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Becoming the Dad Your Daughter Needs Simon and Schuster

Don't Lick the Minivan Skyhorse

Life with a Superhero Sky Pony

A Deadspin columnist presents a heartfelt account about the ups and downs of raising a family in modern America that shares brutally honest insights into the coping mechanisms employed by today's parents, in a memoir that also shares his positive views on the strengths of American parenting.

The Darkest Minds Avery

As a woman used to traveling and living the high life in Bangkok, Leanne Shirliffe recognized the constant fodder for humor while pregnant with twins in Asia's sin city. But in spite of deep-fried bug cuisine and nurses who cover newborn bassinets with plastic wrap, Shirliffe manages to keep her babies alive for a year with help from a Coca-Cola deliveryman, several waitresses, and a bra factory. Then she and her husband return home to the isolation of North American suburbia. In *Don't Lick the Minivan*, Shirliffe captures the bizarre aspects of parenting in her edgy, honest voice. She explores the hazards of everyday life with children such as: The birthday party where neighborhood kids took home skin rashes from the second-hand face paint she applied. The time she discovered her twins carving their names into her minivan's paint with rocks. The funeral she officiated for "Stripper Barbie." The horror of glitter. And much more! Shirliffe eventually realizes that even if she can't teach her kids how to tie their shoelaces, she's a good enough mom. At least good enough to start saving for her twins' therapy fund. And possibly her own. Shirliffe's memoir might not replace a therapist, but it is a lot cheaper.

Mexican WhiteBoy Crown

A brutally frank memoir about doctors and patients in a health care system that puts the poor at risk. *No Apparent Distress* begins with a mistake made by a white medical student

that may have hastened the death of a working-class black man who sought care in a student-run clinic. Haunted by this error, the author—herself from a working-class background—delves into the stories and politics of a medical training system in which students learn on the bodies of the poor. Part confession, part family history, *No Apparent Distress* is at once an indictment of American health care and a deeply moving tale of one doctor's coming-of-age.

Vintage

Set during the French and American wars, *Fourth Uncle in the Mountain* is a true story about an orphan, Quang Van Nguyen, who is adopted by a sixty-four year old monk, Thau, who carries great responsibility for his people as a barefoot doctor. Thau manages, against all odds to raise his son to follow in his footsteps and in doing so, saves his son, as well as a part of Vietnam's esoteric knowledge from the Vietnam holocaust. Thau is wanted by the French regime, and occasionally must flee into the jungle, where he is perfectly at home living among the animals. Thau is not the average monk; he practices an ancient lineage of Chinese medicine and uses magic to protect animals and help people. As wise and resourceful as Thau is, he meets his match in his mischievous son. Quang is more interested in learning Cambodian sorcery and martial arts than in developing his skills and wisdom according to his father's plan. *Fourth Uncle in the Mountain* is an odyssey of a single-father folk hero and his foundling son in a land ravaged by the atrocities of war. It is a classic story, complete with humor, tragedy, and insight from a country where ghosts and magic are real. *The Double Bind* St. Martin's Press Book one in the hit series that's soon to be a major motion picture starring Amandla Stenberg and Mandy Moore--now with a stunning new look and an exclusive bonus short story featuring Liam and his brother, Cole. When Ruby woke up on her tenth birthday, something about her had changed. Something alarming enough to make her parents lock her in the garage and call the police. Something

that got her sent to Thurmond, a brutal government "rehabilitation camp." She might have survived the mysterious disease that killed most of America's children, but she and the others emerged with something far worse: frightening abilities they cannot control. Now sixteen, Ruby is one of the dangerous ones. But when the truth about Ruby's abilities--the truth she's hidden from everyone, even the camp authorities--comes out, Ruby barely escapes Thurmond with her life. On the run, she joins a group of kids who escaped their own camp: Zu, a young girl haunted by her past; Chubs, a standoffish brainiac; and Liam, their fearless leader, who is falling hard for Ruby. But no matter how much she aches for him, Ruby can't risk getting close. Not after what happened to her parents. While they journey to find the one safe haven left for kids like them--East River--they must evade their determined pursuers, including an organization that will stop at nothing to use Ruby in their fight against the government. But as they get closer to grasping the things they've dreamed of, Ruby will be faced with a terrible choice, one that may mean giving up her only chance at a life worth living.

