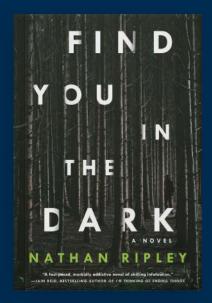
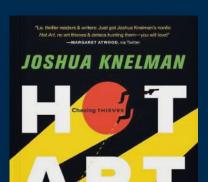
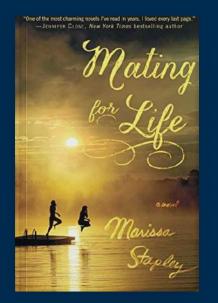


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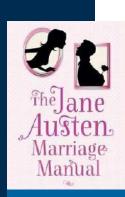
Her Turn

Katherine Ashenburg

For fans of Nora Ephron and the hit series Grace and Frankie.

Divorced and the mother of a college-age son, Liz has a full life: fantastic friends, a job she adores, and a breezy non-committal dating life. Liz's job is to edit an anonymous column called "My Turn," choosing personal essays sent in from readers around the country. One day, a submission about a marital squabble arrives from Seattle, from Nicole, the very woman who had an affair with Liz's exhusband and is now married to him. Wife Two has no idea that she is sending an essay to Wife One, and Liz manages to keep her identity a secret... until the piece is published.

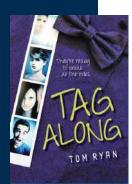
Publication: July 2021 Publisher: English (Canada): Knopf, 2021 English (US): HarperCollins



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The Jane Austen Marriage Manual

Kim Izzo

Will Kate be able to choose between Mr. Rich and Mr. Right?

After losing her job, Kate Shaw's first freelance assignment is to test an Austen-inspired theory: in the toughest economic times is a wealthy man the only must-have accessory? From West Palm Beach to St. Moritz and the glamour of London's social scene, Kate, who gets mistaken for an aristocrat—Lady Kate—chases the man of her dreams, a charming and elegant older financier. But she keeps running into a brooding Englishman, Griffith Kent, who works at an impeccably Austenesque estate called Penwick Manor. She must choose: will she marry for money or love?

Big Time Tom Ryan

An aspiring singer's dreams are dashed when her audition for a TV singing competition goes sideways, but a new avenue reveals itself, leading to greater rewards.

Sixteen-year-old Gerri Jones has dreamed of singing professionally since she was a little girl. When she finally has a chance to try out for her favourite series, the televised singing competition Big Time, she thinks this just might be her big chance. But when the audition is a disaster, Gerri decides to give up singing for good – until some new friends, an engaged teacher, and Gerri's guitar-playing grandfather help her reignite her passion.

Tag Along

Tom Ryan

Four unconnected teens become unexpectedly entangled as they navigate a complicated prom night.

It's prom night, and for very different reasons, Andrea, Paul, Candace and Roemi are missing the big event. Over the course of eight eventful hours, paths are crossed, plans are changed, messages are mixed, and four near-strangers form some unlikely bonds. The Breakfast Club meets Booksmart.

Publication: March 2014

Publication:

Harper Perennial

April 2013 Publisher:

Publisher: English (North America): Orca Book Publishers Rights sold: Germany, Norway, Finland, Sweden.

Publication: October 2013

Publisher: English (North America): Orca Book Publishers





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The Prairie Bridesmaid

Daria Salamon

"The Prairie Bridesmaid is a witty, sardonic and touching story of self- discovery leading to liberation. Daria Salamon's writing is like a breath of fresh Winnipeg air." — Nia Vardalos, actress, My Big Fat Greek Wedding

The Prairie Bridesmaid is a woman's comedy about breaking off an abusive love affair; being surrounded by your crazy (completely unhelpful) meddling family; busting-out of a dead-end job and finally, finally, figuring out who you want were meant to be when you're all grown up. A timely, heartfelt and hilarious story of a woman reclaiming her power.

The Unlikely Hero of Room 13B

Teresa Toten

Ghosted

Shaughnessy Bishop-Stall

cowboy adventure, and a love story.

Hope, happiness, healing...and a whodunit too: Eleanor & Park fans take note!

When Adam meets Robyn at a support group for kids coping with obsessive-compulsive disorder, he is drawn to her almost before he can take a breath. He's determined to protect and defend her whatever the cost. But when you're fourteen and the everyday problems of dealing with divorced parents and step-siblings are supplemented by the challenges of OCD, it's hard to imagine yourself falling in love. How can you have a "normal" relationship when your life is so fraught with problems?

Ghosted is a gritty literary thriller, a black comedy, a high-stakes poker caper, an urban

terrifying test of all. He'll either finally win, or be savagely deleted from own life story.

What happens when someone already wrestling with his own demons immerses himself in the tragedies of other people's lives? In this case, a lot: a hotdog cart is totaled, a convict sprung, a funeral faked, a head scalped, a horse stolen. Terrible secrets are brought to the light and suicide

morphs into murder. Then, just when it looks like Mason is finally going down, he faces the most

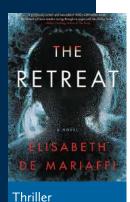


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The Retreat

Elisabeth de Mariaffi

The Hunting Party meets The Shining in this chilling literary thriller

A dancer arrives at a remote mountain retreat hoping for artistic inspiration—only to find it's disaster that strikes when an avalanche traps her among strangers who begin, one by one, to meet unspeakable ends.

Publication: March 2009 Publisher: World Rights Available

Publication: August 2013

Publisher: World Rights Available Ex: English Canada exclusive and Open Market nonexclusive: Random House US: Delacorte US Audio: Listening Library World German: Bertelsmann Random House Portuguese in Brazil: Editora Bertrand Brasil Russia: AST License Limited World Dutch: Gottmer Children's Books Simplified Chinese: Uniwisdon International Newspaper Publishing World Turkish: Pegasus UK English: Walker UK World Korean: See & Talk Publishing

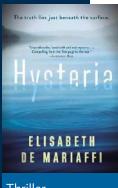
Publication: May 2010

Publisher: World Rights Available Ex: Canada (English): Random House, May 2010 US: Soft Skull Press, Fall 2010 French: Actes-Sud, 2011

Publication: July 2021

Publisher: English (Canada): HarperCollins English (World ex. Canada): Muholland Books





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Hysteria

Elisabeth de Mariaffi

For fans of Hitchcock and The Twilight Zone and readers of Sarah Waters comes an atmospheric suspense that doubles as a ghost story.

Heike Lerner walked away from the Dresden firestorm at the age of fourteen, crossing war-torn Germany and fleeing to Switzerland. Now married to an American psychiatrist working and raising her young son in the idyllic Finger Lakes, she's learning to navigate 1950s high society when a hazy canoe ride to a local pond ends in the unthinkable: a strange little girl seems to appear from nowhere, befriending four-year old Daniel, then disappearing just as quickly below the surface of the water.

The Devil You Know

Elisabeth de Mariaffi

For fans of GONE BABY GONE, Speak of the Devil is a stunning and deliciously creepy novel by Elisabeth de Mariaffi

The year is 1993. Rookie reporter Evie Jones is working the crime beat in a city terrified by a serial rapist and a growing number of missing and murdered young girls. As she covers this story, Evie is haunted by the unsolved murder eleven years earlier of her own best friend, Lianne Gagnon. The suspected killer, a repeat offender named Robert Cameron, was never apprehended, turning Lianne's case cold. Now twenty-one and living alone for the first time, Evie becomes driven to find out what really happened to Lianne. But every clue she uncovers seems to lead to an unimaginable conclusion. As she gets closer and closer to the truth, Evie is convinced that the killer is still at large —and that he's coming back for her . . .

Critically acclaimed author Elisabeth de Mariaffi delivers a spine-tingling story about secrets long buried and an obsession that cannot be controlled.

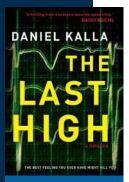
Lost Immunity

Daniel Kalla

A new deadly epidemic. A controversial experimental vaccine. A city divided. What could go wrong?

In this explosive thriller from international bestselling author Daniel Kalla, an experimental vaccine is deployed to battle a lethal outbreak—until patients start dying of unknown causes. What if sabotage-not science-is to blame?

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The Last High

Daniel Kalla

The best feeling you ever had might kill you...

In this riveting novel from international bestselling author Daniel Kalla, a Vancouver doctor and a detective face the deadly consequences of the opioid crisis as they track down the supplier of fentanyl that landed a group of teens in the ER with critical overdoses. Deliberately or not, they must've been poisoned...And if it happened to them... There will be others.

Publication: March 2018

Publisher: World Rights Available Ex: Canada, HarperCollins; UK, Titan Publishing Group. Manuscript Available Film **Rights Available Represented** by Samantha Haywood samantha@transatlanticagency .com

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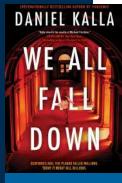
Publication: May 2021

Publisher: English: Simon & Schuster Canada

Publication: February 2021

Publisher English: Simon & Schuster Canada

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We All Fall Down

Daniel Kalla

Hundreds of years ago, the plague killed millions. Today it might kill billions.

WE ALL FALL DOWN envisions the return of the Black Death, which wiped out half of Europe in the three short years, during the mid-1300s. That pandemic still represents the worst natural calamity to ever strike humankind.

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Of Flesh and Blood

Daniel Kalla

Cold Plague

to sound the alarm.

Daniel Kalla

Devastating family secrets, doomed relationships and present-day medical disasters merge to threaten not only the Alfredsons and McGraths but the legendary hospital itself.

