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When You Reach Me Penguin

An instant New York Times bestseller, Wilder Girls is Rory Power's chilling and unputdownable YA debut. The Power meets We Were Liars in this compelling story of survival and the power of female friendships, perfect for fans of A Good Girl's Guide to Murder. 'Body horror meets boarding school in a moving, terrifying thriller' – Guardian Everyone loses something to the Tox; Hetty lost her eye, Reese's hand has changed, and Byatt just disappeared completely. It's been eighteen months since the Raxter School for Girls was put in quarantine. The Tox turned the students strange and savage, the teachers died off one by one. Cut off from the mainland, the girls don't dare wander past the school's fence where the Tox has made the woods wild and dangerous. They wait for the cure as the Tox takes; their bodies becoming sick and foreign, things bursting out of them, bits missing. But when Byatt goes missing, Hetty will do anything to find her best friend, even if it means breaking quarantine and braving the horrors that lie in the wilderness past the fence. As she digs deeper, she learns disturbing truths about her school and what else is living on Raxter Island. And that the cure might not be a cure at all . . . 'Your new favourite book' – Cosmopolitan 'Wholly original and compelling' – Observer 'A staggering gut punch of a book' – Kirkus

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The protagonists are Sophie Amundsen, a 14-year-old girl, and Alberto Knox, her philosophy teacher.

The novel chronicles their metaphysical relationship as they study Western philosophy from its beginnings to the present. A bestseller in Norway.

Since You've Been Gone Urban Books

There ' s a saying that if you come from my part of town, you're from around the way. Around the Way Girls is a fast-paced look at the lives of some street-smart women who might think they know it all but are about to get the lessons of their lives. La Jill Hunt brings us “ Southern Comfort, ” the tale of a Southern girl who has to learn to survive on the streets of New York after a tragedy forces her family to leave Georgia and relocate to Brooklyn. Angel Hunter spices things up with “ Busted and Disgusted, ” bringing us into the world of Cream, who is dealing with an unfaithful man and trying to build a better future that doesn ' t include the strip club where she ' s worked for years. In “ Played, ” Dwayne Joseph introduces us to Angel, a smart girl with a great career who suddenly finds herself in a dangerous situation when she meets a handsome drug dealer she can ' t resist. Twenty years ago, Urban Books debuted the Around the Way Girls series with popular urban authors bringing tales of savvy, street-smart women. Revisit this classic with the twenty-year anniversary edition of the original.

City of Girls Farrar, Straus and Giroux

Working hard to care for his kids, Craig Coleman is determined to live a drama-free life until he encounters his brother's ex, while Paige Michaels comes to grips with her husband's betrayal and prepares to leave her seemingly perfect life behind. Reprint.

The Girls Urban Books

Decades ago in Brooklyn, three girls demonstrated against the Vietnam War, and each followed a distinct path into adulthood. Helen became a violent revolutionary. Val wrote a controversial book, essentially a novelization of Helen's all-too-short but vibrant life. And Olive became an editor and writer, now comfortably settled with her husband, Griff, in New Haven. When Olive is asked to write an essay about Val's book, doing so brings back to the forefront Olive and Griff's tangled histories and their complicated reflections on that tumultuous time in their young lives. Conscience, the

dazzling new novel from award-winning author Alice Mattison, paints the nuanced relationships between characters with her signature wit and precision. And as Mattison explores the ways in which women make a difference—for good or ill—in the world, she elegantly weaves together the past and the present, and the political and the personal.

Three Poems Macmillan

Dealing with the aftermath of her husband's affair has not been easy for Sylvia Blackwell. When she vowed to stay by his side for better or for worse, she never imagined that would mean becoming a parent to Jordan, his troubled teenaged love child. Now Sylvia is facing a new dilemma that could not only be the final straw that breaks her fragile marriage, but could also shatter her already strained relationship with her sister, Janelle. Tricia King never suspected there was trouble in her marriage. After all, she couldn't have asked for a better husband than Titus. He's everything she expected in a mate: a good provider, a great father, responsible, and supportive. She has no idea something is missing from their relationship until she finds out what he was giving someone else. Hurt and confused, she finds herself being counseled by a most unlikely ally. Janelle was warned by her sister about the sting of karma and the futility of dating a married man, and she has come face to face with the reality of her actions. Her secret relationship with Titus is now open for everyone to see, including the new man in her life, Sherrod. Janelle is now in the center of a battle between the man she loves and the family she's trying to hold on to. From the drama-filled imagination of La Jill Hunt comes Imitation of Wife, the continuing tale of two sisters navigating their complicated lives and tumultuous relationships while trying to maintain their bond with one another.

