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# Mean Little Deaf Queer Terry Galloway

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Golem Girl Oxford University  
Press  
In 1959, the year Terry Galloway  
turned nine, the voices of



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everyone she loved began to disappear. No one yet knew that an experimental antibiotic given to her mother had wreaked havoc on her fetal nervous system, eventually causing her to go deaf. As a self-proclaimed "child freak," she acted out her fury with her boxy hearing aids and Coke-bottle glasses by faking her own drowning at a camp for crippled children. Ever since that first real-life performance, Galloway has used theater, whether onstage or off, to defy and transcend her reality. With disarming candor, she writes about her mental breakdowns, her queer identity,

and living in a silent, quirky world populated by unforgettable characters. What could have been a bitter litany of complaint is instead an unexpectedly hilarious and affecting take on life. *God Spare the Girls* University of Michigan Press  
From the author of the Booker Prize winning *Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha*, a bold, haunting novel about the uncertainty of memory and how we contend with the past. "It's his bravest novel yet; it's also, by far, his best." -- npr.org "The closest thing he's written

to a psychological thriller." — The New York Times Book Review Just moved into a new apartment, alone for the first time in years, Victor Forde goes every evening to Donnelly's for a pint, a slow one. One evening his drink is interrupted. A man in shorts and a pink shirt comes over and sits down. He seems to know Victor's name and to remember him from secondary school. His name is Fitzpatrick. Victor dislikes him on sight, dislikes, too, the memories that Fitzpatrick stirs up of five years being taught by the Christian Brothers. He

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prompts other memories—of have been challenged to Rachel, his beautiful wife reevaluate everything you who became a celebrity, and think you remember so of Victor ' s own small claim clearly.

to fame, as the man who *Emergent Strategy* would say the unsayable on Everyman's Library the radio. But it ' s the Names do hurt, and the hurt memories of school, and of they cause can last for one particular brother, that many years. Forgiveness Victor cannot control and has the power to liberate the which eventually threaten to pain, but it takes courage to destroy his sanity. Smile face the truth. A must read has all the features for book for anyone who has which Roddy Doyle has faced size discrimination. become famous: the razor- **We Tell Ourselves Stories in Order to Live** Vintage sharp dialogue, the humor, SPECIAL PRINTED ISSUE OF YGDRASIL, A MONTHLY POETRY MAGAZINE the superb evocation of APPEARING ON THE adolescence, but this is a novel unlike any he has written before. When you finish the last page you will

INTENET SINCE 1993.[http://www.synapse.net/kgerken/\*Waist-High In The World\*](http://www.synapse.net/kgerken/Waist-High%20In%20The%20World) Harmony The first-ever collection of poetry by trans and genderqueer writers [A Disability History of the United States](#) Beacon Press New York Times Bestseller • Finalist for the Pulitzer Prize • An Oprah's Book Club Selection "Powerful . . . [Kingsolver]"

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has with infinitely writers. Taking its his family and steady hands worked place alongside the mission to the the prickly threads classic works of Belgian Congo in of religion, postcolonial 1959. They carry politics, race, sin literature, it is a with them and redemption into suspenseful epic of everything they a thing of terrible one family's tragic believe they will beauty." –Los undoing and need from home, but Angeles Times Book remarkable soon find that all Review The reconstruction over of it—from garden Poisonwood Bible, the course of three seeds to now celebrating its decades in Africa. Scripture—is 25th anniversary, The story is told calamitously established Barbara by the wife and transformed on Kingsolver as one four daughters of African soil. The of the most Nathan Price, a novel is set thoughtful and fierce, evangelical against one of the daring of modern Baptist who takes most dramatic

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political chronicles backdrop, Orleanna of the twentieth century: the Congo's fight for independence from Belgium, the murder of its first elected prime minister, the CIA coup to install his replacement, and the insidious progress of a world economic order that robs the fledgling African nation of its autonomy. Against this

