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Would-Be Witch - Kimberly Frost 2009

Afflicted with dysfunctional magical powers, Tammy Jo Trask enlists the aid of Bryn Lyons, one of the wealthiest, most charming, and magically gifted people in small-town Duval, Texas, when her locket containing the soul of a family ghost is stolen.

Eleven on Top - Janet Evanovich 2010-04-01

#1 New York Times #1 Wall Street Journal #1 Los Angeles Times #1 Entertainment Weekly #1 Publishers Weekly Stephanie Plum is thinking her career as a fugitive apprehension agent has run its course. She's been shot at, spat at, cussed at, fire-bombed, mooned, and attacked by dogs. Time for a change, Stephanie thinks. Time to find the kind of job her mother can tell her friends about without making the sign of the cross. So Stephanie Plum quits. Resigns. No looking back. No changing her mind. She wants something safe and normal. As it turns out, jobs that are safe and normal for most people aren't necessarily safe and normal for Stephanie Plum. Trouble follows her, and the kind of trouble she had at the bail bonds office can't compare to the kind of trouble she finds herself facing now. Her past has come back to haunt her. She's stalked by a maniac returned from the grave for the sole purpose of putting her into a burial plot of her own. He's killed before, and he'll kill again if given the chance. Caught between staying far away from the bounty hunter business and

staying alive, Stephanie reexamines her life and the possibility that being a bounty hunter is the solution rather than the problem. After disturbingly brief careers at the button factory, Kan Klean Dry Cleaners, and Cluck-in-a-Bucket, Stephanie takes an office position in security, working for Ranger, the sexiest, baddest bounty hunter and businessman on two continents. It might not be the job she'll keep for the rest of her life, but for now it gives her the technical access she needs to find her stalker. Tempers and temperatures rise as competition ratchets up between the two men in her life---her on-again, off-again boyfriend, tough Trenton cop Joe Morelli, and her bad-ass boss, Ranger. Can Stephanie Plum take the heat? Can you? Between the adventure and the adversity there's attitude, and Stephanie Plum's got plenty in her newest misadventure from Janet Evanovich, *Eleven on Top*.

The Glass Castle - Jeannette Walls 2007-01-02

A triumphant tale of a young woman and her difficult childhood, *The Glass Castle* is a remarkable memoir of resilience, redemption, and a revelatory look into a family at once deeply dysfunctional and wonderfully vibrant. Jeannette Walls was the second of four children raised by anti-institutional parents in a household of extremes.

Brooklyn Girls - Gemma Burgess 2013-07-02

Sharing a brownstone in Brooklyn with her four

best friends, unemployed art history graduate Pia decides to start a food truck business that plunges her into the world of competitive foodies, cutthroat romance, and pink trucks.

Well Matched - Jen DeLuca 2021-10-19

A pretend relationship gives two friends more than they bargained for in a Renaissance Faire rom com filled with flower crowns, kilts, corsets, and sword fights. Single mother April Parker has lived in Willow Creek for twelve years with a wall around her heart. On the verge of being an empty nester, she's decided to move on from her quaint little town, and asks her friend Mitch for his help with some home improvement projects to get her house ready to sell. Mitch Malone is known for being the life of every party, but mostly for the attire he wears to the local Renaissance Faire—a kilt (and not much else) that shows off his muscled form to perfection. While he agrees to help April, he needs a favor too: she'll pretend to be his girlfriend at an upcoming family dinner, so that he can avoid the lectures about settling down and having a more "serious" career than high school coach and gym teacher. April reluctantly agrees, but when dinner turns into a weekend trip, it becomes hard to tell what's real and what's been just for show. But when the weekend ends, so must their fake relationship. As summer begins, Faire returns to Willow Creek, and April volunteers for the first time. When Mitch's family shows up unexpectedly, April pretends to be Mitch's girlfriend again...and it doesn't feel so fake anymore. Despite their obvious connection, April insists they've just been putting on an act. But when there's the chance for something real, she has to decide whether to change her plans—and open her heart—for the kilt-wearing hunk who might just be the love of her life.

Ambrosia - David-Matthew Barnes 2021-04-07

On the night of her 30th birthday, Tina Duncan is dumped by her musician boyfriend and left with nothing. When her best friend dares her to accept every date she's asked out on for the next year, Tina accepts the challenge only to confirm her theory that the perfect man no longer exists. Tina's life soon becomes one terrible date after another until she accidentally meets Oliver, a beautiful stranger who arrives at her front door to return her purse he's found in a cab. Before realizing Oliver might be the man to prove her

theory wrong - and is indeed the perfect man for her - he slips away and disappears. Convinced she's lost her one shot at true love, Tina embarks on a city-wide search for a man she hardly knows, but is quickly falling in love with.

