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Being Dead Is No Excuse

Scarecrow Press

From the bestselling author of *Between Husbands and Friends* and *An Act of Love* comes a wise, wonderful, and delightfully witty "coming of age" novel about four intrepid women who discover themselves as they were truly meant to be:

passionate, alive, and ready to face the best years of their lives. Meet Faye, Marilyn, Alice, and Shirley. Four women with skills, smarts, and secrets—all feeling over the hill and out of the race. But in a moment of delicious serendipity, they meet and realize they share more than raging hormones and lost dreams. Now as the Hot Flash Club, where the topics of motherhood, sex, and men are discussed with double servings of chocolate cake, they vow to help each other . . . and themselves. Faye, the artist. A determinedly cheerful widow and

connoisseur of control-top pantyhose, she's struggling with creative block and an empty, lonely house. Now she's got a tricky problem to bring to the club's table: how can they catch her perfect son-in-law cheating on her only daughter Laura? Shirley, the healer. Though her yoga-slender body belie her years, decades of dating losers and the strain of being broke make her feel her age. Shirley has a secret dream: a wellness spa that nurtures body and soul. But first she needs to believe in herself, in her abilities, and in her friends at the club.

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Marilyn, the brain. A paleontologist who has spent so many years looking at dried-up fossils, she's almost become one herself. Worried that her brilliant but nerdy son is about to marry the very wrong woman, she gets some help from the HFC, who transform her from a caterpillar to a butterfly, with amazing results. Alice, the executive. Black and regal, she soared to the top of the corporate ladder. Now her shoes are murder on her arthritic back and the younger jackals are circling in for the kill. But as the inspiration behind the HFC, she's about to discover something extraordinary: contentment. For Faye, Shirley, Marilyn, and Alice, the time has come to use it or lose it—be it their bodies, their brains, their spirits, and their sense of fun. Together they realize that they can have it all, perhaps for the first time in their lives. And though what sags may

never rise again, feeling sexy has no expiration date— and best of all, with a little help from her friends, a woman can always start over . . . and never, ever, give up what matters most.

***R is for Ricochet* Ballantine Books**

Thrown by her film producer husband's sudden abandonment for a famous pop starlet, Gracie seeks refuge at her best friend's Malibu mansion and finds herself pursued by a mysterious rescuer, a security guard, and her ex-husband's womanizing boss. By the author of *Rescue Me*. Reprint. (Tie-in to the USA Network miniseries, airing Spring 2007, starring Debra Messing) (General Fiction)

**Good Luck Cat Penguin**

A powerful, poignant novel of family, friendship, and a summer that will change lives forever.-- book cover.

**The Starter Wife - Movie Tie-In Piping Plover Press**

From Mary Kay Andrews, the New York Times bestselling author of *Hello, Summer*, comes a novella celebrating the magic of Christmas and second chances in *The Santa Suit*. When newly-divorced Ivy Perkins buys an old farmhouse sight unseen, she is

definitely looking for a change in her life. The Four Roses, as the farmhouse is called, is a labor of love—but Ivy didn't bargain on just how much labor. The previous family left so much furniture and so much junk, that it's a full-time job sorting through all of it. At the top of a closet, Ivy finds an old Santa suit—beautifully made and decades old. In the pocket of a suit she finds a note written in a childish hand: it's from a little girl who has one Christmas wish, and that is for her father to return home from the war. This discovery sets Ivy off on a mission. Who wrote the note? Did the man ever come home? What mysteries did the Rose family hold? Ivy's quest brings her into the community, at a time when all she wanted to do was be left alone and nurse her wounds. But the magic of Christmas makes miracles happen, and Ivy just might find more than she ever thought possible: a welcoming town, a family reunited, a mystery solved, and a second chance at love.

**The Secret Lives of the Kudzu Debutantes St. Martin's Griffin**

This new kind of dictionary reflects the use of “ rhythm rhymes ” by rappers, poets, and songwriters of today. Users can look up words to find collections of words that have the same rhythm as the original and are useable in ways that are familiar to us in everything from vers

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libre poetry to the lyrics and music of Bob Dylan and hip hop groups.

