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*Flight of the Sparrow : a Novel of Early America* Scholastic Inc. "Lisa See begins to do for Beijing what Sir Arthur Conan Doyle did for turn-of-the-century London or Dashiell Hammett did for 1920s San Francisco: She discerns the hidden city lurking beneath the public facade." –The Washington Post Book World In the depths of a Beijing winter, during the waning days of Deng Xiaoping's reign, the U.S. ambassador's son is found dead—his body entombed in a frozen lake. Around the same time, aboard a ship adrift off the coast of Southern California, Assistant U.S. Attorney David Stark makes a startling discovery: the corpse of a Red Prince, a scion of China's political elite. The Chinese and American governments suspect that the deaths are connected and, in an unprecedented move, they join forces to see justice done. In Beijing, David teams up with the unorthodox police detective Liu Hulan. In an investigation that brings them to every corner of China and sparks an intense attraction between the two, David and Hulan discover a web linking human trafficking to the drug trade to governmental treachery—a web reaching from the Forbidden City to the heart of Los Angeles and, like the wide flower net used by Chinese fishermen, threatening to ensnare all within its reach. "A graceful rendering of two different and complex cultures, within a highly intricate plot . . . The starkly beautiful landscapes of Beijing and its surrounding countryside are depicted with a lyrical precision." –Los Angeles Times Book Review "Murder and intrigue splash across the canvas of

modern Chinese life. . . . A vivid portrait of a vast Communist nation in the painful throes of a sea change." –People "Fascinating . . . that rare thriller that enlightens as well as it entertains." –San Diego Union-Tribune A Finalist for the Edgar Award for Best First Mystery A NEW YORK TIMES NOTABLE BOOK

Sky Song Penguin Group

The new compact hardcover edition of the first book devoted to the work of one of today's most celebrated garden designers. Arne Maynard is known for his award-winning gardens at the Chelsea Flower Show, and for his elegant and sympathetic gardens for private houses worldwide including in the USA. Central to his work is his ability to draw out the essence of a place - a talent that lends his gardens a particular sense of harmony and belonging. A passionate gardener himself, Maynard is in the process of transforming the garden around his house, Allt-y-bela, in rural Wales. This garden is featured in the book, offering insights into the work in progress and Maynard's design methods. Also included is Maynard's very first garden of his own, at Guanock House in Lincolnshire, where he spent 10 years creating from a flat field a formal layout, with a kitchen garden, knot garden, and herbaceous borders. A total of 12 gardens have been specially photographed, and each is described through the seasons in personal text by Maynard, including details of the brief and the plant selection. The Gardens of Arne Maynard is completed by illustrated features on various topics close to the designer's heart, such as growing and using roses, planting borders, creating productive kitchen gardens, incorporating sculpture in the garden, and training trees and shrubs.

*Big and Small* Schwartz & Wade

Originally published: Australia: Vintage

Australia, 2012.

Let's Explore! The Vehicles of the Town Penguin

The gnarled branches of a beautiful old plum tree reach toward the sky. A mushroom hunter searches for morels among rolling hills. A small boat is tossed among the tumultuous waves of an angry sea. Striding Lines, an homage to Wisconsin artist and quilter Rumi O'Brien, presents these striking images of her work and many more, accompanied by descriptions that share the stories of each piece in the artist's own words. Each quilt represents a moment, often autobiographical, crafted with whimsy, revealing an inspired talent. Bobbie Malone reaches beyond the quilts to tell O'Brien's own story, from her initial foray into the quilting world to her developed dedication to the craft. Contributions from leaders in the art, textile and quilting community, including Melanie Herzog and Marin Hanson, contextualize O'Brien's work in the greater community of quiltmakers and artists. This book celebrates the life and ingenuity of a Japanese-born American immigrant whose oeuvre is equally Japanese and Wisconsinite--and entirely distinctive.

The Daughters of Mars Univ. of Queensland Press

She is Elaine of Ascolat, the Lady of Shalott. At sixteen, Elaine is beautiful and brave, with a temperament as fiery as her long red hair. She lives on Arthur's army base with her father and brothers, the sole girl in a militaristic world of men. As she mends torn battle garments and heals wounds, Elaine often slips into daydreams, wishing the handsome Lancelot would see her as more than a tomboy. Then a new girl arrives, and Elaine is thrilled-- until Gwynivere proves to be cold and cruel. But when the two of them are thrown into a situation of gravest danger, they must band together in order to survive. Can Elaine find the strength to fight for the kingdom she has always believed in? This highly acclaimed novel is a beautiful contribution to the Camelot canon. Writing Worship Atria Books

