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**The Essential Vegetarian Cookbook** Henry Holt and Company (BYR)  
Prometheus Deception Robert Ludlum is the acknowledged master of suspense and international intrigue. For over thirty years, in over twenty international bestsellers, he has set a standard that has never been equaled. Now, with the Prometheus Deception, he proves that he is at the very pinnacle of his craft. Nicholas Bryson spent years as a deep cover operative for the American secret intelligence group, the Directorate. After critical undercover mission went horribly wrong, Bryson was retired to a new identity. Years later, his closely held cover is cracked and Bryson learns that the Directorate was not what it claimed - that he was a pawn in a complex scheme against his own country's interests. Now, it has become increasingly clear that the shadowy Directorate is headed for some dangerous endgame - but no one knows precisely who they are and what they are planning. With Bryson their only possible asset, the director of the CIA recruits Bryson to find, infiltrate, and stop the Directorate. But after years on the sidelines, Bryson's field skills are rusty, his contacts unreliable, and his instincts suspect. With everything he thought he knew about his own life in question, Bryson is all alone in a wilderness of mirrors - unsure what is and isn't true and who, if anyone, he can trust - with the future of millions in the balance. Sigma Protocol Ben Hartman is vacationing in Zurich, Switzerland when he chances upon his old friend Jimmy Cavanaugh—a madman who's armed and programmed to assassinate. In a matter of minutes, six innocent bystanders are dead. So is Cavanaugh. But when his body vanishes, and his weapon mysteriously appears in Hartman's luggage, Hartman is plunged into an unfathomable nightmare... Meanwhile, Anna Navarro, field agent for the Department of Justice, has been asked to investigate the sudden, random deaths of eleven men throughout the world. The only thing that connects them? A secret file, over a half-century old, that's linked to the CIA—and is marked with the same puzzling codename: Sigma. As Anna follows the connecting thread—and Hartman finds himself on the run—she ends up in the shadows of a relentless killer who is one step ahead of her...victim by victim. Now, she and Hartman together must uncover the diabolical secrets long held behind Sigma. It will threaten everything they think they know about themselves—and confirm their very worst fears...

**The Rodents That Conquered Popular Culture** Simon & Schuster

Tyrannosaurus Rex wants breakfast. He stomps and he roars and he gnashes his teeth—and he scares all the other dinosaurs right out of the forest. Only Edna, the very first chicken, is unafraid. She won't let that bully T. rex push her around! But will Edna's mighty beak and terrible flapping wings be a match for T. rex's mighty claws and terrible jaws? This hilarious tale of bravery will have readers clucking in triumph! Jed Henry's charming illustrations accompany Douglas Rees' upROARious tale.

**Nuts About Squirrels Penguin**

Discusses vegetarian meal planning, dietary concerns, and ingredients while offering over 600 low-fat vegetarian recipes

**Bob Ross and Peapod the Squirrel** Delacorte Books for Young Readers

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.

**A Modest Bestiary** Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

The #1 New York Times bestselling (mostly true) memoir from the hilarious author of *Furiously Happy*. "Gaspingly funny and wonderfully inappropriate." —O, The Oprah Magazine When Jenny Lawson was little, all she ever wanted was to fit in. That dream was cut short by her fantastically unbalanced father and a morbidly eccentric childhood. It did, however, open up an opportunity for Lawson to find the humor in the strange shame-spiral that is her life, and we are all the better for it. In the irreverent *Let's Pretend This Never Happened*, Lawson's long-suffering husband and sweet daughter help her uncover the surprising discovery that the most terribly human moments—the ones we want to pretend never happened—are the very same moments that make us the people we are today. For every intellectual misfit who thought they were the only ones to think the things that Lawson dares to say out loud, this is a poignant and hysterical look at the dark, disturbing, yet wonderful moments of our lives.

**Readers Guide Inside**

**The Afterlife Academy** Pocket Books

THE GLOBAL BESTSELLER Sitting quietly in his room in an old people's home, Allan Karlsson is waiting for a party he doesn't want to begin. His one-hundredth birthday party to be precise. The Mayor will be there. The press will be there. But, as it turns out, Allan will not... Escaping (in his slippers) through his bedroom window, into the flowerbed, Allan makes his getaway. And so begins his picaresque and unlikely journey involving criminals, several murders, a suitcase full of cash, and incompetent police. As his escapades unfold, Allan's earlier life is revealed. A life in which - remarkably - he played a key role behind the scenes in some of the momentous events of the twentieth century. Translated by Roy Bradbury.

