Skinny, Fat, Perfect
Love Who You See In The Mirror
Laura Fenamore

Summary
Skinny, Fat, Perfect is part memoir, part road map, and whole-heartedly designed to help readers approach healthy eating and weight loss from a different perspective. The book is a guide for returning to self-love, healing old wounds, and being happy in your body at any size or age. It’s time to abandon the popular fear-based and fight-oriented diet paradigm, and instead see how accepting ourselves and our bodies will lead to natural, healthy, and sustainable weight. This book chronicles the author’s personal journey of releasing 100 pounds permanently, and overcoming the self-loathing and addiction that dominated her life. Now a teacher and mentor to others facing similar challenges around the world, she shares the techniques she uses to help her students break free of the diet mentality, release significant weight, and see themselves in a new, loving light, for good.

Contributor Bio
Body Image Expert Laura Fenamore is on a mission to help women around the world end the constant battle with food & their bodies, and start adoring who they see in the mirror. Laura has worked with hundreds of women in her Body Image Mastery programs and her global OnePink.com. As a writer and speaker, she’s a frequent contributor to First for Women, Ladies Home Journal and the Dr. Pat Show, as well as Tiny Buddha, and The Daily Love and Positively Positive. She’s also a board member for Impact a Village, a nonprofit dedicated to improving education and healthcare in developing nations.

Barbed
A Memoir
Julie Morrison

Summary
Standing at a professional crossroads, Julie Morrison decides to saddle up and start over. Her family’s ranch is on the brink of bankruptcy. While fighting for its future, she simultaneously seeks to salvage her marriage and rediscover her best self. When you ride across the rock-strewn terrain of a family-owned horse and cattle business, though, a gritty challenge awaits along the trail to every panoramic view. Entangled in the barbs of ranching and relationships, Julie will meet cold-hearted cowboys and funny farriers, learn how to ranch one-handed, and become an expert in assessing what’s essential. This is a romance in which the objects of devotion are hard-working horses and iconic western vistas, where hope and horseshoes harmonize and help arrives from the most unlikely places. Julie’s journey of personal discovery will inspire readers to blaze their own trails to a future only they can create.

Contributor Bio
Julie Morrison is an Arizonan, horsewoman, dog person, and award-winning writer of both poetry and prose. “Barbed” is her first book.
**My Journey**

*A Life in Quest of the Purpose of Life*
Ervin Laszlo

**Summary**

In "My Journey," Ervin Laszlo recounts the story of his life, describing its fundamental transformations from musician to academic to global activist. But this story is more than an entertaining read – it also conveys a message. It shows that the quest that has marked Laszlo’s life is profound and meaningful, and important also for the reader. It is the quest find the purpose that underlies our life. Laszlo marshals scientific evidence that life is not a meaningless accident, but the expression of a universal drive in nature: the drive toward the evolution of complex and coherent systems, and of the consciousness that is associated with the systems. What you do in your life impacts on you and impacts on everyone in this interdependent and interacting quantum universe. Here the reader can follow how Laszlo came across the evidence for life’s purpose and how his life has been changed again and again by the pursuit of this discovery. He now communicates his life-story, the story of his quest for life’s purpose, as he is convinced that it can lend meaning and significance also to the lif...

**Contributor Bio**

Ervin László is a Hungarian philosopher of science, systems theorist, integral theorist (and originally a concert pianist) who has published about 75 books and over 400 papers. An advocate of the theory of quantum consciousness, Laszlo has a PhD from the Sorbonne and is the recipient of four honorary PhD’s (from the United States, Canada, Finland, and Hungary). His many awards and distinctions include the Peace Prize of Japan, the Goi Award (Tokyo 2002), the International Mandir of Peace Prize (Assisi 2005), and nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize (2004 and 2005).

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**Memoirs of a Buddhist Canadian**

*Happy but Striving*
Suwanda H.J. Sugunasiri

**Summary**

"A unique memoir blending personal history, cultural development in Canada over five decades, philosophical explorations and a distinctively powerful reading of Buddhism. This is a book to be read carefully and joyfully!" “Suwanda Sugunasiri’s Memoir is more than an autobiography. Written by a man who defies categorization, it is a document of Canadian society transforming itself from what was in many ways still a polyglot British colony into a committed multicultural community. Its protagonist is a Sinhalese Sri Lankan immigrant, carrying his deeply ingrained native culture and religion to his new home in the west...What gave his contributions (to Canada and multiculturalism) their unique value was his remaining firmly rooted in the principles and practice of Buddhism, so that whatever he offered in advocacy or criticism was always advanced in the spirit of toleration, with understanding and with friendly good humour.” - Foreword by Professor Lionel Steiman, Senior Scholar, Department of History, University of Manitoba

**Contributor Bio**

Suwanda H.J. Sugunasiri is a US Fulbright Scholar with five academic degrees – London, Pennsylvania and a Ph.D. from the University of Toronto – OISE. During his five decades living in Canada, he made his mark in many diverse fields, including multiculturalism, interfaith relations, literature and Buddhism. As an advisor, promoter, advocate and activist, his prolific articles numbering over 200 have been published in diverse publications, including the Toronto Star, he appeared numerous times on the CBC, TVO, Vision TV, CTS, among others.
**The Invisible Girl**

**The True Story of an Unheard Voice**

Torey Hayden

**Summary**

From the bestselling author of One Child comes The Invisible Girl, a deeply moving true account of a young teen with a troubling obsession and an extraordinary educational psychologist's sympathy and determination.

Eloise is a vibrant and charming young teen with a deeply caring nature, but she also struggles with a troubling obsession. She's been moved from home to home, and her social workers have difficulty dealing with her habit of running away. After experiencing violence, neglect and sexual abuse from people she should have been able to trust, Eloise has developed complex behavioral needs. She struggles to separate fact from fiction, leading to confusion for the social workers trying to help her. After Torey learns of Eloise's background she hopes that some gentle care and attention can help Eloise gain some sense of security in her life.

Can Torey and the other social workers provide the loving attention that has so far been missing in Eloise's life, or will she run away from them too?

**Contributor Bio**

Torey Hayden is an educational psychologist and a special education teacher who, since 1979, has chronicled her struggles in the classroom in a succession of bestselling books including One Child, Twilight Children, Beautiful Child and Ghost Girl. By sharing these stories she brings awareness to how much difference a kind word and listening ear can make to a child in need. Torey is American by birth but lives in the UK. 25 million copies of Torey's books have sold worldwide.

**Notes of a Dream**

**The Authorized Biography of A.R. Rahman**

Krishna Trilok, Danny Boyle

**Summary**

The first-ever authorized biography of international music legend A.R. Rahman

Who really is A.R. Rahman? We know the music. But do we know the man? For the first time, a nation's pride–winner of National Film awards, Oscars, Grammys and hearts–opens up about his philosophies: hope, perseverance, positivity and love. From his early days as a composer of advertisement jingles to his first big break in feature films, from his keenness to integrate new technology with good old-fashioned music scores to the founding of his music school, from his resounding entry on to the international stage to his directorial debut, from his philanthropy to his inner life, Notes of a Dream captures Rahman’s extraordinary success story with all the rhythm and melody, the highs and lows, of a terrific soundtrack by the man himself.

Featuring intimate interviews with the soft-spoken virtuoso, as well as insights and anecdotes from key people in his life, this balanced, uplifting and affectionate book is the definitive biography of A.R. Rahman--the man behind the music and the music that made the man.
### Raymond Williams: From Wales to the World

**Stephen Woodhams**

**Summary**
A newly curated volume of academic essays on Raymond Williams' work. To be published in Williams’ centenary year, as part of the Parthian Modern Wales series.

**Contributor Bio**
Stephen Woodhams current project is Raymond Williams and the social history of Wales. They have recently completed, 'Raymond Williams Wales and Beyond'. Further interests are with the remarkable generation of which RW was a leading member and included the historians Christopher Hill, EP Thompson and Eric Hobsbawm.

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### Midnight in the Kant Hotel

**Art in Present Times**

**Rod Mengham**

**Summary**
Midnight in the Kant Hotel is an absorbing account of contemporary art, composed over twenty years. The essays revisit the same artists as they develop, following them in time, changing perspectives as he, and they, develop. Mengham is a significant curator, organising exhibitions: 'There is no more productive engagement with someone else's artworks than finding the right way to show it, since artworks are always direct statements or questions about articulations of space, and the curator's job obviously is to enhance such questions and statements.' This discipline gives the writer a series of uniquely privileged perspectives, touching, lifting, moving and re-moving the objects: 'nothing compares to living with art'. The book opens with themes: what is domestic space? what does the atrocity exhibition tell us? what is the refugee aesthetic? Essays on particular artists follow, including Marc Atkins, Stephen Chambers, Jake and Dinos Chapman, Tony Cragg, Antony Gormley, Damien Hirst, Ilya and Emilia Kabakov, Anselm Kiefer, Laura Owens, Doris Salcedo, Agnes Thurnauer, Koen Vanmechelen a...