"An essential document of our time." —Charles D ' Ambrosio, author of *Loitering* In search of answers and action, the award-winning poet and essayist Lisa Wells brings us *Believers*, introducing trailblazers and outliers from across the globe who have found radically new ways to live and reconnect to the Earth in the face of climate change We find ourselves at the end of the world. How, then, shall we live? Like most of us, Lisa Wells has spent years overwhelmed by increasingly urgent news of climate change on an apocalyptic scale. She did not need to be

convinced of the stakes, but she could not find practical answers. She embarked on a pilgrimage, seeking wisdom and paths to action from outliers and visionaries, pragmatists and iconoclasts. *Believers* tracks through the lives of these people who are dedicated to repairing the earth and seemingly undaunted by the task ahead. Wells meets an itinerant gardener and misanthrope leading a group of nomadic activists in rewilding the American desert. She finds a group of environmentalist Christians practicing “ watershed discipleship ” in New Mexico and another group in Philadelphia turning the tools of violence into tools of farming—guns into ploughshares. She watches the world ’ s greatest tracker teach others how to read a trail, and visits botanists who are restoring land overrun by invasive species and destructive humans. She talks with survivors of catastrophic wildfires in California as they try to rebuild in ways that acknowledge the fires will come again. Through empathic, critical portraits, Wells shows that these trailblazers are not so far beyond the rest of us. They have had the same realization, have accepted that we are living through a global catastrophe, but are trying to answer the next question: How do you make a life at the end of the world? Through this miraculous commingling of acceptance and activism, this focus on seeing clearly and moving forward, Wells is able to take the devastating news facing us all, every day, and inject a possibility of real hope. *Believers* demands transformation. It will change how you think about your own actions, about how you can still make an impact, and about how we might yet reckon with our inheritance.

#### *The Sparrow* David C Cook

A visionary work that combines speculative fiction with deep philosophical inquiry, *The Sparrow* tells the story of a charismatic Jesuit priest and linguist, Emilio Sandoz, who leads a scientific mission entrusted with a profound task: to make first contact with intelligent extraterrestrial life. The mission begins in faith, hope, and beauty, but a series of small misunderstandings brings it to a catastrophic end. Praise for *The Sparrow* “ A startling, engrossing, and moral work of fiction. ” —The New York Times Book Review “ Important novels leave deep cracks in our beliefs, our prejudices, and our blinders. *The Sparrow* is one of them. ” —Entertainment Weekly “ Powerful . . . *The Sparrow* tackles a difficult subject with grace and intelligence. ” —San Francisco Chronicle “ Provocative, challenging . . . recalls both Arthur C. Clarke and H. G. Wells, with a dash of Ray Bradbury for good measure. ” —The Dallas Morning News “ [Mary Doria] Russell shows herself to be a skillful storyteller who subtly and expertly builds suspense. ” —USA Today

#### *Reign of the Fallen* ABDO

Emma's family is celebrating Easter! Emma and her little brother hunt for Easter eggs and candy. They go to church. Then relatives come over for a big meal. Find out the different ways people

celebrate this special day!

#### *I Couldn't Love You More* Simon and Schuster

*The Blue Castle* by L.M. Montgomery is a captivating tale of transformation and newfound courage. When Valancy Stirling receives a life-altering medical diagnosis, she embarks on a journey of self-discovery, defying societal norms. Montgomery's enchanting narrative explores love, freedom and the indomitable spirit within, creating a heartwarming and empowering literary gem.

#### *The Women of the Copper Country* Merrell

LOS ANGELES TIMES BESTSELLER • A spellbinding debut novel about the trailblazing Iranian poet Forugh Farrokhzad, who defied society ’ s expectations to find her voice and her destiny “ A complex and beautiful rendering of [a] vanished country and its scattered people, a reminder of the power and purpose of art, and an ode to female creativity under a patriarchy that repeatedly tries to snuff it out. ” —The New York Times Book Review (Editors ’ Choice) All through her childhood in Tehran, Forugh Farrokhzad is told that Persian daughters should be quiet and modest. She is taught only to obey, but she always finds ways to rebel—gossiping with her sister among the fragrant roses of her mother ’ s walled garden, venturing to the forbidden rooftop to roughhouse with her three brothers, writing poems to impress her strict, disapproving father, and sneaking out to flirt with a teenage paramour over café glacé . During the summer of 1950, Forugh ’ s passion for poetry takes flight—and tradition seeks to clip her wings. Forced into a suffocating marriage, Forugh runs away and falls into an affair that fuels her desire to write and to achieve freedom and independence.

