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Muscle and a Shovel Simon and Schuster

Centered around the 2011 Libyan Revolution, *Libyan Sugar* is a road trip through a war zone, detailed through photographs, journal entries, and written communication with family and colleagues. A record of Michael Christopher Brown's life both inside and outside Libya during that year, the work is about a young man going to war for the first time and his experience of that age-old desire to get as close as possible to a conflict in order to discover something about war and something about himself, perhaps a certain definition of life and death.

Revel Knox Basic Books

A riveting, magical escapade about finding friendship and the courage to set yourself free against all odds. Kidnapped and forced to shovel coal underground, in a half-bombed power station, 12-year-old Luke Smith-Sharma keeps his head down and hopes he can earn his freedom from the evil Tabitha Margate. Then one day he discovers he can see things that others can't. Ghostly things. A ghostly girl named Alma, who can bend the shape of clouds to her will and rides them through the night sky. With Alma's help, Luke discovers his own innate powers and uncovers the terrible truth of why Tabatha is kidnapping children and forcing them to shovel coal. Desperate to escape, Luke teams up with Alma, his best friend Ravi, and new girl Jess. Can Luke and his friends get away before they each become victims to a cruel and sinister scheme? Debut author Michael Mann delivers a wildly imaginative middle grade fantasy set in a smoke-stained world that's sure to entertain readers who are eager for an adventure with paranormal superpowers. A Kirkus Reviews Best Book of the Year

In the Great Stream Tachyon Publications

One of NPR's Best Books of 2020 One of Time's 100 Must-Read Books of 2020 From the New York Times bestselling author of *I Can't Date Jesus*, which Vogue called "a piece of personal and cultural storytelling that is as fun as it is illuminating," comes a wry and insightful essay collection that explores the financial and emotional cost of chasing your dreams. Ever since Oprah Winfrey told the 2007 graduating class of Howard University, "Don't be afraid," Michael Arceneaux has been scared to death. You should never do the opposite of what Oprah instructs you to do, but when you don't have her pocket change, how can you not be terrified of the consequences of pursuing your dreams? Michael has never shied away from discussing his struggles with debt, but in *I Don't Want to Die Poor*, he reveals the extent to which it has an impact on every facet of his life—how he dates; how he seeks medical care (or in some cases, is unable to); how he wrestles with the question of whether or not he should have chosen a more financially secure path; and finally, how he has dealt with his "dream" turning into an ongoing nightmare as he realizes one bad decision could unravel all that he's earned. You know, actual "economic anxiety." *I Don't Want to Die Poor* is an unforgettable and relatable examination about what it's like leading a life that often feels out of your control. But in Michael's voice that's "as joyful as he is shrewd" (BuzzFeed), these razor-sharp essays will still manage to make you laugh and remind you that you're not alone in this often intimidating journey.

Churches in the Shape of Scripture Wipf and Stock Publishers

World Fantasy Award Winner Michael Crawford is forced to flee when discovers his bride brutally murdered in their wedding bed. Yet it is not the revengeful townspeople he fears but the deadly embrace of the malignant spirit that is claiming him as her bridegroom. Crawford will not travel alone; soon he is aided by his fellow victims, the

greatest poets of his day—Byron, Keats, and Shelley. Together they embark upon a desperate journey, crisscrossing Europe and battling the vampiric fiend who seeks her ultimate pleasure in their ravaged bodies and imperiled souls. Telling a secret history of passion and terror, Tim Powers (*The Anubis Gates*, *Declare*, *Three Days to Never*) masterfully recasts the tragic lives of the Romantics into a uniquely frightening tale. Back in print for the first time since 1994, this newly revised edition of *The Stress of Her Regard* will thrill both Powers fans and newcomers to this gripping Gothic tour de force.

Ghostcloud Union Square & Co.

Jonetta Shank offers a rare glimpse into reality with a candor and practicality unseen in many traditional "women's" books in print today. *Hope Against Hope* is a narrative that compels, encourages, and educates the reader. The storyline intrigues with timeless wisdom as Jonetta delves into every aspect of a woman's relationship with a man, along with issues considered as "taboo" by some. She pulls out all stops by revealing a secret that took her 30 years to solve, bravely sharing her findings in this third book to complete the *Muscle Trilogy*. This story gives powerful insight into the true power of every woman. It is a ground-breaking work filled with humor, heart-ache, and ultimate victory.

