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her illness defined her. On an unremarkable day in middle school, she disclosed to a friend her HIV-positive status—and within hours the bullying began. From that moment forward, every day was like walking through a minefield. Paige was never sure when or from where the next text, taunt, or hateful message would come. Then one night, desperate for escape, fifteen-yearold Paige found herself in her bathroom staring at a Indiana. Paige has bottle of sleeping pills. That could have ambassador for the been the end of her story. Instead, it was only the beginning. Paige's memoir, cowritten with

bestselling author Ali this field can help Benjamin (The Truth change the way her About Jellyfish), calls generation thinks for readers to choose and talks about action over complacency, compassion over cruelty—and above all, to be Positive. Includes twenty-five photos from Paige's personal collection throughout. Paige continues to speak publicly about HIV and bullying, participate in conferences, and contribute to advocacy projects in and beyond her home state of served as an Flizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, She hopes that her continued work in

HIV/AIDS and bullying. To all HIVpositive youth, Paige consistently affirms, " You are living with HIV, but HIV is not who you are. " Positive Simon Pulse An astonishing memoir for the untold number of children whose lives have been touched by bullying. Positive is a must-read for teens, their parents, educators, and administrators—a brave, visceral work that will save lives and resonate deeply. Paige Rawl has been HIV positive since birth,

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memoir about a young woman who, kept out of school, leaves her survivalist family and goes on to from Cambridge University "Extraordinar act of courage and s elf-invention ."-The New York Times NAMED ONE OF THE TEN BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW • ONE OF PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA'S FAVORITE

BOOKS OF THE YEAR • BILL GATES'S HOLIDAY READING LIST • FINALIST: National Book Critics Circle's Award In Autobiography and John Leonard Prize when one of For Best First Book • PEN/Jean Stein Book Award • Los Angeles Times Book Prize Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, Tara Westover was seventeen the first time she set foot in a

classroom. Heracross family was so continents, isolated from to Harvard mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education, intervene Tara's older brothers became violent. When another brother got himself into college, Tara decided to try a new Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and

and to Cambridge University. Only then would she wonder if she'd and no one to traveled too far, if there was still a way home. "Beautiful and propulsive . . . Despite the singularity of[Westover's] childhood, kind of life. the questions her book poses are universal: How much of ourselves should we

give to those we love? And how much must we betray them to grow up?"-Voque NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY The Washington Post • O: The Oprah Magazine • Time • NPR • Good Morning America • San Francisco Chronicle • The Guardian • The Economist • Financial Times • Newsday • New York Post theSkimm • Refinery29 • Bloomberg • Self • Real

Simple • Town & Country • Bustle • Paste • Publishers Weekly • Library Journal • LibraryReads • Book Riot • Pamela Paul, KOED • New York Public Library Body Counts U of Minnesota Press In the tradition of The Glass Castle, a deeply felt memoir from Whiting Award-winner Nadia Owusu about the push and pull of was time to say belonging, the seismic emotional toll of family secrets, and the heart it takes to pull through. A Most-Anticipated Selection by * The

New York Times * Entertainment Weekly * O, The Oprah Magazine * New York magazine * Vogue * Time * Elle * Minneapolis Star Tribune * Electric Literature * Goodreads * The Millions *Refinery29 * HelloGiggles * Young Nadia Owusu followed her father, a United Nations official, from Europe to Africa and back again. Just as she and her family settled into a new home, her father would tell them it their goodbyes. The instability wrought by Nadia's nomadic childhood was deepened by family secrets and fractures, both lived and inherited. Her Armenian American

mother, who abandoned Nadia when she was two. would periodically reappear, only to vanish again. Her father, a Ghanaian, the great hero of her life, died when she was thirteen. After his passing, Nadia's stepmother weighed her down with a revelation that was either a bombshell secret or a lie, rife with shaming innuendo. With these and other ruptures, Nadia arrived in New York as a young woman feeling stateless, motherless, and uncertain about her future, yet eager to find her own identity. What followed, however, were periods of depression in which the Street Penguin she struggled to

hold herself and her TIMES siblings together. Aftershocks is the way she hauled herself from the wreckage of her life's perpetual quaking, the means by which she has finally come to understand that the only ground firm enough to count on is the one written into existence by her own hand. Heralding a dazzling new writer, Aftershocks joins the likes of Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight and William Styron's Darkness Visible, and does for race identity what Maggie Nelson does for gender identity in The Argonauts. The Positive Side of **#1 NEW YORK**

