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# A Three Dog Life Abigail Thomas

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*What Comes Next and How to Like It* Simon and Schuster  
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daughter's illness, and the death of a beloved dog. Abigail and Her Pet Zombie Createspace Independent Publishing Platform Presents an uplifting memoir about the author's life after the devastating loss of her husband, changes in a once-platonic friendship, her daughter's illness, and the death of a beloved dog.

*What I Thought I Knew*  
Chronicle Books

Is it possible to start afresh when you're thoroughly weighted down? A "timeless and entirely of-the-moment" (Publishers Weekly) novel from the author of *The Secret Language of Girls*. Seventeen pounds. That's the difference between Abigail Walker and Kristen Gorzca. Between chubby and slim, between teased and

taunting. Abby is fine with her body and sick of seventeen pounds making her miserable, so she speaks out against Kristen and her groupies—and becomes officially unpopular. Embracing her new status, Abby heads to an abandoned lot across the street and crosses an unfamiliar stream that leads her to a boy who's as different as they come. Anders is homeschooled, and while he's worried that Abby's former friends are out to get her, he's even more worried about his dad, a war veteran home from Iraq who is dangerously disillusioned with life. But if his dad can finish his poem about the expedition of Lewis and Clark, if he can recapture the belief that there can be innocence in the world,

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maybe he will be okay. As Abby dives into the unexpected role as research assistant, she just as unexpectedly discovers that by helping someone else find hope in the world, there is plenty there for herself, as well.

I Am Not a Juvenile Delinquent Penguin

"Thomas and Low 's tender story of Lily, a dog who apprehensively moves from a Boston apartment to a house in Vermont, reveals the ripening of their talent.... This gently humorous book teaches that home, even if a dog house, is where the heart is."  
--Publishers Weekly

*Ma Speaks Up* Rutgers University Press  
In 1966 when Judy became pregnant at the age of 16, her family kept her plight a secret and was compelled to give up her daughter. Judy

felt the grief and shame as a tangible lump within her body and fought to keep it contained within the shadows of silence. But as an adult, she felt compelled to address the loss by searching for her birth daughter and bringing her story to light--From back cover.

*The Great Good Thing* Algonquin Books

The author presents an account of her sister's suicide, and the lifelong impact that the suicide has had on her own life and the lives of the other members of her family.

Welcome to Wherever We Are Etruscan Press

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Shirley seemed to be doomed from the beginning. Founded by a Vaudevillian huckster who touted it as a seaside haven despite the sand bar that blocks access to the shore, the town has been plagued by one disaster after another—a UFO, a childhood cancer cluster, and a mysterious federal nuclear laboratory in nearby Brookhaven that leaked toxic nuclear and chemical waste into the aquifer from which the residents unknowingly drew their well water. This is Kelly McMasters' account

of growing up in a cursed town and loving it anyway, and of a girl's awakening to tragedy and to a sense of mission. Told in a deliciously engaging voice, *Welcome to Shirley* balances the bitter with the sweet, the funny with the infuriating, in an unforgettable story of working class Long Island. *Safekeeping* Simon and Schuster Pearl got a set of colors for her birthday. Using her new set of watercolors, Pearl paints a masterpiece. **First Family**

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Scholastic Inc.  
With her own special brand of delicate, elliptical, and humorous fiction, Abigail Thomas offers another extraordinary visit with people she knows far better than they know themselves. There's Walter, newly abandoned by his wife; there's Edith, a fiftyish virgin; there's Bunny, taking care of her mother and her mother's boyfriend; and there's Belle, whose married lover dies in the hallway wearing her dead husband Herb's pajama top. Blindly, they encounter one another in ways the reader recognizes are profound even as the characters themselves are unaware. The genius and the art in this collection derives from the possibility that these

ships might actually find each other by daylight. If only these four could get together--they'd be so good for each other. "Written with an expert touch, and a wise and tender sensibility. The effect is subtle, strong, and comic."--Charles Baxter, author of BELIEVERS and BURNING DOWN THE HOUSE; "It's hard to think she is capable of writing anything that isn't immediately engaging and a joy to read. Probably someone should publish her shopping lists."--Elizabeth Berg, author of TALK BEFORE SLEEP. A BOOK-OF-THE-MONTH CLUB SELECTION  
*Welcome to Shirley*  
The Experiment, LLC  
"Darkly

