to: UK: Blink Publishing; Spain: Roca Editorial**

***BELICHICK** by Ian O'Connor (Houghton Mifflin, October 2018; paperback Sept 2019)
New York Times Best Seller

From a *New York Times* best-selling author, the definitive biography of the NFL's most enigmatic, controversial, successful coach, Bill Belichick, perhaps the most fascinating figure in the NFL—the infamously dour face of one of the most beloved franchises in sports. As head coach of the New England Patriots, he's led the team to five Super Bowl championship trophies. In this revelatory and robust biography, readers will come to understand Belichick's full life in football, from watching Naval Academy games as a kid with his scout father, to masterminding two Super Bowl-winning game plans as defensive coordinator for the Giants, to his dramatic leap to the Patriots where he has made history.

Veteran sports writer and award-winning author Ian O'Connor delves into the mind of the man who has earned a place among coaching legends, presenting sides of Belichick that have previously been unexplored. O'Connor discovers how this legendary coach shaped the people he met and worked with in ways perhaps even Belichick himself doesn't know. Those who follow pro football know Bill Belichick only as the hooded genius of the Patriots, a team shrouded in victory and controversy. Based on exhaustive research and countless interviews, this book circles around Belichick to tell his full story for the first time, and presents an incisive portrait of a mastermind at work.

***FOOTBALL FOR A BUCK: The Crazy Rise and Crazier Demise of the USFL** by Jeff Pearlman (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, September 2018; paperback Sept. 2019)

From a multiple *New York Times* best-selling author, the rollicking, outrageous story of Donald Trump's United States Football League, a bona fide professional sports phenomenon full of larger-than-life characters and you-can't-make-this-up stories featuring some of the biggest celebrities and buffoons in the game.

The USFL was the last football league to challenge the mighty NFL. It spanned three years, 1983–1986. It soared in popularity, but then it died beneath the weight of a particularly egotistical and bombastic owner at the time—Trump.

The league featured as many as eighteen teams, and included such superstars as Herschel Walker, Jim Kelly, Steve Young, Reggie White, Doug Flutie, and Mike Rozier.

In *Football for a Buck*, dogged reporter and bestselling author Jeff Pearlman draws on some five hundred interviews to unearth all the salty, untold stories of one of the craziest sports organizations to have ever captivated our interest. From 1980s drug excess, to airborne brawls and hooker raids to backroom business deals to some of the greatest football on the field, Pearlman transports readers back in time to this crazy, boozy, audacious, unforgettable era of the game, showing how fortunes were made and lost on the backs of professional athletes and also how, thirty years ago, Trump was a scoundrel and a spoiler. This is sports as high entertainment—and a cautionary tale of the dangers of ego and excess.

***THE BIG FELLA: Babe Ruth and the World He Created** by Jane Leavy (HarperCollins, 2018; pb Oct 2019)
New York Times Best Seller

From Jane Leavy, the award-winning, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Last Boy* and *Sandy Koufax*, comes the definitive biography of Babe Ruth—the man Roger Angell dubbed "the model for modern celebrity."

He lived in the present tense—in the camera's lens. There was no frame he couldn't or wouldn't fill. He swung the heaviest bat, earned the most money, and incurred the biggest fines. He expanded notions of the possible. Like all the new-fangled gadgets then flooding the marketplace, Babe Ruth "made impossible events happen." Aided by Christy Walsh—his business manager, spin doctor, damage control wizard, and surrogate father, all stuffed into one tightly buttoned double-breasted suit—Ruth drafted the blueprint for modern athletic stardom. His was a life of journeys: from uncouth to couth, impoverished to spendthrift; from Baltimore to Boston to New York, and back to Boston at the end of his career for a finale with the only team that would still have him. There were road trips and hunting trips; promotional tours and grand tours of foreign capitals, not to mention those 714 trips around the bases.

After hitting his 60th home run in September 1927—a record that would not be exceeded until 1961—he embarked on a three-week victory lap across America, accompanied by Yankee teammate Lou Gehrig. This was Babe Ruth's star tour through the American heartland. The *Omaha World Herald* called it "the biggest show since Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey, and seven other associated circuses offered their entire performance under one tent." Acclaimed biographer Jane Leavy recreates that 21-day circus and in so doing captures the romp and the pathos that defined Ruth's life and times. Drawing from more than 250 interviews, a trove of previously untapped documents, and Ruth family records, Leavy breaks through the mythology that has obscured the legend and delivers the man. (

***THE SOUL OF BASKETBALL: The Epic Showdown Between LeBron, Kobe, Doc, and Dirk That Saved the NBA** by Ian Thomsen (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, April 2018)