**Contributor Bio**
Rod Mengham is the publisher of Equipage, Reader in Modern English Literature and Curator of Works of Art at Jesus College, Cambridge. Rod Mengham's published poetry includes Chance of a Storm (Carcanet, 2015), Unsung: New and Selected Poems (Salt, 2001) and Parley and Skirmishes (Ars Cameralis, 2007). His translations include Andrzej Sosnowski's Speedometry (Contraband, 2014). Grims pound and Inhabiting Art was published by Carcanet in 2018.
Modern Amigurumi for the Home

Elisa's Crochet

Summary
Add a little fun to your home decor with these 8 modern amigurumi designs. Each design is made using Premier Yarns Anti-Pilling DK-weight yarn and a size D/3/3.25mm hook. Designs range from 10” to 6”.

Contributor Bio
"Italian girl based in the US, I’ve been crocheting since 2013, it started as a hobby and soon became a passion. Crocheting is a great way to express my creativity, as it allows me to translate memories, ideas and emotions into something that I can share with those I care about."

Charming Jelly Roll Quilts

Scott Flanagan

Summary
If you love working with precuts, you’ll love these creative designs from Scott A. Flanagan. He has created eight stunning quilts using precut 2 1/2”-wide strips along with a bonus mini quilt for each quilt made from 5” charm squares. Choose the size you want to make—or make both. Find hours of fun sewing within these pages. Start with your favorite pack of precut strips or squares and start sewing!

Contributor Bio
Scott learned to quilt from his maternal grandmother, who taught him sewing and quilting basics when he was 7 years old. His first project was a panel quilt that he still has today. Amazingly enough, his grandma let him use a rotary cutter at that young age to cut the borders without any cutting mishaps! He was in his 20s before that happened. He has sewn since he was 7, but primarily taught himself how to quilt and has been actively quilting since 2001.
Jelly Roll Baskets & Bags
Carolyn Vagts

Summary
Use your 2 1/2”-wide strips to create a variety of creative designs. Use leftover strips, a new collection of precuts or strips you cut yourself to make projects ranging from casserole carriers, catchall baskets, lunch bags, purses and more. Make projects to use for yourself or to give as gifts.

Contributor Bio
Carolyn Vagts has a passion for all things quilting! She has been quilting for more than 20 years and is a designer and shop owner. She doesn’t remember a time in her life when she wasn’t creating things, either on paper or with fabrics. She studied art with a concentration in clay and pottery, which led to a career designing Christmas ornaments in Lake Orion, Michigan.

Nancy's Beginner Quilt
Nancy McNally

Summary
Welcome beginner quilters! Today’s the day you can learn to make your very first quilt! This beautiful quilt was designed by Nancy McNally especially for brand-new quilters. In this Nancy’s Beginner Quilt series, you will learn all the steps involved in making a quilt. Find some favorite fabrics and start sewing in this first episode. In this Quilter’s Skill Builders! online video class brought to you by Annie's Creative Studio, quilt expert Nancy McNally demonstrates how to quilt the Nancy’s Beginner Quilt. In this online video class, you'll learn how to: × Select and use quilting tools. × Identify and understand the construction of the Plus Block, Crisscross Block, Four Patch Crossing Block and the Twin Star Block.

Contributor Bio
Nancy McNally is passionate about every aspect of quilting—designing, piecing, quilting and binding. For nearly 20 years, Nancy has been fascinated with the idea of taking whole pieces of fabric, cutting them up and then sewing them back together into a beautiful quilt. Her exploration of the world of quilting has been successful. Nancy's quilt work has been published in various publications and magazines, including Annie's Quilter's World magazine. She gives credit to her husband, family, friends, shop owner and the Quilter's World editor, Carolyn Vagts. She could not have done it without the
Learn a Stitch Knit Scarves
Lena Skvagerson

Summary
These 6 amazing scarves will add the finishing touch to any of your outfits. All are made using Scheepjes Stonewashed XL worsted-weight yarn and most can be made in a weekend! Designs include ripple, mosaic, lace, gansey and more!

Contributor Bio
Lena Skvagerson was born and raised in Sweden and moved to the United States in 2007. She learned to crochet and knit at age 5, made her first sweater at age 15, and created her first knitwear collection at age 17! Lena worked for a Scandinavian yarn and design company for 25 years. In 2014, she joined Annie’s as a full-time knit and crochet designer. Lena is lead designer for Annie’s exclusive pattern collection, Annie’s Signature Designs.

A Gujarat Here, a Gujarat There
Krishna Sobti, Daisy Rockwell

Summary
A powerful feminist novel of the aftermath of the Partition by a legend of Hindi literature

Delhi, 1947. The city surges with Partition refugees. Eager to escape the welter of pain and confusion that surrounds her, young Krishna applies on a whim to a position at a preschool in the princely state of Sirohi, itself on the cusp of transitioning into the republic of India. She is greeted on arrival with condescension for her refugee status, and treated with sexist disdain by Zutshi Sahib, the man charged with hiring for the position. Undaunted, Krishna fights back. But when an opportunity to become governess to the child maharaja Tej Singh Bahadur presents itself—and with it a chance to make Sirohi her new home once and for all—there is no telling how long this idyll will last.

Part novel, part memoir, part feminist anthem, *A Gujarat Here, A Gujarat There* is not only a powerful tale of Partition loss and dislocation but also charts the odyssey of a spirited young woman determined to build a new identity for herself on her own terms.

Contributor Bio
Krishna Sobti was one of the most respected writers in the Hindi canon. She won the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1980 for her novel *Zindaginama*, and in 1996 was awarded the Sahitya Akademi Fellowship, the highest award of the Akademi. In 2017, she received the Jnanpith Award for her contribution to Indian literature.
**Cousins (2nd Edition)**

Patricia Grace

**Summary**

*Now a feature film streaming on Netflix*

This is a stunning novel about tradition and change, about whanau and its struggle to survive, about the place of women in a shifting world.

Makareta is the chosen one - carrying her family’s hopes. Missy is the observer - the one who accepts but has her dreams. Mata is always waiting - for life to happen as it stealthily passes by.

Moving from the forties to the present, from the country to the protests of the cities, Cousins is the story of these three cousins. Thrown together as children, they have subsequently grown apart, yet they share a connection that can never be broken.

**Contributor Bio**

Patricia Grace is one of New Zealand's most celebrated writers. She has published seven novels and seven short-story collections, as well as a number of books for children and works of non-fiction. She has won many awards. She lives in Plimmerton on ancestral land, in close proximity to her home marae at Hongoeka Bay.

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**Old Abe**

A Novel

John Cribb

**Summary**

Finalist for the 2020 Foreword INDIES Book of the Year Awards! "This is the best book about Abraham Lincoln I've ever read." – William J. Bennett, former US Secretary of Education and author of The Book of Virtues Old Abe, the sweeping historical novel from New York Times bestselling author John Cribb, brings America's greatest president to life the way no other book has before. Old Abe is the story of the last five years of Abraham Lincoln's life, the most cataclysmic years in American history. We are at Lincoln's side on every page as he presses forward amid disaster and fights to save the country. Beginning in the spring of 1860, the story follows Lincoln through his election and the calamity of the Civil War. During the war, he walks bloody battlefields in the North and the South. He peers down the Potomac River with a spyglass amid terrifying reports of approaching Confederate gunboats. Death stalks him: one summer evening, a would-be assassin fires a shot at him, and the bullet passes through his hat. At the White House, he weeps over the body of Willie, his second son to die in...

