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Memoir of a Milk Carton Kid Penguin

A powerful memoir from the late former U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld With the same directness that defined his career in public service, Rumsfeld's memoir is filled with previously undisclosed details and insights about the Bush administration, 9/11, and the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. It also features Rumsfeld's unique and often surprising observations on eight decades of history. Rumsfeld addresses the challenges and controversies of his illustrious career, from the unseating of the entrenched House Republican leader in 1965, to helping the Ford administration steer the country away from Watergate and Vietnam, to the war in Iraq, to confronting abuse at Abu Ghraib. Along the way, he offers his plainspoken, first-hand views and often humorous and surprising anecdotes about some of the world's best-known figures, ranging from Elvis Presley to George W. Bush. Both a fascinating narrative and an unprecedented glimpse into history, *Known and Unknown* captures the legacy of one of the most influential men in public service.

Out of My Mind Penguin

Pinkalicious is on a search to find a pink pumpkin in this pinkerrific new lift-the-flap book! With thirteen flaps that open to reveal hidden surprises on every page, Pinkalicious fans will be perfectly pleased!

Prince of Thorns Millbrook Press

Memoir of a Milk Carton Kid is the story of a young girl, Tanya Kach, lost in the cracks of the system, forced to spend more than ten years as a prisoner of a manipulative captor. She tells her story of pain and triumph through her advocate, Lawrence H. Fisher.

Fateful Profile Books

Ten years of infertility issues culminate in the destruction of music therapist Zoe Baxter's marriage, after which she falls in love with another woman and wants to start a family, but her ex-husband, Max, stands in the way.

Brooklyn HarperFestival

Since publishing *A Woman's World* in 1995, *Travelers' Tales* has been the recognized leader in women's travel literature, and with the launch of the annual series *The Best Travel Writing* in 2004, the obvious next step was an annual collection of the best women's travel writing of the year. This title is the seventh in an annual series—*The Best Women's Travel Writing*—that presents inspiring and uplifting adventures from women who have traveled to the ends of the earth to discover new places, peoples, and facets of themselves. The common threads are a woman's perspective and compelling storytelling to make the reader laugh, weep, wish she were there, or be glad she wasn't. In *The Best Women's Travel Writing 2011*, readers Have lunch with a mobster in Japan and drinks with an IRA member in Ireland Learn the secrets of flamenco in Spain and the magic of samba in Brazil Deliver a trophy for best testicles in a small town in rural Serbia Fall in love while riding a camel through the Syrian Desert Ski a first descent of over 5,000 feet in Northern India Discover the joy of getting naked in South Korea Leave it all behind to slop pigs on a farm in Ecuador...and much more.

The Best Women's Travel Writing 2011 Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Kidnapped as a teenage girl, Ma has been locked inside a purpose built room in her captor's garden for seven years. Her five year old son, Jack, has no concept of the world outside and happily exists inside Room with the help of Ma's games and his vivid imagination where objects like Rug, Lamp and TV are his only friends. But for Ma the time has come to escape and face their biggest challenge to date: the world outside Room.

A Visit from the Goon Squad Bloomsbury Publishing

Get thousands of facts right at your fingertips with this essential resource *The World Almanac®* and *Book of Facts* is America's top-selling reference book of all time, with more than 82 million copies sold. Since 1868, this compendium of information has been the authoritative source for all your entertainment, reference, and learning needs. The 2016 edition of *The World Almanac®* reviews the events of 2015 and will be your go-to source for any questions on any topic in the upcoming year. Praised as a "treasure trove of political, economic, scientific and educational statistics and information" by *The Wall Street Journal*, *The World Almanac®* and *Book of Facts* will answer all of your trivia needs—from history and sports to geography, pop culture, and much more. Features include: • *The Year in Review*: *The World Almanac®* takes a look back at 2015 while providing all the information you'll need in 2016. • *2015—Top 10 News Topics*: The editors of *The World Almanac®* list the top stories that held their attention in 2015. • *2015—Year in Sports*: Hundreds of pages of trivia and statistics that are essential for any sports fan, featuring complete coverage of the first College

