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Readicide Little, Brown  
Right after high school, Joe Goffman left

sleepy Bush Falls, Connecticut and never looked back. Then he wrote a novel savaging everything in town, a novel that became a national bestseller and a

huge hit movie. Fifteen years later, Joe is struggling to avoid the sophomore slump with his next novel when he gets a call: his father's had a stroke, so it's back to Bush

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Falls for the town's most famous pariah. His brother avoids him, his former classmates beat him up, and the members of the book club just hurl their copies of *Bush Falls* at his house. But with the help of some old friends, Joe discovers that coming home isn't all bad—and that maybe the best things in life are second chances. Fans of Nick Hornby and Jennifer Weiner will love this book, by turns howling funny,

fiercely intelligent, and achingly poignant. As evidenced by *The Book of Joe's* success in both the foreign and movie markets, Jonathan Tropper has created a compelling, incredibly resonant story. **Encyclopedia of an Ordinary Life**  
Penguin  
"As a little boy, I had a dream that my father had taken me to the woods where there was a dead body. He buried it and told me I must never tell. It was the only thing we'd ever done together as father and son, and I promised not to tell.

But unlike most dreams, the memory of this one never left me. And sometimes...I wasn't altogether sure about one thing: was it just a dream?"  
When Augusten Burroughs was small, his father was a shadowy presence in his life: a form on the stairs, a cough from the basement, a silent figure smoking a cigarette in the dark. As Augusten grew older, something sinister within his father began to unfurl. Something dark and secretive that could not be named. Betrayal after shocking betrayal ensued, and Augusten's childhood was over. The kind of father he wanted didn't exist for him. This father was distant, aloof, uninterested... And

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then the "games" began. With *A Wolf at the Table*, Augusten Burroughs makes a quantum leap into untapped emotional terrain: the radical pendulum swing between love and hate, the unspeakably terrifying relationship between father and son. Told with scorching honesty and penetrating insight, it is a story for anyone who has ever longed for unconditional love from a parent. Though harrowing and brutal, *A Wolf at the Table* will ultimately leave you buoyed with the profound joy of simply being alive. It's a memoir of stunning psychological cruelty and the redemptive power of hope.

**Dry**

Kensington

Publishing Corp.  
The mesmerizing New York Times bestseller by the author of *Night Film*  
Marisha Pessl's dazzling debut sparked raves from critics and heralded the arrival of a vibrant new voice in American fiction. At the center of *Special Topics in Calamity Physics* is clever, deadpan Blue van Meer, who has a head

full of literary, philosophical, scientific, and cinematic knowledge. But she could use some friends. Upon entering the elite St. Gallway School, she finds some—a clique of eccentrics known as the Bluebloods. One drowning and one hanging later, Blue finds herself puzzling out a byzantine murder mystery. Nabokov meets Donna Tartt (then invites

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the rest of the Western Canon to the party) in this novel—with visual aids drawn by the author—that has won over readers of all ages. The Double Tongue Macmillan She set men's hearts on fire and scandalized a country. An ambitious, stunning, and seductive young woman, Mary Anne finds the single most rewarding way to rise above her station: she will become the mistress to a

royal duke. In doing so, she provokes a scandal that rocks Regency England. A vivid portrait of sex, ambition, and corruption, Mary Anne is set during the Napoleonic Wars and based on Daphne du Maurier's own great-great-grandmother. "This novel catches fire."-New York Times Promise Land Grand Central Publishing Get ready for the read of your life. Never before has a single book combined awesome vans, unicorns, Billy

Joel, and erotic fiction in such a potent combination. A writing tour de force? Perhaps. A reading experience that will sear itself into your consciousness like a red-hot branding iron? Without question. Comedian and basic cable superstar Michael Ian Black unleashes the full fury of his astonishing intellect in this collection of short comic essays. My Custom Van is a no-holds-barred assault to the funny bone that will literally beat you into submission with hilarity\*. How did he do it? How did he create such a fine anthology? Answer: With love. Michael opened his heart and

