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[They Wish They Were Us](#) - Jessica Goodman 2021-06-29

"ONE OF THIS SUMMER'S BUZZIEST YA READS"--Entertainment Weekly AN INSTANT INDIEBOUND BESTSELLER Gossip Girl meets One of Us Is Lying with a dash of The Secret History in this slick, taut murder mystery set against the backdrop of an exclusive prep school on Long Island. In Gold Coast, Long Island, everything from the expensive downtown shops to the manicured beaches, to the pressed uniforms of Jill Newman and her friends, looks perfect. But as Jill found out three years ago, nothing is as it seems. Freshman year Jill's best friend, the brilliant, dazzling Shaila Arnold, was killed by her boyfriend. After that dark night on the beach, Graham confessed, the case was closed, and Jill tried to move on. Now, it's Jill's senior year and she's determined to make it her best yet. After all, she's a senior and a Player--a member of Gold Coast Prep's exclusive, not-so-secret secret society. Senior Players have the best parties, highest grades and the admiration of the entire school. This is going to be Jill's year. She's sure of it. But when Jill starts getting texts proclaiming Graham's innocence, her dreams of the perfect senior year start to crumble. If Graham didn't kill Shaila, who did? Jill vows to find out, but digging deeper could mean putting her friendships, and her future, in jeopardy.

Salute Your Shorts - Thomas Hill 1986

Describes the camp learning experience, from opening a trunk with any key, a paperclip, or a toothpick to learning fifty-seven names equivalent to jerk--a necessary survival kit for soon to be campers

The Bro Code - Barney Stinson 2009-10-01

About the Author Barney Stinson is an awesome dude who lives in New York City and appears weekly on the hit CBS show How I Met Your Mother. Matt Kuhn is one of the coolest staff writers for How I Met Your Mother and helps write Barney's Blog on the show's website. He lives in Los Angeles, California. Everyone's life is governed by an internal code of conduct. Some call it morality. Others call it religion. But Bros in the know call this holy grail The Bro Code. Historically a spoken tradition passed from one generation to the next, the official code of conduct for Bros appears here in its published form for the first time ever. By upholding the tenets of this sacred and legendary document, any dude can learn to achieve Bro-dom.

Reasons to be Pretty - Neil LaBute 2009

THE STORY: A love story about the impossibility of love, REASONS TO BE PRETTY introduces us to Greg, who really, truly adores his girlfriend, Steph. Unfortunately, he also thinks she has a few physical imperfections, and when he casually mentions t

Lally's Game: An AFK Book (Five Nights at Freddy's: Tales from the Pizzaplex #1) - Scott Cawthon 2022-07-19

Five Nights at Freddy's fans won't want to miss this collection of three chilling stories that will haunt even the bravest FNAF player... Some secrets are better left hidden . . . A forbidden artifact from her fiancé's past beckons to Selena. Jessica leads a double-life from her friends and coworkers in the children's wing of a hospital. Maya can't resist the temptation to explore an off-limits area of Freddy Fazbear's Mega Pizza Plex. But in the world of Five Nights at Freddy's, everything comes with a price to pay. In this first volume, Five Nights at Freddy's creator Scott Cawthon spins three sinister novella-length tales from uncharted corners of his series' canon. Readers beware: This collection of terrifying tales is enough to rattle even the most hardened Five Nights at Freddy's fans.

[Summary of Jennette McCurdy's I'm Glad My Mom Died](#) - Everest Media, 2022-08-29T22:59:00Z

Please note: This is a companion version & not the original book. Sample Book Insights: #1 I unwrap the present in front of me, which is wrapped in Christmas paper even though it's the end of June. I peel off the paper, because I know Mom likes to save a wrapping paper scrap from every present. #2 I was disappointed when I opened my sixth birthday present, which was a two-piece outfit featuring Angelica, my least favorite character, surrounded by daisies. I loved it anyway. #3 I lock eyes with my mother so she will know I care about her, that she's my priority. I respect that about her. She gives me one of her big nose-wrinkling smiles that makes me feel like everything's going to be okay. #4 I can't believe how upbeat I was when my surroundings were so obviously heavy. I was two. I feel tremendous guilt every time we rewatch the home video. How could I not have known better. What a stupid idiot.