The Soul of Basketball tells the story of an NBA prodigy, his league, and their sport in the throes of crisis during the pivotal 2010-11 season. It began with *The Decision*, that infamous televised moment when uber-star LeBron James revealed that he was leaving the Cleveland Cavaliers—thereby distancing himself from his role model Michael Jordan—to pursue his first championship with his former opponents on the Miami Heat. To the great fortune of LeBron, the NBA, and basketball itself, the mission didn't work out as planned. In the cultural tradition of *Moneyball* and *Friday Night Lights*, veteran NBA writer Ian Thomsen portrays the NBA as a self-correcting society in which young LeBron is forced to absorb hard truths inflicted by his rivals Kobe Bryant, Doc Rivers and Dirk Nowitzki, plus lessons set forth by Pat Riley, Gregg Popovich, Larry Bird, David Stern, Joey Crawford and many more.

This is about the making of a champion. *The Soul of Basketball* tells the inspiring story of LeBron's loneliest year, when his ultimate foe was an unlikely immigrant who renewed the American game's ideals. From Miami to Boston, L.A. to Dallas, Germany to the NBA's Manhattan headquarters, the biggest names in basketball are driven by something more valuable than money and fame—a quest that will pave the way for Stephen Curry, Kevin Durant, and future generations to thrive.

***GETTING TO US: How Great Coaches Make Great Teams** by Seth Davis (Penguin Press, March 2018)

What makes a coach great? How do great coaches turn a collection of individuals into a coherent "us"? Seth Davis, one of the keenest minds in sports journalism, has been thinking about that question for twenty-five years. In *Getting to Us*, Davis probes and prods the best of the best from the landscape of active coaches of football and basketball, college and pro—from Urban Meyer, Dabo Swinney, and Jim Harbaugh to Mike Krzyzewski, Tom Izzo, Jim Boeheim, Brad Stevens, Geno Auriemma, and Doc Rivers—to get at the fundamental ingredients of greatness in the coaching sphere. There's no single right way, of course. Part of the great value of this book is Davis's distillation of what he has learned about different types of greatness in coaching, and what sort of leadership thrives in one kind of environment but not in others. Some coaches have thrived at the college level but not in the pros. Why? What's the difference? Some coaches are stern taskmasters; others are warm and cuddly. Some are brilliant strategists but less emotionally involved with their players, and with others it's the opposite. In *Getting to Us*, we come to feel a deep connection with the most successful and iconic coaches in all of sports—big winners and big characters, whose stories offer much of enduring interest and value.

***THE LAST PASS: Cousy, Russell, the Celtics, and What Matters in the End** by Gary Pomerantz (Penguin, October 2018; paperback Oct. 2019);

New York Times Best Seller

From an acclaimed bestselling historian comes this poignant and revelatory narrative about the greatest dynasty in American professional sports history, and an intimate story of race, mortality, and regret.

About to turn ninety, Bob Cousy, the Hall of Fame Boston Celtics captain who led the team to its first six championships, has much to look back on in peace and contentment. Yet for Cousy, a widower living alone in a big house, there's one piece of unfinished business: to close the circle with his great partner on those Celtics teams, fellow Hall of Famer Bill Russell, now 84. These teammates were basketball's Ruth and Gehrig, and Cooz, as everyone called him, was famously ahead of his time as an NBA player in terms of race and civil rights.

But as the decades passed, Cousy blamed himself for not having done enough, for not having understood the depth of prejudice that Russell faced as an African-American star in a city with a fraught history regarding race. Cousy wishes he had defended Russell publicly, and that he had told him privately that he had his back. At this late hour, how can he make amends?

To Boston's white sportswriters the Celtics were Cousy's team, not Russell's. As the civil rights movement took flight, Russell became more publicly involved in it, which involved some ugly repercussions. *THE LAST PASS* situates the Celtics dynasty against the full dramatic canvas of American life in the 50's and 60's, with Cousy and Russell in the foreground. An enthralling portrait of the heart of this legendary team and a book about the legacy of a life: what matters to us in the end, long after the arena lights have been turned off and we are alone with our memories.

***ALI: A Life** by Jonathan Eig (Harcourt Houghton Mifflin, Oct. 2017; paperback Oct. 2018); <http://www.alialife.com/>
***New York Times* bestseller**

Ali: A Life will be the first definitive biography of Muhammed Ali. Eig will begin at the beginning, following Ali from childhood through his Six Golden Glove titles in Louisville, his gold medal in the 1960 Rome Olympics, and the pro career followed back in the States. From there, we'll see Ali's perspective on being black in America begin to change, as he becomes involved with members of the Nation of Islam. With his newfound religion, Ali rejects the expectations of white America, refusing to fight in Vietnam, and ultimately sparking a change in popular view of the war. We'll see Ali at his physical peak, as he defeats Sonny Liston, and then George Foreman. And, ultimately, Eig will show us the irreversible neurological effects of a career in professional boxing, his stepping in and out of retirement, and the series of unfortunate business decisions that followed when Ali retired for good. We'll see Ali at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, the American hero in a white track suit, and today, debilitated by Parkinson's, not having given a public appearance in years.