Work's a Bitch and Then You Make It Work - Andrea Kay 2012-01-09

Are you frustrated by the indignities of life in today's workplace? More work, longer hours, fewer benefits, incompetent bosses—career consultant and expert Andrea Kay has heard it all. In her new book, Kay connects with the 85 percent of the workforce who feel unsatisfied with their careers. Readers will immediately recognize themselves in the stories she tells, gleaned from the thousands of unhappy workers who have responded to Kay's nationally syndicated column and appearances. But Kay doesn't just explore what's wrong with the workplace today; she empowers workers to think about their careers in a new way, to get past disillusionment and feelings of powerlessness to see the possibilities and control they do have. She counsels readers on how to aim high and be fearless in presenting new ideas; how to cope with the unpredictable; how to determine whether a company is a good match for you; how to define the kind of work arrangement you want, and get up the nerve to ask for it.

Throughout the text and the thought-provoking exercises that accompany it, she offers ways to take concrete and positive steps that will improve both your career and your life. Work may indeed be a bitch sometimes, but with Andrea Kay's help, readers will work it out.

Milk Fed - Melissa Broder 2021-02-02

A Most-Anticipated Selection by Vogue * Refinery29 * Vulture * BuzzFeed * Harper's Bazaar * O, The Oprah Magazine * The Millions * Literary Hub * The Rumpus * Publishers Weekly and more A scathingly funny, wildly erotic, and fiercely imaginative story about food, sex, and god from the acclaimed author of *The Pisces* and *So Sad Today*. Rachel is twenty-four, a lapsed Jew who has made calorie restriction her religion. By day, she maintains an illusion of existential control, by way of obsessive food rituals, while working as an underling at a Los Angeles talent management agency. At night, she pedals nowhere on the elliptical machine. Rachel is content to carry on subsisting—until

her therapist encourages her to take a ninety-day communication detox from her mother, who raised her in the tradition of calorie counting. Early in the detox, Rachel meets Miriam, a zaftig young Orthodox Jewish woman who works at her favorite frozen yogurt shop and is intent upon feeding her. Rachel is suddenly and powerfully entranced by Miriam—by her sundaes and her body, her faith and her family—and as the two grow closer, Rachel embarks on a journey marked by mirrors, mysticism, mothers, milk, and honey. Pairing superlative emotional insight with unabashed vivid fantasy, Broder tells a tale of appetites: physical hunger, sexual desire, spiritual longing, and the ways that we as humans can compartmentalize these so often interdependent instincts. Milk Fed is a tender and riotously funny meditation on love, certitude, and the question of what we are all being fed, from one of our major writers on the psyche—both sacred and profane.

The Daily Show (The Book) - Chris Smith
2016-11-22

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER The complete, uncensored history of the award-winning The Daily Show with Jon Stewart, as told by its correspondents, writers, and host. For almost seventeen years, The Daily Show with Jon Stewart brilliantly redefined the borders between television comedy, political satire, and opinionated news coverage. It launched the careers of some of today's most significant comedians, highlighted the hypocrisies of the powerful, and garnered 23 Emmys. Now the show's behind-the-scenes gags, controversies, and camaraderie will be chronicled by the players themselves, from legendary host Jon Stewart to the star cast members and writers—including Samantha Bee, Stephen Colbert, John Oliver, and Steve Carell - plus some of The Daily Show's most prominent guests and adversaries: John and Cindy McCain, Glenn Beck, Tucker Carlson, and many more. This oral history takes the reader behind the curtain for all the show's highlights, from its origins as Comedy Central's underdog late-night program to Trevor Noah's succession, rising from a scrappy jester in the 24-hour political news cycle to become part of the beating heart of politics—a trusted source for not only comedy but also commentary, with a reputation for calling bullshit and an ability to

effect real change in the world. Through years of incisive election coverage, passionate debates with President Obama and Hillary Clinton, feuds with Bill O'Reilly and Fox, and provocative takes on Wall Street and racism, The Daily Show has been a cultural touchstone. Now, for the first time, the people behind the show's seminal moments come together to share their memories of the last-minute rewrites, improvisations, pranks, romances, blow-ups, and moments of Zen both on and off the set of one of America's most groundbreaking shows.