Taylor Lautner - Sarah Parvis 2010-07-27

Team Jacob fans will have to own this mini bio of Taylor Lautner, co-star of the hugely successful Twilight movies. Filled with over 40 pictures of the teen heartthrob, Taylor Lautner is a must-have book for young girls everywhere. Featuring more than 40 full-color photographs and a short but comprehensive bio, Taylor Lautner, a celebrity-focused minibiography by Sarah Parvis, provides in rich detail how Taylor Lautner rose to fame. Everything a fan could want to know about Taylor Lautner--where he grew up, how he broke in to the entertainment industry, what he likes and dislikes--can be found within Taylor Lautner. Costarring in the hugely successful Twilight series, Taylor Lautner is currently the highest paid teenage actor and one of the youngest celebrities to host Saturday Night Live. With additional Twilight releases on the horizon, Lautner's star will continue to shine.

The Wonder Boy of Whistle Stop - Fannie Flagg 2021-08-03

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • A heartwarming novel about secrets of youth rediscovered, hometown memories, and the magical moments in ordinary lives, from the beloved author of Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe "A gift, a blessing and a triumph . . . celebrates the bonds of family and friends—and the possibilities of recovery and renewal."—The Free Lance-Star Bud Threadgoode grew up in the bustling little railroad town of Whistle Stop with his mother, Ruth, church-going and proper, and his Aunt Idgie, the fun-loving hell-raiser. Together they ran the town's popular Whistle Stop Cafe, known far and wide for its fun and famous fried green tomatoes. And as Bud often said of his childhood to his daughter Ruthie, "How lucky can you get?" But sadly, as the railroad yards shut down and Whistle Stop became a ghost town, nothing was left but boarded-up buildings and memories of a happier time. Then one day, Bud decides to take one last trip, just to see what has become of his beloved Whistle Stop. In so doing, he discovers new friends, as well as surprises about Idgie's life, about Ninny Threadgoode and other beloved Fannie Flagg characters, and about the town itself. He also sets off a series of events, both touching and inspiring, which change his life and the lives of his daughter and many others. Could these events all be just coincidences? Or something else? And can you really go home again?

[Profiles in Corruption](#) - Peter Schweizer 2020-01-21

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER! Washington insiders operate by a proven credo: When a Peter Schweizer book drops, duck and brace for impact. For over a decade, the work of six-time New York Times bestselling investigative reporter Peter Schweizer has sent shockwaves through the political universe. Clinton Cash revealed the Clintons' international money flow, exposed global corruption, and sparked an FBI investigation. Secret Empires exposed bipartisan corruption and launched congressional investigations.

And Throw Them All Out and Extortion prompted passage of the STOCK Act. Indeed, Schweizer's "follow the money" bombshell revelations have been featured on the front pages of the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal, and regularly appear on national news programs, including 60 Minutes. Now Schweizer and his team of seasoned investigators turn their focus to the nation's top progressives—politicians who strive to acquire more government power to achieve their political ends. Can they be trusted with more power? In Profiles in Corruption, Schweizer offers a deep-dive investigation into the private finances, and secrets deals of some of America's top political leaders. And, as usual, he doesn't disappoint, with never-before-reported revelations that uncover corruption and abuse of power—all backed up by a mountain of corporate documents and legal filings from around the globe. Learn about how they are making sweetheart deals, generating side income, bending the law to their own benefits, using legislation to advance their own interests, and much more. Profiles in Corruption contains tomorrow's headlines.

Hollywood Arms - Carrie Hamilton 2004

THE STORY: Set in California in 1941 and 1951, HOLLYWOOD ARMS is the funny and moving story of three generations of women living on welfare in a one-room apartment, one block north of Hollywood Boulevard. The cast of characters include a tough, fun

The Queer Fantasies of the American Family Sitcom - Tison Pugh 2018-02-27

The Queer Fantasies of the American Family Sitcom examines the evasive depictions of sexuality in domestic and family-friendly sitcoms. Tison Pugh charts the history of increasing sexual depiction in this genre while also unpacking how sitcoms use sexuality as a source of power, as a kind of camouflage, and as a foundation for family building. The book examines how queerness, at first latent, became a vibrant yet continually conflicted part of the family-sitcom tradition. Taking into account elements such as the casting of child actors, the use of and experimentation with plot traditions, the contradictory interpretive valences of comedy, and the subtle subversions of moral standards by writers and directors, Pugh points out how innocence and sexuality conflict on television. As older sitcoms often sit on a pedestal of nostalgia as representative of the Golden Age of the American Family, television history reveals a deeper, queerer vision of family bonds.

