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Half Lost Lak Publishing

Victor is skeptical when Walter Swizwit comes to the village of Rainwater. He's the latest in a string of inventors passing through, and no one wants to buy his cheap magic tricks. But Walter doesn't take rejection well, and puts a curse on the village. Only Victor is unaffected and he must leave Rainwater for the first time in his life if he's to find the cure. Victor's path takes him past other villages that Walter has damaged, and he picks up new

companions on the way: Elena, handy with bow and arrow; Mo-Lan, a science prodigy, and scaredy-cat Mingus. It's soon clear that they underestimated Walter's power. Only he has the cure for his magic and he's locked away in his castle a thousand leagues away. But he's not the only inventor out there...if Victor and his friends can get someone more powerful on their side, maybe they can win: find Walter, break the curse and return as heroes. After all, there's no place like home...

Half Wild Quercus Children's Books

Winner, Governor General's Literary Award Finalist, Lambda Literary Award and Ferro-Grumley Award for LGBT Fiction "Raziel Reid is a really extraordinary guy. He's got a great thing going."—Anne Rice School is just like a film set: there's The Crew, who make things happen, The Extras who fill the empty desks, and The Movie Stars, whom everyone wants tagged in their Facebook photos. But Jude doesn't fit in. He's not part of The Crew because he isn't about to do anything unless it's court-appointed; he's not an Extra because nothing about him is

anonymous; and he's not a Movie Star because even though everyone know his name like an A-lister, he isn't invited to the cool parties. As the director calls action, Jude is the flamer that lights the set on fire. Before everything turns to ashes from the resulting inferno, Jude drags his best friend Angela off the casting couch and into enough melodrama to incite the paparazzi, all while trying to fend off the haters and win the heart of his favourite co-star Luke Morris. It's a total train wreck! But train wrecks always make the front page. Raziell Reid is a graduate of the New York Film Academy. He currently lives in Vancouver.

A Diet of Worms Penguin

From the author of 'person' and 'the ice cream man and other stories.' a novel written in second person, chronicling a year in the life of a department store employee. You'll laugh, you'll cry. It's everything you want.

Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls Thumbs Down Press

Boys will be boys and girls will be girls? Not in this book. The follow-up to Ben Brooks's New York Times bestselling Stories for Boys Who Dare to Be Different, this book offers more extraordinary true stories of amazing people who broke the mold and changed the world for the better. The resulting message? Be yourself, and your dreams might come true. With the help of Quinton Winter's striking full-color illustrations, Brooks offers an accessible compilation of 76 famous and not-so-famous influencers from the past to the present day, every single one of them a rule-breaker and stereotype-smasher in his or her own way. Entries include Emma Gonzalez, Andy Warhol, Bjork, Hans Christian Andersen, Sally Ride, and so many more -- heroes from all walks of life and from all over the world.

The Car Thief Melville House

When Ty witnesses a stabbing, his own life is in danger from the criminals he's named, and he and his mum have to go into police protection. Ty has a new name, a new look and a cool new image - life as Joe is good, especially when he gets talent spotted as a potential athletics star, special training from an attractive local celebrity and a lot of female attention. But his mum can't cope with her new life, and the gangsters will stop at nothing to flush them from hiding. Joe's cracking under extreme pressure, and then he meets a girl with dark secrets of her own. This wonderfully gripping and intelligent novel depicts Ty/Joe's confused sense of identity in a moving and funny story that teenage boys and girls will identify with - a remarkable debut from a great new writing talent.

You Don't Have to Be Loud Penguin

Age is just a number... Lolito is an unconventional love story about a fifteen-year-old boy who finds solace in the arms of a middle-aged woman on the Internet. Fifteen-year-old Etgar Allison is spending spring break alone in an empty house, when he inadvertently learns that his girlfriend has cheated on him with another boy. Heartbroken and lonely, without parental supervision, he turns to alcohol. Unable to cope with his grief, he looks to the Internet for comfort and lands in an adult chatroom. There he meets Macy, a bored but attractive housewife; flirtatious IMs escalate into cybersex chats and soon Etgar is raiding his savings account for a romantic rendezvous in London. . . What could possibly go wrong? Ben

Brooks' s Lolito is an uncompromising look at the turbulent emotional life of teenage boys, a funny and poignant story that injects raw honesty—and even a little tenderness—into its portrait of a taboo relationship.

