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The First Collection of Criticism
by a Living Female Rock Critic

Simon and Schuster

Award-winning author and powerhouse talent Roxane Gay burst onto the scene with *An Untamed State* and the New York Times bestselling essay collection *Bad Feminist* (Harper Perennial). Gay returns with *Difficult Women*, a collection of stories of rare force and beauty, of hardscrabble lives, passionate loves, and quirky and vexed human connection. The women in these stories live lives of privilege and of poverty, are in marriages both loving and haunted by past crimes or emotional blackmail. A

pair of sisters, grown now, have been inseparable ever since they were abducted together as children, and must negotiate the elder sister's marriage. A woman married to a twin pretends not to realize when her husband and his brother impersonate each other. A stripper putting herself through college fends off the advances of an overzealous customer. A black engineer moves to Upper Michigan for a job and faces the malign curiosity of her colleagues and the difficulty of leaving her past behind. From a girls' fight club to a wealthy subdivision in Florida where neighbors conform, compete, and spy on each other, Gay delivers a wry, beautiful, haunting vision of modern

America reminiscent of Merritt Tierce, Jamie Quatro, and Miranda July.

Yokohama Threeway

Harper Collins

"R. Eric Thomas didn't know he was different until the world told him so.

Everywhere he went--whether it was his rich, mostly white, suburban high school, his conservative black church, or his Ivy League college in a big city--he found himself on the outside looking in. In essays by turns hysterical and heartfelt, Eric redefines what it means to be an

'other' through the lens of his own life experience"--Publisher marketing.
Too Much and Not the Mood Macmillan
Funny, odd, deeply personal, yet somehow universal, a collection of one woman's most humiliating moments, revealed with wit and gusto.
Carry This Book MCD x FSG Originals
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 We Are Never Meeting in Real Life*. HarperCollins
Smart, edgy, hilarious, and unabashedly raunchy New York

Times bestselling author Samantha Irby explodes onto the printed page in her uproarious first collection of essays. Irby laughs her way through tragicomic mishaps, neuroses, and taboos as she struggles through adulthood: chin hairs, depression, bad sex, failed relationships, masturbation, taco feasts, inflammatory bowel disease and more. Updated with her favorite Instagramable, couch-friendly recipes, this much-beloved romp is treat for anyone in dire need of Irby's infamous, scathing wit and poignant candor.

Furiously Happy She Writes

Press

The follow up to her bestselling breakout hit *How to Be a Woman*, *Moranthology* is a hilarious, insightful collection of Moran's London Times columns that confirms her status as "the UK's answer to Tina Fey, Chelsea Handler, and Lena Dunham all rolled into one." (Marie Claire) Possibly the only drawback about the bestselling *How to Be a Woman* was that its author, Caitlin Moran, was limited to pretty much one subject: being a woman.

Moranthology is proof that Caitlin can actually be "quite chatty" about many other things, including cultural, social and political issues that are usually the province of learned professors, or hot-shot wonks—and not of a woman who once, as an experiment, put a wasp in a jar, and got it stoned. Here you'll find Caitlin ruminating on—and sometimes interviewing—subjects as varied as caffeine, Keith Richards, *Ghostbusters*, Twitter, the welfare state, the royal wedding, Lady Gaga,

and her own mortality, to name just a few. With her “brilliant, original voice” (Publishers Weekly), Caitlin brings insight and humor to everything she writes. Bare-Knuckled Lit HarperCollins The international sensation that illuminates the experiences women are supposed to hide—from addiction, anger, sexual assault, and infertility to joy, sensuality, and love. WINNER OF THE AN POST IRISH BOOK OF THE YEAR • “Emilie Pine’s voice is razor-sharp and raw; her story is utterly original yet as familiar as my own breath.” —Glennon Doyle, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Love Warrior* In this

dazzling debut, Emilie Pine speaks to the events that have marked her life—those emotional disruptions for which our society has no adequate language, at once bittersweet, clandestine, and ordinary. She writes with radical honesty on the unspeakable grief of infertility, on caring for an alcoholic parent, on taboos around female bodies and female pain, on sexual violence and violence against the self. This is the story of one woman, and of all women. Devastating, poignant, and wise—and joyful against the odds—*Notes to Self* is an unforgettable exploration of what it feels like to be alive, and a daring act of rebellion against a society that is more comfortable with women’s silence. Praise for