BESTSELLER • Includes two new essays! NAMED ONE OF THE TEN BEST **BOOKS OF THE** YEAR BY MICHIKO KAKUTANI. THE **NEW YORK TIMES** NAMED ONE OF THE BEST **BOOKS OF THE** YEAR BY BUZZFEED, THE GLOBE AND MAIL, AND LIBRARY JOURNAL For readers of Nora Ephron, Tina Fey, and David Sedaris. this hilarious, wise. and fiercely candid collection of personal essays establishes Lena Dunham—the acclaimed creator. producer, and star of HBO 's Girls—as one of the most original young talents writing today. In Not That Kind of Girl.

Dunham illuminates the experiences that are part of making one 's way in the world: falling in love, feeling alone, being ten pounds overweight despite eating only health food, having to prove yourself in a room full dying—what she calls of men twice your age, finding true love, and most of all. having the guts to believe that your story Them, but They is one that deserves to Yelled at Me. " she be told. " Take My Virginity (No Really, Take It) " is the account of Dunham's first time, honestly on the sexism you want to run away and how her expectations of sex didn' t quite live up to the actual event (" No floodgate had been opened, no vault that protect glasses in of true womanhood unlocked "); "Girls & Jerks " explores her y but infinitely former attraction to less-than-nice

guys—guys who had perfected the " dynamic of disrespect " she found so intriguing; " Is This Even Real? " is a meditation on her lifelong obsession with future shame at death and her "genetically predestined morbidity. " And in " I Didn ' t F*** imagines the tell-all she will write when she is eighty and past caring, able to reflect and condescension she has encountered in Hollywood, where women are "treated like the paper thingies for Not That Kind of hotel bathrooms—necessar disposable. " Exuberant, moving,

and keenly observed, Not That Kind of Girl is a series of dispatches from the frontlines of the struggle that is growing up. "I'm already predicting my thinking I had anything to offer you, " Dunham writes. "But if I can take what I ' ve learned and make one menial job easier for you, or prevent you from having the kind of sex where you feel you must keep your speakers on in case during the act, then every misstep of mine will have been worthwhile." Praise Girl "The gifted Ms. Dunham not only writes with observant precision, but also brings a measure of perspective, nostalgia

and an older person's sort of of her (not all that much) younger self and her world. . . . As acute and heartfelt as it is funny. " — Michiko Kakutani, The New York Times "It's not Lena Dunham 's candor that makes me gasp. Rather, it 's her writing—which is full of surprises where you least expect them. A fine, subversive book. " - David Sedaris "This book should be required reading for anyone who thinks they understand the experience of being a young woman in our culture. I thought I knew the author rather well, and I found many (not altogether welcome) surprises. " —Carroll Dunham "Witty,

illuminating, maddening, bracingly wisdom to her portrait bleak . . . [Dunham] is a genuine artist, and a disturber of the order. " -The Atlantic Know My Name **UADY** A mother presents a memoir to her children about the day-to-day events of her life after she learned she was HIV-positive. The Book of Help Simon and Schuster A memoir by the internationally famous fashion designer and style icon Mention the name "Betsey Johnson" and almost every woman from the age of 15 to 75 can rapturously recall a favorite dress or

outfit; whether worn for a prom, a wedding, or just to stand out from the crowd in a colorful way. They may also know her as a renegade single mom who palled around with Edie Sedgwick, Twiggy, and The Velvet Underground, or even as a celebrity contestant on Dancing with the Stars. Betsey is also famous for her iconic pink stores (she had 65 shops across the US) and for her habit of doing cartwheels and splits down the runway at the close of her fashion shows. Throughout her decades-long career, she's taken pride in producing