Shoplifting from American Apparel Agave

Fiction. "AN ISLAND OF FIFTY is a new literary bomb, resulting in the shrapnel of gold, ships, ocean, chandeliers, dreams, blood, and flame. Old and stale literature won't know what just hit. This is something new masking itself in the old and I'm so so so excited"—Shane Jones. "Ben Brooks is popping quarks with AN ISLAND OF FIFTY, spilling new flavors of literature on the swampy bookstacks of old. Call it new political, new ecological, new sociological, new poetic activism, or even new imaginary creationism. This book builds up to tear down and tears down to build up. Desire as melancholia, progress as slippage, and wanting for wanting's sake. The floodgates crumble. I relish the shape of this new wordspace, the play of noise and whisper, the unfamiliar voices, and the ache of nihilism paradoxically juxtaposed with the gleam of hopeful invention"—Christopher Higgs.

Small Robot Big Adventure Quercus Children's Books

Want to impress your buddies at school? Need to think of something fun to do at Thanksgiving or Christmas? Want to learn a bunch of random facts about history, science, and the paranormal?# If you answered yes to any or all of those questions then pick up Interesting Stories for Curious Kids: A Fascinating Collection of the Most

Interesting, Unbelievable, and Craziest Stories on Earth!

This book is the coolest collection of interesting facts about a whole bunch of several different topics. Here you will find the answers to some of the following:- How did a dog, a horse, and a cat become TV and movie stars?- What were the first video game consoles?- Why can't you break an egg in the palm of your hand?- How do parrots talk?- Did Alexander the Great love his horse more than anything else?And much, much more!You'll be glued to the pages of this book reading about interesting facts, scary stories, and how to do a few neat science experiments. Interesting Stories for Curious Kids brings learning to you in a new, fun way that is sure to keep you reading.Parents, this book is a perfect tool to keep your kids reading in the summer or winter breaks, when they've put the books aside and are more interested in other things. There's a bit of everything in here for tweens, so I guarantee that it'll keep their mind sharp even during the summer doldrums. Whether science, history, or just weird facts are your thing, you're sure to find something in here that will keep you interested and turning the pages. So open this book and your mind and see other things that you may not know existed.

Palo Alto Running Press Kids

He has a mouth in his gut. An obnoxious, toothy, foul-mouthed, pig of a mouth. Luckily, his girlfriend doesn't seem to mind. Marie, the one-legged stripper and cyber-prostitute love of his life is very accepting of it. And then a little too accepting. What would you

do if your girlfriend cheated on you with the voracious yapper under your belly button? If you live in Gutmouth's world—a bleak city where gruesome, spontaneous mutations are no big deal, klepto-roaches take anything not tied-down, drugs turn pain into pleasure, consumers are tortured for growing food, and your best friend is a misogynistic rat-man—you might do something crazy. And what if you got caught?

When Everything Feels like the Movies (Governor General's Literary Award winner, Children's Literature) Bloomsbury Publishing USA

Alex steals another car and doesn't know why. His father grinds out the night shift, looking forward to booze at the end. Alex fills his day juggling cheap thrills and depression, whilst needing the admiration of a particular girl in order to get by. Alex and his father face the realities of estrangement, incarceration, and even violence.

Interesting Stories for Curious Kids Running Press Kids
'AN INDISPENSABLE USER'S GUIDE TO ADOLESCENTS.. THE MOST REASSURING THING ABOUT THIS BOOK IS THAT IT'S SO GOOD' Daily Mail 'THE BOOK TO READ' The Times 'EVERY PARENT SHOULD READ THIS BOOK' Clover Stroud 'A MUST-READ FOR THOSE WITH TEENAGE KIDS' Candice Brathwaite ----- A GUIDE TO TEENAGERS FROM THIS CENTURY - FOR PARENTS FROM THE LAST CENTURY Written from a teenager's perspective, this is a unique field guide for parents about the secret lives of 21st century adolescents - from mental health to self-harm, from drugs to sexting - and how you can help them and yourself

