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Chosen-Chandra Hoffman 2010-08-24 "Gritty and suspenseful, Chosen draws us into the obstacle-strewn path of domestic adoption." —Juliette Fay, author of Shelter Me A young caseworker increasingly entangled in the lives of adoptive and birth parents faces life-altering choices when an extortion attempt goes horribly wrong in Chosen. Written in the spirit of Jodi Picoult and Anna Quindlen, Chosen is an extraordinary debut novel from Chandra Hoffman that deals with the controversial subject of adoption while providing a riveting read that will equally ensnare lovers of suspense, domestic drama, and literary fiction.

Chosen-Chandra Hoffman 2011-11-08 It all begins with a fantasy . . . caseworker in her "paperwork-signing" suit alongside beaming parents cradling their adopted newborn: this is the blissful picture that keeps Chloe Pinter, director of Portland's Chosen Child domestic adoption program, happy as she juggles the demands of her boss and the incessant needs of adoptive and biological parents. But the dream job that offers Chloe refuge from her turbulent personal life soon becomes a nightmare involving three very different couples: the college sweethearts who, after suffering fertility problems, are now expecting their own baby; the wealthy husband and desperate wife for whom adoption is a last chance; and the couple who has nothing—except the baby everyone wants. But when a child goes missing, perceptions of family and future are challenged, posing the questions: What happens when you get what you thought you wanted? How far would you go if it wasn't what you wanted after all?

Blooming at Midnight-Deepak Warrier 2016-02-09 Blooming at Midnight is a collection of short stories that revolve around the sacred shores of Banaras. In this world, where people are in a constant race for supremacy, power, dominance and control, this book brings forth a savoring notion about happiness. Through the book, the author underlines a golden thought, "Happiness is you." Anything and everything else are mere factors of how much you allow for it. An auto driver, Rajkumar; a domestic help, Shei; a boatman, Vijay; a drunken artist, Banu Desai; a social activist Babu Da; a missing friend Chandra are not mere characters that appear across the fifteen chapters, but are a part of experiences that help break the silence of ignorance.

The Bird Sisters-Rebecca Rasmussen 2011 Caring for both troubled people and sick birds who visit their Wisconsin home, sisters Milly and Twiss look back on a summer from their youth during which their father suffered a debilitating accident, their mother resigned herself to a hardscrabble existence, and a cousin changed the course of their lives.

The Underside of Joy-Sere Prince Halverson 2012-01-12 Set against the backdrop of Redwood forests and shimmering vineyards, Seré Prince Halverson's compelling debut tells the story of two women, bound by an unspeakable loss, who each claims to be the mother of the same two children. To Ella Beene, happiness means living in the northern California river town of Elbow with her husband, Joe, and his two young children. Yet one summer day Joe breaks his own rule-never turn your back on the ocean-and a sleeper wave strikes him down, drowning not only the man but his many secrets. For three years, Ella has been the only mother the kids have known and has believed that their biological mother, Paige, abandoned them. But when Paige shows up at the funeral, intent on reclaiming the children, Ella soon realizes there may be more to Paige and Joe's story. "Ella's the best thing that's happened to this family," say her close-knit Italian-American in-laws, for generations the proprietors of a local market. But their devotion quickly falters when the custody fight between mother and stepmother urgently and powerfully collides with Ella's quest for truth. The Underside of Joy is not a fairy-tale version of stepmotherhood pitting good Ella against evil Paige, but an exploration of the complex relationship of two mothers. Their conflict uncovers a map of scars-both physical and emotional-to the families' deeply buried tragedies, including Italian internment camps during World War II and postpartum psychosis. Weaving a rich fictional tapestry abundantly alive with the glorious natural beauty of the novel's setting, Halverson is a captivating guide through the flora and fauna of human emotion-grief and anger, shame and forgiveness, happiness and its shadow complement . . . the underside of joy.

The Myth of You and Me-Leah Stewart 2006 A letter from a childhood friend to whom she has not spoken in ten years and an odd legacy from her boss, elderly historian Oliver Doucet, sends Cameron on a mission to track down her old friend Sonia and deliver a mysterious package to her.

Real Happy Family-Caeli Wolfson Widger 2014 When full-time Hollywood party girl Lorelei auditions for television's hottest reality show, she finds her life self-destructing after her drug-addled mother wages a racially-slanted war against the stunning, young, African-American woman who won the role. 10,000 first printing.