**Contributor Bio**

John Cribb is a bestselling author who has written about subjects ranging from history to education. His previous work includes coauthoring The American Patriot's Almanac and The Educated Child, both New York Times bestsellers; co-editing The Human Odyssey, a 3-volume world history text, and developing on-line history courses. John also worked as former U.S. Secretary of Education Bill Bennett's collaborator on the New York Times #1 bestseller The Book of Virtues. His writing has been published in the Wall Street Journal, USA Today, the Chicago Tribune, National Review Online, and several other publications. During the Reagan administration, he worked at the Department of Justice, the Department of Education, and the National Endowment for the Humanities. A native of Spartanburg, SC, John studied literature at Vanderbilt University. He serves on the board of trustees of the Spartanburg County Public Libraries and the board of directors of the Hub City Writers Project, an award-winning publisher of Southern fiction and nonfiction. He and his wife, Kirsten, and are the proud parents of ...
The Five Star Republic  
Janeen Webb, Andrew Enstice

Summary
"Multigenerational, sweeping across three continents...Inventive and absorbing alternate history." -Nancy Kress
The date is 1854. The place is the Australian goldfields in the British colony of Victoria—the richest prize on earth. The story begins with a stockade. The flag of independence is unfurled. Men driven beyond endurance take arms against British redcoats. At their forefront are two hundred Colt-wielding Americans, the California Rangers, led by the charismatic and idealistic Captain James McGill. The stockade falls. The Rangers are scattered. But from the ashes will rise a new revolution—a revolution powered by the sun. And this one will not fail. In the 19th century, just how close did we come to a world run on solar power? The Five Star Republic is history with a twist, the story of a world that might easily have been—the future you'll wish we'd had. "Original and enthralling...an alternate history imbued with hope and promise." -Pamela Sargent

Contributor Bio
Janeen Webb is a multiple award-winning author, editor and critic who has written or edited a dozen books and over a hundred essays and stories. She is a recipient of the World Fantasy Award, the Peter MacNamara SF Achievement Award, the Australian Aurealis Award and four Ditmar Awards. Her most recent novel is The Gold-Jade Dragon (PS Publishing, UK, 2021). She has taught at various universities, is internationally recognised for her critical work in speculative fiction, and has contributed to most of the standard reference texts in the field. Andrew Enstice won the Bridport Prize for poetry at the age of nineteen. He was awarded a scholarship to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, graduating MA, and holds a PhD from Exeter University. His first book, Landscapes of the Mind (Macmillan, UK) remains the definitive study of Thomas Hardy's literary landscape in his Wessex books. He swapped the academic world for life as a scriptwriter and producer with Granada Television in Manchester, UK. He lived for a while in Northern Italy, hiked in Sumatra and northern Thailand, and travelled round Austr...

Flight of Pigeons  
Bond Ruskin

Summary
Set in Shahjahanpur during the revolt of 1857, A Flight of Pigeons is Ruskin Bond's classic novella about the twists of fate, history and the human heart.

When Ruth Labadoor's father, a clerk in the British magistrate's office, is killed in an attack by sepoys, her family seeks refuge with their trusted companion, Lala Ramjimal. From here they eventually hope to escape to their relatives in Bareilly. But their plans go awry when Javed Khan, a fiery Pathan opposed to the British, abducts Ruth and her mother and takes them to his haveli. To their surprise, it is not hate that impels him in this time of war, but an almost crippling passion for Ruth. It will be months before the fall of Delhi to British troops brings them freedom—from fear, bafflement and despair, not only their own but also Javed Khan's. Based on true events, this new classic edition of A Flight of Pigeons is a haunting story, rich in detail and drama, told with simplicity and deep humanity.

Contributor Bio
Ruskin Bond is one of India's best-loved writers, who has written over 500 short stories, essays and novellas, and more than forty books for children. He won the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1992, the Padma Shri in 1999 and Padma Bhushan in 2014.
**Nationalism & Home and the World**

*Students’ Edition*

Rabindranath Tagore, Sugata Bose

**Summary**

Combining two classic texts by Rabindranath Tagore, this special edition features a new Introduction by eminent scholar Sugata Bose.

*Nationalism* is based on Tagore's lectures, warning the world of the disasters of narrow sectarianism and xenophobia. *Home and the World* is a classic novel, exploring the ever-relevant themes of nationalism, violent revolution and women's emancipation.

**Contributor Bio**

*Sugata Bose* is the Gardiner professor of history at Harvard University. He was educated at Presidency College, Calcutta, and the University of Cambridge where he obtained his PhD and was later a fellow of St Catharine's College. Before taking up the Gardiner Chair at Harvard in 2001, he was professor of history and diplomacy at Tufts University. Bose was a recipient of the Guggenheim Fellowship and gave the G.M. Trevelyan Lecture at the University of Cambridge.

Bose, who is Netaji’s brother Sarat Chandra Bose's grandson, is the author of many books, including *Peasant Labour and Colonial Capital* and the much-acclaimed *The Nation as Mother and Other Visions of Nationhood* and *A Hundred Horizons: The Indian Ocean in the Age of Global Empire*. He has also made documentary films on South Asian history and politics and published recordings of his translations of Tagore.

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**Gift From The Stars**

James Gunn

**Summary**

The age-old question about alien existence and human contact is explored in a new way in this collection of six novellas, previously anthologized in Analog magazine. When disillusioned aerospace engineer Adrian Mast buys a book at a remainder sale, the last things he expects to find in its appendix are alien spacecraft designs. With the help of the bookstore owner, Adrian tracks down the author—only to find him in a mental institution anguishing over the intentions of the aliens who sent the designs to him. By bluffing a bureaucrat intent on thwarting their progress, the two friends continue their quest for the stars and go ahead with the spacecraft designs. Having successfully launched their ship 15 years later, the questions that remain are: What were the intentions of the aliens? and Is mankind ready to face what’s out there?

**Contributor Bio**

*James Edwin Gunn* was an American science fiction writer, editor, scholar, and anthologist. His work as an editor includes the six-volume Road to Science Fiction anthology series. He won the Hugo Award for “Best Related Work” in 1983 and he has won or been nominated for several other awards for his non-fiction works in the field of science fiction studies. He was inducted by the Science Fiction and Fantasy Hall of Fame in 2015. He was a professor emeritus of English and the Founding Director of the Center for the Study of Science Fiction at the University of Kansas.
The Listeners
James Gunn

Summary
A classic of science fiction, this book predicted and inspired the creation of the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI)—the organization dedicated to the search for extraterrestrial life. A tale of contact with alien life hailed by leaders of SETI organizations and today’s leading science fiction authors as hugely influential, the story appeals to both science fiction readers and the hundreds of thousands of members of various SETI organizations.

Contributor Bio
James Edwin Gunn was an American science fiction writer, editor, scholar, and anthologist. His work as an editor includes the six-volume Road to Science Fiction anthology series. He won the Hugo Award for "Best Related Work" in 1983 and he has won or been nominated for several other awards for his non-fiction works in the field of science fiction studies. He was inducted by the Science Fiction and Fantasy Hall of Fame in 2015. He was a professor emeritus of English and the Founding Director of the Center for the Study of Science Fiction at the University of Kansas.

Gods of Rome
Gordon Doherty, Simon Turney

Summary
The story of Constantine and Maxentius, two ambitious young men, two brilliant generals, two friends destined to fight to the death as they strive to become Emperor of Rome. The final installment of the trilogy.

For one to rule, the other must die.

312 AD is a year of horrific and brutal warfare. Constantine's northern army is a small force, plagued by religious rivalries, but seemingly unstoppable as they invade Maxentius' Italian heartlands. These relentless clashes, incidents of treachery and twists of fortune see Maxentius' armies driven back to Rome. Constantine has his prize in sight, yet his army is diminished and on the verge of revolt. Maxentius meanwhile works to calm a restive and dissenting Roman populace. When the two forces clash in the Battle of the Milvian Bridge, there are factors at work beyond their control and soon they are left with carnage.

There is only one way Constantine and Maxentius' rivalry will end. With one on a bloodied sword and the other the sole ruler of Rome...

Contributor Bio
Gordon Doherty is a Scottish author, addicted to reading and writing historical fiction. Inspired by visits to the misty Roman ruins of Britain and the sun-baked antiquities of Turkey and Greece, Gordon has written tales of the later Roman Empire, Byzantium, Classical Greece, and the Bronze Age. His works include the Legionary, Strategos, and Empires of Bronze series and the Assassin's Creed tie-in novel Odyssey. www.gordondoherty.co.uk @GordonDoherty

Simon Turney is from Yorkshire and, having spent much of his childhood visiting historic sites, he fell in love with the Roman heritage of the region. His fascination with the ancient world snowballed from there with great interest in Rome, Egypt, Greece, and Byzantium. His works include the Marius' Mules and Praetorian series, as well as the Tales of the Empire series and The Damned Emperor series. www.simonturney.com @SJATurney
3 Rays
Stories from Satyajit Ray
Ray Satyajit

Summary
The most anticipated book on the centenary birth anniversary of Satyajit Ray
An amazingly brilliant collection of Satyajit Ray's previously unpublished autobiographical writings, illustrations, fictions, and non-fictions

A collector's item, 3 Rays is a source of delight for every reader

Satyajit Ray (1921-1992), through his life, philosophy, and works, offered a unique aesthetic sensibility, which took Indian cinema, art, and literature to a new height. An ace designer, music composer, illustrator, and a gifted writer, Ray gave us the awe-inspiring sleuth Feluda, and the maverick scientist, Professor Shonku—two iconic characters loved and revered by millions of readers.

On the occasion of his centenary birth anniversary, 3 Rays: Stories from Satyajit Ray, the first book in The Penguin Ray Library series, opens a window to the brilliance of this Renaissance man. With more than forty stories and poems along with many unpublished works, autobiographical writings, and illustrations by Ray, this volume offers a unique glimpse into Ray's creative genius.

