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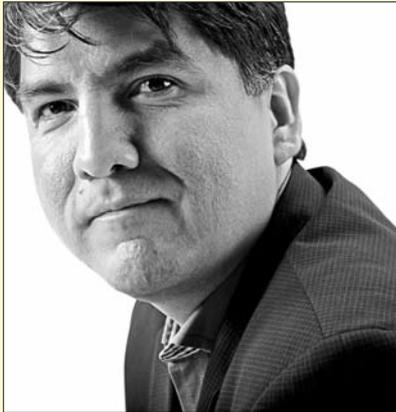
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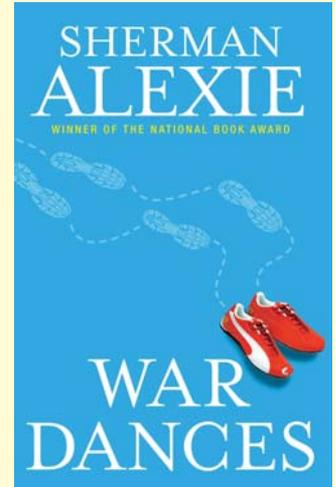
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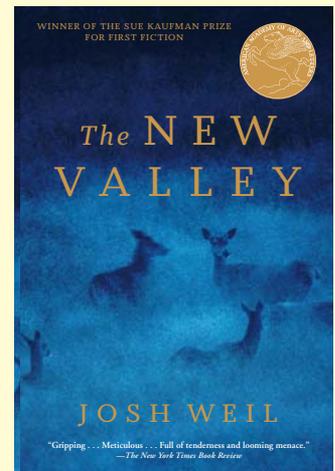
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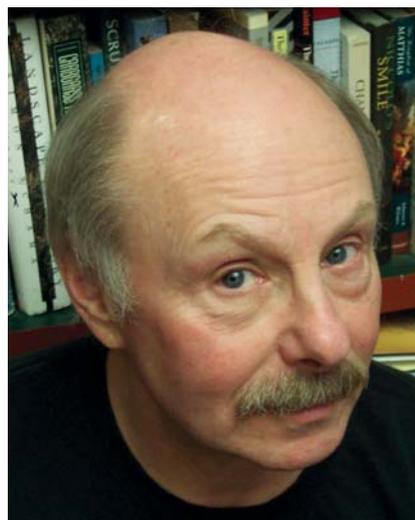
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Already a renowned social commentator and a best-selling novelist and nonfiction writer, James Howard Kunstler has recently attained even greater prominence in the global conversation about energy and the environment. In the last two years he has been the focus of a long profile in *The New Yorker*, the subject of a full-page essay in *The New York Times Book Review*, and his wildly popular blog and podcast have made him a sought-after speaker who gives dozens of lectures and scores of media interviews each year.

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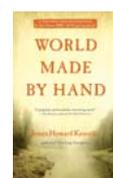
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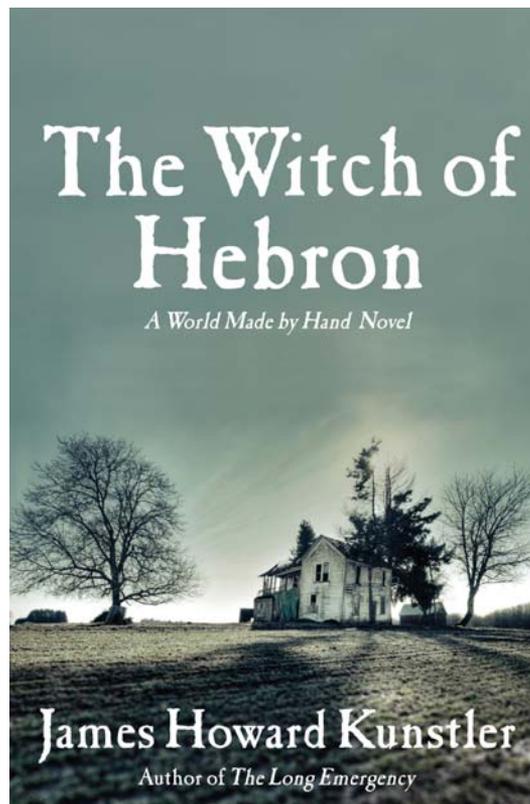


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## THE WITCH OF HEBRON

A boy and a yellow dog made their way up a dirt path along the Battenkill River, a tributary of the Hudson. In the low water this time of year, some gravel bars lay exposed, as bright and clean as the beaches on desert isles, and many fine trout lurked unmolested in the dark runs of cold water between the bars. In a little while the boy came to the edge of town, marked by the ruins of an old strip mall. All that remained of the Kmart sign were the letters that spelled ART. Though his mother and father had explained these things to him, the strange idea persisted in him that this had once been some kind of great bazaar at which objects of art were bought and sold. He knew that in the old times, everybody had a lot more money and things. He knew that there had been many machines besides cars that ran on a liquid called oil that, for various reasons, had become impossible to get in the new times. The sharp break between the old times and the new times was something his parents carried with them constantly, like a wound that refused to heal.

The rusty skeleton of an old car squatted deep in the poplar scrub behind the remnants of the Kmart building. Somehow the car had escaped the Great Collecting that occurred years before, when the nation was hard up for steel to prosecute a war in the Holy Land. The boy hardly remembered that, but he sometimes visited the car, regarding it with the same morbid awe as the skeleton of a large mammal that had crawled into the woods to die.



JAMES HOWARD KUNSTLER was born in New York City in 1948. He is the author of eleven novels and three nonfiction books, *The Geography of Nowhere*, *Home from Nowhere*, and *The Long Emergency*. He lives in Upstate New York.

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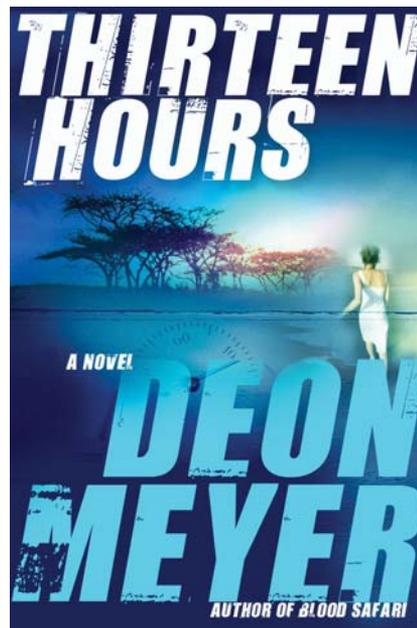
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Internationally acclaimed, prize-winning thriller writer Deon Meyer has been heralded as the “King of South African Crime.” In *Thirteen Hours*, his latest novel, morning dawns in Cape Town, and for homicide detective Benny Griessel it promises to be a very trying day. A teenage girl’s body has been found on the street, her throat cut. She was an American—a PR nightmare in the #1 tourist destination in South Africa. And she wasn’t alone. Somewhere in Cape Town her friend, Rachel Anderson, an innocent American, is hopefully still alive.

On the run from the first page of *Thirteen Hours*, Rachel is terrified, unsure where to turn in the unknown city. Detective Griessel races against the clock, trying to bring her home safe and solve the murder of her friend in a single day. Meanwhile, he gets pulled into a second case, the murder of a South African music executive. Griessel’s been sober for nearly six months—156 days. But day 157 is going to be tough. A #1 best seller in South Africa published to rave reviews, *Thirteen Hours* is an atmospheric, intensely gripping novel from a master storyteller. You simply can’t put it down.

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DEON MEYER is the author of six crime novels, including *Heart of the Hunter*, *Dead at Daybreak*, and *Blood Safari*.

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## THIRTEEN HOURS

The ringing of the phone woke Bill Anderson in his house in West Lafayette, Indiana. With his first attempt he knocked off the receiver, so he had to sit up and swing his feet off the bed to reach it.

“What is it?” his wife asked beside him, confused.

“Daddy?” he heard as he picked up the receiver. He lifted it to his ear.

“Baby?”

“Daddy!” said his daughter, Rachel, thirty-thousand kilometres away, and she began to cry.

Bill Anderson’s guts contracted; suddenly he was wide awake. “Honey, what’s wrong?”

“Erin is dead, Daddy.”

“Oh, my God, baby, what happened?”

“Daddy, you have to help me. They want to kill me too.”

To her left was a large window looking out on Montrose Street, in front of her was the deli counter, where three people exchanged looks when they heard her words.

“Honey, are you sure?” her father asked, his voice so terribly near.

“They cut her throat last night, Daddy. I saw it . . . ” her voice caught.

“Oh, my God,” said Bill Anderson. “Where are you?”

“I don’t have much time, Daddy. I’m in Cape Town . . . the police, I can’t even go to the police. . . .” She heard the screech of tires on the road outside. She looked up and out. A new, white Land Rover Defender stopped outside. She knew the occupants.

“They’re here, Daddy, please help me . . . ”

“Who’s there? Who killed Erin?” her father asked urgently, but she had seen the two men leap out of the Land Rover and run to the main door of the shop. She threw the receiver down and fled through the shop, past the dumbstruck women behind the deli counter, to a white wooden door at the back. She shoved it violently open. As she ran out she heard the man in the apron shout: “Hey!” She was in a long narrow passage between the building and a high white wall. Along the top of the wall was a long row of broken glass. The only way out was at the end of the passage to the right—another wooden door. She sprinted, the awful terror upon her again.

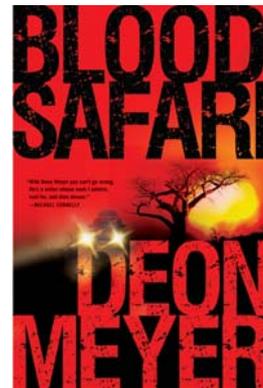
If that door was locked . . .

