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Killings Random House

The humorist author combines a selection of his whimsical verses with personal anecdotes and astute political observations

Disquiet, Please! Random House

As a "floating" writer on a national magazine, Fred Becker's greatest diversion is keeping score on all office romances, until a hot tip about the president's wife gives his career a new boost **If You Can't Say Something Nice** Farrar Straus & Giroux In Calvin Trillin's antic tales of family life, she was portrayed as the wife who had "a weird predilection for limiting our family to three meals a day" and the mother who thought that if you didn't go to every performance of your child's school play, "the county would come and take the child." Now, five years after her death, her husband offers this loving portrait of Alice Trillin off the page—his loving portrait of Alice Trillin off the page—an educator who was equally at home teaching at a university or a drug treatment center, a gifted writer, a stunningly beautiful and thoroughly engaged woman who, in the words of a friend, "managed to navigate the tricky waters between living a life you could be proud of and still delighting in the many things there are to take pleasure in." Though it deals with devastating loss, *About Alice* is also a love story, chronicling a romance that began at a Manhattan party when Calvin Trillin desperately tried to impress a young woman who "seemed to glow." "You have never again been as funny as you were that night," Alice would say, twenty or thirty years later. "You mean I peaked in December of 1963?" "I'm afraid so." But he never quit trying to impress her. In his writing, she was sometimes his subject and always his muse. The dedication of the first book he published after her death read, "I wrote this for Alice. Actually, I wrote everything for Alice." In that spirit, Calvin Trillin has, with *About Alice*, created a gift to the wife he adored and to his readers.

The Tummy Trilogy Hill and Wang

A San Francisco Chronicle Best Book of the Year, A New York Times Book Review Editors' Choice, A New York Post Best Book of the Week

Recommended by Vogue, The San Francisco Chronicle, The Skimm, The BBC, Southern Living, Pure Wow, Hey Alma, Esquire, EW, Refinery 29, Bust, and Read It or Weep "Mind-blowingly brilliant.... Provocative, profound and yes, a little unsettling, *Come With Me* is about how technology breaks apart and then reconfigures a family, and though it has hints of sci-fi, it's so beautifully grounded in reality that it seems to breathe.

Although it takes place over just three days, what's so fascinating is that so many lives, and many possibilities, are lived through it. Truly, it's a novel like its own multiverse." — San Francisco Chronicle From Helen Schulman, the acclaimed author of the New York Times bestseller *This Beautiful Life*,

comes another "gripping, potent, and blisteringly well-written story of family, dilemma, and consequence" (Elizabeth Gilbert)—a mind-bending novel set in Silicon Valley that challenges our modern constructs of attachment and love, purpose and fate. "What do you want to know?" Amy Reed works part-time as a PR person for a tech start-up, run by her college roommate's nineteen-year-old son, in Palo Alto, California. Donny is a baby genius, a junior at Stanford in his spare time. His play for fortune is an algorithm that may allow people access to their "multiverses"—all the planes on which their alternative life choices can be played out simultaneously—to see how the decisions they've made have shaped their lives. Donny wants Amy to be his guinea pig. And even as she questions Donny's theories and motives, Amy finds herself unable to resist the lure of the road(s) not taken. Who would she be if she had made different choices, loved different people? Where would she be now? Amy's husband, Dan—an unemployed, perhaps unemployable, print journalist—accepts a dare of his own, accompanying a seductive, award-winning photographer named Maryam on a trip to Fukushima, the Japanese city devastated by tsunami and meltdown. Collaborating with Maryam, Dan feels a renewed sense of excitement and possibility he hasn't felt with his wife in a long time. But when

crisis hits at home, the extent of Dan's betrayal is exposed and, as Amy contemplates alternative lives, the couple must confront whether the distances between them in the here and now are irreconcilable. Taking place over three non-consecutive but vitally important days for Amy, Dan, and their three sons, *Come with Me* is searing, entertaining, and unexpected—a dark comedy that is ultimately both a deeply romantic love story and a vivid tapestry of modern life.

