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A Question of Honor Usborne Publishing Ltd

She was born to kill, born to die. Crescent is a crowhopper—a genetically modified mercenary programmed for ruthless warfare. When she 's taken prisoner by Crater Trueblood instead of being killed in battle, she thinks it 's a disaster. Crater is weary of war. He 's a miner, not a soldier. He 'd rather be mining Helium-3 than battling the infernal crowhoppers. But after he captures Crescent and brings her to Moontown, he 's surprised how much he enjoys her company. When she 's falsely accused of murder, he becomes an outlaw to help her escape. The unlikely pair escapes into the "big suck" and wind up trekking with a caravan of mining pioneers toward a lunar

ghost town called Endless Dust. To survive, they must do more than navigate the beautiful, desolate moonscape and battle a persistent band of crowhoppers sent to capture or kill them. They must decide what—and who—is truly worth fighting for. "Expertly blending space opera and hard sci-fi, romance, and even mystery . . . this is fast-paced, packed with intriguing ideas . . ." —Peter Gutierrez, Booklist Review

"Classic Golden Age science fiction high-adventure. It brought back memories of reading Asimov . . . that same sense of wonder. I absolutely loved it." —Michael Scott, New York Times Best-selling Author, The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel series
Sammy in the Sky

HarperCollins
CHINA, 484 A.D. A Warrior in Disguise All her life, Mulan has trained for one purpose: to win the duel that every generation in her family must fight. If she prevails, she can reunite a pair of priceless heirloom swords separated decades earlier, and avenge her

father, who was paralyzed in his own duel. Then a messenger from the Emperor arrives, demanding that all families send one soldier to fight the Rouran invaders in the north. Mulan's father cannot go. Her brother is just a child. So she ties up her hair, takes up her sword, and joins the army as a man. A War for a Dynasty Thanks to her martial arts skills, Mulan is chosen for an elite team under the command of the princeling—the royal duke's son, who is also the handsomest man she's ever seen. But the princeling has secrets of his own, which explode into Mulan's life and shake up everything she knows. As they cross the Great Wall to face the enemy beyond, Mulan and the princeling must find a way to unwind their past, unmask a traitor, and uncover the plans for the Rouran invasion...before it's too late. Inspired by wuxia martial-arts dramas as well as the centuries-

old ballad of Mulan, *The Magnolia Sword* is a thrilling, romantic, and sharp-edged novel that lives up to its beloved heroine.

Head Games Island Books

A Question of Honor is the gripping, little-known story of the refugee Polish pilots who joined the RAF and played an essential role in saving Britain from the Nazis, only to be betrayed by the Allies after the war. After Poland fell to the Nazis, thousands of Polish pilots, soldiers, and sailors escaped to England. Devoted to liberating their homeland, some would form the RAF's 303 Squadron, known as the Kosciuszko Squadron, after the elite unit in which many had flown back home. Their thrilling exploits and fearless flying made them celebrities in Britain, where they were "adopted" by socialites and seduced by countless women, even as they yearned for news from home. During the Battle of Britain, they downed more German aircraft

than any other squadron, but in a stunning twist at the war's end, the Allies rewarded their valor by abandoning Poland to Joseph Stalin. This moving, fascinating book uncovers a crucial forgotten chapter in World War II – and Polish – history.

We Light Up the Sky Delta

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passionate call to arms against our era's most pervasive human rights violation—the oppression of women and girls in the developing world. From the bestselling authors of *Tightrope*, two of our most fiercely moral voices With Pulitzer Prize winners Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn as our guides, we undertake an odyssey through Africa and Asia to meet the extraordinary women struggling there, among them a Cambodian teenager sold into sex slavery and an Ethiopian woman who suffered devastating injuries in childbirth. Drawing on the breadth of their combined reporting experience, Kristof and WuDunn

depict our world with anger, sadness, clarity, and, ultimately, hope. They show how a little help can transform the lives of women and girls abroad. That Cambodian girl eventually escaped from her brothel and, with assistance from an aid group, built a thriving retail business that supports her family. The Ethiopian woman had her injuries repaired and in time became a surgeon. A Zimbabwean mother of five, counseled to return to school, earned her doctorate and became an expert on AIDS. Through these stories, Kristof and WuDunn help us see that the key to economic progress lies in unleashing women's potential. They make clear how so many people have helped to do just that, and how we can each do our part. Throughout much of the world, the greatest unexploited economic resource is the female half of the population. Countries such as China have prospered precisely because they emancipated women and brought them into the formal economy. Unleashing that process

globally is not only the right thing to do; it's also the best strategy for fighting poverty. Deeply felt, pragmatic, and inspirational, *Half the Sky* is essential reading for every global citizen.