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Put the country's big, fat political ass on a diet. Lose that drooping deficit. Slim those spreading entitlement programs. Firm up that flabby pair of butt cheeks that are the Senate and the House. Having had a lot of fun with what politicians do, P. J. O'Rourke now has a lot of fun with what we should think about those politicians. Nothing good, to be sure.

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Read P. J. O'Rourke on the pathetic nature of politics and laugh through your tears or—what the hell—just laugh.

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ON POLITICIANS

I know politicians. I like politicians. I am friends with politicians from both sides of the aisle. Politicians are great . . . until they stick their noses into things they don't understand, which is most things.

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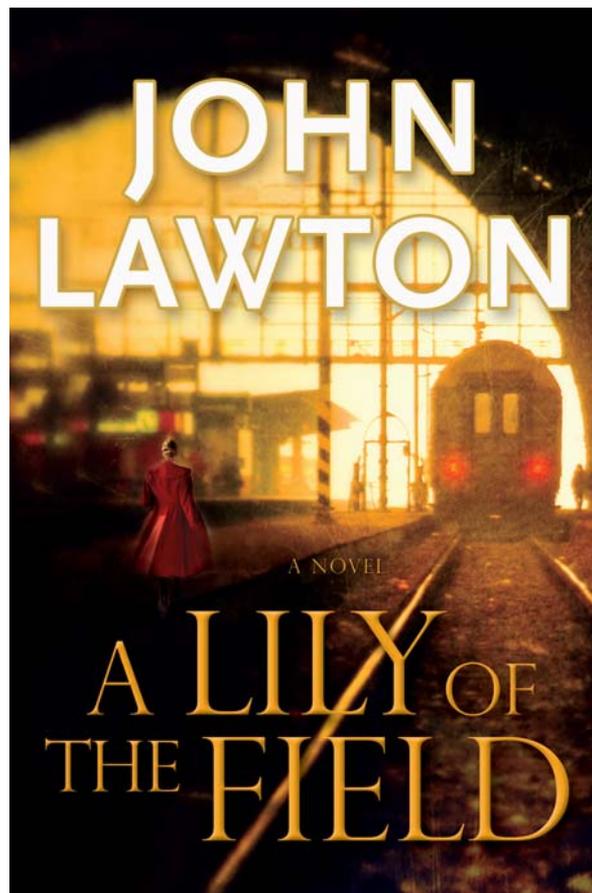
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## A LILY OF THE FIELD

Sitting alone in a cell Meret thought it could not be long before her father came to collect her. But her father never came. In the morning a guard awoke her at first light, and feeling stiff, cold, and sleepless she was hustled into a police van and driven off again.

Through the grill that separated her from the driver she could see that they were crossing the entire central city to reach the northern side. For a while she thought that they might simply be taking her home. But the van turned right toward the Danube canal and pulled up at the Rossauerlände Prison. She knew Rossauerlände. It was where the Jews had been held in the early days of the war, prior to being relocated in the east. Plenty of people had told her that the Jews would be better off in the east. There was talk of a new town just for Jews, Osswichim, or Auswiczin . . . or some such Polish word. But mostly there was little talk of the Jews and no one ever seemed to hear from them.

Alone in a cell once more she could hear nothing but the sound of doors banging down distant corridors and of water dripping. There were no human noises, no voices, no footsteps. And then it dawned on her. The prison was empty, and it was empty because Vienna had no more Jews. Once, at the end of the decade, there had been close to a quarter of a million. Now there were none.



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This spring, after congress passed sweeping legislation to reform our nation’s health care system, the editorial board of *The New York Times* wrote: “just as Social Security grew from a modest start in 1935 to become a bedrock of the nation’s retirement system, this is a start on health care reform, not the end. . . . The process has finally begun.”

One of the key voices in that process will be Philip Bredesen, the governor of Tennessee. A second-term democrat in a decidedly red state who knows how to talk across traditional lines, Bredesen also has deep and broad experience in both the public and private sectors. Before spending almost two decades in public service, during which time he overhauled an out-of-control Medicaid system that threatened to bankrupt his state, Bredesen was the founder and CEO of a half-billion dollar managed-care company that he built from his kitchen table and ultimately took public.

In *Fresh Medicine*, Bredesen harnesses thirty years of experience to offer a bold, nonpartisan, and definitive take on what is wrong with health care in America, how it got there, and how we can fix it. He begins by looking back and explaining how the system evolved over the past century from the local doctor making house calls to today’s sprawling insurance model. Although health insurance started out as real insurance to cover hospitalization, Bredesen argues that what it pays for today is vastly different: drugs, doctor visits, and the treatment of chronic disease that extends over many years. Furthermore, the system has simply grown too big, a complex collection of hospitals, businesses, physicians, and support staff composed of thousands of independent actors who are driven by local incentives. The only way to make the system work is to fix the incentives and make the millions of little decisions work for, not against, what we want—quality and value in health care. In this insightful book, Bredesen lays out an entirely new vision for how a modern, uniquely American health care system could work—and the path to take us there.

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## FRESH MEDICINE

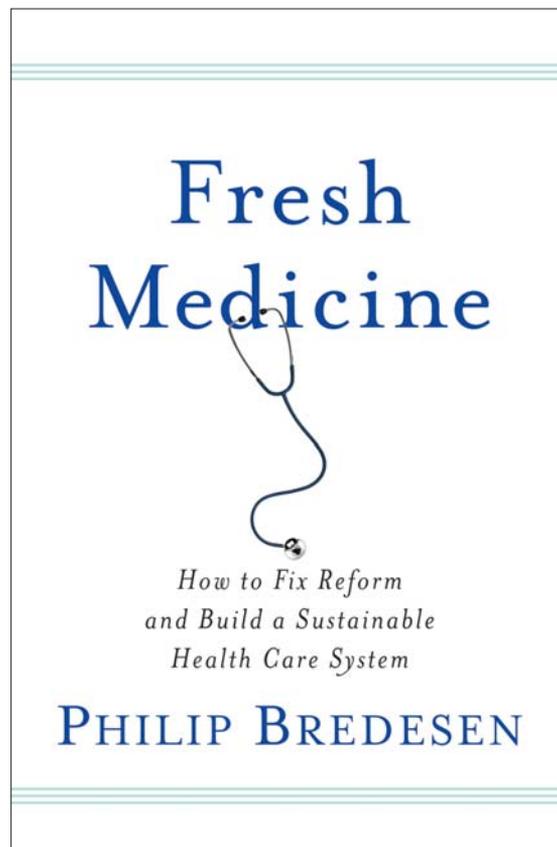
Health care in America, which has come so far in the last century, has lost its bearings.

Its productivity has stagnated, with the growth in costs far outstripping the gains in effectiveness. Its blueprint is obsolete: a design for acute illness when it is chronic illness that increasingly absorbs our resources and shortens our lives. Its inertia and entrenched interests paralyze it just when it most needs to change and adapt. Its finances are unsustainable. Like General Motors, it is a place of strength and great accomplishment eaten from within over the years by problems that were too quickly blamed on others or explained away rather than fixed. Unlike GM, however, bankruptcy is not an option for the American health care system. We have to fix it.

Reform is now upon us, but the new road we've chosen is far too much like the old one. When you have lost your bearings, you don't just speed up along the road you're already on. You stop, calm yourself, look around, think, and intelligently pick the best direction.

There's a great opportunity for America in health-care reform. We didn't follow many of our fellow industrial nations into a nationalized system after the Second World War. While many reformers look longingly at the lower costs and better results of those systems, perhaps that conservatism on our part will prove to be a good thing. Here at the beginning of a new century, we can learn from the experiences of others, we can combine it with our own, we can get our bearings and build a truly second-generation system that is uniquely American.

This book is a guide to how we might do that.



PHILIP BREDESEN is the Democratic governor of Tennessee. Before becoming governor in 2003, he was mayor of Nashville, and prior to that the founder and CEO of HealthAmerica Corporation, a public managed-care company. Bredeesen graduated from Harvard in 1967 with a bachelor's degree in physics.

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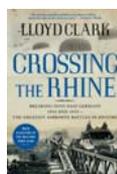
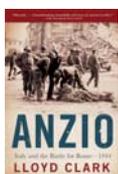
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On July 5, 1943, the greatest land battle in history began when Nazi and Red Army forces clashed near the town of Kursk, on the western border of the Soviet Union, a region that had acquired vital strategic importance for Hitler's war in the east. Code named "Operation Citadel," the German offensive would unite Nazi forces from the north and south, cutting through the bulge in the eastern front that had been created following Germany's retreat at the battle of Stalingrad. Well-informed about Germany's plans through their network of spies, the Soviets spent months preparing. Two million men supported by 6,000 tanks, 35,000 guns, and 5,000 aircraft convened in Kursk in the days leading up to battle.

