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[Jottings from a Far Away Place](#) Penguin UK

"One afternoon in 1994, I had an idea." So begins Stuart David's magical, evocative memoir about the indie pop band Belle and Sebastian. Determined to make his living writing stories and songs, Stuart had spent several years scraping by on the dole in his small, industrial home town. Then he had the fateful idea to learn bass guitar, and to head for Glasgow in search of like-minded artists. Within one extraordinary year he had helped create one of the most influential, beloved bands of all time. Set against the vivid background of early nineties Glasgow, In the All-Night Caf   describes Stuart's fortuitous meeting with the group's cofounder Stuart Murdoch in a course for unemployed musicians. It tells of their adventures in two early incarnations of Belle and Sebastian and culminates in the recording of their celebrated debut album, Tigermilk. This portrait of the group and its origins will resonate with anyone who has put together--or thought of putting together--a band. It is a story of a group of friends who wanted to create a different kind of music, and how--against all expectations--they succeeded. Written with wit, affection and a novelist's observant eye, In the All-Night Caf   brings to life the early days of this most enigmatic and intriguing of bands. Stuart David is a Scottish musician, songwriter and novelist. After cofounding Belle and Sebastian, he went on to front Looper. He is the author of the novels *Nalda Said*, *The Peacock Manifesto*, and *A Peacock's Tale*.

Shakespearean Tragedy and the Elizabethan Compromise Walter de Gruyter GmbH & Co KG

Richard Marson's book, JN-T: The Life and Scandalous Times of John Nathan-Turner tells the story of the most controversial figure in the history of Doctor Who. For more than a decade, John Nathan-Turner, or JN-T as he was often known, was in charge of every major artistic and practical decision affecting the world's longest-running science fiction programme. Richard Marson brings his dramatic, farcical, sometimes scandalous, often moving story to life with the benefit of his own inside knowledge and the fruits of over 100 revealing interviews with key friends and colleagues, those John loved to those from whom he became estranged. The author has also had access to all of Nathan-Turner's surviving archive of paperwork and photos, many of which appear here for the very first time.

[Conifers](#) Stratford County Yarn

Viewing hip-hop as the postmodern successor to African American culture's Jazz modernism, this book examines hip-hop music's role in the history of the African-American experience.

[Finding Franklin](#) Graphic Arts Books

A latest installment in the best-selling series occurs in the 10th year of the fabled Trojan War and reimagines the battle between infamous gods Ares, the god of war, and the clever and powerful Athena, whose power struggles exact a high human toll. Simultaneous.

[In the Belly of the Bloodhound](#) Vintage

The #1 New York Times Bestseller: "A hilarious take on that age-old problem: getting the beloved child to go to sleep" (NPR). "Hell no, you can't go to the bathroom. You know where you can go? The f\*\*k to sleep." Go the Fuck to Sleep is a book for parents who live in the real world, where a few snoozing kitties and cutesy rhymes don't always send a toddler sailing blissfully off to dreamland. Profane, affectionate, and radically honest, it captures the familiar--and unspoken--tribulations of putting your little angel down for the night. Read by a host of celebrities, from Samuel L. Jackson to Jennifer Garner, this subversively funny bestselling storybook will not actually put your kids to sleep, but it will leave you laughing so hard you won't care.

[Pyg](#) UNC Press Books

I always knew that the rest of my story is gonna be a good one. I don't know how I knew that, but I always did. Ungow! I am Fester the cat. Welcome to my book, everyone! From when he first ambled into Paul Magrs's yard--skinny, covered in flea bites, and missing all but one and a half teeth--Fester knew he'd found his family. Paul and his partner, Jeremy, thought it was the ragged black-and-white stray, tired from a rough life on the streets, who was in desperate need of support. But clever Fester knew better. He understood that it was his newfound owners who needed the help. Over the course of seven years, the feisty feline turned the quaint Manchester house into a loving home. Through his fierce spirit, strong will, and calming energy, Fester taught Paul and Jeremy how to listen and breathe, how to appreciate the joys of

simply sitting and singing (what Fester's purrs sounded like to his silly humans), and how to find joy and contentment in life, even when dealing with hardship. This is the true story of an extraordinary little cat whose gentle charm and trusting soul turned two young men into a family.

[Brief Lives](#) Macmillan

Sir John Franklin's Arctic expedition departed England in 1845 with two Royal Navy bomb vessels, 129 men and three years' worth of provisions. None were seen again until nearly a decade later, when their bleached bones, broken instruments, books, papers and personal effects began to be recovered on Canada's King William Island. These relics have since had a life of their own--photographed, analyzed, cataloged and displayed in glass cases in London. This book gives a definitive history of their preservation and exhibition from the Victorian era to the present, richly illustrated with period engravings and photographs, many never before published. Appendices provide the first comprehensive accounting of all expedition relics recovered prior to the 2014 discovery of Franklin's ship HMS Erebus.