Notes to Self “*Notes to Self* begins as a deceptively simple catalogue of the injustices of modern female life and slyly emerges as a screaming treatise on just what it means to make your own rules, turning the hand you’ve been dealt into the coolest game in town. Emilie Pine is like your best friend—if your best friend was so sharp she drew blood.” —Lena Dunham, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Not That Kind of Girl* “To read these essays is to understand the human condition more clearly, to reassess one’s place in the world, and to reclaim one’s own experiences as real and valid.” —Sunday Independent “Harrowing, clear-eyed . . . Everyone should consider [this]

priority reading. ” —Sunday Business Post “ Incredible and insightful—an absolute must-read. ” —The Skinny “ Agonizing, uncompromising, starkly brilliant. . . [A] short, gleamingly instructive book, both memoir and psychological exploration—a platform for that insistent internal voice that almost any woman . . . wishes they had ignored. ” —Financial Times “ Do not read this book in public. It will make you cry. ” —Anne Enright

The Wreckage of My Presence
Melville House
From Dan Savage, Lindy West, and The Stranger staff comes this hilarious guide to life for college students and beyond. Here is all the information you actually need

to know that no one else will tell you including: which majors to avoid, how to not get a STD, everything there is to know about philosophy (in a single paragraph!), what the music you like says about you, how to turn a crush into something more, how to come out (should you happen to be gay), how to binge drink and not die, how do laundry, how to do drugs (and which ones you should never do), good manners, tips on flirting with film nerds, how to write a great sentence, and a state-by-state guide to the U.S. of A. It's all here, along with Dan Savage's very best advice about sex and love. Hi! From the Trade Paperback edition.

F*ck Your Diet Turner
Winner of 2021 Lambda Literary

Award for Bisexual Nonfiction • #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • From Samantha Irby, beloved author of *We Are Never Meeting in Real Life*, a rip-roaring, edgy and unabashedly raunchy new collection of hilarious essays. “ Stay-up-all-night, miss-your-subway-stop, spit-out-your-beverage funny.... irresistible as a snack tray, as intimately pleasurable as an Irish goodbye. ” —Jia Tolentino

Irby is forty, and increasingly uncomfortable in her own skin despite what Inspirational Instagram Infographics have promised her. She has left her job as a receptionist at a veterinary clinic, has published successful books and has been friendzoned by Hollywood, left Chicago, and

moved into a house with a garden that requires repairs and know-how with her wife in a Blue town in the middle of a Red state where she now hosts book clubs and makes mason jar salads. This is the bourgeois life of a Hallmark Channel dream. She goes on bad dates with new friends, spends weeks in Los Angeles taking meetings with "tv executives slash amateur astrologers" while being a "cheese fry-eating slightly damp Midwest person," "with neck pain and no cartilage in [her] knees," who still hides past due bills under her pillow. The essays in this collection draw on the raw, hilarious particulars of Irby's new life. *Wow, No Thank You.* is Irby at her most unflinching, riotous, and

relatable.

How to Be a Person Vintage
A Finalist for the NAACP
Image Award A Finalist for
the Hurston/Wright Legacy
Award for Nonfiction A
Finalist for the Thurber Prize
for American Humor
Longlisted for the
PEN/Diamonstein-Spielvogel
Award for the Art of the Essay
An NPR Best Book of the
Year A Washington
Independent Review of Books
Favorite of the Year From the
host of podcast "Stuck with
Damon Young," cofounder of
VerySmartBrothas.com, and

one of the most read writers on race and culture at work today, a provocative and humorous memoir-in-essays that explores the ever-shifting definitions of what it means to be Black (and male) in America For Damon Young, existing while Black is an extreme sport. The act of possessing black skin while searching for space to breathe in America is enough to induce a ceaseless state of angst where questions such as " How should I react here, as a professional black person? " and " Will this white