Summer in the South Ballantine Books

Workaholic attorney Samantha Sweeting has just done the unthinkable. She 's made a mistake so huge, it ' ll wreck any chance of a partnership. Going into utter meltdown, she walks out of her London office, gets on a train, and ends up in the middle of nowhere. Asking for directions at a big, beautiful house, she ' s mistaken for an interviewee and finds herself being offered a job as housekeeper. Her employers have no idea they ' ve hired a lawyer — and Samantha has no idea how to work the oven. She can ' t sew on a button, bake a potato, or get the #@%# ironing board to open. How she takes a deep breath and begins to cope — and finds love — is a story as delicious as the bread she learns to bake. But will her old life ever catch up with her? And if it does... will she want it back?

A Model Summer Penguin

I was thirty-three years old when my husband walked out into a field one morning and never came back, and I went in one quick leap from wife to widow. Lucy Hatch never expected more of life than to spend it on an East Texas farm with her silent and stoic husband, Mitchell. Now that the curtain has abruptly come down, she's back where it all started -- in tiny Mooney -- living in a rundown old house perched on the edge of nowhere, meaning to carry out her widowhood in the manner of her old maid Aunt Dove, in

peaceful solitude. But life, and the folks of Mooney, have other plans for Lucy. In hardly any time at all, she's mortified her entire family. And without even trying, she's caught the eye of the local handyman, Ash Farrell -- lifting eyebrows and setting tongues wagging. Everyone in town, it seems, thinks the guitar-playing, lady-loving Ash is the wrong choice of company for a brand new widow. All Lucy Hatch knows for sure is that she hasn't had much worth remembering in her first thirty-three years. This is her life, after all, and for the very first time, she intends to live it. Marsha Moyer's exhilarating debut is a funny, poignant, and winsome tale about self-discovery and starting over at the beginning -- and of love popping up in the most unlikely place and time to transform a heart and nourish a soul. You're never going to forget Lucy Hatch.

On the Island Ballantine Books

An incisive, beautifully written first novel by a former supermodel that explores the glamorous and gritty world she inhabited Only a handful of women in the world have experienced what Paulina Porizkova has--being whisked away to model in Paris while still a teenager, reaching the pinnacle of the profession before her schoolmates had even graduated--and fewer still have the insight to capture it on paper. In her first novel, Paulina tells the story of Jirina. A tall, scrawny fifteen-year-old girl from Sweden, she's much more accustomed to taunts and disdain than admiration and affection, whether from her

classmates or her own family. That all changes when her only friend, Hatty, asks to practice her makeup and photography skills on Jirina. Almost before she knows it Jirina is on a plane to Paris, where she will spend the summer in a milieu entirely alien to her. Living at the home of her modeling agency's owner and constantly subjected to blunt physical assessments, catty and often cruel fellow models, and womanizing photographers--and, miraculously enough, while sometimes feeling truly beautiful--Jirina embarks on a journey beyond her wildest imaginings. Between photo shoots in Italy and Morocco and parties with models and musicians, Jirina manages to make a few friends, fall in love, and, eventually, feel the very adult pain of betrayal and heartbreak. Told with the grace, simplicity, and accuracy that can only come from real-life experience, A Model Summer is both the debut of a notably talented novelist and an unusually well-informed look behind the scenes at a world many people fantasize about, but few really know.

The Santa Suit Harper Collins

Contains over 2,700 alphabetically arranged essays that provide information on various elements of popular culture in the United States during the twentieth century, covering the major areas of film, music, print culture, social life, sports, television and radio, and art and performance. Includes time frame, category, and title indexes.

The After Wife Dial Press

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The Vintage Teacup Club Vintage Crime/Black Lizard

NATIONAL BESTSELLER • A rollicking and hilarious novel from the bestselling author of *Squeeze Me* and “Florida's most entertainingly indignant social critic” (New York Times Book Review). Jack Tagger's years in exile at the obituaries desk of a South Florida daily haven't dulled his investigative reporter's nose for a good story. When Jimmy Stoma, the infamous front man of Jimmy and the Slut Puppies, dies in a fishy scuba accident, Jack sees his ticket back to page one—if only he can figure out what really happened. Standing in his way are, just for starters, his ambitious young editor, who hasn't yet fired anyone but plans to “break her cherry”

on Jack; the rock star's pop-singer widow, who's using the occasion of her husband's death to relaunch her own career; and the soulless, profit-hungry owner of the newspaper, whom Jack once publicly humiliated at a stockholders' meeting. Following clues from the late rock singer's own music, Jack tries to unravel the lies surrounding Jimmy Stoma's strange fate.