Football Playoff, the Women's World Cup, 2015 World Series, and much more. • *2015—Year in Pictures*: Striking full-color images from around the world in 2015, covering news, entertainment, science, and sports. • *2015—Offbeat News Stories*: *The World Almanac®* editors found some of the strangest news stories of the year. • *World Almanac® Editors' Picks*: *Time Capsule*: *The World Almanac®* lists the items that most came to symbolize the year 2015, from news and sports to pop culture. • *U.S. Immigration: A Statistical Feature*: *The World Almanac®* covers the historical background, statistics, and legal issues surrounding immigration, giving factual context to one of the hot-button topics of the upcoming election cycle. • *World Almanac® Editors' Picks*: *Most Memorable Super Bowls*: On the eve of Super Bowl 50, the editors of *The World Almanac®* choose the most memorable "big games." • *New Employment Statistics*: Five years after the peak of the great recession, *The World Almanac®* takes a look at current and historic data on employment and unemployment, industries generating job growth, and the training and educational paths that lead to careers. • *2016 Election Guide*: With a historic number of contenders for the presidential nominations, *The World Almanac®* provides information that every primary- and general-election voter will need to make an informed decision in 2016, including information on state primaries, campaign fundraising, and the issues voters care about most in 2016. • *The World at a Glance*: This annual feature of *The World Almanac®* provides a quick look at the surprising stats and curious facts that define the changing world. • and much more.

Between Simon and Schuster

When the Sudanese civil war reaches his village in 1985, 11-year-old Salva becomes separated from his family and must walk with other Dinka tribe members through southern Sudan, Ethiopia and Kenya in search of safe haven. Based on the life of Salva Dut, who, after emigrating to America in 1996, began a project to dig water wells in Sudan. By a Newbery Medal-winning author.

Sing You Home Harper Collins

A *New York Times* Notable Crime Book and Favorite Cozy for 2011 A *Publishers Weekly* Best Mystery/Thriller books for 2011 With *A Trick of the Light*, Louise Penny takes us back to the deceptively peaceful village of Three Pines in this brilliant novel in her award-winning, *New York Times* bestselling series featuring Chief Inspector Armand Gamache. "Hearts are broken," Lillian Dyson carefully underlined in a book. "Sweet relationships are dead." But now Lillian herself is dead. Found among the bleeding hearts and lilacs of Clara Morrow's garden in Three Pines, shattering the celebrations of Clara's solo show at the famed Musée in Montreal. Chief Inspector Gamache, the head of homicide at the Sûreté du Québec, is called to the tiny Quebec village and there he finds the art world gathered, and with it a world of shading and nuance, a world of shadow and light. Where nothing is as it seems. Behind every smile there lurks a sneer. Inside every sweet relationship there hides a broken heart. And even when facts are slowly exposed, it is no longer clear to Gamache and his team if what they've found is the truth, or simply a trick of the light. "Penny has been compared to Agatha Christie [but] it sells her short. Her characters are too rich, her grasp of nuance and human psychology too firm..." --Booklist (starred review)

The Best Travel Writing 2009 Ballantine Books

The inspirational bestseller that ignited a movement and asked us to find our WHY Discover the book that is captivating millions on TikTok and that served as the basis for one of the most popular TED Talks of all time—with more than 56 million views and counting. Over a decade ago, Simon Sinek started a movement that inspired millions to demand purpose at work, to ask what was the WHY of their organization. Since then, millions have been touched by the power of his ideas, and these ideas remain as relevant and timely as ever. *START WITH WHY* asks (and answers) the questions: why are some people and organizations more innovative, more influential, and more profitable than others? Why do some command greater loyalty from customers and employees alike? Even among the successful, why are so few able to repeat their success over and over? People like Martin Luther King Jr., Steve Jobs, and the Wright Brothers had little in common, but they all started with WHY. They realized that people won't truly buy into a product, service, movement, or idea until they understand the WHY behind it. *START WITH WHY* shows that the leaders who have had the greatest influence in the world all think, act and communicate the same way—and it's the opposite of what everyone else does. Sinek calls this powerful idea *The Golden Circle*, and it provides a framework upon which organizations can be built, movements can be led, and people can be inspired. And it all starts with WHY.