ALI: A LIFE was a finalist for an NAACP Image Award. It has also been long-listed for the Plutarch Prize for biography and the 2018 PEN/ESPN Award for literary sports writing. *The Wall Street Journal* named it one of the ten best non-fiction books of 2017, *Smithsonian* called it one of the ten best books of the year, and *Sports Illustrated* called it the best book of 2017.

***Sold to Netherlands: Carrera; Germany: DVA; Denmark: Gyldendal Forlag; Brazil: Record; Poland: Wydawnictwo AA; Norway: Gyldendal; Turkey: Pegasus; Czech Republic: Dobrovsky; France: Marabout; Italy: 66th and 2nd; Japan: Iwanami Shoten; China: Cultural Development Press; Russia: AST**

***ARNIE: The Life of Arnold Palmer** by Tom Callahan (HarperCollins, April 2017; paperback March 2018)

In a sport, and in an era, that was slow and reluctant to change, the great Arnold Palmer built a bridge between the country club and the town square. The son of a greenskeeper, he entered the rarified realm of professional golf through the service entrance and became one of its most beloved players. With his frank, charismatic manner, he commenced a paradigm shift in golf from an elite, upper-class pastime to the democratic sport we know today. Photogenic and telegenic, Palmer, in his prime, became one of the first celebrity athletes this country has known; even people who hate golf love Arnold Palmer. In *ARNIE*, veteran golf journalist Tom Callahan will set out to write the first definitive biography of golf's greatest player, seeking to tell the untold stories of a true American original, adored by so many.

***Sold to: UK: Birlinn**

INTERNATIONAL BEST SELLERS

***THE NEXT PERSON YOU MEET IN HEAVEN by Mitch Albom (HarperCollins; October 9, 2018)**

#1 New York Times Best Seller

The long-awaited sequel to the mega bestselling *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* and the latest novel by #1 internationally renowned and bestselling author Mitch Albom.

In 2003, in Albom's beloved tale, *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*, the world fell in love with Eddie, a grizzled war veteran-turned-amusement park mechanic who died saving the life of a young girl named Annie. Eddie, who felt his life was meaningless, journeyed to heaven and encountered five people from his time on earth who showed him every life matters, and we touch each other in countless, unimaginable ways. Now, in this enchanting sequel, Albom reveals what happened to Annie, the little girl, how her world changed after the accident, and what awaits her when she eventually makes her own journey to heaven and reunites with the man who saved her. Through this unforgettable sequel, we learn how the accident that took Eddie's life took something from Annie as well: her left hand—which needed to be surgically reattached. She also lost any memory of the accident, wiped out by the trauma.

Scarred and confused, Annie is whisked away by a guilt-ravaged mother to start a new life, far away from the world she knew. Bullied by her peers and haunted by something she cannot recall, Annie struggles to find acceptance as she grows. She makes mistake after mistake, and comes to feel she is fated to a life of trying but failing. Then, in her early 30's, she reconnects with Paulo, her childhood love, and believes she has finally found happiness. But when their wedding night ends in an unimaginable accident, Annie begins her own heavenly journey—and the inevitable reunion with Eddie, who is now one of the five people to illuminate her life, much the way his was illuminated by others.

Poignant and beautiful, filled with unexpected twists, *The Next Person You Meet in Heaven* reminds us that our mistakes are not always what they seem, and every ending is also a beginning—we only need to open our eyes to see it.

***Sold to UK: Little, Brown UK; France: Kero; Turkey: Pena; Brazil: Sextante; Korea: Sallim; Taiwan: Locus; China: Shanghai Translation; Spain: Maeva; Portugal: Asa/Leya; Hungary: Animus; Italy: Sperling; Germany: Ullstein; Poland: Zysk; Arabic: Arab Cultural Center; Indonesia: PT Gramedia; Hebrew: Matar; Russia: Azbooka-Atticus**