How to Begin Abrams

Baptism is more important than you think. But not for the reasons you suppose. Combining careful Bible study with enlightening historical survey and practical suggestions, this book provides a rich resourc for deepening and renewing a central practice of the Christian faith. -- back.

When Shovels Break Holiday House

The New York Times bestselling author, teacher, and speaker provides the next step beyond his immensely popular *Notes from the Universe* trilogy with this special 10th anniversary edition of the modern classic that contains even more enriching wisdom for living an abundant, joyous life. We create our own reality, our own fate, and our own luck. We are all filled with infinite possibilities, and it's time to explore how powerful we truly are. With clear-eyed and masterful prose, *Infinite Possibilities* effortlessly reveals our true spiritual nature and exactly what it takes to find true happiness and fulfillment. Witty and intelligent, this is "the perfect book at the perfect time. It is full of wisdom, answers, and guidance—a unique combination that is guaranteed to help anyone during times of change and transition" (Ariane de Bonvoisin, bestselling author of *The First 30 Days*). This tenth anniversary edition features a new foreword by Bob Proctor and a new introduction from the author.

Endangered Gospel Faithworks Press

At Westish College, a small school on the shore of Lake Michigan, baseball star Henry Skrimshander seems destined for big league stardom. But when a routine throw goes disastrously off course, the fates of five people are upended. Henry's fight against self-doubt threatens to ruin his future. College president Guert Affenlight, a longtime bachelor, has fallen unexpectedly and helplessly in love. Owen Dunne, Henry's gay roommate and teammate, becomes caught up in a dangerous affair. Mike Schwartz, the Harpooners' team captain and Henry's best friend, realizes he has guided Henry's career at the expense of his own. And Pella Affenlight, Guert's daughter, returns to Westish after escaping an ill-fated marriage, determined to start a new life. As the season counts down to its climactic final game, these five are forced to confront their deepest hopes, anxieties, and secrets. In the process they forge new bonds, and help one another find their true paths. Written with boundless intelligence and filled with the tenderness of youth, *The Art of Fielding* is an expansive, warmhearted novel about ambition and its limits, about family and friendship and love, and about commitment—to oneself and to others.

Out Of Control Penguin

You work hard. You put in the hours. Yet you feel like you are constantly trading water with "Good Work" that keeps you going but never quite moves you ahead. Or worse, you are mired in "Bad Work"—endless meetings and energy-draining bureaucratic traps. Do More Great Work gets to the heart of the problem: Even the best performers are spending less than a fraction of their time doing "Great Work"—the kind of innovative work that pushes us forward, stretches our creativity, and truly satisfies us. Michael Bungay Stanier, Canadian Coach of the Year in 2006, is a business consultant who's found a way to move us away from bad work (and even good work), and toward more time spent doing great work. When you're up to your eyeballs answering e-mail, returning phone calls, attending meetings and scrambling to get that project done, you can turn to this inspirational, motivating, and at times playful book for invaluable guidance. In fifteen exercises, *Do More Great Work* shows how you can finally do more of the work that engages and challenges

you, that has a real impact, that plays to your strengths—and that matters. The exercises are "maps"—brilliantly simple visual tools that help you find, start and sustain Great Work, revealing how to: Find clues to your own Great Work—they're all around you Locate the sweet spot between what you want to do and what your organization wants you to do Generate new ideas and possibilities quickly Best manage your overwhelming workload Double the likelihood that you'll do what you want to do All it takes is ten minutes a day, a pencil and a willingness to change. Do More Great Work will not only help you identify what the Great Work of your life is, it will tell you how to do it.

The 30-Second Body Random House

With a scholar's mind and a pastor's heart, Tom Wright walks you through Romans in this guide designed especially with everyday readers in mind. Perfect for group use or daily personal reflection, this study uses the popular inductive method combined with Wright's thoughtful insights to bring contemporary application of Scripture to life.

When My Brother Was an Aztec Baker Books

"Revel Knox is a man on the run... why? What has he done and who is pursuing him? What is the importance of the key?" -- [page4] of cover.

