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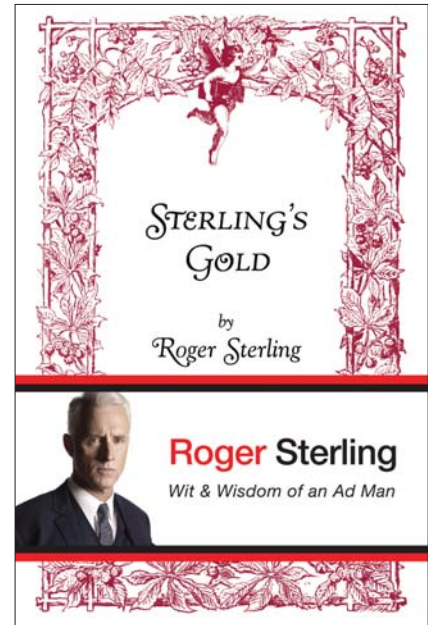
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- **AMC's *Mad Men* has won three consecutive Golden Globes and back-to-back Emmys for Outstanding Drama Series**
- **Nearly three million viewers tuned in to the season-three premiere of *Mad Men* in August 2009**
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When it premiered in 2007, the *Mad Men* series sparked a cultural phenomenon that now boasts over three million viewers. With a long list of awards including three back-to-back Golden Globes and three consecutive Emmys for Outstanding Drama Series, *Mad Men* has captivated the world with its brilliant portrayal of the 1960s and stylish characters, including the dashing advertising mogul Roger Sterling.

Directing and discovering some of the sharpest talents in the business, Roger has shown an uncanny flair for unique methods of motivation and a tireless genius, resulting in campaigns that raise the advertising standard across the country, and acquiring a reputation for his quips, barbs, and witticisms along the way. Presented as Roger's memoir during the fourth season of *Mad Men*, and published as a "lost classic," *Sterling's Gold* is the entertaining collection of our favorite ad man's best one-liners. A few "sterling" examples:

The day you sign a client is the day you start losing them.

Being with a client is like being in a marriage. Sometimes you get into it for the wrong reasons, and eventually they hit you in the face.

When a man gets to a point in his life when his name's on the building, he can get an unnatural sense of entitlement.

When God closes a door, he opens a dress.

Roger Sterling's pithy comments and observations amount to a unique window into the advertising world—a world that few among us are privileged to witness firsthand—as well as a commentary on life in New York City in the middle of the twentieth century. Cleverly designed and accented by design elements and attractive color photographs, and encased in an elegant, compact period package, it's a must-have for any *Mad Men* fan.

ROGER STERLING is a founding partner of Sterling Cooper Draper Pryce. He has a daughter, Margaret, and lives in New York City with his wife Jane. He is already hard at work on his next volume of advertising wisdom.

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In the summer of 2007, Francisco Goldman's young wife Aura died suddenly on a beach in Mexico. Say Her Name is the novel born out of this personal tragedy—an extraordinary tale that weighs the unexpected gift of love against the blinding grief of loss.

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“One of our hemisphere’s finest writers.” —Junot Díaz

Celebrated novelist Francisco Goldman married a beautiful young writer named Aura Estrada in a romantic Mexican hacienda in the summer of 2005. The month before their second anniversary, during a long-awaited holiday, Aura broke her neck while body surfing. Francisco, blamed for Aura’s death by her family and blaming himself, wanted to die, too. But instead he wrote *Say Her Name*, a novel chronicling his great love and unspeakable loss, tracking the stages of grief when pure love gives way to bottomless pain.

Suddenly a widower, Goldman collects everything he can about his wife, hungry to keep Aura alive with every memory. From her childhood and university days in Mexico City with her fiercely devoted mother to her studies at Columbia University, through their newlywed years in New York City and travels to Mexico and Europe—and always through the prism of her gifted writings—Goldman seeks her essence and grieves her loss. Humor leavens the pain as he lives through the madness of utter grief and creates a living portrait of a love as joyous and playful as it is deep and profound.

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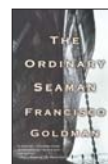
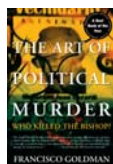
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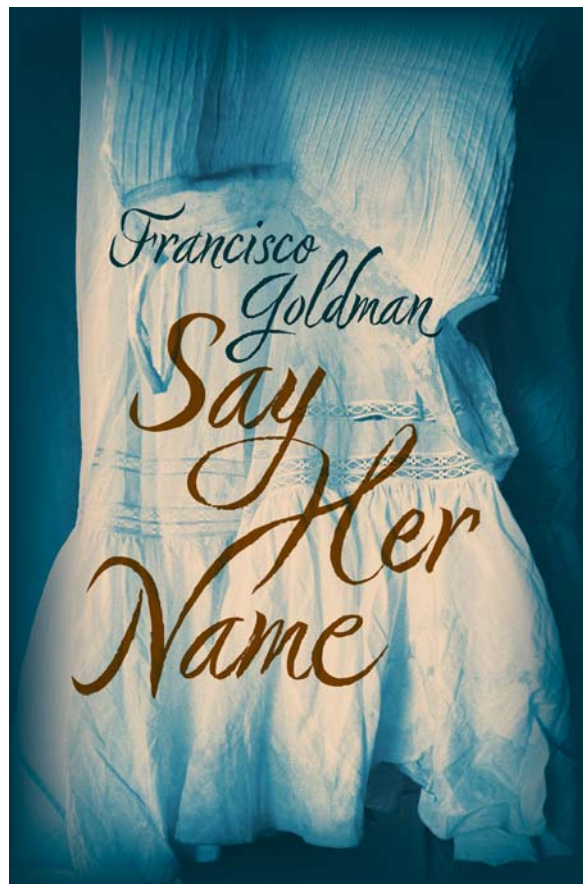
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SAY HER NAME

Most days, when I open my eyes in the morning, the first thing I see, projected out of my brain and eyeball sockets like lasers of horror is Aura when they told me she was dead and I rushed back to her bed and saw her. Or the wide swathe of ocean foam receding, uncovering her floating face down, and I always shout, NO! At any moment it comes back. Panic shooting up through me like silent anti-aircraft fire, or down through me, because it's also like the sensation of falling in your sleep except you're awake. I'm terrified of losing you in me.

Back in Brooklyn I still sometimes find myself trying to skip down our sidewalk as you used to, my angel. Aura used to challenge me to try it and I would and there she'd be, face scrunched, laughing at my spazzy effort. That agile hopscotch-like skipping she used to do on the sidewalk, a winged-heel blur, heel-kicked-back heel-kicked-back while also moving forward in an exhilarated burst down the sidewalk as if propelling herself back to her childhood in Copilco, the other girls huddled in the parking lot like lambs in the twilight watching. I wished that everybody walking on Degraw Street could pause to remember Aura hop-skippping down the sidewalk like she used to. Instead of noticing me trying to recall her in my half-century old limbs, doing my clumsy stomping-stumble on the sidewalk, startling and baffling neighbors and other pedestrians with my futile widower's dance.



Award-winning writer FRANCISCO GOLDMAN is the author of three other novels, *The Divine Husband*, *The Long Night of White Chickens*, and *The Ordinary Seaman*, and one work of nonfiction, *The Art of Political Murder*. He directs the Aura Estrada Prize.

PRAISE FOR THE DIVINE HUSBAND:

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 —M. John Harrison, *The Guardian* (UK)

One of the most remarkably inventive voices of his generation, author Will Self delivers a new and stunning work of fiction. In *Walking to Hollywood*, a British writer named Will Self goes on a quest through L.A. freeways and eroding English cliffs, skewering celebrity as he attempts to solve a crime: who killed the movies.

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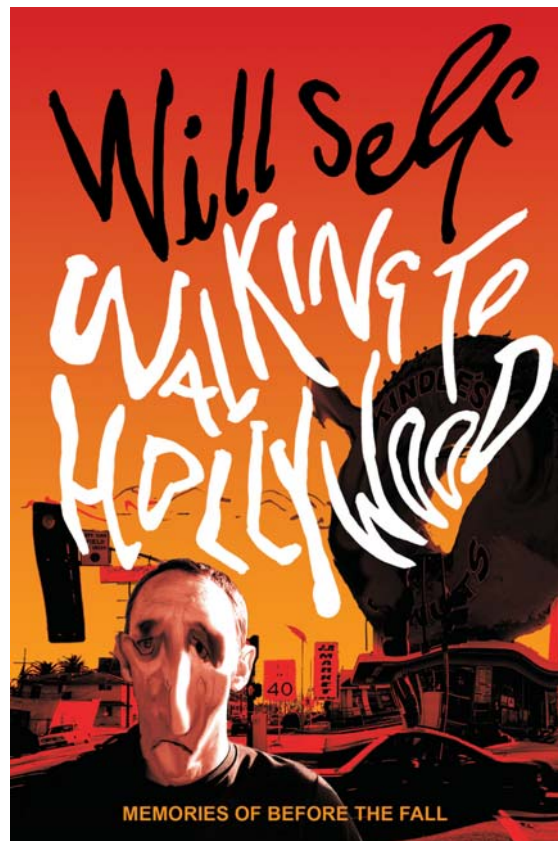
WALKING TO HOLLYWOOD

Exterior, night: the terrace of the Café Pinot beside the Los Angeles Public Library, a blowy evening in October 2007. The wind rattles the sunshades and the aurora urbanis streams in plumes of orangey light from the glassy cliffs of the surrounding skyscrapers. I know what's coming: a long dining room of Bauhausian rationality, the windows outlined in black like Mondrian rectangles, below them a continuous banquette, in front of this white-clothed tables for two, mostly empty, but at one sits Ellen DeGeneres, playing the part of Stevie Rosenbloom, my Hollywood agent, while opposite her is . . . yes, David Thewlis.