fun but rule-breakingground up after clothing at an accessible price point. What they might not know is that she built an empire from scratch, business's ups and and brought stretch clothing to the masses in the 80s and 90s. Betsev will take the reader behind the tutu and delve deeply into what it took to go from a white picket fence childhood in Connecticut to becoming an internationally known force in a tough, competitive business. The book will feature Betsey's candid memories of the fashion and downtown scene in the 60s and how she started her own business from the

designing successfully for multiple other companies. She will discuss that downs and reinventions (including bankruptcy), and her thoughts on body image, love, divorce, men, motherhood, and her bout with breast cancer. Betsey will be richly illustrated with many of her landmark clothes. fashion sketches. and personal photos--making the book the perfect memento and gift for every girl (of any age) for whom Betsey is, as a recent sometimes New York Times profile noted, "a role personal and

model still." Little, Brown This heartbreaking, hilarious, and brutally honest memoir shares the deeply personal life story of a girl next door and her transformation into a household name. For more than forty years, Katie Couric has been an iconic presence in the media world. In her brutally honest, hilarious, heartbreaking memoir, she reveals what was going on behind the scenes of her tumultuous

story she 's never shared, until now. Of the medium she taken seriously, she Diana, 9/11, the loves, the one that overcame every made her a household name, she says, " Television can put you in a box; the flat-screen can flatten. On TV, you are larger than them, setting the life but smaller. too. It is not the whole story, and it is not the whole me. This book is. " Beginning in early childhood, Couric was inspired by her journalist father to pursue the career he loved but couldn' t afford to the era, to which stay in. Balancing her vivacious.

professional life - a outgoing personality with her desire to be obstacle in her way: insecurity, an eating disorder, being typecast, sexism . . . challenges, and tone for the rest of lurid detail the her career. Couric talks candidly about adjusting to sudden fame after to co-anchor of the stories like Jon TODAY show. and guides us through the most and news stories of as one of the she had a frontrow seat: Rodney

King, Anita Hill, Columbine, the death of Princess Iraq War . . . In every instance, she relentlessly pursued the facts, ruffling more than a few feathers along the way. She how she dealt with also recalls in vivid and sometimes intense pressure on female anchors to snag the latest " get " —often her astonishing rise sensational tabloid Benet Ramsey, Tonya Harding, and OJ Simpson. momentous events Couric 's position leading lights of her profession was shadowed by the

shock and trauma of losing her husband to stage 4 even more hostile colon cancer when at 60 Minutes, an he was just 42, leaving her a widow and single mom to two daughters, 6 and 2. established The death of her sister Emily, just three years later, brought yet more trauma—and an unwavering commitment to cancer awareness and research, one of her proudest accomplishments. Couric is unsparing in the details of her historic move to the anchor chair at than a decade. the CBS Evening News—a world rife with sexism

and misogyny. Her finding love again, " welcome " was unrepentant boys club that engaged in outright hazing of even the most women. In the wake of the MeToo movement, Couric happen. If you shares her cleareyed reckoning with gender inequality and predatory behavior paced, emotional, in the workplace, and downfall of Matt Lauer—a colleague she had trusted and respected for more humble origins to Couric also talks about the challenge of

with all the hilarity, false-starts, and drama that search entailed. before finding her midlife Mr. Right. Something she has never discussed publicly—why her second marriage almost didn 't thought you knew Katie Couric. think again. Going There is the fastriveting story of a thoroughly modern woman, whose journey took her from superstardom. In these pages, you will find a friend, a confidante, a role

model, a survivor whose lessons about life will enrich your own. Sigh, Gone One World "A quietly brilliant book that warms slowly in the hands." — Dwight Garner, The New York Times I am not talking about surviving. I am not talking about becoming human, but about how I came to realize that I had always already been human. I am writing about all that I wanted to have, and how I got it. I am writing about what it cost. and how I was able to afford it.