Forugh ’ s poems are considered both scandalous and brilliant; she is heralded by some as a national treasure, vilified by others as a demon influenced by the West. She perseveres, finding love with a notorious filmmaker and living by her own rules—at enormous cost. But the power of her writing only grows stronger amid the upheaval of the Iranian revolution. Inspired by Forugh Farrokhzad ’ s verse, letters, films, and interviews—and including original translations of her poems—this haunting novel uses the lens of fiction to capture the tenacity, spirit, and conflicting desires of a brave woman who represents the birth of feminism in Iran—and who continues to inspire generations of women around the world. Praise for *Song of a Captive Bird* “ If poetry is emotion rendered incendiary, then Forugh Farrokhzad was made of fire. . . . *Song of a Captive Bird* is an unsparing account of the necessity and consequences of speaking out. ” —BookPage

“ Sometimes, simply choosing whom to love is a political act. ” —Vogue “ Forugh Farrokhzad ’ s short life brimmed with controversy and rebellion . . . This feminist icon inspired Darznik ’ s imaginative debut. ” —Ms.

#### *The Weight of the Sky* Cartwheel Books

Perfect for anyone fascinated by the Royal Wedding, Netflix's *The*

*Crown*, or *Wolf Hall*, this is a pitch-perfect reimagining of the romance and tragedy of Henry VIII and his six wives, told from multiple points of view by some of your favorite authors. If you were one of King Henry VIII's six wives, who would you be? Would you be Anne Boleyn, who literally lost her head? Would you be the subject of rumor and scandal like Catherine Howard? Or would you get away and survive like Anna of Cleves? Meet them and Henry's other queens--each bound for divorce or death--in this epic and thrilling novel that reads like fantasy but really happened. Watch spellbound as each of these women attempts to survive their unpredictable king as he grows more and more obsessed with producing a male heir. And discover how the power-hungry court fanned the flames of Henry's passions . . . and his most horrible impulses. Whether you're a huge fan of all things Tudor or new to this jaw-dropping saga, you won't be able to get the unique voices of Henry and his wives--all brought to life by seven award-winning and bestselling authors--out of your head. This is an intimate look at the royals during one of the most treacherous times in history. Who will you root for and who will you love to hate? ONE OF THE NYPL TOP TEN BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR "Ambitious and exciting." --Bustle "A clever, feminist reimagining of one of English history's most fascinating moments." --Refinery29 "These stories of love, lust, power and intrigue never fail to fascinate." --Shelf Awareness, Starred Review Who's Who: M. T. Anderson - Henry VIII Candace Fleming - Katharine of Aragon, wife #1 Stephanie Hemphill - Anne Boleyn, wife #2 Lisa Ann Sandell - Jane Seymour, wife #3 Jennifer Donnelly - Anna of Cleves, wife #4 Linda Sue Park - Catherine Howard, wife #5 Deborah Hopkinson - Kateryn Parr, wife #6 *Pearls of Promise* Simon and Schuster

Is the littlest leprechaun just too little to celebrate St. Patrick's Day? Find out in this sweet and lovable new story in the bestselling *Littlest* series -- with stickers! From the New York Times bestselling author who brought us *The Littlest Valentine* comes a sweet new St. Patrick's Day story filled with luck, friendship, unicorns, and one adorable little leprechaun friend! Liam is the littlest leprechaun in his lovable family. He may be little, but Liam knows this is the year he'll be able to finally help out on St. Patrick's Day! But a leprechaun's duties are a little difficult to manage when you're so little! Will Liam be able to find a way to celebrate the holiday, or is the littlest leprechaun still too little? With adorable St. Patrick's Day stickers!

*The Gardens of Arne* Maynard Random House

Now in paperback, the fifth installment in the critically acclaimed,

bestselling, Edgar Award-nominated series about a fearless private investigator Izzy Spellman and her quirky, yet endearing, family of sleuths.

Strictly No Elephants Millbrook Press

Prilla, the newest fairy to arrive in Never Land, is so odd that Never Land itself isn't certain whether to let her into Fairy Haven. Prilla shakes hands when she meets other fairies, and she says "Pleased to meet you," instead of "Fly with you." What's more, she calls Tinker Bell Miss Bell. She acts more like a Clumsy than a self-respecting Never fairy should. To make matters worse, Prilla doesn't know what her talent is—or if she has one at all. Mother Dove, the wisest creature in Never Land, thinks Prilla has a talent, but even she isn't certain. DIV A diabolical hurricane, a selfish fairy, Captain Hook, snobby mermaids, a fierce golden hawk, and the evil dragon Kyto combine in a tantalizing elixir that tests Mother Dove's wisdom, Tink's courage, and Prilla's mettle. Even Clumsy children on the mainland—even readers, wherever they may be—play a crucial role in deciding Never Land's fate. DIV Fairy Dust and the Quest for the Egg is written by Newberry Honor-winning author Gail Carson Levine, master of the modern fairy tale. It is illustrated in stunning detail by David Christiana.