Contributor Bio
Satyajit Ray (1921-1992), one of the greatest film-makers of our times, received the Oscar for Lifetime Achievement by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in 1992. In the same year he was honored with the Bharat Ratna. A polymath and a polyglot, Ray was not only an ace designer and but also a brilliant music composer and illustrator. His writings for children, young adults, and adults continue to attract readers across the world.

Across the Pass
A collection of tramping writing
Shaun Barnett

Summary
New Zealanders have produced a rich body of literature about tramping, with writing spanning nearly two centuries and ranging from poetry and songs, journals and newspaper pieces to magazine articles and books. The pieces in Across the Pass, as selected by Shaun Barnett, range from epic tales to stories of strolls. Some writers celebrate the intricacies of nature and the strong bond forged when facing challenges together, while others talk of treading the trails first pioneered by their ancestors. All say something about the many textures and colours of the experience we call tramping. Across the Pass includes writing from New Zealanders such as writer John Mulgan, mountaineers Sir Edmund Hillary and Lydia Bradey, adventurer Graeme Dingle, public servant Bill Sutch, MP Eugenie Sage and photographer Craig Potton.

Contributor Bio
Shaun Barnett is an outdoors author, editor and photographer. He has co-authored several books including Tramping: A New Zealand History, Shelter from the Storm: the Story of New Zealand’s Backcountry Huts and A Bunk for the Night.
**Out Here**

An Anthology of Takatapui and LGBTQIA+ Writers from Aotearoa

Emma Barnes, Chris Tse

**Summary**

A remarkable anthology of queer New Zealand voices. We became teenagers in the nineties when New Zealand felt a lot less cool about queerness and gender felt much more rigid. We knew instinctively that hiding was the safest strategy. But how to find your community if you’re hidden? Aotearoa is a land of extraordinary queer writers, many of whom have contributed to our rich literary history. But you wouldn’t know it. Decades of erasure and homophobia have rendered some of our most powerful writing invisible. Out Here will change that. This landmark book brings together and celebrates queer New Zealand writers from across the gender and LGBTQIA+ spectrum with a generous selection of poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction and much much more. From established names to electrifying newcomers, the cacophony of voices brought together in Out Here sing out loud and proud, ensuring that future generations of queers are afforded the space to tell their stories and be themselves without fear of retribution or harm.

**Contributor Bio**

Emma Barnes (Ngati Pakeha, they/them) studied at the University of Canterbury and lives in Aro Valley, Wellington. Their poetry has been widely published for more than a decade in journals including Landfall, Turbine Kapohau, Cordite and Best New Zealand Poems. They are the author of the poetry collection I Am in Bed with You (2021). Chris Tse (he/him) was born and raised in Lower Hutt. He studied English literature and film at Victoria University of Wellington, where he also completed an MA in creative writing at the International Institute of Modern Letters (IIML). Tse was one of three poets featured in AUP New Poets 4 (2011). His first collection How to be Dead in a Year of Snakes (2014) won the Jessie Mackay Award for Best First Book of Poetry and his second book He’s So MASC was published to critical acclaim in 2018.

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**Culture Wars:**

Gen Z vs. Millennial

Susie Rae

**Summary**

Zoomers & Millennials, let the battle begin!

*Culture Wars* brings the intergenerational online feud to the page. Skinny jeans vs. flares, side-parts vs. curtains, lol vs. sksksksksk and a whole lot of sardonic existential dread; this is the PERFECT gift book for Gen Z and Millennial alike. This hilarious, must-buy gift book explores the internet’s most popular and viral memes, from parodying everything Millennials hold sacred (yes, we’re talking about Harry Potter), to mocking Zoomers’ sense of fashion - all in a light-hearted and funny way. So whether you're looking for a satirical laugh-out-loud gift book for a cheugy Millennial or hoping to entice a TikTok teen into reading a book, *Culture Wars* is the perfect buy for you.

**Contributor Bio**

Susie Rae is a freelance editor and writer and works on curating gift and humour books.
I Think You're on Mute
A Foolproof Guide to Living Your Best Online Life
Ellie Ross

Summary
Ah, the internet - a daunting place for the uninitiated and veteran alike. Whether you're stuck trying to perfect a suitable Zoom call background or frustrated with the old Tinder bio; whether you're building the courage to finally leave that annoying WhatsApp group or regretting the email you've just sent to your manager with three kisses - there just seems to be no answer to all your digital etiquette fails, right? WRONG! This outrageously funny 'guide' to digital interaction will solve all your 21st Century problems and stop you looking like a right modern-day Luddite. Is your voicemail greeting as bad as it sounds? Are you being catfished? Do you want to hear the secret to getting more Instagram followers? These are just a few of the internet's most pressing questions we've got covered in our 100 question guide. Grounded by its earth-shattering research and enhanced with its quirky illustrations, I Think You're on Mute is an essential 'companion' and is here to help you navigate netiquette. The internet? Completed it, mate. DISCLAIMER: THIS PRODUCT CONTAINS TRACES OF SATIRE AND I...

Contributor Bio
Written by stand-up comedian, comedy writer and author of More Classic Art Memes and Life According to Guinea Pigs, Ellie Ross.

Virga
Togara Muzanenhamo

Summary
A Poetry Book Society Autumn 2021 Recommendation. Virga is the third book of poems by Zimbabwean poet Togara Muzanenhamo, following on from his acclaimed collections Spirit Brides (2006) and Gumiguru (2014). Set in the twentieth century, Virga features historical events woven together by the weather. From the spiritual silence of a sundog during the 1911 Japanese Antarctic Expedition, to the 1921 World Championship chess matches in the Cuban heat, to the final hours of a young Bavarian mountaineer in the Bernese Alps in 1936 and strange white clouds decimating whole villages in northern Cameroon in 1986 – the poems capture stories of a rapidly evolving century beneath an ancient, fragile sky. The title relates to the meteorological phenomenon in which a column, shaft or band of rain or snow is seen falling from a cloud but never reaching the earth – evaporating before touchdown. Like Gumiguru, which has so much to do with weather, Virga continues with it, its impact on our daily lives. But, here, his geography broadens out to include wider worlds and different histories artfully stru...

Contributor Bio
Togara Muzanenhamo was born to Zimbabwean parents in Lusaka, Zambia, in 1975. He was brought up in Zimbabwe, and then went on to study in The Hague and Paris. His work has appeared in magazines in Europe, South Africa, the United States and Zimbabwe, and was included in Carcanet's anthology New Poetries in 2002. He lives with his partner and children in Harare.
**Grand Larcenies**

*Translations and Imitations of Ten Dutch Poets*

P.C. Evans

**Summary**

Grand Larcenies features generous selections from the work of ten classic modern Dutch poets: Eva Gerlach, Gerrit Kouwenaar, Hester Knibbe, Hans R. Vlek, Rob Schouten, Willem van Toorn, J. Eijkelboom, H.H ter Balkt, K. Michel, and Esther Jansma. The translator, a notable Welsh poet and writer now living in the Netherlands, takes his bearings from Robert Minhinnick's seminal Welsh anthology The Adulterer's Tongue, which attempts by means of experiment rather than rigid linguistic fidelity to approach the imaginative core of the original. 'These versions take risks,' Evans declares; 'they are no black-and-white photocopy, but they honour the originals' forms and intentions, making audible a wide array of individual styles and voices, and a Dutch sensibility that is both familiar and alien to us.' A dual-language edition.

**Contributor Bio**

P.C. Evans is a Welsh poet, writer and translator of poetry, novels and drama. His plays have been performed at the Guggenheim, The Old Vic, and the Edinburgh Festival.

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**Take us the Little Foxes**

*Collected Poems*

Miles Burrows

**Summary**

The poetry of Miles Burrows was discovered in 1966 when Tom Maschler, already an editor at Cape, heard him give a public reading in London. Cape published him. After that, Burrows continued his life in many walks, most of them medical. Having studied Greats at Oxford, he determined to become an intellectual and learned to smoke black Russian cigarettes, reviewing occasionally for the New Statesman. He worked as a GP and then as a psychiatrist. He was briefly a trawlerman, then a doctor in the New Guinea Highlands, in the American Hospital for Hmong tribe refugees on the Thai-Laos border, in a Catholic mission Hospital in Eastern Taiwan, in the Middle East and in Suffolk. This Collected Poems is a rich harvest from the decades between 1966 and 2021. The poems are primarily conversational. The poet is keen to get into exclusive places he has no right to be – clubs, social strata, religions. Much of the adventure, the disrupted narrative, has to do with being out of place. Its long narratives – work as a trawlerman in Iceland, a traditional funeral in Taiwan – open on worlds that are ma...