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used the magical power of love to write more than fifty thought-provoking essays like, "Why I Used a Day-Glo Magic Marker to Color My Dick Yellow," and "An Open Letter to the Hair Stylist Who Somehow Convinced Me to Get a Perm When I Was in Sixth Grade." Maybe you think love is not a substitute for "good writing skills" and "spell check." Bull pucky! When it comes to writing books, love is the most powerful word processor of all. Sounds pretty great, right? And yet...something is still holding you back from paying the full

purchase price of this book. What is it? Perhaps you secretly believe you do not deserve a book this good. Nonsense -- you deserve this book and so much more. In fact, if Michael could have written you all the stars in the sky, that's what he would have done. But he couldn't do that, due to his lack of knowledge in the area of astronomy. So he wrote this book instead. And this flap copy. Enjoy. \* Michael Ian Black is not responsible for any actual injuries caused by reading this book. This Is How Penguin "I could make up a story to cover the

last eight years, but the scars on my arms told the truth. So did the ones on my ankles, the skin between my toes, even the veins that had burst on my breasts. Did my battle wounds really prove I was a survivor? Or was I too damaged to be glued back together?" Nicole had only one skyline to remind her of the freedom she'd lost—a tattoo of inked buildings, crisscrossed by scars. Heroin had owned her, replaced everyone and everything she'd once loved. The past was supposed to be behind her...but it wasn't. Two men love her; one fills a void, and the other

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gives her hope of a future. Will love find a way to help her sing a lullaby to addiction, or will her scars be her final good-bye?

A Year of  
Marvellous Ways  
Marni Mann

This is a true story of a horrific paedophile ring that led to the murder of a young girl and a survivor to tell the story. I had to let the world know the truth, as it ate away inside me like venom from a poisonous snake.

My family and friends knew a completely different person, as I was really a great actress on and off stage and still can be today. It is about a young, innocent child with a

life of such horrendous abuse. This book is certainly not for the weak, or the faint of heart, and it is all true, not elaborated in any way. It's sad and cruel, but there is some humour amongst the story. I do hope you enjoy or, better still, identify with this book.

Running with Scissors Penguin  
The hilarious first novel by the #1 bestselling author of Running with Scissors, Dry, A Wolf at the Table, and You Better Not Cry, Sellelevision is Augusten Burrough's darkly funny and vastly

entertaining skewering of a very troubled home-shopping channel. Welcome to the world of Sellelevision, America's premier retail broadcasting network. When Max Andrews, the much loved and handsome (that is, lonely and gay) host of a "Toys for Tots" segment, accidentally exposes himself in front of millions of kids, Sellelevision faces its first big scandal. As Max struggles to find a new job in television, the popular and perky host Peggy Jean Smythe is receiving

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sinister emails from a stalker. Popping pills and drinking heavily, she fails to notice that her husband is spending a lot of time with the young babysitter who lives next door. Then there's Leigh, whose affair with married Sellelevision boss Howard Toast is going nowhere until she announces their relationship on air. A blistering satire of our overcharged, scandal-obsessed world, Sellelevision is "an absolute howl . . . wicked fun" (New York Daily News). Look Me in the Eye Penguin When Michael Collins decides to become a surgeon, he is totally unprepared for the chaotic life of a resident at a major hospital. A natural overachiever, Collins' success, in college and medical school led to a surgical residency at one of the most respected medical centers in the world, the famed Mayo Clinic. But compared to his fellow residents Collins feels inadequate and unprepared. All too soon, the euphoria of beginning his career as an orthopedic resident gives way to the feeling he is a counterfeit, an imposter who has infiltrated a society of brilliant surgeons. This story of Collins' four-year surgical residency traces his rise from an eager but clueless first-year resident to accomplished Chief Resident in his final year. With unparalleled humor, he recounts the disparity between people's perceptions of a doctor's glamorous life and the real thing: a succession of run down cars that are towed to the junk yard, long weekends moonlighting at rural hospitals, a