Bad Mother's Detox - a Romantic Comedy - Suzy K. Quinn 2017-03-07

NEW RELEASES 2017 - Romantic Comedy / Funny Romance for ANY MOTHER who wants to laugh, feel good, relax and fall in love. If you liked the Unmumsy Mum, Hurrah for Gin and the List, you'll LOVE this new romantic comedy. BOOK DESCRIPTION As a mother, I imagined myself somewhere between Mary Poppins and Jules Oliver. You know - growing my own courgettes, laughing whilst covered in mud, possibly having my own kiddie clothing range ... that sort of thing. But unforeseen circumstances have thrown me far from vegetable patches and spoonfuls of sugar. I am currently a single mother, living with my parents. And this New Year, I am in need of a major detox. What am I detoxing? Daisy's father, Nick. New Year is a time to diet and purify (after, of course, finishing up all the Christmas crap - there's no point trying to diet with all that still hanging around. Glass of port anyone?). Mum is losing weight, courtesy of Jaffa cakes and low-fat strawberry angel delight (two of my five a day!). Dad is having a bicycle-clip clear out. My detox is my feckless, irresponsible former boyfriend. Alex and I will never work out if I can't cut Nick out of my life. But how can I, when he's Daisy's dad? PRAISE for the Bad Mother's series ... "The literary equivalent of chocolate. If you're having a bad day, read this right now! Five-star romantic comedy." "I laughed until I cried. My husband kept asking me what on earth was so funny." "A truly feel-good read, with a smouldering hero and lovable heroine." "Lovable characters, funny romance and an easy read that literally made me laugh out loud." "Didn't want to put this book to end. Can't wait for the next in the series." YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED Is

this book available on Kindle Unlimited?YES! If you're looking for free romantic comedy as part of your prime subscription, look no further.How long has the author been writing for?F***g years. I mean, a long time. Since my early twenties, and I'm nearly forty now. It doesn't mean I know what I'm doing though. I started out writing thrillers, and eventually found my way to romantic comedy. Don't know why I didn't sooner, as it's my favourite genre. I suppose I was darker when I was younger ...How long is this series?The plan is for five books, taking Daisy all the way to school - and maybe beyond if people are still interested in reading.How will this book make me feel?Uplifted, loved and happy, like any good romantic comedy. Don't get me wrong, Juliette doesn't have an easy time. But ultimately she is loved by those around her, and that's what's important - no matter what life throws at you.Are there sex scenes?Sort of. But they're fairly PG. Think James Bond level of sexual content, and you're in the right area.Which readers like this book?Mums. Obviously. And seemingly most mums, judging by the reviews. Although if you're into very literary books, you probably won't like it.What do readers of this book also like?Definitely the Unmumsy Mum - the styles of these books are similar. And also Hurrah for Gin, I Don't Know How She Does It, Sex and the City and Bridget Jones.LOOK INSIDE NOW TO SEE WHY MOTHERS LOVE THIS SERIES ...

Desist, Detrans, & Detox - Maria Keffler
2021-04-07

Blindsided when a child suddenly announces a transgender identity, many parents today find their families under assault by an insidious predator: the billion-dollar gender industry. "Do you want a live son (daughter) or a dead daughter (son)?" Nearly every parent whose child has fallen into the gender industry's clutches has heard the same emotionally manipulative threat: agree to your child's immediate social and medical transition, or prepare for the child's suicide. Schools, healthcare providers, politicians, and an aggressive activism machine are coercing people-and especially children-down a destructive path of medicalization in the name of transgender medicine. Caught in the maelstrom

of gender identity politics, medical experimentation, and a cultural zeitgeist that paints the family as an oppressor, parents are lied to from every quarter, and told they must consent to their children's gender transition and medicalization. But there is a different-and saner-path. A growing cadre of parents are saying, "No," to the gender machine's unethical and deceptive narrative. Based on sound principles of psychology and child development, as well as on strategies used by parents who have pulled their children back from the gender cult's destructive ideology, *Desist, Detrans, & Detox: Getting Your Child Out of the Gender Cult* provides a roadmap to help families navigate the treacherous terrain of gender indoctrination, and bring their children back to reality and safety.

On a Night Like This - Lindsey Kelk
2022-01-18

It only takes one night to fall in love...

Not Her Daughter - Rea Frey 2018-08-21
SOON TO BE A MAJOR MOTION PICTURE
PopSugar - The Summer's Hottest Books *
Refinery 29 - Best Summer Thrillers * US Weekly
- Summer's Best Send-Offs * Parade - 20 Chilling Thrillers by Women to Read This Year * Brit + Co - 15 New Thrillers by Women That Will Give You Chills This Summer * The Zoe Report - 20 Books to Read this Summer * She Reads - New Summer Thrillers to Get Your Heart Racing * Working Mother - 15 Hot New Summer Beach Reads * Culturalist - Top Ten Domestic Thrillers That Will Make You Question Everything * Crime Reads - 5 Debut Crime Novels to Read This August "Brings to mind Jodi Picoult...thought-provoking domestic drama." - Booklist "Will make you miss your bedtime, guaranteed." - Bestselling author Kimberly Belle Gripping, emotional, and wire-taut, *Not Her Daughter* raises the question of what it means to be a mother—and how far someone will go to keep a child safe. Emma Townsend. Five years old. Gray eyes, brown hair. Missing since June. Emma is lonely. Living with her cruel mother and clueless father, Emma retreats into her own world of quiet and solitude. Sarah Walker. Successful entrepreneur. Broken-hearted. Kidnapper. Sarah has never seen a girl so precious as the gray-eyed child in a crowded airport terminal. When a second-chance encounter with Emma presents