With a billion-dollar industry hanging on his silence, Noah has to stay alive long enough

Pristine water—hidden for millions of years, untouched by pollution, and possessing natural healing powers—is found miles under Antarctic ice. The scientists who make this astonishing discovery stand to win worldwide acclaim and earn billions. While people around the world line up for a taste of the therapeutic water, a cluster of new cases of mad cow disease explodes in a rural French province. Dr. Noah Haldane and his World Health Organization team are urgently summoned.

Publication: April 2010 Publisher: English: Forge Books

Publication: April 2008

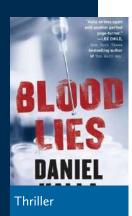
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Blood Lies

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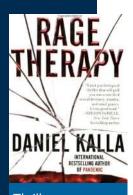
As Ben struggles to solve a tragic mystery from his past and clear his name, he might just learn that, sometimes, blood lies. . .

Set against the backdrop of the ER, BLOOD LIES is a medical thriller and a Fugitive-style suspense novel with a major twist. Ben Dafoe, a young Emergency Room doctor and part-time crime scene consultant for the Seattle P.D., is haunted by addiction. While Ben struggles to solve a tragic mystery from his past to clear his name in a crime of the present, he learns that sometimes blood lies. 0 0

Publication: June 2007 Publisher: English: Forge Books



Publication: March 2019 Publisher: English: Simon & Schuster Canada



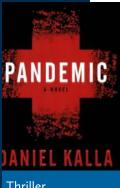
Rage Therapy

Daniel Kalla

When a psychiatrist strays way over the line, his partner is left to face the deadly consequences...

A compelling psychological thriller that probes the darkest compulsions of the human mind. In this psychological thriller—a story of misplaced trust, malpractice, and murder—death comes with a proviso. And the story ends with a shocking twist: more than one person can hide a lethal secret.

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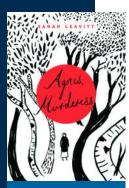


Pandemic Daniel Kalla

In an age when everyone in the world is connected by three commercial flights or fewer, a killer bug can travel much faster than the flu of 1919.

Dr. Noah Haldane knows is overdue for a new killer flu, like the great influenza pandemic of 1919 that killed over twenty million people in less than four months. So when a mysterious new strain of flu is reported in China, he expects trouble ...

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Agnes Murderess

Sarah Leavitt

For fans of Wynonna Earp comes a new graphic novel from award winning author Sarah Leavitt. Based on the bloody legend of serial killer Agnes McVee and set during the gold rush of the late 1800s.

AGNES, MURDERESS is a graphic novel inspired by the bloody legend of Agnes McVee, a roadhouse owner, madam and serial killer in the Cariboo region of British Columbia in the midnineteenth century. Fascinated by Agnes McVee and her unverified reputation as a murderer (originating in a 1970s guide to buried treasure), Sarah Leavitt has imagined an entirely new story for this mysterious woman.

Publication: September 2016 Publisher: English (Canada): ECW Press

Jen Sookfong Lee

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The Conjoined

Jennifer Sookfong Lee

Longlisted for the 2018 International Dublin Literary Award, a masterful and gripping novel from "an undeniably talented writer".

On a sunny May morning, social worker Jessica Campbell, makes a shocking discovery following her mother's funeral — two dead girls curled into the bottom of her mother's chest freezers. She remembers a pair of foster children who lived with the family in 1988: Casey and Jamie Cheng troubled, beautiful, and wild teenaged sisters from Vancouver's Chinatown. After six weeks, they disappeared; social workers, police officers, and Jessica herself assumed they had run away.

Publication: January 2005 Publisher: English: Tom Doherty

Publication:

October 2006 Publisher:

English: Forge Books

Publication: Fall 2019

Publisher: Canada, Freehand Press, Fall

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Quiver

Holly Luhning

Reminiscent of The Historian comes a masterful debut thriller about the original female Dracula, the Hungarian Blood Countess.

In sixteenth-century Hungary, Countess Elizabeth Bathory tortured and killed over 600 servant girls in order to bathe in their blood. She believed this practice would keep her skin youthful and her beauty immortal. Danica is a forensic psychologist at Broadmoor, a former insane asylum- turnedforensic hospital. One of Danica's mental patients is Martin Foster, imprisoned for murdering a fourteen-year-old girl. Foster is a menacing but fascinating patient who may have been the head of a gothic cabal...

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We All Love the Beautiful Girls

Joanne Proulx

The Slates's comfortable and prosperous world dissolves when they discover their best friend has cheated them out of their life savings.

In the wake of that fateful evening, they each find their own ways of coping with the ensuing losses. As the Slates creep closer to the edge—of betrayal, infidelity and revenge—the story moves into more savage terrain. With honesty, compassion and a tough emotional precision, Proulx explores the itch of the flesh, sexual aggression, the reach of love and anger and the question of who ultimately suffers when the privileged stumble.

China White

Sarah Richards

A smart, propulsive, female-driven crime thriller set in the underbelly of Vancouver.

Styvie Savard was a damn good cop; that is, until she made a mistake that cost her everything. Now she lives in her car, works a dead-end job, and scrapes by on the fumes of a dwindling savings account. Life couldn't get much worse, until it does. One morning, Styvie hits a sixteen-year-old girl, Dharma, with her car. When the injured girl flees the scene, Styvie is determined to find her and make things right. Styvie becomes obsessed with freeing the teenage girl from a religious cult.

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FIND YOU IN THE DARK NATHAN RIPLEY

Find You in the Dark

Nathan Ripley

In this chilling debut thriller, in the vein of The Fall, The Killing, and Zodiac, a family man obsessed with digging up the undiscovered remains of serial killer victims catches the attention of a murderer.

On his latest dig, Martin searches for the first kill of Jason Shurn, who may have been responsible for the disappearance of his sister-in-law. But when he arrives at the site, he finds a freshly killed body—a young and recently disappeared Seattle woman—lying among remains that were left there decades ago. Someone else knew where Jason Shurn buried his victims . . . and isn't happy Martin has been going around digging up his work.

Publication: January 2021

Publisher: World Rights Available Ex: Canada (English): HarperCollins, January 2011 US: Pegasus Books, Summer 2011

Publication: August 2017

Publisher: World Rights Available Ex: Canada English, Viking Penguin, Penguin Canada, August 2017.

Publication: August 2021

Publisher: World Rights Available Ex: World Audio, Audible.

Publication: April 2018

Publisher: World Rights Available Ex: U.S., Atria, Canada, Simon & Schuster Canada; U.K./A.N.Z., Text Publishing, Germany, Lubbe; Spain, Ediciones Siruela.



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So Much Love

Rebecca Rosenblum

Room meets Olive Kitteridge with the atmosphere of The Lovely Bones in this stunning first novel about the unexpected reverberations the abduction of a young woman has on a small community.

When a young woman vanishes without a trace from her small town, those who know her are left to cope with her absence. Moving from her outer circle of acquaintances to her closest intimates, the novel reveals how the lives of those left behind can be overturned in the wake of an unexplained disappearance. But at the heart of the novel is her own story of resilience and recovery.



Walt

"Walt is a brilliant Chinese-finger-trap of a book. The plainspoken narration draws you in and makes you feel at home, yet all the while Wangersky is cranking the thumbscrews, the grip tightening and tightening until you're left utterly breathless. Think The Silent Wife, think Gone Girl — that same sense of mounting menace, a feeling that things ain't quite right beneath the surface calm." —Craig Davidson

A dark, psychological thriller about a man named Walt, a grocery store cleaner who collects the shopping lists people leave in the store and discard without thought, unwittingly disclosing facets of their lives to him.



Thriller



Drama



Daniel O'Thunder

lan Weir

An Amazon top 100 book

A rollicking, comic and ultimately haunting tale of fist-fighting, faith and fine madness

1851. London, England. Once a well-known prize-fighter with a terrifying right fist (known as "The Hammer of Heaven"), Daniel O'Thunder has seen the light, and now the protection of the poor and the weak is his life's work. He runs an establishment for those in need of food, shelter and counsel —a place where virtue and vice rub shoulders uneasily. But an ancient evil is stalking the streets, preying on the vulnerable souls it finds there. It is an evil that takes different forms and hides behind many faces, threatening everything Daniel loves most. Driven to desperation, Daniel responds by issuing a breathtaking challenge...to the Devil himself. Rich in humor and memorable characters, this is a rollicking literary thriller.

The Bone Cage

Angie Abdou

Digger, an 85 kilo wrestler, and Sadie, a 26-year-old speed swimmer, stand on the verge of realizing every athlete's dream—winning a gold medal at the Olympics.

Both athletes are nearing the end of their athletic careers, and are forced to confront the question: what happens to athletes when their bodies are too old and injured to compete? The blossoming relationship between Digger and Sadie is tested in the all-important months leading up to the Olympics, as intense training schedules, divided loyalties, and unpredicted obstacles take their draining toll. The Olympics, as both of them are painfully aware, will be the realization or the end of a life's dream. The Bone Cage captures the physicality, sensuality, and euphoric highs of amateur sport, and the darker, cruel side of sport programs that wear athletes down and spit them out at the end of their bloom. With realism and humour, author Angie Abdou captures athletes on the brink of that transition—the lead-up to that looming redefinition of self—and explores how people deal with the loss of their dream.

Publication: Spring 2017

Publisher: World Rights Ex: Canada English, McClelland & Stewart, spring 2017; Poland, Prószyński; French, Leméac Éditeur Inc.

Publication: September 2014

World Rights: House of Anansi

Publication: October 2009

Publisher: World Rights Available Ex: North America, Douglas & McIntyre

Publication: July 2007

Publisher: English (Canada): NeWest Press



Sofie & Cecilia

Katherine Ashenburg

Set in the artworld of Sweden in the late 1800s/early 1900s and weaving a great story out of the lives of two famous Scandinavian artists.

