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Red Hen Press

A compelling tale of two very different women whose lives are intertwined by fate, opportunity, love, family and secrets. From the class divisions of depression-era Glasgow, to the rolling pastures of a rural Tasmanian sheep farm. An unforgettable story of passion, love, secrets and loss.

The Fragile Mistress Harper
Collins

The World of Mark Leonard Big-
hearted, eight-year-old Mark
Leonard lives on the brink of
two worlds: one steeped in
the hardship of post-World
War II America, where his

father is consumed by
financial woes; the other
where he's buoyed by his
exceptionally vivid
imagination. In his
imagination, Mark is a heroic
soldier, a surgeon, and a
daredevil striving to live up
to the ideals of the 1950s.
When his family uproots from
Queens, New York, to start
afresh in Massachusetts, Mark
finds refuge from loneliness
in an unlikely friendship with
an eccentric, wealthy, elderly
neighbor who has shut out the
world following a debilitating
accident. Their mutual gift

for conjuring up imaginary worlds to cope with reality—which for Mark includes the confusing teachings of his Jewish faith—leads them to push the boundaries between these two realms, exploring the fine line between love, imagination, and the existence of God.

Table-talk HarperCollins

NATIONAL BESTSELLERS Sixteen-year-old Sarah Kunitz lives in a posh, suburban world of 1970 Boston. From the outside, her parents' lifestyle appears enviable, but all is not well for the Kunitz family. In the face of an escalating series of crises, Sarah dives into

two summer romances that lead to unforeseen consequences.

Patterns of India ReadHowYouWant.com

This text gives students a framework for their comparative study of religion that includes full, in-depth descriptions of each "way of being religious."

The Wonder Bread Summer North Atlantic Books
"Highly informative and remarkably entertaining."

—Elle From forest trails in Korea, to islands in Finland, to eucalyptus groves in California, Florence Williams investigates the science behind nature's positive effects on the brain. Delving into brand-new research, she uncovers the powers of the natural world to improve health, promote reflection and innovation, and strengthen our relationships.

As our modern lives shift dramatically indoors, these ideas—and the answers they yield—are more urgent than ever.

Audio-vision InterVarsity Press

Using findings from the latest information in developmental psychology, neuroscience and education, this book debunks the assumed differences between male and female brain function and reveals the brain's remarkable plasticity and the influence of culture on identity. Reprint.

An American Tragedy Candlewick Press
Ambitious, but ill-educated, naïve, and immature, Clyde Griffiths is raised by poor and devoutly religious parents to help in their street missionary work. As a young adult, Clyde must, to help support his family, take menial jobs as a soda jerk, then a bellhop at a prestigious Kansas City hotel. There, his more sophisticated colleagues introduce him to bouts of social drinking and sex with prostitutes. Enjoying his new lifestyle, Clyde becomes infatuated with manipulative Hortense Briggs, who takes advantage of him. After being in a car accident in which a young girl loses her life,

Clyde is forced to run away from the town in search for the new life.

Divining Venus Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR)

The extraordinary, groundbreaking novel from Laurie Halse Anderson, with more than 2.5 million copies sold! The first ten lies they tell you in high school. "Speak up for yourself--we want to know what you have to say." From the first moment of her freshman year at Merryweather High, Melinda knows this is a big fat lie, part of the nonsense of high school. She is friendless, outcast, because she busted an end-of-summer party by calling the cops, so now nobody will talk to her, let alone listen to her. As time passes, she becomes increasingly isolated and practically stops

talking altogether. Only her art class offers any solace, and it is through her work on an art project that she is finally able to face what really happened at that terrible party: she was raped by an upperclassman, a guy who still attends Merryweather and is still a threat to her. Her healing process has just begun when she has another violent encounter with him. But this time Melinda fights back, refuses to be silent, and thereby achieves a measure of vindication. In Laurie Halse Anderson's powerful novel, an utterly believable heroine with a bitterly ironic voice delivers a blow to the hypocritical world of high school. She speaks for many a disenfranchised teenager while demonstrating the importance of speaking up for oneself. *Speak* was a 1999 National

Book Award Finalist for Young People's Literature.