Price reconstructs the story of her evangelist husband's part in the Western assault on Africa, a tale indelibly darkened by her own losses and unanswerable questions about her own culpability. Also narrating the story, by turns, are her four daughters—the teenaged Rachel; adolescent twins

Leah and Adah; and Ruth May, a prescient five-year-old. These sharply observant girls, who arrive in the Congo with racial preconceptions forged in 1950s Georgia, will be marked in surprisingly different ways by their father's intractable mission, and by Africa itself. Ultimately each

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must strike her own separate path to salvation. Their passionately intertwined stories become a compelling exploration of moral risk and personal responsibility.

**Martians, Go Home**

Penguin

"Read it for twists on twists, meditations on faith, and a deeply thoughtful treatment of an evangelical community." – Glamour, Beach Reads That Are

Like Summer in a Book "A thoughtful and candid meditation on faith, family, and forgiveness . . . fabulous." –Claire Lombardo, New York Times bestselling author of The Most Fun We Ever Had Recommended by Good Housekeeping, Elle, Parade, Real Simple, Glamour, Refinery29, Bustle, Oprah Daily, The Millions, Shondaland, Yahoo!, Literary Hub, and more! A mesmerizing debut novel set in northern Texas about two sisters who discover an

unsettling secret about their father, the head pastor of an evangelical megachurch, that upends their lives and community—a story of family, identity, and the delicate line between faith and deception. Luke Nolan has led the Hope congregation for more than a decade, while his wife and daughters have patiently upheld what it means to live righteously. Made famous by a viral sermon on purity co-written with his eldest daughter, Abigail, Luke

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is the prototype of a modern preacher: tall, handsome, a spellbinding speaker. But his younger daughter Caroline has begun to notice the cracks in their comfortable life. She is certain that her perfect, pristine sister is about to marry the wrong man—and Caroline has slid into sin with a boy she's known her entire life, wondering why God would care so much about her virginity anyway. When it comes to light, five weeks before Abigail's wedding, that Luke has been lying to his family, the entire Nolan clan falls into a tailspin. Caroline seizes the opportunity to be alone with her sister. The two girls flee to the ranch they inherited from their maternal grandmother, far removed from the embarrassing drama of their parents and the prying eyes of the community. But with the date of Abigail's wedding fast approaching, the five sisters will have to make a hard decision about which familial bonds are worth protecting. An intimate coming-of-age story and a modern woman's read, *God Spare the Girls* lays bare the rabid love of sisterhood and asks what we owe our communities, our families, and ourselves. "A deeply felt book about love — love for family and community, for people who sustain you and people who disappoint you. And love for God, too, which Kelsey McKinney writes about with humane and

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incisive frankness."—Linda Holmes, New York Times bestselling author of *Evvie Drake Starts Over* "The accomplishment of this canny novel is in positing coming of age itself as a loss of faith—not only in the church, but in our parents, our family, and the world as we thought we understood it." — Rumaan Alam, New York Times bestselling author of *Leave the World Behind* and *Rich and Pretty*  
Troubling the Line  
Delta

Based on a series of teachers who participated in the successful summer writing institutes, summer institutes, and established this book presents practical ways for writers such as Ron and established teachers to reinvigorate their classrooms and Scott Sanders--the book demonstrates the their own attitudes toward creative enormous variety and high quality of writing. In four complementary writing that result sections focusing on four groups of when people use writers--creative writing to discover what they want to writers in say. After an residence, K-12 introduction by students and Robert Fox ("The

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Experience of Writing: A Summer Institute"), the first section presents essays by Ohio writers in the schools; "Doing Our Own Possibility: Journal of a Residency at Columbiana County Head Start Centers" (Debra Conner); "Playwriting: A Teaching Approach Using the Stories of Our Lives" (Michael McGee