Thewlis-as-me takes a swig of Powerade from a handy bottle. He looks DeGeneres in the eye: "It's significant, isn't it, that you talk of TV rather than the movies. And it can't've escaped your notice that this is the first year ever that video-game sales are set to surpass movie receipts?"

"No, no, it hasn't escaped my notice." DeGeneres casts her blue eyes (a blooper, Stevie's are hazel) down to her plate. DeGeneres sighs. "You're right. Y'know, I kinda hope that the movies will end up like theatre—a secondary medium, sure, but still a revered one in which original work's done; but now . . . I dunno."

"The question is, Stevie, if film is dead, who murdered it?"



WILL SELF is the author of six short-story collections, a book of novellas, eight novels, and six collections of journalism. He lives in London.

PRAISE FOR WALKING TO HOLLYWOOD:

"Casually delirious and unfailingly precise . . . the whole book is a painfully brilliant performance full of Self's characteristic obsessions with scale, texture, and metamorphosis. The overall effect is hallucinogenic, paranoid, and almost gruellingly clever."—CATHY GALVIN, *SUNDAY TIMES* (UK)

"The conversations with Scooby-Doo, the made-up characters, the sex, lies, and videotape—this is a landscape contoured, almost in whole, by Self's imagination. . . . It is, as always, a place crammed with a Devil's dictionary's worth of wordplay, and with an unerring tendency toward the absurd and perverse. . . . The effect is very similar to the work of Bret Easton Ellis."

—*THE SPECTATOR* (UK)

"The most successful book he has written, and it establishes, perhaps, what kind of writer Self actually is: a modern-day Jonathan Swift. He has the satirist's interest in exaggeration, distortion, snarling anger, and linguistic verve, but more seriously, he is serious. There is a deeply moral core to *Walking to Hollywood*, and a raw emotional quality his previous fictions may have repressed or sublimated."

—*SCOTLAND ON SUNDAY*

"Outflanked by never-stronger TV on the one hand, and on the other, headlines you couldn't make up, the novel has to find new routes—and Will Self is a pathfinder."—*THE HERALD* (UK)

*From longtime Rolling Stone contributing editor Randall Sullivan comes **Untouchable**, the story of Michael Jackson from his boy idol childhood to the final four-year odyssey of his tumultuous adult life.*

UNTOUCHABLE

The Strange Life and Tragic Death of Michael Jackson

Randall Sullivan

- **To be published to coincide with the two-year anniversary of Michael Jackson's death**
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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, at the Jackson family homes in Los Angeles and Gary, Indiana, and in cities all over the world 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 death 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, longtime *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.

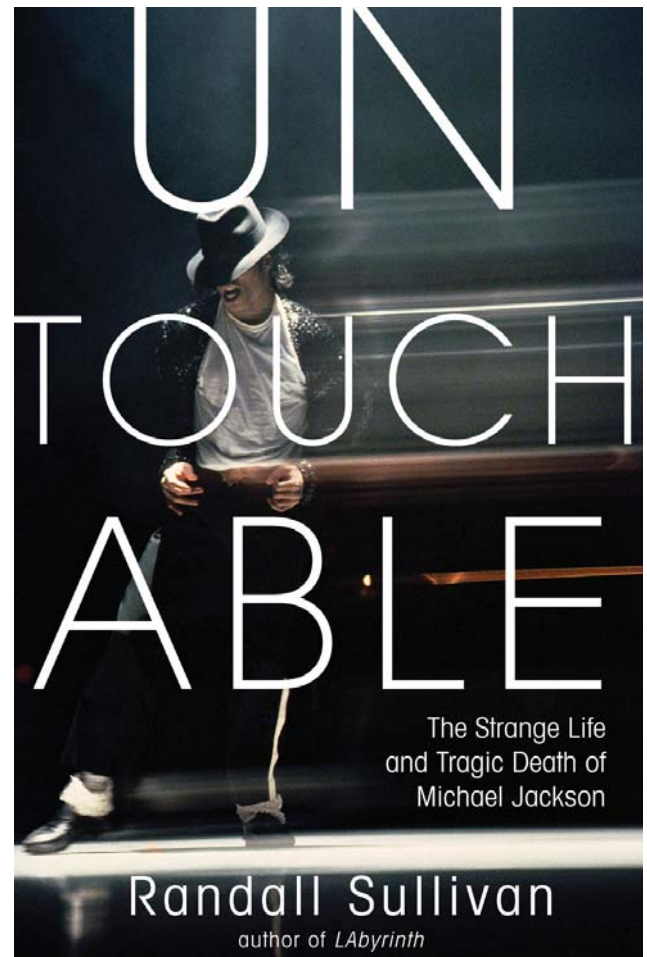
Beginning with his final departure from Neverland, *Untouchable* takes readers through Jackson's final four years, as he shuttled from California to the Middle East, Ireland, Asia, the East Coast, and Las Vegas, planning to recapture his wealth and reputation with a comeback album that included collaborations with Will.i.am, Kanye West, and Carlos Santana, as well as a series of fifty mega-concerts in Paris and London for which he was rehearsing until the day before his death. Sullivan has delved deep into Jackson's past and illuminated his inner circle, and the Jackson that emerges is both naive and deeply cunning, a devoted father whose parenting decisions created international outcry, a shrewd businessman whose successes blew up in his face and whose failures nearly brought down a 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.

Excerpt from
UNTOUCHABLE

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 spent most of the past seventeen years and much of his billion-dollar fortune creating a fairy tale fantasy of eternal youth. After twenty-six months of siege, the 2,700 acres of Neverland Ranch were strewn with the psychic rubble of countless betrayals, bad decisions, and broken dreams.

Tom Mesereau, the silver-maned defense attorney who had been his closest ally during the ordeal of a criminal case that began in April of 2003, had been by his side on June 13, 2005, when a jury acquitted Jackson of all ten felony counts filed against him by Santa Barbara County District Attorney Tom Sneddon, who prosecuted the case personally. The defendant's face was expressionless as the verdict was read.

Michael Jackson was beyond belief. He was a fantastically wealthy man who couldn't qualify for a credit card, adored by millions but without a true friend in the world. He was black but white, innocent but guilty, beautiful but disfigured, alone in a crowd, and on top at the bottom. How people would remember him, he could have no idea.



For over twenty years, RANDALL SULLIVAN was a contributing editor to *Rolling Stone*. He is the author of *The Miracle Detective*, *The Price of Experience*, and *Labyrinth*.

PRAISE FOR THE MIRACLE DETECTIVE:

“Like its title, this book has something miraculous in it. Imagine, if you can, a book . . . that will interest, and satisfy, both the pious and skeptical. That book is this one. Mr. Sullivan's cast of unlikely characters recalls the inhabitants of other mountains, Thomas Mann's *Magic Mountain* or Thomas Merton's *The Seven Storey Mountain*.”

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“Sullivan is there as both reporter and seeker. He brilliantly interweaves stories of his meetings with remarkable women and men, including the visionaries and the priest who serves as their ‘spiritual director,’ with incidents from his own spiritual turmoil.”

—VERNON PETERSON, THE OREGONIAN

A Small Hotel by Pulitzer Prize–winning author Robert Olen Butler is a beautiful literary novel set in New Orleans and spanning the twenty-year relationship of a couple whose marriage has fallen apart.

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ROBERT OLEN BUTLER

Pulitzer Prize winner Robert Olen Butler has written fiction about far-ranging topics including hell, extraterrestrials, and the Vietnam War. With *A Small Hotel*, his twelfth novel, he has turned his attention to a new topic—the complexities of a male-female relationship—and delivers a beautifully told story of love, loss, and redemption.

Set in contemporary New Orleans but working its way back in time, *A Small Hotel* chronicles the relationship between Michael and Kelly Hayes, who have decided to separate after twenty years of marriage. The book begins on the day that the Hays are to finalize their divorce. Kelly is due to be in court, but instead she drives from her home in Pensacola, Florida, across the panhandle to New Orleans and checks into Room 303 at the Olivier House in the city's French Quarter—the hotel where she and Michael fell in love some twenty years earlier and where she now finds herself about to make a decision that will forever affect her, Michael, and their nineteen-year-old daughter, Samantha.

Butler masterfully weaves scenes of the present with memories from both the viewpoint of Michael and Kelly—scenes that span twenty years, taking the reader back to critical moments in the couple's relationship and showing two people deeply in love but also struggling with their own insecurities and inability to express this love.

An intelligent, deeply moving, and remarkably written portrait of a relationship that reads as a cross between a romance novel and a literary page turner, *A Small Hotel* is a masterful story that will remind readers once again why Robert Olen Butler has been called the “best living American writer” (Jeff Guinn, *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*).