Clues to the Universe
HarperCollins
Ninety two percent of teens say watching films is their number one pastime. So what better way for a parent to connect and have meaningful discussion with their teens than "Movie Nights?" Discussions include practical ideas, story points and follow-up activities so parents can talk with their teens about movies and spiritual truth.

Orphan Island
HarperCollins
Should you save a world that doesn't want to save you? Award-winning author Lilliam Rivera explores the haunting story of an alien invasion from the perspective of three Latinx teens. Pedro, Luna, and Rafa may attend Fairfax High School together in Los Angeles, but they run in separate spheres. Pedro is often told that he's "too much" and seeks refuge from his home life in a local drag bar. Luna is pretending to go along with the popular crowd but is still grieving the unexpected passing of her beloved cousin Tasha. Then there's Rafa, the quiet new kid who is hiding the fact that his family is homeless. But Pedro, Luna, and Rafa find themselves thrown together when an extraterrestrial visitor lands in their city and takes the form of Luna's cousin Tasha. As the Visitor causes destruction wherever it goes, the three teens struggle to survive and warn others of what's coming--because this Visitor is only the first of many. But who is their true enemy--this alien, or their fellow humans? Pura Belpré Honor-winning author Lilliam Rivera examines the days before a War of the Worlds-inspired alien invasion in this captivating and chilling new novel.

A Night in the Lonesome October
Naval Institute Press
From youth football to the NFL, almost no one understands concussions. Children are dying, and NFL players are retiring early and with impairments. Why? The NFL suppresses the true information about head injuries. Nowinski shows how to recognize them, how long to stay out of action, and how to educate teams and players.

Understanding by Design ASCD
A sixteen-year-old must battle his way across a thousand miles of deadly lunar terrain and face genetically altered super warriors in his quest to recover an astonishing object that will alter the lives of everyone on the moon . . . and beyond. It's the 22nd Century. A tough, pioneering people mine the moon produce energy for a desperate, war-torn Earth. Sixteen-year-old Crater Trueblood loves his job as a Helium-3 miner. But when he saves a fellow miner, his life changes forever. Impressed by his heroism, the owner of the mine orders Crater to undertake a dangerous mission. Crater doesn't think he can do it, but he has no choice. He must go. With the help of Maria, the mine owner's frustrating but gorgeous granddaughter, and his gillie—a sometimes insubordinate clump of

slime mold cells—Crater must fight both human and subhuman enemies to complete his mission. New York Times bestselling author Homer Hickman (Rocket Boys) will take you on a hold-your-breath adventure across the moon, and you'll never look at the night sky the same way again. The first installment of the Helium-3 series Book #1: Crater Book #2: Crescent Book #3: Crater Trueblood and the Lunar Rescue Company Book length: 75,000 words Includes discussion questions for book clubs *Brief Answers to the Big Questions (Tamil)* HarperCollins "In the murky London gloom, a knife-wielding gentleman prowls the midnight streets with his faithful watchdog Snuff - gathering together the grisly ingredients they will need for an upcoming ancient and unearthly rite. And all manner of players, both human and undead, are preparing to participate."--Publisher.

Peter & Ernesto: A Tale of Two Sloths
First Second Books
David Almond's
Printz

Honor-winning novel celebrates its 10th anniversary! Ten-year-old Michael was looking forward to moving into a new house. But now his baby sister is ill, his parents are frantic, and Doctor Death has come to call. Michael feels helpless. Then he steps into the crumbling garage. . . What is this thing beneath the spiders' webs and dead flies? A human being, or a strange kind of beast never before seen? The only person Michael can confide in is his new friend, Mina. Together, they carry the creature out into the light, and Michael's world changes forever. . .

Red Helmet Candlewick Press

"A collection of ten short stories that all take place in the same day about kids walking home from school"--

Look Both Ways

Turtleback Books
The first fully

annotated edition of Raymond Chandler's 1939 classic *The Big Sleep* features hundreds of illuminating notes and images alongside the full text of the novel and is an essential addition to any crime fiction fan's library. A masterpiece of noir, Raymond Chandler's *The Big Sleep* helped to define a genre. Today it remains one of the most celebrated and stylish novels of the twentieth century. This comprehensive, annotated edition offers a fascinating look behind the scenes of the novel, bringing the gritty and seductive world of Chandler's iconic private eye Philip Marlowe to life. The Annotated *Big Sleep* solidifies the novel's position as one of the great works of American fiction and will

surprise and enthrall Chandler's biggest fans.