Indiscretion-Charles Dubow 2013-02-05 "Every story has a narrator. Someone who writes it down after it's all over. Why am I the narrator of this story? I am because it is the story of my life—and of the people I love most. . . ." Harry and Madeleine Winslow have been blessed with talent, money, and charm. Harry is a National Book Award-winning author on the cusp of greatness. Madeleine is a woman of sublime beauty and grace whose elemental goodness and serenity belie a privileged upbringing. Bonded by deep devotion, they share a love that is both envied and admired. The Winslows play host to a coterie of close friends and acolytes eager to bask in their golden radiance, whether they are in their bucolic East Hampton cottage, abroad in Rome thanks to Harry's writing grant, or in their comfortable Manhattan brownstone. One weekend at the start of the summer season, Harry and Maddy, who are in their early forties, meet Claire and cannot help but be enchanted by her winsome youth, quiet intelligence, and disarming naivete. Drawn by the Winslows' inscrutable magnetism, Claire eagerly falls into their welcoming orbit. But over the course of the summer, her reverence transforms into a dangerous desire. By Labor Day, it is no longer enough to remain one of their hangers-on. A story of love, lust, deception, and betrayal as seen through the omniscient eyes of Maddy's childhood friend Walter, a narrator akin to Nick Carraway in *The Great Gatsby*, *Indiscretion* is a juicy, richly textured novel filled with fascinating, true-to-life characters—an irresistibly sensual page-turner that explores having it all and the consequences of wanting more. *Indiscretion* also marks the debut of a remarkably gifted writer and storyteller whose unique voice bears all the hallmarks of an exciting new literary talent.

Of Beast and Beauty-Chanda Hahn 2019-06-18 Something evil this way comes. 7 Vengeful Sisters 7 Fairytale Kingdoms 7 Daughters of Eville Everyone dreams of marrying a prince—except for me. I am nothing more than a pawn in my adoptive mother's diabolical plot against the seven kingdoms. I was the chosen tool, her sharpened blade that would cut the deepest into the heart of the kingdom of Baist. But like all deadly weapons, my wedding is two-edged sword that could cost me my soul. For I am Rosalie, one of the adopted daughters of Lady Eville, and it is my duty to enter into a loveless and hate-filled marriage with the narcissistic Crown Prince of Baist. My choices and heart are not my own to give. Yet even in the thick of dire situations, beastly vengeance can give way to beautiful attraction. This is a standalone novel in the Daughters of Eville Series Daughters of Eville Of Beast and Beauty Of Glass and Glamour (Coming 2019) Of Sea and Song (Coming Soon)

Asian American Anger - It's a Thing!-Ravi Chandra 2014-10-18 Ravi Chandra, M.D. explores domestic violence, anger, and internet rage. Also included are a dozen poems about anger.

The Couple Next Door-Shari Lapena 2016-08-23 AN INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER Shari Lapena's new thriller, AN UNWANTED GUEST, is available now! "The twists come as fast [as] you can turn the pages." —People "Provocative and shocking." —Lisa Gardner, New York Times bestselling author of Find Her "I read this novel at one sitting, absolutely riveted by the storyline. The suspense was beautifully rendered and unrelenting!" —Sue Grafton, New York Times bestselling author of X It all started at a dinner party. . . A domestic suspense debut about a young couple and their apparently friendly neighbors—a twisty, rollercoaster ride of lies, betrayal, and the secrets between husbands and wives. . . Anne and Marco Conti seem to have it all—a loving relationship, a wonderful home, and their beautiful baby, Cora. But one night, when they are at a dinner party next door, a terrible crime is committed.

Suspicion immediately lands on the parents. But the truth is a much more complicated story. Inside the curtained house, an unsettling account of what actually happened unfolds. Detective Rasbach knows that the panicked couple is hiding something. Both Anne and Marco soon discover that the other is keeping secrets, secrets they've kept for years. What follows is the nerve-racking unraveling of a family—a chilling tale of deception, duplicity, and unfaithfulness that will keep you breathless until the final shocking twist.