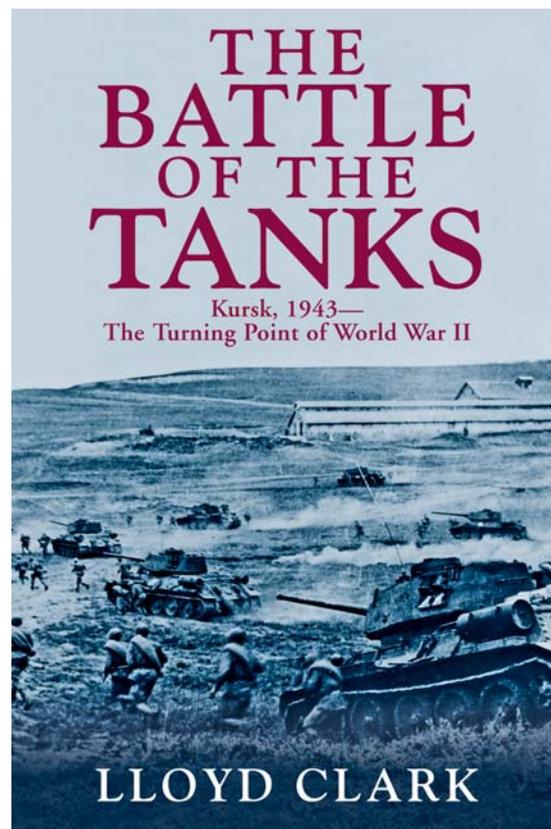
The explosive clash on the first day devolved into a quagmire of localized fighting. Several days later the engagement reached its pinnacle at the small southern village of Prokhorovka, where a fleet of state-of-the-art German Panzer tanks collided with the Soviet Fifth Guards Tank Army Reserve in the biggest tank battle in history. By the end nearly half of the 850 tanks involved had been destroyed and tens of thousands of men had died. The death count for the eighteen-day battle was staggering: over 360,000 men lost their lives, an average of 20,000 a day. Despite suffering seven times more casualties, the Soviets won a decisive victory that became a turning point not only on the eastern front but in the Second World War as a whole.

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## THE BATTLE OF THE TANKS

When a tank was hit, the crew tried to evacuate immediately. What was feared most was being trapped inside a tank when it burst into flames—a small fire could spread very quickly. Captain Itlin Skripkin of XVIII Tank Corps had trained the four-man crews in his T-34 tank battalion not only how to evacuate in just eight seconds but, in the likely event of casualties, how to get them out as well. It was a drill that would save his life. Skripkin entered the battle at the head of his battalion and, over the course of the next three hours, managed to destroy four enemy tanks including a Tiger. He had his fifth tank in the sights—a Mark IV Tiger—and pulled the trigger. At that very moment his tank was hit and a searing blast ripped through its body, which immediately caught fire. Chernov, the loader, was dead, his head blown clean from his body, while Skripkin lay slumped over the gun sights, blood pouring from a deep gash on his forehead. The driver, Master Sergeant Nikolayev, and the wireless operator, Zyryanov, pulled their gravely wounded commander out of the tank through the flames engulfing the turret. After lowering Skripkin to the ground, Zyryanov dragged the captain to the cover of a shell crater but Nikolayev, having noticed an oncoming Tiger, jumped back into the burning tank. The turret slowly turned, stopped, and fired a shell at the Tiger. Seconds later the Tiger erupted, its turret blown off in a massive explosion. Skripkin survived the experience and went on to become a marshal of the Soviet Union and President Krushchev's right-hand man.



Currently senior lecturer at the department of war studies at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, LLOYD CLARK is one of England's leading military historians. He is a frequent guide to battlefields on four continents.

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When it was reported that Michael Jackson had collapsed on June 25, 2009, millions of fans around the globe were shocked. After confirmation of his death many of them gathered at the Apollo Theater in Harlem, the Jackson family homes in Los Angeles and Gary, Indiana, and in cities all across the planet to grieve a star whose music is universally recognized as timeless.

Jackson was the most talented, richest, and most famous pop star on the planet. But the outpouring of emotion that followed his loss was bittersweet. Dogged by scandal for over fifteen years, and undone by his own tendency to trust the wrong people, Jackson had become untouchable in many quarters, a fact that wounded him deeply. Now, drawing on unprecedented access to friends, enemies, employees, and associates of Jackson, *Rolling Stone* contributing editor Randall Sullivan delivers an intimate, unflinching, and deeply human portrait of a man who was never quite understood by the media, his fans, or even those closest to him.

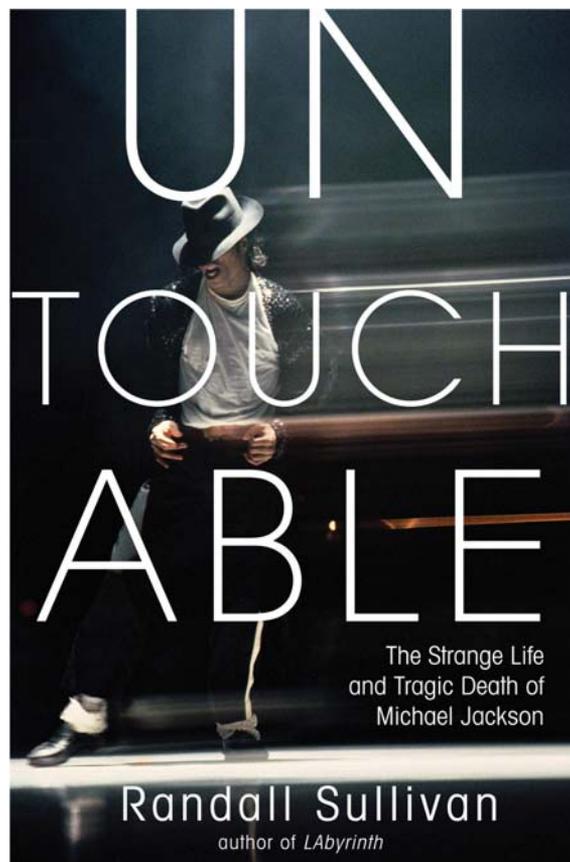
Beginning with his final departure from Neverland, *Untouchable* takes readers through Jackson's final four years, as he shuttled from California to the Middle East, Ireland, Asia, the East Coast, and Las Vegas, planning to recapture his wealth and reputation with a comeback album that included collaborations with Will.i.am, Kanye West, and Carlos Santana, as well as a series of fifty megacorporation, and an inveterate narcissist who wanted more than anything a quiet, solitary, normal life. Sullivan has never-before-reported information about Jackson's business dealings and the pedophilia allegations that irreparably marked his reputation, and exclusive access to inner-circle figures including Jackson's former attorney and business manager. The result is a remarkable portrait of Michael Jackson, a man of uncountable contradictions who continues to reign as the King of Pop.

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In the early summer of 2005, Michael Jackson was preparing to take flight from Neverland and begin the terrible business of growing old in public. A legion of scammers and extortionists had laid waste to the Peter Pan–inspired paradise where he’d created a fairy-tale fantasy of eternal youth. After twenty-six months of siege, the 2,700 acres of Neverland Valley Ranch were strewn with the psychic rubble of countless betrayals, bad decisions and broken dreams.

“His soul and spirit were just so burned,” recalled Tom Mesereau. A Los Angeles defense attorney, Mesereau was Jackson’s closest ally during the criminal case that began in November 2003, and was by his side on June 13, 2005. The defendant’s face showed no recognizable expression as the words “not guilty” were repeated again and again by the court clerk. “There was more relief than celebration,” Mesereau remembered.

Michael Jackson was a fantastically wealthy man who couldn’t qualify for a credit card, adored by millions, but scorned and detested by just about everyone who thought they counted. He was black but white, innocent but guilty, alone in a crowd and on top at the bottom. He would spend the last four years of his life circling the globe in the search for a new home he never found, tormented by a question he did not want answered: Which was worse, what the world had done to him, or what he had done to himself?



RANDALL SULLIVAN is a contributing editor to both *Rolling Stone* and *Men’s Journal*. He is the author of *The Miracle Detective*, *The Price of Experience*, and *Labyrinth*.

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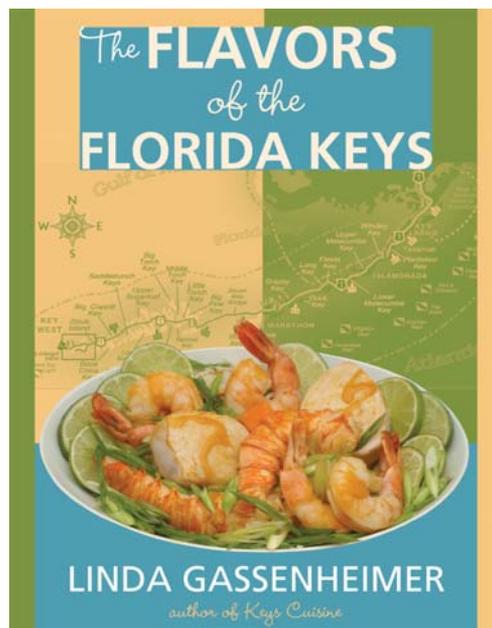
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### HEAVENLY HOGFISH AND TOMATOES

1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons butter, divided  
 1 1/2-pound hogfish fillets  
 (or delicate white fish such as flounder)  
 Juice of 1 lemon  
 2 tablespoons chopped chives  
 6 garlic cloves, crushed  
 1/2 cup sliced shallots  
 2 cups diced tomatoes, about 1/4-inch  
 1/4 cup white wine  
 1 tablespoon mango puree  
 Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Melt 1/4 cup butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add hogfish and sauté 4 minutes. Transfer to a plate, drizzle with lemon juice, and add salt and pepper to taste. Sprinkle with chopped chives. Cover with foil to keep warm.

Add remaining 2 tablespoons butter to same skillet. Add garlic and shallots. Sauté 1 minute. Add white wine and cook 1 minute. Add tomatoes and cook 2 minutes or until liquid is absorbed. Stir in mango puree. Add salt and pepper to taste. Divide hogfish among 4 plates and spoon tomatoes over the top and on the side. Serves 4.