**Contributor Bio**

Miles Burrows studied at Charterhouse and Wadham College Oxford. He read Russian in National Service, then Classics and Medicine. He worked as travel and fiction reviewer at the New Statesman and his poems appeared on radio and television. His work has been anthologised in British Poetry since 1945 (Penguin: ed. Lucie-Smith) and in Best Poems of the Year 2012 (Forward). He is a regular contributor to TLS, Poetry Review, and PN Review. He has worked as a doctor in New Guinea, Thailand, and Haverhill. His first Carcanet collection, Waiting for the Nightingale, was published in 2017.
**Unseasoned Campaigner**

Janet Newman

**Summary**

In *Unseasoned Campaigner*, poet Janet Newman uncovers territory ripe for exploration. Juxtaposing the often-troubled realities of commercial farming with ever-unfolding family relationships, these beautifully crafted poems speak to blood, sinew and sweat, as well as to matters of the conscience and heart. *Unseasoned Campaigner* declares the arrival of an exciting new voice in New Zealand poetry.

**Contributor Bio**

Janet Newman was born in Levin. She won the 2015 New Zealand Poetry Society International Competition, the 2017 Kathleen Grattan Prize for a Sequence of Poems and was a runner-up in the 2019 Kathleen Grattan Awards. Her essays about the sonnets of Michelle Leggott and the ecopoetry of Dinah Hawken won the *Journal of New Zealand Literature* Prize for New Zealand Literary Studies in 2014 and 2016.

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**The Heeding**

Rob Cowen, Nick Hayes

**Summary**

"Dazzling, moving... A book that will touch many, and be given often: here, take this, you must read this." —ROBERT MACFARLANE

"So vivid... A call out to our elemental relationship with love and nature. Beautiful." WILLEM DAFOE

The world changed in 2020. Gradually at first, then quickly and irreversibly, the patterns by which we once lived altered completely.

Across four seasons and a luminous series of poems and illustrations, Rob Cowen and Nick Hayes paint a picture of a year caught in the grip of history yet filled with revelatory perspectives close at hand.

A sparrowhawk hunting in a back street; the moon over a town with a loved one’s hand held tight; butterflies massing in a high-summer yard – the everyday wonders and memories that shape a life and help us recall our own.

*The Heeding* leads us on a journey that takes its markers and signs from nature and a world filled with fear and pain but beauty and wonder too. Collecting birds, animals, trees and people together, it is a profound meditation to a time no one will forget. At its heart, this is a book that helps us look again, to he...

**Contributor Bio**

Rob Cowen is an award-winning writer, hailed as one of the UK’s most original voices on nature and place. His book *Common Ground* was shortlisted for the Portico, Richard Jefferies Society, and Wainwright Prizes and voted one of the nation’s favorite nature books on BBC *Winterwatch*. His poems have featured on *Caught By The River* and in *Letters to the Earth* (Harper Collins). He lives in North Yorkshire.

Nick Hayes is a writer, illustrator, and print-maker. He is the author of the *Sunday Times* bestseller *The Book of Trespass*. He has published graphic novels with Jonathan Cape and worked for many renowned titles. He
**tumble**  
Joanna Preston

**Summary**  
Award-winning poet Joanna Preston’s beautifully crafted second collection charts a course for the journey from child to woman. Her voice swoops the reader from the ocean depths to the roof of the world, from nascent saints, Viking raids and fallen angels to talking cameras and an astronaut in space. tumble is a beautifully crafted collection that traverses traditional forms, the lyric and free verse.

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**Dream of a Journey**  
Selected Poems  
Katerina Rudcenková

**Summary**  
Edited and Translated by Alexandra Büchler. A book of poems by Katerina Rudcenková selected from her four poetry books by the editor / translator Alexandra Büchler who will also write an introduction.

**Contributor Bio**  
Tempo
Excursions in 21st Century Italian Poetry
Luca Paci

Summary
Contemporary Italian poetry is a varied landscape mostly uncharted for the reader in the Anglo-American world. The writing offers an extraordinary array of styles, voices, approaches, ways of looking at the world and ways of representing it. This anthology tries to capture the multiplicity of these voices with its selection of the most representative poets from different backgrounds: academics, working-class writers, editors, journalists, performers, travellers and professional translators. Each voice has its unique accent, poetics, style and topic. The reader will discover a diverse poetry dealing with a number of topical concerns such as identity, sex, politics, migration and race.

Contributor Bio
Luca Paci was born in Novara, north Italy in 1970. He studied Philosophy at Pavia University and moved to Glasgow in 1997 where he learned English. After taking up a PhD scholarship in Italian Studies, he moved to Swansea in 1999 and in 2004 obtained a doctorate on the intellectual history of Benedetto Croce. Paci is currently the Co-Director of the Italian Cultural Centre Wales, the Italian Film Festival Cardiff and part of the executive board of Wales Pen Cymru. For the past five years he has been teaching Italian Studies at Swansea and Cardiff University.

Sports Illustrated Drew Brees
A Tribute to the Saint of New Orleans
The Editors of Sports Illustrated

Summary
Celebrating a New Orleans icon and one of football’s most beloved superstars

Drew Brees describes his arrival in New Orleans as "a calling". Following a catastrophic shoulder injury and a handful of years with the San Diego Chargers, Brees hit the ground running with the Saints, leading the team to the playoffs in his very first season and building toward the ultimate prize: the franchise’s first ever Super Bowl title.

By the time he hung up his cleats in 2021, the Saints QB had won 172 games as a starting quarterback, led the NFL in passing yards seven times and fashioned more than 50 game-winning drives. He won the 2004 Comeback Player of the Year award and was named to 13 Pro Bowls.

These moments and memories are collected in Drew Brees: A Tribute to the Saint of New Orleans, a fully illustrated gift book commemorating the 20-year career of one of the most beloved Saints players in history.

Featuring more than 100 photographs and unparalleled written coverage from the pages of Sports Illustrated™, this new volume provides readers a complete portrait of the ultimate team player whose ...

Contributor Bio
Sports Illustrated, the most respected voice in sports journalism, is a multimedia sports brand that takes the consumer into the heart and soul of sports.
Sports Illustrated Collector’s Edition: The Book of Basketball
Fifty Years of NBA Stories from the SI Vault
Chris Ballard, The Editors of Sports Illustrated

Summary
Sports Illustrated, the most respected voice in sports journalism, has covered the NBA for the much of its existence, documenting its expansion from fledgling league to global force.

Curated by editor and bestselling author Chris Ballard, this anthology features the best hoops writing from the SI archives along with new postscripts from nationally renowned basketball journalists including Jackie McMullan, Jack McCallum, Jeff Pearlman, S.L. Price, Lee Jenkins, Frank Deford, and more.

Contributor Bio
Chris Ballard is an award-winning writer and a lecturer at the UC Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism. His writing has appeared in Sports Illustrated, the New York Times, and the Los Angeles Times, among other publications. He has written four books, including The Art of a Beautiful Game and One Shot at Forever.

Sports Illustrated The Boston Celtics at 75
The Editors of Sports Illustrated

Summary
Celebrate the championship glory, Hall of Fame personalities, and passionate fans that make the Boston Celtics one of the most revered teams in basketball

Sports Illustrated™ celebrates basketball greatness with The Boston Celtics at 75, an extraordinary collection of classic stories and photographs from the pages of SI. This commemorative book salutes hall of famers like Bill Russell, Larry Bird, Bob Cousy, Paul Pierce, and coach Red Auerbach.

Fans will unearth countless gems from the Celtics' past on each page of this diamond celebration.

Contributor Bio
Sports Illustrated, the most respected voice in sports journalism, is a multimedia sports brand that takes the consumer into the heart and soul of sports.
Sports Illustrated The San Francisco 49ers at 75
The Editors of Sports Illustrated

*Founded in 1946, The San Francisco 49ers will celebrate their 75th anniversary in 2021.
*The 49ers have won five Super Bowl titles and have featured hall of famers like Steve Young, Joe Montana, Jerry Rice, Ronnie Lott, and coach Bill Walsh.
*This commemorative book features over 100 archival photos ...

Summary
Celebrate the championship glory, Hall of Fame personalities, and passionate fans that make the San Francisco 49ers one of the most beloved franchises in football

The oldest professional sports team in the Bay Area, the San Francisco 49ers have thrilled their loyal fans for seven and a half decades. Founded in 1946 as a charter member of the All-America Football Conference, the 49ers joined the NFL when the leagues merged in 1949.

Playing in old Kezar Stadium at in Golden Gate Park, the 49ers found fleeting success in their early years, reaching the playoffs just once in the 1950s and ’60s. From those humble beginnings emerged one of the NFL's most successful franchises.

Seven Super Bowl appearances, five Super Bowl victories. A head coach in Bill Walsh who forever changed the sport. And a roster of Hall of Famers: Y.A. Tittle, Joe Montana, Steve Young, Jerry Rice, Ronnie Lott, and more.

*Sports Illustrated™* celebrates the franchise with *The San Francisco 49ers at 75*, an extraordinary collection of classic stories and photographs from the pages of *SI*. This commemorative book also solutes...