person's potato salad kill me?" are forever relevant. *What Doesn't Kill You Makes You Blacker* chronicles Young's efforts to survive while battling and making sense of the various neuroses his country has given him. It's a condition that's sometimes stretched to absurd limits, provoking the angst that made him question if he was any good at the "being straight" thing, as if his sexual orientation was something he could practice and get better at, like a crossover dribble move or knitting; creating the

farce where, as a teen, he wished for a white person to call him a racial slur just so he could fight him and have a great story about it; and generating the surreality of watching gentrification transform his Pittsburgh neighborhood from predominantly Black to "Portlandia . . . but with Pierogies." And, at its most devastating, it provides him reason to believe that his mother would be alive today if she were white. From one of our most respected cultural observers, *What Doesn't Kill*

You Makes You Blacker is a hilarious and honest debut that is both a celebration of the idiosyncrasies and distinctions of Blackness and a critique of white supremacy and how we define masculinity. *The Talented Ribkins* Bloomsbury Publishing USA One of the "Best Books of 2020" by NPR's Book Concierge ****Your Favorite Movies, Re-Watched**** New York Times opinion writer and bestselling author Lindy West was once the in-house movie critic for Seattle's alternative newsweekly *The Stranger*, where she covered film with brutal honesty and

giddy irreverence. In *Shit, Actually*, Lindy returns to those roots, re-examining beloved and iconic movies from the past 40 years with an eye toward the big questions of our time: Is *Twilight* the horniest movie in history? Why do the zebras in *The Lion King* trust Mufasa-WHO IS A LION-to look out for their best interests? Why did anyone bother making any more movies after *The Fugitive* achieved perfection? And, my god, why don't any of the women in *Love, Actually* ever fucking talk?!?! From *Forrest Gump*, *Honey I Shrunk the Kids*, and *Bad Boys II*, to *Face/Off*, *Top Gun*, and

The Notebook, Lindy combines her razor-sharp wit and trademark humor with a genuine adoration for nostalgic trash to shed new critical light on some of our defining cultural touchstones—the stories we've long been telling ourselves about who we are. At once outrageously funny and piercingly incisive, *Shit, Actually* reminds us to pause and ask, "How does this movie hold up?", all while teaching us how to laugh at the things we love without ever letting them or ourselves off the hook. *Shit, Actually* is a love letter and a break-up note all in one: to the films that shaped us and the ones

that ruined us. More often than not, Lindy finds, they're one and the same.

[Ugly Girls](#) HarperCollins
ONE OF STYLIST'S BEST NEW BOOKS FOR 2020 'This is an unforgettable book.' Roxane Gay
Meditations on the terror of love; tips for getting your disgusting meat carcass ready for some new, hot sex; a frank self-evaluation upon the occasion of one's 30th birthday; and, finally, the answer to the question on everyone's minds: Would dying alone really be so terrible? Blogger and comedian Samantha Irby covers it all with wit and honesty - and serves it with a side of Instagram frittata.
Four Faces of Femininity Hachette UK

"Jessica Hopper's criticism is a trenchant and necessary counterpoint not just on music, but on our culture at large." —Annie Clark, *St. Vincent* An acclaimed, career-spanning collection from a fiercely feminist and revered contemporary rock critic, reissued with new material Throughout her career, spanning more than two decades, Jessica Hopper, a revered and pioneering music critic, has examined women recording and producing music, in all genres, through an intersectional feminist lens. *The First Collection of Criticism by a Living Female Rock Critic* features oral histories of bands like Hole and Sleater Kinney, interviews with the women editors of 1970s-era *Rolling Stone*, and