About Alice Random House

In these fifteen essays the celebrated columnist and his family travel in search of the elusive treasures of Europe and the Caribbean, such as the best gelati in Italy Elysee Schocken

BONUS: This edition contains an excerpt from Calvin Trillin's *Quite Enough of Calvin Trillin*. "Trillin is our funniest food writer. He writes with charm, freedom, and a rare respect for language." —New York magazine In this delightful and delicious book, Calvin Trillin, guided by an insatiable appetite, embarks on a hilarious odyssey in search of "something decent to eat." Across time zones and cultures, and often with his wife, Alice, at his side, Trillin shares his triumphs in the art of culinary discovery, including Dungeness crabs in California, barbecued mutton in Kentucky, potato latkes in London, bluff d'oursins in Martinique, and a \$33 picnic on a no-frills flight to Miami. His eating companions include Fats Goldberg, the New York pizza baron and reformed blimp; William Edgett Smith, the man with the Naughahyde palate; and his six-year-old daughter, Sarah, who refuses to enter a Chinese restaurant unless she is carrying a bagel ("just in case"). And though Alice "has a weird predilection for limiting our family to three meals a day," on the road she proves to be a serious eater—despite "seemingly uncontrollable attacks of moderation." Alice, *Let Eat* amply demonstrates why The New Republic called Calvin Trillin "a classic American humorist." "One of the most brilliant humorists of our times . . . Trillin is guaranteed good reading." —Charleston Post and Courier "Read Trillin and laugh out loud." —Time

Killings Penguin

The nationally syndicated columnist offers a new collection of witticisms, including composing a motto for the Nebraska license plate and plotting the murder of a neighbor who talks about gutter maintenance

Travels with Alice Random House Trade Paperbacks

The former owner/proprietor of the beloved appetizing store on Manhattan's Lower East Side tells the delightful, mouthwatering story of an immigrant family's journey from a pushcart in 1907 to "New York's most hallowed shrine to the miracle of caviar, smoked salmon, ethereal herring, and silken chopped liver" (The New York Times Magazine). When Joel Russ started peddling herring from a barrel shortly after his arrival in America from Poland, he could not have imagined that he was giving birth to a gastronomic legend. Here is the story of this "Louvre of lox" (The Sunday Times, London): its humble beginnings, the struggle to keep it going during the Great Depression, the food rationing of World War II, the passing of the torch to the next generation as the flight from the Lower East Side was beginning, the heartbreaking years of neighborhood blight, and the almost miraculous renaissance of an area from which hundreds of other family-owned stores had fled. Filled with delightful anecdotes about how a ferociously hardworking family turned a passion for selling perfectly smoked and pickled fish into an institution with a devoted national clientele, Mark Russ Federman's reminiscences combine a heartwarming and triumphant immigrant

saga with a panoramic history of twentieth-century New York, a meditation on the creation and selling of gourmet food by a family that has mastered this art, and an enchanting behind-the-scenes look at four generations of people who are just a little bit crazy on the subject of fish. Color photographs © Matthew Hranek

Tick Bite Fever Modern Library

The instant New York Times bestseller! A Wall Street Journal Best Science Book of the Year! A Popular Science Best Science Book of the Year! From a top scientist and the creator of the hugely popular web comic *Saturday Morning Breakfast Cereal*, a hilariously illustrated investigation into future technologies -- from how to fling a ship into deep space on the cheap to 3D organ printing What will the world of tomorrow be like? How does progress happen? And why do we not have a lunar colony already? What is the hold-up? In this smart and funny book, celebrated cartoonist Zach Weinersmith and noted researcher Dr. Kelly Weinersmith give us a snapshot of what's coming next -- from robot swarms to nuclear fusion powered-toasters. By weaving their own research, interviews with the scientists who are making these advances happen, and Zach's trademark comics, the Weinersmiths investigate why these technologies are needed, how they would work, and what is standing in their way. New technologies are almost never the work of isolated geniuses with a neat idea. A given future technology may need any number of intermediate technologies to develop first, and many of these critical advances may appear to be irrelevant when they are first discovered. The journey to progress is full of strange detours and blind alleys that tell us so much about the human mind and the march of civilization. To this end, *Soonish* investigates ten different emerging fields, from programmable matter to augmented reality, from space elevators to robotic construction, to show us the amazing world we will have, you know, soonish. *Soonish* is the perfect gift for science lovers for the holidays!

Travels with Alice Random House Trade Paperbacks

The first children's poetry collection by award-winning writer Calvin Trillin -- illustrated by acclaimed illustrator Roz Chast! "I know this shot will guard me from the measles and the mumps -- Diseases that could leave me with two different kinds of lumps. I'm glad the stuff that's in the shot will keep me safe from harm, But can't they put the needle into someone else's arm? If so, my older sister is the person I'd prefer. Could Jenny get this shot for me? I've done so much for her." Get ready to laugh out loud with Calvin Trillin's first collection of poems for children (and nearby grown-ups). Enjoy the whimsical cartoon illustrations by New York Times bestselling illustrator Roz Chast as you find out if Justin is "the awfulest kid in the class," if there's anything that Matt won't eat, and if you can send back a new baby brother. Inspired by some of Calvin Trillin's real-life experiences, *No Fair! No Fair!* And Other Jolly Poems of Childhood celebrates the humor of familiar everyday topics. *An Education in Georgia* Random House The New York Times bestseller One of America's most original and biting comic satirists, Denis Leary takes on all the poseurs, politicians, and pop culture icons who have sucked in public for far too long. Sparing no one, Leary zeroes in on the ridiculous wherever he finds it—his Irish Catholic upbringing, the folly of celebrity, the pressures of family life, and the great hypocrisy of politics—with the same bright, savage, and profane insight he brought to his critically acclaimed one-man shows *No Cure for Cancer* and *Lock 'n Load*. Proudly Irish-American, defiantly working class, with a reserve of compassion for the underdog and the overlooked, Leary delivers blistering diatribes that are both penetrating social commentary with no holds barred and laugh-out-loud funny. As always, Leary's impassioned