In SOFIE & CECILIA, beloved non-fiction author and journalist Katherine Ashenburg draws upon her formidable skill and maturity as a writer to craft an extraordinary and splendid debut novel. This is the story of a lifelong female friendship, set in the fascinating art world of Sweden between 1900 and 1940, just as modern art and the beginnings of the Scandinavian mid-century modern design movement were inspiring a creative revolution across northern Europe.



Publication: Fall 2017

World Rights Available Ex: English and French Canada

Coach House Books, Fall 2017

Publisher: World Rights Available Ex: Canada, Knopf, New Face of Fiction, Spring 2018



Drama



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If Clara

Martha Baillie

Martha Baillie's exquisite novel looks at family, friendship, memory, and the anxiety of contemporary life as if through a Kaleidoscope.

Daisy, an author confined to her home, her leg in a cast from hip to ankle, receives a parcel containing the manuscript of a novel about a Syrian refugee, and is asked to pose as its writer. Julia, a curator of installation art, has no idea that her sister, Clara, has written a novel. However, she does know that Clara suffers from a debilitating mental illness that renders her wildly unpredictable. And Maurice's life is changed by a pair of binoculars welded to the wall of Julia's gallery.

The Search for Heinrich Schlogel

Martha Baillie

A young man desperate for adventure ventures into the Great North. When he emerges, thirty years have mysteriously vanished. With the spirit of Into the Wild & brimming with creativity.

Heinrich Schlogel, aged twenty, escapes the claustrophobia of small-town Germany by traveling to Canada where he sets out on a long solo hike into the interior of Baffin Island. The year is 1980. His journey quickly becomes surreal, as shards of displaced and disturbing history emerge from the shifting Arctic landscape. He experiences strange encounters and inexplicable visions. Time plays tricks on him.

Publication: Fall 2014

Publisher: World Rights Available Ex: US, Tin House Books, Fall 2014 Canada, Pedlar Press, Fall 2014

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The Selector of Souls

Shauna Singh Baldwin

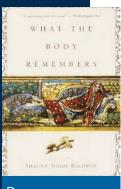
A richly imagined, fierce and fascinating novel by bestselling, award- winning author Shauna Singh Baldwin.

High in the mid-ranges of the Himalayas, a young woman gives birth to her third child, a baby girl, with the help of her mother, Damini. The birth brings no joy, just a horrible accounting, and the femicide act that follows haunts the novel. In Shauna Singh Baldwin's enthralling novel, two fascinating, strong women must deal with the relentless logic forced upon them by survival: Damini, a Hindu midwife, and Anu, who flees an abusive marriage for the sanctuary of the Catholic Church.

Can Damini and Anu overcome their differences and find creative ways to reform their traditions from within? If baby girls are to be born, survive and be valued, they must -- no matter the personal cost.

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GARY BARWIN NOTHING THE SAME. EVERYTHING HAUNTED

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Shauna Singh Baldwin

Winner of the Commonwealth Writers Prize for the Canada/Caribbean region, and Finalist for the 2000 Orange Prize for Fiction

It's 1937 and with her father in debt, motherless 16-year-old Roop becomes the second wife of a wealthy Sikh landowner in Northwest India, Sardarji, whose first wife Satya has failed to bear him a child. Roop believes that strong-willed Satya, still very much in residence, will treat her as a sister but their relationship swiftly becomes ominous and complicated. Satya resorts to desperate measures to maintain her place in society and her husband's heart.

Nothing the Same, Everything Haunted

Gary Barwin

A middle-aged Jewish man who fantasizes about being a cowboy goes on an eccentric quest across Europe after the 1941 Nazi invasion.

Since having his balls shot cleanly off as a youth in WWI, Motl has lived a quiet life at home in Vilnius with his shrewish mother, losing himself in the masculine fantasy world of cowboy novels by writers like Karl May. In his dreams, he is a fast-talking, expert gunslinger capable of dealing with the Nazi threat. But only in his dreams. As Motl ventures across Europe in search of his family, he encounters a kaleidoscope of characters, from Himmler, to circus performers, double agents, quislings, and "Indians".



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Blaze Island Catherine Bush

"Here is the majesty and awe of unleashed nature and we are caught in the grip. Swept away. This novel is sublime." — Lisa Moore

A mammoth Category Five hurricane sweeps up the eastern seaboard of North America, leaving devastation in its wake. On tiny Blaze Island in the North Atlantic, Miranda Wells, teenaged daughter of weather-watcher Alan Wells, finds herself in an altered world. Who is the youthful stranger who crashes his car in the midst of the storm and seeks refuge in Miranda's isolated home? Who are the three men who, hours before the storm erupts, have flown to the island in a sleek corporate jet?

CATHERINE BUSA Accusation

Drama



Accusation

Catherine Bush

In the tradition of Doubt: A Parable comes a sophisticated and psychologically charged novel exploring how charges of wrongdoing have a life of their own.

Sara Wheeler, a journalist, has been the victim of a false accusation in her past and was permanently damaged by it. So when she meets the charismatic idealist Raymond Renaud, founder of a wildly successful children's circus Cirkus Mirak from Ethiopia, who is doing such good things in a desperate part of the world, she deeply wants to believe in his innocence when ugly allegations of physical and sexual abuse break.

Publication: 1999

Publisher

World Rights Available Ex: English Canada (Knopf, 1999) United States (Nan Talese/ Doubleday/Anchor Books, 2000) UK (Transworld) Greece (Psichogios) Germany (Bertelsmann, 2000) France (Editions du Seuil) Bulgaria (Prozoretz) India (Rupa, reprinted 2011) Spain (Editorial Anagrama) Catalan (Enciclopedia Catalana) Israel (Keter) Israel (Keter) Holland (De Geus) Italy (Mondadori) Poland (Proszynski I Ska) Turkey (Epsilon Yanyincilik) Audio edition (Goose Lane Editions, 2000)

Publication: March 2021

Publisher: English (Canada and US): Random House Canada Romanian: RAO Distributie

Publication: Fall 2020

Publisher: Publication: Fall 2020 (Goose Lane Editions) English (Canada): Goose Lane Editions

Publication: Fall 2013

Publisher: World Rights Available Ex: Canada English & French, Goose Lane Editions, Fall 2013



SMALL GAME HUNTING AT THE LOCAL COWARD GUN CLUB MEGAN GAIL COLES

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Shoplifter

Michael Cho

In the tradition of Ghost World, a riveting portrait of a frustrated young woman who shoplifts at night to ease the pains of her shallow day job.

Corrina works at a hip Ad agency, filled with aspiring twenty-somethings who have no qualms marketing perfume to little girls, or checking out strip joints. But Corrina used to dream of being a writer, doing something meaningful with her life. Single, albeit living with a rather bossy cat for company at night, Corinna needs to take the edge off her career angsts and finds shoplifting really does the trick. She only steals magazines, but the high helps keep her quarterlife crisis temporarily at bay.

Small Game Hunting at the Local Coward Gun Club

Megan Gail Coles

The #1 National Bestseller, CBC Canada Reads, and Scotiabank Giller Prize finalist, Megan Gail Coles' novel is by turns savage, biting, funny, poetic, and heartbreaking, and rips into the inner lives of a wicked cast of characters, exposing class, gender, and racial tensions over the course of one Valentine's Day in the dead of a winter storm.

A fierce blizzard is threatening to tear a strip off the city, while inside The Hazel restaurant a storm system of sex, betrayal, addiction, and hurt is breaking overhead. Iris, a young hostess, is forced to pull a double despite resolving to avoid the charming chef and his wealthy restaurateur wife. Just tables over, Damian, a hungover and self-loathing server, is trying to navigate a potential punch-up with a pair of lit customers who remain oblivious to the rising temperature in the dining room. Meanwhile Olive, a young woman far from her northern home, watches it all unfurl from the fast and frozen street.

Eating Habits Of The Chronically Lonesome

Megan Gail Coles

A recipient of the BMO Winterset Award-2014-CA and John and Margaret Savage First Book Award-2015-CA, Megan Gail Coles' collection of interwoven short stories explores starvation and consumption, and what the state of hunger reveals about our soft hearts.

Ellen jumps rope on rooftops in the searing Korean sun. She has sworn off carbohydrates until she can find pants that fit. Damon resents his two dollar chow mein bought on a Montreal curb. There are half-eaten poutines on living room floors and greasy corn kernels stuck to chins. There are weak cocktails, cheap coffees, white plastic forks, and cigarettes. Everywhere. These interwoven stories are propulsive. They pull back the blast shield to reveal blinding interior voices; unrepentant and raw. Coles' irreverent characters scorch, and strangely comfort us, as they struggle to process the permeable nature of their thoughts. Such are the sardonically complex and humourous Eating Habits Of The Chronically Lonesome.

Smoke River

Krista Foss

A novel about two very different families exposing fault lines in a community where Indigenous and settlers live side by side.

This compelling contemporary story unfolds in the voices of several vivid, unforgettable characters: the restless and beautiful young Mohawk woman dreaming of adventure in the wider world; the successful businessman who harbours a surprising loyalty; the high school hero whose inner life would shock his admirers, especially his ambitious mother; and the unexpected lovers, who must weigh happiness against the demands of history and pride. Wise, tender, and fearlessly funny.

Publication: 2014

Publisher: World Rights Available Ex: France: Outsider, Delcourt Spain: Reservoir Books, Mondadori Germany: Egmont World English: Pantheon

Publication: February 2019

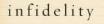
Publisher: World Rights Available Ex: World Rights, House of Anansi, February 12, 2019.