***THE MAGIC STRINGS OF FRANKIE PRESTO: A Novel by Mitch Albom (HarperCollins, November 2015; paperback Nov 2016)**

This is the epic story of Frankie Presto—the greatest guitar player to ever walk the earth—and the six lives he changed with his six blue strings. Born under ringing chimes of a burning church, Frankie's amazing journey from a war-torn Spanish town to America weaves him through the musical landscape of the 1940's, 50's and 60's, his stunning talent affecting numerous stars along the way (Duke Ellington, Hank Williams, Elvis Presley) until, as if predestined, he becomes a pop star himself. But Frankie Presto's gift is also his burden, as he realizes the power of the magical strings his childhood teacher gave him, and how, through his music, he can actually affect people's fates. With the spirit of Music as our otherworldly guide, we see how "everyone joins a band in this life" and how each of us affects its members, just as its members affect us. A longtime musician himself, **#1 New York Times Bestselling Author Mitch Albom** creates his deepest, most fascinating tale, a remarkable novel about the power of talent to change lives.

***Sold to UK: Little, Brown UK; France: Kero & Pocket; Germany: Riva Verlag; Brazil: Sextante; Taiwan: Locus; China: ThinKingdom Media; Turkey: Pena Yayinlari; Israel: Matar; Indonesia: Gramedia Pustaka; Korea: Book 21; Spain: Maeva**

(12 territories including US)

*More about the official soundtrack album:

<http://mitchalbom.com/d/news/28028/soundtrack-frankie-presto>

***THE FIRST PHONE CALL FROM HEAVEN by Mitch Albom (HarperCollins, November 2013)**

<http://www.mitchalbom.com>

#1 New York Times bestseller

Film deal:

<http://variety.com/2014/film/news/warner-bros-dials-up-mitch-alboms-first-phone-call-from-heaven-1201146706/>

The First Phone Call from Heaven tells the story of a small town on Lake Michigan that gets worldwide attention when its citizens start receiving phone calls from the afterlife. Is it the greatest miracle ever or a massive hoax? Sully Harding, a grief-stricken single father, is determined to find out. In this allegory about the power of belief—and a page-turner that will touch your soul—Albom takes readers on a breathtaking ride of frenzied hope. Moving seamlessly between the invention of the telephone in 1876 and a world obsessed with the next level of communication, *The First Phone Call from Heaven* is a virtuosic story of love, history, and belief.

*Sold to UK: Little, Brown UK; Indonesia: Gramedia Pustaka Utama; Spain: Maeva; France: Kero & Pocket; Korea: Book 21; Germany: Goldmann; Israel: Matar; Poland: Znak; Netherlands: Gideon; Czech Republic: Prah; Greece: Psychogios; Serbia: Nova Knjiga; Montenegro: Nova Knjiga; Italy: RCS Libri; Brazil: Sextante; Bulgaria: Kibea; Latvia: Zvaigzne; Taiwan: Locus; Russia: Azbooka-Atticus; Sweden: Marcus Forlag; Norway: Juritzen Forlag; Portugal: Leya; China: Shanghai Translation; Turkey: Pena Kitap; Japan: Sayzan-sha; Lithuania: Baltos Lankos; Arabic: Arab Cultural Center
(28 territories including US)

*THE TIME KEEPER by Mitch Albom (Hyperion, August 28th, 2012)

[Catalog link here](#)

#1 New York Times bestseller

*Sold to UK: Little Brown UK; Brazil: Sextante; Taiwan: Locus; Spain: Maeva; China: Shanghai Translation Co; Thailand: Amarin; Indonesia: Gramedia Pustaka Utama; Bulgaria: Kibea; Israel: Matar; France: Editions Kero; Germany: Goldmann; Turkey: Boyner Holdings; Czech Republic: Vision; Hungary: Animus Kiado; Poland: Znak; Portugal: Sinais de Fogo; Italy: RCS Libri; Croatia: VBZ; Korea: Book 21; Lithuania: Baltu Lanku; Romania: RAO; Japan: Sayzan-sha; Russia: Azbooka-Atticus; Catalan: Editorial Empuries; Netherlands: Gideon (28 territories including US)

*HAVE A LITTLE FAITH by Mitch Albom (Hyperion, September 2009/ paperback April 2011)

#1 New York Times bestseller

[Catalog link here](#) www.mitchalbom.com

*Sold to UK: Little Brown UK; Brazil: Sextante; Spain: Maeva; Germany: Goldmann; Israel: Matar; The Netherlands: Ambo Anthos; Italy: Rizzoli; France: Oh Editions; Taiwan: Locus; Bulgaria: Kibea; Turkey: Altin Kitaplar; Catalan: Empuries; Indonesia: Gramedia Pustaka Utama; China: Shanghai Translation; Sweden: Forum; Poland: Swiat Ksiazki; Russia: AST; Korea: Sallim; Thailand: Amarin; Czech: Tatran; Slovak: Tatran; Norway: Cappelen Damm; Croatia: VBZ; Hungary: Animus; Japan: NHK Publishing; Portugal: Sinais de Fogo; Slovenia: Učila