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HOOKUP TODAY COMING
OCTOBER 22ND! Lauren Going back to work was supposed to be a painless transition, but when my new boss turns out to be an arrogant, cocky jerk, he quickly turns my professional life into a world of torture. Okay, fine, calling him an ass hat before knowing he was my boss wasn't my finest moment. Hating him should be easy. I just never counted on him being so gorgeous or charming

when he's not annoying me. Austin I expected my new assistant to be professional and punctual, but all I'm getting are dirty looks and rude comments. I should fire the little hellion, but instead all I can think about is bending her over my desk and breaking every rule I've ever made for myself. One look. One touch. One night. If we break the rules, our lives will never be the same again. Good thing rules were made to be broken. And besides, it feels so good to Tempt the Boss. Work Stronger Running Press Kids

"A funny and satisfying love story [that] challenges simplistic preconceptions." —Publishers Weekly

Beckett Gaines, a gay teen living in South Carolina, has his world turned upside-down by a jock in this laugh-out-loud novel that's Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda meets The Parent Trap. Beck: The Golden Girls-loving, out-and-proud choir nerd growing up in the "ass-crack of the Bible belt." Jax: The Golden Boy, star quarterback with a slick veneer facing uncomfortable truths about himself and his past. When Beck's emotionally fragile dad starts dating the recently single (and supposedly lesbian) mom of former bully Jaxon Parker, Beck is not having it. Jax isn't happy about the situation either, holding out hope that his moms will reunite and restore the only stable home he's ever known. Putting aside past differences, the boys plot to derail the budding romance between their parents at their conservative hometown's first-ever Rainbow Prom. Hearts will be broken, new romance will bloom, but nothing will go down the way Beck and Jax have planned. In his hilarious and provocative debut, Greg Howard examines the challenges of growing up different in a small southern town through the lens of colorful and unforgettable characters who stay with you long after the last drop of sweet tea. Every Waking Moment Penguin

"Get ready to cheer for Emma in this non-stop nail-biting adventure!" —Catherine Coulter, #1 New York Times Bestselling Author

Sometimes you have to risk it all... Emma Wright has finally escaped the dangerous man who's controlled her every move for the past six years. Taking her five-year-old son, she has fled across the country—seeking freedom, safety and a fresh start. But Max's father isn't giving them up so easily. Preston Holman understands the lengths a parent will go for his child. He's given up everything to pursue the man he believes killed his son. When Preston meets Emma, he wants nothing to do with her or the

boy who reminds him so much of his own child. Yet he can't abandon them—and as he's drawn into the danger that surrounds them, Preston begins to wonder if he's finally found something to live for beyond revenge. Originally published in 2005 American Drive Nonsense

Losers, now you can get the bad-boy rep the girls find positively irresistible! Unleash your dark side with the Doug Schaffer plan for drug addiction and rehabilitation! (Kids, don't try this at home.) At sixteen years old, Doug Schaffer knows two things for sure: 1. He is doomed to live in the shadow of his older brother, Trevor, a former high school football star who is stationed in Iraq. 2. Free-spirited Laurilee, the hot ear-piercing girl at the mall, only dates bad boys. Cue Doug's foolproof plan to tarnish his own unremarkable reputation. The first step is to develop a drug addiction. His mom's too preoccupied with organizing care packages for Mothers Support Our Troops Northwest Oklahoma City Chapter to stop him. Besides, he just needs to get hooked on meth long enough to come back from rehab a totally different person. Someone people notice. With the help of Trevor's strung-out former high-school buddy, drug addict Doug has the confidence that loser Doug never mustered. He stays out all night, scores girls, and stands up for himself. Then Trevor unexpectedly returns home with a dark secret of his own, and everything Doug thought was true is shattered. Soon the brothers find a common ground they never knew they shared as they discover the price of pleasing others is the freedom to be yourself. The Bullies of Wall Street W. W. Norton & Company