Publication: October 2014

Publisher: English (Canada and US): Breakwater Books

Publication: Spring 2014

Publisher: World Rights Available Ex: Canada English, McClelland & Stewart, Spring 2014





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Infidelity

Stacey May Fowles

INFIDELITY is Take this Waltz meets Unfaithful in contemporary Toronto.

Ronnie, a hairdresser with a history of recklessness, feels stifled by the predictable, comfortable life laid out before her with her live-in boyfriend. Charlie is an anxiety-ridden award-winning writer, burdened by his literary success and familial responsibility, including a bread-winning wife and a child with autism. When the unlikely pair meets, a filmic affair begins on office desks and in Toronto hotel rooms, creating a false reality that offers solace in its secrets. Two very different people, trapped by everyday expectations, take pleasure in destroying those expectations together. Their relationship, with all its differences and failings, with all its pleasure and pain, calls into question our rigid and limiting definitions of right and wrong, and what it means to be a partner, parent, lover, and human being.

Be Good

Stacey May Fowles

My Name is a Knife

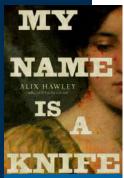
Alix Hawley

Morgan and Hannah are part of a group of fellow twenty-something Canadians struggling to navigate a maze of love affairs, failed relationships, obsessions, and departures from the familiar—each with a distinct persona molded by secrets and deceptions.

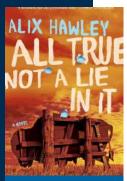
Set against the acutely -drawn urban landscapes of Montreal and Vancouver, this gritty novel deftly shifts perspective from the innocent and idealistic Hannah to the streetwise and damaged Morgan, as well as to their friends and the men in their lives. The book eloquently exposes the lies people tell themselves and others in order to cope with life, and reveals the ongoing alienation and isolation of a world where the only reliable narrator is the future.

Publication:

July 2018 Publisher: World Rights Available Ex: Canada, Vintage/Knopf Canada



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All True Not a Lie in It

some of them want him hanged as a traitor.

Alix Hawley

Pioneer Daniel Boone's life, told in his voice--a tall tale like no other, startling, funny, poignant, romantic and brawling.

Alix Hawley brings us the dramatic end of fabled frontiersman Daniel Boone's story--a

The truth of it is that Daniel Boone, captured by the Shawnee, now the adopted son of a chief he

respects and husband to a Shawnee wife, does not want to come back to his settler life. But when he learns the Shawnee and the English plan to attack the fort he founded, where his white wife and children remain, he escapes in order to warn them. The other settlers view him with suspicion, and

heartbreaking and powerful imagining of a crucial period in North American history.

Here is Daniel Boone as you've never seen him. Debut novelist Alix Hawley presents Boone's life, from his childhood in a Quaker colony, through two stints captured by Indians as he attempted to settle Kentucky, the death of one son at the hands of the same Indians, and the rescue of one daughter. The prose rivals Hilary Mantel's and Peter Carey's, conveying that sense of being inside the head of a storied historical figure about which much nonsense is spoken while also feeling completely contemporary.

Publication: February 2015

Publisher: World Rights Available Ex: Canada, Knopf Canada; US, Ecco USA; Chinese, Red Apple China

Publication: Fall 2013

Publisher: World Rights: ECW Press, Fall 2013

Publication: November 2007

Publisher: World Rights Sold: Tightrope Books



Sleeping Funny

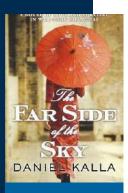
Miranda Hill

Reminiscent of Spike Jonze's Adaptation, this collection is a contemporary classic, united by its suspense, surprise and crisp prose.

Sleeping Funny travels back through time from a current-day, wealthy Ontario-esque suburb, where a group of women lose their self-confidence upon the arrival of a new beautiful bohemian neighbour in "The Variance" all the way back to 19th century Kingston in "Rise: A Requiem (with Parts for Voice and Wing)" the final story, in which a minister has his faith and reason tested by an impoverished medical student. In between, descending backwards into time, a sex-ed class offers an unexpected twist.

Publication: 2012

Publisher: World rights available Ex: Canada English, Doubleday Canada, 2012

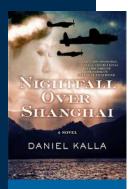


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The Far Side of the Sky Book 1

Daniel Kalla

This novel focuses on a short but extraordinary period of Chinese, Japanese, and Jewish history when cultures converged and heroic sacrifices were part of the everyday quest for survival.

Weaving together political intrigue, romance and medical drama, THE FAR SIDE OF THE SKY brings to life an extraordinary chapter of Second World War history, when the cultures of Europe and Asia converged and heroic sacrifices were part of the everyday quest for survival. This sweeping account of a world in tumult is a moving, ultimately hopeful story about the value of family and courage in the darkest of times.

Rising Sun, Falling Shadow Book 2

Daniel Kalla

Espionage and betrayal become part of one family's struggle to survive in the sequel to the bestselling author's The Far Side of the Sky.

RISING SUN, FALLING SHADOW blends a rich portrait of a city under siege with medical drama, romance and intrigue, showing us both the heroism and the treachery that can result when ordinary people find themselves faced with extraordinary dangers.

Publication:

Publication:

September 2011 Publisher:

English: Harper Perennial

September 2013 Publisher: English: HarperCollins Publishers

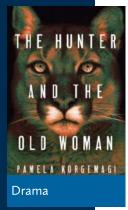
Publication: August 2015 Publisher: English: Harper Perennial

Nightfall Over Shanghai Book 3

Daniel Kalla

Espionage, passion and battlefield peril: the fate of one remarkable family unfolds against the Second World War's Pacific Theatre in Daniel Kalla's spellbinding novel, the triumphant concluding volume in his Shanghai trilogy.

Adjusting to life in 1944 Japan after fleeing Nazi Europe, Dr. Franz Adler and his family are imprisoned in the Shanghai Ghetto for Jewish refugees, where Franz is forced to work as a field doctor while his wife is recruited into a spy ring and their daughter is drawn to the Zionism movement.



The Hunter and the Old Woman

Pamela Korgemagi

For fans of Life of Pi comes an epic tale of life and survival narrated by a female cougar as she attempts the most remarkable of feats: survival in the forest.

A fantastic vision of the hidden life of a mountain lion, describing the everyday episodes of an extraordinary life. The Cougar hunts, she finds a lover, raises her brood, survives a vengeful stalker, and navigates the perils of encountering men in the forest.

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David Macfarlane

A haunting novel about love experienced and love remembered that is also an unforgettable celebration and evocation of brief beauty.

SUMMER GONE is about that moment when everything stops. Like skilled canoeists, we briefly hold a perfect balance - poised between innocence and experience, life and death, discovery and loss, the promise of spring and the sadness of autumn - and we believe, foolishly, that those perfect days will last forever. Set among the islands and lakes of "cottage country", this major first novel from one of Canada's premier writers explores the stories of three generations of lost summers.

Publisher: English (Canada): Doubleday

Publication: Spring 2021

Publication: Spring 2020

Publisher: English (Canada): Book*hug English (US & UK): Akashic Books

Once More, With Feeling Sophie McCreesh

Calling to mind smart, raunchy and unrepentant series and novels such as Fleabag, Normal People and My Year of Rest and Relaxation.

The novel follows a young artist named Jane as she navigates her closest relationships while struggling with her own self doubt and isolation. Jane and her friend Kitty begin to examine their feelings of futility in relation to their confidence in their art. Their respective artistic practices and the dynamic of their friendship transforms as they collaborate to show their work at a competition in England. As her friend thrives, Jane's loneliness and personal devastation begin to get in the way of her artistic ambitions.

Polar Vortex

Shani Mootoo

Shortlisted for the 2020 Scotiabank Giller Prize, the inaugural Caribbean Readers' Award, Best Adult Novel; and for The Miramichi Reader's "The Very Best!" Fiction Book Award, Shani Mootoo's novel is seductive and tension-filled, a story of secrets, deceptions, and revenge.

Priya and Alexandra have moved from the city to a picturesque countryside town. What Alex doesn't know is that in moving, Priya is running from her past—from a fraught relationship with an old friend. Impulsively, inexplicably, Priya invites him to visit her and Alex in the country, without ever having come clean with Alex about their relationship— or its tumultuous end. Prakash's sudden arrival at their home reveals cracks in Priya and Alex's relationship and brings into question Priya's true intentions.



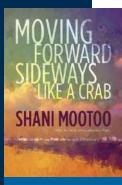
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Publication: August 2021 Publisher: World: House of Anansi Press

Publication: July 2000 Publisher:

Canada

Penguin Random House



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Shani Mootoo

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Moving Forward Sideways Like A Crab

Shani Mootoo

Shani Mootoo's Giller Prize Longlisted novel is what National Post called "A stunning meditation on story"that "portrays the beautiful (yet often tense) bond between a parent and child, the complexities of immigration, the fluidity of gender.... It is a gorgeously written novel, typical of Mootoo's poetic gifts."

Jonathan Lewis-Adey was nine when his parents, who were raising him in a comfortable house on a tree-lined street in downtown Toronto, separated, and his mother Sid vanished entirely from his life. It is not until he is a grown man--a writer with two books to his name, a supportive girlfriend, and a promising career--that Jonathan finally reconnects with his beloved lost parent, only to find, to his shock and dismay, that the woman he knew as "Sid" has become an elegant man named Sydney living quietly in a well-appointed house in his native Trinidad.

Valmiki's Daughter

Shani Mootoo

Giller Prize finalist and bestselling novelist Shani Mootoo returns to some of the themes she first explored in her breakout book.