The American Deluge - Uri Norwich 2014-11-05

There are no coincidences! There are no twists of fate. And there are no things that just happen. It is a story of a man, who is spearheading subversion of our Constitutional system, destruction of our society, and our way of life. Ironically, he had been saved once by the very same people he is trying to destroy. In the end, he himself is just a puppet in a much larger game. Millions of Americans woke up on January 20, 2009 thinking they knew where they lived and who was in power in their country. They should've thought twice! This international espionage mystery will reveal who controls whom. Who pulls the strings. There will be no good guys in this story. There will be no happy ending, but hope we all survive in the end.

A Chorus Line - Edward Kleban, James Kirkwood, Michael Bennett, Nicholas Dante, Marvin Hamlisch, Frank Rich, Samuel G. Freedman 2000-05-01

(Applause Books). It is hard to believe that over 25 years have passed since A Chorus Line first electrified a New York audience. The memories of the show's birth in 1975, not to mention those of its 15-year-life and poignant death, remain incandescent and not just because nothing so exciting has happened to the American musical since. For a generation of theater people and theatergoers, A Chorus Line was and is the touchstone that defines the glittering promise, more often realized in legend than in reality, of the Broadway way. This impressive book contains the complete book and lyrics of one of the longest running shows in Broadway history with a preface by Samuel Freedman, an introduction by Frank Rich and lots of photos from the stage production.

Intelligent Projects Using Python - Santanu Pattanayak 2019-01-31

Implement machine learning and deep learning methodologies to build smart, cognitive AI projects using Python Key FeaturesA go-to guide to help you master AI algorithms and concepts8 real-world projects tackling different challenges in healthcare, e-commerce, and surveillanceUse TensorFlow, Keras, and other Python libraries to implement smart AI applicationsBook Description This book will be a perfect companion if you want to build insightful projects from leading AI domains using Python. The book covers detailed implementation of projects from all the core disciplines of AI. We start by covering the basics of how to

create smart systems using machine learning and deep learning techniques. You will assimilate various neural network architectures such as CNN, RNN, LSTM, to solve critical new world challenges. You will learn to train a model to detect diabetic retinopathy conditions in the human eye and create an intelligent system for performing a video-to-text translation. You will use the transfer learning technique in the healthcare domain and implement style transfer using GANs. Later you will learn to build AI-based recommendation systems, a mobile app for sentiment analysis and a powerful chatbot for carrying customer services. You will implement AI techniques in the cybersecurity domain to generate Captchas. Later you will train and build autonomous vehicles to self-drive using reinforcement learning. You will be using libraries from the Python ecosystem such as TensorFlow, Keras and more to bring the core aspects of machine learning, deep learning, and AI. By the end of this book, you will be skilled to build your own smart models for tackling any kind of AI problems without any hassle. What you will learnBuild an intelligent machine translation system using seq-2-seq neural translation machinesCreate AI applications using GAN and deploy smart mobile apps using TensorFlowTranslate videos into text using CNN and RNNImplement smart AI Chatbots, and integrate and extend them in several domainsCreate smart reinforcement, learning-based applications using Q-LearningBreak and generate CAPTCHA using Deep Learning and Adversarial Learning Who this book is for This book is intended for data scientists, machine learning professionals, and deep learning practitioners who are ready to extend their knowledge and potential in AI. If you want to build real-life smart systems to play a crucial role in every complex domain, then this book is what you need. Knowledge of Python programming and a familiarity with basic machine learning and deep learning concepts are expected to help you get the most out of the book