Including:

- Personal letters and source texts
- The historical context of Chandler's Los Angeles, including maps and images
- Film stills and art from the early pulps
- An analysis of class, gender, sexuality, and ethnicity in the novel

Hillbilly Elegy

Delacorte Press

James A. Frieden and Deborah Elliott present a learning guide for using the movie "October Sky" as a teaching aid. Frieden and Elliott include a description of the movie, the benefits of using the movie in the curricula, awards the movie has won, and discussion questions. The character development topics are perseverance and friendship.

The Magnolia Sword

Thomas Nelson

Sammy, the best hound dog in the whole wide world, loves his girl and she loves him. When illness cuts Sammy's life short, the girl's family keeps his spirit alive by celebrating his love of chasing wind-blown bubbles, keeping loyal guard at night, and offering his velvety fur for endless pats and tummy scratches. Painter Jamie Wyeth's illustrations - infused with his realist style and lifelong fondness for dogs - radiate the joy and sadness of every tongue-licking, tail-wagging moment in this heartening and lovingly rendered story written by Barbara Walsh.

Cartooning Yale University Press

A National Book Award Longlist title! "A wondrous book, wise and wild and deeply true." -Kelly Barnhill, Newbery Medal-winning author of *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* "This is one of those books that haunts you long after you read it. Thought-provoking and magical." -Rick Riordan, author of the Percy Jackson series

In the tradition of modern-day classics like Sara Pennypacker's *Pax* and Lois Lowry's *The Giver* comes a deep, compelling, heartbreaking, and completely one-of-a-kind novel about nine children who live on a mysterious island. On the island, everything is perfect. The sun rises in a sky filled with dancing shapes; the wind, water, and trees shelter and protect those who live there; when the nine children go to sleep in their cabins, it is with full stomachs and joy in their hearts. And only one thing ever changes: on that day, each year, when a boat appears from the mist upon the ocean carrying one young child to join them-and taking the eldest one away, never to be seen again. Today's Changing is no different. The boat arrives, taking away Jinny's best friend, Deen, replacing him with a new little

girl named Ess, and leaving Jinny as the new Elder. Jinny knows her responsibility now—to teach Ess everything she needs to know about the island, to keep things as they've always been. But will she be ready for the inevitable day when the boat will come back—and take her away forever from the only home she's known? "A unique and compelling story about nine children who live with no adults on a mysterious island. Anyone who has ever been scared of leaving their family will love this book" (from the [Brightly.com](#) review, which named *Orphan Island* a best book of 2017).

The Sky Above Us

Vintage Crime/Black Lizard

Originally published as "Rocket Boys", this bestseller--based on a true story--follows a group of boys in a small West Virginia town in 1957 as they light up the skies with their flaming rockets and dreams of

glory. This edition includes 8 pages of photos.

Heads You Win Manjul Publishing

The inspiring story of three young Sudanese boys who were driven from their homes by civil war and began an epic odyssey of survival, facing life-threatening perils, ultimately finding their way to a new life in America.

Between 1987 and 1989, Alepho, Benjamin, and Benson, like tens of thousands of young boys, took flight from the massacres of Sudan's civil war. They became known as the Lost Boys. With little more than the clothes on their backs, sometimes not even that, they streamed out over Sudan in search of refuge. Their journey led them first to Ethiopia and then, driven back into Sudan, toward Kenya. They walked nearly one thousand miles, sustained only by the sheer will to live. *They Poured Fire on Us from the Sky* is the three boys' account of that unimaginable journey. With the candor and the purity of their child's-eye-vision, Alephonsian, Benjamin, and Benson

recall by turns: how they endured the hunger and strength-sapping illnesses-dysentery, malaria, and yellow fever; how they dodged the life-threatening predators-lions, snakes, crocodiles and soldiers alike-that dogged their footsteps; and how they grappled with a war that threatened continually to overwhelm them. Their story is a lyrical, captivating, timeless portrait of a childhood hurled into wartime and how they had the good fortune and belief in themselves to survive.

Under a War-Torn Sky Penguin

Homer Hickam won the praise of critics and the devotion of readers with his first two memoirs set in the hardscrabble mining town of Coalwood, West Virginia. The *New York Times* crowned his first book, the #1 national bestseller *October Sky*, "an eloquent evocation ... a thoroughly charming memoir." And People called *The Coalwood Way*, Hickam's follow-up

