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Dawn's sophomore book reveals a poignant and personal landscape—the terrain of sex work, queer identity, and survivor pride. This memoir told in prose and poetry offers a frank, multifaceted portrait of the author's experience, from hustling the streets of Vancouver in the mid-90s to her present life as an outspoken feminist storyteller.

How Poetry Saved My Life
This is true story about real people is set in Edinburgh City and Dundee, where a

petite Scottish Lassie called Rosie Gilmour, mother to Finlay Sinclair, receives news of the death of her son - who tragically has taken his own life by hanging. Rosie pretends her son is still alive by talking to him, for that takes away the unbearable pain of her loss. But once she begins to face up to the fact that Finlay is not coming back, her conversations become more of a challenge than she can handle. When memories of her past are triggered by everyday life events, they take her mind back and forth in time - back

to her own childhood days in 1960, when she flirted with the fairground boys, and to the day she gave birth to Finlay - "ME LADDIE". Rosie's Scottish accent becomes more apparent whenever her emotions are heightened and she begins to recite poetry. She goes on to reveal doubts about her own self-worth and how she re-unites her role as mother - a role she had denied herself for seven years prior to Finlay's death. Rosie learns how to forgive herself and how to accept her loss with using practical

copied strategies that sometimes but not always work for her. Many voices of different natures and walks of life appear in Rosie's, story with each one offering a part of their own belief to try and console her in her misery - except that she turns her back on any advice or support offered. Rosie is convinced that she can cope with her loss on her own and "needs no help from anyone, thank you" - until a sweet, gentle, soft-spoken voice begins to travel with her throughout her ordeal, leaving her no

other choice but to listen. Eventually moving to the countryside in Angus, Rosie finds the isolation gives her life a new meaning offering her the opportunity to re-value her beliefs about her own self values and decides the time has come to give her son a memorial service and invite a chosen few dance companions whom she met on a regular basis in Edinburgh to honour this day. Rosie begins to accept she will never be the same person she once had been and shall never be again, believing now her journey

through grief taught her many lessons making her a stronger and better person than she imagined she could ever be.

ALS Saved My Life...

Until It Didn't

Chronicle Books

Can someone really be saved by a poem? In Kim Rosen's book, the answer is a resounding "Yes!" Poetry, the most ancient form of prayer, is a necessary medicine for our times: a companion through difficulty; a guide when we are lost; a salve when we

are wounded; and a conduit to an inner source of joy, freedom, and insight. Whether you are a lover of poetry or have yet to discover its power, Rosen offers a new way to experience a poem. She encourages you to feel the poem as you might an affirmation or sacred text, which can align every level of your being. In an uncertain world, Saved by a Poem is an emphatic call to cultivate the ever-renewable resources of the heart. Through

poetry, the unspeakable can be spoken, the unendurable endured, and the miraculous shared. Weaving teaching, story, verse, and memoir, Rosen guides you to find a poem that speaks to you so you can take it into your life and become a voice for its wisdom in the world. Inspirational audio download included! Featuring the voices of well-known authors reading a favorite poem and discussing its personal significance: Joan Borysenko, Andrew

Harvey, Jane Hirshfield, Marie Howe, Grace Yi-Nan Howe, Robert Holden, Stanley Kunitz, Elizabeth Lesser, Thomas Moore, Christiane Northrup, Cheryl Richardson, Kim Rosen, and Geneen Roth.

**The Antiracist Rose
Garden Press**

What I hope to accomplish in this book is to give writing prompts that will help you to get past all the outside influences that keep you from believing in yourself and in your ability to write. In order to write,

you need to get rid of notions about language, poetic form, and esoteric subject matter ? all the things that the poetry police have told you are essential if you are to write. I wanted to start from a different place, a place controlled by instinct rather than by intelligence. Revision, the shaping and honing of the poem, should come later, and, in revising, care always needs to be taken to retain the vitality and electricity of the poem. Anyone can learn to craft

a capable poem, but it is the poems that retain that initial vitality that we remember; these are the poems that teach us how to be human.

Where the Words End and My Body Begins Knopf

A profound, funny and uplifting collection of reminiscences about a life in books, now available in a smaller, competitively priced format.

I Never Wanted to Say Goodbye
Voices from the Heart of Medicine,
Incorporated
How Poetry Saved My

Lifearsenal pulp press
the princess saves herself in this one Hachette UK

From Amanda Lovelace, a poetry collection in four parts: the princess, the damsel, the queen, and you. The first three sections piece together the life of the author while the final section serves as a note to the reader. This moving book explores love, loss, grief, healing, empowerment, and inspiration. the princess saves herself in this one is the first book in the "women are some kind of magic" series. My Art Is Killing Me and Other Poems arsenal pulp

press

The opening lines of *The Divine Comedy* by Dante Alighieri launched Rod Dreher on a journey that rescued him from exile and saved his life. Dreher found that the medieval poem offered him a surprisingly practical way of solving modern problems. Following the death of his little sister and the publication of his *New York Times* bestselling memoir *The Little Way of Ruthie Leming*, Dreher found himself living in the small community of Starhill, Louisiana where he grew up. But instead of the fellowship he

hoped to find, he discovered that fault lines within his family had deepened. Dreher spiraled into depression and a stress-related autoimmune disease. Doctors told Dreher that if he didn't find inner peace, he would destroy his health. Soon after, he came across *The Divine Comedy* in a bookstore and was enchanted by its first lines, which seemed to describe his own condition. In the months that followed, Dante helped Dreher understand the mistakes and mistaken beliefs that had torn him down and showed him that he had the power to change his life.