London); "Just across the Street: The Story of a Teacher-Based Residency" (Lynn Powell); "Translytics: Creative Writing Derived from Foreign Language Texts" (Nick Muska); "How to Do a Poetry Night Hike" (Terry Hermsen); and "Reading to a Sky of Soba" (David Hassler). The

second part presents poems, stories, and plays from 13 Ohio schools. The third part presents essays from participants in the experience of writing: "When Spirit Moves, Children Sing" (MaryAnn Titus); "Sudden Revelation: Fiction Writing in the Classroom" (Carl H. Krauskopf III); "A Year of Writing Workshop"

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(Mary L. Noble); Russell Sanders); society afraid of  
 "Word Works: and "Reveling in strange bodies "Golem  
 Building a the World: An Girl is luminous; a  
 Community of Interview with profound portrait of  
 Writers" (Janice M. Christopher Merrill the artist as a  
 Gallagher); on the Power of young—and  
 and "Green Digits Language and mature—woman; an  
 and Colons: Find Teaching" (Terry unflinching social  
 Time to Write" Hermsen). (RS) history of disability  
 (Barry Peters). The The Poisonwood Bible over the last six  
 last section Farrar, Straus and decades; and a hymn  
 presents essays Giroux to life, love,  
 from experiences of The vividly told, family, and  
 writing faculty: gloriously spirit."—David  
 "Turning the Desk" illustrated memoir of Mitchell, author of  
 (Ron Carlson); "The an artist born with Cloud Atlas WINNER OF  
 Singular First disabilities who THE BARBELLION PRIZE  
 Person" (Scott searches for freedom • FINALIST FOR THE  
 and connection in a NATIONAL BOOK CRITICS

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CIRCLE AWARD FOR  
AUTOBIOGRAPHY • NAMED  
ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS  
OF THE YEAR BY KIRKUS  
REVIEWS What do we  
sacrifice in the  
pursuit of normalcy?  
And what becomes  
possible when we  
embrace monstrosity?  
Can we envision a  
world that sees  
impossible creatures?  
In 1958, amongst the  
children born with  
spina bifida is Riva  
Lehrer. At the time,  
most such children  
are not expected to

survive. Her parents  
and doctors are  
determined to "fix"  
her, sending the  
message over and over  
again that she is  
broken. That she will  
never have a job, a  
romantic  
relationship, or an  
independent life.  
Enduring countless  
medical  
interventions, Riva  
tries her best to be  
a good girl and a  
good patient in the  
quest to be cured.  
Everything changes

when, as an adult,  
Riva is invited to  
join a group of  
artists, writers, and  
performers who are  
building Disability  
Culture. Their work  
is daring, edgy,  
funny, and dark—it  
rejects tropes that  
define disabled  
people as pathetic,  
frightening, or  
worthless. They  
insist that  
disability is an  
opportunity for  
creativity and  
resistance.

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Emboldened, Riva asks if she can paint their portraits—inventing an intimate and collaborative process that will transform the way she sees herself, others, and the world. Each portrait story begins to transform the myths she’s been told her whole life about her body, her sexuality, and other measures of normal. Written with the vivid, cinematic prose of a visual artist, and the love and playfulness that defines all of Riva's work, *Golem Girl* is an extraordinary story of tenacity and creativity. With the author's magnificent portraits featured throughout, this memoir invites us to stretch ourselves toward a world where bodies flow between all possible forms of what it is to be human. “Not your typical memoir about ‘what it’s like to be disabled in a non-disabled world’ . . . Lehrer tells her stories about becoming the monster she was always meant to be: glorious, defiant, unbound, and voracious. Read it!”—Alice Wong, founder and director, Disability Visibility Project  
*Songs of the Gorilla Nation* HarperCollins  
"Like so many women, Benoit spent her formative years struggling to do the

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'right' thing--to make others comfortable, to take minimal and calculated risks, to live up to society's expectations--only to realize that there was so little payoff to this tiresome balancing act. Now, in [this book], she shares her journey from aspiring good girl to proud feminist, and addresses the constantly shifting goalposts of what exactly it means to be 'good' in today's world. [Includes] topics as varied and laugh-out-loud funny as

how to be the life of the party (even when you have crippling anxiety), navigating the disappointments of the dating world, and why no one should judge you for having an encyclopedic knowledge of reality TV stars"--