Contributor Bio
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CalorieKing 2022 Larger Print Calorie, Fat & Carbohydrate Counter
Allan Borushek

Summary
The CalorieKing Calorie, Fat & Carbohydrate Counter is a simple, safe, practical, and effective guide to a healthy and lasting weight loss. Consistently receives highest reader rating in category – Amazon.com Top 100 Best-Selling Diet Books. Most recommended calorie, fat, & carb counter by diabetes educators, dietitians, and health education clinics. Most up-to-date food data listings, surpassing all other books and apps for accuracy. As featured in HBO’s Weight of The Nation. Preferred calorie counter of past Biggest Loser Coaches Category Winner. National Health Information Awards Ranked #1, receiving highest reader rating for books in similar category by Amazon.com readers. Outsells all other food counters 5 to 1 in major bookstores and Amazon.com. Updated editions have outsold every book in category in all markets for more than 13 years. First edition was published in 1984. Whether you want to lose weight, keep track of carbohydrates to help manage your diabetes, reduce other diet-related health risks, or just want to make healthier eating choices, the CalorieKing Calorie, Fat and...

Contributor Bio
Allan Borushek is a dietitian and health educator with over 30 years’ experience in clinical dietetics and community health education. He is the founder of Australia-based Family Health Network, parent of CalorieKing Wellness Solutions, Inc. Mr. Borushek has authored and published several books on weight control, heart disease prevention, and diabetes. He is best known for his 'Top 100’ annual best-seller, CalorieKing’s Pocket Calorie, Fat & Carbohydrate Counter, which has sold more than 10 million copies.
**Connecting with the Expert Within**

*Re-Awakening to Your Strength and Competence*

Richard D. Parsons

**Summary**

Our ability to take time out to simply look inside and begin to increase our awareness and familiarity with our strengths and resources is a gift and an essential step to becoming more self-reliant. In Connecting with the Expert Within: Re-Awakening to Your Strength and Competence, author and practicing counselor Richard D. Parsons guides you on a personal journey of self-exploration and reflection to help you uncover the able and capable individual at your core. You’ll be challenged to reflect upon times in the past when you’ve employed your resources, talents, and personal strengths to thrive—and how you can leverage those experiences and strengths to face new challenges, tasks, and goals. You’ll learn how to position yourself for positive growth, build your self-confidence and self-efficacy, and transform your visions into attainable goals. The book includes a number of exercises that will help you tap into your inner expert and make life-changing discoveries.

Connecting with the Expert Within is a self-affirming and inspirational book that teaches you how to apply key concepts of...

**Contributor Bio**

**Richard D. Parsons, Ph.D.** has authored or co-authored over 90 books, book chapters, and professional articles. He has over 40 years of university teaching experience, has had a private clinical practice for over 30 years, and serves as a professor of counselor education at West Chester University. Dr. Parsons is a consultant to educational and mental health institutions in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. He earned his master’s and doctoral degrees from Temple University.

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**How to Be an Amazing Volunteer Overseas**

*Rules of the Road, Stories from the Field*

Susan E. Gibson

**Summary**

Do you want to travel and make a positive impact on the world? This book is designed for you. It will give you practical tips on how to decide what to do and where to go. It will help you to prepare for life in a new country where life is very different. And it will help you to make sure you help the organizations serving as your host rather than be a burden. This book has lots of stories from the author’s experience around the world. She started as many volunteers do, with no idea of how to help people on the ground. After a great many stumbles, she discovered the key to being a successful volunteer overseas: First, go to learn. Then you can help.

**Contributor Bio**

Susan Gibson has been working and volunteering in the non-profit world for more than 35 years in 70 countries for NGOs, UN agencies, and donor governments. She is a philanthropist actively engaged in NGOs in areas of refugees, human rights, and education for girls. She lives in Washington, D.C. with her husband and teenage son. Susan Gibson has been working and volunteering in the non-profit world for more than 35 years in 70 countries for NGOs, UN agencies, and donor governments. She is a philanthropist actively engaged in NGOs in areas of refugees, human rights, and education for girls. She lives in Washington, D.C. with her husband and teenage son.
Who is Florence Price?
Kaufman Music Centre

Summary
Florence loved her mother’s piano playing and wanted to be just like her. When she was just four years old she played her first piano concert and as she grew up she studied and wrote music hoping one day to hear her own music performed by an orchestra. This is the story of a brilliant musician who prevailed against race and gender prejudices to become the first Black woman to be recognised as a symphonic composer and be performed by a major American orchestra in 1933.

Contributor Bio
Founded in 1952 as a community music school, Kaufman Music Center stimulates appreciation of and participation in music through music performance and education in ways that awaken creativity, advance innovation and create a sense of wonder among performers, students, teachers and the public at large. At Kaufman Music Center, music lovers - from curious fans to renowned performers - come together to explore their musical passions.

A A Purpose for the Pain
Finding freedom from self-harm, anxiety, depression, anorexia, and suicide
Shannon Rowell

Summary
Shannon listened as the counselor talked to her mother. He explained that kids involved with cults have a very low recovery rate. Add anorexia, depression, cutting, and substance abuse—and Shannon was quickly labeled a lost cause. "Be prepared," the counselor told Shannon’s mother. "You may lose your daughter…” There are no lost causes! A Purpose for the Pain is Shannon’s story, told in her own words. Maybe it is your story too, or the story of a child or loved one... The details of Shannon’s spiral into the depths of darkness are not for the faint-of-heart—yet her story is full of hope and the power of God to break even the strongest chains that surround a young person’s heart.

Contributor Bio
Shannon Rowell knows first hand the struggles of young girls and women. This is a part of her own journey. Shannon is currently in the trenches of motherhood raising her four young children. Shannon has a Masters degree in mental health counseling. She is a licensed professional working in her private practice, Perfectly Imperfect Counseling. She, her husband Steve, and their four children live in suburban Orlando, Florida. To learn more about Shannon and her work, please visit her website at www.perfectlyimperfectcounseling.com

Shannon Rowell has a Master's degree in mental health counseling. She works in the mental health field helping others make the same journey from darkness to light that she made. She, her husband Steve, and their son live in suburban Orlando, Florida Shannon Rowell knows first hand the struggles of young girls and women. This is a part of her own journey. Shannon is currently in the trenches of motherhood raising her four young children. Shannon has a Masters degree in mental health counseling. She is a licensed professional working in her private practice, Pe...
Rumi The Hidden Treasure
Shems Friedlander

Summary
In this accessible yet authoritative and illustrated pocket-sized edition, the author speaks about the famous saying (hadith qudsi) "I was a hidden treasure and I wished to be known so I created man that I may be known," and explains the life, poetry, thought, and spiritual practice of Rumi, the originator of the Sufi order famous for the whirling dervishes.

Contributor Bio
(Author), Istanbul, (Turkey) - Shems Friedlander is the author of ten books. He is a painter, photographer, designer, filmmaker, and educator. He is Emeritus Professor of the American University in Cairo. He was selected by the Royal Islamic Strategic Studies Center as one of the 500 most influential Muslims in the world in the field of art and culture., has been added successfully. Shems Friedlander , (Author), Istanbul, (Turkey) - Shems Friedlander is the author of more than ten books. He is a painter, photographer, designer, filmmaker, and educator. He is Emeritus Professor of the American University in Cairo. He was selected by the Royal Islamic Strategic Studies Center as one of the 500 most influential Muslims in the world in the field of art and culture., Shems Friedlander is the author of ten books. He is a painter, photographer, designer, filmmaker, and educator. He is Emeritus Professor of the American University in Cairo. He was selected by the Royal Islamic Strategic Studies Center as one of the 500 most influential Muslims in the world in the field of art and culture. Sh...

Heroic Faith
Hope Amid Global Persecution
Arielle Del Turco, William G Boykin, Lela Gilbert

Summary
From Asia to Africa, from the Middle East to Europe and beyond, the global persecution of Christians becomes more ominous with every passing year. Heroic Faith takes a close look at the tragic circumstances Christians face due to dangerous and sometimes deadly opposition to their faith in Jesus Christ. The book’s true stories of courage, persistence and faithfulness offer inspiration and hope. Heroic Faith also provides insights into the ideologies that lie behind hostility and persecution, what steps the U.S. government might take to offer assistance, and how readers can best respond to the struggles of the faithful.