Searching for the Pattern Zinc Ink

BOLO Top Read of 2017 PopSugar Best Book of 2017 From the Edgar Award-nominated author of *Shovel Ready*, a blistering new thriller that Dennis Lehane calls "propulsive and meaningful" For fans of Cormac McCarthy, Jim Thompson, the Coen Brothers, and *Lost* Imagine a place populated by criminals—people plucked from their lives, with their memories altered, who've been granted new identities and a second chance. Welcome to The Blinds, a dusty town in rural Texas populated by misfits who don't know if they've perpetrated a crime or just witnessed one. What's clear to them is that if they leave, they will end up dead. For eight years, Sheriff Calvin Cooper has kept an uneasy peace—but after a suicide and a murder in quick succession, the town's residents revolt. Cooper has his own secrets to protect, so when his new deputy starts digging, he needs to keep one step ahead of her—and the mysterious outsiders who threaten to tear the whole place down. The more he learns, the more the hard truth is revealed: The Blinds is no sleepy hideaway. It's simmering with violence and deception, aching heartbreak and dark betrayals.

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"One of the most profound and illuminating studies of this century to have been published in recent decades."—John Gray, New York Times Book Review Hailed as "a magisterial critique of top-down social planning" by the New York Times, this essential work analyzes disasters from Russia to Tanzania to uncover why states so often fail—sometimes catastrophically—in grand efforts to engineer their society or their environment, and uncovers the conditions common to all such planning disasters. "Beautifully written, this book calls into sharp relief the nature of the world we now inhabit."—New Yorker "A tour de force."—Charles Tilly, Columbia University

Shovel Ready Twin Palms Publishers

YOUR BEST BODY BEGINS HERE AND NOW! Ditch the gym membership and say goodbye to weights and machines! Take control of your shape and your weight at home with celebrity fitness trainer Adam Rosante's three-tiered, simple-to-follow plan: • **Eat Clean:** Feed your body right with simple meals designed to help you feel your best inside and out. No weird and wacky "diet" gimmicks; just an easy embrace of healthy whole foods. • **Train Dirty:** Using compound movements, progress overload, and high-intensity 30-second interval training, Rosante's exercises will skyrocket your metabolism, torch fat, and build lean muscle without requiring the use of a single piece of equipment. • **Live Hard:** Strengthen the single most important muscle in your body: your mind. You'll learn how "Lottery Mindset Marketing" has conditioned you to fail in your weight-loss goals—and how to overcome it. Featuring inspiring testimonials, motivational advice, instructive photos, and a complete workout calendar, *The 30-Second Body* is a comprehensive one-stop solution, your road map to losing weight fast and taking charge of your life! Praise for *The 30-Second Body* "Easy, effective, and efficient . . . [The 30-Second Body] is more like an easy-to-read playbook than an intimidating diet or fitness guide. It's filled with illuminating fitness quickies on how to build a better smoothie and high-intensity workout moves you can do anywhere."—Well+Good

Small Favor Simon and Schuster

MOVING FROM A "BLUEPRINT HERMENEUTIC" TO A THEOLOGICAL ONE In this book, John Mark Hicks tells the story of his own hermeneutical journey in reading the Bible. Lovingly and

graciously, he describes his transition from a "blueprint hermeneutic" to a theological one. Some suggest that moving away from a patternistic command-example-and-necessary-inference approach for understanding what God requires leaves no other alternative, or at least none that both respects biblical authority and seeks to obey the gospel of Jesus the Messiah. In *Searching for the Pattern*, John Mark offers just such an alternative. His theological hermeneutic is deeply rooted in the way the Bible presents itself as a dramatic history of God's plan to redeem the world as well as his own experience of growing up among Churches of Christ. Seeing the gospel of Jesus as the center of the biblical drama reorients us to what provides our Christian identity and unites us as disciples of Jesus. ***** I pray this book is received with open hearts and open minds because I believe this work could go a long way in helping to bring unity to our fractured fellowship. --Wes McAdams, Preaching Minister for the church of Christ on McDermott Road, Plano, Texas This excellent book helps us understand the inner workings of Bible interpretation among Churches of Christ and provides a persuasive proposal for Bible interpretation that is built on the story of God we find in Scripture--a story into which God calls us. --James L. Gorman, Associate Professor of History, Johnson University Knoxville, Tennessee Finally, a trellis across the chasm! Throughout this book, Hicks does not compromise his high regard for both the church and the Scriptures; and through the grace found therein, he composes this urgent invitation back to the Table, where obedience cooperates with mystery, and we--estranged or conflicted--can find our place as one within God's magnificent story. --Tiffany Mangan Dahlman, Minister at Courtyard Church of Christ, Fayetteville, North Carolina John Mark Hicks is Professor of Theology at Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tennessee. He has taught for thirty-eight years in schools associated with the Churches of Christ. He has published fifteen books and lectured in twenty countries and forty states and is married to Jennifer. They share six children and six grandchildren.