From the Shadows-Juan José Millás 2019-08-27 Publishers Weekly “Top 10 Book of the Year” selection “Begins as entertaining slapstick, subtly metamorphoses into fable. . . . As [the narrator’s] vivid imaginary world fuses with reality this deceptively ethereal novel advances toward a dark and startling finale.” —Wall Street Journal Laid off from his job, Damián Lobo obsessively imagines himself as a celebrity being interviewed on TV. After committing an act of petty theft at an antiques market, he finds himself trapped inside a wardrobe and delivered to the seemingly idyllic home of a husband, wife, and their internet-addicted teenage daughter. There, he sneaks from the shadows to serve as an invisible butler, becoming deeply and disastrously involved with his unknowing host family. Every thread of the plot is ingeniously tied together, creating a potent admixture of parable, love story, and thriller. Millás masterfully reveals the everyday as innately surreal as he renders the unbelievable tangible and the trivial fantastical, and full of dark humor. Juan José Millás is the recipient of Spain’s most prestigious literary prizes: the Premio Nadal, Premio Planeta, and Premio Nacional de Narrativa. A regular contributor to El País, Millás has also won many awards for his journalism. He is the author of several short story collections and works of nonfiction as well as over a dozen novels, including From the Shadows, the first of his novels to be published in North America. He lives in Madrid.

Mathematics for Machine Learning-Marc Peter Deisenroth 2020-04-23 The fundamental mathematical tools needed to understand machine learning include linear algebra, analytic geometry, matrix decompositions, vector calculus, optimization, probability and statistics. These topics are traditionally taught in disparate courses, making it hard for data science or computer science students, or professionals, to efficiently learn the mathematics. This self-contained textbook bridges the gap between mathematical and machine learning texts, introducing the mathematical concepts with a minimum of prerequisites. It uses these concepts to derive four central machine learning methods: linear regression, principal component analysis, Gaussian mixture models and support vector machines. For students and others with a mathematical background, these derivations provide a starting point to machine learning texts. For those learning the mathematics for the first time, the methods help build intuition and practical experience with applying mathematical concepts. Every chapter includes worked examples and exercises to test understanding. Programming tutorials are offered on the book's web site.

The Language of Trees-Ilie Ruby 2010-07-20 “The Language of Trees, like Whitman’s Leaves of Grass though in a magic realist vernacular, refreshingly asserts that deeply American conviction: the gravest natural instinct is to heal and be healed. A shimmeringly heartfelt story.” —Gregory Maguire, New York Times bestselling author of Wicked “Crafted with suspenseful pacing and delicate imagery, Ilie Ruby’s book combines the qualities of an irresistible ghost story with a healing tale of redemption.” —Elizabeth Rosner, author of The Speed of Light A truly stunning literary debut, Ilie Ruby’s The Language of Trees is a fiercely beautiful novel that explores the relationships that define us, the events that shape us, and the places we will go to in order to save ourselves and those we love most. Fans of Jennifer McMahon, Alice Hoffman, and Niall Williams will be captivated by this haunting tale of homecoming and secrets that sparkles with exceptional writing and a gothic edge.

Thirty Girls-Susan Minot 2014-02-11 The long-awaited novel from the best-selling, award-winning author of Evening is a literary tour de force set in war-torn Africa. Esther is a Ugandan teenager abducted by the Lord's Resistance Army and forced to witness and commit unspeakable atrocities, who is struggling to survive, to escape, and to find a way to live with what she has seen and done. Jane is an American journalist who has traveled to Africa, hoping to give a voice to children like Esther and to find her center after a series of failed relationships. In unflinching prose, Minot interweaves their stories, giving us razor-sharp portraits of two extraordinary young women confronting displacement, heartbreak, and the struggle to wrest meaning from events that test them both in unimaginable ways. With mesmerizing emotional intensity and stunning evocations of Africa's beauty and its horror, Minot gives us her most brilliant and ambitious novel yet.