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The dense hills of Sinaloa, Mexico, are home to the most powerful drug lord since Pablo Escobar: Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman. Responsible for uncountable murders since taking charge of the Sinaloa cartel in the 1990s, and a central figure in the recent surge in drug-related violence and bloodshed, Guzman is among the world's ten most-wanted men and also appeared on *Forbes* magazine's 2009 billionaire list. With his massive wealth, his army of professional killers, and a network of informants that reaches into the highest levels of government, catching Guzman was considered impossible—until now.

The all-out war between the Mexican cartels has isolated Guzman from former partners at the same time that the Mexican government has intensified its fight to restore order and end the terror. With El Chapo vulnerable as never before, Mexican and DEA authorities are closing in, and journalist Malcolm Beith, a *Newsweek* contributor who has spent years reporting on the drug wars, follows the chase with full access to senior officials and exclusive interviews with soldiers and drug traffickers in the region, including members of Guzman's cartel. *The Last Narco* combines fearless reporting with the story of El Chapo's legendary rise from a poor farming family to the "capo" of the world's largest drug empire. Renowned for his charisma as much as for his brutality, Guzman's defiance of authorities and mythical exploits—including his escape from Puente Grande prison in a laundry cart—have made him a folk hero across Mexico.

Through Guzman's story Beith uncovers the secret history of the Mexican cartels' rise to dominance, from their early years assisting the Colombians to the bloody power struggles and new barbarism of today. Guzman emerges as the last remaining narco of the old mold who ruled by principles and whose capture will signal the end of an era. *The Last Narco* is essential reading about one of the most pressing and dramatic stories in the news today—a true crime thriller happening in real time.

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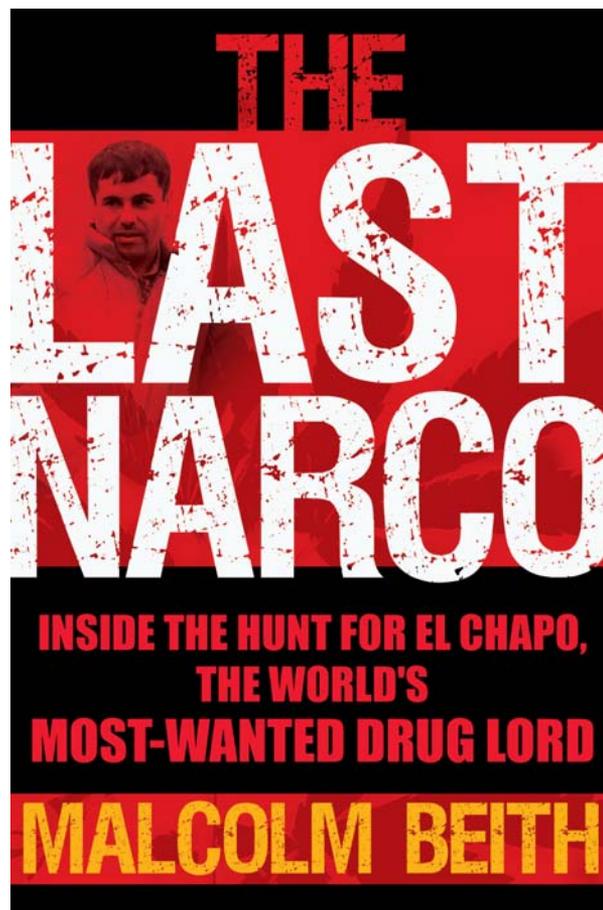
## THE LAST NARCO

Chapo had apparently taken a shine to a beauty queen in Canelas who was in the process of organizing a big dance to garner votes.

On the morning of the dance, the residents of Canelas awoke to a winter mist. As they began to prepare for the fiesta, which would begin in the afternoon and last well into the night, the town was buzzing about the fact that Chapo and his crew might show up. Then they heard the roar.

Over the hill, on the road leading into town, some two hundred all-terrain motorcycles appeared. The visitors were wearing black balaclavas and were armed with handguns. They scattered around the town's entrances and blocked off all the streets. Soon a plane carrying a famous musical group from Tamazula landed on the town's airstrip. They, too, were armed, wielding gold-plated pistols. Then another six small planes touched down. One of Chapo's trusted sidekicks, Ignacio Nacho Coronel Villarreal, descended from one of them. He was dressed casually and carrying an AK-47. In his belt was a pistol. Chapo had arrived.

Nacho Coronel followed his boss down the steps of the plane. Soon another three planes arrived, carrying men in green military-style uniforms. Another two planes arrived; they were carrying weapons and cases of whiskey. Two helicopters circled above, keeping watch. The dance went off without a hitch. Chapo, an avid dancer, held sway on the floor well into the night.



MALCOLM BEITH is a writer based in Mexico City. He has covered the drug war for *Newsweek*, and has contributed to *Foreign Policy*, *World Politics Review*, and *Jane's Intelligence Weekly*. He has also reported from Iraq, Haiti, and Colombia.

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## THE BLINDNESS OF THE HEART

You wait here, his mother said when they came to a bench. An old man had just that moment got up from it. Trains leave for Anklam and Angermünde from here, perhaps there'll be tickets. I'll be right back. She took Peter by the shoulders and pressed him down on the bench.

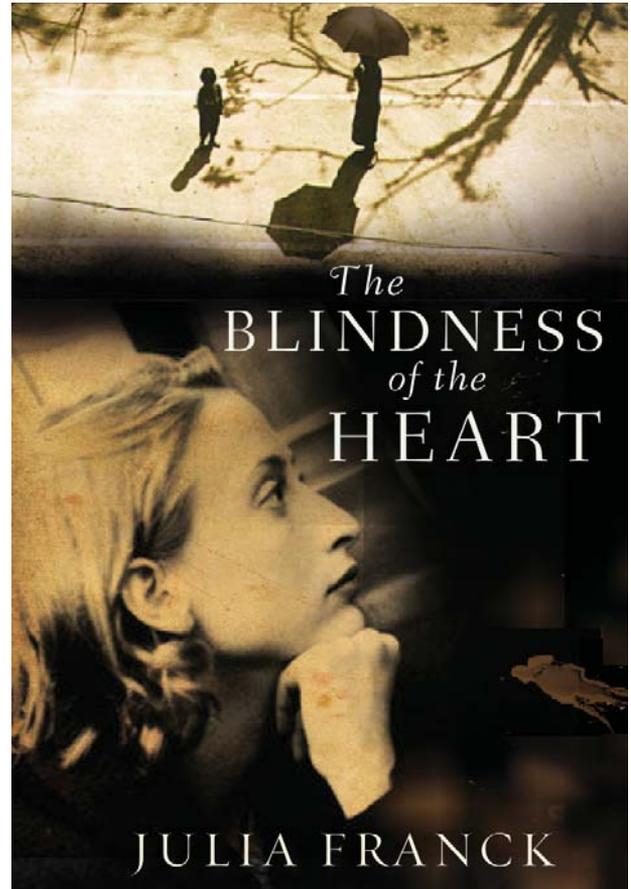
I'm hungry, said Peter. Laughing, he clung to her arms.

I'll be right back, she repeated, you wait here.

I'm coming with you, he said.

She said: Let go of me, Peter. But he was already getting to his feet to follow her. At that she thrust the little case his way and pressed him and the case back on the bench. Now that Peter had to hold it on his lap he couldn't reach for her any more.

You wait. She said that sternly. A smile flitted over her face, she patted his cheek and Peter was glad. He thought of the sausages back in Scheune, that lady had been shouting about them, maybe there'd be some sausages here, he'd help his mother look for them, he wanted to help her anyway. He opened his mouth, but she was determined to have her own way, she turned and plunged into the crowd.



JULIA FRANCK was born in Berlin in 1970. *The Blindness of the Heart*, which won the German Book Prize and has sold over 800,000 copies in Germany alone, is her first novel to be translated into English.

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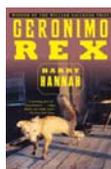
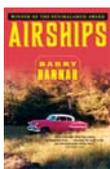
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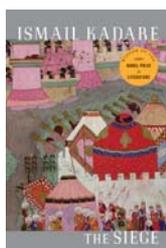


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**PATRICIA ENGEL** was born to Colombian parents and raised in New Jersey. She has a degree in French and art history from New York University, and an MFA from Florida International University. She is thirty-three years old and lives and teaches in Miami, Florida.

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It was the year my uncle was arrested for killing his wife, and our family was the subject of all the town gossip. My dad and uncle were business partners, so my parents were practically on trial themselves, which meant that most of the parents didn't want their kids to hang around me anymore, and I lost the few friends I had.

We were foreigners, spics, in a town of blancos. I don't know how we ended up there. There's tons of Latinos in New Jersey, but somehow we ended up in the one town that only kept them as maids. All the kids called me brownie on account of my permanent tan, or Indian because all the Indians they saw on TV were dark like me. I thought the gringos were all pink, not white, but I never said so. I was a quiet kid. Lonely, and a hell of a lot lonelier once my family became the featured topic on the nightly news.

That's how I took up with Lucho. He moved to our block with his mom when she married the bachelor doctor who lived in the big house on the hill. Lucho had a Spanish name because his mom was living with an Argentinean guy when she had him, but Lucho's dad was someone else. Some other guy who came and went with the sunrise.