Jan Grue was diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy at the age of three. Shifting between specific periods of his life—his youth with his parents and sister in Norway: his years of study in Berkeley, St. Petersburg, and Amsterdam; and his current life as a professor, husband, and father—he intersperses these histories with elegant, astonishingly wise reflections on the world, social structures. disability, loss, relationships, and

the body: in short, on what it means to be human. Along the way, Grue moves effortlessly between his own story and those of others. incorporating reflections on philosophy, film, art, and the work of writers from Joan Didion to Michael Foucault. He revives the cold, clinical language of his childhood. drawing from a stack of medical records that first forced the boy who thought of himself as "just Jan" to perceive that his body, and

therefore his self. was defined by its defects. I Live a Life Like Yours is a accepting one 's love story. It is rich own body and with loss, sorrow, and joy, and with the details of one life: a girlfriend pushing Grue through the airport discovery. and forgetting him Where Dolphins next to the baggage claim: schoolmates forming a chain behind his wheelchair on the ice one winter day; published—until his parents writing now. "The desperate letters in subconscious mind they don 't want, search of proper treatment for their difference between what they 're son; his own young a penny and a son climbing into his lap as he sits in his wheelchair, only to leap down

and run away too quickly to catch. It work just as hard is a story about limitations, and learning to love life don 't condition as it is while remaining open to hope and Walk iUniverse In 1964. Napoleon Hill presented a series of lectures that have never been million dollars. It does not know the success and

failure, and it ' ll to make a failure out of you as it will to make a success out of you if you your mind to keep the subconscious mind working with and for the things you want and away from the things you don 't want. "The majority of people spend their lives worrying and fearing and fretting over the things doesn't know the and that's exactly getting out of life. I try to make allowances for the difference between weaknesses and for the mistakes of

other people that health. I have a affect my interest. I happy home. " don 't always do a -An excerpt from good job of it but I one of Napoleon try. I try to keep my mental attitude lectures—available the family from the positive at all times for the first time toward all people about all subjects. I Hill Foundation want to tell you that this effort on my part has gone a long way toward placing me in a position where I can say, as I said to you this morning, that I have acquired in this life everything that I need, everything that I want, everything that I desire. I have no fears, no frustrations, no disappointments. I have good, sound

Hill's last public from the Napoleon Betsey Post Hill Press A funny, biting, and entertaining memoir of coming of age in the shadow of celebrity and finding your own way in the face of absolute chaos that is both a moving portrait of a complicated family and an exploration of the cost of fame. Growing up, Jenny Pentland 's life was a literal sitcom. Many of the storylines for her mother 's smash hit series. Roseanne. were drawn from Pentland 's early family life in working-

class Denver. But that was only the beginning of the drama. Roseanne Barr 's success as a comedian catapulted Rockies to starstudded Hollywood—with its toxic culture of money, celebrity, and prying tabloids that was destabilizing for a child in grade school. By adolescence, Jenny struggled with anxiety and eating issues. Her parents and new stepfather, struggling to help, responded by sending Jenny and her siblings on a grand tour of the self-help movement of the 80s—from fat camps to brat camps, wilderness survival programs to drug rehab clinics (even though Jenny didn't take drugs). Becoming an adult, all Jenny

wanted was to get married and have kids, despite Roseanne 's admonishments not to Positive limit herself to being just a wife and mother. In this scathingly funny and moving memoir, Pentland reveals what it's like to grow up as the daughter of a television star and how she navigated the turmoil, eventually finding her own path. Now happily married and raising five sons on a farm. Pentland has worked tirelessly to create the stable family she never had, while coming to terms at last with her deepseated anxiety. This Will Be Funny Later is a darkly funny and frank chronicle of transition, from childhood to adulthood and motherhood—one

woman 's journey to define herself and create the life she always wanted. HarperCollins **#1 NEW YORK** TIMES **BESTSELLER** • More than one million copies sold! A " brilliant " (Lupita Nyong 'o, Time), poignant " (Entertainment Weekly), "soulnourishing " (USA Today) memoir about coming of age during the twilight of apartheid " Noah 's childhood stories are told with all the hilarity and

intellect that characterizes his comedy, while illuminating a dark and brutal period in South Africa 's history that must never be forgotten. " —Esquire Winner of the Thurber Prize for American Humor and an NAACP Image Award • Named one of the best books of the year by The New York Time, USA Today, San Francisco Chronicle, NPR, Esquire, Newsday, and Booklist Trevor Noah's unlikely path from apartheid South Africa to the desk of The Daily Show began with a criminal act: his birth. Trevor was born to a white Swiss father and a black Xhosa mother at a time when such a union and embracing the abuse that would was punishable by five years in prison, by a centuries-long Living proof of his struggle. Born a parents ¹ indiscretion, Trevor was kept mostly indoors for the earliest years of restless young man his life, bound by the extreme and often absurd measures his mother took to hide him from a government that could, at any moment, steal him away. Finally liberated by the end of South