The Three Golden Apples-Nathaniel Hawthorne 2013-04-24 The snow-storm lasted another day; but what became of it afterwards, I cannot possibly imagine. At any rate, it entirely cleared away, during the night; and when the sun arose, the next morning, it shone brightly down on as bleak a tract of hill-country, here in Berkshire, as could be seen anywhere in the world. The frost-work had so covered the windowpanes that it was hardly possible to get a glimpse at the scenery outside. But, while waiting for breakfast, the small populace of Tanglewood had scratched peepholes with their finger-nails, and saw with vast delight that—unless it were one or two bare patches on a precipitous hillside, or the gray effect of the snow, intermingled with the black pine forest—all nature was as white as a sheet. How exceedingly pleasant! And, to make it all the better, it was cold enough to nip one's nose short off! If people have but life enough in them to bear it, there is nothing that so raises the spirits, and makes the blood ripple and dance so nimbly, like a brook down the slope of a hill, as a bright, hard frost.

Substitute Me-Lori L. Tharps 2010-08-24 Zora Anderson is a 30-year-old African American middle class, college educated woman, trained as a chef, looking for a job. As fate would have it, Kate and Craig, a married couple, aspiring professionals with a young child are looking for a nanny. Zora seems perfect. She’s an enthusiastic caretaker, a competent house keeper, a great cook. And she wants the job, despite the fact that she won’t let her African American parents and brother know anything about this new career move. They expect much more from her than to use all that good education to do what so many Blacks have dreamed of not doing: working for White folks. Working as an au pair in Paris, France no less, was one thing, they could accept that. Being a servant to a couple not much older nor more educated, is yet another. Every adult character involved in this tangled web is hiding something: the husband is hiding his desire to turn a passion for comic books into a business from his wife, the wife is hiding her professional ambitions from her husband, the nanny is hiding her job from her family and maybe her motivations for staying on her job from herself. Memorable characters, real-life tensions and concerns and the charming—in a hip kind of way—modern-day Park Slope, Fort Greene, Brooklyn setting make for an un-put-down-able read.

Parenting Wisdom for the 21st Century-MR Richard Andrew King 2012-08-01 "This book is a must for any parent and all parents to be. It is vital to read this book now before you name your children. If you already have children, then it is just as important to understand them. Richard Andrew King should be called Dr. King. His books are of the magnitude that will be read with reverence for generations to come." Dr. Victoria Ford, J.D. "Parenting Wisdom for the 21st Century - Raising Your Children by Their Numbers to Achieve Their Highest Potential" is a revolutionary addition to the process of arguably the most important job in the world, parenting. Master Numerologist, father and grandfather, Richard Andrew King teaches you the secrets to understanding your children's destinies through the most ancient of all sciences, numbers. The powerful information contained within this work will reveal the hidden desires driving your children, the paths they will follow in life, the roles they will give on the great life stage and much more - all designed to augment your parenting wisdom and support life's paramount parental purpose . . . to love the children and help them achieve their highest potential. "Pay attention to the young and make them as good as possible." Socrates "It is wise parents who know their own children." King "It is a wise father that knows his own child." Shakespeare www.RichardKing.net www.ParentingWisdom.net

The Guardian Angel Diary-Grant Schnarr 2011 Nicole Bealart is a typical teenager -- until her world is turned upside-down by a brain tumor. As she wrestles with her illness, her father's alcoholism, and the changing attitudes of everyone around her, she finds solace in her diary, which becomes a vehicle for communicating with her guardian angel.

Bittersweet Legacy-Cynthia Moskowitz Brody 2001 Bittersweet Legacy is a collection of poetry, short stories and art inspired by the Holocaust. It is a book born of paradox, evoking remembrances of the darkest moments known to humankind by utilizing the power and beauty of the creative force. The writers and artists represented in this book are individuals who were driven to respond to the extremities that define the Holocaust. Some are accomplished in their fields, others have created in an attempt to understand and give form to their sorrow and quest for meaning. Each voice expresses a singular reprise. Together they forge a resounding voice in response to the six million voices that were silenced.

The Design of Approximation Algorithms-David P. Williamson 2011-04-26 Discrete optimization problems are everywhere, from traditional operations research planning (scheduling, facility location and network design); to computer science databases; to advertising issues in viral marketing. Yet most such problems are NP-hard; unless $P = NP$, there are no efficient algorithms to find optimal solutions. This book shows how to design approximation algorithms: efficient algorithms that find provably near-optimal solutions. The book is organized around central algorithmic techniques for designing approximation algorithms, including greedy and local search algorithms, dynamic programming, linear and semidefinite programming, and randomization. Each chapter in the first section is devoted to a single algorithmic technique applied to several different problems, with more sophisticated treatment in the second section. The book also covers methods for proving that optimization problems are hard to approximate. Designed as a textbook for graduate-level algorithm courses, it will also serve as a reference for researchers interested in the heuristic solution of discrete optimization problems.