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family that grows larger every year, and a laughable income. Collins' good nature helps him over some of the rough spots but cannot spare him the harsh reality of a doctor's life. Every day he is confronted with decisions that will change people's lives-or end them-forever. A young boy's leg is mangled by a tractor: risk the boy's life to save his leg, or amputate immediately? A woman diagnosed with bone cancer injures her hip: go through a painful hip operation even though she has only months to live? Like

a jolt to the system, he is faced with the reality of suffering and death as he struggles to reconcile his idealism and aspiration to heal with the recognition of his own limitations and imperfections. Unflinching and deeply engaging, *Hot Lights, Cold Steel* is a humane and passionate reminder that doctors are people too. This is a gripping memoir, at times devastating, others triumphant, but always compulsively readable. *Unwasted: Picador* If you're fat and fail

every diet, if you're thin but can't get thin enough, if you lose your job, if your child dies, if you are diagnosed with cancer, if you always end up with exactly the wrong kind of person, if you always end up alone, if you can't get over the past, if your parents are insane and ruining your life, if you really and truly wish you were dead, if you feel like it's your destiny to be a star, if you believe life has a grudge against you, if you don't want to have sex with your spouse and don't know why, if you feel so ashamed, if you're lost in life. If you have ever wondered, How am I supposed to survive

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this? This is How. Writing Unleashed Simon and Schuster "Welcome to Writing Unleashed, designed for use as a textbook in first-year college composition programs, written as an extremely brief guide for students, jam-packed with teachers' voices, students' voices, and engineered for fun."--Foreword.

Let's Pretend This Never Happened  
Macmillan

This sweet celebration of the magic and wonder of books will delight readers of all ages through Andr é Letria's whimsical illustrations of a book as a kite, a tent, a ship, and more are paired

with Jos é Jorge Letria's thoughtful musings on the joys of reading. In the hands of this internationally acclaimed father-and-son duo, a book becomes a mountaintop with a spectacular vista ("If I were a book, I'd be full of new horizons"), and an endless staircase of imagination ("If I were a book, I would not want to know at the beginning how my story ends"). Seamlessly weaving together art and prose, this petite tribute to a reader's best friend makes a timeless addition to every bookshelf.

Magical Thinking - Easelback Aster  
An advertising executive remembers his childhood with his eccentric foster family and his early adulthood experiences of trying to establish an independent life for himself.

Scars from a Memoir

Macmillan

When we were little and I needed Warren, I would rub my earlobe. And perhaps it was the alchemy of childhood, a magic that happened because I believed it could, but I swear it worked. He always came. Theirs wasn't always the misfit family in the

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neighborhood. Jenna Parsons's childhood was one of block parties and barbecues, where her mother, a former beauty queen, continued her reign and her twin brother, Warren, was viewed as just another oddball kid. But as her mother's shopaholic habits intensified, and her brother's behavior became viewed as more strange than quirky, Jenna sought to distance herself from them. She is devoted to her career and her four-year-old daughter, Rose. But now, in his peculiar

way, Warren summons her back to 62 Royal Court. What she finds there--a house in disrepair, a neighborhood on tenterhooks over a rash of petty thefts, and evidence of past traumas her mother has kept hidden--will challenge Jenna as never before. But as she stands by her family, she also begins to find beauty in unexpected places, strength in unlikely people, and a future she couldn't have imagined. Sellelevision Bantam From the number-one bestselling author of Running

with Scissors and Dry comes TAKE FIVE, a mini collection of true stories that give voice to the thoughts that we all have but dare not mention—stories that shine a flashlight into both dark and hilarious places. TAKE FIVE includes the following four favorite previously-published essays plus one brand-new, never-been-published essay by Augusten Burroughs: --MINT THRESHOLD --UNCLEAR SAILING --COMMERICAL BREAK --DEBBIE'S REQUIREMENTS --SWAN SONG (new!) Special Topics in Calamity Physics

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Taylor & Francis  
Explores the most  
personal, mirthful,  
disturbing and  
cherished times of  
our lives in essay  
form.

