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[Taking a Chance on God](#) Harvard University Press

"Insightful, richly entertaining . . . Evison writes humanely and with good humor of his characters, who, like the rest of us, muddle through, too often without giving ourselves much of a break. A lovely, forgiving character study that 's a pleasure to read." —Kirkus Reviews, starred review With Bernard, her husband of fifty-five years, now in the grave, seventy-eight-year-old Harriet Chance impulsively sets sail on an ill-conceived Alaskan cruise that her late husband had planned. But what she hoped would be a voyage leading to a new lease on life becomes a surprising and revelatory journey into Harriet ' s past. Jonathan Evison has crafted a bighearted novel with an endearing heroine at the helm. Part dysfunctional love story, part poignant exploration of the mother-daughter relationship, nothing is what it seems in this tale of acceptance, reexamination, and forgiveness. " A terrific novel, funny and moving, wistful and wise. Jonathan Evison ' s writing crackles on the page." —Jess Walter, author of *Beautiful Ruins* " This Is Your Life, Harriet Chance! is as sweet as it is inventive, profound as it is hilarious, unflinching as it is bighearted." —Maria Semple, author of *Where You Go, Bernadette* " [An] irresistible, inventive novel full of important ideas about how we live our lives as parents, children, partners, and human beings . . . Evison is a ridiculously gifted storyteller." —Jami Attenberg, author of *The Middlesteins* " A generous and wise tale, told with Evison ' s trademark verve and charisma, *This Is Your Life, Harriet Chance!* is a deeply felt and deeply comforting novel." —Patrick deWitt, author of *The Sisters Brothers* " *This Is Your Life, Harriet Chance!* has all the wonderful snap and sizzle we ' ve come to expect from Jonathan Evison ' s work, and as much heart as any novel I ' ve read in recent years." —Ben Fountain, author of *Billy Lynn ' s Long Halftime Walk* " Both uplifting and melancholy, funny and thought-provoking, this entertaining read speaks directly to the importance of acceptance and healing." —Booklist

[Fooled by Randomness](#) Princeton University Press

Bauman urges us to think in new ways about a newly flexible, newly challenging modern world. In an era of routine travel, where most people circulate widely, the inherited beliefs that aid our thinking about the world have become an obstacle. He challenges members of the "knowledge class" to overcome their estrangement from the rest of society.

[Give Please a Chance](#) Scholastic Inc.

A moving new middle-grade novel from the Newbery Honor author of *RULES*. When Lucy's family moves to an old house on a lake, Lucy tries to see her new home through her camera's lens, as her father has taught her -- he's a famous photographer, away on a shoot. Will her photos ever meet his high standards? When she discovers that he's judging a photo contest, Lucy decides to enter anonymously. She wants to find out if her eye for photography is really special -- or only good enough. As she seeks out subjects for her photos, Lucy gets to know Nate, the boy next door. But slowly the camera reveals what Nate doesn't want to see: his grandmother's memory is slipping away, and with it much of what he cherishes about his summers on the lake. This summer, Nate will learn about the power of art to show truth. And Lucy will learn how beauty can change lives . . . including her own.

[Not a Chance](#) Scholastic UK

In this #1 New York Times bestseller, Bill O'Reilly and James Patterson together present a beautifully illustrated, instantly classic picture book that celebrates the magic of the word "Please" for our children. In this inspired collaboration, bestselling authors Bill O'Reilly and James Patterson remind us all that a single word -- "Please?" -- is useful in a thousand different ways. From finding a lovable stray dog to needing a partner on a seesaw, from reading a bedtime story to really, really needing a cookie, *Give Please a Chance* depicts scenes and situations in which one small word can move mountains. With a vivid array of illustrations by seventeen different artists, this charming, helpful book is a fun and memorable way for children to learn the magic power of one simple word: please.

[Half the World Half a Chance](#) Penguin

Taking a Chance on God explores how lesbians and gay men can claim both a positive gay identity and a fulfilling life of Christian faith. From the Trade Paperback edition.