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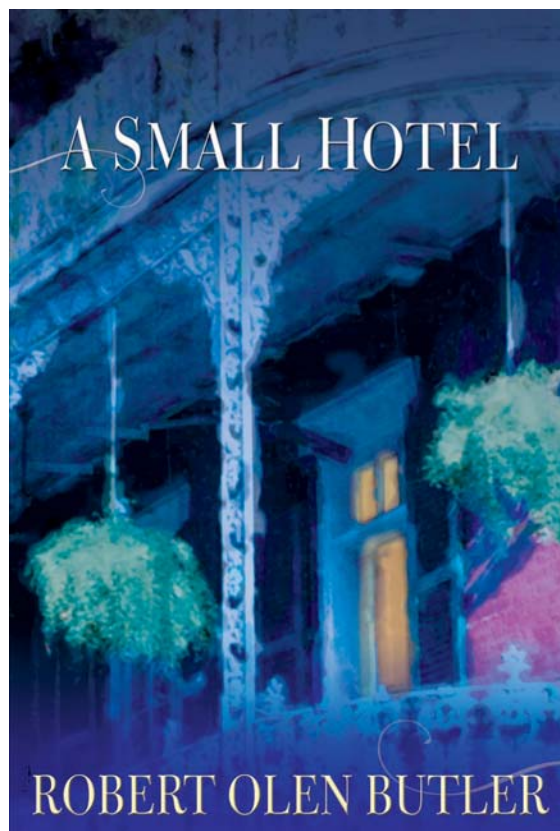
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A SMALL HOTEL

On the afternoon of the day when she fails to show up in a judge's chambers in Pensacola to finalize her divorce, Kelly Hays swerves her basic-black Mercedes into the valet spot, thumps hard into the curb, and pops the gearshift into park, and then she feels a silence rush through her chest and limbs and mind that should terrify her. But she yields to it. She brings her face forward and lays her forehead gently against the steering wheel. She sits in front of the Olivier House on Toulouse Street in the New Orleans French Quarter, a hotel she knows quite well. Like this present silence overcoming the welter in her, before she stepped from her house in Pensacola a little over three hours ago she yanked her hair back into a ponytail and simply stroked a hasty touch of lipstick onto her lips but she then was moved to put on her favorite little black dress, a sleeveless sheath, a prêt-à-porter Chanel she'd had for years, put it on slowly in the muffled silence of her walk-in closet, listening to the Chanel's faint rustle going over her, letting the silk lick her down the thighs. She turned forty-nine years old two months ago on her deck, alone with a single-malt, looking out at the Bayou Texar going dark in the twilight.



ROBERT OLEN BUTLER is the author of twelve novels, six story collections, and a book on the creative process, *From Where You Dream*. Butler is the recipient of a Pulitzer Prize and the Richard and Hinda Rosenthal Memorial Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

PRAISE FOR ROBERT OLEN BUTLER:

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—AMANDA HELLER, THE BOSTON GLOBE ON *FAIR WARNING*

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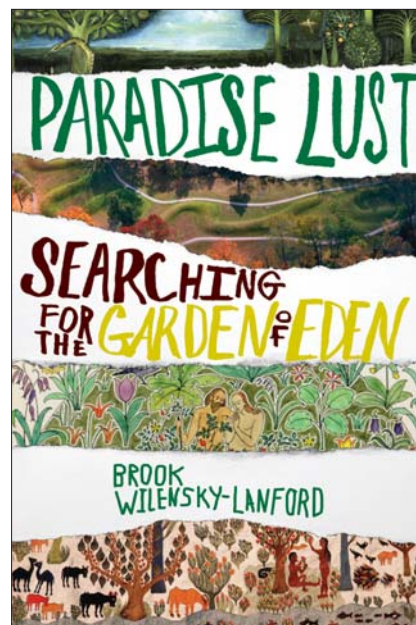
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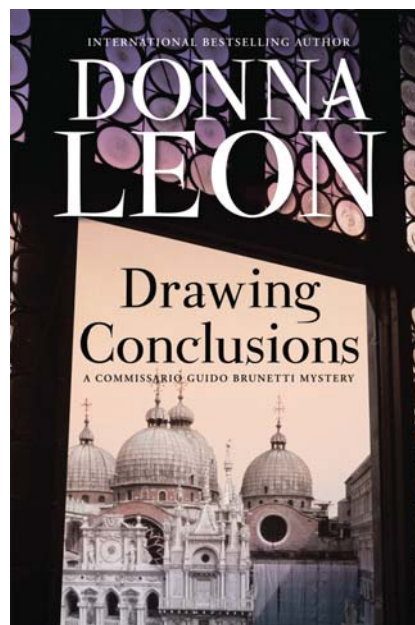
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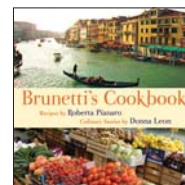
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After a time, he went out into the kitchen, grumbling at the day, and found a note from Paola. "Stop grumbling. Coffee on stove. Just light it. Fresh brioche on counter." He saw the second and the fourth, did the first and the third. While the coffee was heating, he went to the back window and looked off to the north. The Dolomites were clearly visible, the same mountains that Signora Altavilla had turned her back on and that Signora Giusti would see from her windows.

Though Brunetti was son, grandson, great grandson—and more—of Venetians, he had always found greater comfort in the sight of mountains than in that of the sea. Each time he heard of the something that was going to wipe the slate clean of humankind or he read about the ever-escalating number of ships filled with toxic and radioactive waste scuttled by the Mafia off the coast of Italy, he thought of the majestic solidity of mountains, and in them he found solace.

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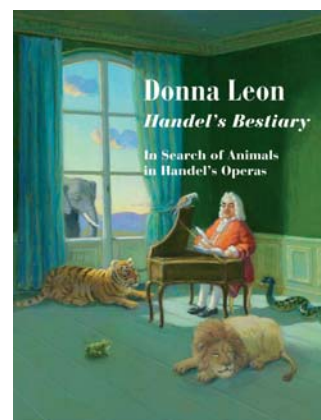
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MICHAEL SOWA was born in Berlin in 1945. His illustrations have appeared in publications such as *Die Zeit* and *The New Yorker* in addition to a great many books. ALAN CURTIS was born in Mason, Michigan, in 1934. In 1979 he founded Il Complesso Barocco, an international ensemble dedicated to Baroque music on original instruments and particularly to the operas of George Frideric Handel.

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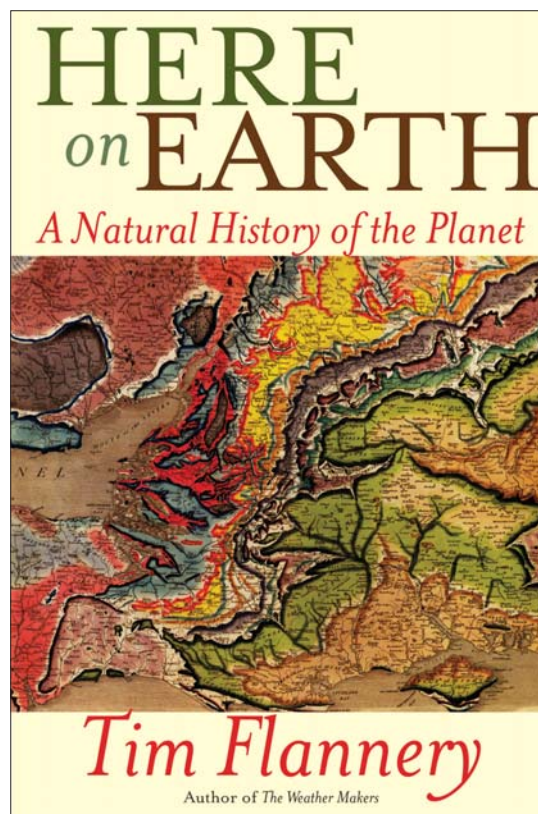
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Thinking of life as something separate from Earth is wrong. Our planet formed some 4.5 billion years ago as a result of a “gravitational instability in a condensed galactic cloud of dust and gas.” It formed in an astonishingly short time—perhaps as little as ten million years—and critically important qualities were added when a heavenly body the size of Mars struck the proto-Earth, liquefying it and ejecting from it a mass destined to become the Moon. The liquefied remainder then began to differentiate into a metallic core, making up almost 30 percent, a silicate mantle making up almost 70 percent, and a thin crust making up just 0.5 percent. Within a billion years—or perhaps just a few hundred million years—parts of that crust had begun to organize into life. That was so long ago that the Moon was far closer than it is today, and was replete with active volcanoes. It loomed large in the sky, and exerted such gravitational pull that Earth’s crust buckled many meters with each tidal swing. It challenges our imagination to think of microscopic portions in that ancient crust slowly becoming living things—and indeed how the spark of life was first kindled remains one of science’s great mysteries. But there is no doubt that the electrochemical processes that are life are entirely consistent with an origin in Earth’s crust—our very chemistry tells us that we are, in all probability, of it.



TIM FLANNERY is a writer, scientist, and explorer. The former director of the South Australian Museum, Flannery spent a year as professor of Australian studies at Harvard. In 2007 he was named the Australian of the Year. Flannery is currently a professor at Macquarie University.

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The perfect game is one of the rarest accomplishments in sports. No hits, no walks, no men reaching base. Twenty-seven up, twenty-seven down. In nearly four hundred thousand contests in more than 130 years of Major League Baseball, it has only happened twenty times. On June 2, 2010, Detroit Tigers pitcher Armando Galarraga threw baseball's twenty-first perfect game. Except that's not how it entered the record books.

That's because Jim Joyce, a veteran umpire with more than twenty years of big league experience, the man voted the best umpire in the game in 2010 by baseball's players, missed the call on the final out at first base. "No, I did not get the call correct," Joyce said after seeing a replay. "I kicked the sh*t out of it." But rather than throw a tantrum, Galarraga simply turned and smiled, went back to the mound and took care of business. "Nobody's perfect," he said later in the locker room.

In *Nobody's Perfect*, Galarraga and Joyce come together to tell the personal story of a remarkable game that will live forever in baseball lore, and to trace their fascinating lives in sports up until this pivotal moment. Galarraga's professional career began at the age of sixteen in Venezuela. The son of a chemistry teacher and a marine biologist, the Montreal Expos signed him for just \$3,500. By the famous night in June, Galarraga had notched a career record of 51–55, undergone Tommy John surgery, and pitched for twelve teams in three organizations. He'd even been traded while on his honeymoon.

Joyce played college ball at Bowling Green, but after graduation he was working in the same Jeep factory in Toledo, Ohio, where both his mother and father had worked, when he took a chance and went to umpire school. The road to the majors for an ump is just as hard as for a player; it took Joyce a decade to reach the big leagues. But unlike the path of Galarraga, Joyce has had a sterling career as one of the best in the game, working two All-Star games and eleven postseason series.