**Believers** Roaring Brook Press

The "gripping, romantic, and dazzlingly original" (*Cosmopolitan*) Arkady Renko book that started it all: the #1 bestseller *Gorky Park*, an espionage classic that begins the series, by Martin Cruz Smith, "the master of the international thriller" (*The New York Times*). It begins with a triple murder in a Moscow amusement center: three corpses found frozen in the snow, faces and fingers missing. Chief homicide investigator Arkady Renko is brilliant, sensitive, honest, and cynical about everything except his profession. To identify the victims and uncover the truth, he must battle the KGB, FBI, and the New York City police as he pursues a rich, ruthless, and well-connected American fur dealer. Meanwhile, Renko is falling in love with a beautiful, headstrong dissident for whom he may risk everything. "Brilliant...there are enough enigmas within enigmas within enigmas to reel the mind" (*The New Yorker*) in this wonderfully textured, vivid look behind the Iron Curtain. "Once one gets going, one doesn't want to stop...The action is gritty, the plot complicated, and the overriding quality is intelligence" (*The Washington Post*). The first in a classic series, *Gorky Park* "reminds you just how satisfying a smoothly turned thriller can be" (*The New York Times Book Review*).

**Neil Armstrong Is My Uncle and Other Lies** Muscle Man McGinty Told Me Stenhouse Publishers

**Squirrely Gray** Random House Books for Young Readers

**Successful Strategies for Building Lifetime Readers** Random House Books for Young Readers

Nothing ever turns out right for Jerry! Jerry the Squirrel is back with another Volume full of edge of your seat, hilarious stories! The Squirrel Inventor is faced with new adventures with a flying squirrel, a robot Mary, a frozen Squirrel village, and the Squirrel Who Cried Hawk. Don't miss out on ten more captivating tales! Jerry the Squirrel can also be heard on Chat and Spin Radio on Thursdays at 7pm (UK time). The Pocket Mommy Little, Brown Books for Young Readers Bob Ross paints a stunning home for his squirrel friend, Peapod, in this delightful nod to a painter icon. This is the sweet story of a painter (Bob Ross) who helps his squirrel friend, Peapod, find the perfect home to live in. Bob paints an actual Ross painting, "Meadow Lake," in this charming tale about helping friends and embracing the serenity of life. Bob, along with Peapod, go through the various steps and processes to painting, including praising those "happy little accidents" that happen along the way.

**The Life-Changing Magic of Friendship** Crown Books for Young Readers Featuring David Sedaris's unique blend of hilarity and heart, this new collection of keen-eyed animal-themed tales is an utter delight. Though the characters may not be human, the situations in these stories bear an uncanny resemblance to the insanity of everyday life. In "The Toad, the Turtle, and the Duck," three strangers commiserate about animal bureaucracy while waiting in a complaint line. In "Hello Kitty," a cynical feline struggles to sit through his prison-mandated AA meetings. In "The Squirrel and the Chipmunk," a pair of star-crossed lovers is separated by prejudiced family members. With original illustrations by Ian Falconer, author of the bestselling *Olivia* series of children's books, these stories are David Sedaris at his most observant, poignant, and

surprising.

**Squirrel Seeks Chipmunk** Tundra Books

In the Choat family, you never have to look hard to find a culprit. Missing TV remote? Blame the goat! Lost coat? Keys in the moat? Broken boat? Blame the goat! But don't be surprised if the goat doesn't take it lying down. In this hilarious, rhyme-happy picture book, children will love to pore over the funny illustrations, picking up clues that all is not as it seems between Jimmy Choat and the goat, Petunia P. Oat. Because Petunia knows who's really to blame, and before long the whole family will too!

**Charlie and the Grandmothers** Random House Graphic

When Squirrely Gray loses his two front teeth, the Tooth Fairy's visit is just the beginning of a night of surprises for the squirrel in his gray, colorless world.