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hilarious...an unexpected bundle of joy." -O, The Oprah Magazine Alice Cohen was happy for the first time in years. After a difficult divorce, she had a new love in her life, she was raising a beloved adopted daughter, and her career was blossoming. Then she started experiencing mysterious symptoms. After months of tests, x-rays, and inconclusive diagnoses, Alice underwent a CAT scan that revealed the truth: she was six months pregnant. At age forty-four, with no prenatal care and no insurance coverage for a high-risk pregnancy, Alice was besieged by opinions from doctors and friends about what was ethical, what was loving, what was right. With the intimacy of a diary and the suspense of a thriller, *What I Thought I Knew* is a ruefully funny, wickedly candid tale; a story of hope and renewal that turns all of the "knowns" upside down. Lily Henry Holt and Company (BYR) The acclaimed actress and author of *Jesse: A Mother's Story* tells the "entertaining and moving" story of her outspoken, frequently outrageous Italian immigrant mother (Tom Perrotta)

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Marianne Leone's Ma few options. To her is in many senses a daughter's horror larger-than-life and misery, she character, one who becomes the school might be capable, lunch lady. Ma even from the Speaks Up is a afterlife, of record of growing shattering up on the wrong expectations. Born side of the tracks, on a farm in Italy, with the wrong Linda finds her way family, in the to the United wrong religion. States under dark Though Marianne's circumstances, girlhood is flooded having escaped a with shame, it's forced marriage to equally packed with a much older man, adventure, love, and marries a good great cooking, and, Italian boy. She above all, humor. never has full The extremely command of premature birth of English—especially Marianne's beloved when questioned by son, Jesse, bonds authorities—and mother and daughter when she is in ways she suddenly widowed couldn't have with three young imagined. The children, she has stories she tells

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will speak to anyone who has struggled with outsider status in any form and, of course, to mothers and their blemished, cherished girls.

Getting Over Tom  
Simon and Schuster  
Beautifully written and elegantly paced, *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* is a coming-of-age novel about the power of the land and the past to shape our lives. It is a riveting tale of retribution, inhabited by empathic animals, prophetic dreams, second sight, and vengeful ghosts. Born mute, Edgar Sawtelle feels separate from the

people around him but is able to establish profound bonds with the animals who share his home and his name: his family raises a fictional breed of exceptionally perceptive and affable dogs. Soon after his father's sudden death, Edgar is stunned to learn that his mother has already moved on as his uncle Claude quickly becomes part of their lives. Reeling from the sudden changes to his quiet existence, Edgar flees into the forests surrounding his Wisconsin home accompanied by three dogs. Soon he is caught in a struggle for survival—the only thing that will



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prepare him for his return home.

*The Templeton Twins Have an Idea* Public Affairs

A beautifully crafted and inviting account of one woman's life, *Safekeeping* offers a sublimely different kind of autobiography. Setting aside a straightforward narrative in favor of brief passages of vivid prose, Abigail Thomas revisits the pivotal moments and the tiny incidents that have shaped her life: pregnancy at 18; single motherhood (of three!) by the age of 26; the joys and frustrations of three marriages; and the death of her second husband, who was her best friend. The stories made of these incidents are startling in their

clarity and reassuring in their wisdom. This is a book in which silence speaks as eloquently as what is revealed. Openhearted and effortlessly funny, these brilliantly selected glimpses of the arc of a life are, in an age of excessive confession and recrimination, a welcome tonic.

*The Second Life of Abigail Walker Bond* Street Books  
Language, literature and biography.

*Protecting Abigail* Penguin UK

Once upon a time in Provence, Peter Mayle adopted a dog of uncertain origins and dubious hunting skills and gave him a name—Boy. Now he gives this canny

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canine a voice in an irresistible "memoir" that proves that the best vantage point for observing life may well be on all fours. As Boy recounts his progress from an overcrowded maternal bosom to unchallenged mastery of the Mayle household, he tells us why dogs are drawn to humans ("our most convenient support system") and chickens ("that happy combination of sport and nourishment"). We share in his amorous dalliances, his run-ins with French plumbers and

cats, and in the tidbits (both conversational and edible) of his owners' dinner parties. Enhanced by fifty-nine splendidly whimsical drawings by Edward Koren, *A Dog's Life* gives us all the delights we expect from any book by Peter Mayle—pedigree prose, biting wit, and a keen nose for the fragrance of civilization—together with the insouciant wisdom of which only a dog (and probably only Peter Mayle's dog) is capable.

