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Brothers, Black and Poor Penguin

Taylor Armstrong, star of *The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills* on Bravo, pulls back the curtain on the years she suffered in silence through domestic violence in this searingly honest account of her troubled marriage to the late Russell Armstrong. The terrible truth is that I felt lost without the control that Russell had imposed on me for the nearly six years that we were married. Disturbingly, I missed that control. I didn't know what to do once I had no one there to tell me how to dress, act, and behave; what to want; and who, even, to be. In some ways, I missed the abuse. I missed the pain. I missed being scared. Not because I liked feeling any of that. But because it was the life I had become accustomed to, and without anyone to be afraid of, to apologize to, and to cover for, I felt completely lost. Reality hit Taylor Armstrong hard one tragic evening last August when she found the body of her estranged husband, Russell, hanging in his California home. Fans across the country were shocked at the horrific news of his death and even more shocked to discover that behind the glittering "reality" of Taylor's life on *The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills* lurked a painful story of emotional and physical abuse that she had been terrified to tell. To the outside world, the Armstrongs lived like royalty, throwing lavish parties—including a memorable tea party for their daughter's fourth birthday—and mingling with their privileged *Housewives* co-stars. It was impossible to hide the cracks in their marriage from the cameras forever, though, and their darkest secrets slowly began to seep through the gilded facade. With searing honesty, Taylor candidly examines her difficult journey from the abusive home in which she was born to the low self-esteem that kept her constantly on the run from herself, to the tumultuous marriage that ended in suicide, and ultimately to her realization that only by sharing her moving story could she help other women.

*Alzheimer's from the Inside Out* Penguin

"Remarkable." —Hamish Bowles, *Vogue* The overdue restoration of Catherine Dior's extraordinary life, from her brother's muse to Holocaust survivor Miss Dior is a story of freedom and fascism, beauty and betrayal, roses and repression, and of how the polished surface of fashion conceals hidden depths. It paints a portrait of the enigmatic woman behind the designer Christian Dior: his beloved younger sister Catherine, who inspired his most famous perfume and shaped his vision of femininity. Justine Picardie's journey takes her to

Occupied Paris, where Christian honed his couture skills while Catherine dedicated herself to the French Resistance, until she was captured by the Gestapo and deported to the German concentration camp of Ravensbrück. With unparalleled access to the Dior family homes and archives, Picardie shines a new light on Catherine's courageous life and Christian Dior's legendary work, and reveals how his enchanting "New Look" emerged out of the shadows of his sister's suffering. Tracing the wartime paths of the Dior siblings leads Picardie deep into other hidden histories, and different forms of resistance and sisterhood. She explores what it means to believe in beauty and hope, despite our knowledge of darkness and despair, and discovers the timeless solace of the natural world in the aftermath of devastation and destruction. The result is an exquisite and unforgettably moving book.

**Corporate Bravery** Simon and Schuster

Original oil paintings tell the story of how Grandpa watches over a little boy over the course of his life, even though Grandpa can be with him only in spirit. This art story book is a peaceful and healing read for adults and children alike. Gentle emotions, passionate colors, and simple words communicate an inspirational message that love lives on, and family is forever.

**Don't Postpone Joy** Tyndale House Pub

A deeply personal account of Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords' and astronaut Mark Kelly's lives together, recounting their courtship, Ms Giffords' rise in politics, and the tragic 8th January 2011 shooting in Arizona which killed six people and gravely wounded Representative Gifford and twelve others. The book also tells the story of her recovery progress and traces Kelly's career from decorated Desert Storm combat pilot to his recent mission as the commander of Space Shuttle Endeavour's final flight.

*Fear and Courage* Wattpad Books

Presents alphabetically arranged entries from A to Z on such virtues as forgiveness, kindness, and unselfishness, with advice for children on how to live as Christians.