itself, Sarah takes her—far away from home. But if it's to rescue a little girl from her damaging mother, is kidnapping wrong? Amy Townsend. Unhappy wife. Unfit mother. Unsure whether she wants her daughter back. Amy's life is a string of disappointments, but her biggest issue is her inability to connect with her daughter. And now Emma is gone without a trace. As Sarah and Emma avoid the nationwide hunt, they form an unshakeable bond. But what about Emma's real mother, back at home? Praise for Not Her Daughter "The plot twists here are brave, the themes are both poignant and unsettling, and the resolution is deeply resonant. A page-turner with heart!" - New York Times bestselling author Kate Moretti "A cleverly constructed novel that will have you questioning everything you believe about right or wrong." - New York Times bestselling author Chevy Stevens "Engrossing and suspenseful, Frey writes her characters with depth and compassion, challenging readers to question their own code of ethics." - Zoje Stage, author of Baby Teeth "An emotional ride where the line between right and wrong begins to fade...pulls you in from the very first page, and unlike most in its genre, you won't know how you want it to end until it does." - Wendy Walker, author of Emma in the Night

Bad Mothers Wedding - K. Suzy QUINN
1920-06-15

#triplex - Christine Zolendz 2015-01-18

Does size really matter? Two women spin a tale of comedy and new beginnings after they wake up and find themselves in a jail cell over 3000 miles away from home. Rehashing their adventure in front of a less-than-sympathetic judge, they give a laugh-out-loud and extremely detailed story of a road trip that finds them in a ton of trouble. Battling age, weight, and their own personal demons, not only do they discover the open road and a life they misplaced somewhere in their 20s, they also find themselves. From breakups and stealing cars to blurry memories of something that might have happened in New Mexico, these two women will take you on a real journey, full of fun and, well, situations that people only write about and never really do...or do they?

Noise Damage - James Kennedy 2021-01-18

The tale that follows is not another clichéd collection of rock'n'roll debaucheries (sorry) nor is it another tired fable of triumph over adversity (you're welcome). It's the story of a half-deaf kid from a tiny, remote village in South Wales who was hailed as a genius by the UK's biggest radio station and headhunted by major record labels, only for the music industry to collapse. It crashed hard, taking with it an entire generation of talented artists who would never now get their shot. CNN called it &'music's lost decade'. Along the way, there are goodies, baddies, gun-toting label execs, life-saving surgeons, therapy, true love, loyalty, hope, breakdowns, suicidal managers, betrayal, drummers and way too many hangovers. James Kennedy shows that the best lessons are to be learned from good losers. It really is all about the journey. Part memoir, part exposé of the music world's murky underbelly, Noise Damage is emotional, painfully honest, funny, informative and ridiculous. It's also a celebration of the life-changing magic of music.

The Ivy Lessons - J. Lerman 2012-10-10

When Sophia wins a post-graduate place at Ivy Drama College, she can't believe her luck. The college is owned by one of the most well-respected young actors in London, Marc Blackwell-- who not only founded the college, but teaches the students. Known for his strict classes and belief in discipline, Marc has a reputation for being arrogant and aloof, yet Sophia soon finds herself drawn to this cold, fascinating young man. Soon, Sophia is embarking on a journey of sexual discovery that promises to explore all that is forbidden between teacher and student.

The Guncle - Steven Rowley 2021-05-25

A National Bestseller An NPR Book of the Year Finalist for the 2021 Goodreads Choice Awards From the bestselling author of Lily and the Octopus and The Editor comes a warm and deeply funny novel about a once-famous gay sitcom star whose unexpected family tragedy leaves him with his niece and nephew for the summer. Patrick, or Gay Uncle Patrick (GUP, for short), has always loved his niece, Maisie, and nephew, Grant. That is, he loves spending time with them when they come out to Palm Springs for weeklong visits, or when he heads home to Connecticut for the holidays. But in terms of

caretaking and relating to two children, no matter how adorable, Patrick is, honestly, overwhelmed. So when tragedy strikes and Maisie and Grant lose their mother and Patrick's brother has a health crisis of his own, Patrick finds himself suddenly taking on the role of primary guardian. Despite having a set of "Guncle Rules" ready to go, Patrick has no idea what to expect, having spent years barely holding on after the loss of his great love, a somewhat-stalled acting career, and a lifestyle not-so-suited to a six- and a nine-year-old. Quickly realizing that parenting--even if temporary--isn't solved with treats and jokes, Patrick's eyes are opened to a new sense of responsibility, and the realization that, sometimes, even being larger than life means you're unfailingly human. With the humor and heart we've come to expect from bestselling author Steven Rowley, *The Guncle* is a moving tribute to the power of love, patience, and family in even the most trying of times.