**Scaredy Squirrel Goes Camping** BrainSwell Publishing

"Belly and Norma are the best of squirrels--or so they think. After discovering donuts for the first time, they are determined to get some for themselves, even if they have to outsmart the food truck driver to do it!"--

**Among Schoolchildren** St. Martin's Griffin

From Johannes Lichtman comes a wisely comic debut novel about a teacher whose efforts to stay sober land him in Sweden, but the refugee crisis forces a very different kind of reckoning. You don't have to be perfect to do good... Jonas Anderson wants a fresh start. He's made plenty of bad decisions in his life, and at age twenty-eight he's been fired from yet another teaching position after assigning homework like, "Attend a stranger's funeral and write about it. But, he's sure a move to Sweden, the country of his mother's birth, will be just the thing to kick-start a new and improved—and newly sober—Jonas. When he arrives in Malmo in 2015, the city is struggling with the influx of tens of thousands of Middle Eastern refugees. Driven by an existential need to

"do good," Jonas begins volunteering with an organization that teaches Swedish to young migrants. The connections he makes there, and one student in particular, might send him down the right path toward fulfillment—if he could just get out of his own way. "Such Good Work is, indeed, a bit Jonas-like: it's wary of affectation or grandstanding; it works small, as if from a sense of modesty, a reluctance to presume; it cuts sincerity with the driest of humor" (*The New Yorker*). In his debut, Lichtman, "a remarkable thinker and social satirist" (*The New York Times Book Review*), spins a darkly comic story, brought to life with wry observations and searing questions about our modern world, and told with equal measures of grace and wit.

**Where Are My Books?** McFarland

International tidying superstar and New York Times bestselling author Marie Kondo brings her unique method to young readers in this charming story about how tidying up creates space for joy in all parts of your life, co-written and illustrated by beloved children's book veteran Salina Yoon. The KonMari Method inspires a charming friendship story that is sure to spark joy! Kiki and Jax are best friends, but they couldn't be more different. The one thing they always agree on is how much fun they have together. But when things start to get in the way, can they make space for what has always sparked joy—each other?

**A Novel** Vintage

Two girls spend an adventurous night trapped inside the public library during a terrible blizzard.

**The Circle** Henry Holt and Company (BYR)

A quirky safety guide combines practical tips with whimsical step-by-step instructions featuring an anxious Scaredy Squirrel, who prepares himself for the worst during a holiday season of decorating, entertaining and confronting fruitcake.

**Scaredy Squirrel Prepares for Christmas** Little, Brown

A visit to Grandmother's house has never been so frightening... Charlie and Georgie Oughtt have been sent to visit their Grandmother Pearl, and this troubles Charlie for three reasons. The first is that he's an exceptionally nervous twelve-year-old boy, and he worries about everything. The second is that the other children in his neighborhood who pay visits to their grandmothers never seem to return. And the third is that Charlie and Georgie don't have any grandmothers. Upon their arrival, all of Charlie's concerns are confirmed, as "Grandmother Pearl" quickly reveals herself to be something much more gruesome than even Charlie's most outlandish fears could have predicted. He and Georgie are thrust into a creepy underworld created from stolen nightmares, where monsters disguised as grandmothers serve an ancient, evil queen by holding children captive as they slowly sap each one of their memories and dreams. But something is different about Charlie. His worrisome nature, so often a burden, proves an asset in this frightening world. Will he be able to harness this newfound power to defeat the queen and save his sister?

**The Story of a Goat Named Oat and a Chewed-Up Coat** Penguin The Pulitzer Prize – winning author's classic, "brilliantly illuminated" account of education in America (*The New York Times Book Review*). Mrs. Zajac is feisty, funny, and tough. She likes to call herself an "old-lady teacher." (She is thirty-four.) Around Kelly School, she is infamous for her discipline: "She is mean, bro," says one of her students. But children love her, and so will the reader of this extraordinarily moving book by the Pulitzer Prize – winning author of *House* and *The Soul of a New Machine*. Tracy Kidder spent nine months in Mrs. Zajac's fifth-grade classroom in a depressed area of

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Holyoke, Massachusetts. Living among the twenty schoolchildren and their indomitable teacher, he shared their joys, catastrophes, and small but essential triumphs. His resulting New York Times bestseller is a revelatory and remarkably poignant account of an inner-city school that “erupts with passionate life,” and a close-up examination of what is wrong—and right—with education in America (USA Today). “More than a book about needy children and a valiant teacher; it is full of the author’s genuine love, delight and celebration of the human condition. He has never used his talent so well.” —The New York Times