intimate conversations with iconic musicians such as Björk, Robyn, and Lido Pimienta. Hopper journeys through the truths of Riot Grrrl's empowering insurgence; decamps to Gary, Indiana, on the eve of Michael Jackson's death; explodes the grunge-era mythologies of Nirvana and Courtney Love; and examines the rise of emo. The collection also includes profiles and reviews of some of the most-loved, and most-loathed, women artists making music today: Fiona Apple, Kacey Musgraves, M.I.A., Miley Cyrus, Lana Del Rey. In order for the music industry to change, Hopper writes, we need "the continual presence of radicalized women . . . being encouraged and given

reasons to stay, rather than diminished by the music which glues our communities together." *The First Collection of Criticism by a Living Female Rock Critic*—published to acclaim in 2015, and reissued now with new material and an introduction by Samantha Irby—is a rallying cry for women-centered history and storytelling, and a groundbreaking, obsessive, razor-sharp panorama of music writing crafted by one of the most influential critics of her generation. *What Doesn't Kill You Makes You Blacker Penguin* 'One of the funniest books of the year' - *Guardian* A collection of hilarious personal essays, poems and even amusement park maps on

the subjects of insecurity, fame, anxiety, and much more from the charming and wickedly funny creator of *Crazy Ex-Girlfriend*. "It's nice to know someone as talented as Rachel is also pretty weird. If you're like me and love Rachel Bloom, this hilarious, personal book will make you love her even more." - Mindy Kaling "Rachel is one of the funniest, bravest people of our generation and this book blew me away." - Amy Schumer Rachel Bloom has felt abnormal and out of place her whole life. In this exploration of what she thinks makes her 'different', she's come to realise that a lot of people also feel this way; even people who she otherwise thought were 'normal'. In a collection of laugh-out-loud

funny essays, all told in the unique voice (sometimes singing voice) that made her a star, Rachel writes about everything from her love of Disney, OCD and depression, weirdness, and female friendships to the story of how she didn't poop in the toilet until she was four years old. It's a hilarious, smart, and infinitely relatable collection (except for the pooping thing). Readers love *I Want to Be Where the Normal People Are* 'I adore *Crazy Ex-Girlfriend* and this book was exactly what I needed it to be. Would highly recommend.' 5* 'Rachel's voice is loud and clear from the first lines of the book. I've been missing it since *Crazy Ex-Girlfriend* . . . this time she's talking right to me, in my head, and it is

like being part of this newfound Friendtopia.' 5* 'Heartfelt. Honest. Genuine. And funny as hell . . . Rachel writes about the things that could have broken her, but didn't, in a very funny and raw way, and she doesn't hold back.' 5* 'Crazy Ex-Girlfriend is a hilarious and honest show which does not hold back when confronting the truth of sex, love, mental illness and life. This same comedic and chaotic energy is channelled in Bloom's wonderful book which I would highly recommend, whether you are a previous fan of hers or not.' 5* [Here for It Anchor](#) From an important new American writer comes this powerful collection of personal essays on fear, creativity, art, faith, academia,

the Internet, and justice. In this poignant and inciting collection of literary essays, Megan Stielstra tells stories to ward off fears both personal and universal as she grapples toward a better way to live. In her titular piece “The Wrong Way To Save Your Life,” she answers the question of what has value in our lives—a question no longer rhetorical when the apartment above her family’s goes up in flames. “Here is My Heart” sheds light on Megan’s close relationship with her father, whose continued insistence on climbing mountains despite a series of heart attacks leads the author to dissect deer hearts in a poetic attempt to interrogate her own feelings about mortality. Whether she’s imagining

the implications of open-carry laws on college campuses, recounting the story of going underwater on the mortgage of her first home, or revealing the unexpected pains and joys of marriage and motherhood, Stielstra’s work informs, impels, enlightens, and embraces us all. The result is something beautiful—this story, her courage, and, potentially, our own. Intellectually fierce and viscerally intimate, Megan Stielstra’s voice is witty, wise, warm, and above all, achingly human.