Africa 's tyrannical white rule, Trevor and his mother set forth on a grand adventure, living openly and freely opportunities won Crime is the story of a mischievous young boy who grows into a as he struggles to find himself in a world where he was never supposed to exist. It is also the story of that young man 's relationship with his fearless. rebellious, and fervently religious

mother—his teammate, a woman determined to save her son from the cycle of poverty, violence, and ultimately threaten her own life. The stories collected here are by turns hilarious. dramatic, and deeply affecting. Whether subsisting on caterpillars for dinner during hard times, being thrown from a moving car during an attempted kidnapping, or just trying to survive the life-and-death pitfalls of dating in high school, Trevor illuminates

his curious world with an incisive wit abuse at the hands and unflinching honesty. His stories and her weave together to form a moving and to advocate for an searingly funny portrait of a boy making his way through a damaged world in a dangerous time, armed only with a keen sense of humor and a mother 's unconventional, unconditional love. Miracle Country Penguin Traces the author's painful childhood in a series of foster homes, her deteriorating relationship with her emotionally

unstable mother. of a foster family, subsequent efforts improved foster care system. A Stone of Hope Watkins Media Limited In the tradition of The Other Wes Moore and Just Mercy, a searing memoir and clarion call to save our at-risk youth by a young black man who himself was a lost cause—until he landed in a rehabilitation program that saved his life and gave him purpose. Born into abject poverty in Haiti, young Jim St. Germain moved to Brooklyn's Crown Heights, into an

overcrowded apartment with his family. He quickly adapted to street life and began stealing, dealing drugs, and growing increasingly indifferent to despair and violence. By the time he was arrested for dealing crack cocaine, he had been handcuffed more than a dozen times. At the age of fifteen the walls of the system were closing around him. But instead of prison, St. Germain was placed in "Boys Town." a nonsecure detention facility designed for rehabilitation. Surrounded by mentors and positive male authority who enforced a system based on structure and privileges rather than intimidation and punishment, St. Germain slowly found his way, eventually getting his GED and graduating from college. Then he made the bravest decision of his life: to live, as an adult, in the Not That Kind of projects where he had Girl Henry Holt and lost himself, and to work to reform the way the criminal justice system treats at-Overlook Press, 1994. risk youth. A Stone of Hope is more than an incredible coming-ofage story; told with a degree of candor that requires the deepest courage, it is also a rallying cry. No one is who they are going to be—or capable of being—at sixteen. St. Germain is living proof of this. He contends that we must work to build a world in which we do not give up on a swath of the next generation. Passionate, eloquent, and timely, illustrated with photographs

throughout, A Stone of and friends saw of Hope is an inspiring challenge for every American, and is certain to spark debate nationwide. Company Originally published: Woodstock, N.Y.: This Will Be Funny Later Positive A raw and powerful memoir of Jaycee Lee Dugard's own story of being kidnapped as an 11-year-old and held captive for over 18 years On 10 June 1991, eleven-year-old Jaycee Dugard was abducted from a school bus stop within sight of her home in Tahoe. California. It was the last her family

her for over eighteen years. On 26 August 2009, Dugard, her daughters, and Phillip Craig Garrido appeared in the office of her kidnapper's parole officer in California. Their unusual behaviour sparked an investigation that led to the positive identification of Jaycee Lee Dugard, living in a tent behind Garrido's home. During her time in captivity, at the age of fourteen and seventeen, she gave birth to two daughters, both fathered by Garrido. Dugard's memoir is written by the 30-year-old herself and covers the

period from the time heartwarming read, of her abduction in 1991 up until the utterly honest and unflinching narrative, Jaycee opens up about what she experienced, including how she feels now, a year after being found. Garrido and his wife Literary Nancy have since pleaded guilty to their crimes. **Brave Face HarperCollins** The instant #1 **New York Times** bestseller! "It's the best memoir I've ever read. " —Oprah Winfrey " Will Smith isn't holding back in his bravely inspiring new memoir . . . An are aligned. Along ultimately