The story centers on a wealthy Trinidadian family -- in particular, Valmiki, a renowned doctor and loving, if confused, father; and his youngest daughter, Viveka, lively, intelligent, and intent on escaping the gilded cage that protects but also smothers her. With this masterful novel, Mootoo peels back layers of prejudice to expose the complex interaction of race, gender, class, and sexuality. Discerning but non-judgmental, she eases us deep into the fascinating lives of her characters.

He Drown She in the Sea

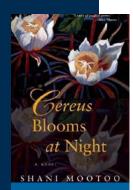
Shani Mootoo

Set on the fictional Caribbean island of Guanagaspar around the time of the Second World War, and in modern-day Vancouver.

At the centre of the story is Harry St. George, the son of a laundress, and the unrequited love he bears for a woman, Rose, the daughter of a wealthy man, whom he knew as a child. Looking back to his past, evoking the rich culture and texture of his Caribbean boyhood, and the life of his mother, Dolly, Harry reveals his friendship with Rose, and the events that will continue to haunt him across time and place. When Rose arrives suddenly in Vancouver, the two embark on an impossible affair.

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Cereus Blooms at Night

Shani Mootoo

Shani Mootoo's haunting debut took the international literary world by storm. A Book Sense selection and a finalist for the Giller Prize.

Set in the fictional Caribbean town of Paradise, CEREUS BLOOMS AT NIGHT unveils the mystery surrounding Mala Ramchandin, an aging, notoriously crazy woman suspected of murdering her father. When a judge finds Mala unfit to stand trial, she is delivered, frail and mute, to the Paradise Alms House and into the care of Tyler, a vivacious male nurse, who becomes the unlikely storyteller of Mala's extraordinary life. In luminous, sensual prose, Mootoo explores identity, gender, and violence.

Publication: March 2015

Publisher: Penguin Random House Canada

Publication: November 2008

Publisher: World: House of Anansi Press

Publication: August 2006

Publisher: Penguin Random House Canada

Publication: 1996

Publisher: English and French languages in Canada, McClelland & Stewart



Radium Girls Sofi Papamarko

Publication: May 2021 Publisher: English (North American): Wolsak and Wynn

Publication:

House of Anansi Press

June 2014 Publisher:





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A collection full of dark wonder where Sofi Papamarko explores the boundaries of love, death, loneliness and justice.

In these twelve deft stories, we are introduced to a cast of unforgettable characters: Margie and Lu, teenaged conjoined twins; Rosie who cruises funerals; Pete the predatory magician; the subconscious mind of Marie Curie; Elda the Radium Girl and many more. These are magical stories; they twist and turn in unexpected ways, leaving the reader sometimes shocked, sometimes delighted and often breathless. With pitch-perfect writing, Papamarko shows us how human beings cope, break and triumph.

Based on a True Story

Elizabeth Renzetti

The Big Dream

Once

Rebecca Rosenblum

Rebecca Rosenblum

is "flawlessly performed".

A delectable satirical novel about celebrity culture, journalism, truth, lies, consequences — about the fictions we tell ourselves and others.

Augusta Price (not her real name) is famous in England for playing a slatternly barmaid on a nighttime soap opera and for falling down drunk in public. At least she's had an improbable hit with her memoir (which is based on a true story, but only very loosely). But when an insecure and not very successful American tabloid journalist tells Augusta that a man she once loved has written a book, Augusta becomes terrified that her life story will be revealed as the web of lies it really is.

Publication:

September 2011 Publisher: World Rights Available Ex: North America: Biblioasis, September 2011

Rosenblum captures a new generation discovering itself where it spends most of its time, at the office. A cross between the TV hit series The Office and Hemingway's In Our Time, Rosenblum captures

Regarded as one of Canada's best short story writers: Rosenblum's Once

are grounded in the all-too-real comedy and tragedy of the workplace.

the banality and quiet desperation of the workplace with perfection. At Dream Inc., a lifestyle magazine publisher, people are struggling to do more than their jobs. They struggle to fall in love. They struggle to stay that way. They struggle to be good parents, and to be good children. They struggle to have friends, to eat lunch, to be happy, and to answer the phone. And all that struggle can be pretty interesting...

A fiercely original and assured debut. Once is a multiple-award nominated collection of sixteen stories portraying the constricted and confused lives of the rootless twenty-somethings -- students, office techies, waitresses, warehouse labourers, street hustlers -- who inhabit them. These stories

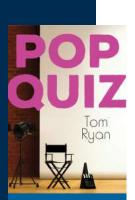
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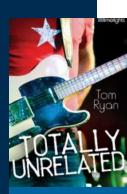
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The Heart Specialist

Claire Holden Rothman

Canadian bestseller, longlisted for the 2009 Giller Prize and book club favourite.

Set in Quebec at the turn of the 19th to 20th century, The Heart Specialist is the epic story of Agnes White, tracing her evolution from orphaned, lonely daughter, to precocious and gifted medical student, to the status of one of the world's most celebrated pioneering women doctors. Not only does she break through patriarchal academic barriers, she masters the science of the human heart. And she accomplishes this in a place and time inimical to intelligent women.

Publication: 2009

Publisher: World Rights Available Ex: English Canada: Cormorant Books, 2009 French Canada: Québec Amérique, Fall 2010 German: Diana Heyne Verlag Italian: Neri Pozza, Fall 2010 US: Soho Press, 2011 UK: OneWorld, 2011 Netherlands: Karakter

Pop Quiz Tom Ryan

When a fifteen-year-old actor and his friends learn that their long running low budget Degrassi style TV show is being cancelled, they enlist the help of fans and some former stars to give the series another chance.

Aiden and his friends are promoted to lead roles for the tenth season of Pop Quiz, but they learn the high school dramedy is being canceled! No one watches TV anymore, and viewers prefer the antics of Youtubers. Aiden and his friends are determined to create a movie special to give the show the send off it deserves.

Totally Unrelated

Tom Ryan

Junior Library Guild selection winner Hackmatack Children's Choice Award nominee CCBC Best Books winner

Neil plays guitar with his family's band, even though he can't stand the Celtic music they play, he doesn't dance, he hates the outfits, and every single performance reminds him that he isn't as talented as the rest of the family. When his buddy Bert convinces him to form a rock band and enter a local talent show, Neil's playing improves and everyone notices, including a girl who shares his musical interests. He starts to think that all those years of practice might come in handy after all. But it all comes to a head when Neil has to choose between an important gig with the family band and the talent show. He's only sure of one thing: whatever he decides to do, he's going to be letting someone down.

Way to Go

Tom Ryan

In the mid-90s, a closeted gay teen begins to imagine a life beyond the confines of his sleepy seaside hometown.

It's the summer of 1994, and seventeen-year-old Danny is having trouble figuring out who he is, where his life is headed, and whether he still fits into his lifelong group of friends. One thing he does know is that he wants to get as far away as possible from his sleepy seaside hometown and its stifling, restrictive mentality. When a run-in with the law results in a dishwashing job at the town's brand new (and only) restaurant, Danny is swept up in some surprising new friendships, and begins to imagine new possibilities for life – and love - beyond high school.

English (North America): Orca Book Publishers

September 2017 Publisher:

Publication:

Publication: January 2013

Publisher: English (North America): Orca Book Publishers

Publication: April 2012

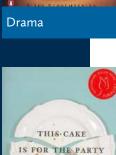
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Forms of Devotion

Diane Schoemperlen

Forms of Devotion contains eleven stories, each one a brilliant interplay of words and images.

The illustrations, selected by Schoemperlen and depicting almost every subject imaginable, are wood engravings and line drawings from the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. In some cases, she was inspired to write the story after studying the illustrations; in other cases, she wrote the story first, then chose or constructed the pictures to accompany it. The result is a playful, sometimes surreal and often mysterious juxtaposition of a historical fascination with anatomy and classical themes with the author's contemporary exploration of everyday people, places and things.

Our Lady of The Lost and Found

Diane Schomperlen

An Everywoman and Mary, mother of God, share a lunch and become fast friends.

The lunch becomes a weeklong stay that unfolds the complex story of Mary and her changing image. Their conversations touch upon Mary's significance and enduring relevance, revealing a thoughtful meditation on spirituality, our need for faith, and our desire to believe in something larger than ourselves.

This Cake Is for the Party

Sarah Selecky

Evoking the best of Nora Ephron's wit & the vibrant realism of Rebecca Miller, these absorbing stories are full of female characters that touch on love, fidelity, longing and neuroses. With echoes of Alice Munro, these modern women are fresh & complex.

Reminiscent of early Margaret Atwood, with these absorbing stories are about love and longing, stories that touch us in a myriad of subtle and affecting ways. These are stories to curl up with on a rainy Saturday afternoon

Publication: Fall 2012

Publisher: World Rights Available Ex: Canada (English): Thomas Allen Publishers US: Thomas Dunne, Fall 2012

Publication: May 2019

Publisher: World rights available ex: Cormorant Books Canada, May 4, 2019; Italy, SEM.

The Dead Celebrities Club

Susan Swan

For fans of The Wolf of Wall Street and The Sellout by Paul Beatty comes Swan's latest novel, a satirical gem about the ultimate con man who might just fall into the trap of his own con.

From multiple prize finalist and internationally bestselling author Susan Swan comes THE DEAD CELEBRITIES CLUB, a timely novel filled with action and satire featuring the hedge fund whale, Dale Paul, a witty, self- absorbed rogue and raconteur. Who may or may not be an unreliable narrator (okay, he's unreliable).

Publication: May 2006 Publisher: World Rights Available Ex.