[A Chance for Change](#) Jimmy Patterson

What is gender, and why is it a development issue? How can development projects and programmes take gender-related issues into account? This book explains how and why women are disadvantaged, not only by social and economic structures but also by many current development initiatives.

[Half a Chance](#) La Montagne secrète

Chronicles the author's life and his hope and determination that helped to transform him from a neglected, orphaned toddler to a successful adult.

[Given Half a Chance](#) Humanities Press International

In this stirring follow-up to his memoir, Steve Pemberton gives practical encouragement for how you can be a "human lighthouse" for others and through these inspiring stories will renew your hope for humanity. Our polarized, divisive culture seems to be without heroes and role models. We are adrift in a dark sea of disillusionment and distrust and we need "human lighthouses" to give us hope and direct us back to the goodness in each other and in our own hearts. Steve Pemberton found a lighthouse in an ordinary man named John Sykes, his former high school counselor. John gave Steve a safe harbor after Steve escaped an abusive foster home and together they navigated a new path that led to personal and professional success. Through stories of people like John and several others, you will identify how the hardships you have overcome equip you to be a "human lighthouse," inspiring those around you. The humble gestures of kindness that change the course of our lives can shift the course for America too. With a unique vision for building up individuals and communities and restoring trust, *The Lighthouse Effect* opens your eyes to those who are quietly heroic. You will reflect on the lighthouses in your own life and be reminded that the greatest heroes are alongside us--and within us.

[A Series of Fortunate Events](#) Algonquin Books

We all have to live with the past, but Jaime Ander just discovered she doesn't have to. By the time Jaime realizes childhood friend Audrey Walker was the love of her life, it's too late—fate had already snatched Audrey away. Jaime is certain that if she had only realized it sooner, their lives would have been so different. Consumed by regret for all the lost years, one night Jaime drowns her sorrows. But Jaime doesn't just get black-out drunk—she wakes up eight years in the past. Eighteen years old again and Audrey's college roommate, all she has do now is convince Audrey that they're destined for each other. And figure out a way to stop Audrey from dying in

the future...and maybe change a few other things along the way.

[HR on Purpose](#) Simon and Schuster

"Fascinating and exhilarating—Sean B. Carroll at his very best."—Bill Bryson, author of *The Body: A Guide for Occupants* From acclaimed writer and biologist Sean B. Carroll, a rollicking, awe-inspiring story of the surprising power of chance in our lives and the world Why is the world the way it is? How did we get here? Does everything happen for a reason or are some things left to chance? Philosophers and theologians have pondered these questions for millennia, but startling scientific discoveries over the past half century are revealing that we live in a world driven by chance. A Series of Fortunate Events tells the story of the awesome power of chance and how it is the surprising source of all the beauty and diversity in the living world. Like every other species, we humans are here by accident. But it is shocking just how many things—any of which might never have occurred—had to happen in certain ways for any of us to exist. From an extremely improbable asteroid impact, to the wild gyrations of the Ice Age, to invisible accidents in our parents' gonads, we are all here through an astonishing series of fortunate events. And chance continues to reign every day over the razor-thin line between our life and death. This is a relatively small book about a really big idea. It is also a spirited tale. Drawing inspiration from Monty Python, Kurt Vonnegut, and other great thinkers, and crafted by one of today's most accomplished science storytellers, *A Series of Fortunate Events* is an irresistibly entertaining and thought-provoking account of one of the most important but least appreciated facts of life.

[This Is Your Life, Harriet Chance!](#) Thomas Nelson

Kate doesn't believe in things that go bump in the night. Pete is a true believer. Focused and practical, Kate Murphy spends her days pouring over spreadsheets. She thinks putting career over everything will heal her broken heart, but soon realizes there is more to life than working 24/7. When Kate's best friend asks for help to turn around a floundering occult bookstore in Salem, Massachusetts, she says yes to the challenge and a chance to start a new life. An assistant professor of Irish history, Pete O'Brien is an academic who is open to the unknown. When he's not researching Celtic gods and goddesses in his bid for tenure, Pete wanders around old buildings, in the dark, talking to ghosts. A chance encounter in Salem's oldest cemetery leaves Pete thinking he's seen the embodiment of a Celtic goddess, while Kate thinks she's being followed by the town's handsome stalker. When a matchmaking apparition named Abigale arrives, she changes Kate's perceptions about the paranormal and love. From Salem to the shores of Ireland, Abigale works to bring Kate and Pete together. But even with paranormal help, does romance stand a ghost of a chance?