**Theory of Bastards**  
Princeton University Press  
A young woman discovers a strange portal in her uncle's house, leading to madness and terror in this

gripping new novel from the author of the "innovative, unexpected, and absolutely chilling" (Mira Grant, Nebula Award-winning author) *The Twisted Ones*. Pray they are hungry. Kara finds the words in the mysterious bunker that she's discovered behind a hole in the wall of her uncle's house. Freshly divorced

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and living back at home, Kara now becomes obsessed with these cryptic words and starts exploring this peculiar area—only to discover that it holds portals to countless alternate realities. But these places are haunted by creatures that seem to hear thoughts...and the more one fears them, the stronger

they become. With her distinctive "delightfully fresh and subversive" (SF Bluestocking) prose and the strange, sinister wonder found in Guillermo del Toro's *Pan's Labyrinth*, *The Hollow Places* is another compelling and white-knuckled horror novel that you won't be able to put down. Separate Roads to Feminism Simon &

Schuster  
"The world is a surreal pageant," writes Stephen Kuusisto. "Ahead of me the shapes and colors suggest the sails of Tristan's ship or an elephant's ear floating in air, though in reality it is a middle-aged man in a London Fog rain coat which billows behind him in the April wind." So begins

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Kuusisto's memoir, *Planet of the Blind*, a journey through the kaleidoscope geography of the partially-sighted, where everyday encounters become revelations, struggles, or simple triumphs. Not fully blind, not fully sighted, the author lives in what he describes as "the customs-house of the blind", a midway point between vision and blindness that makes possible his unique perception of the world. In this singular memoir, Kuusisto charts the years of a childhood spent behind bottle-lens glasses trying to pass as a normal boy, the depression that brought him from obesity to anorexia, the struggle through high school, college, first love, and sex. Ridiculed by his classmates, his parents in denial, here is the story of a man caught in a perilous world with no one to trust--until a devastating accident forces him to accept his own disability and place his confidence in the

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one relationship that can reconnect him to the world--the relationship with his guide dog, a golden Labrador retriever named Corky. With Corky at his side, Kuusisto is again awakened to his abilities, his voice as a writer and his own particular place in the world around him. Written with

all the emotional precision of poetry, Kuusisto's evocative memoir explores the painful irony of a visually sensitive individual--in love with reading, painting, and the everyday images of the natural world--faced with his gradual descent into blindness. Folded into his own experience is the rich folklore the

phenomenon of blindness has inspired throughout history and legend. The Immigrant's Lament Oxford University Press After her mother's mysterious death, a young woman is summoned to the floating city of Sky in order to claim a royal inheritance she never knew existed in the first book in this award-winning fantasy trilogy from the NYT bestselling author of The Fifth Season.

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Yeine Darr is an outcast from the barbarian north. But when her mother dies under mysterious circumstances, she is summoned to the majestic city of Sky. There, to her shock, Yeine is named an heiress to the king. But the throne of the Hundred Thousand Kingdoms is not easily won, and Yeine is thrust into a vicious power struggle with cousins she never knew she had. As she fights for her life, she draws ever closer to the

secrets of her mother's death and her family's bloody history. With the fate of the world hanging in the balance, Yeine will learn how perilous it can be when love and hate -- and gods and mortals -- are bound inseparably together.