The Second Coming of Lucy Hatch Dell Publishing Company

Folks in the Delta have a strong sense of community, and being dead is no impediment to belonging to it. Down South, they don't forget you when you've up and died--in fact, they visit you more often. But there are quintessential rules and rituals for kicking the bucket tastefully. Having a flawless funeral is one of them. In this deliciously entertaining slice of Southern life (and death), inveterate hostess Gayden Metcalfe explains everything you need to know to host an authentic Southern funeral. Can you be properly buried without tomato aspic? Who prepares tastier funeral fare, the Episcopal ladies or the Methodist ladies? And what does one do when a family gets three sheets to the wind and eats the entire feast the night before a funeral? Each chapter includes a delicious, tried-and-true Southern recipe, critical if you plan to die tastefully any time soon. Pickled Shrimp, Aunt Hebe's Coconut Cake, and the ubiquitous Bing Cherry Salad with Coca-Cola are among the many dishes guaranteed to make the next funeral the most satisfying one yet. Even if you've never been south of Rochester, this book will charm, it will entertain, and it will give you all the

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ingredients required for the perfect Southern send-off. **The Word Rhythm Dictionary** Ballantine Books

Three women 's lives are about to change because of a few delicate pieces of china... When Jenny Davis comes across a beautiful vintage tea set at an outdoor market in the English countryside, she 's convinced it 's fate. A young bride on a budget, she has her heart set on a vintage tea-party theme for her wedding—and the gorgeous gold-rimmed china before her is perfect. There 's only one problem. Two other women have fallen in love with it, too. So they come up with a solution: They 'll share it. They establish a sisterhood, sharing the ups and downs of their lives—from broken hearts and weddings, to family drama and career dreams. When a figure from Jenny 's past threatens to ruin her big day, Alison 's teenage daughter pushes her to the limit, and Maggie 's romantic life is thrown into turmoil, the members of the Vintage Teacup Club band together—proving their newfound friendship will last a lifetime. [The Secret Lives of the Kudzu Debutantes](#) Harper Collins

A journey into the what-ifs that haunt us all, *The Stuff That Never Happened* is an intricate, heartfelt

examination of modern marriage that brims with truths about the nature of romantic love. What if you were married to someone for twenty-eight years but in love with another? What if you were in love with them both? Annabelle McKay knows she shouldn 't have any complaints. She 's been in a stable marriage that 's lasted almost three decades and has provided her with two wonderful children, thousands of family dinners around a sturdy oak table, and a husband so devoted that he schedules lovemaking into his calendar every Wednesday morning. Other wives envy the fact that Grant is not the type of man who would ever cheat on her or leave her for a younger woman. The trouble is Annabelle isn 't sure she wants to be married to Grant anymore. The trouble is she 's still in love with someone else. In the early tumultuous years of her marriage, Annabelle carried on a clandestine affair with the one person whose betrayal would hurt her husband the most. When it ended, she and Grant found their way back together and made a pact that they would never speak of that time again. But now years later, with her children grown and gone, and an ominous distance opening between them, she can 't help but remember those glorious, passionate days and wonder if she chose the right man. Then, when called to New York City to help care for her pregnant daughter, Annabelle bumps into her old lover. Offered a second chance at an unforgettable love, she must decide between the man who possesses her heart and the husband who has stood squarely by her side.

*The Stuff That Never Happened* Prabhat

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Discover the thirty-day -ing Equation to sharpen your intuitive senses and activate untapped inspirations! Lots of people are selling "happiness" these days, but in her hip self-transformation book, *Add More -ing to Your Life*, motivational speaker and life coach Gabrielle Bernstein truly shows you how to make happiness a way of life by accessing your -ing—your Inner Guide. In her thirty-day -ing Equation, Gabrielle will show you how to bulldoze negative thought patterns and create personal change through positive affirmations, physical activity, and visualization meditations. Get prepared to change your life by accessing a state of "flow" to help you connect with your -ing. You'll release your negativity and choose happiness!