through these turbulent years without losing their trust. Things They Don't Want You To Know is a look at modern life through the eyes of a teenager, by someone who recently graduated from that club. Along the way, Brooks takes readers on a tour of the websites that most parenting manuals would rather pretend don't exist. Yet this is the stuff your kids are all over, on a daily basis. There is porn, there are hallucinogens, there is cyberbullying and suicidal ideation. Brooks' point is that to remain completely unaware of their existence can mean that as a parent, you end up getting blindsided. And being blindsided means you won't know what to say and how to say it when things go wrong. You'll be surprised, shocked but you'll also be reassured. This book will help you to understand and support your kids. They won't thank you, but they might hate you less.
Lolito Little, Brown

In this bawdy, raucous, and unabashedly frank novel, youth is certainly not wasted on the young. Hailed as "one of the most hilarious and well-observed accounts of teenage debauchery you are ever likely to read" by the trendsetting British lifestyle magazine Dazed & Confused, Ben Brooks's *Grow Up* is a shocking, stylish, and very modern coming-of-age story. As Jasper J. Wolf careens through high school, his list of to-dos includes: get high with friends, seduce the hottest girl in school, and, last but not least, expose his stepfather as a murderer. But as growing up soon teaches him, what he wants and what he gets are often wildly different—and decidedly unexpected.

Things They Don't Want You to Know Penguin
NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW EDITOR'S CHOICE
Inaugural winner of the Grand Prix de la Littérature Américaine She calls herself Ash, but that's not her real

name. She is a farmer's faithful wife, but she has left her husband to don the uniform of a Union soldier in the Civil War. NEVERHOME tells the harrowing story of Ash Thompson during the battle for the South. Through bloodshed and hysteria and heartbreak, she becomes a hero, a folk legend, a madwoman and a traitor to the American cause. Laird Hunt's dazzling new novel throws a light on the adventurous women who chose to fight instead of stay behind. It is also a mystery story: why did Ash leave and her husband stay? Why can she not return? What will she have to go through to make it back home? In gorgeous prose, Hunt's rebellious young heroine fights her way through history, and back home to her husband, and finally into our hearts.

Gutmouth Penguin UK

For fans of WALL-E and Toy Story, comes a heart-warming, humorous adventure about a young robot trying to find its way home. Beautifully illustrated throughout, Boot is a special book you will want to treasure and share. When toy robot, Boot, wakes up at a scrapyard, it has no idea how it got there and why it isn't with its owner, Beth. It only has two and a half glitchy memories, but it knows it was loved, which means something important to humans. Boot soon realises its emotions make it different to other robots, who just function and don't think. Boot is scared but tries to be brave, which is hard when its screen keeps showing a wobbly, worried face. Luckily Boot meets Noke and Red - other 'advanced' robots who have learned to survive in secret. With its new friends by its side, Boot is determined to find Beth and the gang set

off on a dangerous adventure. Everything Boot thought it knew about the world is changing and things aren't as simple as it remembers . . . Boot is a story that will take you by surprise and make you think about the world around you.

The Impossible Boy Wren & Rook

A funny autobiographical tale about growing up in the digital age, from a groundbreaking author whose writing is “reminiscent of early Douglas Coupland, or early Bret Easton Ellis” (The Guardian) This autobiographical novella is described by the author as “a shoplifting book about vague relationships,” and “an ultimately life-affirming book about how the unidirectional nature of time renders everything beautiful and sad.” From VIP rooms in hip New York City clubs to central booking in Chinatown, from New York University’s Bobst Library to a bus in someone’s backyard in a Floridian college town, from Bret Easton Ellis to Lorrie Moore, and from Moby to Schumann, Shoplifting from American Apparel explores class, culture, and the arts in all their American forms through the funny, journalistic, and existentially-minded narrative of someone trying to both “not be a bad person” and “find some kind of happiness or something.” “Tao's writing . . . has the force of the real.” —Ben Lerner, author of The Topeka School