Encyclopedia of Information Science and Technology-Mehdi Khosrow-Pour 2009 "This set of books represents a detailed compendium of authoritative, research-based entries that define the contemporary state of knowledge on technology"--Provided by publisher.

The Art of Assembly Language, 2nd Edition-Randall Hyde 2010-03-01 Assembly is a low-level programming language that's one step above a computer's native machine language. Although assembly language is commonly used for writing device drivers, emulators, and video games, many programmers find its somewhat unfriendly syntax intimidating to learn and use. Since 1996, Randall Hyde's *The Art of Assembly Language* has provided a comprehensive, plain-English, and patient introduction to 32-bit x86 assembly for non-assembly programmers. Hyde's primary teaching tool, High Level Assembler (or HLA), incorporates many of the features found in high-level languages (like C, C++, and Java) to help you quickly grasp basic assembly concepts. HLA lets you write true low-level code while enjoying the benefits of high-level language programming. As you read *The Art of Assembly Language*, you'll learn the low-level theory fundamental to computer science and turn that understanding into real, functional code. You'll learn how to: -Edit, compile, and run HLA programs -Declare and use constants, scalar variables, pointers, arrays, structures, unions, and namespaces -Translate arithmetic expressions (integer and floating point) -Convert high-level control structures This much anticipated second edition of *The Art of Assembly Language* has been updated to reflect recent changes to HLA and to support Linux, Mac OS X, and FreeBSD. Whether you're new to programming or you have experience with high-level languages, *The Art of Assembly Language, 2nd Edition* is your essential guide to learning this complex, low-level language.

Poison-Galt Niederhoffer 2017-11-21 Cass and Ryan Connor have achieved family nirvana. With three kids between them, a cat and a yard, a home they built and feathered, they seem to have the Modern Family dream. Their family, including Cass' two children from previous relationships, has recently moved to Portland—a new start for their new lives. Cass and Ryan have stable, successful careers, and they are happy. But trouble begins almost imperceptibly. First with small omissions and white lies that happen daily in any marital bedroom. They seem insignificant, but they are quickly followed by a series of denials and feints that mushroom and then cyclone in menace. With life-or-death stakes and irreversible consequences, *Poison* is a chilling and irresistible reminder that the closest bond designed to protect and provide for each other and for children can change in a minute.

Love, Lucas-Chantele Sedgwick 2015-05-05 A 2015 Whitney Award Nominee! A powerful story of loss, second chances, and first love, reminiscent of Sarah Dessen and John Green. When Oakley Nelson loses her older brother, Lucas, to cancer, she thinks she'll never recover. Between her parents' arguing and the battle she's fighting with depression, she feels nothing inside but a hollow emptiness. When Mom suggests they spend a few months in California with Aunt Jo, Oakley isn't sure a change of scenery will alter anything, but she's willing to give it a try. In California, Oakley discovers a sort of safety and freedom in Aunt Jo's beach house. Once they're settled, Mom hands her a notebook full of letters addressed to her—from Lucas. As Oakley reads one each day, she realizes how much he loved her, and each letter challenges her to be better and to continue to enjoy her life. He wants her to move on. If only it were that easy. But then a surfer named Carson comes into her life, and Oakley is blindsided. He makes her feel again. As she lets him in, she is surprised by how much she cares for him, and that's when things get complicated. How can she fall in love and be happy when Lucas never got the chance to do those very same things? With her brother's dying words as guidance, Oakley knows she must learn to listen and trust again. But will she have to leave the past behind to find happiness in the future? Sky Pony Press, with our Good Books, Racehorse and Arcade imprints, is proud to publish a broad range of books for young readers—picture books for small children, chapter books, books for middle grade readers, and novels for young adults. Our list includes bestsellers for children who love to play Minecraft; stories told with LEGO bricks; books that teach lessons about tolerance, patience, and the environment, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