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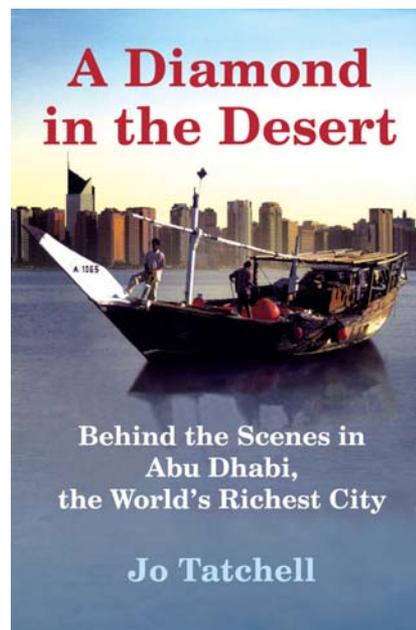
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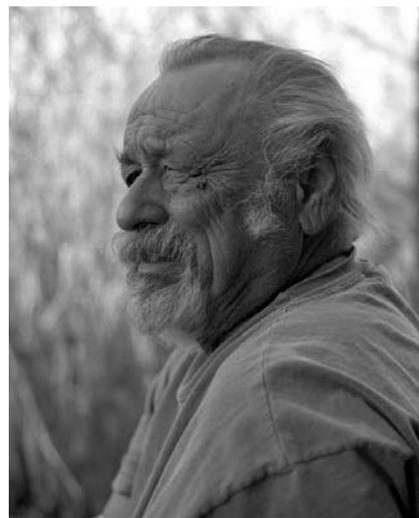


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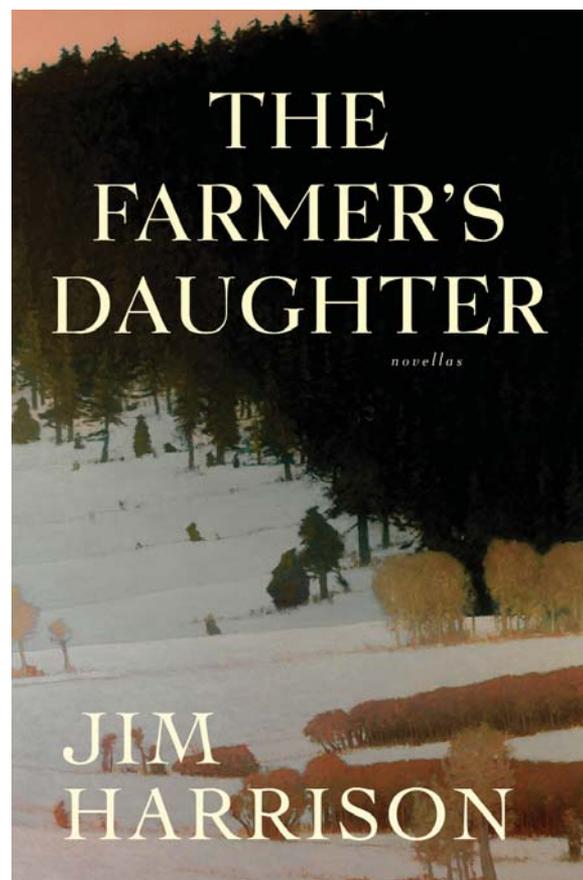
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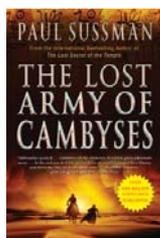
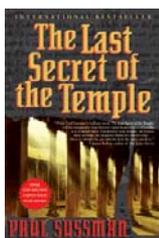
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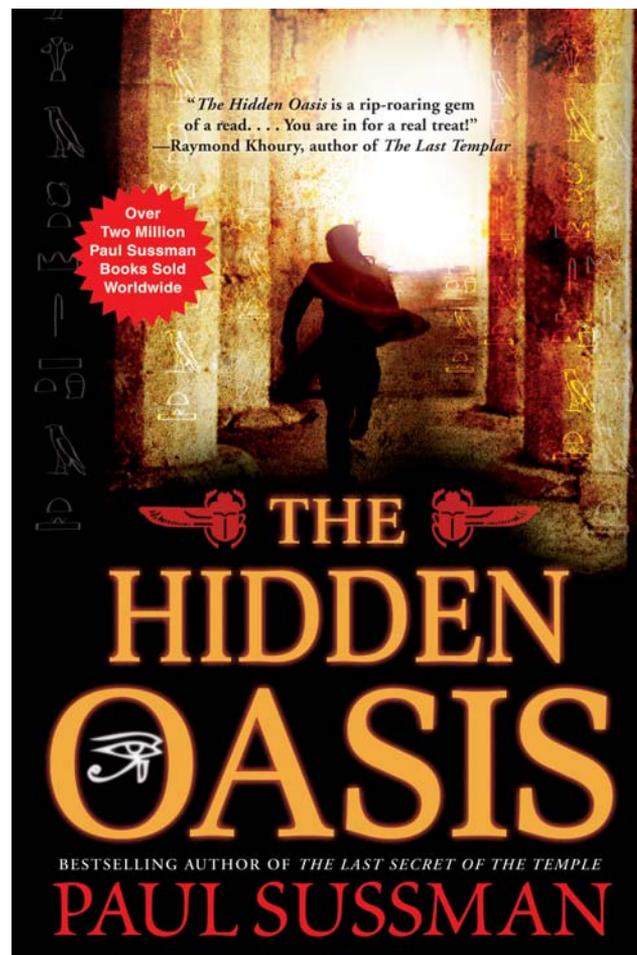
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Dizzy with grief and close to ending her marriage, Sorrel slowly pulled herself and her life back together. Accepting Hopkins’ settlement, she and her husband established the Josie King Foundation. Earning a well-deserved reputation as one of the leading voices in patient safety, she helped to implement basic programs—now in place in hospitals around the country—emphasizing communication between patients, family, and medical staff.

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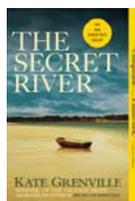
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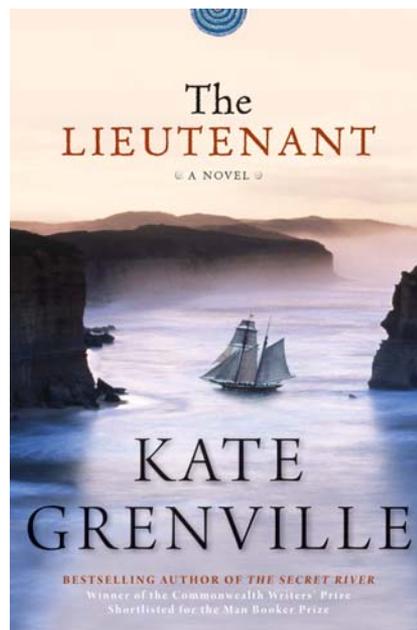
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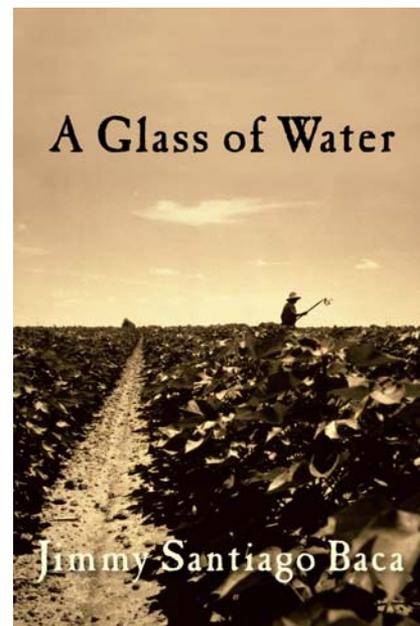
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KATE GRENVILLE’s works of fiction include *The Secret River*, winner of the Commonwealth Writers’ Prize for Best Book and short-listed for the Man Booker Prize, and *The Idea of Perfection*, winner of the Orange Prize for Fiction. She lives in Sydney.

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JIMMY SANTIAGO BACA was born in Santa Fe. He is the author of the acclaimed memoir *A Place to Stand*, the story collection *The Importance of a Piece of Paper*, and several collections of poetry.

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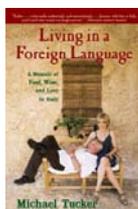
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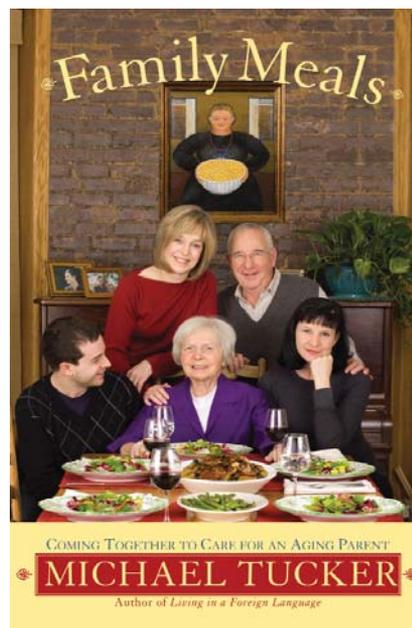
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Michael Tucker and his wife, Jill Eikenberry, are enjoying the early years of retirement in their dream house, a beautiful 350-year-old stone farmhouse in the central Italian province of Umbria, when life suddenly interrupts their summer plans. Jill's mother's second husband, Ralph, has passed away, and Michael and Jill must leave the respite of the Italian countryside and travel to California to console Lora, Jill's mother, and help her plan her future.

