

# Notes From An Accidental Band Geek Erin Dionne

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This Song is (Not) For You  
Scholastic Inc.

Born to rule Although born to rule, Aidan lives as a scribe in a remote Irish monastery on the far, wild edge of Christendom. Secure in work, contemplation, and dreams of the wider world, a miracle bursts into Aidan's quiet life. He is chosen to accompany a small band of monks on a quest to the farthest eastern reaches of the known world, to the fabled city of Byzantium, where they are to present a beautiful and costly hand-illuminated manuscript, the Book of Kells, to the Emperor of all Christendom. Thus begins an expedition by sea and over land, as Aidan becomes, by turns, a warrior and a sailor, a slave and a spy, a Viking and a Saracen, and finally, a man. He sees more of the world than most men of his time, becoming an ambassador to kings and an intimate of Byzantium's fabled Golden Court. And finally this valiant Irish monk faces the greatest trial that can confront any man in any age: commanding his own Destiny.

**Team BFF: Race to the Finish! #2** Crown Archetype

A lively oral history of the Toronto cult indie-rock band draws on interviews with such past and present members as Hayden, Bloc Party, and Leslie Feist as well as a number of their fellow performers, in an illustrated tribute that is complemented by reproductions of gig posters and album artwork. Original.

**The Accidental Alchemist** Sourcebooks, Inc.

The Accidental Teacher is a humorous and provocative account of the authors

experience teaching English in a California public high school with absolutely no qualifications, training or previous experience. Equal parts McCourts Teacher Man and Keseys Cuckoos Nest with a dash of Sedaris and a shot of Hunter Thompson, the story follows Mr. Mandel as he muddles through his first year, mangling metaphors and alienating administrators while attempting to engage a very difficult group of teenagers. From his outsiders perspective, Mr. Mandel provides pointed commentaries on the troubling issues facing public education and poignant accounts of his students lives and his own personal journey; frequent digressions offer literary allusions from the subtle to the ludicrous. The author displays a wry sense of humor as he struggles to counter administrative absurdities, to appease his own Nurse Ratchet, and to compensate for his own deficiencies. The Accidental Teacher is certain to entertain and interest anyone who has taught, wants to teach, cares about public education, or dreams of changing careers late in life.

**The Accidental Anchor**

Judy Dyble is a legend. The original female singer for Fairport Convention she left the band after their first album aged only 19, but went on to perform in Giles, Giles and Fripp and later, Trader Horne. In 2003, after a break from the music business and the death of her husband, she felt able to restart her musical career and has produced several albums to great critical acclaim. This book is a tender and fascinating look at her life and career, for fans of folk, prog rock and jazz rock, plus the army of Fairport Convention fans who have been waiting to hear her story.

**Busted** Charlesbridge Publishing

In this epistolary middle-grade debut, a girl who's questioning her sexual orientation writes letters to her sister, who was sent away from their strict Catholic home after becoming pregnant.

**This Book is Broken** Abrams

Filled with the bestselling, award-winning

author's trademark wordplay and inventive storytelling, here is the dizzyingly entertaining, wickedly humorous story of a mysterious stranger whose sudden appearance during a family 's summer holiday transforms four variously unhappy people. Each of the Smarts—parents Eve and Michael, son Magnus, and the youngest, daughter Astrid—encounter Amber in his or her own solipsistic way, but somehow her presence allows them to see their lives (and their life together) in a new light. Smith 's narrative freedom and exhilarating facility with language propel the novel to its startling, wonderfully enigmatic conclusion.

**If I Stay** Gargoyle Girl Productions

From the author of "Pure" and "The Summer of Firsts and Lasts" comes a friendship story with one girl, several boys, and lots of complications.

**Unintentional Music** Tuxbury Publishing LLC

From New York Times bestselling author Madeline Hunter comes this seductive tale of a headstrong young lady, a scandalous manuscript, and the iron-willed duke determined to save her from her ruin. For fans of Mary Balogh, Eloisa James, and Julia Quinn. When Lady Lydia Alfreton is blackmailed over the shocking contents of a manuscript she once wrote, she must go to the most desperate of measures to raise the money to buy back the ill-considered prose: agreeing to an old wager posed by the arrogant, dangerous Duke of Penthurst. At least Penthurst is a man she wouldn 't mind fleecing—and she 's confident she 'll win. Penthurst long ago concluded Lydia was a woman in search of ruinous adventure, but even he is surprised when she arrives at his house ready to bet her innocence against his ten thousand pounds—a wager he only proposed to warn her off gambling. When she loses to a simple draw of the cards, Lydia is shocked. Now, her problems are twofold: a blackmailer determined to see her pay and a duke determined to tame her rebellious ways. One misstep and Lydia could find herself ruined—or bound to the seductive man who would make her his duchess.