Dare to Be Different Dundurn

The magical, stunning conclusion to the internationally acclaimed Half Bad trilogy, the inspiration for the Netflix series The Bastard Son & The Devil Himself "An enthralling fantasy in the Harry Potter tradition."—Time magazine on Half Bad The Alliance is losing. Their most critical weapon,

seventeen-year-old witch Nathan Brynn, has killed fifty-two people, and yet he's no closer to ending the tyrannical, abusive rule of the Council of Witches in England. Nor is Nathan any closer to his personal goal: getting revenge on Annalise, the girl he once loved, before she committed an unthinkable crime. There is an amulet, protected by the extremely powerful witch Ledger, which could be the tool Nathan needs to save himself and the Alliance. But the amulet is not so easily acquired. And lately Nathan has started to suffer from visions: a vision of a golden moment when he dies, and of an endless line of Hunters, impossible to overcome. Gabriel, his closest companion, encourages Nathan to run away with him, to start a peaceful life together. But even Gabriel's love may not be enough to save Nathan from this war, or from the person he has become. Set in modern-day Europe, the final book in the Half Bad trilogy is more than a story about witches. It's a heart-poundingly visceral look at survival and exploitation, the nature of good and evil, and the risks we take for love. Now streaming on Netflix as *The Bastard Son & The Devil Himself*. Cover may vary.

101 Experiments in the Philosophy of Everyday Life
Simon and Schuster

The second thrilling book in Sally Green's Half Bad trilogy, the inspiration for the Netflix series *The Bastard Son & The Devil Himself* "An enthralling

fantasy in the Harry Potter tradition."—Time magazine on *Half Bad* Kept in a cage for two years by the Council of Fairborn Witches, Nathan was trained to kill his father, the most violent and feared of the Blood Witches. Now Nathan has escaped, and he dreams of a quiet life of freedom with Annalise, the girl he loves—but Annalise is a prisoner, wasting away in a deathlike sleep. Nathan's friend, Gabriel, is missing, likely dead, and although Nathan has found his unique magical Gift, he can't control it. The Council's Hunters are on his trail, so he is always on the run. Nathan's only hope of survival is to join with new allies and old enemies in an alliance to bring down the Council, and they want Nathan's help: they, too, want Nathan to be a killer. Maybe that is the only way out. Maybe that is just who he is now... Set in modern-day Europe, the second book in the Half Bad trilogy is more than a story about witches. It's a heart-poundingly visceral look at survival and exploitation, the nature of good and evil, and the risks we take for love. Now streaming on Netflix as *The Bastard Son & The Devil Himself*.

A Brave Bear Greenhaven Publishing

Based on the story of King David, traces his journey from an obscure shepherd to a hero and king before his fall.

Grow Up Wren & Rook

A shy kid's guide to thriving in their own (quiet) way. Do you sometimes feel afraid of talking in front of people, making a mistake or saying the wrong thing? While everywhere else you

look there are loud, confident people? You're not alone. Ben Brooks also grew up as a shy child (so much so that he'd rather have cut his own hair or spend a week at a Silent Retreat than have to speak to other people). But he soon realised that being quiet doesn't make you strange or wrong or boring. In fact, being shy can give you great skills such as listening, kindness and compassion. It's something to embrace and be proud of. In this book, Ben introduces readers to some of the most famous, talented and brilliant shy people - including Charles Darwin, David Bowie, Greta Thunberg, Rosa Parks, Beyonce and Emma Watson - who used their special quietness to achieve awesome things, and he shares his tips for growing up shy in a world that can sometimes feel, well, LOUD. Because you don't have to be loud to be liked, and you definitely don't have to be loud to make an impact.

The Secret Chord Penguin

What do you think of when you hear the word 'hero'? Is it the wall-climbing, cape-wearing, villain-fighter you see in comics and films? Heroes can actually come in all forms, shapes and sizes. Some cook for the hungry. Some nurse the poorly back to health. Others raise money for important causes. From small acts of kindness to inventions that have saved the lives of hundreds of people, every person in this book has found their passion - or their superpower. No matter how big or small it might be, your power can be used to change the world for the better too. So put away the cape, climb down from that wall and discover how ordinary people can still do extraordinary things and become heroes. Written by Ben Brooks, the bestselling author of the Dare to Be Different books, and paired with vibrant comic-style illustrations throughout, this is the perfect guide for the budding superhero in your life!