[Go the F\\*\\*k to Sleep](#) MIT Press

The mesmerizing New York Times bestseller by the author of *Night Film* Marisha Pessl's dazzling debut sparked raves from critics and heralded the arrival of a vibrant new voice in American fiction. At the center of *Special Topics in Calamity Physics* is clever, deadpan Blue van Meer, who has a head full of literary, philosophical, scientific, and cinematic knowledge. But she could use some friends. Upon entering the elite St. Gallway School, she finds some--a clique of eccentrics known as the Bluebloods. One drowning and one hanging later, Blue finds herself puzzling out a byzantine murder mystery. Nabokov meets Donna Tartt (then invites the rest of the Western Canon to the party) in this novel--with visual aids drawn by the author--that has won over readers of all ages.

[Illusions in Motion](#) McGill-Queen's Press - MQUP

Like an old friend who's turned up in town, Stuart McLean returns with *Stories from the Vinyl Cafe*, his bestselling collection of tales based on his enormously popular Vinyl Cafe radio program. The collection features Canada's much-loved fictional family: Dave, Morley, Stephanie and Sam. *Stories from the Vinyl Cafe* also introduces a host of other wonderfully imagined characters, such as Margaret Dwyer, a suburban housewife who startles herself by shoplifting a pepperoni sausage, and Flora Perriton, who is consumed with thoughts of lost opportunities when an old friend passes away. Then there's Ed, who--overcome by the death of his favourite rock star--embarks on a pilgrimage to New York City to meet the singer's widow. As always, the stories in this rewarding and irreverent collection prove that Stuart McLean is indeed a national treasure.

[Weapons of Choice](#) Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Zebra Skin Shirt ranks with the best of Vonnegut's mind-benders, but with more laughs page-for-page. --Zach Boddicker, Author of *The Essential Carl Mahogany*

[Female Performers in British and American Fiction](#) Open Road Media

Winner of the Alex Award "Mike Mu  oz Is a Holden Caulfield for a New Millennium--a '10th-generation peasant with a Mexican last name, raised by a single mom on an Indian reservation' . . . Evison, as in his previous four novels, has a light touch and humorously guides the reader, this time through the minefield that is working-class America." --The New York Times Book Review For Mike Mu  oz, life has been a whole lot of waiting for something to happen. Not too many years out of high school and still doing menial work--and just fired from his latest gig as a lawn boy on a landscaping crew--he's smart enough to know that he's got to be the one to shake things up if he's ever going to change his life. But how? He's not qualified for much of anything. He has no particular talents, although he is stellar at handling a lawn mower and wielding clipping shears. But now that career seems to be behind him. So what's next for Mike Mu  oz? In this funny, biting, touching, and ultimately inspiring novel, bestselling author Jonathan Evison takes the reader into the heart and mind of a young man determined to achieve the American dream of happiness and prosperity--who just so happens to find himself along the way.

Random House Books for Young Readers

It's World War II and the A-bomb is here to stay. The only question: Who's going to drop it first? The Battle of Midway was forever transformed by the devastating appearance of a U.S.-led naval task force from the twenty-first century. Since that day, state-of-the-art warships have prowled the Pacific, armed with the latest

instruments of mass destruction, as the warring powers of 1942 scramble to be first to wield the weapons of tomorrow against their enemies. Russia and Germany form a deadly alliance, while Admiral Yamamoto moves to seize Hawaii and invade Australia. Suddenly it's a whole new war with unimaginable high-tech tools, and high-stakes inter-national betrayals from Tokyo to Washington to the Kremlin. As the world trembles on the brink of annihilation, Churchill, Stalin, Roosevelt, Hitler, and Tojo confront extreme choices and a future rife with possibilities—all of them apocalyptic.

Roget's Superthesaurus Harper Collins

Winner of the 2013 Colorado Book Award for Literary Fiction - a poignant, darkly comic debut novel about a father and son finding their way together as their livelihood inexorably disappears. When Stacey "Shakespeare" Williams returns to the family farm in eastern Colorado to bury his dead cat, he finds his widowed father, Emmett, living in squalor. There's no money, the land is fallow, and a local banker has cheated the senile Emmett out of the majority of the farm equipment and his beloved Cessna. Unemployed and without prospects, Shakespeare settles in as caretaker to both his dad and the farm while simultaneously getting drawn into an unlikely clique of former classmates. Threatened with the farm's foreclosure, Shakespeare, Emmett, and his misfit friends hatch a half-serious plot to rob the very bank that stole their future.