Fresh Off the Boat - Eddie Huang 2013-01-29

NOW AN ORIGINAL SERIES ON ABC • "Just may be the best new comedy of [the year] . . . based on restaurateur Eddie Huang's memoir of the same name . . . [a] classic fresh-out-of-water comedy."—People "Bawdy and frequently hilarious . . . a surprisingly sophisticated memoir about race and assimilation in America . . . as much James Baldwin and Jay-Z as Amy Tan . . . rowdy [and] vital . . . It's a book about fitting in by not fitting in at all."—Dwight Garner, The New York Times NATIONAL BESTSELLER • NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY KIRKUS REVIEWS Assimilating ain't easy. Eddie Huang was raised by a wild family of FOB ("fresh off the boat") immigrants—his father a cocksure restaurateur with a dark past back in Taiwan, his mother a fierce protector and constant threat. Young Eddie tried his hand at everything mainstream America threw his way, from white Jesus to macaroni and cheese, but finally found his home as leader of a rainbow coalition of lost boys up to no good: skate punks, dealers, hip-hop junkies, and sneaker freaks. This is the story of a Chinese-American kid in a could-be-anywhere cul-de-sac blazing his way through America's deviant subcultures, trying to find himself, ten thousand miles from his legacy and anchored only by his conflicted love for his family and his passion for food. Funny, moving, and stylistically inventive, Fresh Off the Boat is more than a radical reimagining of the immigrant memoir—it's the exhilarating story of every American outsider who finds his destiny in the margins. Praise for Fresh Off the Boat "Brash and funny . . . outrageous, courageous, moving, ironic and true."—New York Times Book Review "Mercilessly funny and provocative, Fresh Off the Boat is also a serious piece of work. Eddie Huang is hunting nothing less than Big Game here. He does everything with style."—Anthony Bourdain "Uproariously funny . . . emotionally honest."—Chicago Tribune "Huang is a fearless raconteur. [His] writing is at once hilarious and provocative; his incisive wit pulls through like a perfect plate of dan dan noodles."—Interview "Although writing a memoir is an audacious act for a thirty-year-old, it is not nearly as audacious as some of the things Huang did and survived even earlier. . . . Whatever he ends up doing, you can be sure it won't look or sound like anything that's come before. A single, kinetic passage from Fresh Off the Boat . . . is all you need to get that straight."—Bookforum

Too Many Toys - David Shannon 2016-08-30

Caldecott Honor winner and bestselling author-illustrator David Shannon makes readers laugh aloud when young Spencer's mountain of toys becomes overwhelming. A book that will be read again and again. Spencer has too many toys! His father trips over them, his mother falls over them, and the house is overflowing with junk. Now its time to give some of the mountain of goodies away, but Spencer finds it hard. In the end, he fills a box, but decides the one toy he can't part with is the box!

So That Happened - Jon Cryer 2016-04-05

In 1986, Jon Cryer won over America as Molly Ringwald's loyal and lovable best friend Duckie in the cult classic *Pretty in Pink* (Paramount) and went on to play Alan Harper on the massively popular sitcom *Two and a Half Men*. With the instincts of a natural storyteller, Cryer charts his extraordinary journey in show business, illuminating his many triumphs and some missteps along the way. Filled with exclusive behind-the-scenes anecdotes, Cryer offers his own endearing perspective on Hollywood, the business at large and the art of acting.

Auditionology - Harriet Greenspan 2017-04-17

Top Hollywood Casting Director Harriet Greenspan helps demystify the casting process for young actors and their parents, guiding them on their journey to book roles in television, movies and theater. Harriet Greenspan casts projects for all the major cable youth networks including Nickelodeon, The Disney Channel, The Hub and The Cartoon Networks.

Fucking Men - Joe DiPietro 2014

"A free-wheeling adaptation of the 19th century play *La Ronde*, in which ten men in ten scenes sleep with and seduce one another; each encounter subtly, sometimes radically, changing their lives. The search for emotional fulfillment -- the thread that connects the episodes in *La Ronde* -- is given fresh resonance in Tony Award-winning playwright Joe DiPietro's hilarious and heartwarming take on the German classic, transposed to the gay subculture in contemporary Manhattan."--Cover.