Advances in Chitin/Chitosan Characterization and Applications-Marguerite Rinaudo 2019-04-23 Functional advanced biopolymers have received far less attention than renewable biomass (cellulose, rubber, etc.) used for energy production. Among the most advanced biopolymers known is chitosan. The term chitosan refers to a family of polysaccharides obtained by partial de-N-acetylation from chitin, one of the most abundant renewable resources in the biosphere. Chitosan has been firmly established as having unique material properties as well as biological activities. Either in its native form or as a chemical derivative, chitosan is amenable to being processed—typically under mild conditions—into soft materials such as hydrogels, colloidal nanoparticles, or nanofibers. Given its multiple biological properties, including biodegradability, antimicrobial effects, gene transfectability, and metal adsorption—to name but a few—chitosan is regarded as a widely versatile building block in various sectors (e.g., agriculture, food, cosmetics, pharmacy) and for various applications (medical devices, metal adsorption, catalysis, etc.). This Special Issue presents an updated account addressing some of the major applications, including also chemical and enzymatic modifications of oligos and polymers. A better understanding of the properties that underpin the use of chitin and chitosan in different fields is key for boosting their more extensive industrial utilization, as well as to aid regulatory agencies in establishing specifications, guidelines, and standards for the different types of products and applications.

Neural Advances in Processing Nonlinear Dynamic Signals-Anna Esposito 2018-07-21 This book proposes neural networks algorithms and advanced machine learning techniques for processing nonlinear dynamic signals such as audio, speech, financial signals, feedback loops, waveform generation, filtering, equalization, signals from arrays of sensors, and perturbations in the automatic control of industrial production processes. It also discusses the drastic changes in financial, economic, and work processes that are currently being experienced by the computational and engineering sciences community. Addresses key aspects, such as the integration of neural algorithms and procedures for the recognition, the analysis and detection of dynamic complex structures and the implementation of systems for discovering patterns in data, the book highlights the commonalities between computational intelligence (CI) and information and communications technologies (ICT) to promote transversal skills and sophisticated processing techniques. This book is a valuable resource for a. The academic research community b. The ICT market c. PhD students and early stage researchers d. Companies, research institutes e. Representatives from industry and standardization bodies

Advances in Power Electronics and Instrumentation Engineering-Vinu V Das 2011-04-13 This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the Second International Conference on Advances in Power Electronics and Instrumentation Engineering, PEIE 2011, held at Nagpur, India, in April 2011. The 9 revised full papers presented together with 4 short papers and 7 poster papers were carefully reviewed and selected from numerous submissions. The papers address current issues in the field of power electronics, communication engineering, instrumentation engineering, digital electronics, electrical power engineering, electrical machines, information technology, control systems, and the like.

How People Learn-National Research Council 2000-08-11 First released in the Spring of 1999, *How People Learn* has been expanded to show how the theories and insights from the original book can translate into actions and practice, now making a real connection between classroom activities and learning behavior. This edition includes far-reaching suggestions for research that could increase the impact that classroom teaching has on actual learning. Like the original edition, this book offers exciting new research about the mind and the brain that provides answers to a number of compelling questions. When do infants begin to learn? How do experts learn and how is this different from non-experts? What can teachers and schools do—with curricula, classroom settings, and teaching methods—to help children learn most effectively? New evidence from many branches of science has significantly added to our understanding of what it means to know, from the neural processes that occur during learning to the influence of culture on what people see and absorb. *How People Learn* examines these findings and their implications for what we teach, how we teach it, and how we assess what our children learn. The book uses exemplary teaching to illustrate how approaches based on what we now know result in in-depth learning. This new knowledge calls into question concepts and practices firmly entrenched in our current education system. Topics include: How learning actually changes the physical structure of the brain. How existing knowledge affects what people notice and how they learn. What the thought processes of experts tell us about how to teach. The amazing learning potential of infants. The relationship of classroom learning and everyday settings of community and workplace. Learning needs and opportunities for teachers. A realistic look at the role of technology in education.