The "brilliantly realized" (The New York Times Book Review) modern classic that coined the term "metaverse"—one of Time's 100 best English-language novels and "a foundational text of the cyberpunk movement" (Wired) In reality, Hiro Protagonist delivers pizza for Uncle Enzo's CosoNostra Pizza Inc., but in the Metaverse he's a warrior prince. Plunging headlong into the enigma of a new computer virus that's striking down hackers everywhere, he races along the neon-lit streets on a search-and-destroy mission for the shadowy virtual villain threatening to bring about infocalypse. Snow

Crash is a mind-altering romp through a future America so bizarre, so outrageous . . . you'll recognize it immediately. Say No to Placenta Pics Macmillan

"Provocative in the way it explodes and expands the category of historical fiction." --Salt Lake Tribune

In this beautifully written and powerful debut novel, Ella Joy Olsen traces the stories of five fascinating women who inhabit the same historic home over the course of a century—braided stories of love, heartbreak and courage connect the women, even across generations. Ivy Baygren has two great loves in her life: her husband, Adam, and the bungalow they buy together in one of the oldest neighborhoods in Salt Lake City, Utah. From the moment she and Adam lay eyes on the home, Ivy is captivated by its quaint details—the old porch swing, ornate tiles, and especially an heirloom rose bush bursting with snowy white blossoms. Called the Emmeline Rose for the home's original owner, it seems yet another sign that this place will be Ivy's happily-ever-after...Until her dreams are shattered by Adam's unexpected death. Striving to be strong for her two children, Ivy decides to tackle the home-improvement projects she and Adam once planned. Day by day, as she attempts to rebuild her house and her resolve, she uncovers clues about previous inhabitants, from a half-embroidered sampler to buried wine bottles. And as Ivy learns about the women who came before her—the young Mormon torn between her heart and anti-polygamist beliefs, the Greek immigrant during World War II, a troubled single mother in the 1960s—she begins to uncover the lessons of her own journey. For every story has its sadness, but there is also the possibility of blooming again, even stronger and more resilient than before...

I Love You More Than My Phone HQN Books

Fans of Eleanor and Park, The Spectacular Now, Willow, and Perfectly Good White Boy won't be able to put down this gritty but hopeful love story about two struggling teens. Tyler has a football scholarship to Stanford, a hot girlfriend, and a reliable army of friends to party with. Then his mom kills herself. And Tyler lets it all go. Now he needs to dodge what his dad is offering (verbal tirades

and abuse) and earn what his dad isn't (money): He needs a job. It's there that he reunites with Jordyn, his childhood best friend, and now the token goth girl at school. Jordyn brings Tyler an unexpected peace and, finally, love. But with his family in shambles, he can't risk bringing Jordyn too deeply into his life. So when violence rocks Tyler's world again, will it be Jordyn who shows him the way to a hopeful future? Or after everything, will Tyler have to find it in himself? This tough, realistic page-turner reveals a boy's point of view on loss and love—perfect for fans of Rainbow Rowell, Tim Tharp, Julia Hoban, Carrie Mesrobian, and Mindi Scott. Snow Crash Simon and Schuster

The goal of parenting is to train your children to have slightly better manners than a dog. If you've achieved that by the end of day (or even if you've failed majestically trying), it is important to celebrate the little things. Like bedtime. And screw-top wine. And with Mommyfesto, by award-winning humor blogger Leanne Shirliffe, you'll learn the nitty-gritty about what it means to be a real parent. Without resorting to stereotypical "poo and pee jokes," Shirliffe finds humor in the insanity of raising children and celebrates using how-to-parent-like-an-expert books as paperweights for your child's art collection in the recycling bin. Mommyfesto contains more than 150 realistic (and downright humorous) truths about parenting, such as: A Band-Aid and a kiss solve most daily crises. So does talking like a pirate. Expectations of child rearing should be thrown out the window. It's better than throwing out your child. If you can survive parented piano lessons, you can survive a zombie apocalypse. And much more! Mommyfesto offers parents the opportunity to laugh at the absurdity of childrearing and to realize there is no right way to do it. Blank pages in the back of the book encourage moms (and dads, too!) to add their beliefs—whether bizarre, funny, or even serious—to the book, making this a go-to guide for generations of crazed parents. Leanne's blog, IronicMom.com, was recently