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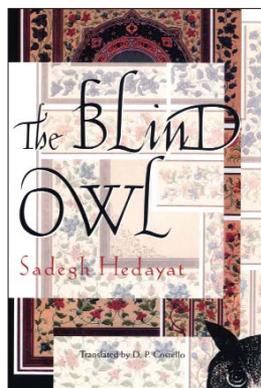
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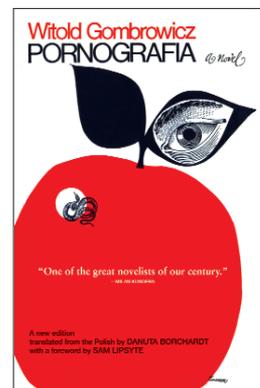
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Butler’s *Hell* isn’t as much a boiling lake of fire—although there is that—as it is a Sisyphean trial tailored to each inhabitant, whether it’s the average Joes who are hit by moving cars, die, and are reconstituted many times a day to do it all again, or the legendary newspaperman William Randolph Hearst, doomed to obscurity as a blogger mocked by his fellows because he can’t figure out CAPS-LOCK. One day McCord meets Dante’s Beatrice, who believes there is a way out of Hell, and the next morning, during an exclusive on-camera interview with Satan, McCord realizes that Satan’s omniscience, which he has always credited for the perfection of Hell’s torments, may be a mirage—and Butler is off on a madcap romp about good, evil, free will, and the possibility of escape. Butler’s depiction of Hell is original, intelligent, and fiercely comic, this is a book Dante might have celebrated.

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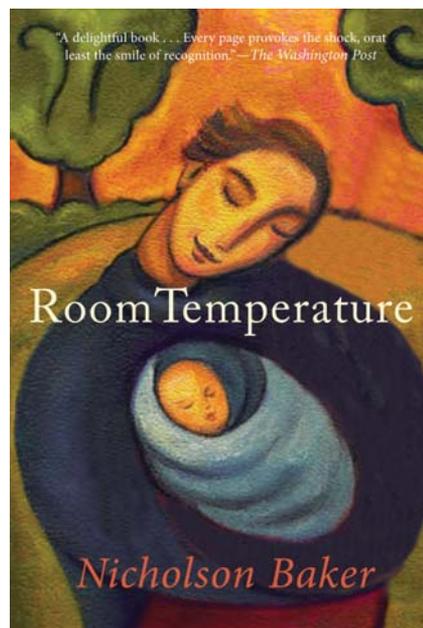
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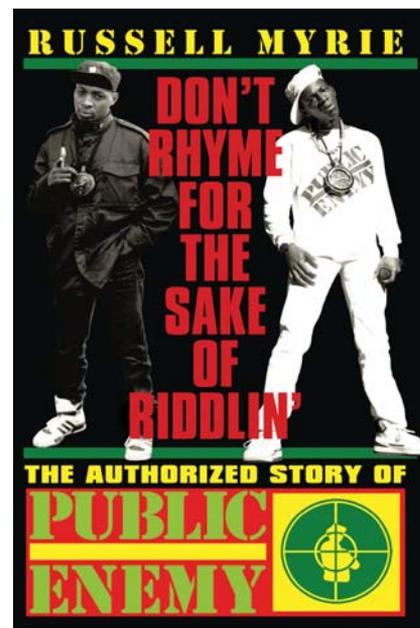
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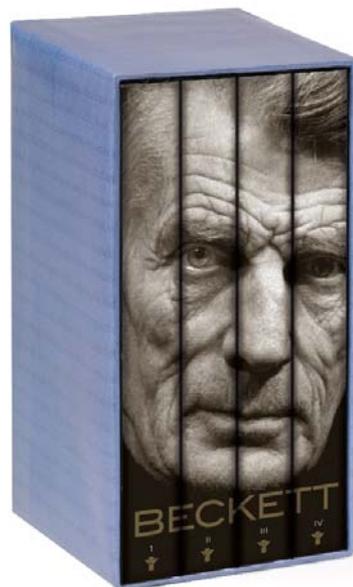
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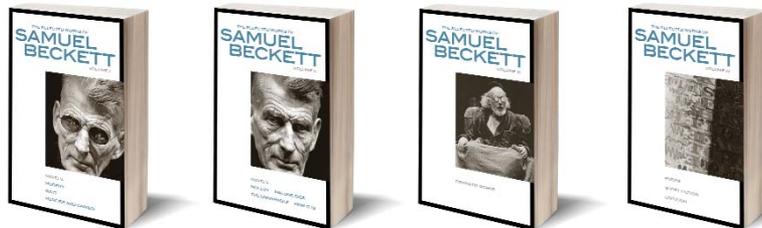
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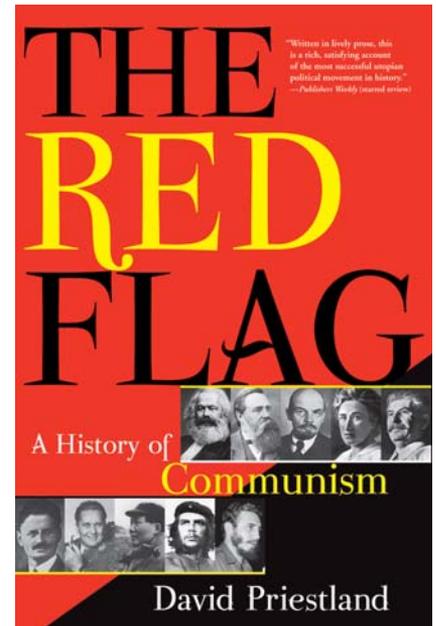
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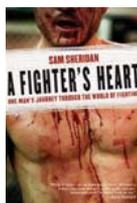
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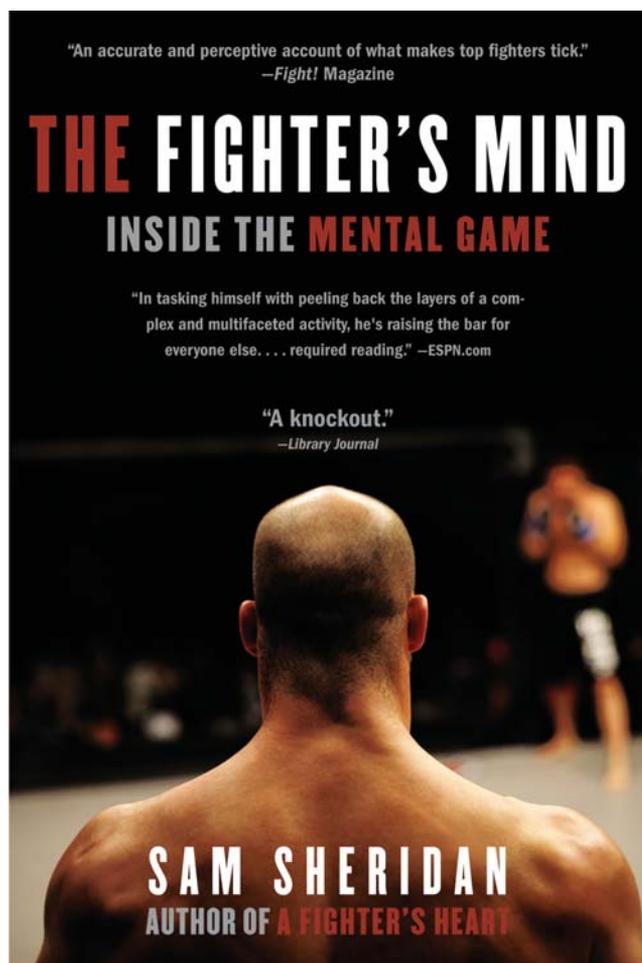
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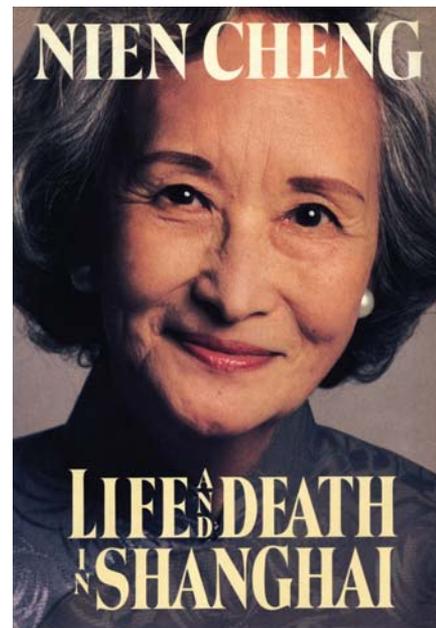
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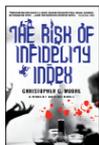
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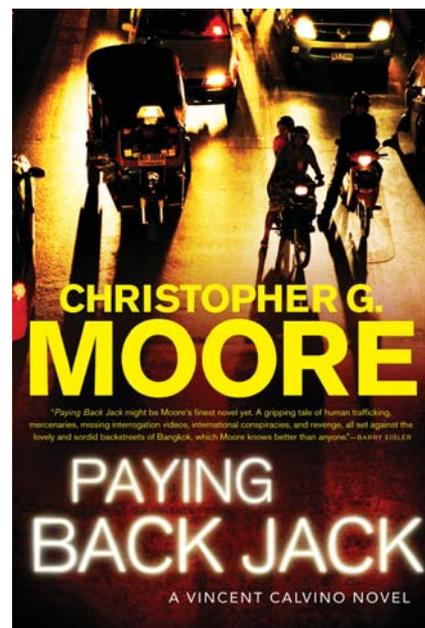
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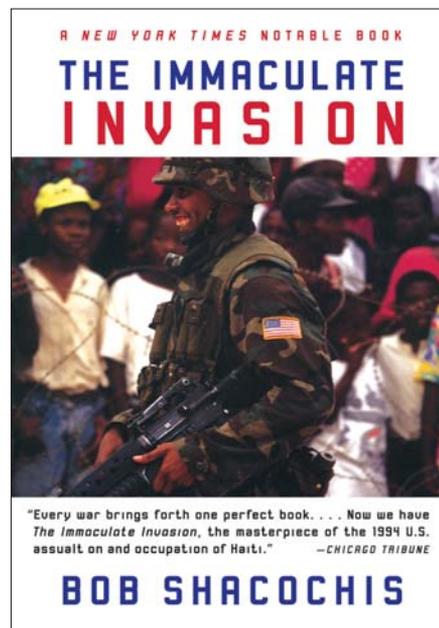
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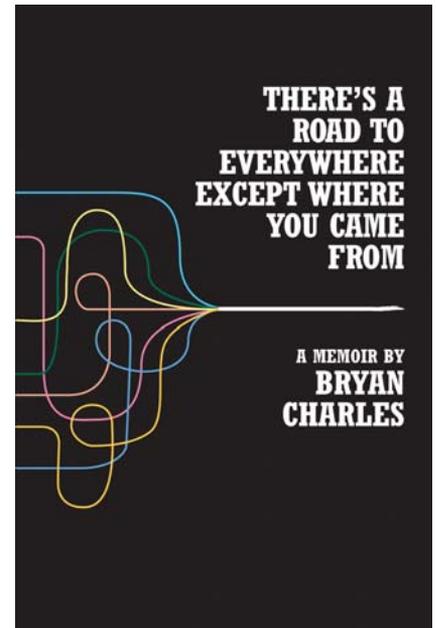
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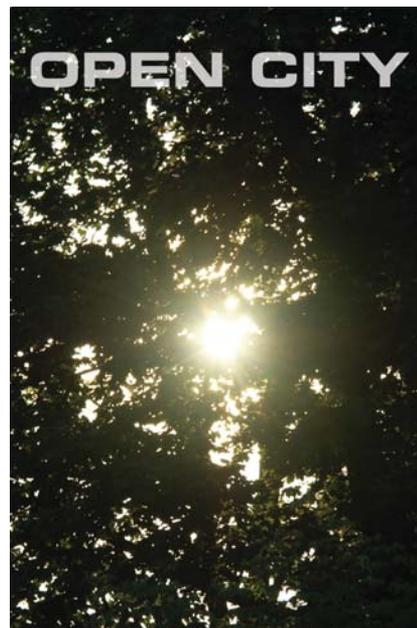
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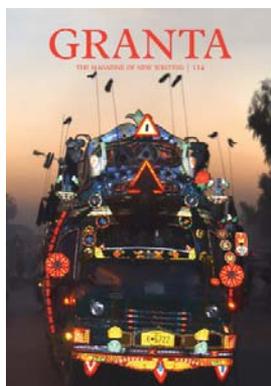
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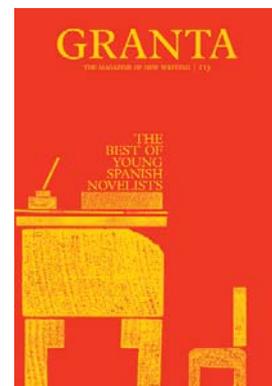
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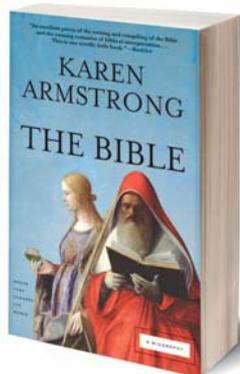
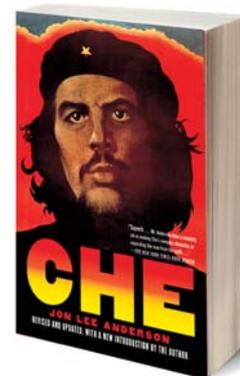
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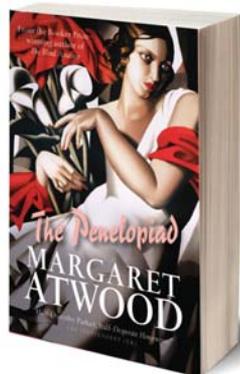
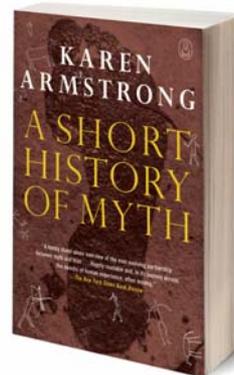
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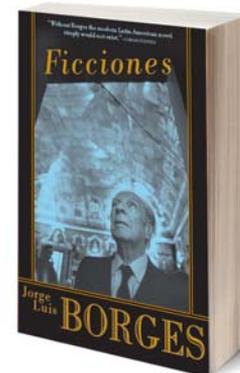
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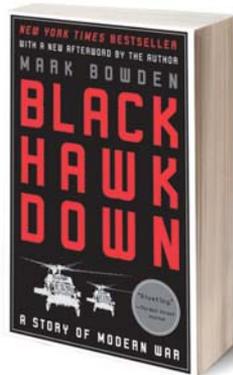
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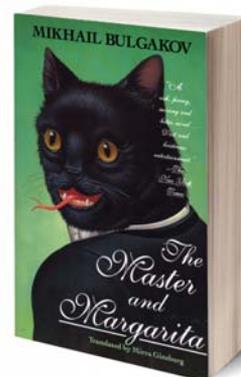
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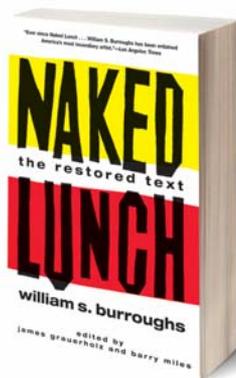
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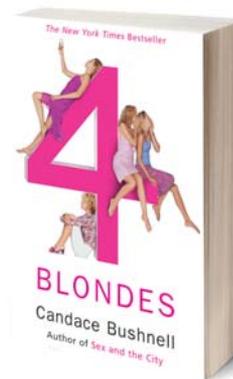
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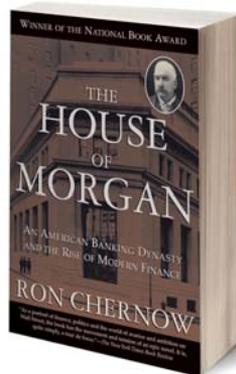


