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## *Lost Boy Penguin*

The truth is subjective to what the lonely lets in. Emalyn Spicer has lived with it for a long time. She thinks it goes back further than her memories do. She knows it goes back further than the OCD. When she arrives at college, her OCD's and the lonely refuse to let her have her wish to be normal. When she meets Sebastian and starts to fall for him, she lets herself believe it's possible to outrun the things chasing her from the past. But how to you get away from the things inside of you? How do you run from yourself? Just as she gives up and succumbs to the lonely, the unthinkable happens. She finds herself once again trapped in the dark, once again held against her will. This time she meets the lonely head on. In the darkest corners of her mind, she discovers there is more to her world than she ever imagined. She discovers that the lonely was there for her, protecting her from herself and her secrets. How far would you go to find yourself?

**Life Beside Itself** Tara Brown Publishing

From a leading expert, a groundbreaking book on the science of play, and its essential role in fueling our happiness and intelligence throughout our lives We've all seen the happiness on the face of a child while playing in the school yard. Or the blissful abandon of a golden retriever racing across a lawn. This is the joy of play. By definition, play is purposeless, all-consuming, and fun. But as Dr. Stuart Brown illustrates, play is anything but trivial. It is a biological drive as integral to our health as sleep or nutrition. We are designed by nature to flourish through play. Dr. Brown has spent his career studying animal behavior and conducting more than six-thousand "play histories" of humans from all walks of life- from serial murderers to Nobel Prize winners. Backed by the latest research, Play

explains why play is essential to our social skills, adaptability, intelligence, creativity, ability to problem solve and more. Particularly in tough times, we need to play more than ever, as it's the very means by which we prepare for the unexpected, search out new solutions, and remain optimistic. A fascinating blend of cutting-edge neuroscience, biology, psychology, social science, and inspiring human stories of the transformative power of play, this book proves why play just might be the most important work we can ever do. Sunder Independently Published

They came after the Diseray. Some were terrors ripped from our collective imaginations, remnants of every mythology across the world. And some were like nothing anyone had ever dreamed up, even in their worst nightmares. Monsters. Long ago, the barriers between our world and the Otherworld were ripped open, and it's taken centuries to bring back civilization in the wake of the catastrophe. Now, the luckiest Cits live in enclosed communities, behind walls that keep them safe from the hideous monsters fighting to break through. Others are not so lucky. To Joyeaux Charmand, who has been a Hunter in her tight-knit mountain community since she was a child, every Cit without magic deserves her protection from dangerous Othersiders. Then she is called to Apex City, where the best Hunters are kept to protect the most important people. Joy soon realizes that the city's powerful leaders care more about luring Cits into a false sense of security than protecting them. More and more monsters are getting through the barriers, and the close calls are becoming too frequent to ignore. Yet the Cits have no sense of how much danger they're in- to them, Joy and her corp of fellow Hunters are just action stars they watch on TV. When an act of sabotage against Joy takes an unbearable toll, Joy uncovers a terrifying conspiracy in the city. There is something much worse than the usual monsters infiltrating Apex. And it may be too late to stop them

**The Psychosocial Implications of Disney Movies** Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

Buildings have fallen and blown away. Roads have crumbled. Nature has taken back the land. And in the ten years since the world ended, Emma has been alone. Her only saving grace, a pet wolf, named Leo, and the lessons on survival her father forced her to learn. Trust no one. Pull the trigger. Stay away from other survivors and the infected. Emma has obeyed his rules, staying alive in the shadows. But a knock at her cabin door changes everything. A girl willing to die to save her wounded brother changes Emma's heart. She finds friends and family, things she never thought she would have again. But the problem with having something to lose is fighting to keep it. And when Anna is taken, Emma knows she will do anything to get her back, including risk

her own life. One-click, take a deep breath, turn the page, and prepare to love, lose, and laugh in this epic journey of second chances. The Hunger Games and Divergent fans are singing praise for The Born Trilogy! Don't miss the chance millions of readers have taken to become part of our us. "FIVE SHINING STARS!!!!!!" \*\*\*\*\*"A MUST READ!" \*\*\*\*\*"THAT ENDING!" \*\*\*\*\*