**Smile When You're Lying** Penguin  
" Bang your head! Metal Health 'll drive you mad! " — Quiet Riot Like an episode of VH1 's Behind the Music on steroids, Bang Your Head is

an epic history of every band and every performer that has proudly worn the Heavy Metal badge. Whether headbanging is your guilty pleasure or you firmly believe that this much-maligned genre has never received the respect it deserves, *Bang Your Head* is a must-read that pays homage to a music that's impossible to ignore, especially when being blasted through a sixteen-inch woofer. Charting the genesis of early metal with bands like Black Sabbath and Iron Maiden; the rise of metal to the top of the Billboard charts and heavy MTV rotation featuring the likes of Def Leppard and Metallica; hitting its critical peak with bands like Guns N' Roses; disgrace during the "hair metal" '80s; and a demise fueled by the explosion of the Seattle grunge scene and the "alternative" revolution, *Bang Your Head* is as funny as it is informative and proves once and for all that there is more to metal than sin, sex, and spandex. To write this exhaustive history, David Konow spent three years interviewing the bands, wives, girlfriends, ex-wives, groupies, managers, record company execs, and anyone who was or is a part of the metal scene, including many of the band guys often better known for their escapades and bad behavior than for their musicianship. Nothing is left unsaid in this jaw-dropping, funny, and entertaining chronicle of power ballads, outrageous outfits, big hair, bigger egos, and testosterone-drenched debauchery.

#### The Accidentals Penguin

Jelly is as surprised as anyone when he decides that he's going to win the annual sixth grade speech contest. Just like that, Joe Alton Miles, better known as Jelly (because his initials are J.A.M. and his best friend's are P.B.), is faced with overcoming not only his terror of being in the spotlight, but also the wrath of smart, popular Victoria, who believes that the prize (like all prizes) is rightfully hers. At first, Jelly only cares about winning the awesome prize (a new tablet), but as Victoria escalates her campaign against him, Jelly begins to realize that it's not only the prize that's at stake, but also his reputation, his self-respect and the friendship he values most. Jelly must dig deep inside himself to find out if he's strong enough to stand up to Victoria and show everyone what he's really capable of. Hilariously funny and just as poignant, *Speechless* is about finding out who your friends are, giving back, standing up to bullying and finding your own unique voice.

#### The Lincoln Highway House of Anansi

A magical tale of imagination, adventure, and the power of storytelling, perfect for fans of *The Golden Compass* and *A Wrinkle in Time*. Kay's father has gone missing on Christmas Eve! And when Kay and her sister Ell go to his office, everyone he works with claims never to have heard of him. So later that evening, when Kay wakes up to find two mysterious strangers outside her bedroom window, talking about her father and looking for the last remnants of his existence, she demands to know what's happened to her dad. The two strangers, Flip and Will, are wraiths, on a mission to bring Kay and Ell's father to their world--the world of woven stories and grand imagination that

their father has spent his career studying. Only things in that world have gone very wrong, and the Bride of Bithynia, the only being who can set things right, is nowhere to be found. Can Kay and Ell find their father and join Flip and Will in a centuries-old battle to save the world? Debut author Andrew Zurcher has created a world as captivating as Lyra's Oxford and Alice's Wonderland in this spellbinding quest of a novel. Praise for *Twelve Nights*: \* "Debut author Zurcher writes with surety and panache . . . a superb adventure." --Booklist, STARRED REVIEW "One for the bookshelf of any fantasy enthusiast." --Kirkus Reviews *Destroy All Monsters* Simon and Schuster From Bangkok to Bogotá, a hilarious behind-the-scenes tour of picture-perfect locales, dangerous destinations, and overrated hellholes from a guy who knows the truth about travel. Travel writer, editor, and photographer Chuck Thompson has spent more than a decade traipsing through thirty-five (and counting) countries across the globe, and he's had enough. Enough of the half-truths demanded by magazine editors, enough of the endlessly recycled clichés regarded as good travel writing, and enough of the ugly secrets fiercely guarded by the travel industry. But mostly, he's had enough of returning home from assignments and leaving the most interesting stories and the most provocative insights on the editing-room floor. From getting swindled in Thailand to running afoul of customs inspectors in Belarus, from defusing hostile Swedish rockers backstage in Germany to a closed-door meeting with travel execs telling him why he's about to be fired once again, Thompson's no-holds-barred style is refreshing, invigorating, and all those other adjectives travel writers use to describe spa vacations where the main attraction is a daily colonic. *Smile When You're Lying* takes readers on an irresistible series of adventures in Europe, Asia, the Caribbean, Latin America, and beyond; details the effects of globalization on the casual traveler and ponders the future of travel as we know it; and offers up a treasure trove of travel-industry secrets collected throughout a decidedly speckled career.

