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**Slapstick or
Lonesome No More!**
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Paperback

These short tales of undead Romance, Revenge, Risk, and Raunch will leave readers shambling, moaning, and clawing for more. Features works by Pete Alberti, Damon B, Renee Bennett, Xander Briggs, Jennifer Brozek, J.R. Campbell, Johann Carlisle, Nathan Crowder, and Carrie Cuinn.

Accidental Genius Da Capo

Press, Incorporated

Set against the turbulent and innovative world of the Renaissance, a detailed portrait of the master artist, scientist, inventor, and philosopher draws on the personal notebooks, journals, art, and other writings to provide a compelling study of Leonardo da Vinci and his seminal contributions to his era. 12,500 first printing.

Gödel, Escher, Bach

Bloomsbury Publishing USA

When it comes to creating ideas, we hold ourselves back. That's because inside each of us is an internal editor whose job is to forever polish our

thoughts, so we sound smart and in control, and so that we fit into society. But what happens when we encounter problems where such conventional thinking fails us? How to get unstuck? For Mark Levy, t...

The Tiny One Penguin

How can we promote the learning and well-being of all students, especially those who come from some of the most disadvantaged backgrounds? Anindya Kundu argues that we can fight against deeply rooted inequalities in the American educational system by

harnessing student agency—each person’s unique capacity for positive change. To make his case, Kundu draws powerful narratives from a population of individuals who beat the odds to become academically and professionally successful. These strivers have overcome challenges such as broken families, homelessness, unexpected pregnancies, forms of abuse, incarceration, and more, to make it in the world. But it wasn’t simply individualism, tenacity, resilience, or grit that helped

them. Rather, as Kundu illustrates, it was a combination of social and cultural supports that paved the path towards their dreams, harnessing the inherent power of their agency. “Kundu’s book is much more than simply an academic contribution to the vast literature on education and social mobility. If his core ideas are taken seriously, this book can serve as a resource to educators, policymakers, community advocates, and others who seek to address the

educational needs of vulnerable and disadvantaged students.”
—From the Foreword by Pedro A. Noguera, distinguished professor of education, Graduate School of Education and Information Studies, UCLA
Bloody Genius Macmillan
A definitive portrait of the scientific visionary who has influenced fields ranging from quantum physics and national defense to space and religion describes his relationships with leading world thinkers and documents his

contributions to nuclear rocket science and medicine. Each technology, the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty and other world-changing endeavors. 40,000 first printing.

How Mathematical Genius Discovered the Language of Symmetry Princeton University Press

Virgil Flowers will have to watch his back--and his mouth--as he investigates a college culture war turned deadly in another one of Sandford's "madly entertaining Virgil Flowers mysteries" (The New York Times Book Review). At the local state university, two feuding departments have faced off on the battleground of

carries their views to extremes that may seem absurd, but highly educated people of sound mind and good intentions can reasonably disagree, right? Then a renowned and confrontational scholar winds up dead, and Virgil Flowers is brought in to investigate . . . and as he probes the recent ideological unrest, he soon comes to realize he's dealing with people who, on this one particular issue, are functionally crazy. Among this group of wildly impassioned, diametrically opposed zealots lurks a killer, and it will be up to Virgil to sort the murderer from

the mere maniacs.

A Novel Vintage

Sample Text

Digital Dice Teachers College Press

“ Some of the best and most moving Vonnegut. ” —San Francisco Chronicle Slapstick presents an apocalyptic vision as seen through the eyes of the current King of Manhattan (and last President of the United States), a wickedly irreverent look at the all-too-possible results of today ' s follies. But even the end of life-as-we-know-it is transformed by Kurt Vonnegut ' s pen

into hilarious farce—a final slapstick that may be the Almighty ’ s joke on us all.

“ Both funny and sad . . . just about perfect. ” —Los Angeles Times “ Imaginative and hilarious . . . a brilliant vision of our wrecked, wacked-out future. ” —Hartford Courant

The Sad and Absurd Story of Birobidzhan, Russia's Jewish Autonomous Region
HarperCollins

WINNER OF THE NATIONAL JEWISH BOOK AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING DEBUT FICTION For readers of This Is Where I Leave You and Everything