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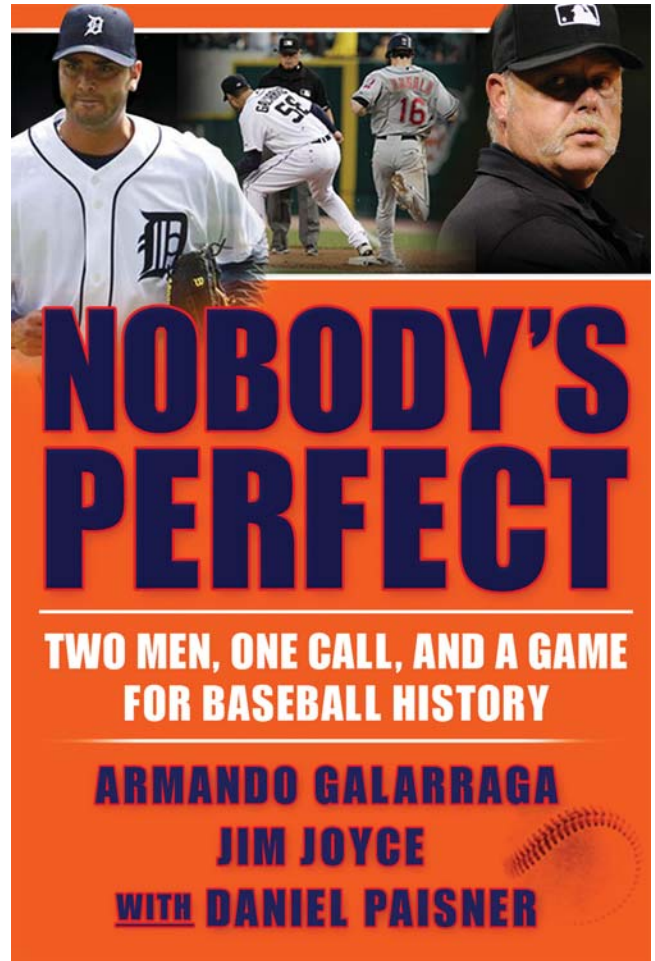
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ARMANDO GALARRAGA is a starting pitcher for the Detroit Tigers. He finished third in balloting for American League Rookie of the Year in 2008. JIM JOYCE has been an umpire in the major leagues for more than twenty years. DANIEL PAISNER is a *New York Times* best-selling writer and collaborator on dozens of books, including Ron Darling’s acclaimed *The Complete Game*.

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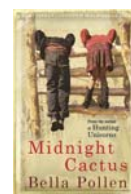
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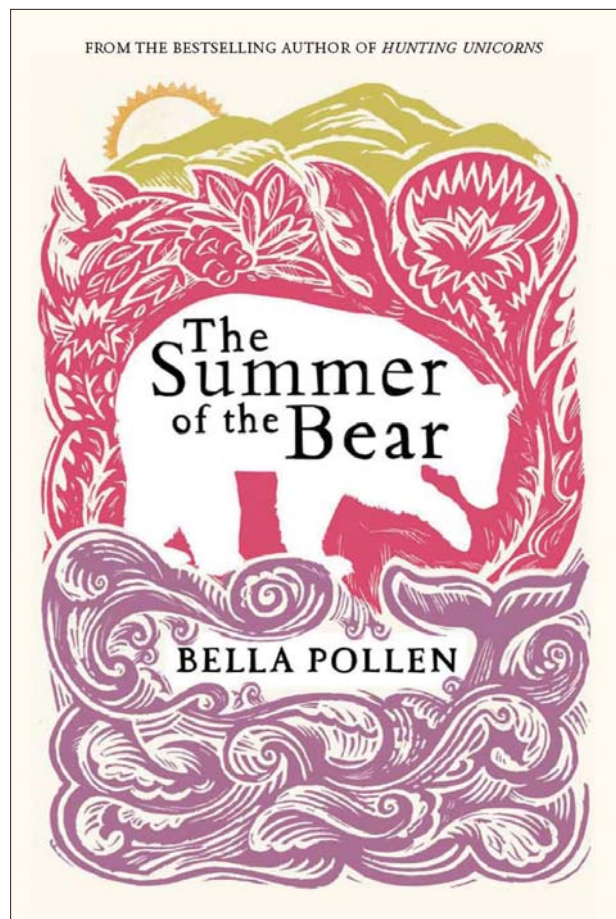


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THE SUMMER OF THE BEAR

In Jamie's world anything was possible. Wolves spoke as men and goblins ruled governments. Waterfalls flowed upward and inanimate objects made conversation with him whenever they pleased. And if his parents encouraged him, they were not alone. Children's heads are a terrible mess of truth and lies, receptacles for conflicting information, fragments of facts, and half-formed opinions. Misinformation is every parent's tool for shielding their offspring from the adult domain. Real life, with its grubby ethics and rank injustice, is not considered a suitable place for a child to inhabit.

From birth, Jamie's baby cage had been padded with fairy tale and strung above a safety net of make-believe, no clues handed out as to what should be accepted as absolute or dismissed as whimsy. Even time had been warped and truncated—"just a minute," "the other day," the concept of "soon"—a whole lexicon of vagueness invented to further smudge the lines of an already blurred world. There were so many clues that the crossed wires in Jamie Fleming's head would not spontaneously unravel. Somebody should have noticed but nobody was paying attention. If only they had been. If only his family had understood the strange workings of that clever little mind, they would have watched him so much more carefully.



BELLA POLLEN has contributed to a wide variety of publications including *Vogue*, *The Observer*, and *The Sunday Telegraph*. She is the author of four other novels including *Midnight Cactus* and *Hunting Unicorns*, which was chosen as a "Best Summer Read" on *The Richard & Judy Show*.

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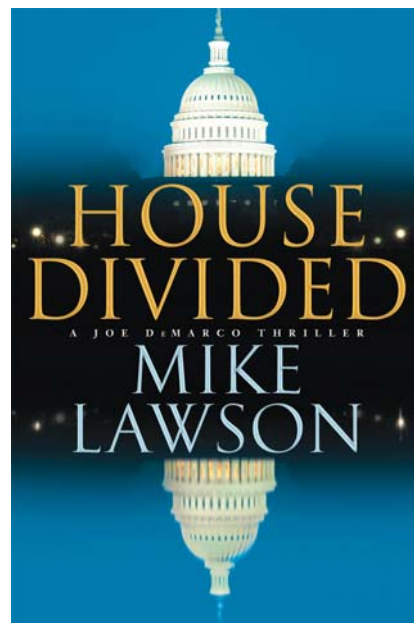
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Excerpt from
HOUSE DIVIDED

Perry Wallace, Mahoney's chief of staff, was an unattractive, disagreeable genius whose only reason for living was to keep Mahoney in office. DeMarco had been to Wallace's home twice before and he knew he could drive there in two minutes, but he also knew he was infested with listening devices and suspected his car had a tracking device installed on it as well. So he needed to dump the car and get rid of all the bugs before he went to Perry's place.

He jumped out of the car, leaving the door open, and started throwing things into the car. He tossed his cell phone and watch in first and started to throw in his wallet, then realized he would need money. He took all the cash from his wallet and when he saw he didn't have much, he pulled out his ATM card. He spent a few seconds—he couldn't afford to spend more than a few seconds running his fingers over the card looking for some kind of bug or tracking device, then gave up. He had no idea how the NSA could bug a plastic card. He'd just have to hope for the best. He put the ATM card and his cash on the hood of his car, and started stripping off his clothes. He figured the last time he'd taken off his clothes that fast was when he was seventeen and lost his virginity to a girl named Patty Donatelli.

Less than ninety seconds after he'd arrived in the alley, he was standing next to his car wearing nothing but boxer shorts and socks. Then, holding his cash and his ATM card in his hand, he started running.

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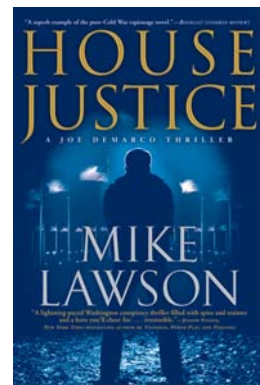


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ALICE LAPLANTE is an award-winning writer who teaches at San Francisco State University and Stanford University, where she was awarded a Wallace Stegner Fellowship and held a Jones Lectureship. Raised in Chicago, she now lives with her family in Northern California.

Excerpt from

TURN OF MIND

Something has happened. You can always tell. You come to and find wreckage: a smashed lamp, a devastated human face that shivers on the verge of being recognizable. Occasionally someone in uniform: a paramedic, a nurse. A hand extended with the pill. Or poised to insert the needle.

This time, I am in a room, sitting on a cold metal folding chair. The room is not familiar, but I am used to that. I look for clues. An office-like setting, long and crowded with desks and computers, messy with papers. No windows.

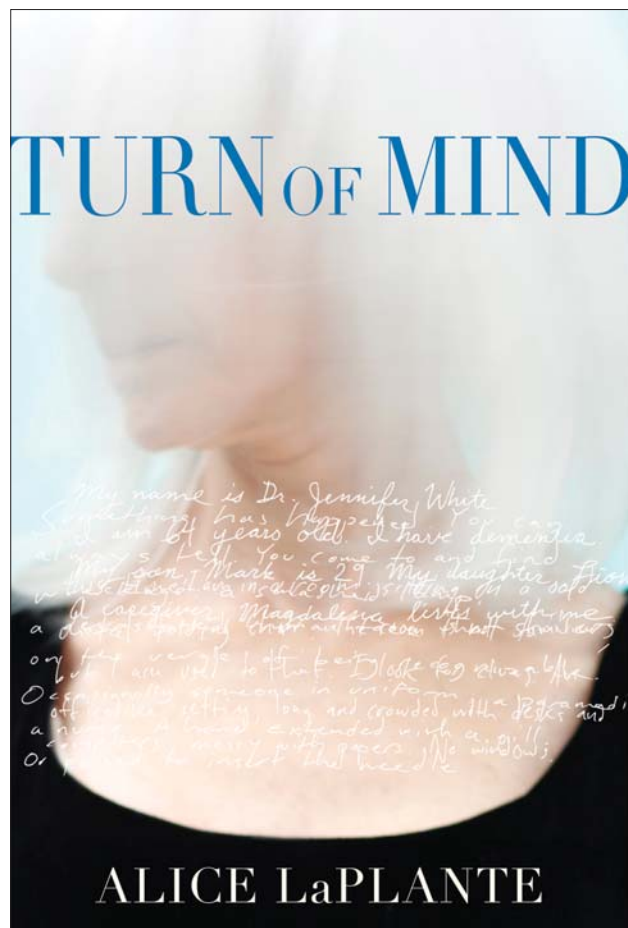
I can barely make out the pale green of the walls, so many posters, clippings, and bulletins tacked up. Fluorescent lighting casting a pall. Men and women talking; to each other, not to me. Some wearing baggy suits, some in jeans. And more uniforms. My guess is that a smile would not be appropriate. Fear might be.