*Women's Fiction: A Guide to Popular Reading Interests* Harmony

Gigi Levangie Grazer, the New York Times bestselling author of *The Starter Wife*, returns with a hilarious and spirited tale of love—both lost and found. L.A. is no place for widows. This is what forty-four-year-old Hannah Bernal quickly discovers after the tragic death of her handsome and loving husband, John. Misery and red-rimmed eyes are little tolerated in the land of the beautiful. But life stumbles on: Hannah 's sweet three-year-old daughter, Ellie,

needs to be dropped off at her overpriced preschool, while Hannah herself must get back to work in order to pay the bills on “ Casa Sugar, ” the charming Spanish-styled bungalow they call home. Fortunately, Hannah has her “ Grief Team ” for emotional support: earth mother and fanatical animal lover Chloe, who finds a potential blog post in every moment; aspiring actress Aimee, who has her cosmetic surgeon on speed dial; and Jay, Hannah ’ s TV producing partner, who has a penchant for Mr. Wrong. But after a series of mishaps and bizarre occurrences, one of which finds Hannah in a posh Santa Monica jail cell, her friends start to fear for her sanity. To make matters worse, John left their financial affairs in a disastrous state. And when Hannah is dramatically fired from her latest producing gig, she finds herself in danger of losing her house, her daughter, and her mind. One night, standing in her backyard under a majestic avocado tree, in the throes of grief, Hannah breaks down and asks, “ Why? ” The answer that comes back—Why not?—begins an astounding journey of discovery and transformation that leads Hannah to her own truly extraordinary life after death. Praise for *The After Wife* “ Fans of Lolly Winston, Mary Kay Andrews, and Jennifer Weiner will especially enjoy Grazer ’ s newest. ” —Booklist

“ hilariously funny and profoundly wise, *The*

*After Wife* is for anyone who ’ s ever been married or widowed, in debt or in love. I could not put it down: a fabulous read! ” —Nancy Thayer, author of *Island Girls* “ A charming tale of a grieving forty-ish widow—and the wacky friends who love her. ” —Los Angeles Times “ A book that is part Jacqueline Susann, part *Real Housewives* . . . Gigi Levangie Grazer [is a] Jimmy Choo ’ ed-out satirist. ” —National Post “ Fans of *The Starter Wife* will be equally charmed with *The After Wife*. ” —Library Journal “ Grazer ’ s entertaining satire is sure to spice up any occasion. ” —Publishers Weekly  
*The Swiss Family Robinson (Diversión Illustrated Classics)* Libraries Unlimited  
*Revenge of the Kudzu Debutantes* Ballantine Books

House Broken Penguin

“ Break out the tissues, sunblock, and margarita mix as four friends reunite after twenty-three years for a beach party in [this] feast of Southern friendship. . . . [Cathy] Holton refreshes the action with winning humor. ” —Publishers Weekly Mel, Sara, Annie, and Lola have traveled diverse paths since their years together at a small Southern liberal arts college during the early 1980s. Mel, a mystery writer living in New York, is grappling with the aftermath of two failed marriages and a stalled writing career. Sara, an Atlanta attorney, struggles with her own slowly unraveling marriage. Annie, a successful Nashville businesswoman married to her childhood

sweetheart, can ’ t seem to leave behind the regrets of her youth. And sweet-tempered Lola whiles away her hours—and her husband ’ s money—on little pills that keep her happy. Now the friends, all in their forties, converge on Lola ’ s lavish North Carolina beach house in an attempt to relive the carefree days of their college years. But as the week wears on and each woman ’ s hidden story is gradually revealed, these four friends learn that they must inevitably confront their shared past, and a secret that threatens to change their bond, and their lives, forever. “ A brilliant, bubbly, bracing novel . . . packed with hilarity and heartache. ” —Wichita Falls Times Record News

Islands Vintage

A beloved adventure classic, *The Swiss Family Robinson* is a tale of courage in the face of the unknown that has endured the test of time. Trapped on a remote island after a storm leaves them shipwrecked, a Swiss pastor, his wife, and their four sons must pull together if they want to survive. Hunting, farming, and exploring a strange land for the first time, each son not only tests his own bravery, but discovers a skill all his own as they each adapt to this new, wild place. Full of wonder, revelation, and invention, this timeless adventure story has sparked imaginations of readers young and old for generations. Featuring an appendix of discussion questions, this *Diversión Classics* edition is ideal for use in book groups and classrooms. For more

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Beach Trip Michael Joseph

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