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and electric . . . a fever
dream."—Publishers Weekly,
Starred Review! Breaking

Bad meets No Country for Old Men... Ever since their father's untimely death five years before, Wyatt Smith and his inseparably close twin sister, Lucy, have scraped by alone on their family's isolated ranch in Box Elder County, Utah. That is until one morning when, just after spotting one of their steers lying dead in the field, Wyatt is hit in the arm by a hail of gunfire that takes four more cattle with it. The shooter: a fever-eyed, fearsome girl-child with a TEC-9 in her left hand and a worn shotgun in her right. They hold the girl captive, but she breaks loose overnight and heads south into the desert. With the dawning realization that the loss of cattle will mean the certain loss of the ranch, Wyatt feels he has no choice but to go after her and somehow find restitution for what's been lost. Wyatt's decision sets him on an epic twelve-day odyssey through a nightmarish underworld he only half understands; a world that

itches him not only against the primordial ways of men and the beautiful yet brutally unforgiving landscape, but also against himself. As he winds his way down from the mountains of Box Elder to the mesas of Monument Valley and back, Wyatt is forced to look for the first time at who he is and what he's capable of, and how those hard truths set him irrevocably apart from the one person he's ever really known and loved. Steeped in a mythic, wildly alive language of its own, and gripping from the first gunshot to the last, *Rough Animals* is a tour de force from a powerful new voice.

Wonder Valley Farrar, Straus and Giroux

An FBI agent goes undercover on a Greek island and becomes entangled in the locals' lives in "the perfect blend of intrigue, romance, and travelogue" (*Publishers Weekly*). Nick Damigos, a gay Greek-American FBI agent, is undercover on a sun-drenched

Greek island to investigate a series of mysterious fires. As the island residents grapple with declining tourism, poverty, a refugee crisis, family feuds, and a perilously damaged church, an arsonist has invaded their midst. Nick has arrived just in time to witness the latest crime—and be hailed as a hero for saving a beloved truffle-sniffing dog. But his work becomes challenging when he 's drawn into a romance with a young bartender, Takis—who ends up as a prime suspect. Theirs is not the only complicated romance in the community, though, and Takis isn ' t the only suspicious character on the island. Nick has to unravel the truth in time to prevent catastrophe, as he comes to terms with his own past trauma. In saving the village, he will go a long way toward saving himself. Gold Medal Winner, Faulkner-Wisdom Competition for the Novel

The Story of Land and Sea

Simon and Schuster
After trying to help Benjamin Pearl, an undernourished, nearly feral eleven-year-old boy living in the Montana wilderness, social worker Pete Snow comes face-to-face with the boy's profoundly disturbed father, Jeremiah. With courage and caution, Pete slowly earns a measure of trust from this paranoid survivalist itching for a final conflict that will signal the coming End Times. But as Pete's own family spins out of control, Pearl's activities spark the full-blown interest of the FBI, putting Pete at the center of a massive manhunt from which no one will emerge unscathed. In this shattering and iconic American novel, Smith Henderson explores the complexities of freedom, community, grace, suspicion, and anarchy, brilliantly depicting our nation's disquieting and

violent contradictions.

Fourth of July Creek is an unforgettable, unflinching debut that marks the arrival of a major literary talent.

Blood on the River Grand Central Publishing

An NPR Best Book of 2014

A Barnes and Noble

Discover Great New Writers

selection A "bleak and

brilliant" (Minneapolis Star

Tribune) debut novel, "one

of the finest evocations of

life in Western America in

recent memory, a book that

stands alongside Richard

Ford's *Rock Springs*,

Marilynne Robinson's

Housekeeping, James

Welch's *Fools Crow*."

(William Kittredge) Steeped

in a lonesome Montana

landscape as unyielding and

raw as it is beautiful, Kim

Zupan's *The Ploughmen* is a

new classic in the literature

of the American West. At

the center of this searing,

fever dream of a novel are

two men—a killer awaiting

trial, and a troubled young

deputy—sitting across from

each other in the dark,

talking through the bars of a

county jail cell: John Gload,

so brutally adept at his craft

that only now, at the age of

77, has he faced the prospect

of long-term incarceration

and Valentine Millimaki,

low man in the Copper

County sheriff's department,

who draws the overnight

shift after Gload's arrest.

With a disintegrating

marriage further collapsing

under the strain of his night

duty, Millimaki finds

himself seeking counsel

from a man whose troubled

past shares something

essential with his own. Their

uneasy friendship takes a

startling turn with a brazen

act of violence that yokes

together two haunted souls

by the secrets they share, and
by the rugged country that
keeps them.