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I want to go home. I want to go home. Am I in Philadelphia? There was the house on Walnut Lane. We played kickball in the streets.

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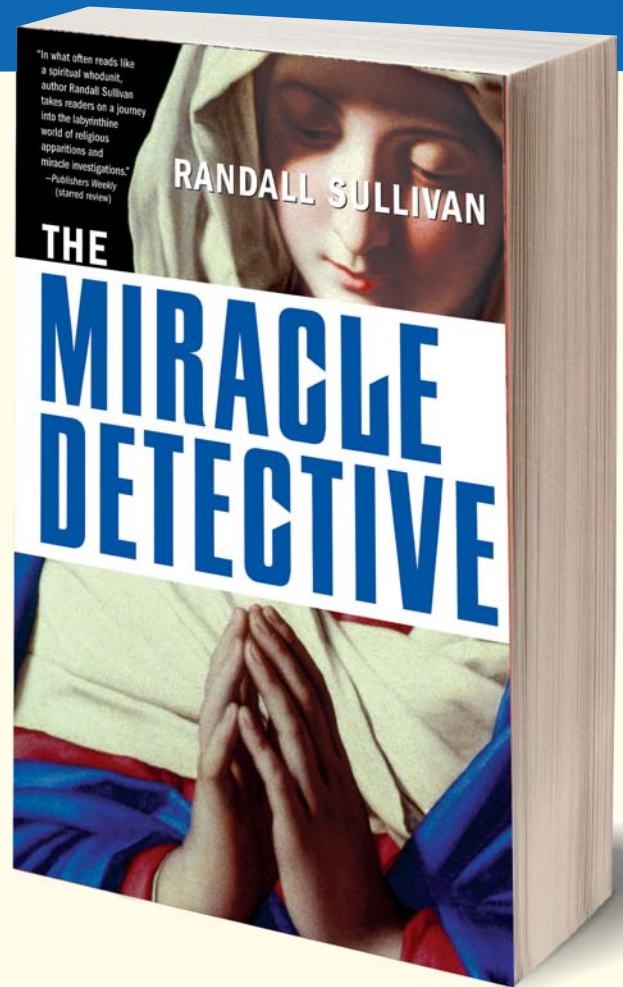
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THE RECORD PLAYERS



"The Warehouse was very soulful, very spiritual—which is amazing in the Midwest, because you have those cornfed Midwestern folks that are very down to earth. I think those type of parties they were having at the Warehouse, I know they were something completely new to them, but once they latched on to it, it spread like wildfire through the city."

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"The DJ is a modern-day entertainer. There's no difference between a band and a DJ. When I perform, they're watching every move. They expect you to deliver."

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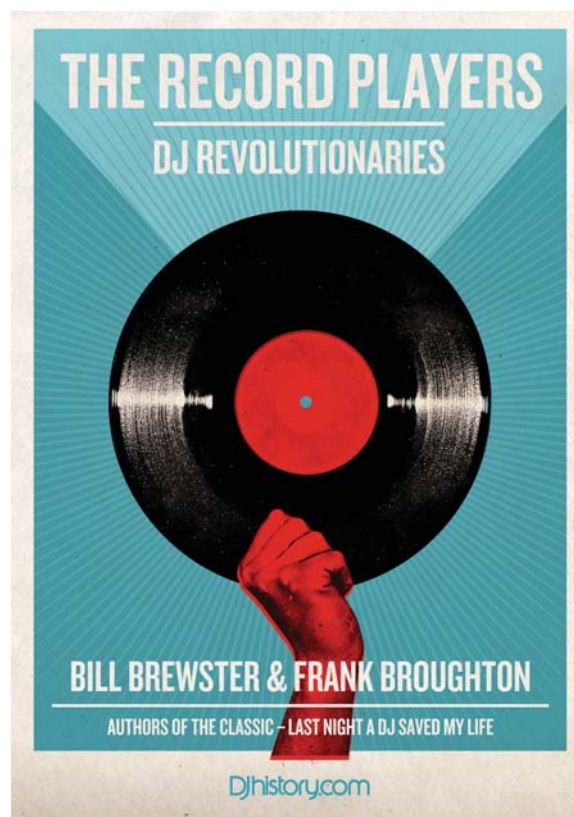


"The most outrageous thing was I turned down fifty grand to DJ for two hours."

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BILL BREWSTER was editor of *Mixmag USA*, and his writing appears regularly in *Muzik*, *The Face*, and *The Guardian*. FRANK BROUGHTON has been deputy editor of *Mixmag USA* and *i-D*, and writes for *Details*, *Rolling Stone*, *Hip Hop Connection*, and *Time Out New York*.

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When his mother unexpectedly pulls him and his younger brother from school, she tells him they're going on an impromptu family trip. But he soon realizes that this will be no ordinary holiday: his parents are known supporters of the opposition, and they are going into hiding. Holed up in a safe house in the remote hills outside the city, the family assumes new identities. The boy names himself Harry after his hero Houdini, and as tensions rise and the uncertain world around him descends into chaos, he spends his days of exile learning the secrets of escape.

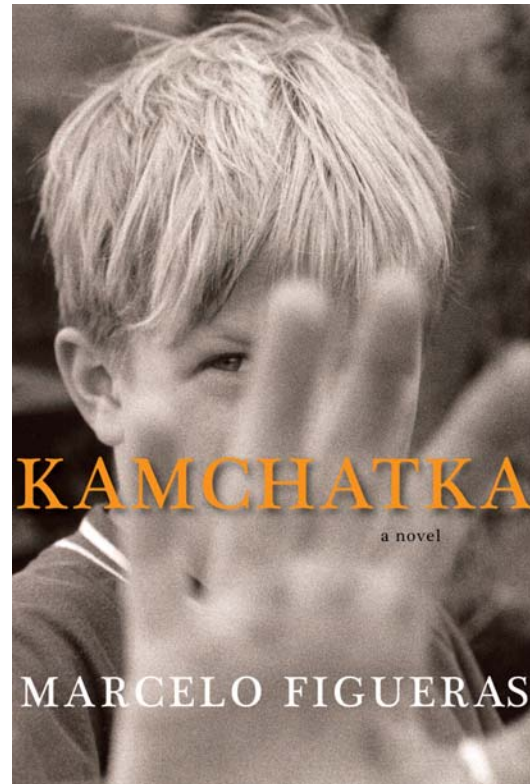
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Excerpt from
KAMCHATKA

"Kamchatka" is a strange word. My Spanish friends find it unpronounceable. Whenever I say it, they look at me condescendingly, as though they were dealing with some sort of savage. They look at me and they see Queequeg, the tattooed man from Melville's novel, worshipping his little idol of some misshapen god. How interesting *Moby-Dick* would have been, narrated by Queequeg. But history is written by the survivors.

I can't remember a time when I did not know about Kamchatka. At first, it was simply one of the territories waiting to be conquered in Risk, my favorite board game, and the epic sweep of the game rubbed off on the place-name, but to my ears, I swear, the name itself sounds like greatness. Is it me, or does the word "Kamchatka" sound like the clash of swords?

I am one of those people who always hungers for things remote, like Ishmael in *Moby-Dick*. The magnitude of the adventure is measured by distance: the more distant the peak, the greater the courage needed. In Risk, Argentina—the country where I was born—is on the bottom left of the board, just below the pink lines of the trade winds. In this two-dimensional universe, Kamchatka was the most distant place you could imagine.



Born in 1962 in Buenos Aires, MARCELO FIGUERAS is an award-winning screenwriter and novelist. *Kamchatka* is his first novel to be translated into English.

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CHRISTINA SHEA is a graduate of Kenyon College and the University of Michigan. She is also the author of the novel, *Moirá's Crossing*. Shea lives in Roslindale, Massachusetts, with her husband and three sons.

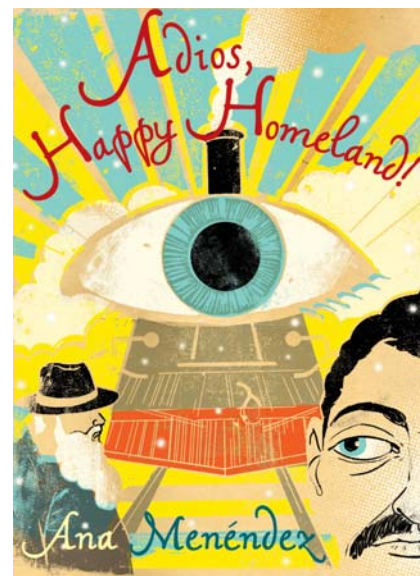
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In this follow-up to her beloved, prize-winning debut, *In Cuba I Was a German Shepherd*, a *New York Times* Notable Book of the Year, Ana Menéndez delivers a liberating, magical, and modern take on the idea of migration and flight.