“Stielstra is a masterful essayist.” —Roxane Gay, author of *Bad Feminist* and *Hunger*
Tacky Sasquatch Books
Traces the chaotic breakdown of a friendship that shapes and unravels the identities of two rebellious girls

in the wake of a stalker’s predations.
Ballantine Books
In her hilarious book of essays, *Parks and Recreation* star Retta shares the stories that led to her success in Hollywood. In *So Close to Being the Sh*t, Y’all Don’t Even Know*, *Parks and Recreation* star Retta takes us on her not-so-meteoric rise from roaches to riches (well, rich enough that she can buy \$15,000 designer handbags yet scared enough to know she’s always a heartbeat away from ramen with American cheese). Throwing

her hard-working Liberian parents for a loop, Retta abandons her plan to attend med school after graduating Duke University to move to Hollywood to star in her own sitcom—like her comedy heroes Lucille Ball and Roseanne. Say what? Word. Turns out Retta might actually be on to something. After winning Comedy Central's stand-up competition, she should be ready for prime time—but a fear of success derails her biggest dream. Whether reminiscing about her days as a contract chemist

at GlaxoSmithKline, telling “dirty” jokes to Mormons, feeling like the odd man out on Parks, fending off racist trolls on Twitter, flirting with Michael Fassbender, or expertly stalking the cast of “Hamilton,” Retta's unique voice and refreshing honesty will make you laugh, cry, and laugh so hard you'll cry. Her eponymous sitcom might not have happened yet, but by the end of *So Close to Being the Sh*t*, you'll be rooting for Retta to be the next one-named wonder to take over your television. And she just

might inspire you to reach for the stars, too.

Shrill City Lights Books

One of NPR's Best Books of the Year A DEBUT COLLECTION OF FIERCE, FUNNY ESSAYS ABOUT GROWING UP THE DAUGHTER OF INDIAN IMMIGRANTS IN WESTERN CULTURE, ADDRESSING SEXISM, STEREOTYPES, AND THE UNIVERSAL MISERIES OF LIFE In *One Day We'll All Be Dead and None of This Will Matter*, Scaachi Koul deploys her razor-sharp humor to share all the fears, outrages, and mortifying moments of her life. She learned

from an early age what made her miserable, and for Scaachi anything can be cause for despair. Whether it ' s a shopping trip gone awry; enduring awkward conversations with her bikini waxer; overcoming her fear of flying while vacationing halfway around the world; dealing with Internet trolls, or navigating the fears and anxieties of her parents. Alongside these personal stories are pointed observations about life as a woman of color: where every aspect of her appearance is open for critique, derision, or outright scorn; where strict gender rules bind in both

Western and Indian cultures, leaving little room for a woman not solely focused on marriage and children to have a career (and a life) for herself. With a sharp eye and biting wit, incomparable rising star and cultural observer Scaachi Koul offers a hilarious, scathing, and honest look at modern life. Difficult Women Picador "Magnificent." —People Magazine The instant New York Times bestseller: Laugh-out-loud, deeply insightful, and emotion-filled essays from multitalented actress, comedian, podcaster, and writer Casey Wilson. Casey

Wilson has a lot on her mind and she isn ' t afraid to share. In this dazzling collection, each essay skillfully constructed and brimming with emotion, she shares her thoughts on the joys and vagaries of modern-day womanhood and motherhood, introduces the not-quite-typical family that made her who she is, and persuasively argues that lowbrow pop culture is the perfect lens through which to examine human nature. Whether she ' s extolling the virtues of eating in bed,

processing the humiliation over her father ' s late in life perm, mourning her mother's passing, or revealing her patented method for keeping the mystery alive in a marriage, Casey is witty, candid, and full of poignant and funny surprises. Humorous dives into her obsessions and areas of personal expertise—self-help, nice guys, cool girls (not her) and how to receive visitors in the bath—are matched by touching meditations on female friendship, anger, grief, motherhood, and identity.

Reading *The Wreckage of My Presence* is like spending time with a close friend—a deeply passionate, full-tilt, joyous, excessive, compulsive, shameless, hungry-for-it-all, loyal, cheerleading friend. A friend who is ready for any big feelings that come her way—and isn ' t afraid to embrace them.