A Long Walk to Water Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

NATIONAL BESTSELLER • NATIONAL BOOK CRITICS CIRCLE WINNER • With music pulsing on every page, this startling, exhilarating novel of self-destruction and redemption "features characters about whom you come to care deeply as you watch them doing things they shouldn't, acting gloriously, infuriatingly human" (*The Chicago Tribune*). One of the *New York Times's* 100 Best Books of the 21st Century • One of The

Atlantic's Great American Novels of the Past 100 Years Bennie is an aging former punk rocker and record executive. Sasha is the passionate, troubled young woman he employs. Here Jennifer Egan brilliantly reveals their pasts, along with the inner lives of a host of other characters whose paths intersect with theirs. "Pitch perfect.... Darkly, rippingly funny.... Egan possesses a satirist's eye and a romance novelist's heart." —*The New York Times Book Review*

The Best Years of Our Lives Harper Collins

Winner of the Costa Novel Award and longlisted for the Man Booker Prize, Colm Tóibín's internationally bestselling novel is a story of devastating emotional power. At the centre of Colm Tóibín's internationally celebrated novel is Eilis Lacey, one among many of her generation who has come of age in 1950s Ireland but cannot find work at home. When she receives a job offer in America, it is clear to everyone that she must go. Leaving her family and country behind, Eilis heads for unfamiliar Brooklyn, and to a crowded boarding house where the landlady's intense scrutiny and the small jealousies of her fellow residents only deepen her isolation. Slowly, however, the pain of parting and a longing for home are buried beneath the rhythms of her new life—until she begins to realize that she has found a sort of happiness. But just as Eilis begins to fall in love, tragic news summons her back to Ireland, where she unexpectedly finds herself facing an impossible decision.

Read This Next Deep Vellum Publishing

A determined boy tries to find the perfect place to curl up with his new book in this hilarious and heartwarming story, complete with audio narration. From bedroom to den, from kitchen to backyard, our eager reader dodges his baby sister's messes, a lawn full of spraying sprinklers, and more—all in a quest for the best place to read! The bouncy rhymes of authors Debbie Bertram and Susan Bloom and the vibrant artwork of bestselling illustrator Michael Garland capture a child's delight in a paperback edition. This ebook includes Read & Listen audio narration.

A Good Hard Look Bloomsbury Publishing USA

The launch of Dalkey's Best European Fiction series was nothing short of phenomenal, with wide-ranging coverage in international media such as *Time* magazine, the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Financial Times*, and the *Guardian*; glowing reviews and interviews in print and online magazines such as the *Believer*, *Bookslut*, *Paste*, and the *Huffington Post*; radio interviews with editor Aleksandar Hemon on NPR stations in the US and BBC Radio 3 and 4 in the UK; and a terrific response from booksellers, who made *Best European Fiction 2010* an "Indie Next" pick and created table displays and special promotions throughout the US and UK. For 2011, Aleksandar Hemon is back as editor, along with a new preface by Colum McCann, and with a whole new cast of authors and stories, including work from countries not included in *Best European Fiction 2010*.

The Fifth Witness Travelers' Tales

Sarah and Brianna have always been friends, and it's always gone like this: guys talk to Sarah in order to get closer to Brianna. So even though Sarah met Ryan first, she's not surprised that he ends up with Brianna (even though Sarah has a massive crush on him). The three of them hang out, and Sarah and Ryan's friendship grows until one night an innocent exchange between them leads to a moment that makes Sarah realize that Ryan might be interested in her after all. But if there's one unwritten rule, it's this: you don't mess around with a friend's boyfriend. So Sarah tries to resist temptation. But with the three of them thrown together more and more, tension builds between Sarah and Ryan, and when they find themselves alone together at one point, they realize they just can't fight how they feel anymore....