Is Illuminated, “ a brilliant and compelling family saga full of warmth, pathos, history and humor ” (Jonathan Evison, author of West of Here) When the greatest female mathematician in history passes away, her son, Alexander “ Sasha ” Karnokovitch, just wants to mourn his mother in peace. But rumor has it the notoriously eccentric Polish é migr é has solved one of the most difficult problems in all of mathematics, and has spitefully taken the solution to her grave. As a ragtag group of mathematicians from around the world descends upon Rachela ’ s shiva, determined to find the proof or solve it for themselves—even if it means prying up the floorboards for notes or

desperately scrutinizing the mutterings of her African Grey parrot—Sasha must come to terms with his mother ’ s outsized influence on his life. Spanning decades and continents, from a crowded living room in Madison, Wisconsin, to the windswept beach on the Barents Sea where a young Rachela had her first mathematical breakthrough, The Mathematician ’ s Shiva is an unexpectedly moving and uproariously funny novel that captures humanity ’ s drive not just to survive, but to achieve the impossible.

Human Accomplishment
OUP USA

"Our understanding of how

the human brain performs mathematical calculations is far from complete. In *The Number Sense*, Stanislas Dehaene offers readers an enlightening exploration of the mathematical mind. Using research showing that human infants have a rudimentary number sense, Dehaene suggests that this sense is as basic as our perception of color, and that it is wired into the brain. But how then did we leap from this basic number ability to trigonometry, calculus, and beyond? Dehaene shows that it was the

invention of symbolic systems of numerals that started us on the climb to higher mathematics. Tracing the history of numbers, we learn that in early times, people indicated numbers by pointing to part of their bodies, and how Roman numerals were replaced by modern numbers. On the way, we also discover many fascinating facts: for example, because Chinese names for numbers are short, Chinese people can remember up to nine or ten digits at a time, while English-speaking people can only remember

seven. A fascinating look at the crossroads where numbers and neurons intersect, *The Number Sense* offers an intriguing tour of how the structure of the brain shapes our mathematical abilities, and how math can open up a window on the human mind"--Provided by publisher.
The Link Between Disorder and Genius
ReadHowYouWant.com
A National Book Award winner 's personal journey through the ethical dilemmas and unsettling choices raised

by the new frontier of DNA testing. Several years after Masha Gessen's mother died of breast cancer, she discovered she too had the BRCA1 gene mutation, which predisposes women to high rates of ovarian and breast cancer. Her doctors gave her narrow options: surgical removal of her breasts and ovaries or living with the likelihood of one day developing cancer. As Gessen wrestled with her own health decisions, she sought more information about the implications of genetic testing

from a variety of sources—ranging from others faced with her same dilemma to medical researchers, historians, and religious thinkers. With concerns both practical and philosophical, personal and societal, her inquiry led her across the globe, with stops in Israel, Russia, Austria, and the United States. Weaving her own story into her journalistic research, Gessen offers insight into how knowledge that was once unimaginable now shapes our lives. *Blood Matters* explores not only the

decisions we must make in our physical and emotional health, but also the ethical choices we face when choosing spouses or having children. “Valuable reading to almost anyone facing a huge health decision, not only for the literary commiseration it offers, but also for the inspired example of medical sleuthing on one's own behalf that it provides. Gessen keeps an inflammatory topic at room temperature, writing elegantly and without self pity.” —The New York Times Book Review
Using Writing to Generate Your

Best Ideas, Insight, and Content
Bloomsbury Publishing USA
Bestselling author and
astrophysicist Mario Livio
examines the lives and theories of
history ' s greatest mathematicians
to ask how—if mathematics is an
abstract construction of the human
mind—it can so perfectly explain
the physical world. Nobel Laureate
Eugene Wigner once wondered
about “ the unreasonable
effectiveness of mathematics ” in
the formulation of the laws of
nature. *Is God a Mathematician?*
investigates why mathematics is as
powerful as it is. From ancient
times to the present, scientists and
philosophers have marveled at how
such a seemingly abstract discipline
could so perfectly explain the

natural world. More than
that—mathematics has often made
predictions, for example, about
subatomic particles or cosmic
phenomena that were unknown at
the time, but later were proven to be
true. Is mathematics ultimately
invented or discovered? If, as
Einstein insisted, mathematics is
“ a product of human thought that
is independent of experience, ”
how can it so accurately describe
and even predict the world around
us? Physicist and author Mario
Livio brilliantly explores
mathematical ideas from
Pythagoras to the present day as he
shows us how intriguing questions
and ingenious answers have led to
ever deeper insights into our world.
This fascinating book will interest