Dreher knows firsthand the solace and strength that can be found in Dante's great work, and distills its wisdom for those who are lost in the dark wood of depression, struggling with failure (or success), wrestling with a crisis of faith, alienated from their families or communities, or otherwise enduring the sense of exile that is the human condition. Inspiring, revelatory, and packed with penetrating spiritual, moral, and psychological insights, *How Dante Can Save Your Life* is a book for people, both religious and secular, who find

themselves searching for meaning and healing. Dante told his patron that he wrote his poem to bring readers from misery to happiness. It worked for Rod Dreher. Dante saved Rod Dreher ' s life—and in this book, Dreher shows you how Dante can save yours.

Books that Saved My Life

Andrews McMeel Publishing

A testament to the joy of living with pets and the sorrow of losing them. The book is a collection of poems, written as a tribute to the dogs Ms. Klein loved and lost. Gentle words to comfort those who mourn the loss of a beloved pet. It will

touch your heart and inspire you to embrace every magical moment you share with your furry friends. "A Treasured Keepsake" for anyone who never wanted to say goodbye. The book, published 2011, is a Revised Edition of the booklet, published 1995, nominated for a DOG WRITERS' ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA MAXWELL AWARD. Foreword by BETTY WHITE A portion of the proceeds is donated to MORRIS ANIMAL FOUNDATION for Canine Health Studies.

Losing Your Job and Finding

Yourself Arsenal Pulp PressLtd "Pritt's world is rich, vivid, intimate, and somewhat troubled." - Justin Taylor in Poetry "The flights and whims of Pritt's imagination hit hardest when he creates a form inside which they can ricochet. [...] In these moments, the poems [...] arrive at a place of vulnerability and sincerity." - Publishers Weekly "The only person more dangerous than a dark-hearted man is a dark-hearted man on a sunny day." - Melissa Broder in The Rumpus Early Echoes Createspace Independent Publishing Platform "Join Heller on her quest to help save the world, one poet at a time." — from the foreword by

Susan G. Wooldridge Write a Poem, Save Your Life helps writers of all ages and experience levels navigate their way through all aspects of life. With writing prompts, tools, encouragement, and moving student examples, Meredith Heller gently guides us in the art of using poetry to figure out who we are and what matters to us and to heal the deeper issues many of us face, such as depression, addiction, health and body image issues, low self-esteem, trauma, gender and sexual identity issues, and home and family problems. Along the way, we learn that writing poems helps us believe in ourselves, make positive life choices, and find direction, purpose, and meaning.

Poetry Will Save Your Life Arsenal Pulp Press Ltd
A wry, haunting search for connection in snippets of conversations, faded memories, and snapshots of LA and New York.

All the Bright Places Simon and Schuster

Organized in four sections – Inception, Longing, Chaos, and Epiphany – K.Y. Robinson's debut poetry collection explores what it is to want in spite of trauma, shame, injustice, and mental illness. It is one survivor's powerful

testimony, and a love letter "to those who lie awake burning."

Sub Rosa arsenal pulp press
In her novels, poetry, and prose, Amber Dawn has written eloquently on queer femme sexuality, individual and systemic trauma, and sex work justice, themes drawn from her own lived experience and revealed most notably in her award-winning memoir How Poetry Saved My Life. In this, her second poetry collection, Amber Dawn takes stock of the costs of coming out on the page in a heartrendingly honest and intimate

investigation of the toll that artmaking takes on artists. These long poems offer difficult truths within their intricate narratives that are alternately incendiary, tender, and rapturous. In a cultural era when intersectional and marginalized writers are topping bestseller lists, Amber Dawn invites her readers to take an unflinching look at we expect from writers, and from each other.

Why Poetry Vintage

The first person who breaks your heart will always teach you the importance of love. 1. People come and go and only a handful of them are willing to stay. So it is

best to give them your promises. 2. You have to go through pain every once in a while. That's how it works. Pain is inevitable. Pain is relative. Pain brings people closer together. So it is best to give the people you love your sorrow. They will make flowers out of them. Believe it. And 3. Somewhere down the line a revelation will hit you like a comet and when it does you will think of the first time you got your heart broken. And the second and maybe even the third. And you will finally realize the importance of it all. And you will thank them for the experiences. And you will finally bring down your walls and learn how to move on. How to forgive. How to properly heal.