to October Sky, "a heartwarmer ... truly beautiful and haunting." Now Homer Hickam continues his extraordinary story with Sky of Stone, dazzling us with exquisite storytelling as he takes us back to that remarkable small town we first came to know and love in October Sky. In the summer of '61, Homer "Sonny" Hickam, a year of college behind him, was dreaming of sandy beaches and rocket ships. But before Sonny could reach the seaside fixer-upper where his mother was spending the summer, a telephone call sends him back to the place he thought he had escaped, the gritty coal-mining town of Coalwood, West Virginia. There, Sonny's father, the mine's superintendent, has been accused of negligence in a man's death—and the townspeople are in conflict over the future of the town. Sonny's mother, Elsie, has commanded her son to spend the summer in Coalwood to support his father. But within hours, Sonny realizes two things: His father, always cool and distant with his second son, doesn't want him there ... and his parents' marriage has begun to unravel. For Sonny, so begins a summer of discovery—of love, betrayal, and most of all, of a brooding mystery that threatens to destroy his father and his town. Cut off from his college funds by his father, Sonny finds himself doing the unimaginable: taking a job as a "track-laying man," the toughest in the mine. Moving out to live among the miners, Sonny is soon dazzled by a beautiful older woman who wants to be the mine's first female engineer. And as the days of summer grow shorter, Sonny finds himself changing in surprising ways, taking the first real steps toward adulthood. But it's a journey he can make only by peering into the mysterious heart of Coalwood itself, and most of all, by unraveling the story of a man's death and a father's secret. In Sky of Stone, Homer Hickam looks down the corridors of his past with love, humor, and forgiveness, brilliantly evoking a close-knit community where everyone knows everything about each other's lives—except the things that matter most. Sky of Stone is a memoir that reads like a novel, mesmerizing us with rich language, narrative drive,

and sheer storytelling genius. They Poured Fire on Us From the Sky Sourcebooks, Inc. The #1 New York Times bestselling memoir that inspired the film *October Sky*, *Rocket Boys* is a uniquely American memoir—a powerful, luminous story of coming of age at the dawn of the 1960s, of a mother's love and a father's fears, of a group of young men who dreamed of launching rockets into outer space . . . and who made those dreams come true. With the grace of a natural storyteller, NASA engineer Homer Hickam paints a warm, vivid portrait of the harsh West Virginia mining town of his youth, evoking a time of innocence and promise, when anything was possible, even in a company town that swallowed its men alive. A story of

romance and loss, of growing up and getting out, *Hickam's* lush, lyrical memoir is a chronicle of triumph—at once exquisitely written and marvelously entertaining. Now with 8 pages of photographs. A number-one New York Times bestseller in mass market, brought to the screen in the acclaimed film *October Sky*, *Homer Hickam's* memoir, nominated for the National Book Critics Circle Award, comes to trade paperback with an all-new photo insert. One of the most beloved bestsellers in recent years, *Rocket Boys* is a uniquely American memoir. A powerful, luminous story of coming of age at the end of the 1950s, it is the story of a mother's love and a father's fears, of growing up and getting out. With the grace of a

natural storyteller, Homer Hickam looks back after a distinguished NASA career to tell his own true story of growing up in a dying coal town and of how, against the odds, he made his dreams of launching rockets into outer space come true. A story of romance and loss and a keen portrait of life at an extraordinary point in American history, *Rocket Boys* is a chronicle of triumph.

The Annotated Big Sleep Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

"A compelling, well-voiced look at how teenagers deal with tragedy." -- School Library Journal

"Powerfully crafted and captivating."

--Midwest Book Review
From the author of *We Speak in Storms* comes a compelling mystery about three friends searching for the truth in the aftermath of a plane crash. The morning after their senior year beach party, Izzy, Cass, and Janie

are woken by a
thundering overhead.
Then they and their
classmates watch in
shock as a plane
crashes into the
water. When the
passengers are
finally recovered,
they are identified
as Izzy's twin
brother, Israel,
Cass's ex-boyfriend,
Shane, and Janie's
best friend, Nate.
But Izzy can feel
when her brother is
in pain, and she
knows he's not really
dead. So she, Cass,
and Janie set out to
discover what
actually happened
that day--and why the
boys were on the
plane. Told in
alternating timelines
and points of view,
this powerful and
captivating novel
follows the three
boys in the weeks
leading up to that
fateful flight, and
the girls they left
behind as they try to
piece together the
truth about the boys
they loved and
thought they knew. A
spellbinding story
about the ripple
effects of tragedy,
the questions we
leave unanswered, and

the enduring power of
friendship. Praise
for *The Sky Above Us*:
"Achingly human with
hints of magic, this
tale of loss in its
many forms builds a
compelling mystery."
--Booklist "Lund
proves adept at
smoothly navigating a
complicated plot,
building and holding
suspense, and
creating easily
relatable,
multidimensional
characters."
--Publishers Weekly
"A bruising look at
loss from many
angles." --BCCB "A
deftly written and
simply spellbinding
story about the
ripple effects of
tragedy, the
questions we leave
unanswered, and the
enduring power of
friendship."
--Midwest Book Review