anyone curious about the human
mind, the scientific world, and the
relationship between them.
A Love Story, in *Music Lessons*
National Geographic Books
In 1929, the Soviet Union declared
the area of Birobidzhan a
homeland for Jews. It was
championed by a group of
intellectuals who envisioned a place
of post-oppression Jewish culture,
and by the early 1930s, tens of
thousands of Jews had moved there
from the shtetls. The state-building
ended quickly, in the late 1930s,
with arrests and purges of the
Communist Party and cultural
elite, but after the Second World
War, the newly named "Jewish
Autonomous Region" received an
influx of Jews dispossessed from

what had once been the Pale, most of whom had lost families in the Holocaust. In the late 1940s, another wave of arrests swept through Birobidzhan, traumatizing the Jews into silence, and effectively making them invisible. Now Masha Gessen gives us a haunting account of the dream of Birobidzhan-and how it became

The Equation that Couldn't Be Solved Joseph Henry Press
NOW A NEW YORK TIMES,
USA TODAY, AND
PUBLISHER'S WEEKLY
BESTSELLER "Dyson writes with the affection of a fan but the rigor of an academic. ... Using extensive passages from Jay-Z ' s lyrics, 'Made in America' examines the rapper ' s role as a poet, an

aesthete, an advocate for racial justice and a business, man, but devotes much of its energy to Hova the Hustler." —Allison Stewart, The Washington Post "Dyson's incisive analysis of JAY-Z's brilliance not only offers a brief history of hip-hop's critical place in American culture, but also hints at how we can best move forward." —Questlove
JAY-Z: Made in America is the fruit of Michael Eric Dyson ' s decade of teaching the work of one of the greatest poets this nation has produced, as gifted a wordsmith as Walt Whitman, Robert Frost and Rita Dove. But as a rapper, he ' s sometimes not given the credit he deserves for just how great an artist he ' s been for so long. This book wrestles with the biggest themes of

JAY-Z's career, including hustling, and it recognizes the way that he ' s always weaved politics into his music, making important statements about race, criminal justice, black wealth and social injustice. As he enters his fifties, and to mark his thirty years as a recording artist, this is the perfect time to take a look at JAY-Z ' s career and his role in making this nation what it is today. In many ways, this is JAY-Z ' s America as much as it ' s Pelosi ' s America, or Trump ' s America, or Martin Luther King ' s America. JAY-Z has given this country a language to think with and words to live by. Featuring a Foreword by Pharrell
An Eternal Golden Braid
Simon and Schuster

Legendary leadership and elite performance expert Robin Sharma introduced The 5am Club concept over twenty years ago, based on a revolutionary morning routine that has helped his clients maximize their productivity, activate their best health and bulletproof their serenity in this age of overwhelming complexity. Now, in this life-changing book, handcrafted by the author over a rigorous four-year period, you will discover the early-rising habit that has helped so many accomplish epic results while

upgrading their happiness, helpfulness and feelings of aliveness. Through an enchanting—and often amusing—story about two struggling strangers who meet an eccentric tycoon who becomes their secret mentor, The 5am Club will walk you through: How great geniuses, business titans and the world’s wisest people start their mornings to produce astonishing achievements A little-known formula you can use instantly to wake up early feeling inspired, focused and flooded with a fiery drive to

get the most out of each day A step-by-step method to protect the quietest hours of daybreak so you have time for exercise, self-renewal and personal growth A neuroscience-based practice proven to help make it easy to rise while most people are sleeping, giving you precious time for yourself to think, express your creativity and begin the day peacefully instead of being rushed “ Insider-only ” tactics to defend your gifts, talents and dreams against digital distraction and trivial

diversions so you enjoy fortune, influence and a magnificent impact on the world Part manifesto for mastery, part playbook for genius-grade productivity and part companion for a life lived beautifully, *The 5am Club* is a work that will transform your life. Forever.

The Book of Job Harper Collins Winner of the 2017 JPBM Communications Award for Expository and Popular Books.

“ A delightful meta-biography--playful indeed--of a brilliant iconoclast. ” --James Gleick, author of *The*

Information John Horton Conway is a singular mathematician with a lovely loopy brain. He is Archimedes, Mick Jagger, Salvador Dali, and Richard Feynman all rolled into one--he boasts a rock star's charisma, a slyly bent sense of humor, a polymath's promiscuous curiosity, and an insatiable compulsion to explain everything about the world to everyone in it. At Cambridge, Conway wrestled with "Monstrous Moonshine," discovered the aptly named surreal numbers, and invented the cult classic *Game of Life*--more than just a cool fad,

Life demonstrates how simplicity generates complexity and provides an analogy for mathematics and the entire universe. As a "mathemagician" at Princeton, he used ropes, dice, pennies, coat hangers, even the occasional Slinky, as props to extend his winning imagination and share his many nerdish delights. He granted Roberts full access to his idiosyncrasies and intellect both, though not without the occasional grumble: "Oh hell," he'd say. "You're not going to put that in the book. Are you?!?"

