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## **Belle Prater's Boy** Flatiron Books

I am Evan Masen, a hockey player for the NHL. I spend my nights roughing up two hundred pound defensemen

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and spend more time in the penalty box than I do on the ice. That's my job. One night changes everything I thought I once knew about my life on the ice. A girl. A brutally beaten girl left to die in an alley. I don't know why or how but something made me stay that night after taking her to the hospital. I didn't know her, nor did I have an obligation to stay but something inside of me rooted me there telling me I should. And I wouldn't have been me if I just simply left her there. Any man who

could put his heart and soul into a game of hockey couldn't just walk away when someone needed them. She had no one else. The same guy who saw determination where there was desire, now saw hope where there was once despair. I couldn't just leave as that wasn't a man that put all he had into something some called just a game. I couldn't walk away from someone holding onto life, weak and powerless to something she had no control over. So I stayed. In a room full of family members

praying for their loved ones to come through, I prayed for a girl I didn't know, never met before, to have a beating heart. While others sorrows turned to grieving pain, I sat waiting on the words of the unknown.

The Weaponization of Social Media Harper Collins

Two teenage boys and a girl become close friends, but find their relationship changing as they develop into adults.

Voices from Chicago Public Housing Little, Brown Spark

A Newbery Medal Winner

Richard Peck's Newbery Medal-winning sequel to A Long Way from Chicago Mary Alice's

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childhood summers in Grandma Dowdel's sleepy Illinois town were packed with enough drama to fill the double bill of any picture show. But now she is fifteen, and faces a whole long year with Grandma, a woman well known for shaking up her neighbors-and everyone else! All Mary Alice can know for certain is this: when trying to predict how life with Grandma might turn out . . . better not. This wry, delightful sequel to the Newbery Honor Book *A Long Way from Chicago* has already taken its place among the classics of children's literature. "Hilarious and poignant."  
—Publishers Weekly, starred review  
A Newbery Medal Winner  
A New York Times Bestseller An

ALA Notable Book  
An ALA Best Book for Young Adults  
A Booklist Best Book of the Year  
A School Library Journal Best Book of the Year  
Anastasia at Your Service  
Penguin  
A Long Way from Chicago  
A Novel in Stories  
Puffin  
Modern Classics  
The Ghost Belonged to Me  
Haymarket Books  
National Book Award Winner  
The red words painted on the trailer caused quite a buzz around town and before an hour was up, half of Antler was standing

in line with two dollars clutched in hand to see the fattest boy in the world. Toby Wilson is having the toughest summer of his life. It's the summer his mother leaves for good; the summer his best friend's brother returns from Vietnam in a coffin. And the summer that Zachary Beaver, the fattest boy in the world, arrives in their sleepy Texas town. While it's a summer

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filled with heartache imperfect world. At Yippie non-leader,  
of every kind, it's turns passionate and notorious dope addict  
also a summer of new humorous, this notorious dope addict  
friendships gained extraordinary novel and up-and-coming  
and old friendships deals sensitively and rock group (the  
renewed. And it's candidly with WHAT), is currently  
Zachary Beaver who obesity, war, and the others for conspiracy  
turns the town of true power of to incite riot during  
Antler upside down friendship. When the Democratic  
and leaves everyone, Zachary Beaver Came Convention. When he  
especially Toby, to Town is the winner returned from the  
changed forever. With of the 1999 National Woodstock Festival he  
understated elegance, Book Award for Young had five days before  
Kimberly Willis Holt People's Literature. leaving for Chicago  
tells a compelling This title has Common to prepare for the  
coming-of-age story Core connections. trial. Woodstock  
about a thirteen-year-A Comedy in Three Nation, which the  
old boy struggling to Parts Penguin author wrote in  
find himself in an "Abbie Hoffman, longhand while lying

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upside down, stoned, on the floor of an unused office of the publisher, is the product of those five days. Other works by Mr. Hoffman include *Revolution for the Hell of It and Fuck the System*, which he describes as a "tender love epic".-- Back cover. Don't Look and It Won't Hurt Penguin Social media has been weaponized, as state hackers and rogue terrorists have seized upon Twitter and