HarperCollins Canada

Publication:

English (Canada): HarperCollins Publishers

English (US): Penguin Books

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Publisher:

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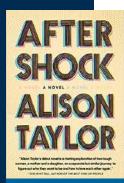


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Susan Swan

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TV Rights Only Available

Publication: August 2014

Publisher: Knopf Canada Rights also Sold in: US, UK, Germany, the Netherlands, Italy.

Swan's international bestselling novel is both a shocking Gothic tale about a murder in a girls' boarding school and an adolescent confession.

Mouse and Paulie, reluctant fourteen-year-old boarders at Bath Ladies College, are confronted by the slippery quest for one small, vital thing: the thing that definitively makes boys different from girls. The novel was made into the feature film Lost and Delirious, shown in 34 countries. Since the $ilde{\mathsf{fi}}$ lm's debut, young women all over the world have role-played the parts of Mouse, Tory and Paulie on the Lost and Delirious website.

What Casanova Told Me

Susan Swan

What Casanova Told Me, a finalist for the 2004 Canada Caribbean Commonwealth Regional Prize and one of The Globe and Mail's top books of 2004, is a dazzlingly imagined novel that embraces two centuries, two women, a long-lost Journal and the mystery behind the legendary Casanova's last great love.

It's 1797, and an aging Casanova has returned to Venice and meets Asked For Adams, the niece of American President John Adams, who is accompanying her father on a trade mission to the city just as Napoleon's army invades. Casanova convinces Asked For to set out with him on a dangerous adventure through post-Byzantine Greece to Istanbul, which she records in intimate detail in her Journal. Two hundred years later the Journal comes into the possession of Luce Adams, Asked For's descendant, awkward, shy, and grieving her mother's death. Entrusted with delivering the precious letters between her ancestor and Casanova to the Venetian library, she becomes enmeshed in unraveling their story.

The Last of the Golden Girls

Susan Swan

An award-winning novelist published in twenty countries, Swan gives readers everywhere an intimate look at the world of money and privilege-refracted through the prism of summer pleasure.

Susan Swan's celebrated novel, The Last of the Golden Girls, paints a haunting portrait of female friendship among the rich in English Canada. During the long hot summers of the 1950s, in the labyrinth of inland seas that is northern Ontario, three girls share their adolescent secrets and dreams—and compete for the attention of one godlike boy. A decade later, when they meet again in the realm of speedboats and private islands, childish crudity is replaced by adult decadence.

Aftershock

Alison Taylor

For readers of Celeste Ng and Gail Honeyman comes the compulsively readable upmarket book club debut AFTERSHOCK by Alison Taylor.

Meet Jules, Chloe's middle-aged mother, whose history of chronic pain turns her into an opiate addict in danger of losing her job and the life she has built for herself, and Chloe, her frustrated daughter, a millennial lesbian, clearly not getting the support she needs as she navigates the tough waters of early adult life. Connected by trauma, both mother and daughter are unable to address the emotional impact and secrets surrounding the tragic death of a baby sister, years prior.

Publication: June 2005

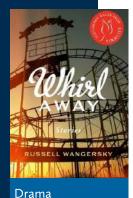
Publisher: Portugal

Publication: January 1991 Publisher:

Little, Brown

Publication: August 2020

Publisher: Publication: August 2020 (HarperCollins Canada) English (Canada): HarperCollins Canada



Whirl Away

Russell Wangersky

A brilliant new collection from the award-winning author of $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Burning}}$ Down the House.

You turn towards what you know, sometimes without ever realizing that your greatest comfort can also be your greatest flaw.

Publication: Spring 2012

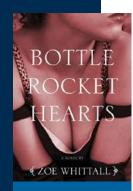
Publisher: World Rights Available Ex: Canada (English): Thomas Allen, Spring 2012

THE GLASS HARMONICA RUSSELL WANGERSKY



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The Glass Harmonica

Russell Wangersky

The debut novel from the author of the award-winning memoir, Burning Down the House.

THE GLASS HARMONICA is a novel about the malleability of truth and memory. When retiree Keith O'Reilly witnesses the murder of his neighbour--an architect and "come-from-away" named Dennis Conners-- by a pizza delivery man one night during a snowstorm, a unique series of stories begins to unfold.

Will Starling

lan Weir

Like the thriller From Hell, this gripping and haunting story will throw you into the streets of 1820s London.

Enter charmer and confabulist Will Starling, back from five long years on the Continent assisting in battlefield surgeries. Now he and his mentor begin to build a civilian surgical practice — and a life — two floors above a gin shop in London's rough Cripplegate area. Soon Will must rub shoulders with the Doomsday Men, grave-robbers who supply London's surgeons and anatomists with cadavers for dissection. But when a bungled body- snatching leads to murder — and worse — Will resolves to know the truth.

Bottle Rocket Hearts

Zoe Whittall

Bottle Rocket Hearts is bursting with the neuroticisms of the mid- twenties heart. Leonard Cohen meets Trainspotting (and falls in love).

Pining to get out of her parents' house, Eve meets a Quebec separatist heartbreaker named Della, who's mysterious, defiantly non-monogamous and ten years older. Initially taken in by a mutual other-worldly sense of rapture, they hole up doing drugs and making love in Della's east-end Montreal apartment when a biker bomb goes off down the street. Their explosive beginning makes way for an even more volatile relationship that spans the following two years.

Publication: May 2010

Publisher: World Rights Available Ex: Canada: Thomas Allen Publishers (Published May 2010)

Publication: Fall 2014

Publisher: World Rights Available Ex: Canada English & French, Goose Lane Editions, Fall 2014 US, Steerforth Press

Publication: 2007

Publisher: World Rights Available Ex: English in Canada: Cormorant Books French in Canada: Éditions Québec Amérique



The Quintland Sisters

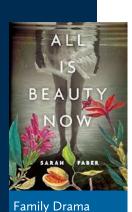
Shelley Wood

For fans of Sold on a Monday or The Home for Unwanted Girls, Shelley Wood's novel tells the story of the Dionne Quintuplets, the world's first identical quintuplets to survive birth.

Reluctant midwife Emma Trimpany is just 17 when she assists at the harrowing birth of the Dionne quintuplets: five tiny miracles born to French farmers in hardscrabble Northern Ontario in 1934. Emma cares for them through their perilous first days and when the government decides to remove the babies from their francophone parents, making them wards of the British king, Emma signs on as their nurse.

Publication: March 2019

Publisher: World Rights Available Ex: North American English, William Morrow, March 2019; Canadian French, Hurtubise



All Is Beauty Now

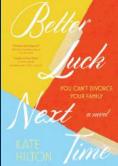
Sarah Faber

Rio de Janeiro, 1962. The eldest daughter of a family descended from American Confederates vanishes without a trace, but did she drown or stage her own death? And can the family survive the truth?

Luiza is twenty years old, babysitting her younger sisters at the sweltering beach when she wades deep into the ocean. A moment later, she vanishes. There was no sign of struggle. Sarah Faber's fiery debut novel, takes us into the heart of a family on the verge of collapse. A seductive ride from the beaches of legendary Copacabana, to guarded mansions full of hired help, to the crowded streets of Rio during Carnival.



Family Drama



Better Luck Next Time

Kate Hilton

A generational family comedy for fans of Eligible (Curtis Sittenfeld), This Is Where I Leave You (Jonathan Tropper), Heartburn (Nora Ephron).

Over the course of an eventful year, the Hennessey children contend with the big struggles of midlife: aging parents, raging teens, crumbling marriages and bodies, new loves, and the choice between playing it safe or taking life-altering risks. And as they inch toward a new definition of happiness, they might even persuade their parents – and themselves – that they're all grown up. Lydia Hennessey presides over a family of three adult daughters who should have it all, if only they'd stop self-destructing.

Just Like Family

Kate Hilton

A witty, insightful story about juggling the demands of three husbands—a work husband, an almost husband and an ex-husband.

Avery Graham has built a life that anyone would admire. She has a brilliant career as chief of staff to Peter Haines, the charismatic mayor of Toronto. She has a devoted partner in Matt, her live-in boyfriend of fourteen years. And she has a loving family and deep friendships that stretch back to childhood summers at the cottage. But when Matt proposes, Avery's past threatens to engulf her present. Can she contemplate a lifetime commitment to Matt after her disastrous first marriage to Hugh?

Publication: August 2017

Publisher: World Rights Available Ex: US, Little, Brown; Canada, McClelland & Stewart, August 2017.

Publication: October 2020

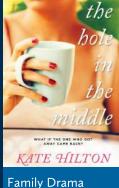
Publisher: Publication: October 2020 (HarperCollins Canada) English (Canada): HarperCollins English (ANZ): Allen & Unwin Russian: Polyandria

Publication: May 2017 Publisher: HarperCollins Canada



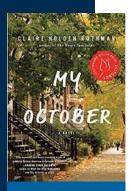
Kate Hilton

Family Drama



The Hole In The Middle

Kate Hilton



Family Drama



Claire Holden Rothman

Similar to the subversive and engaging tone of Barney's Version, this powerful story is about a Montreal family coping with crisis and trying to find unity in a country divided.

Sophie Whelan is the epitome of the modern superwoman. When she operates at peak performance, she can cajole balky employees, soothe her cranky children, troubleshoot career

But as Sophie's fortieth birthday looms, her seamless life reveals disturbing web-like fractures. Conflict with her boss, blossoming jealousy of her husband's femme fatale business partner and her feelings of hopeless inadequacy as a mother and daughter are cracking the edifice of her life.

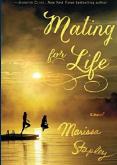
disasters, throw a dinner party for ten and draft an upbeat Christmas letter.