declared the Best Humour Blog by the Canadian Weblog Awards, a juried competition. IronicMom.com garners 8,000 – 13,000 hits per month and has been featured on high-traffic sites such as The Christian Science Monitor, ProBlogger, Wordpress' home page, Canadian Family, CBC, the Calgary Herald, and Sweet Mama. IronicMom.com was recognized as one of the top five new blogs by the Canadian Weblog Awards (2010) and as the top parenting blog in Calgary (a city of over 1 million people) and as the Most Laugh – Out – Loud Funny blog by Sweet Mama, a popular Canadian website.

The Fault in Our Stars Spectra

A hilarious, captivating commentary that gives us--finally--a true dog's-eye view of the world.

- The Sofa: "The sofa is Position One. The sofa makes you feel as if you are with your people even when your people are gone."
- The Toilet: "The advantage of drinking from the toilet is that the water is always fresh."
- The Baby: "Often known as She Who Randomly Flings Food from the Table, the baby has the most flavorful, ever-changing face of all your people." "After reading You Are a Dog, you will start thinking like a dog." --Bash Dibra, celebrity pet trainer and author of DogSpeak

"You Are a Dog should be the talk of every dog run in the U.S. With humor, and more bite than one might expect, Terry Bain helps us to see the world through the eyes of our dogs, and to look at their lives in fresh and insightful ways." --Jon Katz, author of A Dog Year, The New Work of Dogs, and The Dogs of Bedlam Farm

"Terry Bain has cracked the canine code to demystify those charming, endearing, and occasionally bizarre habits our beloved dogs exhibit. You Are a Dog is equal parts witty and warm, sweet and sympathetic--read this and be destined to meet your dog at a richer, deeper level." --Dr. Marty Becker, veterinary contributor for Good Morning America, author of The Healing Power of Pets

The Puppy Diaries Ember

Hilarious true stories of raising twins from the author of the Ironic Mom blog: "Shirliffe is awesome and so is this book."-Jenny Lawson

When Leanne Shirliffe and her husband, Chris, discovered she was pregnant with twins while they were living abroad in Bangkok, they cried laughing. Then they just cried. Then they got on with the incredible, hilarious adventure of raising two kids in Asia's city of sin. In Don't Lick the Minivan, Shirliffe explores the

hazards of everyday life with children, recounting her time as a parent in both Thailand and North American suburbia with humor and touching insight. Even if she can't teach her kids how to tie their shoelaces, she comes to realize she's a good enough mom. At least good enough to start saving for their therapy fund. And possibly her own. "Comic gold."-Publishers Weekly

"Witty commentary on the common ups and downs of being a new parent, times two."-Kirkus Reviews

"Shirliffe writes with hilarity and poignancy as to the trials and pains (literally) of motherhood. She is our new Erma Bombeck!"- Elizabeth Boyle

"Laugh-out-loud-funny. I swear, she's living in my house and taking notes."-Jill Smokler.

Root, Petal, Thorn Penguin

The highly anticipated companion to the sensational Slothilda: Living the Sloth Life! A collection of cute comics about friendship and the adorable mishaps of pet-parenting as told through the eyes of a sleepy sloth named Slothilda and her blissfully devoted corgi, Peanut. Life with a stumpy legged fur-baby is an absolute joy, but it often comes with some hilarious challenges, especially when you're a phone-addicted, snack-loving, always-tired little sloth. For Slothilda and Peanut, each with their own unique set of short-comings (literally and figuratively), navigating their way through the world can be a struggle. However, no obstacle is too great when they've got each other. Watch as the two take on life's day-to-day challenges as they grow together along the way!

Pulse Simon and Schuster

From the critically acclaimed author of "Quiet, Please: Dispatches from a Public Librarian," comes a collection of humor essays and sketches that further dives into the library world Douglas colorfully brought to life in his last book.

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