Emma's Easter Page Publishing Inc

Eyes of Silver, Eyes of Gold is a story of romance and family conflicts set in Colorado in 1885. Anne Wells has embarrassed her rigidly proper family since she was a child with occasional but grievous lapses from ladylike behavior. They blame those lapses for the disgraceful fact that she is a spinster at 28. Cord Bennett, the son of his father's second marriage to a Cheyenne woman, is more than an embarrassment to his well-to-do family of ranchers and lawyers - they are ashamed and afraid of their black sheep. When Anne and Cord are found alone together, her father's fury leads to violence. Cord's family accepts that the fault is his. Can Anne and Cord use the freedom of being condemned for sins they didn't commit to make a life together? Or will their disapproving, interfering families tear them apart?

Striding Lines Ballantine Books

“ A thrillingly wild adventure. ” —Jonathan Stroud, author of the Lockwood and Co. and Bartimaeus series A cursed girl and a young inventor join forces to search for an ancient, forgotten song with the power to bring down a wicked Queen in this epic fantasy adventure perfect for fans of *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* and *Furthermore*. The snowy kingdom of Erkenwald was once a magical place—until an evil ice witch cursed the land and began stealing the voices of the kingdom ' s people to increase her powers. Eska is one of the many prisoners of the Ice Queen. With no memories of her past, Eska only knows that she cannot allow

the Ice Queen to take her voice, that it might be special in some way... When young inventor Flint sneaks into the Ice Queen ' s palace in an attempt to rescue his mother, he ends up rescuing Eska instead. Together, Flint and Eska must journey to the Never Cliffs and beyond in search of an ancient, long-forgotten song with the power to end the Ice Queen ' s reign and return voice back to the people of Erkenwald. This is the story of an eagle huntress, a boy inventor, and a wicked queen in a castle made from ice. But it ' s also a story about finding a place to belong, even at the farthest reaches of the world.

A Map of the Known World Penguin

Just as pearls are formed by irritations inside an oyster shell, God makes a pearl out of every trial and struggle in our lives. The Pearls of Promise devotional contains 120 "pearls of promise" from God written by 46 authors from all over the United States. The contributors are best-selling authors LeAnn Weiss, Lisa Buffaloe and Beth Shriver, motivational speaker and evangelist, Krish Dhanam, who worked side-by-side with the late Zig Ziglar and Christian motivational speaker and former national television sports reporter, Lisa Burkhardt Worley. These honest and personal stories or "pearls" were written to encourage women in their faith journey. Pearls of comfort, encouragement, faith, truth, trust, love, joy, peace, praise, prayer, forgiveness and wisdom; let our "pearls," born out of trials and struggles, speak directly to you. The Pearls of Promise devotional is a "go to" resource when you need inspiration from God because he has a priceless "pearl" waiting for you. What "pearl" do you need today?

Polyrhythms for Pianists Milkweed Editions

"My people have been lost sheep. ... They have roamed from one mountain and hill to another. They have forgotten their resting place." ~ Jeremiah 50:6 (NET Bible) Bad news, people angry and hurting, politicians battling and belittling, the media's agenda leaning right or left, overwhelming life difficulties, and the world seems to have gone stark-raving crazy. Are you looking for a safe place to take a deep breath and find rest? Truth, hope, and encouragement are found in the Bible. Find your resting place. Come aside, soak deep, and linger in this five-session study of God's word.

Flower Net Farrar, Straus and Giroux

Growing up in the 1920s, sixteen-year-old Garnet Richardson watches the birds outside her window, admiring their freedom and beauty. Her mother, on the other hand, does not approve of Garnet climbing trees to peer into nests. She has Garnet ' s life all planned out: after finishing high school,

she ' ll marry and tend to the home. When Garnet is sent away for the summer to stay with relatives in the lakeside resort town of Excelsior, Minnesota, she discovers a chance to spread her wings. There she finds herself under the supervision of oppressive guardians and her father ' s wealthy cousin. But an amusement park and roaring dance hall beckon, and her explorations land her where she least expects—enthralled with a beautiful and daring flapper, Isabella. Caught between her family ' s expectations and her own newfound passions, Garnet must decide whose dreams to follow. Tender and moving, *Silhouette of a Sparrow* is the tale of a young woman ' s discovery of the science of risk, the art of rebellion, and, of course, the power of unexpected love.

At Home with Books Aladdin

From critically beloved author Lisa Ann Sandell comes this poignant, unputdownable story of a teen girl who learns to shake off her brother's shadow by becoming an artist. Cora Bradley dreams of escape. Ever since her reckless older brother, Nate, died in a car crash, Cora has felt suffocated by her small town and high school. She seeks solace in drawing beautiful maps, envisioning herself in exotic locales. When Cora begins to fall for Damian, the handsome, brooding boy who was in the car with Nate the night he died, she uncovers her brother's secret artistic life and realizes she had more in common with him than she ever imagined. With stunning lyricism, Sandell weaves a tale of one girl's journey through the redemptive powers of art, friendship, and love.