Soul Detox - Craig Groeschel 2012-05-01

As standards of conduct continue to erode in our shock-proof world, we must fight the soul pollution threatening our health, our faith, and our witness to others. Without even knowing it, people willingly inhale second-hand toxins poisoning their relationship with God and stunting their spiritual growth. *Soul Detox* examines the toxins that assault us daily including: toxic influences, toxic emotions, and toxic behaviors. By examining the toxins that assault us daily, this book offers the ultimate spiritual intervention with ways to remain clean, pure, and focused on the standard of God's holiness

Sour Grapes - Dan Rhodes 2021-10-04

'Dan Rhodes is a true original' - Hilary Mantel
When the sleepy English village of Green Bottom hosts its first literary festival, the good, the bad and the ugly of the book world descend upon its leafy lanes. But the villagers are not prepared for the peculiar habits, petty rivalries and unspeakable desires of the authors. And they are certainly not equipped to deal with Wilberforce Selfram, the ghoul-faced, ageing enfant terrible who wreaks havoc wherever he goes. *Sour Grapes* is a hilarious satire on the literary world which takes no prisoners as it skewers authors, agents, publishers and reviewers alike.

[Hopkins Conundrum](#) - Simon Edge 2017-05-25
Tim Cleverley inherits a failing pub in Wales, which he plans to rescue by enlisting an American pulp novelist to concoct an entirely fabricated "mystery" about Gerald Manley Hopkins, who composed "The Wreck of the Deutschland" nearby. Blending the real stories of Hopkins and the shipwrecked nuns he wrote about with a contemporary love story, while casting a wry eye on the Dan Brown industry, *The Hopkins Conundrum* is a highly original mix of commercial fiction, literary biography, and satirical commentary.

No More Secrets - Lucy Score 2016-01-24

"No More Secrets is the first novel in Lucy's Blue Moon series, set in the nosiest town in upstate New York. The Pierce brothers are Blue Moon Bend's most eligible bachelors, but the townsfolk are scheming to see them all married off. Starting with the oldest, Carter, and the journalist in town to interview him about his farm and his past."--Author's website

Holly Banks Full of Angst - Julie Valerie 2019-12
A laugh-out-loud debut novel for anyone who's tried to live the perfect life--and learned the hard way there's no such thing. Holly Banks could not have made a worse first impression on the seemingly perfect moms in her new affluent community, the Village of Primm. Turns out wearing pink piggy pajama bottoms while dropping off her kindergartener late to the first day of school wasn't her best look. Not to mention Holly's worried her husband may be having an affair, she can't get her daughter to stop sucking her thumb, her hard-won film degree is collecting dust, and to top it all off, the power-hungry PTA president clearly has it in for her... To make matters even worse, Holly's natural eye for drama lands her smack-dab in the middle of a neighborhood mystery--right as her own crazy mother shows up in Primm "to help." Through it all, Holly begins to realize her neighbors may be just as flawed as--and even wackier than--she is, leaving her to wonder: Is there such a thing as a perfect mom?

[Act Like a Lady](#) - Keltie Knight 2020-06-02

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • The hosts of the popular podcast and E! show *LadyGang* offer a relatable, empowering, and hilarious take on being unapologetically yourself (even if that's not always your best self) in a manifesto that

redefines womanhood for the twenty-first-century lady. If you're tired of being bombarded with the curated perfection on social media and you're starving for something raw, honest, and a little bit messy, welcome to the LadyGang. Keltie, Becca, and Jac are here to clear away the bullshit and give you the confidence to live your best lady life. Unabashedly sincere, clever, and full of questionable advice, *Act Like a Lady* explores the complexities surrounding topics like body image, breakups, navigating a career, and adult friendships through their own embarrassing experiences. The LadyGang has your back with essays like "Maybe She's Born with It, Maybe It's Photoshop" and "If You're Happy and You Know It, Thank Your Ex." You'll learn there's a million different ways to be a lady--and that includes accidentally farting during sex or having the guts to tell your friend she's being a selfish asshole. No matter what you're going through, you'll find a space to bond over the sloppy, heartbreaking, joyous, and often ridiculous realities of womanhood. Nothing is TMI here.

[Rachel to the Rescue](#) - Elinor Lipman 2021

Rachel Klein is sacked from her job at the White House after she sends an email criticizing Donald Trump. As she is escorted off the premises she is hit by a speeding car, driven by what the press will discreetly call "a personal friend of the President." Does that explain the flowers, the get-well wishes at a press briefing, the hush money offered by a lawyer at her hospital bedside? Rachel's recovery is soothed by comically dotting parents, matchmaking roommates, a new job as aide to a journalist whose books aim to defame the President, and unexpected love at the local wine store. But secrets leak, and Rachel's new-found happiness has to make room for more than a little chaos. Will she bring down the President? Or will he manage to do that all by himself? *Rachel to the Rescue* is a mischievous political satire, with a delightful cast of characters, from one of America's funniest novelists.