Facebook to create chaos and destruction. This urgent report is required reading, from defense experts P.W. Singer and Emerson T. Brooking. **Here Lies the Librarian** Penguin Fourteen-year-old Eleanor "Peewee" McGrath, a tomboy and automobile enthusiast, discovers new possibilities for her future after the 1914 arrival in her small Indiana

town of four young librarians. **Brady** Penguin Passionate, violent, sexy and daring ... A true page-turner - USA Today The tantalising start to a seductive fantasy series from global #1 bestselling author Sarah J. Maas Feyre is a huntress. And when she sees a deer in the forest being pursued by a

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wolf, she kills the predator and takes its prey to feed herself and her family. But the wolf was not what it seemed, and Feyre cannot predict the high price she will have to pay for its death ... Dragged away from her family for the murder of a faerie, Feyre discovers that her captor, his face obscured

by a jewelled mask, is hiding even more than his piercing green eyes suggest. As Feyre's feelings for Tamlin turn from hostility to passion, she learns that the faerie lands are a far more dangerous place than she realized. And Feyre must fight to break an ancient curse, or she will lose him forever. Sarah J. Maas's books

have sold millions of copies worldwide and have been translated into 37 languages. Discover the sweeping romantic fantasy for yourself.

*A Long Way from Chicago* Puffin

A boy recounts his annual summer trips to rural Illinois with his sister during the Great Depression to visit their larger-than-life grandmother.

**A Dictionary of Arts, Sciences, Literature**

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## and General

### Information Puffin Books

Davy Bowman's dad looks forward to Halloween more than a kid, and Davy's brother, Bill, flies B-17s. Davy adores these two heroes and tries his best to follow their lead, especially now. World War II has invaded Davy's homefront boyhood. Bill has joined up, breaking their dad's heart. It's an intense,

confusing time, and one that will spur Davy to grow up in a hurry. This is one of Richard Peck's finest novels—a tender, unforgettable portrait of the World War II home front and a family's enduring love.

When Zachary Beaver Came to Town New York : Vintage Books  
One of children's literature's most memorable characters returns in this Christmastime

companion to the Newbery Medal-winning *A Year Down Yonder* and Newbery Honor-winning *A Long Way from Chicago*. The eccentric, larger-than-life Grandma Dowdel is back in this heart-warming tale. Set 20 years after the events of *A Year Down Yonder*, it is now 1958 and a new family has moved in next door: a Methodist minister and his wife and kids. Soon Grandma

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Dowdel will work her particular brand of charm on all of them: ten-year-old Bob Barnhart, who is shy on courage in a town full of bullies; his two fascinating sisters; and even his parents, who are amazed to discover that the last house in town might also be the most vital. As Christmas rolls around, the Barnhart family realizes that they've found a true home, and a neighbor who gives gifts that will last a lifetime. "Pitch-perfect prose, laced with humor and poignancy, strong characterization and a clear development of the theme of gifts one person can offer make this one of Peck's best novels yet—and that's something."—Kirkus (starred review) "The type of down-home humor and vibrant characterizations Peck fans have come to adore re-emerge in full."—Publishers Weekly (starred review) "With a storyteller's sure tone, Peck has once again created a whole world in one small Illinois town, a place where the folksy wisdom and generosity of one gruff old woman can change lives."—School Library Journal (starred review) Publishers Weekly Best Books of the Year Kirkus Reviews Best Books of the



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Year Booklist  
Editors' Choice  
*Stuff You Should Know*  
Penguin  
No Marketing Blurb  
*Surprising Lessons*  
*from the Science of*  
*Motivation* Yearling  
Books  
From the duo behind  
the massively  
successful and  
award-winning  
podcast *Stuff You*  
*Should Know* comes  
an unexpected look  
at things you  
thought you knew.