Macho Sluts Harper Collins  
In multiple locations, activists and scholars are mapping the intersections of queer theory and disability studies,

moving issues of embodiment and desire to the center of cultural and political analyses. The two fields are premised on the idea that the categories of heterosexual/homosexual and able-bodied/disabled are historically and socially constructed. *Desiring Disability: Queer Theory Meets Disability Studies* explores how the frameworks for queer theory and disability

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studies suggest new possibilities for one another, for other identity-based frameworks of activism and scholarship, and for cultural studies in general. Topics include the study of "crip theory" and queer/disabled performance artists; the historical emergence of normalcy and parallel notions of military fitness that require both the production and the containment of queerness and disability; and butch identity, transgressive sexual practices, and rheumatoid arthritis. Contributors. Sarah E. Chinn, Eli Clare, Naomi Finkelstein, Catherine Lord, Cris Mayo, Robert McRuer, Todd Ramlow, Jo Rendell, Ellen Samuels, Carrie Sandahl, David Serlin, Patrick White Loneliness and Its Opposite Crown

"Writing anything definitive about the queer American novel will always be unsatisfying, if not impossible. Unsatisfying, because the romances they contain are uncertain and, quite often, doomed: heartbreak, violence, and persecution pepper nearly every page. Impossible, because the genre's terrain

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is as vast and uncertain as America itself: the spaces, the characters, plots, ideas, and dynamics - too varied. The minute you say one thing, you could say another. And perhaps that might be the point. As one character from Djuna Barnes's lesbian novel *Nightwood* puts it, "With an American anything can be

done.'"1 We could say the same about the queer American novel. If there is anything consistently connecting this genre, it is that it features, however obliquely, the effects characters (usually American, but not always) have as they seek reasons for why they have sexual feelings for those that are not

obvious or traditional object choices. Frequently, these effects instruct characters in their pursuit of self-knowledge and self-understanding, especially if others have pathologized their desires (and America has and does pathologize its queers). In her autobiographical graphic memoir *Fun*

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Home, Alison Bechdel tells a story of a variety of discoveries that books, explicitly queer or not, can inspire. During the same afternoon when she acknowledges that she is a "lesbian," she also finds herself asking a professor to let her take his course on James Joyce's *Ulysses* - her father's favorite book. As

we move from the captions and the meticulous, stylized drawings, canonical books acquire an increasingly important role: books become guides to how Bechdel will affect "a convergence" with her "abstracted father." --  
*Autistic Disturbances*  
Cambridge University Press  
How our collective intelligence has

helped us to evolve and prosper Humans are a puzzling species. On the one hand, we struggle to survive on our own in the wild, often failing to overcome even basic challenges, like obtaining food, building shelters, or avoiding predators. On the other hand, human groups have produced ingenious technologies, sophisticated languages, and complex institutions that have permitted us to successfully expand into a vast range of

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diverse environments. What has enabled us to dominate the globe, more than any other species, while remaining virtually helpless as lone individuals? This book shows that the secret of our success lies not in our innate intelligence, but in our collective brains—on the ability of human groups to socially interconnect and learn from one another over generations. Drawing insights from lost European explorers, clever chimpanzees, mobile hunter-gatherers, neuroscientific findings, ancient bones, and the human genome, Joseph Henrich demonstrates how our collective brains have propelled our species' genetic evolution and shaped our biology. Our early capacities for learning from others produced many cultural innovations, such as fire, cooking, water containers, plant knowledge, and projectile weapons, which in turn drove the expansion of our brains and altered our physiology, anatomy, and psychology in crucial ways. Later on, some collective brains generated and recombined powerful concepts, such as the lever, wheel, screw, and writing, while also creating the institutions that continue to alter our motivations and perceptions. Henrich shows how our genetics and biology are inextricably interwoven with cultural evolution, and how

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culture-gene interactions launched our species on an extraordinary evolutionary trajectory. Tracking clues from our ancient past to the present, *The Secret of Our Success* explores how the evolution of both our cultural and social natures produce a collective intelligence that explains both our species' immense success and the origins of human uniqueness. *Some Part of Me Is You* Beacon Press Bill Ayers was born

into privilege and is today a highly respected educator. In the late 1960s he was a young pacifist who helped to found one of the most radical political organizations in U.S. history, the Weather Underground. In a new era of antiwar activism and suppression of protest, his story, *Fugitive Days*, is more poignant and relevant than ever. **Well, This Is Exhausting** Simon and Schuster The first book to

cover the entirety of disability history, from pre-1492 to the present *Disability is not just the story of someone we love or the story of whom we may become; rather it is undoubtedly the story of our nation. Covering the entirety of US history from pre-1492 to the present, A Disability History*