comic perspective in *Why We Suck* is right on target. Leary is the star and co-creator of the Emmy-nominated television show *Rescue Me*.

Jackson, 1964 Ballantine Books
Quite Enough of Calvin Trillin Random House Trade Paperbacks
Uncivil Liberties Mariner Books

From bestselling author and beloved New Yorker writer Calvin Trillin, a deeply resonant, career-spanning collection of articles on race and racism, from the 1960s to the present. In the early sixties, Calvin Trillin got his start as a journalist covering the Civil Rights Movement in the South. Over the next five decades of reporting, he often returned to scenes of racial tension. Now, for the first time, the best of Trillin's pieces on race in America have been collected in one volume. In the title essay of *Jackson, 1964*, we experience Trillin's riveting coverage of the pathbreaking voter registration drive known as the Mississippi Summer Project—coverage that includes an unforgettable airplane conversation between Martin Luther King, Jr., and a young white man sitting across the aisle. ("I'd like to be loved by everyone," King tells him, "but we can't always wait for love.") In the years that follow, Trillin rides along with the National Guard units assigned to patrol black neighborhoods in Wilmington, Delaware; reports on the case of a black homeowner accused of manslaughter in the death of a white teenager in an overwhelmingly white Long Island suburb; and chronicles the remarkable fortunes of the Zulu Social Aid & Pleasure Club, a black carnival krewe in New Orleans whose members parade on Mardi Gras in blackface. He takes on issues that are as relevant today as they were when he wrote about them. Excessive sentencing is examined in a 1970 piece about a black militant in Houston serving thirty years in prison for giving away one marijuana cigarette. The role of race in the use of deadly force by police is highlighted in a 1975 article about an African American shot by a white policeman in Seattle. Uniting all these pieces are Trillin's unflinching eye and graceful prose. *Jackson, 1964* is an indispensable account of a half-century of race and racism in America, through the lens of a master journalist and writer who was there to bear witness. Praise for *Jackson, 1964* "Trillin's elegant storytelling and keen observations sometimes churned my wrath about the glacial pace of progress. That's because to me and millions of African-Americans, the topics of race and poverty—and their adverse impact on the mind and spirit—are, as Trillin acknowledges, not theoretical; they're personal."—Dorothy Butler Gilliam, *The New York Times Book Review* (Editor's Choice) "These pieces . . . will continue to be read for the pleasure they deliver as well as for the pain they describe."—*The New York Times* "With the diligent clarity, humane wit, polished prose and attention to pertinent detail that exemplify Trillin's journalism at its best . . . *Jackson, 1964* drives home a sobering realization: Even with signs of progress, racism in America is news that stays news."—*USA Today* "These unsettling tales, elegantly written and wonderfully reported, are like black-and-white snapshots from the national photo album. They depict a society in flux but also stubbornly unmoved through the decades when it comes to many aspects of race relations. . . . The grace Trillin brings to his job makes his stories all the more poignant."—*The Christian Science Monitor* "An exceptional collection [from] master essayist Trillin."—*Booklist* (starred review)

The Receptionist Random House Trade Paperbacks
The author reflects on the subject of children, discussing changing diapers, directing family movie musicals, marching in local Halloween parades, and helping his daughters move out

American Stories Mariner Books
In these fifteen essays the celebrated columnist and his family travel in search of the elusive treasures of Europe and the Caribbean, such as the best gelati in Italy or a palatable "fastfoude" hamburger on the Champs Elysee