State of the Onion

Random House

Introducing White

House Assistant Chef

Olivia Paras, who is
rising-and sleuthing-
to the top. Includes
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Never let them see you

sweat-that's White

House Assistant Chef

Olivia Paras's motto,

which is pretty hard

to honor in the most

important kitchen in

the world. She's hell-

bent on earning her

dream job, Executive

Chef. There's just one

thing: her nemesis is

ying for it, too.

Well, that and the

fact that an elusive

assassin wants to see

her fry.

American Rust

Penguin

In the fall of 1913,

Laura and Earle

Smith, a young Iowa

couple, made the

gutsy—some might say

foolhardy—decision to

homestead in Wyoming.

There, they built

their first house, a

claim shanty half dug

out of the ground,

hauled every drop of

their water from a

spring over a half-

mile away, and fought

off rattlesnakes and

boredom on a daily

basis. Soon, other

families moved to

nearby homesteads,

and the Smiths built

a house closer to

those neighbors. The

growing community

built its first

public schoolhouse

and celebrated the

Fourth of July

together—although the

festivities were cut

short because of

snow. By 1917, however, the Smiths had moved back to Iowa, leasing their land to a local rancher and using the proceeds to fund Earle's study of law. The Smiths lived in Iowa for most of the rest of their lives, and sometime after the mid-1930s, Laura wrote this clear, vivid, witty, and self-deprecating memoir of their time in Wyoming, a book that captures the pioneer spirit of the era and of the building of community against daunting odds.

Badluck Way Grove Press

A Boston Globe Best Book of the Year In this stunning historical fiction debut set in the world

of wrestling in the 1920s, a husband and wife are set adrift in a place where everyone has something to hide and not even the fights can be taken at face value. Late summer, 1921:

Disgraced former lightweight champion Pepper Van Dean has spent the past two years on the carnival circuit performing the dangerous "hangman's drop" and taking on all comers in nightly challenge bouts. But when he and his cardsharp wife, Moira, are marooned in the wilds of Oregon, Pepper accepts an offer to return to the world of wrestling as a trainer for Garfield Taft, a down-and-out African American heavyweight contender in search of a comeback and a shot at the world title. At

the training camp in rural Montana, Pepper and Moira soon realize that nothing is what it seems: not Taft, the upcoming match, or the training facility itself. With nowhere to go and no options left, Pepper and Moira must carefully navigate the world of gangsters, bootlegging, and fixed competitions, in the hope that they can carve out a viable future. A story of second chances and a sport at the cusp of major change, *Champion of the World* is a wonderful historical debut from a new talent in fiction. The World Book Encyclopedia Vintage Set in a small coastal town in North Carolina during the waning years of the

American Revolution, this incandescent debut novel follows three generations of family—fathers and daughters, mother and son, master and slave, characters who yearn for redemption amidst a heady brew of war, kidnapping, slavery, and love. Drawn to the ocean, ten-year-old Tabitha wanders the marshes of her small coastal village and listens to her father's stories about his pirate voyages and the mother she never knew. Since the loss of his wife Helen, John has remained land-bound for their daughter, but when Tab contracts yellow fever, he turns to the sea once more. Desperate to save his

daughter, he takes her aboard a sloop bound for Bermuda, hoping the salt air will heal her. Years before, Helen herself was raised by a widowed father. Asa, the devout owner of a small plantation, gives his daughter a young slave named Moll for her tenth birthday. Left largely on their own, Helen and Moll develop a close but uneasy companionship. Helen gradually takes over the running of the plantation as the girls grow up, but when she meets John, the pirate turned Continental soldier, she flouts convention and her father's wishes by falling in love. Moll, meanwhile, is forced into marriage with a stranger. Her only solace is her son, Davy, whom she will protect with a passion that defies the bounds of slavery. In this elegant, evocative, and haunting debut, Katy Simpson Smith captures the singular love between parent and child, the devastation of love lost, and the lonely paths we travel in the name of renewal.

A Place to Call Home
Random House Trade Paperbacks
NOW A SHOWTIME ORIGINAL TV SERIES • A "bold, absorbing novel" (The New York Times Book Review) of the lost American dream, the acts of friendship, loyalty, and love that arise from its loss, and two

young men, bound to their hometown, who crave an escape. "Powerful . . . gripping . . . in the tradition that stretches from Ernest Hemingway to Cormac McCarthy."—The Washington Post NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY The New York Times Book Review

- The Washington Post
- Economist
- Pittsburgh Post-Gazette • Newsweek • Kansas City Star • Idaho Statesman

Left alone to care for his aging father after his mother dies by suicide and his sister escapes to Yale, Isaac English longs for a life beyond his hometown, a beautiful but economically devastated Pennsylvania steel town. But when he finally sets out to leave for good,

accompanied by his temperamental best friend, former high school football star Billy Poe, they are caught up in a terrible act of violence that changes their lives forever. Evoking John Steinbeck's novels of restless lives during the Great Depression, American Rust takes us into the contemporary American heartland at a moment of profound unrest and uncertainty about the future. It is a dark but lucid vision, a moving novel about the bleak realities that battle our desire for transcendence and the power of love and friendship to redeem us.