The Book of Drugs Catapult

“Jessica Keener has written a gorgeous, lyrical, and sweeping novel about the tangled web of past and present. Suspenseful, perceptive, fast-paced, and ultimately restorative.” —Susan Henderson, author of *Up from the Blue Budapest*: gorgeous city of secrets, with ties to a shadowy, bloody past. It is to this enigmatic European capital that a young American couple, Annie and Will, move from Boston with their infant son shortly after the fall of the Communist regime. For Annie, it is an effort to escape the ghosts that haunt her past, and Will wants simply to seize the chance to build a new future for his family. Eight months after their move, their efforts to assimilate are thrown into turmoil when they receive a message from friends in the US asking that they check up on an elderly man, a fiercely independent Jewish American WWII veteran who helped free Hungarian Jews

from a Nazi prison camp. They soon learn that the man, Edward Weiss, has come to Hungary to exact revenge on someone he is convinced seduced, married, and then murdered his daughter. Annie, unable to resist anyone's call for help, recklessly joins in the old man's plan to track down his former son-in-law and confront him, while Will, pragmatic and cautious by nature, insists they have nothing to do with Weiss and his vendetta. What Annie does not anticipate is that in helping Edward she will become enmeshed in a dark and deadly conflict that will end in tragedy and a stunning loss of innocence. Atmospheric and surprising, *Strangers in Budapest* is, as bestselling novelist Caroline Leavitt says, a "dazzlingly original tale about home, loss, and the persistence of love."

The Flicker of Old Dreams W. W. Norton & Company

I have found occasion in several instances, to differ with some of the well known

Shakespearean scholars; but it must always be remembered that I speak from the viewpoint of the actor, for whom, and for whom alone the plays were written. I have not entered the literary dissecting room, nor invaded the realm of psychology. The line of demarcation between humor and imbecility, folly and insanity, I leave to the professional alienist. I have taken the characters as they appear in the plays and as I conceive the author intended them, with due reference to their relation to the other characters. - Preface.

[A Life In Men](#) Lulu.com

The warm and hilarious bestselling memoir by a man diagnosed with Asperger syndrome who sets out to save his marriage. At some point in nearly every marriage, a wife finds herself asking, What the @#!% is wrong with my husband?! In David Finch's

case, this turns out to be an apt question. Five years after he married Kristen, the love of his life, they learn that he has Asperger syndrome. The diagnosis explains David's ever-growing list of quirks and compulsions, but it doesn't make him any easier to live with. Determined to change, David sets out to understand Asperger syndrome and learn to be a better husband with an endearing yet hilarious zeal. His methods for improving his marriage involve excessive note-taking, performance reviews, and most of all, the *Journal of Best Practices*: a collection of hundreds of maxims and hard-won epiphanies, including "Don't change the radio station when she's singing along" and "Apologies do not count when you shout them." Over the course of two years, David

transforms himself from the world's most trying husband to the husband who tries the hardest. He becomes the husband he'd always meant to be. Filled with humor and surprising wisdom, *The Journal of Best Practices* is a candid story of ruthless self-improvement, a unique window into living with an autism spectrum condition, and proof that a true heart can conquer all.

The Common Rule Clarkson Potter

The stories that make up Mary Elizabeth Pope's debut short story collection, *Divining Venus*, are thematically linked by characters who, from blind dates to back seats, to a drinking game gone wrong, discern something true about love. Mary Elizabeth Pope grew up in Northport, Michigan and still spends every summer there. She has a

Ph.D in English and Creative Writing from the University of Iowa and is an Associate Professor in the Department of English at Emmanuel College in Boston. *Divining Venus* is her first collection of short stories. *Crochet Hacking* Algonquin Books
High Plains Book Award Winner for Fiction • Western Writers of America Spur Award Winner for Best Contemporary Western Novel • WILLA Literary Award Winner in Contemporary Fiction • Montana Book Award Honor Book With the quiet precision of Jane Smiley's *A Thousand Acres* and the technical clarity of Mary Roach's *Stiff*, this is a novel about a young woman who comes most alive while working in her father's mortuary in a small, forgotten Western town. "The dead come to me vulnerable, sharing their stories and secrets . . ." Mary Crampton has spent all of

her thirty years in Petroleum, a small Western town once supported by a powerful grain company. Living at home, she works as the embalmer in her father's mortuary: an unlikely job that has long marked her as an outsider. Yet, to Mary there is a satisfying art to positioning and styling each body to capture the essence of a subject's life. Though some townsfolk pretend that the community is thriving, the truth is that Petroleum is crumbling away—a process that began twenty years ago when an accident in the grain elevator killed a beloved high school athlete. The mill closed for good, the train no longer stopped in town, and Robert Golden, the victim's younger brother, was widely blamed for the tragedy and shipped off to live elsewhere. Now, out of the blue, Robert has returned to care for his terminally ill mother. After Mary—reserved, introspective, and deeply

lonely—strikes up an unlikely friendship with him, shocking the locals, she finally begins to consider what might happen if she dared to leave Petroleum. Set in the American West, *The Flicker of Old Dreams* explores themes of resilience, redemption, and loyalty in prose as lyrical as it is powerful.