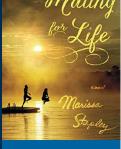
Rescue may be at hand when a wealthy widow befriends her...

October 1970. FLQ terrorists kidnap a British diplomat in Montreal and hold him hostage for fiftynine days. More than thirty years later, the story continues to reverberate.

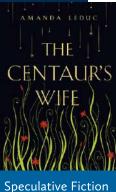
Publication: Spring 2014

Publisher: World Rights Available Ex: Canada English, Penguin Canada, Spring 2014





Family Drama



Mating for Life Marissa Stapley

The Centaur's Wife

the disaster - are thrown together.

Reminiscent of the indie hit Your Sister's Sister, it reveals the truth about marriages and relationships, while ultimately still embracing the redemptive power of love in all its forms.

Helen Sear was a feminist wild child and iconic folk singer who proudly disdained monogamy, raising three daughters largely on her own. Now in her sixties, Helen has fallen in love with a traditional man who desperately wants to marry her—and while she fears losing him, she's equally afraid of abandoning the ideals that sustained her when she needed them most. And her three daughters are questioning the lives they have established.

Publication: Summer 2014

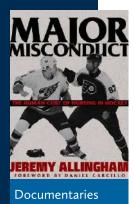
Publisher: World Rights Available Ex: North America, Simon & Schuster, Summer 2014

Publication: February 2021

Publisher: Publication: February 16, 2021 (Random House Canada) English (Canada): Random House Canada

Amanda Leduc Following the terrain of Station Eleven, The Leftovers and Neverwhere, a story about our world, some steps into the future, steeped in lore and fairytale, alive with secret centaurs who

live and thrive in the mountains. The world has ended, and everything they know has disappeared. In the wake of destruction wrought by an unforeseen asteroid shower, the lives of two women -Heather, a disabled mother of twins who holds a special relationship to the centaurs in the mountain that towers over her home; and Tasha, a doctor from a faraway seaside city who has fled to the mountains in wake of



Major Misconduct

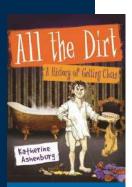
Jeremy Allingham

After more than 200 fights in junior and the pros, a hockey fighter finds himself alone in a dark closet, a knife to his wrist, on the brink of suicide.

Another former enforcer who brought thousands to their feet with the drop of his gloves burns his family's home to the ground, becomes addicted to drugs and is now living on the streets. Yet another enforcer who traveled the continent wowing fans with his strength and toughness, finds himself facing 25 years in American prison after drugs and alcohol take over his post-hockey life.

Publication: 2020

Publisher: Publisher: Arsenal Pulp Press 2020



Documentaries



Hungover

don't have to.

Shaughnessy Bishop-Stall

Katherine Ashenburg, illustrated by Capucine Mazille A real "stinker" of a book for ages 9-12 that takes a light-hearted look

at the history of cleanliness.

of a night of indulgence (short of not drinking in the first place).

A lively, informative exploration of the evolution of personal hygiene. Starting with a number of myths about cleanliness, the author gives a quick overview of the topic. Throughout most of history, people rejected the notion of keeping clean, with some exceptions--the ancient Romans were obsessive about it. Readers will discover how the definition of cleanliness in one part of the world may differ radically from another. As entertaining as it is enlightening, with colorful spreads and sidebars.

One intrepid reporter's quest to learn everything there is to know about hangovers, trying all

Courageous journalist Shaughnessy Bishop-Stall has gone to the front lines of humanity's age-old

fight against hangovers to settle once and for all the best way to get rid of the aftereffects

of the cures he can find and explaining how (and if) they work, all so the rest of us





Documentaries



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Bix

Scott Chantler

Set in the 1920s, a fascinating graphic novel biography following the harrowing life story of a legendary but often overlooked jazz musician.

BIX is a black and white graphic biography highlighting the career of Leon Bix Beiderbecke, an early jazz trumpet player, who rose rapidly to fame in the 1920s before falling just as quickly from grace due to a wretched dependence on alcohol. He was the first white musician to contribute significantly to the development of jazz, and was considered in his time the most innovative soloist next to the great Louis Armstrong.

Publication: October 2016

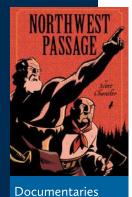
Publisher: World Rights Available Ex: North America English, Annick Press

Publication: November 2018

Publisher: World Rights Available Ex: HarperCollins; Penguin Books US; Dumont Verlag, Germany Blink Publishing, UK Cassiopeia Publisher, Korea Bukowy Las, Poland United Sky, China Kokushokankokai, Japan

Publication: April 2020

Publisher: English (North America): Gallery 13, Simon & Schuster



Northwest Passage

Scott Chantler

Hot Art

Joshua Knelman

and eccentric characters.

Famed British explorer Charles Lord has settled into life as a father and the governor of a frontier trading post. When an old rival, Guerin Montglave, reappears at the head of an outlaw band of French mercenaries who capture the fort, Charles and a rag-tag group of survivors flee into the wilderness. There must he find – and mend fences with – some of his former partners from the old days. These rough-and-tumble adventurers band together with the English traders to retake the post. But Guerin Montglave and his men, who have taken Charles's half-breed son Simon captive, are waiting for them. This two-fisted, pulp-style adventure fights its way across land and sea and confronts the nature of leadership.

A major work of investigative journalism and a globetrotting mystery filled with cunning

Joshua Knelman's investigation finds there are only a handful of detectives, FBI agents and lawyers

fighting a global battle against a thriving black market that is estimated to be one of the largest in the world. Meanwhile, the chain of criminals moves from thugs on the street to multinational organized crime syndicates, to a global network of art dealers who wash the artworks' provenance clean. In a surprise ending, Knelman learns that corruption can appear in the unlikeliest places. Publication: July 2005

Publisher: World Rights Available, previously published by Oni Press

Publication: Fall 2012

Publisher: World Rights Available Ex: Canada (English): D&M, September 2011; pbk edition, Fall 2012 US: Tin House Books, Fall 2012 Korea: Sigongsa Co., Ltd.

Publication: February 2021

Publisher: English (Canada): ECW Press

JOSHUA KNELMAN

Documentaries

Revolutionary Approaches

to Long-Term Care

DEEP FORESTS, BIG TIMBER

and LIFE with the THEE-PLANTING TRIBE

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Happily Ever Older

Moira Welsh

After many years investigating retirement homes and long-term care facilities, Moira Welsh offers stories of seniors living with purpose, energy, and love that blueprints a future of thriving social connections and reasons to keep living.

Welsh takes readers across North America and Europe on a whirlwind tour of facilities with novel approaches to community living, revealing stories of elders living with friendships and meaning in their later years.

Publication: July 2012

Publisher: English (Canada): Greystone Books

Eating Dirt

Charlotte Gill

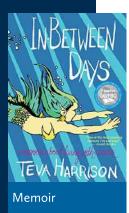
Winner of the BC National Award for Non-Fiction, and short-listed for both the Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction and the 2011 Hilary Weston Writer's Trust Award.

During Charlotte Gill's 20 years working as a tree planter she encountered hundreds of clear-cuts, each one a collision site between human civilization and the natural world, a complicated landscape presenting geographic evidence of our appetites. Charged with sowing the new forest in these clear-cuts, tree planters are a tribe caught between the stumps and the virgin timber, between environmentalists and loggers.

In Eating Dirt, Gill offers up a slice of tree-planting life in all of its soggy, gritty exuberance while questioning the ability of conifer plantations to replace original forests, which evolved over millennia into intricate, complex ecosystems.



Memoir



In Between Days

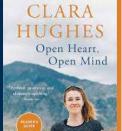
Teva Harrison

Through comic illustration and short personal essays, Teva Harrison explores what it means to live with metastatic breast cancer. She confronts her new normal with heartbreaking honesty, but also with moments of hope and wonder.

Teva Harrison was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer at 37. In this graphic memoir, she documents what it means to live with the disease, confronts the crises of identity that cancer brings, and struggles to reconcile her goals with an uncertain future. She balances sadness with everyday acts of hope, wonder, and love as she adjusts to the new normal.

Publication: April 2016

Publisher: English (Canada): House of Anansi Press



NATIONAL BESTSELLER

Memoir

Open Heart, Open Mind Clara Hughes

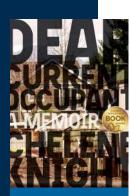
Clara Hughes was the first and only athlete to win multiple medals in both Summer and Winter Games—here's the story behind her smile.

While most professional athletes devote their entire lives to training, Clara spent her teenage years using drugs and alcohol to escape the stifling and abusive home life her alcoholic father created in Winnipeg. She was headed nowhere fast when, at sixteen, she watched transfixed from her living room as gold medal speed skater Gaétan Boucher effortlessly raced in the 1988 Calgary Olympics. Dreaming of one day competing herself, Clara channeled her anger and frustration into endurance sports.



Alex Johnston

Memoir



Memoir



Inconceivable

Alex Johnston

For readers of issue-driven, bestselling memoirs such as A Good Wife, From the Ashes and The Rules Do Not Apply.

Fifteen years ago, when Alex first started trying - and struggling - to get pregnant, she received outdated medical information and erroneous advice. Unfortunately, this incorrect information is still widely offered to women today, and barriers to accessing treatment haven't changed. Alex shares what she learned on her own path to parenthood, including navigating infertility and IVF treatments, surviving the loss of her first child, having two daughters through surrogacy, and finally giving birth.

Dear Current Occupant

Chelene Knight

Knight reflects on her childhood through a series of letters addressed to all of the current occupants now living in the twenty different houses she moved in and out of with her mother and brother. From blurry and fragmented non-chronological memories of trying to fit in with her own family as the only mixed East Indian/Black child, to crystal clear recollections of parental drug use, Knight draws a vivid portrait of memory that still longs for a place and a home.