(28 territories including US)

*FOR ONE MORE DAY by Mitch Albom (Hyperion, September 2006) www.mitchalbom.com

#1 New York Times bestseller; Starbucks Selection

[Catalog link here](#)

*Sold to the UK: Little Brown UK; The Netherlands: Ambo/Anthos; France: Oh Editions and Pocket, Brazil: Sextante; Spain: Maeva; Korea: Sejong; Germany: Goldmann; Taiwan: Locus; U.S. Spanish: Hyperion; Turkey: Altin Kitaplar; China: Shanghai Translation House; Japan: NHK; Israel: Matar; Catalan: Grup 62; Indonesia: Gramedia; Italy: Rizzoli; Latvia: Atena; Norway: Cappelen Damm; Thailand: DMG Books; Norway: Forum; Czech: Levne Knihy; Romania: Humanitas; Portugal: Estrela Polar; Arabic: Arab Cultural Center; Denmark: Schultz; Lithuania: Tyto Alba; Croatia: Algoritam; Bulgaria: Kibea; Hungary: KonyvFaskaszto; Russia: AST; Malaysia: PTS Litera; Serbia: Carobna Knjiga; Poland: Znak; Sweden: Forum; Slovenia: Učila

(35 territories including US)

*THE FIVE PEOPLE YOU MEET IN HEAVEN by Mitch Albom (Hyperion, September 2003)

#1 New York Times bestseller

[Catalog link here](#)

*Sold to UK (including ANZ): Time Warner UK; Germany: Goldmann; World Spanish (excluding the US): Maeva; US Spanish language: Hyperion; Sweden: Marcus Förlag; Norway: Cappelen Damm; Italy: Sperling; The Netherlands: Ambo/Anthos; Brazil: Sextante; Catalan language: Empuries; Israel: Matar; Japan: NHK; France: Univers Poche; Turkey: Pena; Portugal: Asa/Leya; Russia: Azbooka-Atticus; Poland: Zysk; Hungary: Animus; Thailand: Se-Ed; Slovak language: Ikar; Croatia: Algoritam; China: Shanghai Translation; Taiwan: Locus; Indonesia: Gramedia; Greece: Dioptra; Serbia: Mono & Manana; Latvia: Atena; Bulgaria: Prozoretz; Romania: Humanitas; Lithuania: Alma Littera; Estonia: Pilgrim Group; Denmark: Aschehoug; Iceland: JPV; Vietnam: Phuong Nam Cultural Corporation; Czech Republic: Metafora; Slovenia: Desk; Korea: Sallim; Malaysia: PTS Litera; Filipino: National Book Store; Macedonia: TRI Publishing; Arabic: Arab Cultural Center; Hindi, Marathi, Malayalam, Gujarati languages: Manjul Publishing (45 territories including US)

***TUESDAYS WITH MORRIE: An Old Man, A Young Man, and Life's Greatest Lesson** by Mitch Albom (Doubleday, September 1997/paperback October 2002)

#1 New York Times bestseller

[Catalog link here](#)

***Sold to Italy: Sperling; Korea: Sejong Books; Japan: Japan Broadcast Co./NHK Publishing; Brazil: Salamandra; Taiwan: Locus Publishing; China: Shanghai Translation; UK: Little Brown UK; Australia: Hodder Headline; Latin America: Norma; Spain: Maeva; France: Laffont; Greece: Dioptra; Netherlands: Ambo/Anthos; Israel: Matar; Germany: Goldmann; Poland: Zysk; Catalan Language: Editorial Empuries; Finland: WSOY; Sweden: Forum Forlag; Norway: Ex Libris Forlag; Turkey: BZD-Boyer; Slovenia: Učila; Bulgaria: Kibea; Portugal: Sinais de Fogo; Denmark: Borgen Forlag; Hungary: Animus; Thailand: Se-Ed; Croatia language: Algoritam; Czech Republic: Rybka; Iceland: Nyja Bokafelagid; Lithuania: Trigrama; Burma: Today Publishing house (via U.S. Dept. of State); Indonesia: Gramedia Pustaka Utama; Serbia: Nova Knjiga, Estonia: Hotger; Russia: Azbooka-Atticus; Latvia: Atena; Romania: Humanitas; Bengali: Baulmon Prakashan; Telugu: Ashok Book Centre; Marathi: Majestic Publications; Hindi: Manjul Publishing House; Gujarati: Sattva Publications; Vietnam: Phuong Nam; Arabic: Arab Cultural Center; Slovak: Tatran; Malaysia: PTS Litera; Albania: Omsca-1; Filipino: National Book Store; Hindi, Marathi, Tamil, Malayalam, Gujarati languages: Manjul Publishing (48 territories including US)**