Swim the Fly Penguin

“Elegant and engrossing...Henderson is a talent to watch.” —Danielle Trussoni, author of *Angelology* “This is not a book you’ll soon forget.” —Sara Gruen, author of *Water for Elephants* The gripping debut novel from Litpark.com founder and Pushcart Prize-nominee Susan Henderson, *Up From the Blue* is a dazzling tour de force that unfolds against the backdrop of 1970s America—a tumultuous era of desegregation, school busing, and the early rise of modern-day feminism. The story

of an imaginative young girl struggling to make sense of her mother’s mysterious disappearance, *Up From the Blue* is enthralling fiction that delves into complex family relationships, in the vein of Jennifer McMahon, Katrina Kittle, and Laura Kasischke.

Six Ways of Being Religious Simon and Schuster
*Women in Bed*The Story Plant

Strangers in Budapest Algonquin Books

A collection of nine stories thematically address variations of love--love of self, family, and sexual relationships.

Imagine That Forever

Crochet new life into unloved, unworn clothes with sustainable fashion hacks! This book is not just a collection of crochet patterns or a selection of makes to keep you looking de rigeur. Oh no—this book is actually a toolkit of hints, tips and instructions to help you rethink the clothes that are already around you, from your own wardrobe to

second-hand stores and thrifted finds. This book is a way of life. Whether it's repairing tears and holes, adjusting the fit of a garment, for example by increasing the length of the body or sleeves, or completely restyling a piece of clothing into something altogether more exciting, these innovative crochet ideas will keep more garments out of the landfill—and bring them back to life as your new wardrobe faves. Sustainable fashion hero and crochet hacking pioneer Emma Friedlander-Collins of @SteelandStitch takes you step-by-step through the process of crocheting into denim, jersey, wool and other fabrics, with seventeen projects to save you money AND save the planet!

The Book of the Cat Columbia University Press

It all started when Bill Rosenberg took a leap of faith and bet his future on a donut.

Animal Wife Vintage Canada

Three adolescent boys with a single goal: see a

real live naked girl. The result? Razor-sharp, rapid-fire, and raunchy, of course. And beyond hilarious. Fifteen-year-old Matt Gratton and his two best friends, Coop and Sean, always set themselves a summertime goal. This year's? To see a real-live naked girl for the first time -- quite a challenge, given that none of the guys has the nerve to even ask a girl out on a date. But catching a girl in the buff starts to look easy compared to Matt's other summertime aspiration: to swim the 100-yard butterfly (the hardest stroke known to God or man) as a way to impress Kelly West, the sizzling new star of the swim team. In the spirit of Hollywood's blockbuster comedies, screenwriter-turned-YA-novelist Don Calame unleashes a true ode to the adolescent male: characters who are side-splittingly funny, sometimes crude, yet always full of heart.

Intercourse Central Avenue Publishing

After a close friend's death, a terminally ill woman embarks on a series of affairs in this novel by the author of *Every Kind of Wanting*. The friendship between Mary and Nix had endured since childhood, a seemingly unbreakable bond, until the mid-1980s, when the two young women embarked on a summer vacation in Greece. It was a trip initiated by Nix, who had just learned that Mary had been diagnosed with a disease that would cut her life short and who was determined that it be the vacation of a lifetime. But by the time their visit to Greece was over, Nix had withdrawn from their friendship, and Mary had no idea why. Three years later, Nix is dead, and Mary returns to Europe to try to understand what went wrong. In the process she meets the first of many men that she will spend time with as she travels throughout the world. Through them she experiences not only a sexual awakening but also a spiritual and emotional awakening that allows her to understand how the

past and the future are connected and to appreciate the freedom to live life adventurously. "A terrific book, a tender story of friendship, and a frank story of a young woman's adventures with an assortment of oddly funny, violent, and quirky men. It's intense and beautifully written." —Audrey Niffenegger, New York Times–bestselling author of *The Time Traveler's Wife* "Original and fearless . . . A powerful portrait of human connection and individual triumph."?People, 3.5 stars out of 4 "A stunning novel—Frangello's broken characters live in a world of terror and redemption, of magnificent sadness and beauty." —Kirkus Reviews