Ares Algonquin Books

In this loose sequel to his award-winning novel, *East of Denver*, author Gregory Hill spins another off-kilter yarn set in fictional Stratford County that is "raw, untamed, gritty, bold, fantastic and slightly, wonderfully crazy." Johnny Riles leads a lonesome life on Colorado's high prairie in 1975. His parents abandoned him to the family ranch after he accidentally shot his father, and his irresponsible younger brother, Kitch, left home to become a star player in the American Basketball Association. With only his livestock and his whiskey to keep him company, Johnny spends his hours wandering the barren landscape looking for arrowheads. But one cold, October evening, Johnny finds a mysterious skull half-buried in the ground. When he ties it to his saddle to bring it home, his horse panics and bolts, leaving Johnny alone in a freak blizzard that suddenly blows in. Unprepared for the freezing night, Johnny tracks his horse through the mounting snow, only to discover that it has been gruesomely killed. So begin Johnny's trials. He delves beneath stark Western landscapes, both literal and figurative, to unearth the truths behind his nightmares, searching for the mysterious killer, for his brother's soul, and for a sober reason to live.

*Stories From the Vinyl Cafe* McFarland

The nineteenth-century fascination with visual representations of the Arctic is illuminated in this history that weaves together a narrative of the major Arctic expeditions with an account of their public reception through art and mass media. Simultaneous.

*The Lonesome Trials of Johnny Riles* Pyg

"Mary White, a shopkeeper's wife from rural Boylston, Massachusetts, kept a diary, and woven into its quotidian details of small-town farm life is a remarkable tale of conflict and transformation. Sustained by its Puritan heritage, gentry leadership, and creed of common good, Boylston had survived the upheaval of revolution and the creation of new republic. Then, quite dramatically, in the course of a single generation of wrenching change - from the 1820s-1840s--families, neighbors, church, and town descended into contentious disorder. Making use of Mary White's diary entries, as well as town minutes, letters, and the "friendship books" of school children, Mary Babson Fuhrer brings to life the unraveling of Boylston's community and the troublesome creation of a new social order, one centered on individual striving and voluntary associations in an expansive nation. Examining the "age of revolutions" through the lens of one rural community that was swept up into the dynamics of an urbanizing east coast, this engaging microhistory lends new depth to our understanding of a key transformative moment in American history. "--

**The Story of the Learned Pig** Penguin

With more than 100,000 copies sold, *Roget's Superthesaurus* continues to be one resource that writers can't live without. Yet its large size makes it difficult to carry to coffee shops, writer's groups, and even to class. &#x000D;&#x000D;Finally, all its invaluable information is now available in a pocket-size, value-priced format. Inside, users still receive the same content they've come to depend on, including: &#x000D;&#x000D; More than 400,000 synonyms and antonyms, organized in a clear and accessible way&#x000D;&#x000D; The indispensable time-saving "Word Find" reverse dictionary&#x000D;&#x000D; Vocabulary builders illustrated with sample sentences and well-known quotations &#x000D;&#x000D; Perfect for writers, students, and even the office, this book is a must-have reference.

*Arctic Spectacles* The History Press

In 2014 media around the world buzzed with news that an archaeological team from Parks Canada had located and identified the wreck of HMS Erebus, the flagship of Sir John Franklin's lost expedition to find the Northwest Passage. *Finding Franklin* outlines the larger story and the cast of detectives from every walk of life that led to the discovery, solving one of the Arctic's greatest mysteries. In compelling and accessible prose, Russell Potter details his decades of work alongside key figures in the era of modern searches for the expedition and elucidates how shared research and ideas have led

to a fuller understanding of the Franklin crew's final months. Illustrated with numerous images and maps from the last two centuries, *Finding Franklin* recounts the more than fifty searches for traces of his ships and crew, and the dedicated, often obsessive, men and women who embarked on them. Potter discusses the crucial role that Inuit oral accounts, often cited but rarely understood, played in all of these searches, and continue to play to this day, and offers historical and cultural context to the contemporary debates over the significance of Franklin's achievement. While examination of HMS Erebus will undoubtedly reveal further details of this mystery, *Finding Franklin* assembles the stories behind the myth and illuminates what is ultimately a remarkable decades-long discovery.

JN-T Prabhat Prakashan

Harper Stevenson wants crisp, white, clean walls in his office. But walls have a history and a memory that can't simply be painted over. *A Short History of Indians in Canada*, Thomas King's bestselling collection of twenty tales, is a comic tour de force, showcasing the author at his hilarious and provocative best. With his razor-sharp observations and mystical characters, including the ever-present and ever-changing Coyote, King pokes a sharp stick into the gears of the Native myth-making machine, exposing the underbelly of both historical and contemporary Native-White relationships. Through the laughter, these stories shimmer brightly with the universal truths that unite us. HarperCollins brings great works of literature to life in digital format, upholding the highest standards in ebook production and celebrating reading in all its forms. Look for more titles in the HarperCollins short-stories collection to build your digital library.

*Character Sketches of Romance, Fiction and the Drama* Hassell Street Press

"Having been born a freeman, and for more than thirty years enjoyed the blessings of liberty in a free State—and having at the end of that time been kidnapped and sold into Slavery, where I remained, until happily rescued in the month of January, 1853, after a bondage of twelve years—it has been suggested that an account of my life and fortunes would not be uninteresting to the public." -an excerpt