Infinite Possibilities (10th Anniversary) Little, Brown

Muscle and a Shovel Hardcover Edition: November 2013 Latest 5th Edition including Epilogue with Randall's Secret *Muscle and a Shovel* is a raw, gritty, true story about a pair of young newly-weds who move to the city to chase the American dream. In the process they're befriended by a man who turns their belief about God, their church, and their faith upside down Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Catholics, the Community Churches - none are spared when Truth is at stake and their new friend Randall isn't about to candy coat God's Word for the sake of political correctness or religious tolerance. This story will grip you from opening to close and will stimulate your spirit on levels you didn't think possible. Get ready to fight or flee because *Muscle and a Shovel* is one of those rare books that will raise your heart-rate and your blood-pressure. You won't want to wait to share it with your friends or you'll want to douse it in gasoline and set on fire There'll be no middle ground. Many Christian reviewers have said, This book will turn our current religious world upside-down As of November 2013: Over 5,000 conversions to Christianity since publication's release with all glory going to God.

Do More Great Work Leafwood Publishers

This *Muscle and a Shovel* Bible Class Student Workbook was designed with you, the student, in mind. You will probably find this lesson workbook to be far different than traditional class workbooks that are based on the "fill in the blank" model. This course offers you the opportunity to take advantage of Randall' Secret by creating 168 Bible-verse notecards throughout the course. In addition, you will participate in unique action points throughout the lesson. Action points are simple, practical, real-life activities to work on during your week, whenever your schedule permits. Finally, each weekly lesson offers vital group discussion points that foster class interaction to help you grow in knowledge and zeal for the faith of Jesus Christ! My hope and prayer is that you will be richly blessed by this Bible class tool, that your faith be deepened, and that you grow as a New Testament Christian. May the Lord Jesus Christ bless you richly!

[Seeing Like a State](#) Harper Perennial

This contemporary classic gets a limited edition makeover with movie art and a new preface from Donald Miller. In print for nearly a decade, *Blue Like Jazz* has earned a coveted spot on readers' shelves and in their hearts. Many have said that Donald Miller expressed exactly what they were feeling but couldn't find the words to say themselves. In this landmark book that changed what people expected from Christian writers, that changed what people needed for their spiritual journeys, Donald Miller takes readers through a real life striving to understand relationship with God. Heartwarming and hilarious, poignant and unexpected, *Blue Like Jazz* has become a contemporary classic. For anyone wondering if the Christian faith is still relevant in a postmodern culture, thirsting for a genuine encounter with a God who is real, or yearning for a renewed sense of passion in life . . . *Blue Like Jazz* is a fresh and original perspective on life, love, and redemption.

Muscle and a Shovel Zondervan

Prepare to have your intellect, emotions and existing beliefs set on fire!

The Time-Saver's Workout Yale University Press

For centuries, Christians sought to rescue people from this world. Today, we're trying to fix it. While this shift is helpful in some ways, in other ways it can be quite dangerous. *Endangered Gospel* flips

the script on this conversation by stressing the core gospel truth that rather than ushering in a new world through social activism, God's people already are the new world in Christ. It's not our job to make this world a better place, but to be the better place God has already made in this world. That's good news! If we let go of this truth, we become servants of the world and not God. We also lose the great joy and abundant life that God intended us to have in community. Jesus himself said that the world will know we are Christians by our love for one another--not the fervor of our activism. Social action makes us feel relevant and alive, but it can't be the center of our new life in Christ. *Endangered Gospel* explores how we might enthusiastically embrace the social dimensions of the gospel without divorcing them from the church or forcing them on the world. Read this book, hear the gospel story afresh, and embrace the good news of God's kingdom!