The Hotel Tito-Ivana Bodrozic 2017-11-07 The most powerful autobiographical novel written about the Yugoslav wars. A timely and deeply accessible book that speaks to what it is like to be displaced by war. *Hotel Tito* is an award-winning autobiographical novel of the Serbo-Croatian War. Author Ivana Bodrožić was born in the Croatian town of Vukovar, just across the Danube from Serbia. In the fall of 1991, Vukovar was besieged by the Yugoslav People's Army for eighty-seven days. When the army broke the siege, people came up out of the basements where they'd been sheltering from bombardment; women and children were allowed out of the besieged city, but the army bused 400 men from the hospital to a farm on the outskirts where soldiers and Serbian paramilitaries massacred them. Bodrožić's father was among those taken and murdered. In *Hotel Tito*, after fleeing the war zone their town has become, the mother and two children are housed along with other displaced persons at a former communist school in the village of Kumrovec (the birthplace of Josip Tito). For years they share a single room just large enough for their three beds, waiting to hear whether the narrator's father survived and when they'll be granted an apartment of their own. In the meantime life goes on for the teenage protagonist, first loves bloom and burn quickly, new friendships are acquired and lost, new truths emerge, and new emotions. But she never loses her shy, insightful voice, nor her self-deprecating sense of humor. *Hotel Tito* is a sensitive and forthright coming of age novel in a time of atrocity and loss.

The Surrogate-Mustafa Abubaker 2009-08-31 Some things aren't meant to be. They really aren't. But some things are. *The Surrogate* is a powerful tale of finding out who we really are and a breathtaking account of pure, unadulterated

love. The narrator, Faraz, paints a heart wrenching portrait of what it means to keep a promise and to stand by someone when the world is falling down around them. Amidst times of happiness, funerals, reunions, love, turmoil, Faraz and Fahad stick together. At times they are inseparable; at times they are hanging by a thread. It is only when the truth reveals itself that everything seems to fall apart. Fahad is faced with the biggest decision he will ever have to make; should he go back to those who cared for him but also lied? Or should he look forward to the horizon, dreaming of better days?

Unlocking the Magic of Facilitation-Sam Killermann 2015-12-28 Have you ever been in a training and marveled at how quickly the time flew by? Genuinely enjoyed a meeting you were expecting to dread? Learned something powerful about a topic you thought wouldn't engage you? Experienced an intimate, vulnerable, transformative moment with a group of total strangers? Then you've witnessed the magic of facilitation. Like all magic tricks - though they seem to defy reason when you're spectating for the first time - once the secrets of facilitation are unveiled to you, you'll look back with a bland obviousness. Of course that's how it's done. In this book, co-authors and social justice facilitators Sam Killermann and Meg Bolger teach you how to perform the favorite tricks they keep up their sleeve. It's the learning they've accumulated from thousands of hours of facilitating, debriefing, challenging, and failing; it's the lessons from their mentors, channeled through their experience; it's the magician's secrets, revealed to the public, because it's about time folks have the privilege of looking behind the curtain of facilitation and thinking of course that's how it's done. This book highlights 11 key concepts every facilitator should know, that most facilitators don't even know they should know. They are sometimes-tiny things that show up huge in facilitation. It's a book for facilitators of all stripes, goals, backgrounds, and settings - and the digestible, enjoyable, actionable lessons would benefit anyone who is responsible for engaging a group of people in learning.

Desert Giant-Barbara Bash 1989 Documents the life cycle and ecosystem of the giant saguaro cactus and the desert animals it helps to support.