**Purposeful Play** Chronicle Books

In this volume of 15 articles, contributors from a wide range of disciplines present their analyses of Disney movies and Disney music, which are mainstays of popular culture. The power of the Disney brand has heightened the need for academics to question whether Disney’s films and music function as a tool of the Western elite that shapes the views of those less empowered. Given its global reach, how the Walt Disney Company handles the role of race, gender, and sexuality in social structural inequality merits serious reflection according to a number of the articles in the volume. On the other hand, other authors argue that Disney productions can help individuals cope with difficult situations or embrace progressive thinking. The different approaches to the assessment of Disney films as cultural artifacts also vary according to the theoretical perspectives guiding the interpretation of both overt and latent symbolic meaning in the movies. The authors of the 15 articles encourage readers to engage with the material, showcasing a variety of views about the good, the bad, and the best way forward.

If at First Amsterdam University Press

Divergent, The Giver, and The Hunger Games fans will love this new twist on the future!

The Lonely Penguin

What would you do if your life was a lie and everyone knew but you? Jane has come a long way from the dark days of the horrific car accident that robbed her of many memories. Living the life of a shopgirl with a charming boyfriend a handsome, green-eyed doctor named Derek is so satisfying that she doesn't want to revisit her past. But the past insists on revisiting Jane. People keep thinking she's Samantha, a dead girl who looks exactly like her. Now, Jane is determined to discover her connection to the girl, leading her to question everything from her relationship with Derek to her own sanity. Should she believe Rory, the man who insists she actually is Samantha? Or should she depend on Derek, who offers her love and shelter but who may have other reasons for keeping her under wraps? Who is telling her the truth and what are the others hiding?"

The End of Days: The Light Sourcebooks, Inc.

Twenty years ago scientists made some remarkable discoveries with genetics and the ability to perfect the babies we gave birth to. Ten years ago the governments of the world made a hard choice, earth or people. Nine weeks ago the choices they made came full circle. Fourteen days ago the truth of their mutations leaked out into the borderlands and other areas. Yesterday the worst thing they ever made learned about what she was. Today she's coming for them and she knows about the strengths they gave her. Tomorrow she plans on destroying everything. She plans on starting with her own creator. Her own father. Mature readers recommended

*Singing and the Imagination of Devotion* Disney-Hyperion

THRONE OF GLASS and RED QUEEN fans will love this action-packed series about an assassin and her dragon!

**The End of Days** Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

Can you keep a secret? When a summer party turns into a crime scene, five girls are forced to keep the biggest secret of all. One of them is a murderer, and only the killer knows who. One corpse. Five suspects. And all six girls are from the wealthiest families in Crimson

Cove. Lindsey Lainey Sierra Sage Marguerite Rachel In order to prove their innocence, they must solve the crime. But everyone in Crimson Cove has secrets. The girls just need to figure out which ones are worth dying for. Before it's too late. Welcome to Crimson Cove. "Mix together the best aspects of PRETTY LITTLE LIARS

& GOSSIP GIRL then add in Gillian Flynn psychological twists and you get Crimson Cove"" Murder. Mystery. Mayhem. Crimson Cove has devilishly sharp twists and turns that will leave you dying-for more. "Lovers of We Were Liars, Riverdale, and Gossip Girl need to get lost in this thriller with Hitchcockian twists. The trilogy is set against the backdrop of Crimson Cove, a dysfunctional yet mesmerizing community filled with wealthy elite, shady pasts, and ulterior motives.