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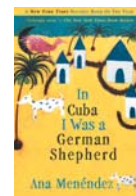
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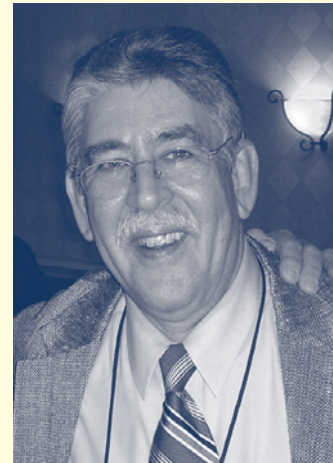
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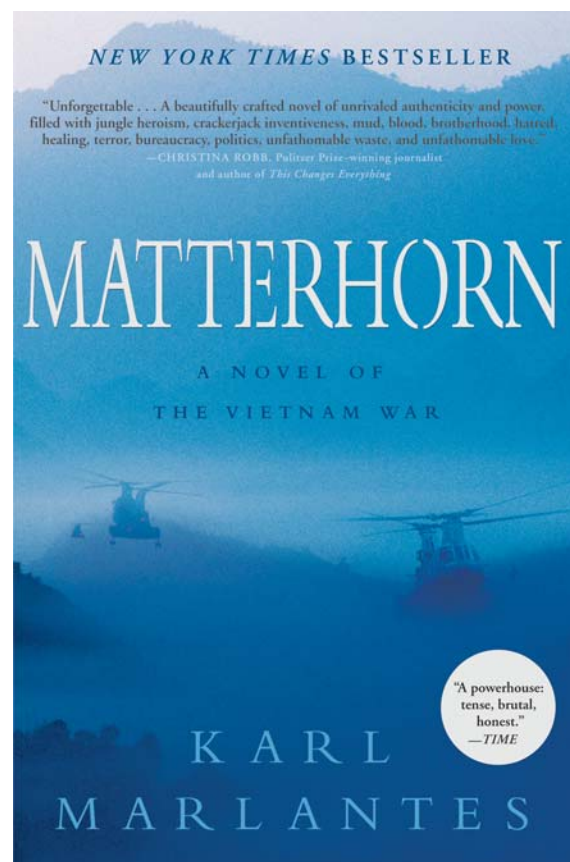
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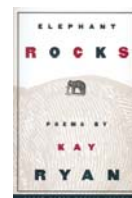
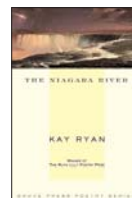
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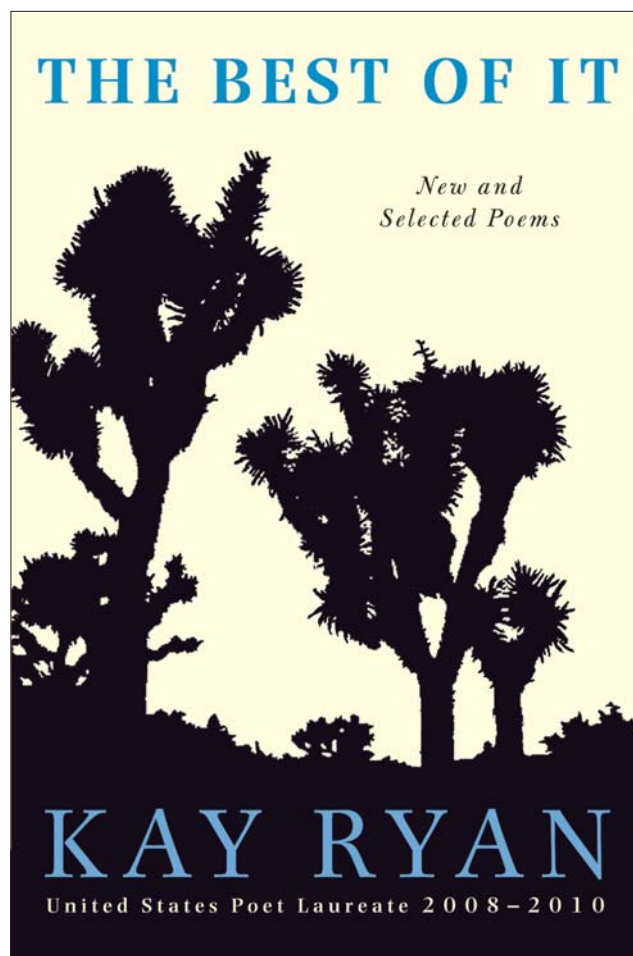
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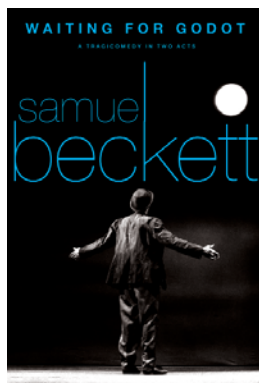
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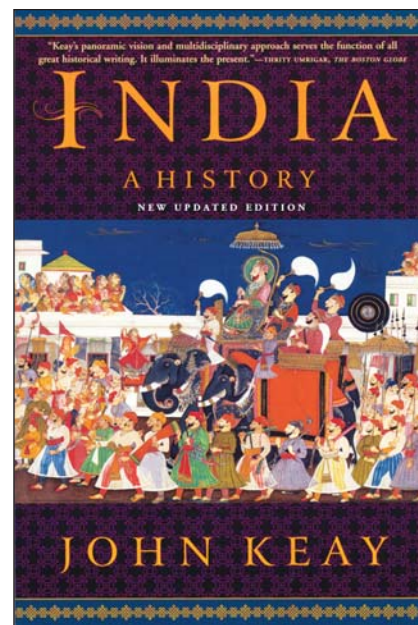
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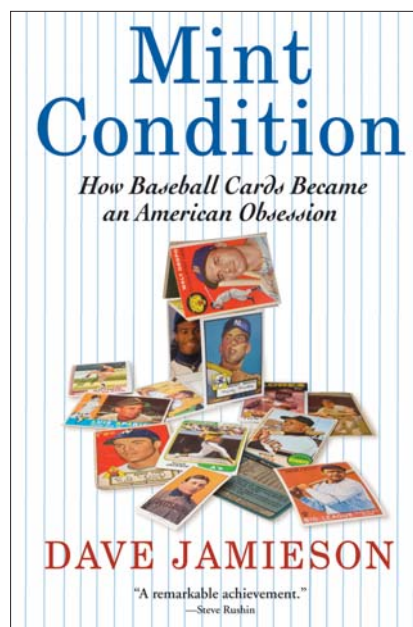
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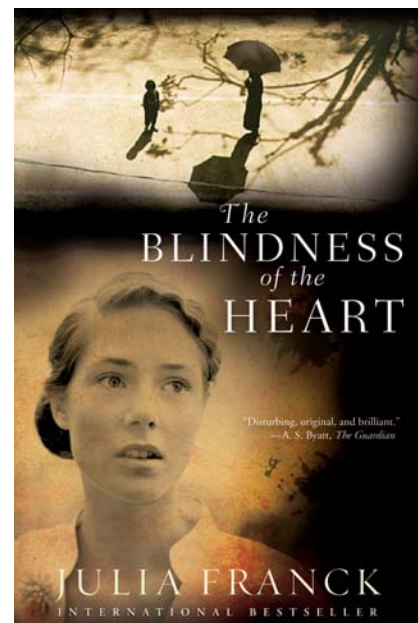
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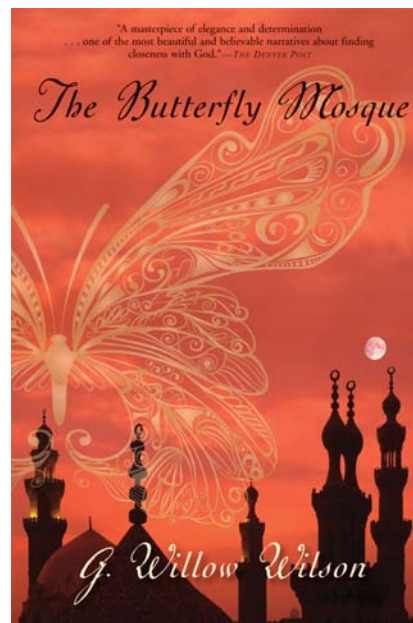
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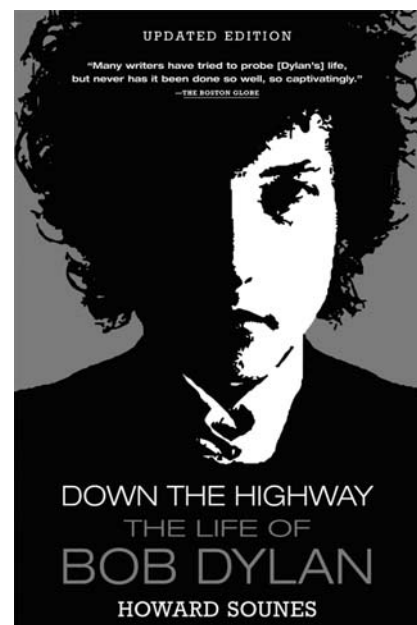
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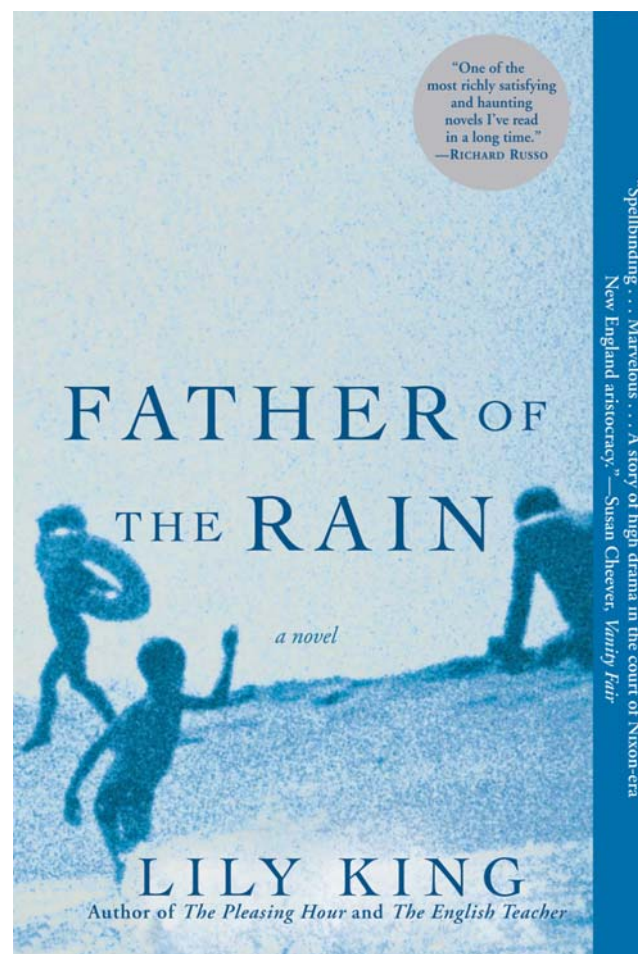