Publication: September 2015 Publisher:

World Rights Available Ex: English Canada, Simon & Schuster; French Canada, Groupe Librex, September 2015.

Publication: May 2021

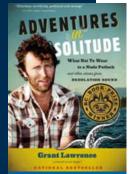
Publisher: English (North America): Sutherland House

Publication: March 2018

Publisher: English (North America): Book*hug Press



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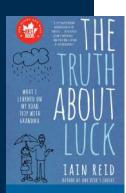


Memoir





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Return to Solitude

Grant Lawrence

Grant Lawrence returns to his family cottage as a husband and father, not as the vomiting and nerdy kid dragged along by his athletic and unflappable parents.

In his inimitable, high-voltage style, Lawrence interweaves the rich and harrowing history of the Desolation Sound area with his own experiences of life on the coast. This lively book recounts the life and times of the legendary Cougar Lady, tracks a phantom-like squatter known as the Spaghetti Bandit, and details the bizarre exit and even more bizarre death of Bernard the German. Here too are many of the beloved personalities introduced in Lawrence's first book, including hippie recluse Russell the Hermit, plus the continued voyages of Big Buck\$, the decrepit family boat, and the incredible return of large ocean mammals to Desolation Sound.

From a hilarious, heartfelt and slightly wiser voice comes a momentous story of time, family and place whirling around one increasingly ramshackle cabin on a beautiful and not-at-all-desolate coast.

Adventures in Solitude

Grant Lawrence

Picture a cross between The Beachcombers and Schitt's Creek and throw in a nude potluck and you're just getting started!

Young Grant's father bought a piece of land next to the park in the 1970s, just in time to encounter the gun-toting cougar lady, left-over hippies, outlaw bikers and an assortment of other characters. In those years Desolation Sound was a place where going to the neighbours' potluck meant being met with hugs from portly naked hippies and where Russell the Hermit's school of life (boating, fishing, and rock 'n' roll) was Grant's personal Enlightenment—an influence that took him to a life of music.

The Danger Tree

The Truth About Luck

Iain Reid

David Macfarlane

"About the best prose to ever come out of this country, for my money." —Alice Munro

THE DANGER TREE was met with enormous acclaim when it was first published, garnering rave reviews from critics and readers alike. Now in a new edition featuring an introduction by Giller Prize-nominated author Lisa Moore, David Macfarlane's memoir tells the story of his mother's family, the Goodyears of Newfoundland. Weaving together the major events of the twentieth century in Newfoundland, the memoir brings to life this storied region with wit, insight, and deep affection. **April 2022** Publisher: World: Harbour Publishing

Publication:

Publication: September 2010

Publisher: World Rights Available Ex. English language, North America, Harbour Publishing.

Publication: August 2000

Publisher: World Rights Available Ex. HarperCollins Canada

Publication: March 2013

Publisher: World Rights to House of Anansi

From the award-winning author of One Bird's Choice, a delightful comic memoir about family connections, how we experience the passage of time, and what it truly means to feel lucky.

Author Iain Reid accompanies his grandmother on a five-day vacation, which turns out to be a "staycation" at his apartment in Kingston. While the twenty-eight-year-old writer is at the beginning of his adult life, his ninety-two-year-old grandmother is nearing the end of hers. Between escorting his grandma to local attractions and restaurants, the two exchange memories and she begins to reveal her inspiring life story.



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One Bird's Choice

Iain Reid

Meet Iain Reid: an overeducated, underemployed twenty-something, living in the big city in a bugfilled basement apartment and struggling to make ends meet. When lain lands a job at a radio station near his childhood home, he decides to take it. But the work is only part time, so he is forced to move back in with his lovable but eccentric parents on their hobby farm. What starts out as a temporary arrangement turns into a year -long extended stay, in which lain finds himself fighting with the farm fowl, taking fashion advice from the elderly, fattening up on a gluttonous fare of home-cooked food, and ultimately easing (perhaps a little too comfortably) into the semiretired, rural lifestyle.

An Alphabet for Joanna

Damian Rogers

Throughout her childhood in Detroit, Damian Rogers was never given a satisfactory account of the circumstances that led to her own birth. The "truth" behind the stories she was told by her mother--the free-spirited, beautiful and troubled Joanna--constantly shifted, and Damian was left only with fragments: her mom's trip to California in 1969 after finishing high school, a mysterious trauma and psychotic break, then a return to Detroit, pregnant. Now, as 40-something Damian struggles to cope with Joanna's early-onset dementia, she realizes she may never know the full story.

September 2020 Publisher: English (Canada): Knopf

Publication:

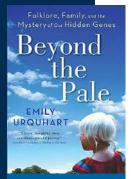
Canada

Publication: September 2020

Publisher: English (Canada): Walrus Books

Art Memory, My Father and Me

Memoir



Memoir



The Age of Creativity

Emily Urguhart

Emily Urquhart reveals how amateur and professional creative work sustains seniors, and tells a new story about the possibilities of elder-hood.

With the eye of a memoirist and the curiosity of a journalist, Emily Urquhart investigates late-stage creativity with an intimate blend of research on progressive senior-led creative organizations and her experiences with her father.

Beyond the Pale

Emily Urguhart

For fans of Simon Birch, BEYOND THE PALE will take you into dark and unknown territory in the search for enlightenment.

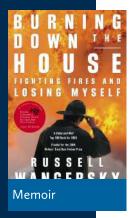
Emily's story begins in St. John's, Newfoundland when the author gives birth to a baby girl named with a shock of snow white hair. News of the child's icy locks travels across the hospital, and physicians and nurses from all wards visit the unusually beautiful newborn as she lies sleeping in her plastic bassinet. The maternity floor janitor, however, feels something is amiss: is the baby an albino? She's immediately dismissed, but, after three months of medical testing Sadie is diagnosed with albinism.

Publication:

Fall 2014 Publisher World Rights Available Ex: World English, Harper Collins Canada, Fall 2014

Publication: September 2010

Publisher: World Rights (House of Anansi, 2010)



Burning Down the House

Russell Wangersky

From Giller-nominated author Russell Wangersky comes a heartfelt and bittersweet look inside one of the world's most dangerous occupations.

Thousands of boys dream of becoming firefighters — some get the chance, and for some of those, the dream becomes a nightmare. BURNING DOWN THE HOUSE is the story of Wangersky's eight-year career as a volunteer firefighter, an experience that wound up reaching into every facet of his life and changing the way he saw the world forever.

Spark Ani Cas

Ani Castillo

With the whimsy of Oliver Jeffers, the accessibility of Todd Parr, and empowerment of Peter Reynolds, this crossover gift book invites readers to ponder and celebrate the magic of being alive.

With an artful, accessible package, an eloquent message, and a lot of heart, PING is a new

inescapable, than ever before. This clever, comforting picture book debut explores the challenges

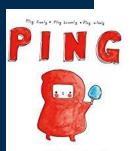
and joys of self- expression and social connection. Using an imaginative visual metaphor to bring

to life how we send out (ping!) and receive (pong!) communications, Ani Castillo's words and pictures will empower and inspire anyone who has experienced the fear of sharing themselves

In the era of social media, communication feels both more anxiety- producing, and more

Beginning with the birth of a baby, the story takes the reader on a journey through life, navigates the ups and downs, and culminates in a deeply satisfying sense of the wonder and awe in being human.

Animation



Ani Castillo

Ani Castillo

Animation



Animation

TRANSATLANTIC

Publication: 2008

Publisher: World Rights Available Ex: English Canada: Thomas Allen Publishers, 2008

Publication: March 2021

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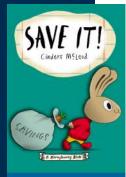
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Chummy longs to be a superhero. He wants to save the world--or at least Bunnyland--from dragons, so spending his carrots on a superhero costume seems like a great plan! When his grandma reminds him that there aren't any dragons in Bunnyland, but that there are creatures that could use help, Chummy starts reconsidering the best way to spend his wad. This is the fourth book in the acclaimed Moneybunny Books series.



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A charming introduction to simple money concepts in which a little bunny learns about the power and satisfaction that come with saving money.

Honey earns two carrots a week for taking care of her siblings. Her FIVE siblings who are so loud and bouncy, she wishes she had a playhouse of her own to get some peace and quiet. So what's a bunny to do? Get creative and figure out a savings plan--even if it means forgoing a treat or two. But saving is worth it because with a little patience and perseverance, Honey will be able to make her dream come true!

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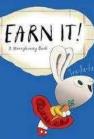
A charming introduction to simple money concepts in which a bunny learns he can't buy everything he wants with his allowance!

Sonny gets three whole carrots a week for his allowance and wants to buy everything with it! But he soon discovers his money won't go that far, and his mom tells him he needs to make some choices. That doesn't sound like much fun to Sonny, especially when he learns that the bouncy castle he's been eyeing goes for ONE HUNDRED carrots. Ridiculous! But eventually, after a little math and a little more thinking, he has a blast discovering what's really important to him and worth spending his carrots on

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In this delightful introduction to the simple concept of earning money, an exuberant little bunny learns that fame and fortune must be earned.

Bun wants to be rich and famous. She loves to sing and knows she's meant for a career on stage. It should all be pretty easy—her mom can just drive her to the concert hall to perform! But her mom reminds her that most good things, like the garden they are growing, take time and work. At first, Bun isn't terribly excited by the idea of singing lessons and practice, but as she does the math and daydreams about her future singing career, the more she starts to like the idea of earning her way to stardom.

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