Around the Way Girls Urban Books

In Lori Lansens' astonishing second novel, readers come to know and love two of the most remarkable characters in Canadian fiction. Rose and Ruby are twenty-nine-year-old conjoined twins. Born during a tornado to a shocked teenaged mother in the hospital at Leaford, Ontario, they are raised by the nurse who helped usher them into the world. Aunt Lovey and her husband, Uncle Stash, are middle-aged and with no children of their own. They relocate from the town to the drafty old farmhouse in the country that has been in Lovey's family for generations. Joined to Ruby at the head, Rose's face is pulled to one side, but she has full use of her limbs. Ruby has a beautiful face, but her body is tiny and she is unable to walk. She rests her legs on her sister's hip, rather like a small child or a doll. In spite of their situation, the girls lead surprisingly separate lives. Rose is bookish and a baseball fan. Ruby is fond of trash TV and has a passion for local history. Rose has always wanted to be a writer, and as the novel opens, she begins to pen her autobiography. Here is how she begins: I have never looked into my sister's eyes. I have never bathed alone. I have never stood in the grass at night and raised my arms to a beguiling moon. I've never used an airplane bathroom. Or worn a hat. Or been kissed like that. I've never driven a car. Or slept through the night. Never a private talk. Or solo walk. I've never climbed a tree. Or faded into a crowd. So many things I've never done, but oh, how I've been loved. And, if such things were to be, I'd live a thousand lives as me, to be loved so exponentially. Ruby, with her marvellous characteristic logic, points out that Rose's autobiography will have to be Ruby's as well — and how can she trust Rose to represent her story accurately? Soon, Ruby decides to chime in with chapters of her own. The novel begins with Rose, but eventually moves to Ruby's point of view and then switches back and forth. Because the girls face in slightly different directions, neither can see what the other is writing, and they don't tell each other either. The reader is treated to sometimes overlapping stories told in two wonderfully distinct styles. Rose is given to introspection and secrecy. Ruby's style is "tell-all" — frank and decidedly sweet. We learn of their early years as the town "freaks" and of Lovey's and Stash's determination to give them as normal an upbringing as possible. But when we meet them, both Lovey and Stash are dead, the girls have moved back into town, and they've received some ominous news. They are on the verge of becoming the oldest surviving craniopagus (joined at the head) twins in history, but the

question of whether they'll live to celebrate their thirtieth birthday is suddenly impossible to answer. In *Rose and Ruby*, Lori Lansens has created two precious characters, each distinct and loveable in their very different ways, and has given them a world in Leaford that rings absolutely true. The girls are unforgettable. *The Girls* is nothing short of a tour de force.

Around the Way Girls 6 Pantheon

Inspired by Banks' real-life experiences and her creative imagination, "Modelland" is the first novel in a three-book series that centers on an awkward teenage girl who's selected to attend the exclusive Modelland academy, where magical Intoxibellas, the world's best models, are trained.

Girl Urban Books

"A stunning novel, another remarkable achievement from one of the English language's greatest living writers," the acclaimed author of *The Country Girls* (Michael Schaub, NPR). I was a girl once, but not anymore. So begins *Girl*, Edna O'Brien's harrowing portrayal of the young women abducted by Boko Haram. Set in the deep countryside of northeast Nigeria, this is a brutal story of incarceration, horror, and hunger; a hair-raising escape into the manifold terrors of the forest; and a descent into the labyrinthine bureaucracy and hostility awaiting a victim who returns home with a child blighted by enemy blood. From one of the century's greatest living authors, *Girl* is an unforgettable story of one victim's astonishing survival, and her unflinching faith in the redemption of the human heart. "The rhythm of *Girl* is intermittent and fearsomely strong; reading this novel is like riding the rapids . . . O'Brien's understanding of, and sympathy for, girls in trouble transcends culture." —Terrence Rafferty, *The Atlantic* "A masterpiece, a heart-wrenching story of loss and redemption powerfully rendered in O'Brien's singular voice, which is at once fierce and tender, conscientious and visionary." —The Irish Times "Throughout her long career, Edna O'Brien has proved to be an exceptionally brave writer, resolved to tell the truth, loyal to nothing except her memory, her imagination and her faith in the power and beauty of language . . . It's a tribute to O'Brien's skill as a writer—her ability to inhabit the minds of her characters and to craft virtuosic sentences—that *Girl* is immensely painful to read." —Francine Pose, *New York Times Book Review*

Large and in Charge Urban Books

Quiet Emily's sociable and daring best friend, Sloane, has disappeared leaving nothing but a random list of bizarre tasks for her to complete. But with unexpected help from popular classmate Frank Porter, Emily gives them a try. Nand has the most unexpected

summer ever.