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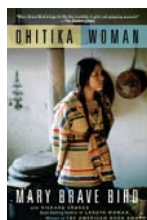
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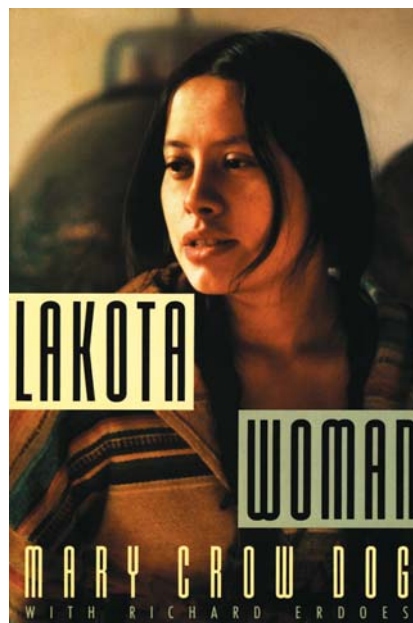
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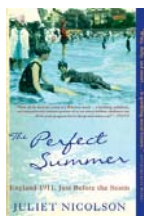
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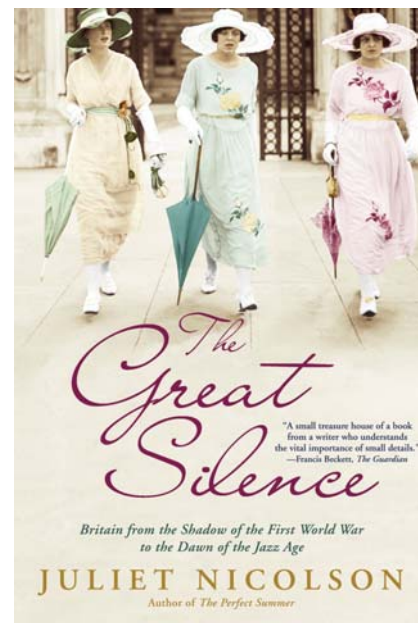
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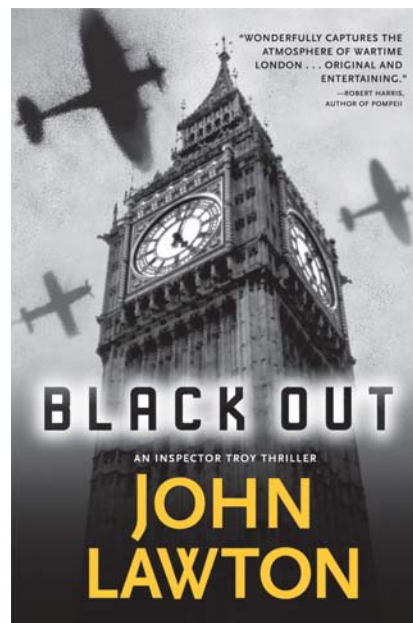
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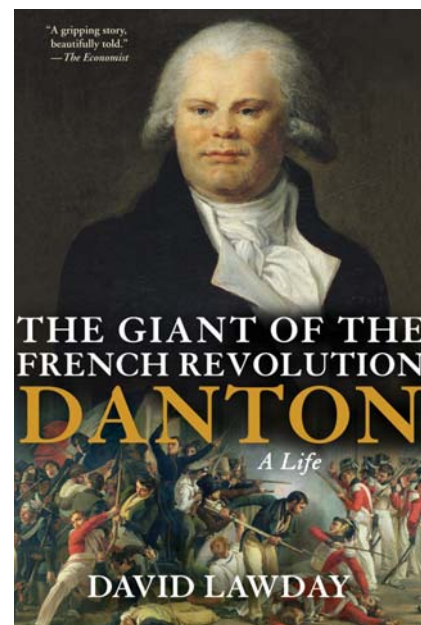
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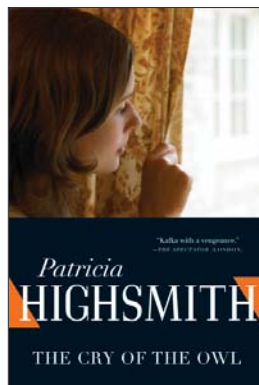
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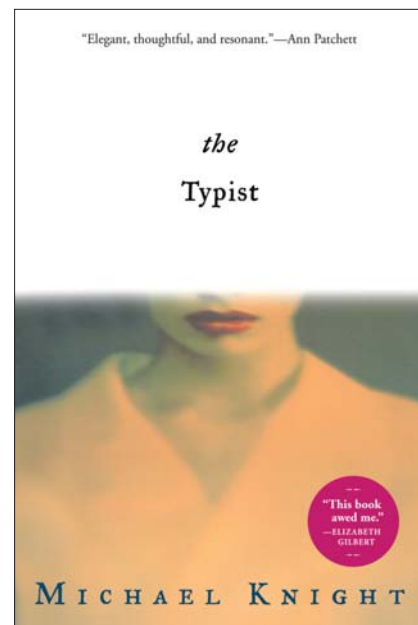
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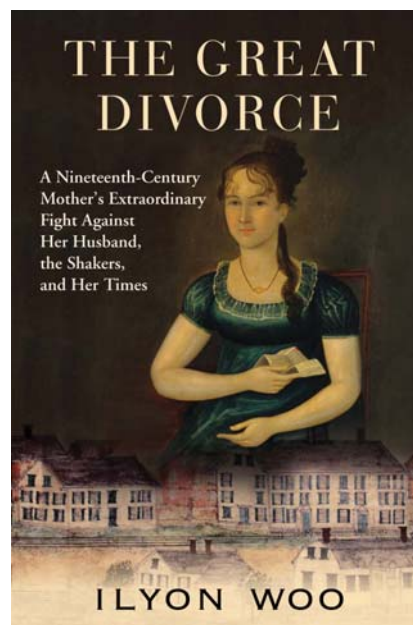
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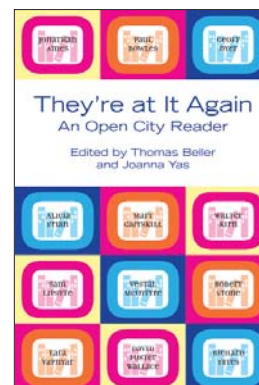
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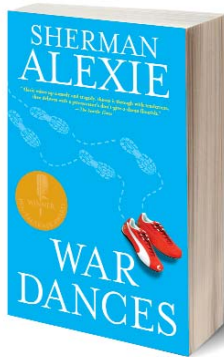
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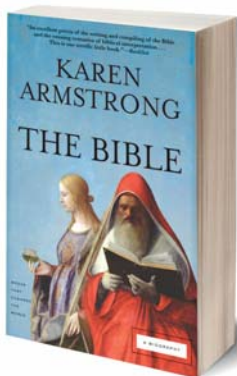
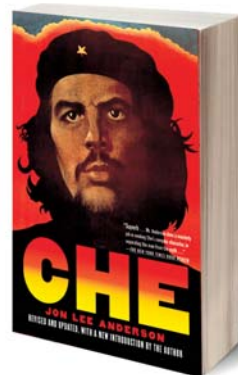


