

## Spud The Madness Continues John Van De Ruit

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Seven Ancient Wonders Penguin Random House South Africa  
12 year old Joel lives with his father in the cold northern part of Sweden. At night he often sneaks out of his father's house to look for a lonely dog he has seen from his window. On the bridge across the icy river he starts a secret society and has adventures. But one night he discovers that his father's bed is also empty and will have to come terms with his father's new-found love. The harsh reality of Joel's world comes vividly to life and leaves the reader spellbound.

*So Yesterday* Merriam Press

Thirteen-year-old Butterball doesn't have much going for him. He's teased mercilessly about his weight. He hates the Long Island suburb his mom moved them to and wishes he still lived with his dad in the city. And now he's stuck talking to a totally out-of-touch therapist named Liz. Liz tries to uncover what happened that day on the playground - a day that landed one kid in the hospital and Butterball in detention. Butterball refuses to let her in on the truth, and while he evades her questions, he takes readers on a journey through the moments that made him into the playground bully he is today. This devastating yet ultimately redemptive story is told in

voice-driven prose and accented with drawings and photographs, making it a natural successor to *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*. Loosely inspired by 50 Cent's own adolescence, and written with his fourteen-year-old son in mind, *Playground* is sure to captivate wide attention - and spark intense discussion.  
*Playground* Penguin

Ron is watcher, it seems. He watches his pick-up basketball team - five guys trying to fit together on the court. He watches Dawn on the dance floor, and that tiny star tattoo on her shoulder. He watches Darby run, her short legs all sweat and muscle. He watches his friends veer off - and up - into popularity. He watches his dad move in with his grandmother and make do. But he's more than a watcher: He's a hustler on the court, a free-thrower, a poet, a poker player, a rule breaker, a loving grandson, a runner, and a ruthless competitor in those eight laps around the track - the 3200 meter. In nine interwoven stories, award-winning author Rich Wallace brings a small-town high school to life through the sharp, spare voice - and the heart-pounding defeats and triumphs - of an athlete.

A Fine and Pleasant Misery Farrar, Straus and Giroux

It's South Africa 1990. Two major events are about to happen: the release of Nelson Mandela and, more importantly, it's Spud Milton's first year at an elite boys only private school. Cursed with parents from well beyond the lunatic fringe, a senile granny, and a dormitory full of strange characters, Spud has his hands full trying to adapt to his new home. Surrounded by names such as Gecko, Rambo, Rain Man and Mad Dog, Spud takes his first tentative steps along the path to manhood. (The path, it seems, could be a rather long road.) Armed with only his wits and his diary, Spud takes us from illegal night swimming to the red-hot furnace of the cricket pitch, from ghostbusting to a catastrophic family vacation. He also invites us into the mind of a boy struggling to come to terms with a strange new world; a boy whose eyes are being opened to love, friendship

and complete insanity.

*A Larger Silence* Penguin Random House South Africa

The competition heats up at Fashion International High School. Bring it! Sashay, parlay! The design competition at Fashion International High School heats up as each design house struggles to produce its first—and hopefully award-winning—line. Tensions are cropping up in the House of Pashmina, and it's not clear whether Pashmina and her best friends will weather the runway. They'd better scramble if they want to win a real shot at a fashion career and an all-expenses-paid trip to Florence! "A high-energy journey through the world of fashion high school as seen through the eyes of several feisty fashionistas. . . . Young readers will dive into Gregory's vibrant mix of teenage realism, glamour, and fantasy." —Essence

*Catwalk* Ember

On his way to State University, nineteen-year-old James runs into a former friend and is immersed in memories from the year they were twelve and learned that monsters exist in the world--and within themselves.

*Spud - Learning to Fly* Penguin

Relates the story of a sixteen-year-old boy who finds employment as a migrant laborer and carnival worker after running away from home.

*A Novel* Random House Books for Young Readers

When Mark Boucher played his first game of cricket for South Africa, a senior player took him aside and bluntly told him he was the worst wicket-keeper ever to play in the national side. Over a decade later, when Bouch finally retired with a plethora of records under his belt and to huge acclaim from the public, he took grim satisfaction in relating this piece of history. This is the story of a man with remarkable sporting prowess. Born into a sports-mad family in East London, he excelled in squash, tennis and rugby before choosing cricket as his preferred sport. His extraordinary achievements on the field are well-known -- he was voted SA player of the year in 1998, 2000 and 2006. What is not so well known, and makes up much of this book, are the behind-the-scenes stories and anecdotes. Stories of staring down the barrel of defeat and of celebrating victory; of developing strong bonds with team-mates Graeme Smith, Jacques Kallis and others that go way beyond mere friendship. What emerges is the image of a man who always fought for the underdog, whose never-say-die attitude inspires those around him. Bouch's career was brought to a dramatic end on a cricket pitch in England when the bail of a stump punctured his left eye. But, in his own words, "I lost sight but gained vision". True to his character of gritty determination, Bouch has rededicated

his life to a new cause, that of the environment and particularly the critically endangered rhino.

Driftwood Penguin

Living in a children's hospital where the grandeur of the building's past is reflected in mirrors that line its once-elegant corridors, young Emmaline discovers an injured winged horse that has escaped from its mirror world and needs protection from a malevolent hunter.

The New Complete Book of Self-Sufficiency Penguin

During the summer vacations of his thirteenth through his sixteenth year, which he spends at his family's lake cottage, Luke realizes that although some things stay the same over the years, many more change.

A Bridge to the Stars Penguin Random House South Africa

"John Smit is the world's most capped Test captain and an icon of South African rugby. Under his leadership the Springboks have won a World Cup, two Tri-Nations titles and a Test series against the British & Irish Lions." --Back cover.