DEAD WAKE: The Last Crossing of the *Lusitania by Erik Larson (Crown, March 2015; paperback March 2016)

#1 New York Times bestseller

<http://www.eriklarsonbooks.com>

From internationally bestselling author and master of narrative non-fiction comes a riveting story many of us think we know but don't: the sinking of the *Lusitania*. On May 1, 1915, with WWI entering its tenth month, a luxury ocean liner sailed out of NY, bound for Liverpool, carrying 1200 passengers. For months, German U-boats brought terror to the North Atlantic but the *Lusitania* was one of the era's great transatlantic "Greyhounds"—the fastest liner then in service—and her captain, William Thomas Turner, placed tremendous faith in the gentlemanly strictures of warfare that for a century had kept civilian ships safe from attack. Germany, however, was determined to change the rules of the game, and Walther Schwieger, the captain of *Unterseeboot-20*, was happy to oblige. Meanwhile, an ultra-secret British intelligence unit tracked Schwieger's U-boat, but told no one. As U-20 and the *Lusitania* made their way toward Liverpool, an array of forces—hubris, a chance fog, a closely guarded secret, and more—converged to produce one of the great disasters of history. Drawing on new sources, Larson crafts a maritime thriller that captures the sheer drama, suspense, and emotional power of the disaster.

***Sold to UK: Transworld; Australia/New Zealand: Scribe; Brazil: Intrinseca; Portugal: Bertrand Editora; Spain: Ariel; France: Cherche Midi; Germany: Hoffman & Campe; Italy: Neri Pozza; Poland: Sonia Draga; Greece: Ikaros; Russia: Corpus; Romania: Grup Media Litera; China: ThinKingdom Media; Hungary: Maxim Publishing; Israel: Babel; Netherlands: Karakter; Finland: Pen and Paper; Taiwan: Azoth; Turkey: Esen Kitap; Ukraine: Hemiro; Romania: Litera (21 territories including US)**

***IN THE GARDEN OF BEASTS: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin** by Erik Larson

(Crown, May 2011)

#1 New York Times best seller

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***Sold to Sweden: Bonniers; Netherlands: Kosmos; Australia/New Zealand: Scribe; France: Cherche Midi; Poland: Sonia Draga; UK: Transworld; Greece: Metaixmio; Korea: EunHaengNaMu; Brazil: Intrinseca; Spain: Ariel; Slovakia: Tatran; Russia: Kariera; Italy: Neri Pozza; Portugal: Bertrand Editora; Norway: Font Forlag; Czech Republic: Euromedia; Denmark: Turbulenz; Albania: Ombra; China: Yilin Press; Israel: Babel; Turkey: SIS Yayinlari; Japan: Iwanami Shoten; Taiwan: Azoth; Germany: Hoffman & Campe; Hungary: Konyvmolykepzo Kiado; Netherlands: Karakter; Vietnam: Bachviet; Romania: Litera (29 territories including US)**

***THUNDERSTRUCK: A Story of Love, Murder and Invention in the Edwardian Age** by Erik Larson (Crown, October 2006)

New York Times bestseller [Catalog link here](#)

***Sold to Brazil: Distribuidora Record; Germany: Scherz/Fischer; UK: Transworld; Poland: Sonia Draga; China: ThinKingdom Media; Taiwan: Azoth Books; Serbia: Alnari; France: Cherche Midi; Italy: Neri Pozza (11 territories including US)**

***THE DEVIL IN THE WHITE CITY: A Saga of Magic and Murder at the Fair that Changed America** by Erik Larson (Crown, February 2003)

#1 New York Times bestseller [Catalog link here](#) **Film deal:**

https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/live-feed/hulu-developing-devil-white-city-tv-series-leonardo-dicaprio-martin-scorsese-1185326?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=THR%20Breaking%20News_now_2019-02-11%2009:14:24_BSandberg&utm_term=hollywoodreporter_breakingnews
<http://variety.com/2015/film/news/leonardo-dicaprio-martin-scorsese-reunite-for-devil-in-the-white-city-1201567113/>
<http://deadline.com/2015/08/leonardo-dicaprio-martin-scorsese-devil-in-the-white-city-billy-ray-paramount-1201496941/>