Around the Way Girls 10 Penguin

WINNER OF THE PULITZER PRIZE FOR FICTION NEW YORK TIMES TOP 10 BOOKS OF 2010 Jennifer Egan's spellbinding novel circles the lives of Bennie Salazar, an ageing former punk rocker and record executive, and Sasha, the troubled young woman he employs. We first meet Sasha in her mid-thirties, on her therapist's couch in New York City, confronting her longstanding compulsion to steal. We meet Bennie at the melancholy nadir of his adult life - divorced, struggling to connect with his nine-year-old son, listening to a washed-up band in the basement of a suburban house. Although Bennie and Sasha never discover each other's pasts, the reader does, in intimate detail, along with the secret lives of a host of other characters whose paths intersect with theirs, over many years, in many places. With music pulsing on every page, this is a startling, exhilarating novel of self-destruction and redemption. Breathtaking work from one of our boldest writers. 'Irresistible. Fiction of the highest quality' *Sunday Times* 'Egan's precise, calm underwater prose is a persistent pleasure' *Daily Telegraph* 'Stories that defy narrative convention' *Financial Times* 'A must-read' *Sunday Times*

Around the Way Girls 12 Urban Books

Miranda's life is starting to unravel. Her best friend, Sal, gets punched by a kid on the street for what seems like no reason, and he shuts Miranda out of his life. The key that Miranda's mum keeps hidden for emergencies is stolen. And then a mysterious note arrives: 'I am coming to save your friend's life, and my own. I ask two favours. First, you must write me a letter.' The notes keep coming, and Miranda slowly realises that whoever is leaving them knows things no one should know. Each message brings her closer to believing that only she can prevent a tragic death. Until the final note makes her think she's too late.

Private Property Kensington Books

Following in the successful footsteps of its predecessors, *Around the Way Girls 6* features three popular Urban Books authors presenting their versions of the tough, street-smart girls that everyone loves. Yana and Kiki had to grow up much too fast, thanks to their mother's drug habit. They've got each other's backs, but even that might not be enough to protect them from the ruthless drug dealer who's got them under his thumb. Connie is tired of struggling to get by, so when a shady corrections officer introduces her to a sure thing, she jumps at the chance. It doesn't take long, though, for her to recognize that her new hustle is bringing more drama than she bargained for. Quiana wants nothing more than to do the right thing.

After bearing witness to her mother's heinous murder at the hands of her drug-addicted boyfriend, she is struggling with the ramifications of losing the only person in the world who truly loved her. *Around the Way Girls 6 . . . the tradition continues.*

[MacArthur Park](#) Penguin

From bestselling "Essence" (authors comes this fast-paced look at women who think they know it all, but are about to get the lessons of their lives.

Drama Queen Random House Digital, Inc.

One Last Strike by legendary baseball manager Tony La Russa is a thrilling sports comeback story. La Russa, the winner of four Manager of the Year awards—who led his teams to six Pennant wins and three World Series crowns—chronicles one of the most exciting end-of-season runs in baseball history, revealing with fascinating behind-the-scenes details how, under his expert management, the St. Louis Cardinals emerged victorious in the 2011 World Series despite countless injuries, mishaps, and roadblocks along the way. Talking candidly about the remarkable season—and his All-Star players like Albert Pujols and David Freese—the recently retired La Russa celebrates his fifty years in baseball, his team's amazing recovery from 10 ½ games back, and one final, unforgettable championship in a book that no true baseball fan will want to miss.

The Way of Shadows Orbit

Three friends, each on the brink of a quarter-life crisis, embark on a year-long backpacking adventure around the world in *The Lost Girls*. "A triumphant journey about losing yourself, finding yourself and coming home again. Hitch yourself to their ride: you'll embark on a transformative journey of your own." —New York Times bestselling author Allison Winn Scotch With their thirtieth birthdays looming, Jennifer Baggett, Holly C. Corbett, and Amanda Pressner are feeling the pressure to hit certain milestones—score the big promotion, find a soul mate, have 2.2 kids. Instead, they make a pact to quit their high-pressure New York City media jobs and leave behind their friends, boyfriends, and everything familiar to set out on a journey in search of inspiration and direction. Traveling 60,000 miles across four continents, Jen, Holly, and Amanda push themselves far outside their comfort zones to embrace every adventure. Ultimately, theirs is a story of true friendship—a bond forged by sharing beds and backpacks, enduring exotic illnesses, trekking across mountains, and standing by one another through heartaches, whirlwind romances, and everything in the world in between. "A real-life fairy tale for anyone who's ever wanted to chuck it all and see the world with a best friend on each arm."