#### Speechless Penguin

A perfect choice for kids (and parents!) trapped inside on a snow day. When his Ernest Shackleton report is ironically quashed because of a snowstorm, a school cancellation-celebrating elementary schooler chronicles his adventures at home with hilarious log entries and read-aloud-friendly results. The Captain's (our young protagonist) belongings start to go missing while homebound due to weather, and humorous attacks and pell-mell mutiny follow. After a series of snow day events, the crew (the Captain's parents), the first mate (his trusty dog), and the scallywag (also known as the younger sibling) are freed from their snowbound home, and the Captain returns to school. Kids will laugh at the Captain's battle with his siblings, and parents will relate to the

antics that ensue when the weather prevents students from heading to class and upsets daily routines and schedules. \* "Entertaining, informative--utterly delightful"--Kirkus Reviews, STARRED review

#### The Total Tragedy of a Girl Named Hamlet Harper Collins

A standalone story. She's living next door to a superstar... and doesn't even know it. Enemies to lovers tale with an earth-shaking twist! When his mega-famous boy band AnyDayNow breaks up, international pop star RJ Contreras strikes out on his own. But when his solo career flops, RJ retreats to a no-frills apartment where he can hide out from the world and lick his festering wounds. But when the girl next door starts slipping 'good neighbor' contracts under his door and complaining about his behavior through strategically placed Post-it-Notes, RJ snaps out of his self-absorbed melancholy to wage war. Nothing short of an act of nature could repair the relationship between these two strong-willed enemies. But guess what Fate has in store?

#### Accidental Empires Penguin

"Music is the second most important thing," I say. That was something my mother would always say. We've stopped saying it out loud, but I think it all the same. The most important thing is love. From the author of the New York Times and USA Today Bestselling *If He Had Been With Me* comes a captivating novel about navigating—and protecting—the loves and friendships that sustain us. Ramona fell for Sam the moment she met him. It was like she had known him forever. He's one of the few constants in her life, and their friendship is just too important to risk for a kiss. Though she really wants to kiss him... Sam loves Ramona, but he would never expect her to feel the same way—she's too quirky and cool for someone like him. Still, they complement each other perfectly, both as best friends and as a band. Then they meet Tom. Tom makes music too, and he's the band's missing piece. The three quickly become inseparable. Except Ramona's falling in love with Tom. But she hasn't fallen out of love with Sam either. How can she be true to her feelings and herself without losing the very relationships that make her heart sing? *This Song is (Not) for You* is perfect for readers looking for: Contemporary teen romance books Unputdownable & binge-worthy novels Complex emotional YA stories Novels that explore monogamy, polyamory, and asexuality Characters with a passion for music Performance art

#### Ollie and the Science of Treasure Hunting Anisha, Accidental Detective

All Hamlet Kennedy wants is to be a normal eighth grader. But with parents like hers - Shakespearean scholars who actually dress in Elizabethan regalia . . . in public! - it's not that easy. As if they weren't strange enough, her genius seven-year-old sister will be attending her middle school, and is named the new math tutor. Then, when the Shakespeare Project is announced,

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Hamlet reveals herself to be an amazing actress. Even though she wants to be average, Hamlet can no longer hide from the fact that she- like her family - is anything but ordinary.

Twelve Nights J. Bengtsson

"Based on the TV series Rabbids invasion as seen on Nickelodeon."

The Accidental Playground North Star Editions, Inc.

"Perfect for younger detectives. So funny and clever and sweet." Robin Stevens Winner of the Sainsbury's Children's Book Prize and of the Crimefest Best Crime Novel for Children HELP! My super-dramatic Aunty Bindi is getting married tomorrow and she's having a mega meltdown. But sssh! I've just found a ransom note, pushed through the letter box, saying Uncle Tony, Bindi's husband-to-be, has been kidnapped, and will only be freed if the wedding is cancelled! I have to keep this a secret otherwise it'll be panic-central... I guess it's up to me - Anisha, ACCIDENTAL DETECTIVE, to save the day.

The Open Curtain Fordham Univ Press

When Mr. Murphy finds out that evil organization RABID is using a student academic and athletic competition to recruit agents, he asks Nathan, Abigail, and Mookie to form a team and enter the contest. Things go terribly wrong when Nathan's nemesis, Rodney the bully, forms his own team to go up against Nathan. Soon Rodney and his pals start to notice some very odd things about Nathan. Will they discover Nathan's secret and expose his zombie identity to the entire world? At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

12 Notes Simon and Schuster

"How could you say no to a book that's described as 'for fans of The Westing Game and From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler'?" —The Atlantic Wire Moxie Fleece knows the rules and follows them--that is, until the day she opens her front door to a mysterious stranger. Suddenly Moxie is involved in Boston's biggest unsolved mystery: The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum art heist. Moxie has two weeks to find the art, otherwise she and the people she loves will be in big-time danger. Her tools? Her best friend, Ollie, a geocaching addict who loves to find stuff; her Alzheimer's suffering grandfather, Grumps, who knows lots more than he lets on; and a geometry proof that she sets up to sort out the clues. It's a race against the clock through downtown Boston as Moxie and Ollie break every rule she's ever lived by to find the art and save her family.