[Take a Chance](#) Routledge

Fooled by Randomness is a standalone book in Nassim Nicholas Taleb's landmark *Incerto* series, an investigation of opacity, luck, uncertainty, probability, human error, risk, and decision-making in a world we don't understand. The other books in the series are *The Black Swan*, *Antifragile*, *Skin in the Game*, and *The Bed of Procrustes*. *Fooled by Randomness* is the word-of-mouth sensation that will change the way you think about business and the world. Nassim Nicholas Taleb—veteran trader, renowned risk expert, polymathic scholar, erudite raconteur, and New York Times bestselling author of *The Black Swan*—has written a modern classic that turns on its head what we believe about luck and skill. This book is about luck—or more precisely, about how we perceive and deal with luck in life and business. Set against the backdrop of the most conspicuous forum in which luck is mistaken for skill—the world of trading—*Fooled by Randomness* provides captivating insight into one of the least understood factors in all our lives. Writing in an entertaining narrative style, the author tackles major intellectual issues related to the underestimation of the influence of happenstance on our lives. The book is populated with an array of characters, some of whom have grasped, in their own way, the significance of chance: the baseball legend Yogi Berra; the philosopher of knowledge Karl Popper; the ancient world's wisest man, Solon; the modern financier George Soros; and the Greek voyager Odysseus. We also meet the fictional Nero, who seems to understand the role of randomness in his professional life but falls victim to his own superstitious foolishness. However, the most recognizable character of all remains unnamed—the lucky fool who happens to be in the right place at the right time—he embodies the "survival of the least fit." Such individuals attract devoted followers who believe in their guru's insights and methods. But no one can replicate what is obtained by chance. Are we capable of distinguishing the fortunate charlatan from the genuine visionary? Must we always try to uncover nonexistent messages in random events? It may be impossible to guard ourselves against the vagaries of the goddess Fortuna, but after reading *Fooled by Randomness* we can be a little better prepared. Named by *Fortune* One of the Smartest Books of All Time *A Financial Times Best Business Book of the Year*

[Class Ebook Editions Ltd](#)

From the author-illustrator of Children's Choice Book Award Winner *I'm Trying to Love Spiders: a plea to please give bees a chance!* Not sure whether to high-five bees or run away from them? Well, maybe you shouldn't high-five them, but you definitely don't have to run away from them. *Give Bees a Chance* is for anyone who doesn't quite appreciate how extra special and important bees are to the world, and even to humankind! Besides making yummy honey, they help plants grow fruits and vegetables. And most bees wouldn't hurt a fly (unless it was in self-defense!). Bethany Barton's interactive cartoon-style illustrations and hilarious narrator mean this book is full of facts and fun. With bees officially on the endangered animals list, it's more important now than ever to get on board with our flying, honey-making friends!

[The Regrets](#) Beacon Press

Cause and Chance: Causation in an Indeterministic World is a collection of specially written papers by world-class metaphysicians. Its focus is the problems facing the 'reductionist' approach to causation.

[A Chance in the World](#) Simon and Schuster

In this innovative study, Crystal Sanders explores how working-class black women, in collaboration with the federal government, created the Child Development Group of Mississippi (CDGM) in 1965, a Head Start program that not only gave poor black children access to early childhood education but also provided black women with greater opportunities for political activism during a crucial time in the unfolding of the civil rights movement. Women who had previously worked as domestics and sharecroppers secured jobs through CDGM as teachers and support staff and earned higher wages. The availability of jobs independent of the local white power structure afforded these women the freedom to vote in elections and petition officials without fear of reprisal. But CDGM's success antagonized segregationists at both the local and state levels who eventually defunded it. Tracing the stories of the more than 2,500 women who staffed Mississippi's CDGM preschool centers, Sanders's book remembers women who went beyond teaching children their shapes and colors to challenge the state's closed political system and white supremacist ideology and offers a profound example for future community organizing in the South.