Champion of the World
HarperCollins
From the New York Times—bestselling author of The Great

Leader and Legends of the Fall: a retired detective confronts the sins of man in rural Michigan. In *The Great Leader*, Mark Twain Award-winning author Jim Harrison introduced readers to the hard-drinking, nearly-retired Detective Sunderson. In this darkly comic follow-up, Sunderson takes stock of his past, while his outlaw neighbors bring new havoc to his doorstep. To flee his troubles, Detective Sunderson buys a hunting cabin in a remote area of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. But with neighbors like the Ames family, there is no peace to be found. Armed to the teeth, the Ameses have local law enforcement too intimidated to take them on. Then Sunderson's cleaning

lady, a comely young Ames woman, is murdered, and black sheep brother Lemuel Ames seeks Sunderson's advice on a crime novel he's writing which may not be fiction. In a story shot through with wit, bedlam, and Sunderson's contemplation of the seven deadly sins, *The Big Seven* is a superb reminder of why Jim Harrison is "one of the finest writers of the past half-century" (*The Washington Times*).

Hurt People Simon and Schuster Summer of 1988. Leavenworth, Kansas: a town with four major prisons, gripped by the recent escape of a convict. Yet for two young brothers, all that matters is the

pool in their apartment complex. They spend their blissful days practicing dives while their divorcée mother works her day shift at the golf course and their policeman father patrols the streets. But when a mysterious stranger appears poolside and creates a rift between the brothers, the younger one wonders just what these visits to the pool might ultimately cost. Based on Cote Smith's well-received short story of the same name, *Hurt* People will hold you in its grip to the very last page. Eerily atmospheric, lean, and forceful, this is a debut from a slyly talented new writer.

Fourth of July Creek

From the bestselling author of *Sweetbitter*, a memoir of growing up in a family shattered by lies and addiction, and of one woman's attempts to find a life beyond the limits of her past. After selling her first novel--a dream she'd worked long and hard for--Stephanie Danler knew she should be happy. Instead, she found herself driven to face the difficult past she'd left behind a decade ago: a mother disabled by years

of alcoholism, further handicapped by a tragic brain aneurysm; a father who abandoned the family when she was three, now a meth addict in and out of recovery. After years in New York City she's pulled home to Southern California by forces she doesn't totally understand, haunted by questions of legacy and trauma. Here, she works toward answers, uncovering hard truths about her parents and herself as she explores whether it's possible to change the course of her history. Stray is a moving,

sometimes devastating, brilliantly written and ultimately inspiring exploration of the landscapes of damage and survival.

The Blinds Untreed Reads

For readers of *My Absolute Darling* and *Fourth of July Creek*, a "riveting and timely" Montana story about the unbreakable bond between a young man and the abandoned boy put in his care (Jess Walter), as old grievances of land and blood are visited upon them. Wendell Newman, a young ranch hand in Montana, has recently lost his mother, leaving him an orphan. His bank account holds less than a hundred dollars, and he owes

back taxes on what remains of the land his parents owned, as well as money for the surgeries that failed to save his mother's life. An unexpected deliverance arrives in the form of seven-year-old Rowdy Burns, the mute and traumatized son of Wendell's incarcerated cousin. When Rowdy is put under his care, what begins as an ordeal for Wendell turns into a powerful bond, as he comes to love the boy more than he ever thought possible. That bond will be stretched to the breaking point during the first legal wolf hunt in Montana in more than thirty years, when a murder ignites a desperate chase. Caught on the wrong side of a disaffected fringe group, Wendell is determined both to

protect Rowdy and to avoid the same violent fate that claimed his own father. A gripping story set in a fractured and misunderstood community, *Fall Back Down When I Die* is a haunting and unforgettable tale of sacrificial love. Finalist for the Center for Fiction First Novel Prize *Fire on the Island* Little, Brown In Ivory Shoals, twelve-year-old Gussie Dwyer--audacious, resilient, determined to adhere to the morals his mother instilled in him--undertakes to trek across the sumptuous yet perilous peninsula

of post-Civil War Florida in search of his father, a man who has no idea of his son's existence. Gussie's journey sees him cross paths with hardened Floridians of every stripe, from the brave and noble to a bevy of cutthroat villains, none worse than his amoral shark of a stepbrother. Rich in visceral details and told with a pulse-quickenning pace, *Ivory Shoals* is a distinctly American story, in the tradition of Mark Twain and Cormac McCarthy. The novel is also a timeless epic, tracking Gussie's

odyssey from childhood toward adulthood. Will he survive his quest, and at what cost?