Pearl Paints Grand Central Life & Style

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A refreshingly modern fairy tale and instant New York Times bestseller that Love Hypothesis author Ali Hazelwood hails as "an uplifting, feel-good, romantic read." After a wild bet, gourmet grilled-cheese sandwich, and cuddle with a baby goat, Alexis Montgomery has had her world turned upside down. The cause: Daniel Grant, a ridiculously hot carpenter who's ten years younger than her and as casual as they come—the complete opposite of sophisticated

city-girl Alexis. And yet their chemistry is undeniable. While her ultra-wealthy parents want her to carry on the family legacy of world-renowned surgeons, Alexis doesn't need glory or fame. She's fine with being a "mere" ER doctor. And every minute she spends with Daniel and the tight-knit town where he lives, she's discovering just what's really important. Yet letting their relationship become anything more than a short-term fling would mean turning her back on her family and giving

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up the opportunity to help thousands of people. Bringing Daniel into her world is impossible, and yet she can't just give up the joy she's found with him either. With so many differences between them, how can Alexis possibly choose between her world and his? "Abby Jimenez's words are like fairy dust... they sprinkled humor and warmth all over my life. Pick up Part of Your World if you're looking for an uplifting, feel-good, romantic read—and for a beautiful reminder that we should

always try to live the life that makes us the happiest." --Ali Hazelwood, New York Times bestselling author of The Love Hypothesis Book of the Month Club Best Book of the Year finalist Goodreads Choice Awards finalist BookPage Magazine Best Books of the Year Booklist Best Romances of the Year SheReads Romance Book of the Year Award nomination *Sunlight on My Shadow* Little, Brown Critically acclaimed author Kristiana Gregory's award-winning THE WINTER OF RED SNOW is now back in print with a

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gorgeous new package! Eleven-year-old Abigail Jane Stewart's fictionalized diary about her life, family, friends, and neighbors, and the sides they have to choose in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, during the height of the Revolutionary War, renders a vivid portrayal of one of the most memorable and crucial winters in American history. Abby's life with her family is quickly upended when they are awakened by the unfamiliar sound of drums. General George Washington is leading the Continental soldiers into their winter encampment at Valley Forge, PA.

History of a  
Suicide Penguin

An "engaging, humorous... and compelling story" of one couple's unexpected life with the "runt of the litter" puppy who grew to be the largest dog... ever (Publisher's Weekly). With his big blue eyes and soulful expression, George was the irresistible runt of the litter. But Dave and Christie Nasser's "baby" ended up being almost five feet tall, seven feet long, and 245 pounds. Eager to play, and boisterous to the point of causing chaos, this big Great Dane was

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scared of water, scared of dogs a fraction of his size and, most of all, scared of being alone. Giant George is the charming story of how this precocious puppy won Dave and Christie's hearts and along the way became a doggie superstar. In 2010, George was named by Guinness World Records as the Tallest Dog in the World-ever. He appeared on Oprah, and even has his own global fan club. But to Dave and Christie, this extraordinary animal is still their beloved pet, the one who has

made them laugh, made them cry, and continues to make them incredibly happy.

**An Actual Life** Simon and Schuster

When Friedman moved to New York City, he missed the dogs that had surrounded him growing up. He began photographing dogs on the street, and posting them on his blog, The Dogist.

Whether because of the look in a dog's eyes, its innate beauty, or even the clothes its owner has dressed it in, every portrait in this book tells a story and explores the dog's distinct character and spirit.

**Part of Your World**

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Winner of a 2020  
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Southwest Book  
Award "Truly  
transcendent."  
—Jessica Lustig,  
New York Times Book  
Review This  
riveting memoir  
follows  
professional horse  
trainer Ginger  
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herd of neglected  
horses at an  
alternative prison  
ranch in New  
Mexico. Working  
with her is a small  
team of ranch  
"residents," men  
and women who are  
each uniquely  
broken by addiction  
and incarceration.

Gaffney forms a  
bond with them as  
profound as the  
kinship and trust  
the residents  
discover among the  
troubled horses.  
Through these  
unforgettable  
characters—both  
animal and  
human—Half Broke  
tells a new kind of  
recovery story and  
speaks to the life-  
affirming joy of  
finding a sense of  
belonging.