Mercy House - Alena Dillon 2020-02-11

"Never underestimate the power of a group of women. Fierce, thoughtful and dramatic—this is a story of true courage." —Susan Wiggs, New York Times bestselling author She would stop at nothing to protect the women under her care. Inside a century-old row house in Brooklyn, renegade Sister Evelyn and her fellow nuns preside over a safe haven for the abused and abandoned. Gruff and indomitable on the surface, warm and wry underneath, little daunts Evelyn, until she receives word that Mercy House will be investigated by Bishop Hawkins, a man with whom she shares a dark history. In order to protect everything they've built, the nuns must conceal many of their methods, which are forbidden by the Catholic Church. Evelyn will go to great lengths to defend all that she loves. She confronts a gang member, defies the church, challenges her own beliefs, and faces her past. She is bolstered by the other nuns and the vibrant, diverse residents of the shelter—Lucia, Mei-Li, Desiree, Esther, and Katrina—whose differences are outweighed by what unites them: they've all been broken by men but are determined to rebuild. Amidst her fight, Evelyn discovers the extraordinary power of mercy and the grace it grants, not just to those who receive it, but to those strong enough to bestow it.

My Life in the Purple Kingdom - BrownMark 2020-09-22

From the young Black teenager who built a bass guitar in woodshop to the musician building a solo career with Motown Records—Prince's bassist BrownMark on growing up in Minneapolis, joining Prince and The Revolution, and his life in the purple kingdom In the summer of 1981, Mark Brown was a teenager working at a 7-11 store when he wasn't rehearsing with his high school band, Phantasy. Come fall, Brown, now called BrownMark, was onstage with Prince at the Los Angeles Coliseum, opening for the Rolling Stones in front of 90,000 people. *My Life in the Purple Kingdom* is BrownMark's memoir of coming of age in the musical orbit of one of the most visionary artists of his generation. Raw, wry, real, this book takes us from his musical awakening as a boy in Minneapolis to the cold call from Prince at nineteen, from touring the world with The Revolution and performing in *Purple Rain* to inking his own contract with Motown. BrownMark's story is that of a hometown kid, living for sunny days when his transistor would pick up KUXL, a solar-powered, shut-down-at-sundown station that was the only one that played R&B music in Minneapolis in 1968. But once he took up the bass guitar—and never looked back—he entered a whole new realm, and, literally at the right hand of Twin Cities musical royalty, he joined the funk revolution that integrated the Minneapolis music scene and catapulted him onto the international stage. BrownMark describes how his funky stylings earned him a reputation (leading to Prince's call) and how he and Prince first played together at that night's sudden audition—and never really stopped. He takes us behind the scenes as few can, into the confusing emotional and professional life among the denizens of Paisley Park, and offers a rare, intimate look into music at the heady heights that his childhood self could never have

imagined. An inspiring memoir of making it against stacked odds, experiencing extreme highs and lows of success and pain, and breaking racial barriers, *My Life in the Purple Kingdom* is also the story of a young man learning his craft and honing his skill like any musician, but in a world like no other and in a way that only BrownMark could tell it.

All That - Steve Holland 1998

A large, full-color format guide to *All That* includes cast bios, behind-the-scenes stories, photographs, and material from the popular television show on Superdude, the Loud Librarian, Good Burger, and Mavis & Clavis. Original.

The Marvelous Land of Oz (Illustrated) - L. Frank Baum 2014-05-09

A little boy, Tip, escapes from his evil guardian, the witch Mombi, with the help of a walking wooden figure with a jack-o'-lantern head named Jack Pumpkinhead (brought to life with the magic Powder of Life Tip stole from Mombi), as well as a living Sawhorse (created from the same powder). Tip ends up on an adventure with the Scarecrow and Tin Woodman to help Scarecrow to recapture his throne from General Jinjur's army of girls.

Code Name Stinger - Harvey Gomberg 2015-11-05

By the end of 1969, the most devastating Biochemical Weapon the world had ever known was built and a terrorist cell, secreted inside the United States, had it. Gene Harrison, a college student, was recruited by a government black ops unit to find the terrorist group involved. Harrison ultimately infiltrated the terrorists group and recovered the weapon, burying it on a small mountain in the Mohave Desert to await final destruction by a hazmat team. After being caught, tortured and barely escaping with his life, Harrison left the agency to start living a "normal" life running an insurance agency.. On a dark night, twenty years later, a shadowy phone call returns his past and all its horror. "You took something from me and I want it back. Get me those canisters or I will kill you and everyone important to you. "It was the same man who had caught and tortured him in his earlier life. The problem was, Harrison didn't remember any of it. He had been working through his 'nightmares' with hypnotherapy. Now he had to face his past, so he could save the future. "Game On."