—Cathy Alter, author of *Up for Renewal* "Three cheers to *The Lost Girls* for showing us, with good humor and graceful prose, the beauty and importance of leading life astray." —New York Times bestselling author Franz Wisner

Evelyn Del Rey Is Moving Away Urban Books

Bestselling authors Margaret Stohl and Melissa de la Cruz bring us a romantic retelling of *Little Women* starring Jo March and her best friend, the boy next door, Theodore "Laurie" Laurence—now available in paperback! 1869, Concord, Massachusetts: After the publication of her first novel, Jo March is shocked to discover her book of scribbles has become a bestseller, and her publisher and fans demand a sequel. While pressured into coming up with a story, she goes to New York with her dear friend Laurie for a week of inspiration—museums, operas, and even a once-in-a-lifetime reading by Charles Dickens himself! But Laurie has romance on his mind, and despite her growing feelings, Jo's desire to remain independent leads her to turn down his heartfelt marriage proposal and sends the poor boy off to college heartbroken. When Laurie returns to Concord with a sophisticated new girlfriend, will Jo finally communicate her true heart's desire or lose the love of her life forever?

[Wilder Girls](#) Hachette UK

There's a saying that if you come from my part of town, you're from around the way. *Around the Way Girls 10*, like its predecessors, is a fast-paced look at the lives of some street-smart women who think they know it all, but are about to get the lessons of their lives. "What doesn't kill you only makes you stronger." For Katara, that statement is the furthest thing from the truth. Dealing with her mother's cancer, a special needs child, and a physically abusive husband that cheats on her at will, she is slowly losing her mind. Finally fed up with the tortured life she feels forced to live, Katara attempts suicide. What she thought would be an easy escape from reality soon turns out to be a fate she wouldn't wish on her worst enemy. Shay isn't for the games when it comes to self-preservation. Being abused by her stepfather since the age of ten, the teen has finally had enough. Her mother chooses not to listen to her pleas for help, which becomes a deadly mistake. Shay is soon arrested for manslaughter and sent away until her twenty-first birthday. Once she's released back on the streets of Detroit, Shay is a ticking time bomb waiting to explode, as she vows to never let anything or anyone hurt her again. Ajanay Holmes, Sheika Jones, and London Smith were born and raised in Whitcomb Courts, one of Richmond, Virginia's most ruthless housing projects. Faced with horrific home lives, all three girls turn to the streets and each other for

comfort. Ajanay concocts a plan for them to use their voluptuous bodies and their sharp mouths to get money out of Amir, one of the biggest dope boys from a rival housing project. However, Amir is a stone-cold killer with a long criminal history, and she has put them in harm's way with no solid plan on how to escape. Will their love and loyalty for one another keep them together, or is it every woman for herself?

[A Visit From the Goon Squad](#) Harper Collins

From Newbery Medalist Meg Medina comes the bittersweet story of two girls who will always be each other's número uno, even though one is moving away. A big truck with its mouth wide open is parked at the curb, ready to gobble up Evelyn's mirror with the stickers around the edge . . . and the sofa that we bounce on to get to the moon. Evelyn Del Rey is Daniela's best friend. They do everything together and even live in twin apartments across the street from each other: Daniela with her mami and hamster, and Evelyn with her mami, papi, and cat. But not after today—not after Evelyn moves away. Until then, the girls play amid the moving boxes until it's time to say goodbye, making promises to keep in touch, because they know that their friendship will always be special. The tenderness of Meg Medina's beautifully written story about friendship and change is balanced by Sonia Sánchez's colorful and vibrant depictions of the girls' urban neighborhood.

One Last Strike (Enhanced Edition) Pan Macmillan

Med student Gemini has a beautiful face and body and a promising medical career but she's also the daughter of one of the city's biggest kingpins... Rayne's boyfriend, Mali, showered her with affection and gifts - and then forced her into prostitution. Finally, Rayne has had enough of his abuse, and life will never be the same again.