*Born* Wipf and Stock Publishers

A witty, insightful, and delightfully snarky blend of pop culture meets memoir meets real-life Devil Wears Prada as readers learn the stories behind twenty-five years at Vanity Fair from the magazine’s former deputy editor “Dilettante offers the best seat in the house into the workings of one of the great cultural institutions of our time.”—Buzz Bissinger, New York Times bestselling author of Friday Night Lights Dana Brown was a twenty-one-year-old college dropout playing in punk bands and partying his way through downtown New York’s early-nineties milieu when he first encountered Graydon Carter, the legendary editor of Vanity Fair. After the two had a handful of brief interactions (mostly with Brown in the role of cater waiter at Carter’s famous cultural salons he hosted at his home), Carter saw what he believed to be Brown’s untapped potential, and on a whim, hired him as his assistant. Brown instantly became a trusted confidante and witness to all of the biggest parties, blowups, and takedowns. From inside the famed Vanity Fair Oscar parties to the emerging world of the tech elite, Brown’s job offered him access to some of the most exclusive gatherings and powerful people in the world, and the chance to learn in real time what exactly a magazine editor does—all while trying to stay sober enough from the required party scene attendance to get the job done. Against all odds, he rose up the ranks to eventually become the magazine’s deputy editor, spending a quarter century curating tastes at one of the most storied cultural shops ever assembled. Dilettante reveals Brown’s most memorable moments from the halcyon days of the magazine business, explores his own journey as an unpedigreed outsider to established editor, and shares glimpses of some of the famous and infamous stories (and people) that tracked the magazine’s extraordinary run all keenly observed by Brown. He recounts tales from the trenches, including encounters with everyone from Anna Wintour, Lee Radziwill, and Condé Nast owner Si Newhouse, to Seth Rogen, Caitlyn Jenner, and acclaimed journalists Dominick Dunne and Christopher Hitchens. Written with equal parts affection, cultural exploration, and nostalgia, Dilettante is a defining story within that most magical time and place in the culture of media. It is also a highly readable memoir that skillfully delivers a universal coming-of-age story about growing up and finding your place in the world.

**Playing Big** Gotham Books

One day can change everything. One day the world is a delicate balance. The next day the balance is tipped. And there is no bringing it back. When everyone over a certain age dies, a group of young adults make a perilous journey across the US, in hopes of finding something beautiful or amazing. Something to cherish as their last memory. Because maybe they're dying too. And in the end, all we want is something to be grateful for. And maybe for someone to remember us when we're gone. From the author of The Born Trilogy, The Last City of Men, and The Blood Trail Chronicles comes a story of friendship and love, even as the world is ending. This is a standalone novel

*Born* CreateSpace

With The Modern Myths, brilliant science communicator Philip Ball spins a new yarn. From novels and comic books to B-movies, it is an epic exploration of literature, new media and technology, the nature of storytelling, and the making and meaning of our most important tales. Myths are usually seen as stories from the depths of time—fun and fantastical, but no longer believed by anyone. Yet, as Philip Ball shows, we are still writing them—and still living them—today. From Robinson Crusoe and Frankenstein to Batman, many stories written in the past few centuries are commonly, perhaps glibly, called “modern myths.” But Ball argues that we should take that idea seriously. Our stories of Dracula, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, and Sherlock Holmes are doing the kind of cultural work that the ancient myths once did. Through the medium of narratives that all of us know in their basic outline and which have no clear moral or resolution, these modern myths explore some of our deepest fears, dreams, and anxieties. We keep returning to these tales, reinventing them endlessly for new uses. But what are they

really about, and why do we need them? What myths are still taking shape today? And what makes a story become a modern myth? In *The Modern Myths*, Ball takes us on a wide-ranging tour of our collective imagination, asking what some of its most popular stories reveal about the nature of being human in the modern age.

**He Loves You Not** Lonely Duet

Babe Walker, center of the universe, is a painstakingly manicured white girl with an expensive smoothie habit, a proclivity for Louboutins, a mysterious mother she's never met, and approximately 50 bajillion Twitter followers. But her "problems" have landed her in shopping rehab-that's what happens when you spend \$246,893.50 in one afternoon at Barneys. Now she's decided to write her memoir, revealing the gut-wrenching hurdles she's had to overcome in order to be perfect in every way, every day. Hurdles such as: I hate my horse. Every job I've ever had is the worst job I've ever had. He's not a doctor, a lawyer, or a prince. I'll eat anything, as long as it's gluten-free, dairy-free, low-carb, low-fat, low-calorie, sugar-free, and organic. In an Adderall-induced flash of inspiration, Babe Walker has managed to create one of the most enjoyable, unforgettable memoirs in years.

**Vengeance** MDPI

If at First Sun, Sand, and Sexy Boys. These are the three things needed to make a stellar summer. Unless of course you live in Crimson Cove, where you also have to account for dead bodies and missing persons. When a summer party turns into a crime scene five unlikely girls band together to discover the truth behind what happened august 4th. A date no one is likely to forget for a long time. Along the way they discover love, strength, and friendships that last a lifetime. Where were you when the lights went out?