100 Days of Sunlight - Abbie Emmons 2019-08-07

When 16-year-old poetry blogger Tessa Dickinson is involved in a car accident and loses her eyesight for 100 days, she feels like her whole world has been turned upside-down. Terrified that her vision might never return, Tessa feels like she has nothing left to be happy about. But when her grandparents place an ad in the local newspaper looking for a typist to help Tessa continue writing and blogging, an unlikely answer knocks at their door: Weston Ludovico, a boy her age with bright eyes, an optimistic smile...and no legs. Knowing how angry and afraid Tessa is feeling, Weston thinks he can help her. But he has one condition -- no one can tell Tessa about his disability. And because she can't see him, she treats him with contempt: screaming at him to get out of her house and never come back. But for Weston, it's the most amazing feeling: to be treated like a normal person, not just a sob story. So he comes back. Again and again and again. Tessa spurns Weston's "obnoxious optimism", convinced that he has no idea what she's going through. But Weston knows exactly how she feels and reaches into her darkness to show her that there is more than one way to experience the world. As Tessa grows closer to Weston, she finds it harder and harder to imagine life without him -- and Weston can't imagine life without her. But he still hasn't told her the truth, and when Tessa's sight returns he'll have to make the hardest decision of his life: vanish from Tessa's world...or overcome his fear of being seen. *100 Days of Sunlight* is a poignant and heartfelt novel by author Abbie Emmons. If you like sweet contemporary romance and strong family themes then you'll love this touching story of hope, healing, and getting back up when life knocks you down.

Stars Over St. Edward's - Lunning, Jr. (Ev) 2019

Hail to the Chin - Bruce Campbell 2017-08-15

New York Times bestseller Introduction by New York Times bestselling author and famous minor television personality John Hodgman One of my dad's favorite jokes about getting older was: "I went out for coffee when I was twenty-one and when I got back I was fifty-eight!" I get what he meant now. Time flies. My first book, *If Chins Could Kill: Confessions of a "B" Movie Actor*, was published back in 2001 and it chronicles

the adventures of a “mid-grade, kind of hammy actor” (my words), cutting his teeth on exploitation movies far removed from mainstream Hollywood. This next book, an “Act II” if you will, could be considered my “maturing years” in show business, when I began to say “no” more often and gravitated toward self-generated material. Taking stock in the overall quality of my life, I fled Los Angeles and moved to a remote part of Oregon to renew, regroup and reload. If that sounds tame, the journey from Evil Dead to Spider-Man to Burn Notice was long, with plenty of adventures/mishaps along the way. I never pictured myself hovering above Baghdad in a Blackhawk helicopter, facing a pack of wild dogs in Bulgaria, or playing an aging Elvis Presley with cancer on his penis - how can you predict this stuff? The sheer lunacy of show business is part of the fun for me and I hope you'll come along for the ride. - Bruce “Don't Call Me Ash” Campbell

My Hairiest Adventure (Goosebumps #26) - R. L. Stine 2018-09-25

Larry Boyd just found the coolest thing in the trash. It's an old bottle of INSTA-TAN. "Rub on a dark suntan in minute" - that's what the label says. So Larry and his friends do. But nothing much happens. Until Larry notices the hair. Dark spiky hair growing on his hands and face. Really gross shiny hair. Hair that keeps growing back even after he shaves it off...