A Perfect Crime

McSweeney's "A riotous journey into the heart of insanity also known as the State of Florida. Bravo!"—Gary Shteyngart, author of *Lake Success Florida*, circa 1980. Reed Crowe, the eponymous Florida Man, is a middle-aged beach bum, beleaguered and disenfranchised, living on ill-gotten gains deep in the jungly heart of Florida. When sinkholes start opening on Emerald Island, not only are Reed Crowe's seedy businesses—a moribund motel and a shabby amusement park—endangered, but

so are his secrets. Crowe, amateur spelunker, begins uncovering artifacts that change his understanding of the island's history, as well as his understanding of his family's birthright as pioneering homesteaders. Meanwhile, there are other Florida men with whom Crowe must contend. Hector "Catface" Morales, a Cuban refugee, trained assassin, and crack-addicted Marielito, is seeking revenge on Reed for stealing his stash of drugs and leaving him for dead (unbeknownst to Reed) in the wreckage of a plane crash in the Everglades decades ago. Loner and misanthrope Henry Yahchilane, a Seminole native, has something to hide on the island.

So does irascible and pervy Wayne Wade, Reed Crowe's childhood friend turned bad penny. Then there are the Florida women, including Heidi Karavas, Reed Crowe's ex-wife, now a globe-trekking art curator, and Nina Arango, a Cuban refugee and fiercely protective woman with whom Reed Crowe falls in love. There are curses. There are sea monsters. There are biblical storms. There's something called the Jupiter Effect. Ultimately, Florida Man is a generation-spanning story about how a man decides to live his life, and how despite staying landlocked and stubbornly in one place, the world nevertheless comes to him.

The Unfortunates
HarperCollins
"A marvelous
debut...has
everything a big,
thick novel should
have, and I hated
to put it down." -
John Grisham "A
page-turner." - New
York Times Book
Review For readers
of *The Story of
Edgar Sawtelle*,
this is a dramatic
and deeply moving
novel about an act
of violence in a
small Appalachian
town and the
repercussions that
will forever change
a young man's view
of human cruelty
and compassion.
After seeing the
death of his
younger brother in

a terrible home
accident, fourteen-
year-old Kevin and
his grieving mother
are sent for the
summer to live with
Kevin's
grandfather. In
this town of
Medgar, Kentucky, a
peeled-paint coal
town deep in
Appalachia, Kevin
quickly falls in
with a half-wild
hollow kid named
Buzzy Fink who
schools him in the
mysteries and
magnificence of the
woods. The town is
beset by a massive
mountaintop removal
operation that is
blowing up the
hills and back
filling the
hollows. Kevin's

grandfather and others in town attempt to rally the citizens against the "company" and its powerful owner to stop the plunder of their mountain heritage. But when Buzzy witnesses a brutal hate crime, a sequence is set in play that will test Buzzy and Kevin to their absolute limits in an epic struggle for survival in the Kentucky mountains.

Includes Reading Group Guide

Soil Grove/Atlantic, Inc.

"A smart, rich country noir" from the acclaimed author Kentucky Straight and The Good Brother

(Stewart O'Nan, bestselling author of Henry, Himself). Chris Offutt is an outstanding literary talent, whose work has been called "lean and brilliant" (The New York Times Book Review) and compared by reviewers to Tobias Wolff, Ernest Hemingway, and Raymond Carver. He's been awarded the Whiting Writers Award for Fiction/Nonfiction and the American Academy of Arts and Letters Fiction Award, among numerous other honors. His first work of fiction in nearly two decades, Country Dark is a taut, compelling novel set in rural Kentucky from the Korean War to 1970. Tucker, a young veteran, returns from war to work for a bootlegger. He falls in love and starts a

family, and while the Tuckers don't have much, they have the love of their home and each other. But when his family is threatened, Tucker is pushed into violence, which changes everything. The story of people living off the land and by their wits in a backwoods Kentucky world of shine-runners and laborers whose social codes are every bit as nuanced as the British aristocracy, *Country Dark* is a novel that blends the best of Larry Brown and James M. Cain, with a noose tightening evermore around a man who just wants to protect those he loves. It reintroduces the vital and absolutely distinct voice of Chris Offutt, a voice we've been missing for years. "[A] fine