D.v. Cambridge University Press

A sweeping cultural survey reminiscent of Barzun's *From Dawn to Decadence*. "At irregular times and in scattered settings, human beings have achieved great things. Human Accomplishment is about those great things, falling in the domains known as the arts and sciences, and the people who did them." So begins Charles Murray's unique account of human excellence, from the age of Homer to our own time. Employing techniques that historians have developed over the last century but that have rarely been applied to books written for the general public, Murray compiles inventories of the people who have been essential to the stories of literature, music, art, philosophy, and the sciences—a total of 4,002 men and women from around the world, ranked according to their eminence. The heart of *Human Accomplishment* is a series of enthralling descriptive chapters: on the giants in the arts and what sets them apart from the merely great; on the differences between great achievement in the arts and in the sciences; on the meta-inventions, 14 crucial leaps in human capacity to create great art and science; and on the patterns and trajectories of accomplishment across time and geography. Straightforwardly and undogmatically, Charles Murray takes on some controversial questions. Why has accomplishment been so concentrated in Europe? Among men? Since 1400? He presents evidence that the rate of great accomplishment has been declining in the last century, asks what it means, and offers a rich framework

for thinking about the conditions under which the human spirit has expressed itself most gloriously. Eye-opening and humbling, *Human Accomplishment* is a fascinating work that describes what humans at their best can achieve, provides tools for exploring its wellsprings, and celebrates the continuing common quest of humans everywhere to discover truths, create beauty, and apprehend the good.

The Genius of Architecture, Or, The Analogy of that Art with Our Sensations

HarperCollins
Relates the story of the mathematical genius who solved one of the world's greatest intellectual puzzles--the Poincaré conjecture--but could not cope with the reality of human affairs, causing him to withdraw first from the field he loved, and then from the world in general.

Mr Tompkins in Paperback
Houghton Mifflin
A powerful and inspiring examination of the connection between the potential for great talent and conditions commonly thought to be “ disabilities, ”

revealing how the source of our struggles can be the origin of our greatest strengths. In *The Power of Different*, psychiatrist and bestselling author Gail Saltz examines the latest scientific discoveries, profiles famous geniuses who have been diagnosed with all manner of brain “ problems ” —including learning disabilities, ADD, anxiety, Depression, Bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, and Autism—and tells the stories of lay individuals to demonstrate how specific deficits in certain areas of the brain are directly associated with the potential for great talent. Saltz shows how the very conditions that cause people to experience difficulty at school, in social situations, at home, or at

work, are inextricably bound to creative, disciplinary, artistic, empathetic, and cognitive abilities. In this pioneering work, readers will find engaging scientific research and stories from historical geniuses and everyday individuals who have not only made the most of their conditions, but who have flourished because of them. They are leaning into their brain differences to:

- *Identify areas of interest and expertise
- *Develop work arounds
- *Create the environments that best foster their talents
- *Forge rewarding interpersonal relationships

Enlightening and inspiring, *The Power of Different* proves that the unique wiring of every brain can be a source of strength and productivity, and contributes to the

richness of our world. A Novel International Monetary Fund Henri Poincaré was one of the greatest mathematicians of the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. He revolutionized the field of topology, which studies properties of geometric configurations that are unchanged by stretching or twisting. The Poincaré conjecture lies at the heart of modern geometry and topology, and even pertains to the possible shape of the universe. The conjecture states that there is only one shape possible for a finite universe in which every loop can be contracted to a single point. Poincaré's conjecture is one of the seven "millennium problems"

that bring a one-million-dollar award for a solution. Grigory Perelman, a Russian mathematician, has offered a proof that is likely to win the Fields Medal, the mathematical equivalent of a Nobel prize, in August 2006. He also will almost certainly share a Clay Institute millennium award. In telling the vibrant story of *The Poincaré Conjecture*, Donal O'Shea makes accessible to general readers for the first time the meaning of the conjecture, and brings alive the field of mathematics and the achievements of generations of mathematicians whose work have led to Perelman's proof of this famous conjecture.