Contributor Bio
Arielle Del Turco, M.A. is the assistant director of the Center for Religious Liberty at Family Research Council, where she is responsible for international religious freedom policy and advocacy efforts. Through research and analysis, she crafts policy solutions and coordinates advocacy. Her work has appeared in USA Today, RealClearPolitics, National Review, and Newsweek. LTG (Ret.) William G. Boykin is the founder of Kingdom Warriors ministry and Executive Vice President of Family Research Council. He was a founding member and former commander of Delta Force, serving thirty-six years in the U.S. Army. He and his wife Ashley have five children and live in Virginia. Lela Gilbert is an award-winning writer who has authored or co-authored more than sixty books. She authored Saturday People, Sunday People: Israel through the Eyes of a Christian Sojourner, and co-authored Persecuted: The Global Assault on Christians with Nina Shea and Paul Marshall. Lela is Sr. Fellow for International Religious Freedom at Family Research Council and Fellow at Hudson Institute’s Center for Religious Freed...
The Light of Asia
The Poem that Defined The Buddha
Jairam Ramesh, His Holiness the Dalai Lama

Summary
‘The Light of Asia’ is an epic poem by Sir Edwin Arnold that was first published in 1879. It is a narrative of the life and message of the Buddha. It quickly became a huge sensation and has continued to resonate powerfully across the world over the last century and a half. The poem captivated an Indian monk who remains an iconic personality-Swami Vivekananda. At about the same time, it deeply moved a young man in Colombo who has become famous in history as Anagarika Dharmapala. It caught the attention of an aspiring Indian lawyer in London in 1889. This man later became immortal as Mahatma Gandhi. A few years hence it impacted a teenager in Allahabad who would, in 1947, become the first Prime Minister of India-Jawaharlal Nehru. Two copies of the book adorned the bookshelves of B.R. Ambedkar, the prime architect of the Indian constitution.

Weaving together literary, cultural, political and social history, Jairam Ramesh uncovers and narrates the fascinating story of this deeply consequential and compelling poem that has shaped our thinking of an ancient sage and his teachings.

Jairam Ram...

Contributor Bio
Jairam Ramesh, a Rajya Sabha MP, was Union minister between 2006 and 2014, holding several key portfolios including environment and forests. He is the author of several well-known books including *Indira Gandhi: A Life in Nature* and *Intertwined Lives: P.N. Haksar and Indira Gandhi.*

The Apostate
My Search for Truth
Mark Christian

Summary
This book takes you on Mark’s journey as he tries to prove to himself Islam is the true religion. It shows the horror he feels as he faces the truth. It finally takes you to his greatest discovery, Jesus is love, and Jesus is the God he was searching for his entire life. Having now lived and ministered in America for years, he also has a message for America about the dangers to which we are headed based on his intimate knowledge of life in a dictatorial country (Egypt) and what he sees here.

Contributor Bio
Dr. Mark Christian is founder of the Truth and Freedom Foundation (TFF), dedicated to the founding principles of America, and of Global Faith, where he speaks on the danger of “civilizational jihad,” a war on American values coordinated by the Muslim Brotherhood. Mark is a Christian convert who abandoned Islam as an adult and fled his country of birth, Egypt.
The Shadow of Death
From My Battles in Fallujah to the Battle for My Soul
Fernando Arroyo

Summary
When I returned home from my latest deployment in the U.S. Army, my life began to fall apart. One night, after heavy drinking, I placed my 1911 pistol in my mouth and thought a prayer—silence. I deactivated the safety and began to slowly squeeze the trigger. BANG! I dropped the pistol and I looked around me, but there was no blood. The bang I heard was the Bible on my desk falling and hitting the floor. I fell to my knees and asked God for forgiveness. I surrendered to Jesus Christ and asked him to help me. He answered.

Contributor Bio
Fernando Arroyo works at the Orange County Rescue Mission as the Veteran Services Case Manager. He considers himself privileged to serve veterans struggling with different issues ranging from PTSD, drug addiction, and homelessness. His job is to provide veterans with pastoral counseling and to walk alongside them as they regain sobriety and control of their mental health.

Children of the Night
The Strange and Epic Story of Modern Romania
Paul Kenyon

Summary
The only country in Eastern Europe to speak a Latin language, Romania has always felt itself different, and its unique fate has been to experience some of the most disastrous leaderships of the last century. In the First World War her German king remained neutral until 1916. The interwar rulers form a gallery of bizarre characters and movements: the corrupt King Carol; the antisemitic Iron Guard led by Corneliu Codreanu; the vain general Ion Antonescu who seized power in 1940 and led the country into alliance with Nazi Germany. After 1945 power was handed over to Romania's tiny communist party, under whom it experienced severe repression, purges and collectivization.

Then in 1964, Nicolae Ceaușescu came to power. And thus began the strangest dictatorship in recent European history.

Children of the Night is also a personal discovery of this extraordinary country, bringing together Paul Kenyon's eye for the private vices and kleptocratic tendencies of despots with a heartfelt exploration of the fate of one Romanian family in particular.

Contributor Bio
Paul Kenyon is a distinguished BBC correspondent and BAFTA award-winning journalist. He is the author of Dictatorland.
Come Back to Mona Vale
Life and death in a Christchurch mansion
Alexander McKinnon

Summary
Come Back to Mona Vale is a beautifully written, compelling narrative/memoir that sets about unravelling the mysteries and anomalies behind the public history of a wealthy Christchurch business family in the first half of the 20th century. The author-as narrator gradually becomes aware that his family heritage isn’t necessarily the norm, nor what he expected. He realises that family members don’t speak to each other about the most private events. The story unfolds like a crime or detective tale, and also delves into the history of the Canterbury colony, contrasting Christchurch’s public values, aspirations and beauty with its murkier private behaviour. And yet the story is told with a graceful touch and an eye for the vivid, comic and telling detail. Alexander McKinnon’s explorations of his family’s past is the record of a beautiful and grand (yet gradually crumbling) manor interwoven with social history – with a sense of the Gothic, of obsession, and of a tight-knit circle where secrets wreak a terrible climax leading to a form of inter-generational haunting.

Contributor Bio
Alexander McKinnon was educated in Christchurch and overseas, and lives in Wellington. His essay ‘Canterbury Gothic’, a summary version of this story, won the 2020 Landfall Essay Competition. This is his first book.

Dawn of an Era of Wellbeing
New Paths to a Better World
Ervin Laszlo, Deepak Chopra, Frederick Tsao

Summary
Humankind is facing monumental challenges—the sustainability of our natural resources, climate change, wealth inequalities, breakdowns in social structures, the impact of artificial intelligence, and of course the threat of pandemics. What we need to understand is that with each of these challenges is an opportunity to create a better future for our Earth. But first we need to open our eyes and understand how the old “normal”—the conventions and assumptions about how our systems work—are no longer sustainable. Change is going to occur, and a “new normal” is not simply necessary; it is imminent. The authors of Dawn of An Era of Well-Being offer a unique worldview called the “quantum paradigm” that is emerging in society. Their concepts and principles are drawn from theories of Western science and Eastern wisdom traditions of human spirituality. These compass points for navigating the uncharted waters we are entering will be of interest to all who want to find a path to a better world. In this critical work authors Ervin Laszlo and Frederick Tsao are joined by several contributors incl...

Contributor Bio
Ervin László is a Hungarian philosopher of science, systems theorist, integral theorist (and originally a concert pianist) who has published about 75 books and over 400 papers. An advocate of the theory of quantum consciousness, Laszlo has a PhD from the Sorbonne and is the recipient of four honorary PhD’s (from the United States, Canada, Finland, and Hungary). His many awards and distinctions include the Peace Prize of Japan, the Goi Award (Tokyo 2002), the International Mandir of Peace Prize (Assisi 2005), and nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize (2004 and 2005). DEEPAK CHOPRA™ MD, FACP, founder of The Chopra Foundation, a non-profit entity for research on well-being and humanitarianism, and Chopra Global, a modern-day health company at the intersection of science and spirituality, is a world-renowned pioneer in integrative medicine and personal transformation. Frederick Tsao is the fourth-generation leader of IMC Pan Asia Alliance Group, born in the East and educated in the West. He became chairman in 1995 and transformed the family business from a traditional shipping company to...
Don't Feed the Bear!
Clare Michelle, Carrie Hennon

Summary
A push and pop sensory story time book for read aloud fun!

In this funny story about a hungry bear, there's an innovative silicone popper fidget toy for little hands to push, pop and explore on each page as the rhyming story is read aloud.

Perfect for interactive reading fun, the bubble pattern on the bear's silicone "Push and Pop" tummy can be pushed and popped again and again for hours of sensory play. This tactile book offers a fun reading experience for young readers, and aids development of concentration and focus through the soothing and calming effect of playing with the "Push and Pop" fidget toy. Perfect for reducing stress and anxiety through quiet and focused play.

The "Push and Pop" fidget popper toy and funny illustrations in the book are perfect for sensory story time fun!

Contributor Bio
Clare Michelle started writing children's books while studying for her undergraduate English degree. Clare lives in the Suffolk countryside dreaming stories for children's books and taking care of her flock of free-range chickens.
Carrie Hennon Hennon, Carrie Since graduating from art school, Carrie has worked as a graphic designer, illustrator and art editor for the past 18 years. Carrie is passionate about children's book illustration and is continually inspired by her daily contact with the artists whom she commissions. She has also written her own books for the very young.