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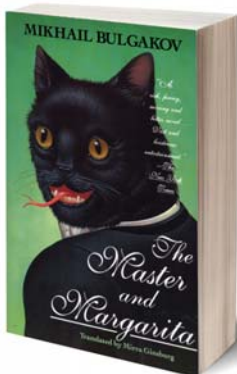
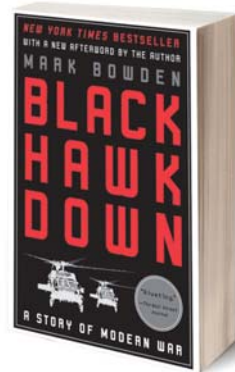


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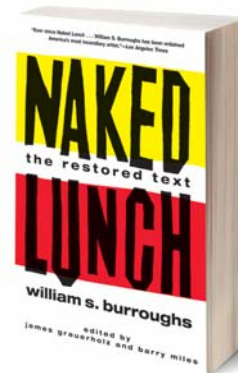
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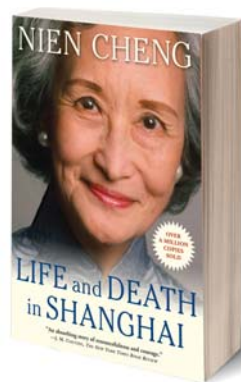
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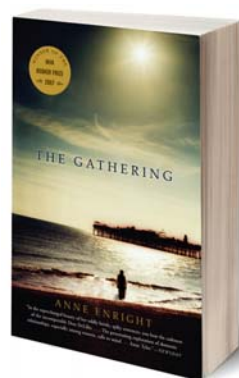
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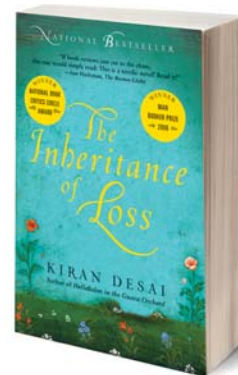
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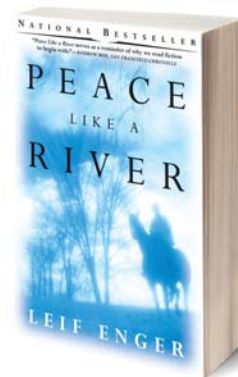
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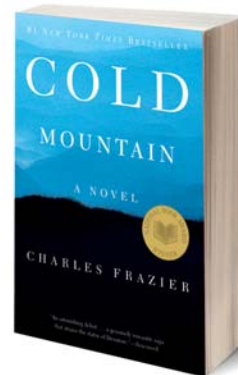


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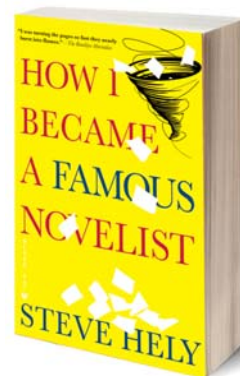
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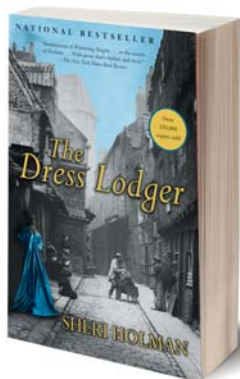
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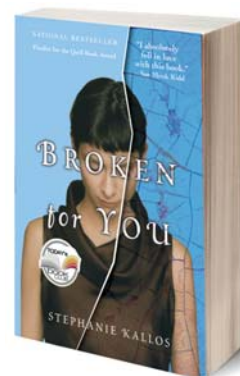
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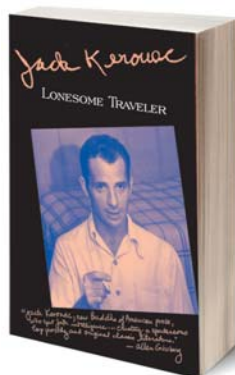
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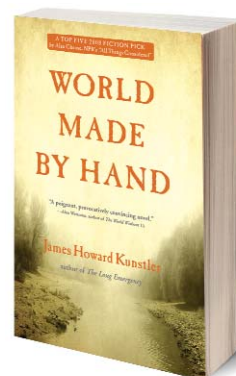


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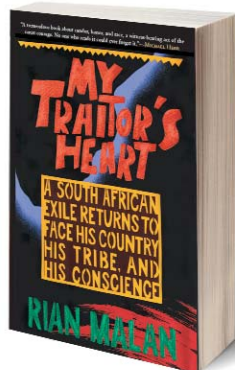


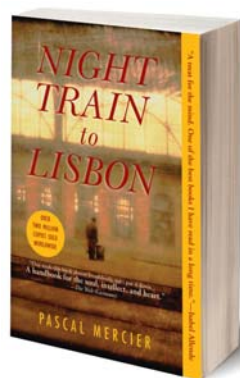
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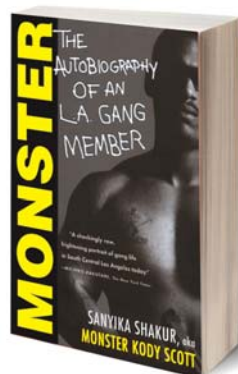


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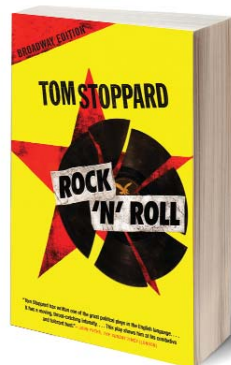
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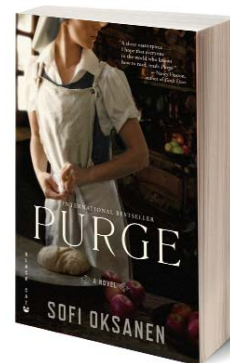
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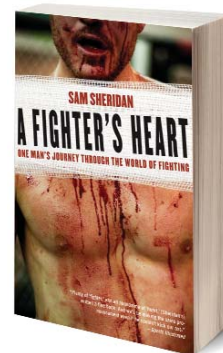


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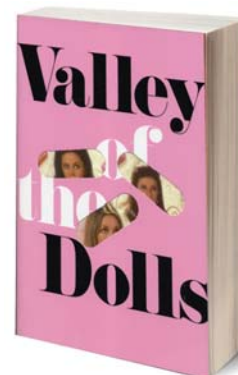
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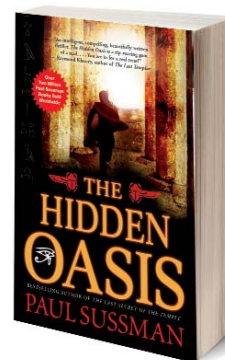
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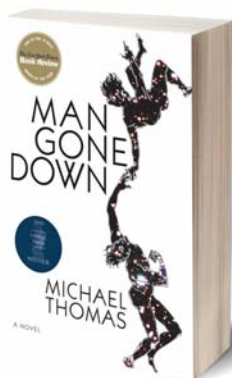
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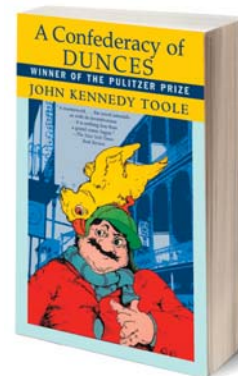


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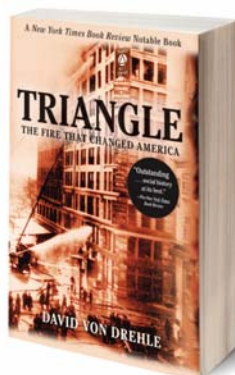
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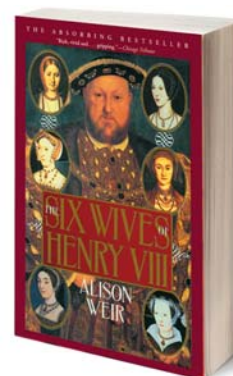
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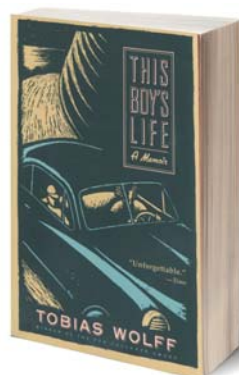
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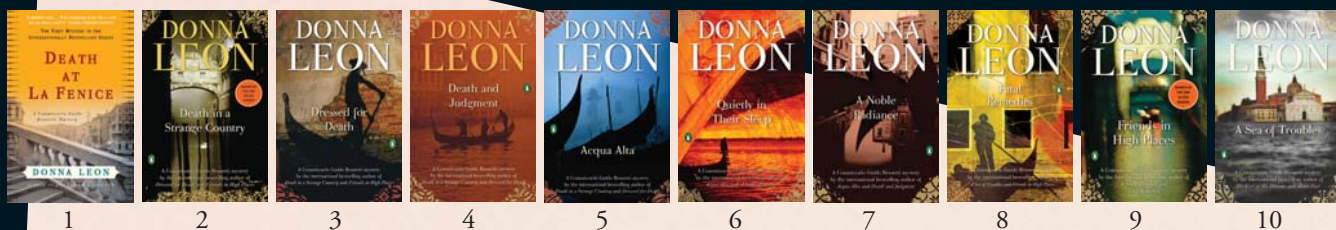
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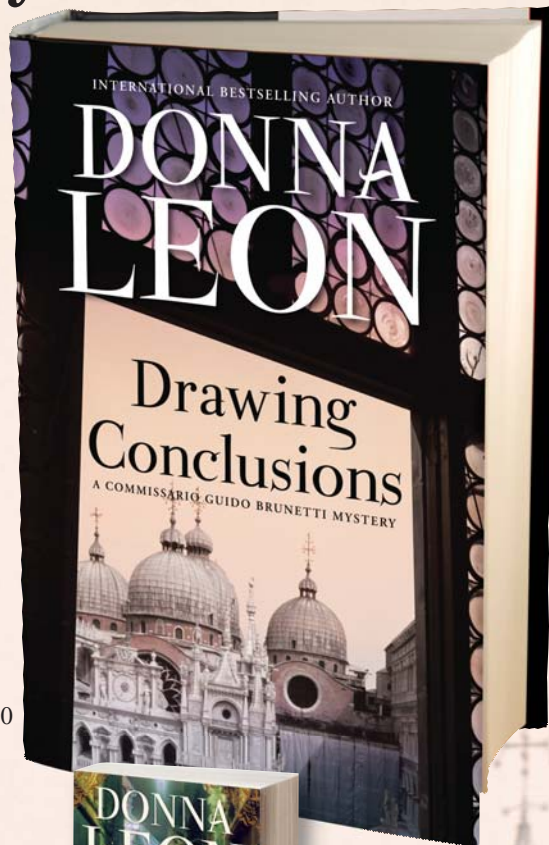
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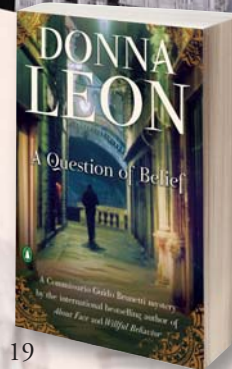
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