The Bad Mother's Diary - Suzy K. Quinn
2021-03

Why Mummy Drinks meets Bridget Jones. The first in the bestselling comedy series. Juliette is a new mother, but life isn't going the way she'd hoped. She doesn't live in a cottage with roses

around the door. She doesn't own a rolling pin. And Daisy's out-of-work actor father still hasn't proposed. While Juliette sobs her way through sleepless nights and nappy changes, Nick drinks Guinness and plays computer games. Meanwhile, his helicopter mother is always on hand to find fault--with Juliette. At least when Nick pops the question, things will look up...won't they? With a supporting cast including Juliette's over-honest mother, potty-mouthed grandmother, militant hippy best friend, and handsome-but-scarred hotel magnate Alex Dalton, the first in Suzy K Quinn's hilarious, bestselling *Bad Mother* series is a sassy, uplifting, addictive treat.

Wild and Crazy Guys - Nick de Semlyen
2019-05-28

The behind-the-scenes story of the iconic funnymen who ruled '80s Hollywood—Bill Murray, Steve Martin, Chevy Chase, John Belushi, Dan Aykroyd, and Eddie Murphy—and the beloved films that made them stars, including *Animal House*, *Caddyshack*, and *Ghostbusters* NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY NEW YORK “An enjoyable romp that vividly captures the manic ups and downs of the remarkable group of funny folk who gave us a golden age of small and big screen comedy, from SNL to *Groundhog Day*.”—Peter Biskind, author of *Easy Riders, Raging Bulls* *Wild and Crazy Guys* opens in 1978 with Chevy Chase and Bill Murray taking bad-tempered swings at each other backstage at Saturday Night Live, and closes 21 years later with the two doing a skit in the same venue, poking fun at each other, their illustrious careers, triumphs and prat falls. In between, Nick de Semlyen takes us on a trip through the tumultuous '80s, delving behind the scenes of movies such as *National Lampoon's Vacation*, *Beverly Hills Cop*, *The Blues Brothers*, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, and dozens more. Chronicling the off-screen, larger-than-life antics of Bill Murray, Chevy Chase, Steve Martin, Dan Aykroyd, Eddie Murphy, John Belushi, John Candy, and Rick Moranis, it's got drugs, sex, punch-ups, webbed toes, and Bill Murray being pushed into a swimming pool by Hunter S. Thompson while tied to a lawn chair. What's not to like? Based on candid interviews from many of the stars themselves, as well as those in their

immediate orbit, including directors John Landis, Carl Reiner, and Amy Heckerling, *Wild and Crazy Guys* is a fantastic insider account of the friendships, feuds, triumphs, and disasters experienced by these beloved comedians. Hilarious and revealing, it is both a hidden history of the most fertile period ever for screen comedy and a celebration of some of the most popular films of all time. Praise for *Wild and Crazy Guys* "Eminently readable . . . Children of the 1980s, take note: this is a fond, engrossing look back at the making of movies that became cultural touchstones."—Booklist (starred review) "Nick de Semlyen smartly charts the pinballing career paths of the stars of this new comic wave. . . . His punchy, nonstop narrative . . . tells a [story] where art and commerce smash hard against each other, sometimes causing destruction, but sometimes making sparks fly."—The Sunday Times (UK)

My Phantoms - Gwendoline Riley 2022-09-13

A hostile mother-daughter relationship stands at the center of this astonishing, blackly humorous novel by the acclaimed author of *First Love*. Helen Grant is a mystery to her daughter. An extrovert with few friends who has sought intimacy in the wrong places, a twice-divorced mother of two now living alone surrounded by her memories, Helen (known to her acquaintances as "Hen") has always haunted Bridget. Now, Bridget is an academic in her forties. She sees Helen once a year, and considers the problem to be contained. As she looks back on their tumultuous relationship—the performances and small deceptions—she tries to reckon with the cruelties inflicted on both sides. But when Helen makes it clear that she wants more, it seems an old struggle will have to be replayed. From the prize-winning author of *First Love*, *My Phantoms* is a bold, heart-stopping portrayal of a failed familial bond, which brings humor, subtlety, and new life to the difficult terrain of mothers and daughters.

Sunny Song Will Never Be Famous - Suzanne Park 2021-06-01

A social media influencer is shipped off to a digital detox summer camp in this funny coming-of-age story, perfect for fans of Jenny Han's *The Summer I Turned Pretty* and *Love and Gelato*. Sunny Song's Big Summer Goals: 1) Make Rafael Kim my boyfriend (finally!) 2) Hit 100K followers

(almost there...) 3) Have the best last summer of high school ever Not on Sunny's list: accidentally filming a PG-13 cooking video that goes viral (#browniegate). Extremely not on her list: being shipped off to a digital detox farm camp in Iowa (IOWA??) for a whole month. She's traded in her WiFi connection for a butter churn, and if she wants any shot at growing her social media platform this summer, she'll need to find a way back online. But between some unexpected friendships and an alarmingly cute farm boy, Sunny might be surprised by the connections she makes when she's forced to disconnect.