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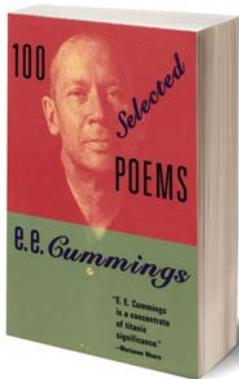
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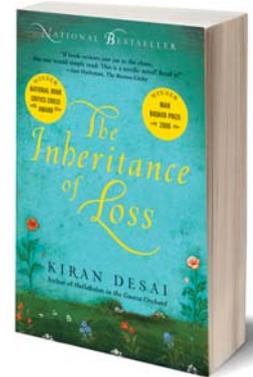




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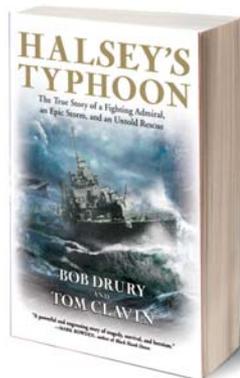
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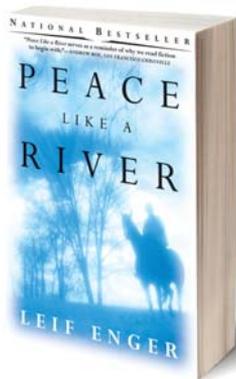
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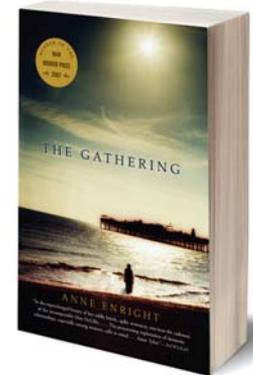
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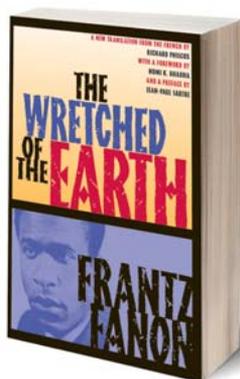