Lost in the Valley of Death - Harley Rustad 2022-01-11

"By patient accumulation of anecdote and detail, Rustad evolves Shetler's story into something much more human, and humanly tragic, into a layered inquisition and a reportorial force....suffice it to say Rustad has done what the best storytellers do: tried to track the story to its last twig and then stepped aside." —New York Times Book Review In the vein of Jon Krakauer's *Into the Wild*, a riveting work of narrative nonfiction centering on the unsolved disappearance of an American backpacker in India—one of at least two dozen tourists who have met a similar fate in the remote and storied Parvati Valley. For centuries, India has enthralled westerners looking for an exotic getaway, a brief immersion in yoga and meditation, or in rare cases, a true pilgrimage to find spiritual revelation. Justin Alexander Shetler, an inveterate traveler trained in wilderness survival, was one such seeker. In his early thirties Justin Alexander Shetler, quit his job at a tech startup and set out on a global journey: across the United States by motorcycle, then down to South America, and on to the Philippines, Thailand, and Nepal, in search of authentic experiences and meaningful encounters, while also documenting his travels on Instagram. His enigmatic character and magnetic personality gained him a devoted following who lived vicariously through his adventures. But the ever restless explorer was driven to pursue ever greater challenges, and greater risks, in what had become a personal quest—his own hero's journey. In 2016, he made his way to the Parvati Valley, a remote and rugged corner of the Indian Himalayas steeped in mystical tradition yet shrouded in darkness and danger. There, he spent weeks studying under the guidance of a sadhu, an Indian holy man, living and meditating in a cave. At the end of August, accompanied by the sadhu, he set off on a “spiritual journey” to a holy lake—a journey from which he would never return. *Lost in the Valley of Death* is about one man's search to find himself, in a country where for many westerners the path to spiritual enlightenment can prove fraught, even treacherous. But it is also a story about all of us and the ways, sometimes extreme, we seek fulfillment in life. *Lost in the Valley of Death* includes 16 pages of color photographs.

Dancing Out Of The Closet - Matthew Shaffer 2020-03-10

Hidden in all of us is a metaphorical closet where we have hoarded our darkest secrets, irrational fears, and unresolved traumas. In *Dancing Out of the Closet*, Matthew Shaffer exposes his outlandish childhood dramas, zany coming of age—while coming out of the closet—young adult debacles, and the “pinch me” moments that come from working alongside superstars like Leonardo DiCaprio and Amy Poehler on his quest for fame, fortune, and a size thirty waistline. Hilariously self-deprecating, addictively charming, and packed with pop culture commentary, Shaffer will have you crying with laughter, blushing with relatable embarrassment, and your heart exploding from shock that comes from an honest look inward. *Dancing Out of the Closet* is the perfect book for everyone who has survived childhood with a dream in their heart, those still seeking a stage to release their inner dancer, and anyone ready to laugh their way through the trials and triumphs of this journey we call life.

Working Actor - David Dean Bottrell 2019-02-19

Veteran character actor David Dean Bottrell draws on his 35+ tumultuous years of work in the

entertainment industry to offer a guide to breaking in, making a living, and making a life in the fabulous trenches of show business. Covers every facet of the business, including: - Capturing the perfect headshot - Starting (and maintaining) your network - Picking an agent - Audition do's and don'ts - Joining the union(s): SAG-AFTRA and Actors Equity Association (AEA) - On stage vs on screen - Paying the bills - Self-promotion - Late bloomers - When to get out David Dean Bottrell has worn many different hats during his decades in showbiz: television actor with appearances on *Boston Legal*, *Modern Family*, *The Blacklist*, *Mad Men*, *True Blood*, *NCIS*, and *Days of Our Lives*; screenwriter for Paramount and Disney; respected acting teacher at UCLA and AADA; and regular expert columnist for esteemed acting site *Backstage*. In *Working Actor*, Bottrell offers a how-to manual jammed with practical information and insider advice, essential reading for any artist (aspiring or established) in need of insight or inspiration. Mixing prescriptive advice ("Getting Started," "Learning Your Craft," "Finding an Agent") with wisdom drawn from Bottrell's own professional highs and lows and those of his acting compatriots, this book's humorous, tell-it-like-it-is tone is a must-have guide for anyone hoping to successfully navigate show business.

The Ultimate Young Actors Guide - Cindy Marcus 2011

A professional stage and film writer/producer explains how to prepare for an audition, land a role and truly become the character. Original.