***Sold to UK: Doubleday/Bantam; Germany: Hoffman & Campe; Sweden: Forum; Netherlands: Prometheus; Spain: Lumen; Japan: Bungeishunju; Korea: UnHaengNaMoo Publishing Co; Israel: Babel; Poland: Sonia Draga; China: ThinKingdom Media; Taiwan: Azoth Books; Serbia: Alnari; Turkey: Inkilap; France: Cherche Midi; Hungary: Konyvmolykepzo Kiado; Bulgaria: Kibea; Bosnia: Buybook; Brazil: Intrinseca; Italy: Neri Pozza; Albania: Ombra; Denmark: Turbulenz; Thailand: Earnest Publishing; Russia: Eksmo; Czech Republic: Argo; Portugal: Bertrand; Norway: Font Forlag; Greece: Dioptra**

(28 territories including US)

***ISAAC'S STORM: A Man, A Time, and the Deadliest Hurricane in History** by Erik Larson, Crown (September 1999)/Vintage paperback July 2000.

The story of the worst natural catastrophe in US history—the hurricane, tidal wave, and flood that hit Galveston, Texas in 1900—and the local weatherman who inaccurately predicted the storm's severity.

***Sold to UK: Fourth Estate; Hebrew Language: Kinneret; France: Cherche Midi**

***THE COUNCIL OF DADS: My Daughters, My Illness, and the Men Who Could Be Me** by Bruce Feiler (William Morrow, May 2010)

[Catalog link here](#)

***Sold to UK: Little, Brown UK; Netherlands: De Boekerij; China: Cheers Publishing Co.; Taiwan: Locus Publishing Company; Korea: Book 21**

(6 territories including US)

***THE TALENT CODE** by Dan Coyle (Bantam Dell, May 2009) www.thetalentcode.com

[Catalog link here](#)

[Publisher retains North American Spanish rights.]

***Sold to Portugal: Dom Quixote; Brazil: Nova Fronteira; Spain: Zenith; UK: Random House UK; Germany: Riva; Korea: Woongjin Think Big Co.; Thailand: WeLearn; China: China People University Press; Croatia: Zagrebacki Holding; Russia: Azbooka-Atticus; Vietnam: Alpha Books; Taiwan: Commonwealth Magazine Co.; Turkey: Artemis Yayinlari; Indonesia: Penerbit Erlangga; Poland: Penelopa; Czech: Sensus; Romania: Trei Editura; Albania: Pema; Japan: Pan Rolling; France: Leduc**

(20 territories including US)

***THE LITTLE BOOK OF TALENT: 52 Rules for Getting Good at Stuff** by Daniel Coyle (Random House, Sep. 2012)

New York Times bestseller [Catalog link here](#)

***Sold to UK: Random House UK; France: Tresor Cache; Germany: Luebbe Verlag; Indonesia: Pustaka Alvabet; Brazil: Sextante; Spain: Random House Mondadori; Czech Republic: Albatros; Italy: Rizzoli; Japan: Sunmark, Otobank (ebook); Thailand: WeLearn Co; Bulgaria: Soft Press; The Netherlands: Maven; Denmark: Dansk Psykologisk; Russia: Azbooka-Atticus; China: Cheers Publishing Co.; Korea: Shinbad ; Romania: Publica**

(18 territories including US)

***ETERNAL LIFE** by Dara Horn (W.W. Norton, Jan. 2018; pb Jan 2019)

Critically acclaimed author Dara Horn returns with an ingenious novel about what it would mean to live forever.

Rachel has an unusual problem: she can't die. Her recent troubles—widowhood, a failing business, an unemployed middle-aged son—are only the latest. She's already put up with scores of marriages and hundreds of children, over 2,000 years—ever since she made a spiritual bargain to save the life of her first son back in Roman-occupied Jerusalem. There's only one other person in the world who understands: a man she once loved passionately, who has been stalking her through the centuries, convinced they belong together forever. In 2018, as her children and grandchildren develop new technologies for immortality, Rachel knows she must enable her beloved offspring to live fully—without her, but with meaning—by finding a way for herself to die. Gripping, hilarious, and profoundly moving, **Eternal Life** celebrates the bonds between generations, the power of faith, the purpose of death, and the reasons for being alive.

In 2007, Dara Horn was chosen by *Granta* magazine as one of 20 “Best Young American Novelists.” She's also the author of *The World to Come* and *A Guide for the Perplexed*. <http://darahorn.com>;

***Sold to: Czech: Albatros Media; Italy: Edizioni di Atlantide**

***ALL OTHER NIGHTS** by Dara Horn (W.W. Norton; May 2009). **[Translation rights only; excludes British Commonwealth.]**

We don't want you to murder her—we want you to marry her. This order is given to Jacob Rappaport, a 19-year-old Jewish assassin for the Union Army. Jacob is at the center of ALL OTHER NIGHTS, an espionage thriller set during the American Civil War, combining the romance and historical detail of Charles Frazier's COLD MOUNTAIN with the skillful suspense of Daniel Silva. After Jacob agrees to assassinate a Southern cousin for the Union, his commanders tell him that they've found another spy for him to go after—the attractive daughter of one of his father's business partners. When Jacob protests that he won't assassinate this woman, they tell him he's to marry her to infiltrate her network of intelligence. Neither Jacob nor his superiors anticipate one insurmountable complication: He falls in love with her. Sacrificing none of her acclaimed intelligence or grace, in ALL OTHER NIGHTS Dara uses the conventions of a spy thriller to create a commercial novel that will also explore loyalty, how we decide who deserves our devotion, and why.