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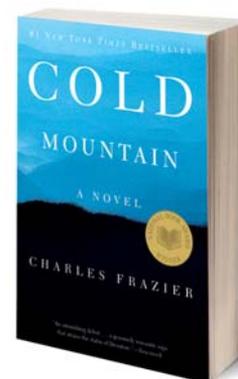
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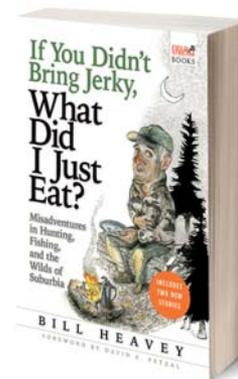
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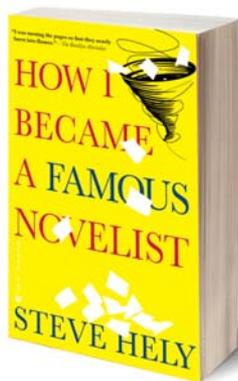
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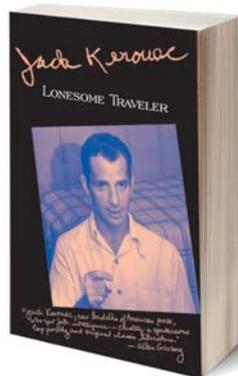
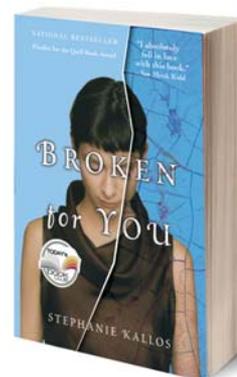
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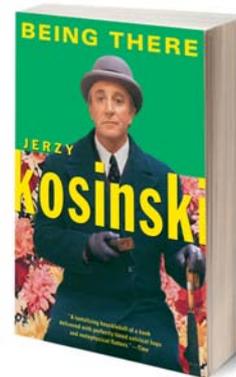
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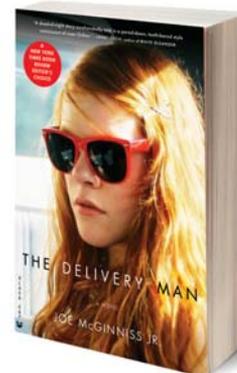
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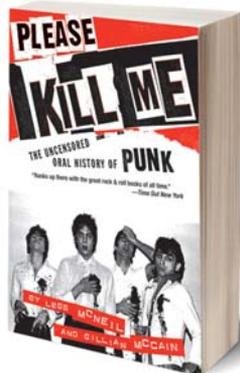
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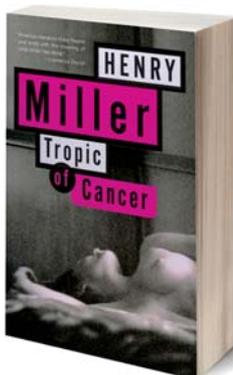
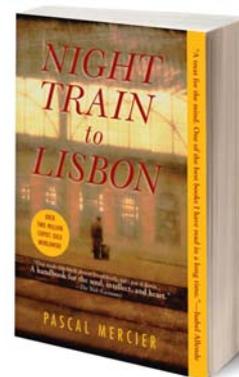
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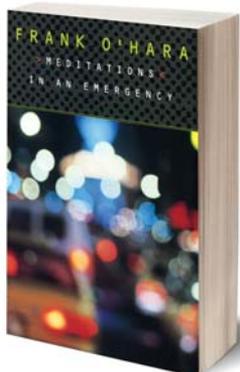
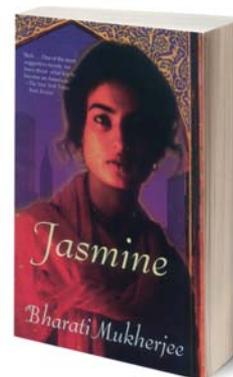
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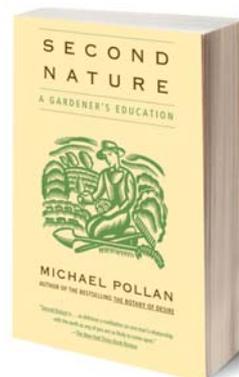
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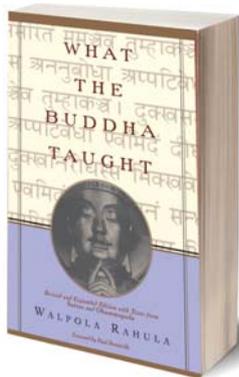
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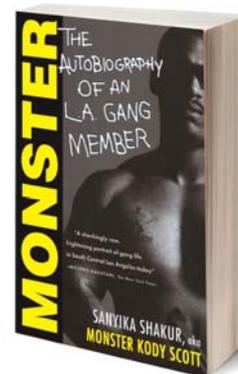


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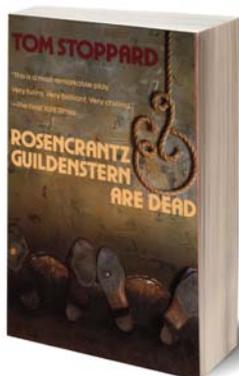


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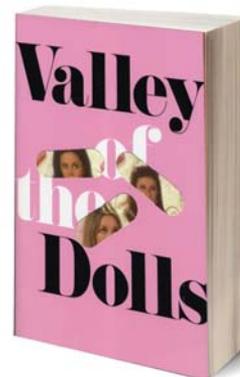


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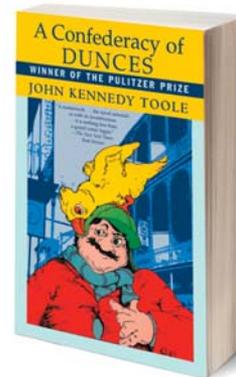
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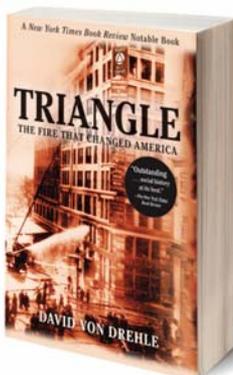
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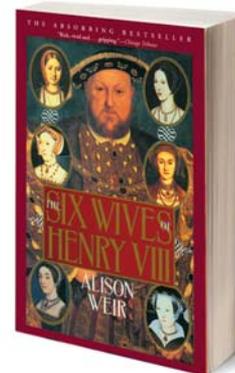
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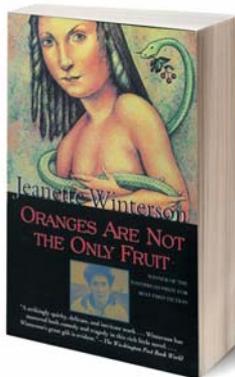
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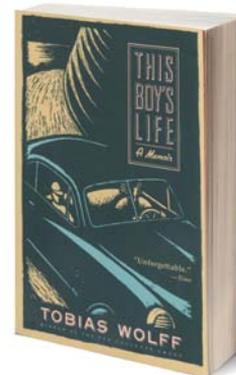
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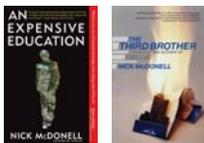
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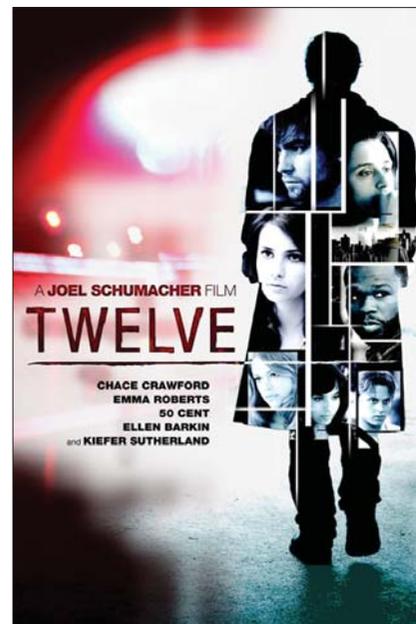
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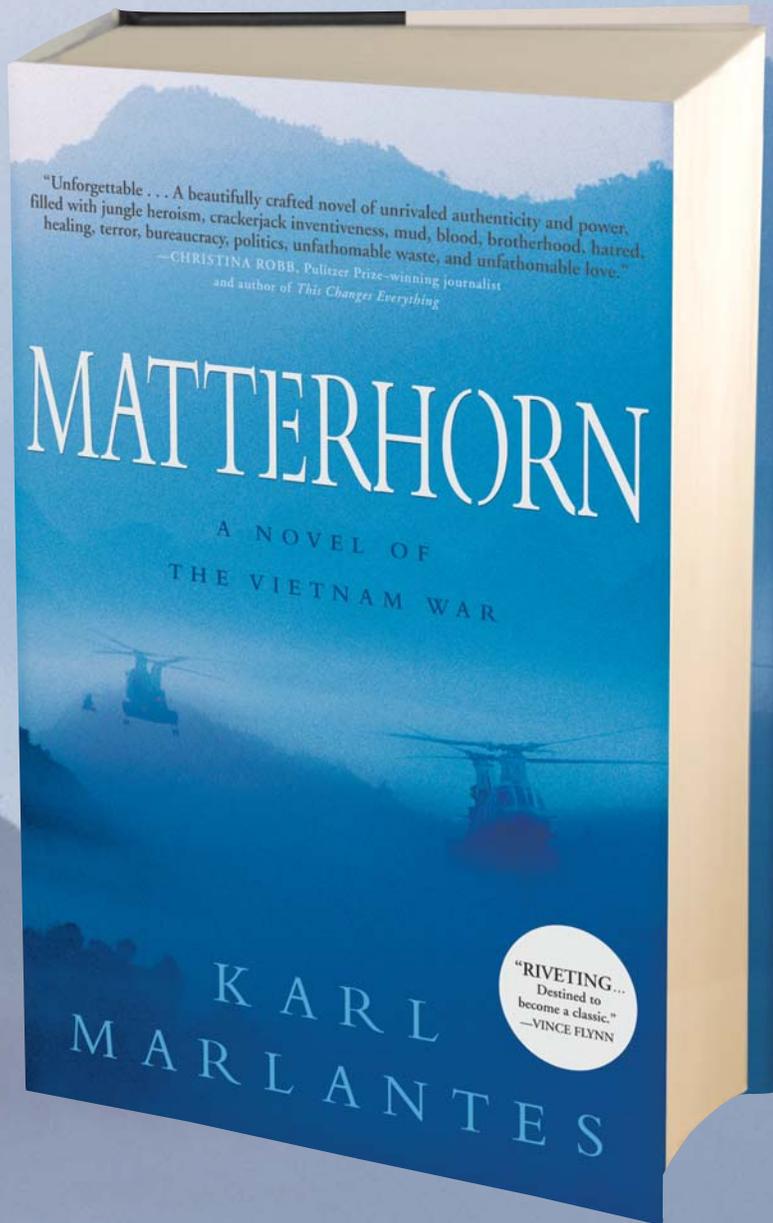
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