My Little Book of Ganesha
Penguin India

Summary
Let's dive into the vast and wonderful world of Hindu mythology!

Clever Ganesha's got something on his mind, but what that is you'll have to read on to find. With charming illustrations and simple language, this short tale about Ganesha will entertain and delight.

· This series of charismatically illustrated board books introduces kids to some of the best known and best loved gods from popular Hindu mythology, including Krishna, Ganesha, Lakshmi, Hanuman, Shiva, and Durga.

· Dotted with interesting facts about each god as well as an interactive seek-and-find activity.

· Suitable for bedtime reading and parent-child association.

· Perfect way to familiarize babies with India's rich cultural fabric.

· These books offer a fun and enjoyable introduction to timeless myths and festivals for modern kids.

· A must have to impart important life lessons from various gods and goddesses.

· Collect all books in the series!

Contributor Bio
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My Little Book of Lakshmi
Penguin India

Summary
Let’s dive into the vast and wonderful world of Hindu mythology!

Lovely Lakshmi comes to Earth once a year. Will she have a good time here?
With charming illustrations and simple language, this short tale about Lakshmi will entertain and delight.

- This series of charmingly illustrated board books introduces kids to some of the best known and best loved gods from popular Hindu mythology, including Krishna, Ganesha, Lakshmi, Hanuman, Shiva, and Durga.
- Dotted with interesting facts about each god as well as an interactive seek-and-find activity.
- Suitable for bedtime reading and parent-child association.
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My Little Book of Krishna
Penguin India

Summary
Let’s dive into the vast and wonderful world of Hindu mythology!

Naughty little Krishna’s search for butter leads to an unexpected adventure.
With charming illustrations and simple language, this short tale about Krishna will entertain and delight.

- This series of charmingly illustrated board books introduces kids to some of the best known and best loved gods from popular Hindu mythology, including Krishna, Ganesha, Lakshmi, Hanuman, Shiva, and Durga.
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My True Blue Friend
Adrienne J Parillo

Summary
This book teaches young children the value of keeping their word and the distinction between popularity and friendship. This can be a helpful resource for parents to have these types of discussions with their children.

Contributor Bio
The author is a Christian with a masters in Early Childhood education with a minor in Italian. She tutored English as a second language for over 20 years while caring for her homebound mother. She was also a Literacy Volunteer of America tutor for over 15 years. She originally wrote this book for an undergraduate class in the 1980's and feels this rebirth is what God revealed to her through his Holy word that it is time to do. She enjoys praying for others, baking, writing poetry and reading the Bible. Her passion is to enlighten all people of the joy of the Lord through his Holy Spirit.

The Friendly Bookshelf
Caroline Brickley, Katherine Brickley, Daniela Pérez-Duarte

Summary
Meet Bibli, a brave little library bookshelf in search of a story about someone like him... Once upon a time, in a library like any other, there lived a little bookshelf named Bibli who carried a BIG question on his shelves: “Could there be a story somewhere about a bookshelf like me?” Bibli is told that bookshelves are supposed to hold stories, not have ones of their own. But everything changes when he meets Cassie, a girl longing for a friend just as much as Bibli longs for a story to relate to. Bibli learns that with kindness, confidence, empathy, and friendship, even your biggest dreams can come true—and that everyone has an important story worth sharing. The Friendly Bookshelf is a social-emotional learning (SEL) research-based book and the first-ever picture book about a bookshelf. Written to build self-confidence and self-esteem as well as encourage inclusivity, Bibli’s story empowers children to be brave, be a friend, and always be your-shelf! Readers will be inspired to go beyond the final page of the book and share their own stories, as well as be the pioneers of a kinde...

Contributor Bio
Caroline Brickley is an award-winning children’s author, singer/songwriter, filmmaker, and passionate creator of story-based children’s media. Her books The Blossom Shoppe and The Friendly Bookshelf have won critical acclaim. Caroline grew up in a bright yellow home brimming with stories, music, love, and (what she likes to believe) magic. Caroline never let go of the magic of childhood and found her calling in creating inspiring content for children (and children at heart!). Katherine Brickley is an award-winning children’s author, singer and passionate creator of story-based children’s media. An avid reader and lover of music and dance since a child, her passion for storytelling has grown into inspired her to co-author The Blossom Shoppe and The Friendly Bookshelf which have won awards and critical acclaim. She co-founded Blossom Children’s Media Company with her twin sister Caroline in 2017 from their shared college dorm room. Blossom is now a multi-award-winning company known for excellence in children’s literature and family content. Daniela Pérez-Duarte, having studied design...
The Blossom Shoppe
Joanie Stone, Caroline Brickley, Katherine Brickley

Summary
In a town that is totally gray and where everything is done in the same exact way, Poppy and Posie Blossom have always had a little trouble fitting in. Alongside their mother, the two sisters run their beloved family flower shop. Though Poppy, Posie, and Mama Blossom love their shop more than just about anything, to the rest of the town, flowers are just frivolous! When Mama Blossom shocks Poppy and Posie with the news that they will have to close their shop, the sisters must dig deep to figure out how to prove to the town just how special their flowers truly are – discovering along the way that what they need might have been inside them all along. Join Poppy and Posie on their unforgettable journey to save the Blossom Shoppe—a multi-award-winning story about the power of hard work, creativity, acceptance, and family, and the extraordinary things that can happen when we have the courage to let our true colors shine.

Contributor Bio
Joanie Stone? was born and raised in Virginia, where she still lives today with her husband and young daughter. She spends her days painting in her light filled studio in the country, surrounded by nature. She has a love for all things vintage, especially children's book illustration, advertising and fashion from long ago. She uses her background in traditional hand drawn animation to bring life and movement to her characters and fills her images with textures reminiscent of children’s books from the past. She hopes her images will inspire kids to pick up a pencil and create their own worlds. Caroline Brickley is an award-winning children's author, singer/songwriter, filmmaker, and passionate creator of story-based children's media. Her books The Blossom Shoppe and The Friendly Bookshelf have won critical acclaim. Caroline grew up in a bright yellow home brimming with stories, music, love, and (what she likes to believe) magic. Caroline never let go of the magic of childhood and found her calling in creating inspiring content for children (and children at heart!). Katherine Brickley...

Wiggles, Stomps, and Squeezes Calm My Jitters Down
Lindsey Rowe Parker

Summary
This is a story about sensory differences and how some children experience their world, told from a child's perspective. The vibration in her feet when she runs, the tap-tap-tap of her fork on the table at mealtime, the trickle of cool water running over her hands---these are the things that calm her jitters down. This book is for anyone who has ever felt the need for a wiggle, stomp, or squeeze! Wiggles, Stomps, and Squeezes playfully validates the unique sensory experiences of children, written from their own perspective. I'm excited for every kid that will see themselves in this beautiful book!" - Mark Loewen, Author of What Does a Princess Really Look Like? "I have worked in special education for 12 years and have not come across a book that explains these jittery feelings until now. This book will capture the hearts of families and children with unique needs as well as educate those unfamiliar with sensory differences." - Bridget Martinez, Special Education Teacher "I often find myself trying to explain to parents why their child needs wiggles, stomps, and squeezes to get through...
Skinny Dip
Poetry
Susan Paris, Kate De Goldi

Summary
The school year. We all know what to expect: the nits, the crush, the history lessons and rainy-day lunchtimes. But what happens when you send a bunch of poets to school? They’ll loiter in corners and see between the lines, then give a crash course on how to play with poetic form . . . The makers of the best-selling Annuals now bring you original, sometimes rowdy poetry from Renee Liang, Victor Rodger, Amber Esau, Anahera Gildea, essa may ranapiri, Bill Manhire, Amy McDaid, Kotuku Titihia Nuttall, Vanessa Mei Crofskey, Ben Brown, Ashleigh Young, James Brown, Dinah Hawken, Rata Gordon, Oscar Upperton, Nick Ascroft, Tim Upperton, Lynley Edmeades, Freya Daly Sadgrove, Sam Duckor-Jones, Nina Mingya Powles, and Jane Arthur.

Contributor Bio
Susan Paris has twenty years’ experience in publishing. She has edited the School Journal for fifteen years, producing more than fifty Journals. She has written Ready to Read titles and more than 40 chapter books for the educational market, both New Zealand and overseas. With Kate De Goldi she commissioned and edited the best-selling anthologies of children’s writing, Annual and Annual 2. Kate De Goldi reviewed and discussed children’s literature on Radio New Zealand for twenty years. She works with children in schools throughout New Zealand, promoting reading and teaching creative writing; she also teaches the Writing for Children course at Massey University. Kate writes fiction for all ages and has published ten books.