We Are Animals - Tim Ewins 2020-03-02

A cow looks out to sea, dreaming of a life that involves grass. Jan is also looking out to sea. He's in Goa, dreaming of the passport-thief who stole his heart (and his passport) forty-six years ago. Back then, fate kept bringing them together, but lately it seems to have given up. Jan has not. In his long search he has accidentally held a whole town at imaginary gunpoint in Soviet Russia, stalked the proprietors of an international illegal lamp-trafficking scam and done his very best to avoid any kind of work involving the packing of fish. Now he thinks if he just waits, if he just does nothing at all, maybe fate will find it easier to reunite them. His story spans fifty-four years, ten countries, two imperfect criminals (and one rather perfect one), twenty-two different animals and an annoying teenager who just...Will...Not...Leave. But maybe an annoying teenager is exactly what Jan needs to help him find the missing thief? Featuring a menagerie of creatures, each with its own story to tell, *We Are Animals* is a quirky, heart-warming tale of lost love, unlikely friendships and the certainty of fate (or lack thereof). For the first time in her life the cow noticed the sun setting, and it was glorious.

Spring Mischief - Caroline Kington 2018-12-01

The third delightful rural romantic comedy set in the fictional West Country village of Summerstoke follows the fortunes of the Tucker family as they struggle to make ends meet in an increasingly challenging world. Their arch-enemies, the Lesters, are pressing them to sell their dairy farm; the Tucker brothers are at one another's throats over their wildly differing approaches to modern farming; love - or at least lust - is in the air; and just to complicate matters

further, a TV crew has arrived in Summerstoke to film a romantic comedy series. The stage is set for all kinds of mayhem and machinations, as the Aga saga meets A Midsummer Night's Dream.

[Nine Perfect Strangers](#) - Liane Moriarty

2021-08-10

"Could ten days at a health resort really change you forever? Nine people gather at a remote health resort, some to lose weight, some to reboot their lives, some are here for reasons they can't even admit to themselves. They know these ten days might involve some real work. But none of them could imagine just how challenging the next ten days will be."--

10-Day Green Smoothie Cleanse - JJ Smith

2014-07-01

The New York Times bestselling 10-Day Green Smoothie Cleanse will jump-start your weight loss, increase your energy level, clear your mind, and improve your overall health as you lose ten to fifteen pounds in just ten days. Made up of supernutrients from leafy greens and fruits, green smoothies are filling and healthy and you will enjoy drinking them. Your body will also thank you for drinking them as your health and energy improve to levels you never thought possible. It is an experience that could change your life if you stick with it! This book provides a shopping list, recipes, and detailed instructions for the 10-day cleanse, along with suggestions for getting the best results. It also offers advice on how to continue to lose weight and maintain good health afterwards. Are you ready to look slimmer, healthier, and sexier than you have in years? Then get ready to begin the 10-Day Green Smoothie Cleanse! If you successfully complete the 10-Day Green Smoothie Cleanse, you will...

- Lose 10-15 pounds in 10 days
- Get rid of stubborn body fat, including belly fat
- Drop pounds and inches fast, without grueling workouts
- Learn to live a healthier lifestyle of detoxing and healthy eating
- Naturally crave healthy foods so you never have to diet again
- Receive over 100 recipes for various health conditions and goals

The 30-Day Love Detox - Wendy Walsh

2013-04-23

Encourages women to weed out the bad boys and discusses the five sexual myths that keep women single, when to begin the onset of sexual activity in a new relationship, and the biggest

mistakes that one can make when dating online.

[The Corner Shop in Cockleberry Bay](#) - Nicola

May 2018

"Rosa Larkin is down on her luck in London, so when she inherits a near-derelict corner shop in a quaint Devon village, her first thought is to sell it for cash and sort out her life. But nothing is straightforward about this legacy. While the identity of her benefactor remains a mystery, he - or she - has left one important legal proviso: that the shop cannot be sold, only passed on to somebody who really deserves it. Rosa makes up her mind to give it a go: to put everything she has into getting the shop up and running again in the small seaside community of Cockleberry Bay. But can she do it all on her own? And if not, who will help her succeed - and who among the following will work secretly to see her fail?"

There is a handsome rugby player, a sexy plumber, a charlatan reporter and a selection of meddling locals. Add in a hit and run incident and the disappearance of a valuable engraved necklace - and what you get is a journey of self-discovery and unpredictable events. With surprising and heartfelt results, Rosa, accompanied at all times by her little sausage dog Hot, will slowly unravel the shadowy secrets of the inheritance, and also bring her own, long-hidden heritage into the light."--Publisher description.