And you will do all of these marvelous things but also, you will never forget the way they once made you feel. You will never forget the slow burn that brokenness brings. And you will remind yourself of it every now and then... and you will do so to remember the importance of letting go and etc. To remember why you should never search for love in the same place you lost it. Why you should never search for love in the same place where it left you broken. That's the importance of love. Of going through it-to have it and cherish it... but also, to not fall victim to the same people and tragedies that made you feel even more alone. To not fall victim to all things that

covered up the sun. Those lessons are valuable, therefore, it is best to learn as much as you can and love as much as you're willing to get hurt. Stay strong.

Poems on Nature, Love, and Healing
arsenal pulp press

A collection of poetry written over a 30 year period in classic poetry style. Poetry was a kind of release, and a way to express my feelings on matters in life. I sincerely hope something in this little book of poetry touches you.

The War that Saved My Life
Penguin

The author describes, through prose and poetry, her experiences as a prostitute in

Vancouver, which nearly destroyed her life, and how she found a new start as an author and poet.

Poetry of a Mountain Man
arsenal pulp press

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AND JUSTICE SMITH! The New York Times bestselling love story about two teens who find each other while standing on the edge. And don't miss Take Me with You When You Go, Jennifer Niven's highly anticipated new book with bestselling author David Levithan! Theodore Finch is fascinated by death. Every day he thinks of ways he might kill himself, but every day he also searches for—and manages to

find—something to keep him here, and alive, and awake. Violet Markey lives for the future, counting the days until graduation, when she can escape her small Indiana town and her aching grief in the wake of her sister's recent death. When Finch and Violet meet on the ledge of the bell tower at school—six stories above the ground—it's unclear who saves whom. Soon it's only with Violet that Finch can be himself. And it's only with Finch that Violet can forget to count away the days and start living them. But as Violet's world grows, Finch's begins to shrink. . . . “ A do-not-miss for fans of Eleanor & Park and The Fault in Our Stars, and

basically anyone who can breathe. ” —Justine Magazine
“ At the heart—a big one—of All the Bright Places lies a charming love story about this unlikely and endearing pair of broken teenagers. ” —The New York Times Book Review “ A heart-rending, stylish love story. ” —The Wall Street Journal “ A complex love story that will bring all the feels. ” —Seventeen Magazine “ Impressively layered, lived-in, and real. ” —Buzzfeed
Right Now More Than Ever Hay House, Inc
Now in paperback, the national bestselling riches-to-rags true story of an advertising executive who had it all, then

lost it all—and was finally redeemed by his new job, and his twenty-eight-year-old boss, at Starbucks. In his fifties, Michael Gates Gill had it all: a mansion in the suburbs, a wife and loving children, a six-figure salary, and an Ivy League education. But in a few short years, he lost his job, got divorced, and was diagnosed with a brain tumor. With no money or health insurance, he was forced to get a job at Starbucks. Having gone from power lunches to scrubbing toilets, from being served to serving, Michael was a true fish out of water. But fate brings an

unexpected teacher into his life who opens his eyes to what living well really looks like. The two seem to have nothing in common: She is a young African American, the daughter of a drug addict; he is used to being the boss but reports to her now. For the first time in his life he experiences being a member of a minority trying hard to survive in a challenging new job. He learns the value of hard work and humility, as well as what it truly means to respect another person. Behind the scenes at one of America ’ s most intriguing businesses, an inspiring friendship is born, a

family begins to heal, and, thanks to his unlikely mentor, Michael Gill at last experiences a sense of self-worth and happiness he has never known before. Watch a QuickTime trailer for this book.

Life is Sad and Beautiful
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An impassioned call for a return to reading poetry and an incisive argument for poetry 's accessibility to all readers, by critically acclaimed poet Matthew Zapruder In Why Poetry, award-winning poet Matthew Zapruder takes on what it is that poetry—and

poetry alone—can do. Zapruder argues that the way we have been taught to read poetry is the very thing that prevents us from enjoying it. In lively, lilting prose, he shows us how that misunderstanding interferes with our direct experience of poetry and creates the sense of confusion or inadequacy that many of us feel when faced with it. Zapruder explores what poems are, and how we can read them, so that we can, as Whitman wrote, “ possess the origin of all poems, ” without the aid of any teacher or expert. Most important, he asks how reading

poetry can help us to lead our lives with greater meaning and purpose. Anchored in poetic analysis and steered through Zapruder ' s personal experience of coming to the form, Why Poetry is engaging and conversational, even as it makes a passionate argument for the necessity of poetry in an age when information is constantly being mistaken for knowledge. While he provides a simple reading method for approaching poems and illuminates concepts like associative movement, metaphor, and negative capability, Zapruder explicitly

confronts the obstacles that
readers face when they
encounter poetry to show us
that poetry can be read, and
enjoyed, by anyone.