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***THE WORLD TO COME** By Dara Horn, W.W. Norton (January 2006). **[Translation only; excludes British commonwealth].**

A million-dollar painting by Marc Chagall is stolen from a museum during a singles' cocktail hour. The unlikely thief is Benjamin Ziskind, a 30-year-old quiz show writer who last saw the painting as a child, in his own living room. As Benjamin and his twin sister frantically try to evade the police, they stumble upon the secrets of their dead parents: the father who lost a leg in Vietnam, the mother who created children's books—both lives full of loss and betrayal. Over eighty years earlier, Chagall and the enigmatic Yiddish fabulist Der Nister (“The Hidden One”) were teachers at a school for Jewish children orphaned by Russian pogroms. Their encounter with a single child will unlock the painting's past—and Benjamin Ziskind's future. Winner of three national awards for her first novel, Dara Horn crafts a gripping literary mystery that interweaves a real art heist, Yiddish literature, and biographies of actual artists with an astonishing combination of simplicity and depth—revealing, in a stunning climax, the powerful beauty of “the world to come.”

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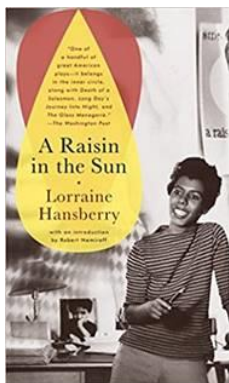
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***A RAISIN IN THE SUN** by Lorraine Hansberry (Random House originally published in 1959; Vintage reissue 2004), the classic, bestselling and ground-breaking play. Originally published in 1959, the book has sold nearly 2 million copies. There's a resurgence in interest in Hansberry's iconic work, and it's our honor to share this with the world.

“Never before, the entire history of the American theater, has so much of the truth of black people’s lives been seen on the stage,” observed James Baldwin shortly before *A Raisin in the Sun* opened on Broadway in 1959.

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When it was first produced in 1959, *A Raisin in the Sun* was awarded the New York Drama Critics Circle Award for that season and hailed as a watershed in American drama. A pioneering work by an African-American playwright, the play was a radically new representation of black life.

"A play that changed American theater forever."
--The New York Times.

About the Author

Lorraine Hansberry (1930-1965) electrified the theatrical world with her first play, *A Raisin in the Sun*, which won the New York Critics Circle Award for the 1958-59 season. Before her tragic death from cancer at the age of 34, she had already produced a remarkable body of work, including *The Sign in Sidney Brustein's Window* and *Les Blancs*. Her former husband and literary executor, the late Robert Nemiroff, posthumously produced and published her *To Be Young, Gifted and Black* and the musical *Raisin*.

Lorraine Hansberry, at twenty-nine, became the youngest American, the fifth woman, and the first black playwright to win the New York Drama Critics Circle Award for the Best Play of the Year. Her *A Raisin in the Sun* has since been published and produced in some 30 countries, while her film adaptation was nominated by the New York critics for the Best Screenplay and received a Cannes Film Festival Award. At thirty-four, during the run of her second play, *The Sign in Sidney Brustein's Window*, Lorraine Hansberry died of cancer. In the years since her death, her stature has continued to grow. *To Be Young, Gifted and Black*, a dramatic portrait of the playwright in her own words, was the longest-running Off-Broadway drama of 1969, and has been recorded, filmed, and published in expanded book form, and has toured an unprecedented forty states and two hundred colleges. In 1986, following the stage production of the 25th anniversary of *A Raisin in the Sun* by the Roundabout Theatre in New York City, the play was widely acclaimed as in the foremost ranks of American classics. In 1990, the PBS American Playhouse TV adaptation of the 25th-anniversary version had one of the highest viewing audiences in PBS history. *Les Blancs*, her last play—posthumously performed on Broadway and recently in prominent regional theaters—has been hailed by a number of critics as her best.

***THE SNOWBALL: Warren Buffett and the Business of Life** by Alice Schroeder (Bantam/PRH 2008)

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