The Secret to Falling in Love - Victoria Cooke

2017-02-09

Status Update: I'm going offline for a while...

Wish me luck! xx

On Turpentine Lane - Elinor Lipman 2017-02-14

From the beloved, best-selling author of *The Family Man* and *The View from Penthouse B*, this endearing romantic comedy is funny, poignant, and a little bit outrageous. At 32, Faith Frankel has returned to her claustro-suburban hometown, where she writes institutional thank-you notes for her alma mater. It's a peaceful life, really, and surely with her recent purchase of a sweet bungalow on Turpentine Lane, her life is finally on track. Never mind that her fiancé is off on a crowdfunded cross-country walk, too busy to return her texts (but not too busy to post photos of himself with a different woman in every state). And never mind her witless boss, or a mother who lives too close, or a philandering father who thinks he's Chagall. When she finds

some mysterious artifacts in the attic of her new home, she wonders whether anything in her life is as it seems. What good fortune, then, that Faith has found a friend in affable, collegial Nick Franconi, officemate par excellence . . . Elinor Lipman may well have invented the screwball romantic comedy for our era, and here she is at her sharpest and best.

We Need to Talk - Jonathan Crane 2021-05-20

It's 2019 in Sudleigh, a market town not far from the south coast. It's not a bad place to live, provided the new housing development doesn't ruin it, but most residents are too caught up in their own disappointments, grudges, and sores to notice. Former lounge musician Frank wants to pass his carpet business to his nephew Joe, killing the boy's dream to become a chef. Sharp-elbowed phone-sex operator Heather will stop at nothing to become the manager of the golf club. Gap-year Tom is cleaning toilets but finding unexpected solace in his Chinese house-share. Miss Bennett keeps putting her house on the market when she doesn't want to move. Do they all know how their lives are linked? Meticulously observed, We Need to Talk offers a jigsaw puzzle of unwitting connections for the reader to assemble. The finished picture is a hyper-real, unflinchingly honest portrait of multi-jobbing, gig-economy Middle England on the eve of Covid, confirming some preconceptions while gently upsetting others.

Friends, Lovers, and the Big Terrible Thing - Matthew Perry 2022-11-01

INSTANT #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
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THE BELOVED STAR OF FRIENDS takes us behind the scenes of the hit sitcom and his struggles with addiction in this "CANDID, DARKLY FUNNY...POIGNANT" memoir (The New York Times) A MOST ANTICIPATED BOOK by Time, Associated Press, Goodreads, USA Today, and more! "Hi, my name is Matthew, although you may know me by another name. My friends call me Matty. And I should be dead." So begins the riveting story of acclaimed actor Matthew Perry, taking us along on his journey from childhood ambition to fame to addiction and recovery in the aftermath of a life-threatening health scare. Before the frequent hospital visits and stints in rehab, there was five-year-old Matthew, who traveled from Montreal to Los Angeles, shuffling

between his separated parents; fourteen-year-old Matthew, who was a nationally ranked tennis star in Canada; twenty-four-year-old Matthew, who nabbed a coveted role as a lead cast member on the talked-about pilot then called Friends Like Us. . . and so much more. In an extraordinary story that only he could tell—and in the heartfelt, hilarious, and warmly familiar way only he could tell it—Matthew Perry lays bare the fractured family that raised him (and also left him to his own devices), the desire for recognition that drove him to fame, and the void inside him that could not be filled even by his greatest dreams coming true. But he also details the peace he's found in sobriety and how he feels about the ubiquity of Friends, sharing stories about his castmates and other stars he met along the way. Frank, self-aware, and with his trademark humor, Perry vividly depicts his lifelong battle with addiction and what fueled it despite seemingly having it all. Friends, Lovers, and the Big Terrible Thing is an unforgettable memoir that is both intimate and eye-opening—as well as a hand extended to anyone struggling with sobriety. Unflinchingly honest, moving, and uproariously funny, this is the book fans have been waiting for.

Glass Geishas - Susanna Quinn 2012-06-07
Every girl has her price . . . To Steph, working as a bar hostess in Japan sounds too good to be true. Friends say she can earn a fortune simply by flirting with drunk businessmen, and there's no sex involved - honest. Old friends, Julia and Annabel, are earning piles of cash in Tokyo and say hostessing is perfectly safe. But once in Japan, Steph realises Julia is a shadow of her former self and Annabel has disappeared. No one cares that Annabel's gone - least of all a troubled and secretive Julia. As Steph searches for her missing friend, she is lured into gritty, glamorous Roppongi - an exotic world of sex, modern-day geishas and easy money. There she meets Mama San, a charismatic and powerful hostess club owner, who has worked in the shadowy Japanese sex industry all her life and knows everything about pleasing men. But the longer Steph stays in Tokyo's sex district, the less finding Annabel seems to matter. Steph soon realises she must discover what's happened to Annabel, or risk selling a part of herself she'll never get back.