Welcome to Our Nightmares - Jason Norman 2014-11-11

George Clooney, Leonardo DiCaprio, Amy Adams, Tom Hanks--many of today's most celebrated actors began their careers on the sets of horror movies. However, the majority of performers in even the most popular horror films remain relatively unknown. This engaging collection of profiles introduces many of the actors behind the heroes, heroines, monsters and villains who have terrified and fascinated moviegoers around the world. From Michelle Argyris, who embodied a possessed college student in *Devil Seed* (2012), to Ian Whyte, the 7 foot tall former basketball player who portrayed one of cinema's most iconic monsters in *Aliens vs. Predator* (2004), the profiles offer insight into how the actors prepared for and performed their roles. Longer essays explore the casts of renowned horror series, including *Saw*, *Halloween*, *Nightmare on Elm Street* and *Friday the 13th*, providing a window into the world of horror filmmaking.

A Few Good Men - Aaron Sorkin 1990

Shows daily life at a Marine Corps boot camp.

I'm Glad My Mom Died - Jennette McCurdy 2022-08-09

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER #1 INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER A heartbreaking and hilarious memoir by iCarly and Sam & Cat star Jennette McCurdy about her struggles as a former child actor—including eating disorders, addiction, and a complicated relationship with her overbearing mother—and how she retook control of her life. Jennette McCurdy was six years old when she had her first acting audition. Her mother's dream was for her only daughter to become a star, and Jennette would do anything to make her mother happy. So she went along with what Mom called “calorie restriction,” eating little and weighing herself five times a day. She endured extensive at-home makeovers while Mom chided, “Your eyelashes are invisible, okay? You think Dakota Fanning doesn't tint hers?” She was even showered by Mom until age sixteen while sharing her diaries, email, and all her income. In *I'm Glad My Mom Died*, Jennette recounts all this in unflinching detail—just as she chronicles what happens when the dream finally comes true. Cast in a new Nickelodeon series called *iCarly*, she is thrust into fame. Though Mom is ecstatic, emailing fan club moderators and getting on a first-name basis with the paparazzi (“Hi Gale!”), Jennette is riddled with anxiety, shame, and self-loathing, which manifest into eating disorders, addiction, and a series of unhealthy relationships. These issues only get worse when, soon after taking the lead in the *iCarly* spinoff *Sam & Cat* alongside Ariana Grande, her mother dies of cancer. Finally, after discovering therapy and quitting acting, Jennette embarks on recovery and decides for the first time in her life what she really wants. Told with refreshing candor and dark humor, *I'm Glad My Mom Died* is an inspiring story of resilience, independence, and the joy of shampooing your own hair.

Mackenzie Blue - Tina Wells 2009-05-12

Meet Mackenzie Blue, aka Zee She has it all—smarts, talent, humor, and style. . . . Is it enough to survive middle school? Countdown to a 7th Grade Meltdown 1. Your BFF moves away. 2. Someone steals your diary and reveals your deepest secrets—to the entire class. 3. You have one chance to become a rock star and

one chance to totally blow it. Guess what!? All three happened to me! School's a disaster already. Don't get me wrong—I love Brookdale Academy and I have a fabulous crew of friends. (At least, I think I do.) But, if I'm going to survive, I need all the help I can get!

Snow White (Illustrated) - Brothers Grimm 2011-11-08

The tale of Snow White was known in many different cultures and countries, but the version recorded by the brothers Grimm became the most famous one. This edition includes color illustrations by Franz J ttner.

Love You to Death - Crissy Calhoun 2010-11-12

Presents an episode-by-episode look at the first season of "The Vampire Diaries" and includes the story of L.J. Smith, background on the shows creators, and biographies of the actors.

Skintight - Joshua Harmon 2021-04-02

Reeling from her ex-husband's engagement to a much younger woman, Jodi Isaac turns to her famous fashion-designer dad for support. Instead, she finds him wrapped up in his West Village townhouse with Trey. Who's twenty. And not necessarily gay. But probably an adult film star. At least, according to Jodi's son. Who's also twenty. And definitely gay. Skintight assays the nature of love, the power of attraction, and the ways in which a superficial culture persists in teaching its children that all that matters is what's on the inside.

Monologues for Teens - Erin Detrick 2008-06-05

"Collection of monologues from the Playscripts, Inc. catalog of plays, representing a variety of American playwrights. The source material for each monologue may be found on the Playscripts website, where nearly the entire text of every play can be read f