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of the United States such as slavery and history through the  
is the first book immigration, while eyes, words, and  
to place the breaking ground impressions of the  
experiences of about the ties people who lived  
people with between nativism it. As historian  
disabilities at the and oralism in the and disability  
center of the late nineteenth scholar Nielsen  
American narrative. century and the argues, to  
In many ways, it's role of ableism in understand  
a familiar telling. the development of disability history  
In other ways, democracy. A isn't to narrowly  
however, it is a Disability History focus on a series  
radical of the United of individual  
repositioning of US States pulls from triumphs but rather  
history. By doing primary-source to examine mass  
so, the book casts documents and movements and  
new light on social histories to pivotal daily  
familiar stories, retell American events through the

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lens of varied experiences. Throughout the book, Nielsen deftly illustrates how concepts of disability have deeply shaped the American experience—from deciding who was allowed to immigrate to establishing labor laws and justifying slavery and gender discrimination. Included are

absorbing—at times horrific—narratives of blinded slaves being thrown overboard and women being involuntarily sterilized, as well as triumphant accounts of disabled miners organizing strikes and disability rights activists picketing Washington. Engrossing and profound, *A Disability History*

of the United States fundamentally reinterprets how we view our nation's past: from a stifling master narrative to a shared history that encompasses us all. *Desiring Disability* Infinity Pub While research on autism has sometimes focused on special talents or abilities, autism is typically characterized as

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impoverished or defective when it comes to language. Autistic Disturbances reveals the ways interpreters have failed to register the real creative valence of autistic language and offers a theoretical framework for understanding the distinctive aesthetics of autistic rhetoric and semiotics.

Reinterpreting characteristic autistic verbal practices such as repetition in the context of a more widely respected literary canon, Julia Miele Rodas argues that autistic language is actually an essential part of mainstream literary aesthetics, visible in poetry by Walt Whitman and Gertrude Stein, in

novels by Charlotte Brontë and Daniel Defoe, in life writing by Andy Warhol, and even in writing by figures from popular culture. Autistic Disturbances pursues these resonances and explores the tensions of language and culture that lead to the classification of some verbal

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expression as disordered while other, similar expression enjoys prized status as literature. It identifies the most characteristic patterns of autistic expression—repetition, monologue, ejaculation, verbal ordering or list-making, and neologism—and adopts new language to describe and

reimagine these categories in aesthetically productive terms. In so doing, the book seeks to redress the place of verbal autistic language, to argue for the value and complexity of autistic ways of speaking, and to invite recognition of an obscured tradition of literary autism at the very center of

Anglo-American text culture.  
*Train Go Sorry*  
Beacon Press  
"This is a book about autism. Specifically, it is about my autism, which is both like and unlike other people's autism. But just as much, it is a story about how I emerged from the darkness of it into the beauty of it." In this elegant and thought-

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provoking memoir, Dawn Prince-Hughes traces her personal growth from undiagnosed autism to the moment when, as a young woman, she entered the Seattle Zoo and immediately became fascinated with the gorillas. Having suffered from a lifelong inability to relate to people in a meaningful way, Dawn was surprised to find herself irresistibly drawn to these great primates. By observing them and, later, working with them, she was finally able to emerge from her solitude and connect to living beings in a way she had never previously experienced. Songs of the Gorilla Nation is more than a story of autism, it is a paean to all that is important in life. Dawn Prince-Hughes's evocative story will undoubtedly have a lasting impact, forcing us, like the author herself, to rediscover and assess our own understanding of human emotion.