U.S.S. Idaho in World War II : a War Diary by a Member of Its VO Squadron Ember

When Will Halpin transfers from his all-deaf school into a mainstream Pennsylvania high school, he faces discrimination and bullying, but still manages to solve a mystery surrounding the death of a football player in his class.

Emako Blue Penguin

In 1990, thirteen-year-old John "Spud" Milton, a prepubescent choirboy, keeps a diary of his first year at an elite, boys-only boarding school in South Africa, as he deals with bizarre housemates, wild crushes, embarrassingly dysfunctional parents, and much more.

The Secret Horses of Briar Hill Random House Digital, Inc.

Marital discord and adultery, war and death, cancer and disease are recurring themes, with the relentless ticking of the clock acting as a harbinger of greater sorrows. Concealed within are reflections of Kipling's own life, with faint glimmers of hope and expectations of things to come.

Wrestling Sturbridge Ember

Early in the twentieth century a four-year-old boy is washed ashore like a piece of driftwood at Rietfontein Bay in the Southern Cape. Plucked from amongst the drowned bodies and the wreckage of the ship which floundered on the rocky reefs, the child is adopted by Willem and Sanna Swart and is given the name Moses. More than fifty years later, Moses spends his days taking care of a flock of sheep, continually haunted by a sense of displacement and a yearning to know his real identity. When he goes to work as a gardener for the elderly Lord and Lady de Saumarez he begins for the first time to feel a sense of belonging, and the missing pieces of his life start to unravel. Dalene Matthee, in this her final work, has created a moving tale of identity lost and found.

Response Laurel Leaf

The year is 1991, and Spud Milton's long walk to manhood is still creeping along at an unnervingly slow pace. Approaching the ripe old age of fifteen and still with no signs of the much anticipated ball-drop, Spud is coming to terms with the fact that he may well be a freak of nature. With a mother hell-bent on emigrating, a father making a killing out of selling homemade moonshine, and a demented grandmother called Wombat, the new year seems to offer little except extreme embarrassment and more mortifying Milton madness. But Spud is returning to a boarding school where he is no longer the youngest or the smallest. His dormitory mates, known as the Crazy Eight, have an unusual new member and his house has a new clutch of first years (the Normal Seven). If Spud thinks his second year will be a breeze, however, he is seriously mistaken. He is soon beset with women trouble, coerced into misguided late-night adventures, and finds his dreams of a famous career on the stage in tatters after landing the part of the Dove of Peace in a disastrous house play production of Noah's Ark. Hilarious, bitter-sweet, tragic and real, join Spud as he takes another tentative step forward while all around him the madness continues ... This is the second book in the record-breaking Spud series and the sequel to Spud. The third title is Spud - Learning to Fly.

Laurel Leaf

Narrated by her friends, a dramatic novel details the life of Emako Blue, who, gifted with an extraordinary voice, catches the attention of a famous record producer, but an unimaginable act of violence shatters her dreams.

Bouch Delacorte Press

Ever wonder who was the first kid to keep a wallet on a big chunky chain, or wear way-too-big pants on purpose? What about the mythical first guy who wore his baseball cap backwards? These are the Innovators, the people on the very cusp of cool. Seventeen-year-old Hunter Braque's job is finding them for the retail market. But when a big-money client disappears, Hunter must use all his cool-hunting talents to find her. Along the way he's drawn into a web of brand-name intrigue- a missing cargo of the coolest shoes he's ever seen, ads for products that don't exist, and a shadowy group dedicated to the downfall of consumerism as we know it.

Paintings from the Cave Standard Ebooks

In this new launch of a trilogy within the DC Icons universe, experience the origin story of a Super-Villain. This is the Harley Quinn backstory fans have been waiting for. When Harleen Quinzel scores an internship in a psych lab at Gotham University, she's more than ecstatic; she's desperate to make a Big Scientific Discovery that will land her a full-ride

college scholarship and get her away from her abusive father. But when Harleen witnesses the way women are treated across STEM departments--and experiences harassment herself--she decides that revenge and justice are more important than her own dreams. Harleen finds her place in an intoxicating vigilante girl gang called the Reckoning, who creates chaos to inspire change. And when Harleen falls for another girl in the gang, it finally seems like she's found her true passions. But what starts off as pranks and mischief quickly turns deadly as one of the gang members is found murdered--and a terrifying conspiracy is uncovered that puts the life Harleen has worked so hard for at stake. Will she choose her future--or will she choose revenge? In this refreshingly feminist spin on the story of our favorite villainess, Harley Quinn: Reckoning traces Harleen's journey from precocious, revenge-obsessed teenage girl to a hardcore justice-seeker on her way to becoming the most captivating Super Villain of all time. This is one story that you won't be able to put down.

The Vigilante Poets of Selwyn Academy Penguin

It is the biggest treasure hunt in history with contesting nations involved in a headlong race to locate the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. 4500 years ago, a magnificent golden capstone sat at the peak of the Great Pyramid of Giza. It was a source of immense power, reputedly capable of bestowing upon its holder absolute global power. But then it was divided into seven pieces and hidden, each piece separately, within the seven greatest structures of the age. Now it's 2006 and the coming of a rare solar event means it's time to locate the seven pieces and rebuild the capstone. Everyone wants it -- from the most powerful countries on Earth to gangs of terrorists . . . and one daring coalition of eight small nations. Led by the mysterious Captain Jack West Jr, this determined group enters a global battlefield filled with booby-trapped mines, crocodile-infested swamps, evil forces and an adventure beyond imagining. 'More action, hair-raising stunts and lethal hardware than you'd find in four Bond movies. Reilly is the hottest action writer around' Evening Telegraph