Changes in the Land Viking Press
True stories of sudden death in the classic collection by a master of American journalism "Reporters love murders," Calvin Trillin writes in

the introduction to *Killings*. "In a pinch, what the lawyers call 'wrongful death' will do, particularly if it's sudden." *Killings*, first published in 1984 and expanded for this edition, shows Trillin to be such a reporter, drawn time after time to tales of sudden death. But Trillin is attracted less by violence or police procedure than by the way the fabric of people's lives is suddenly exposed when someone comes to an untimely end. As Trillin says, *Killings* is "more about how Americans live than about how some of them die." These stories, which originally appeared in *The New Yorker* between 1969 and 2010, are vivid portraits of lives cut short. An upstanding farmer in Iowa finds himself drastically changed by a woman he meets in a cocktail lounge. An eccentric old man in Eastern Kentucky is enraged by the presence of a documentary filmmaker. Two women move to a bucolic Virginia county to find peace, only to end up at war over a shared road. Mexican American families in California hand down a feud from generation to generation. A high-living criminal-defense lawyer in Miami acquires any number of enemies capable of killing him. Stark and compassionate, deeply observed and beautifully written, *Killings* is "that rarity, reportage as art" (William Geist, *The New York Times Book Review*). Praise for *Killings* "Riveting tales of murder and mayhem. . . . [Calvin] Trillin is a superb writer, with a magical ability to turn even the most mundane detail into spellbinding wonder. Armed with this wealth of material, he utterly shines. Every piece here is a gem."—*The Seattle Times* "What Mr. Trillin does so well, what makes *Killings* literature, is the way he pictures the lives that were interrupted by the murders. Even the most ordinary life makes a terrible noise . . . when it's broken off."—Anatole Broyard, *The New York Times* "Fascinating, troubling . . . In each of these stories is the basis of a Dostoevskian novel."—Edward Abbey, *Chicago Sun-Times* "The stories . . . are unforgettable. They leave us, finally, with the awareness of the unknowable opacity of the human heart."—Bruce Colman, *San Francisco Chronicle* "[Trillin] writes brilliantly. . . . These stories still hold up, as classics."—*The Buffalo News* "In his artful ability to conjure up a whole life and a whole world, Trillin comes as close to achieving the power of a Chekhov short story as can anyone whose material is so implacably tied to fact."—Frederick Iseman, *Harper's Bazaar* "I have a book for you true-crime addicts if you're caught up on the podcast *Serial*, the cascade on TV of *48 Hours* and *Dateline NBC* episodes. . . . It's time to pick up Calvin Trillin's *Killings*."—*The New York Times Book Review* "Well-crafted and thoughtfully composed, lacking judgment and admonishment, these are a true piece of quality journalism, which clearly continues to captivate audiences."—*Library Journal* "With telling detail and shrewd insights, [Calvin Trillin] masterfully evokes the places and personalities that hatched these grim episodes."—*Publishers Weekly*

Family Man Penguin Group USA
Compiles twelve of the author's favorite nonfiction narratives that have appeared in "The New Yorker," capturing the spirit and rich detail of American living

Jackson, 1964 Algonquin Books
A sparkling commentary on our national life—public and private—at the close of the '80s, as seen through the eyes of a fresh, original, provocative, inspiring, and funny writer. People.

Come with Me Macmillan
For at least forty years, Calvin Trillin has committed blatant acts of funniness all over the place—in *The New Yorker*, in one-man off-Broadway shows, in his "deadline poetry" for *The Nation*, in comic novels like *Tepper* Isn't Going Out, in books chronicling his adventures as a happy eater, and in the column *USA Today* called "simply the funniest regular column in journalism." Now Trillin selects the best of his funny stuff and organizes it into topics like high finance ("My long-term investment strategy has been criticized as being entirely too dependent on Publishers Clearing House Sweepstakes") and the literary life ("The average shelf life of a book is somewhere between milk and yogurt.") In *Quite Enough of Calvin Trillin*, the author deals with such subjects as the horrors of witnessing a voodoo economics ceremony and the mystery of how his mother managed for thirty years to feed her family nothing but leftovers ("We have a team of anthropologists in there now looking for the original meal") and the true story behind the Shoe Bomber: "The one terrorist in England with a sense of humor, a man known as Khalid the Droll, had said to the cell, 'I bet I can

get them all to take off their shoes in airports.' " He remembers Sarah Palin with a poem called "On a Clear Day, I See Vladivostok" and John Edwards with one called "Yes, I Know He's a Mill Worker's Son, but There's Hollywood in That Hair." In this, the definitive collection of his humor, Calvin Trillin is prescient, insightful, and invariably hilarious.

No Fair! No Fair!: And Other Jolly Poems of Childhood Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH)
"In this contemplation of his friend's life, Calvin Trillin attempts to chart the mysterious course of a career that had seemed full of limitless promise. He also embarks upon a provocative investigation of America in the 1950s - exploring the assumptions inherited by the "silent generation" as well as how those assumptions fared during the subsequent transformation of American society in the years that followed. Remembering Denny is not only a memoir of friendship, but also a meditation on our country's evolving sense of self."--Jacket.