Will provides a humane glimpse of present. In her stark, the man behind the actor, producer and musician, as he bares all his insecurities and trauma. " —USA Today Winner of the NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Achievement One of Hollywood history, the most dynamic and globally recognized entertainment forces thought, with good of our time opens up reason, that he had fully about his life, in a brave and inspiring book that traces his learning curve to a place where outer success, entertainment inner happiness, and world. Only they human connection the way, Will tells

the story in full of one of the most amazing rides through the worlds of music and film that anyone has ever had. Will Smith 's transformation from a West Philadelphia kid to one of the biggest rap stars of his era, and then one of the biggest movie stars in is an epic tale—but it's only half the story. Will Smith won at life: not only was his own success unparalleled, his whole family was at the pinnacle of the didn't see it that way: they felt more like star performers

in his circus, a seven-performing on the days-a-week job they hadn't signed up for. It turned out of stakes, but we can Will Smith's education wasn't nearly over. This memoir is the product of a profound journey of self-knowledge, a reckoning with all that your will can get you and all that it can leave behind. Written with the help of Mark Manson, author of the multi-millioncopy bestseller The Subtle Art of Not Giving a F*ck, Will is the story of how one person mastered his own emotions. written in a way that can help everyone else do the same. Few of us will know the pressure of

world's biggest all understand that the fuel that works for one stage of our journey might have to be changed if we want to make it all the way home. The combination of genuine wisdom of universal value and a life story that is preposterously entertaining, even astonishing, puts Will the book, like its author, in a category by itself. Running Is a Kind of Dreaming Penguin Michael L. Printz Honor Book Robert F. Sibert Informational Honor Book

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music of poetry and Grimes found the blade of truth. will help your heart grow." - Laurie Halse Anderson. author of Speak and Shout "[A] testimony and a triumph." – Jason Reynolds, author of Long Way Down In her own voice, acclaimed author and poet Nikki Grimes explores the truth of a harrowing childhood in a compelling and moving memoir in verse. Growing up with a mother suffering from paranoid schizophrenia and a mostly absent father, Nikki

herself terrorized by babysitters, shunted from foster family to foster family, and preyed upon by those she trusted. At the age of six, she poured her pain onto a piece of paper late one night - and discovered the magic and impact of writing. For many years, Nikki's notebooks were her most enduing companions. In this accessible and inspiring memoir that will resonate with young readers and adults alike. Nikki shows how the power of those

words helped her conquer the hazards - ordinary and extraordinary - of her life. **Educated Flatiron** Books A commercial airline pilot trades the burden of having it all for a South American lifestyle that connects him with friends, family, and his innermost self Crazy Random House Essential reading for anyone interested in contemporary life in China, and highly recommended for memoir enthusiasts in general. " --Library Journal

(starred review) "Chongda paints a tantalizing portrait of a changing China paralyzes him, his in his dazzling **English-language** debut. [Vessel] shines with the bright talent of an excellent storyteller." --**Publishers Weekly** An unprecedented and heartfelt memoir that illuminates the lives of rural Chinese workers, offering a portrait of generational strife, family, love, and loss becoming the that crosses cultures and time. Cai Chongda spent his childhood in a rural fishing village in Fujian province. When his father—a former communist gang leader turned

gas station owner—has a stroke condemns the that partially responsibilities fall to shaped a young Cai, his only son. Assuming his new role as head of the family, Cai toils alongside his mother enrich modern life. and older sister to pay the medical bills Chinese by Dylan that have become a part of a rapidly changing Chinese society. As Cai works his way through university and moves to Beijing, eventually editorial director of GQ China, he finds his life increasingly at odds with the family he supports but has left behind. Like The Glass Castle and Hillbilly Elegy, Vessel neither

romanticizes nor people and circumstances that man 's life, but instead offers a way forward, revealing how tradition can Translated from the Levi King