Split Thorndike Press  
Large Print

The instant New York  
Times bestseller Lust:

1. intense sexual desire  
or appetite 2.a

passionate or  
overmastering desire

or craving 3.ardent  
enthusiasm; zest;

relish. Wonder: 1.  
something strange and

surprising; a cause of  
surprise,

astonishment,or  
admiration 2. the

emotion excited by  
what is strange and

surprising; a feeling of  
surprised or puzzled

interest, sometimes  
tinged with

admiration 3. a  
miraculous deed or

event; remarkable  
phenomenon From  
the beloved #1 New  
York Times bestselling  
author comes an  
intimate look at the  
driving forces in one  
man ' s life. With

Augusten's unique and  
singular observations  
and his own

unabashed way of  
detailing both the

horrific and the  
humorous, Lust and

Wonder is a hilariously  
frank memoir that his

legions of fans have  
been waiting for. His

story began in *Running  
with Scissors*, endured

through *Dry*, and  
continues with this

memoir, the capstone  
to the life of Augusten

Burroughs. Funny,  
sweet, alarming, and

ultimately, moving and  
tender, *Lust & Wonder*

is an experience of a  
book that will resonate

with anyone who has  
loved and lost and

loved again.

*A Wolf at the  
Table St. Martin's  
Griffin*

A memoir in bite-  
size chunks from  
the author of the  
viral *Modern Love*

column " You  
May Want to  
Marry My  
Husband. "

" [Rosenthal]  
shines her

generous light of  
humanity on the

seemingly  
humdrum

moments of life  
and shows how

delightfully

precious they  
actually are. "

—The Chicago

*Sun-Times* How  
do you conjure a

life? Give the truest

account of what

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you saw, felt, learned, loved, strived for? For Amy Krouse Rosenthal, the surprising answer came in the form of an encyclopedia. In *Encyclopedia of an Ordinary Life* she has ingeniously adapted this centuries-old format for conveying knowledge into a poignant, wise, often funny, fully realized memoir. Using mostly short entries organized from A to Z, many of which are cross-referenced, Rosenthal captures in wonderful and episodic detail the moments,

observations, and emotions that comprise a contemporary life. Start anywhere—preferably at the beginning—and see how one young woman's alphabetized existence can open up and define the world in new and unexpected ways. An ordinary life, perhaps, but an extraordinary book. *Lust & Wonder* Crown  
An Instant New York Times Bestseller From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Furiously Happy* and *Let's Pretend This Never*

Happened comes a deeply relatable book filled with humor and honesty about depression and anxiety. As Jenny Lawson's hundreds of fans know, she suffers from depression. In *Broken*, Jenny brings readers along on her mental and physical health journey, offering heartbreaking and hilarious anecdotes along the way. With people experiencing anxiety and depression now more than ever, Jenny humanizes what we all face in an all-too-real way, reassuring us that

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we're not alone and making us laugh while doing it. From the business ideas that she wants to pitch to Shark Tank to the reason why Jenny can never go back to the post office, *Broken* leaves nothing to the imagination in the most satisfying way. And of course, Jenny's long-suffering husband Victor—the Ricky to Jenny's Lucille Ball—is present throughout. A treat for Jenny Lawson's already existing fans, and destined to convert new ones, *Broken* is a beacon of hope and a wellspring of

laughter when we all need it most. Includes Photographs and Illustrations Out East Penguin The #1 New York Times bestselling (mostly true) memoir from the hilarious author of *Furiously Happy*. "Gaspingly funny and wonderfully inappropriate." —O, The Oprah Magazine When Jenny Lawson was little, all she ever wanted was to fit in. That dream was cut short by her fantastically unbalanced father and a morbidly eccentric childhood. It did, however, open up an opportunity for Lawson to find the humor in the strange shame-spiral that is her life, and we are all the better for it. In the

irreverent Let's Pretend This Never Happened, Lawson's long-suffering husband and sweet daughter help her uncover the surprising discovery that the most terribly human moments—the ones we want to pretend never happened—are the very same moments that make us the people we are today. For every intellectual misfit who thought they were the only ones to think the things that Lawson dares to say out loud, this is a poignant and hysterical look at the dark, disturbing, yet wonderful moments of our lives. Readers Guide Inside