There You'll Find Me Random House Books for Young Readers

"There were seven people on the boat that night...and when they awoke, there were six.

Six Months to Live Simon and Schuster

From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Hello Beautiful* and *Dear Edward*, a novel set in Flannery O'Connor's hometown of Milledgeville, and a tragedy that forever alters the town and the author herself "A wholly believable world shaped by duty, small pleasures, and fateful choices."—*O, The Oprah Magazine* Forced by illness to leave behind a successful life in New York, literary icon Flannery O'Connor has returned to her family farm in the small town of Milledgeville, Georgia. With her health and time both limited, all she wants is to be left alone to write. But Flannery's plans are soon upended by Melvin Whiteson, a banker from Manhattan who has recently married the town belle. Melvin is at loose ends with his new life; though he has every opportunity, he's not sure where to begin. Flannery knows exactly what she wants, but is running out of time.

Through their unusual and clandestine friendship, both will come to reflect on the decisions they have made and the paths they have chosen. Literary history and fiction gracefully intersect in this emotionally charged novel of small town Southern life, which asks us all to consider how we can live our lives to the fullest.

The Best American Short Stories 2014 Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

'It is terrific. I can't remember the last time I read a book that was more fascinating and useful and enjoyable all at the same time.' Bill Bryson *How Bad Are Bananas?* was a groundbreaking book when first published in 2009, when most of us were hearing the phrase 'carbon footprint' for the first time. Mike Berners-Lee set out to inform us what was important (aviation, heating, swimming pools) and what made very little difference (bananas, naturally packaged, are good!). This new edition updates all the figures (from data centres to hosting a World Cup) and introduces many areas that have become a regular part of modern life - Twitter, the Cloud, Bitcoin, electric bikes and cars, even space tourism. Berners-Lee runs a considered eye over each area and gives us the figures to manage and reduce our own carbon footprint, as well as to lobby our companies, businesses and government. His findings, presented in clear and even entertaining prose, are often surprising. And they are essential if we are to address climate change.

Best European Fiction 2011 Bloomsbury Publishing

BOOK ONE IN THE BROKEN EMPIRE TRILOGY "Prince of Thorns deserves attention as the work of an iconoclast who seems determined to turn that familiar thing, Medieval Fantasy Trilogy, entirely on its head."—Locus When he was nine, he watched as his mother and brother were killed before him. By the time he was thirteen, he was the leader of a band of bloodthirsty thugs. By fifteen, he intends to be king... It's time for Prince Honourous Jorg Ancrath to return to the castle he turned his back on, to take what's rightfully his. Since the day he hung pinned on the thorns of a briar patch and watched Count Renar's men slaughter his mother and young brother, Jorg has been driven to vent his rage. Life and death are no more than a game to him—and he has nothing left to lose. But treachery awaits him in his father's castle. Treachery and dark magic. No matter how fierce his will, can one young man conquer enemies with power beyond his imagining?

Start with Why Penguin

Eighteen-year-old maid Tess Davies is determined to escape the wealthy, troubled family she serves. It's 1912, and Tess has been trapped in the employ of the Lisles for years, amid painful memories and twisted secrets. But now the Lisle family is headed to America, with Tess in tow. Once the ship they're sailing on—the RMS Titanic—reaches its destination, Tess plans to strike out and create a new life for herself. Her single-minded focus shatters when she meets Alec, a handsome first-class passenger who captivates her instantly. But Alec has secrets of his own. He's in a hurry to leave Europe, and whispers aboard the ship say it's because of the tragic end of his last affair with the French actress who died so gruesomely and so mysteriously. . . . Soon Tess will learn just how dark Alec's past truly is. The danger they face is no ordinary enemy: werewolves exist and are stalking him—and now her, too. Her growing love for Alec will put Tess in mortal peril, and fate will do the same before their journey on the Titanic is over. In *Fateful*, New York Times bestselling author Claudia Gray delivers paranormal adventure, dark suspense, and alluring romance set against the opulent backdrop of the Titanic's first—and last—voyage.