homage to a pocket of the country that's as beautiful as it is prone to tragedy."—The *Wall Street Journal* "A pleasure all around."—Daniel Woodrell, author of *Winter's Bone*
Rough Animals
Penguin
A cross between Daniel Woodrell and Annie Proulx, *Wyoming* is about the stubborn grip of inertia and whether or not it is possible to live without accepting oneself. It's 1988 and Shelley Cooper is in trouble. He's broke, he's been fired from his construction job, and his ex-wife has left him for their next door neighbor and a new life in Kansas City. The

only opportunity on his horizon is fifty pounds of his brother's high-grade marijuana, which needs to be driven from Colorado to Houston and exchanged for a lockbox full of cash. The delivery goes off without a hitch, but getting home with the money proves to be a different challenge altogether. Fueled by a grab bag of resentments and self punishment, Shelley becomes a case study in the question of whether it's possible to live without accepting yourself, and the dope money is the key to a lock he might never find. JP Gritton's portrait of a hapless aspirant at odds with himself and

everyone around him is both tender and ruthless, and Wyoming considers the possibility of redemption in a world that grants forgiveness grudgingly, if at all.

Interview with the Vampire Henry Holt and Company

An encyclopedia designed especially to meet the needs of elementary, junior high, and senior high school students.

The Big Seven Simon and Schuster

In the tradition of Richard Ford, Annie Proulx, and Kent Haruf comes a dazzling debut story collection by a young writer from the American West who has been published in The New Yorker, Granta,

and The Best American Short Stories. SHORTLISTED FOR THE DYLAN THOMAS PRIZE • 2017 PEN/HEMINGWAY AWARD HONORABLE MENTION A construction worker on the run from the shady local businessman whose dog he has stolen; a Custer's Last Stand reenactor engaged in a long-running affair with the Native American woman who slays him on the battlefield every year; a middle-aged high school janitor caught in a scary dispute over land and cattle with her former stepson: Callan Wink's characters are often confronted with predicaments few of us can imagine. But thanks to the humor and remarkable empathy of this supremely gifted writer, the nine stories gathered

in Dog Run Moon are universally transporting and resonant. Set mostly in Montana and Wyoming, near the borders of Yellowstone National Park, this revelatory collection combines unforgettable insight into the fierce beauty of the West with a powerful understanding of human beings. Tender, frequently hilarious, and always electrifying, Dog Run Moon announces the arrival of a bold new talent writing deep in the American grain. Praise for Dog Run Moon "[An] excellent first book of stories . . . One of the great things about Dog Run Moon is how resilient and funny [the characters] are. They're at the end of their ropes, but they can still howl about

the joy and pain each day brings, as if the young Levon Helm were singing their stories. . . . This is Thomas McGuane territory, and also that of writers like Joy Williams and Jim Harrison."—The New York Times "Wink is definitely not a writer of half measures; each of these stories demonstrates his ability to lay life bare. A significant collection highly deserving of the spotlight."—Library Journal (starred review) "Myth and history color these highly satisfying fictions about the way men and women struggle to shape their lives."—Kirkus Reviews (starred review) "The perils of work and the weight of bequeathal fuel these stories, and each one holds a

lasting, unshakable image. Sometimes grace is bestowed upon the characters in a sidwinding, not altogether fabulous fashion; sometimes it's not bestowed at all. Callan Wink seems to know well the stratagems and delusions of men's hearts. He also seems born and bred to short-story mastery."—Joy Williams, author of *The Visiting Privilege* "Callan Wink's debut is impressive indeed. Fine, old-fashioned, rich and juicy fiction. Weeks later I'm still living with the characters."—Jim Harrison, author of *Legends of the Fall* "Callan Wink's fresh, urgent stories have an energy and propulsion that set them well apart from the cerebral finger painting of so much

literary fiction. Here
is a writer with a
great big
horizon."—Thomas
McGuane, author of
Crow Fair "Callan
Wink's stories remind
me of expertly tied
trout
flies—beautifully
crafted, true to
reality, and barbed.
What a fine young
writer."—Ron Rash,
author of Above the
Waterfall "As in all
the best collections,
each and every story
in Dog Run Moon sings
in the essential
registers of love and
death, work and
nature. Callan Wink
has the wisdom to
write only of the
things that matter,
and the talent to make
these stories as fresh
as the literary
headwaters from which
they come."—Smith
Henderson, author of
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