Hanuman Chalisa Demystified: Ancient Kriya Yoga Tantric Scripture-Chandra Shekhar Kumar 2017-07-01 Ancient Kriya Yoga Tantric Scripture : Commentaries on Hanuman Chalisa as seen by The Divine Third Eye. This book is an outcome of inner revelations of mystical meanings of Hanuman Chalisa. Penning down itself was full of eternal vibrations which resembled as if being dictated by a Siddha. This journey was full of inexplicable ecstasy and joy, laced with complete surrendering to witnessing the state of Hanuman. It depicts transcendental qualities and attributes of this state in its totality. This body is just an instrument of meditation and the individual is nothing, the individual have nothing. Hanuman is a special state of Siddhas, the qualities of which are described by Hanuman Chalisa. A Sadhak passes through infinite number of states during his Sadhana. Period of stay in any state varies depending on the peculiarities of that state as well the predicament of the Sadhak. During this course, the outer symptoms may not be described and grasped as aptly as inner symptoms. Outer symptoms like trembling and/or levitation of body often lead to bewilderment and amusement of the beholder. Whereas being in the same state, it leads to calm acceptance and grasp of what is happening to someone else being in that state. Hence irrespective of the peculiarities and idiosyncrasies associated with various paths, the Sadhak finds himself in a special state all of a sudden, often termed as being at one place in Siddha Loka. Gradually, he realizes that there are infinite such states, hence places in Siddha Loka, one of which is Hanuman. It becomes clear to him that practice (Sadhana) is gradual, but being in any such state is all of a sudden, involuntary ones during early stages of Sadhana. There is no single prescribed path for Sadhana, simply because it varies from Sadhak to Sadhak, the root of which is often buried deep in one's Providence (Prarabdha). Hence no matter which path a Sadhak adopts for his journey to start with, he will get aligned to the best path, most suitable one for him, in due course of time, gradually. The single most important key is : Continue seeking in with utmost Sincerity and Devotion. Historians often attribute the composition of Hanuman Chalisa to Goswami Tulsi Das, whereas a Sadhak realizes, when time is ripe for him, that the particular Shabda is eternal, ever present, everywhere, perceptible to one only when one is ready during his course of Sadhana, including listening to these being chanted/sung by Siddhas, all the time, beyond the time. This book is dedicated to all Sadhakas.

The Financial Lives of the Poets-Jess Walter 2009-09-22 The Financial Lives of the Poets is a comic and heartfelt novel from National Book Award nominee Jess Walter, author of Citizen Vince and The Zero, about how we get to the edge of ruin—and how we begin to make our way back. Walter tells the story of Matt Prior, who's losing his job, his wife, his house, and his mind—until, all of a sudden, he discovers a way that he might just possibly be able to save it all . . . and have a pretty damn great time doing it.

Classic Myths to Read Aloud: The Great Stories of Greek and Roman Mythology, Specially Arranged for Children Five and Up by an Educational Expert-William F. Russell 1992-04-01 Presents the essential Greek and Roman myths that form the basis of our cultural literary heritage.

The Fortune-Tellers-Lloyd Alexander 1997-10-01 This original folktale set in Cameroon is full of adventure and sly humor. Lloyd Alexander's story of a young man visiting--and then becoming--the village fortune-teller is brought to vibrant life with some of Caldecott Medalist Trina Schart Hyman's most memorable artwork. "Boston Globe/Horn Book" Award. "New York Times" Best Illustrated Book of the Year. "School Library Journal" Best Book of the Year. Full color.

K.A.R.M.A.-Grant McKenzie 2014-02-11 "K.A.R.M.A. is one fine piece of work" - Andrew Vachss, New York Times bestselling author In Seattle, an aging mutual-funds salesman falls prey to the lure of a young boy's flesh; In New York, a 10-year-old plunges an ice pick into the heart of a street hustler to prove his love for a girl he met on the Internet; In Chicago, a young girl waits in the rain outside a seedy downtown bar for a man she's never met to stagger home; In Vancouver, a teenager waits patiently on a deserted rooftop for a signal that one of North America's most notorious murderers is about to walk free. Tom Hackett, a Seattle-based freelance photojournalist, is always looking for the perfect front-page splash, but when he stumbles into the bloody path of the mysterious group known as K.A.R.M.A., he quickly discovers that its thirst for revenge is unquenchable -- and it won't let anyone get in its way. From internationally acclaimed thriller writer Grant McKenzie comes a story that will shock and grip you from the first page until the very last.

Immunization Safety Review-Institute of Medicine 2002-08-02 By two years of age, healthy infants in the United States can receive up to 20 vaccinations to protect against 11 diseases. Although most people know that vaccines effectively protect against serious infectious diseases, approximately one-quarter of parents in a recent survey believe that infants get more vaccines than are good for them, and that too many immunizations could overwhelm an infant's immune system. The Immunization Safety Review Committee reviewed the evidence regarding the hypothesis that multiple immunizations increase the risk for immune dysfunction. Specifically, the committee looked at evidence of potential biological mechanisms and at epidemiological evidence for or against causality related to risk for infections, the autoimmune disease type 1 diabetes, and allergic disorders.

Research Methods in Conflict Settings-Dyan Mazurana 2013-07-22 "Compiles a variety of lessons learned by field researchers, many of whom have faced demanding situations characterized by violence, profound and well-grounded distrust, and social fragmentation"--

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