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podcast *Stuff You* They've since  
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were *You Should Know* one  
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about the world podcasts in the  
around them, world. Armed with  
curious about what their inquisitive  
they might have natures and a  
missed in their passion for  
formal educations, sharing, they  
and curious to dig uncover the weird,  
deeper on stuff fascinating,  
they thought they delightful, or  
understood. As it unexpected elements  
turns out, they of a wide variety

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of topics. The pair have now taken their near-boundless "whys" and "hows" from your earbuds to the pages of a book for the first time—featuring a completely new array of subjects that they've long wondered about and wanted to explore. Each chapter is further embellished with snappy visual material to allow for rabbit-hole tangents and digressions—including charts, illustrations, sidebars, and footnotes. Follow along as the two dig into the underlying stories of everything from the origin of Murphy beds, to the history of facial hair, to the psychology of being lost. Have you ever wondered about the world around you, and wished to see the magic in everyday things? Come get curious with *Stuff You Should Know*. With Josh and Chuck as your guide, there's something interesting about everything (...except maybe jackhammers). [An Incomplete Compendium of Mostly Interesting Things](#)  
Eamon Dolan Books

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Compiled for the first time, here are all of Newbery Award-winning author Richard Peck's previously published short stories and two brand-new ones. From comedy to tragedy to historical to contemporary; from "Priscilla and the Wimps," Peck's first short story, to "Shotgun Cheatham's Last Night Above Ground," which inspired both *A Long Way from Chicago* and

*A Year Down Yonder*, to "The Electric Summer," Peck's jumping-off point for *Fair Weather*, readers will thrill at Peck's engaging short fiction. Complete with the author's own notes on the stories as well as tips and hints for aspiring writers and two new stories, this vibrant and varied collection offers something for everyone. *The Road Turtleback* A Newbery Honor Book A

summer they'll never forget. Each summer Joey and his sister, Mary Alice—two city slickers from Chicago—visit Grandma Dowdel's seemingly sleepy Illinois town. Soon enough, they find that it's far from sleepy...and Grandma is far from your typical grandmother. From seeing their first corpse (and he isn't resting easy) to helping Grandma trespass, catch the sheriff in his underwear, and feed the hungry—all in one

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day—Joey and Mary Alice have nine summers they'll never forget! "A rollicking celebration of an eccentric grandmother and childhood memories." —School Library Journal, starred review "Each tale is a small masterpiece of storytelling." —The Horn Book, starred review "Grandma Dowdel embodies not only the heart of a small town but the spirit of an era gone by...Remarkable and fine." —Kirkus Reviews,

starred review A Newbery Honor Book A National Book Award Finalist An ALA Notable Book An ALA Best Book for Young Adults *All of the Above* Penguin When Woodrow's mother suddenly disappears, he moves to his grandparents' home in a small Virginia town where he befriends his cousin, and together they find the strength to

face the terrible losses and fears in their lives. **A Novel in Stories** Penguin Books An updated look for the classic YA thriller from genre heavyweight Richard Peck Sixteen-year-old Gail is living the upper-class suburban life when she begins receiving terrifying phone calls and notes in her locker. And the calls keep coming. When she's attacked by the

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town's golden boy everyone refuses to take action against him and his powerful family. A frightening drama that deals with heavy teen issues and the idea of justice (or lack thereof) from bestselling author Richard Peck. *A Jack Henry Adventure* Vintage Bored and in need of money, Anastasia, inspired by the novels of Mary Roberts Rinehart, seeks a job as a companion to a wealthy, elderly

woman.

### **A Season of Gifts**

Penguin

Only Alexander knows why the barn is haunted--and by what. When Alexander notices an eerie light coming out of the barn, he thinks his friend Blossom Culp is trying to spook him. But strange things really are happening there. Slimy footprints appear out of nowhere, and whimpering sounds float down from the hayloft. And when he ventures into the barn in the dark of night,

his breath catches in his throat. Suddenly Blossom's words come back to him: "You can make contact with the Unseen...." Now there's a girl ghost standing right in front of him, telling him of great danger ahead. But is there time for Alexander to act on her warning? Blossom Culp #1 "Peck's blending of mystery and humor makes an unusual and entertaining ghost story." -Booklist, starred review