[Under the Sky We Make](#) Zondervan

New love. Exotic destinations. A once-in-a-lifetime adventure. What could go wrong? City girl

Torre DeRoche isn't looking for love, but a chance encounter in a San Francisco bar sparks an instant connection with a soulful Argentinean man who unexpectedly sweeps her off her feet. The problem? He's just about to cast the dock lines and voyage around the world on his small sailboat, and Torre is terrified of deep water. However, lovesick Torre determines that to keep the man of her dreams, she must embark on the voyage of her nightmares, so she waves good-bye to dry land and braces for a life-changing journey that's as exhilarating as it is terrifying. Somewhere mid-Pacific, she finds herself battling to keep the old boat, the new relationship, and her floundering sanity afloat. . . . This sometimes hilarious, often harrowing, and always poignant memoir is set against a backdrop of the world's most beautiful and remote destinations. Equal parts love story and travel memoir, *Love with a Chance of Drowning* is witty, charming, and proof positive that there are some risks worth taking.

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The brand-new sunny, funny, feel-good rom com from bestselling Beth Garrod. Meg had a disastrous first kiss she would rather forget, but this is the summer she puts it behind her. This is the summer she has a perfect, swoony, just-like-in-the-movies kiss with a hot boy - and what better setting than the sun-drenched Greek island she's holidaying on? But with three very different boys vying for her attention, this mission to reset her first kiss may be more complicated than she bargained for...

The Woman Who Took a Chance Thomas Nelson

The reader's decisions determine whether Max and Onda will succeed in their travels through Xanth in search of Beryl, the missing mate of Brun, Xanth's chief Bluebird of Happiness

Love with a Chance of Drowning Allen & Unwin

"This lively appreciation of one of the most intimidating and massive novels ever written should persuade many hesitant readers to try scaling the heights of *War and Peace* sooner rather than later" (Publishers Weekly). Considered by many critics the greatest novel ever written, *War and Peace* is also one of the most feared. And at 1,500 pages, it's no wonder why. Still, in July 2009 Newsweek put *War and Peace* at the top of its list of 100 great novels and a 2007 edition of the AARP Bulletin included the novel in their list of the top four books everybody should read by the age of fifty. A New York Times survey from 2009 identified *War and Peace* as the world classic you're most likely to find people reading on their subway commute to work. What might all those Newsweek devotees, senior citizens, and harried commuters see in a book about the Napoleonic Wars in the early 1800s? *War and Peace* is many things. It is a love story, a family saga, a war novel. But at its core it's a novel about human beings attempting to create a meaningful life for themselves in a country torn apart by war, social change, political intrigue, and spiritual confusion. It is a mirror of our times. Give *War and Peace* a Chance takes readers on a journey through *War and Peace* that reframes their very understanding of what it means to live through troubled times and survive them. Touching on a broad range of topics, from courage to romance, parenting to death, Kaufman demonstrates how Tolstoy's wisdom can help us live fuller, more meaningful lives. The ideal companion to *War and Peace*, this book "makes Tolstoy's characters lively and palpable...and may well persuade readers to finally dive into one of the world's most acclaimed—and daunting—novels" (Kirkus Reviews).

Not a Chance Baker Books

Despite claiming unbelief in God or any higher power that may have designed or created the world and all that is in it, modern scientists often write and speak of chance as some kind of being or force that can cause things to happen. In one breath they push the evolution agenda and in the next they say that creatures were "designed" with specific traits. In this classic book, R. C. Sproul and Keith Mathison call the scientific world to employ logic and clarity in their discourse, to leave the word chance as an abstract concept to describe mathematical possibilities rather than an ontological being that can actually cause change. This expanded edition includes a new chapter dealing with the most recent attempts to defend irrational scientific statements. Two new appendices answer critics and review other literature on scientific discoveries that support belief in a Creator God.