*All Four Stars* Skyscape

From international bestseller, Tara Brown, comes a deliciously dark duet that will get your heart racing and steal your breath. One click, if you dare! Being the boy who accidentally shot his sister was hard. Never being able to find the girl who actually pulled the trigger was worse. Convinced, through years of relentless therapy, that she was a figment of his trauma and imagination, Eli Adams gave up on her existence. Until one day a name, bearing remarkable resemblance to the people missing in his life, showed up out of nowhere. Suddenly he was thrust into a journey that forced him to offer up his soul as payment for the truth. What he discovered along the way, was that the girl who took his sister's life and his hand, all those years ago, had become the thing he needed to be whole. Saving her was one thing. Healing her was another. Convincing her to love him will be the toughest part of it all. This is not just a love story. It is so much more. Like all things in life, you have to get past the worst to get to the best. This is a dark romance.

**White Girl Problems** University of Chicago Press

The conclusion to *Imaginations*, *Duplicities* The last city of men has changed. Only those who remember yesterday can see it. There is tension in the air and violence in the corners you aren't supposed to notice. But Gwyn, a young girl in the orchard community, has a different problem. Her learned memories seem to be gone, even the ones that make her who she is. She wakes every morning, startled by the man next to her and the shack of a house they live in. Even the ordinariness of her clothing seems out of place. There is a thirst for adventure lingering in her throat and hunger for revenge she cannot place eating away at her stomach. And just when she thinks she has it all figured out, everything changes. A pair of green eyes find her on the train. A pair of green eyes she knows from somewhere. Don't miss the exciting conclusion to *Imaginations*

*Duplicities* Light

In *Life Beside Itself*, Lisa Stevenson takes us on a haunting ethnographic journey through two historical moments when life

for the Canadian Inuit has hung in the balance: the tuberculosis epidemic (1940s to the early 1960s) and the subsequent suicide epidemic (1980s to the present). Along the way, Stevenson troubles our commonsense understanding of what life is and what it means to care for the life of another. Through close attention to the images in which we think and dream and through which we understand the world, Stevenson describes a world in which life is beside itself: the name-soul of a teenager who dies in a crash lives again in his friend's newborn baby, a young girl shares a last smoke with a dead friend in a dream, and the possessed hands of a clock spin uncontrollably over its face. In these contexts, humanitarian policies make little sense because they attempt to save lives by merely keeping a body alive. For the Inuit, and perhaps for all of us, life is "somewhere else," and the task is to articulate forms of care for others that are adequate to that truth.

**The Modern Myths** Univ of California Press

Using early Anglican and Puritan sources, *Singing and the Imagination of Devotion* poses questions about the meaning and significance of singing during a seminal period in English culture. While early modern England witnessed many political, cultural and artistic upheavals, it also produced a substantive body of devotional music, ranging in complexity from simple psalm tunes to sophisticated art songs. Controversialists wrangled over the appropriate role of singing in worship at the same time that writers of 'affectionate divinity' gloried in the beauty of Christ and traced the workings of the inner landscape. Period accounts indicate that singing played a vital role in this devotional life, and was specifically cultivated as a means to impress the soul with Christian truths and lead believers to a state of 'heavenly-mindedness'. Singing became viewed as a spiritual balm, kindler of religious passion, and the ultimate embodiment of an innocent and wholesome sensuality. In examining a body of devotional literature which has been neglected by music historians, Brown discerns an aesthetic of singing and vocal expression which has ramifications today.

*Play* CreateSpace

Every town has its secrets. Secrets that hold it, and the people who live there, together. When Liv Daniels moves to Wolfville, Maine with her father, she discovers the small town has more than its fair share. But the quaint, coastal townsfolk aren't the only ones with secrets. Liv has one too. Hers is buried deep inside of her, where even she doesn't know it exists. But someone does, and he's not going to give up until he breaks it free from her. But how do you free someone from a secret they don't know they have? What do you do when the person you're supposed to destroy becomes the one thing you can't live without? Don't miss this suspenseful standalone YA romance!