**Brave Love** Createspace Independent Pub

Have you ever wondered: What it's like to daily bet hundreds of thousands of dollars working for some of the largest professional gamblers in Las Vegas? ... How to spend a summer house sitting one of the biggest stars in the world's 11,000 square-foot mansion - without an invitation from its celebrity owner ... Whether the life of crime - specifically, running a shoplifting ring in a middle American mall - pays? ... What causes a son to finally say enough is enough ... and decide "Today is the day I am going to kill my dad." Comedian Brandt Tobler has the answers in this funny, touching and sometimes downright unbelievable memoir of a small town Wyoming-kid turned "mall-fia" don, turned nationally touring comic. Brandt tells his life story with candor, detailing the many pit stops, wrong turns, crazy

connections and lucky breaks he experienced along the way to his comedy career, all while trying to balance a toxic relationship with his unreliable jailbird dad. In these pages Brandt will make you laugh (he better - it's his job!) and believe as he does that, when it comes to defining family, blood isn't always thicker than water. -- back cover.

**Words from the Window Seat** Grand Central Publishing

A stirring biography of America's first black Naval aviator, by a master storyteller and bestselling, award-winning author.

**Women Who Dared** GIG PowHer Press

*Embracing Survival*, a memoir by Dydine Umunyana, tells the story of the Rwandan Genocide against the Tutsis at the hands of the Hutu perpetrators in Rwanda (1994) through the eyes of the four-year-old-child that she was when the horrific massacre occurred. Separated from her family, she barely survived the conflict. While the physical killing finally stopped, the mental and emotional 'killing' continued, affecting her and her family. She writes that "I have learned that we cannot do for others what we cannot do for ourselves. By nourishing the light within ourselves, we find strength we never knew was there....I came to realize that one's own life experiences are not theirs to keep but ours to teach."

**It Was All a Dream** Monarch Books

*Between The Stitching* is the New England based romance between professional baseball player, Skyler Williams, and Taylor Higgins. Follow along as Skyler battles his way through minor league baseball in hopes of pursuing his dream of becoming a big leaguer all while Taylor struggles to keep her own identity afloat. Delve into the realities of modern day relationships and uncover secrets that lie underneath the surface of America's most beloved ball game. Join us during our travels, relate with our inseparable souls, live out of our suitcases, believe in our journeys, rest your heart when it breaks, and rebuild yourself when you're ready.

**Free Roll** Thomas Nelson

In March 2010, thirteen-year-old Taylor Storch's life was tragically cut short by a skiing accident. With only a few minutes to consider their options, her grieving family made the life-changing decision to donate her organs. Knowing Taylor's caring spirit, they were sure this was what she would have wanted. Over the course of the next two years, Tara and Todd Storch connected with four of the five people who now live because of Taylor's gift. And through these encounters, the Storches have discovered unexpected blessings that are changing countless lives. Now Tara and Todd share their inspiring story, shining a light at the end of the tunnel for those enduring the suffering of losing a loved one. Through the stories of the donor recipients, readers will discover hope in the midst of pain. Honest with their struggles, the Storches show readers that life is a gift and our response to grief is a choice. They also speak with a clear voice about the importance and the blessing of being an organ donor, telling the inspiring story of the creation of Taylor's Gift Foundation and its goals to raise awareness of the need for organ donation, to re-gift life, renew health, and restore families. They are changing the conversation around the globe that organ donation is not about death--it's about life! Foreword by Max Lucado.

**Love Always**, Petra Abrams

Presents the story of Plenty Coups, the last great Chief of the Crow Nation. This title contains a philosophical and ethical inquiry into a people faced with the end of their way of life.

**Radical Hope** Simon and Schuster

A toolkit for your personal empowerment and wellbeing. Learn to step up, speak out, be bold and find your voice. Discover your power and fly free with *The Inspirational Mentor* Emma-Jane Taylor. Foreword by, Will Carver, Author of *Girl 4*, *The Two*, *The Killer Inside*

**Gabby Picador USA**

An intensely moving account of the courageous life and death of eleven year old Taylor Schrauger, and his father's search for meaning.

**No Exit** Taylor's Gift

Eli just wants to be a normal kid and stay out of trouble, until he has a dream that changes his life.

**I Am Not My Hair** Word Association Publishers

Savannah is a young woman set out to make a difference in the world. But she plans to do it alone. With no family to connect with and no man in her life, she is ready, willing and able to face the challenges life has to offer. She is fearless, or so she thinks. She has planned her life out carefully never realizing that the best plans are sometimes altered. This story is about her journey as her life's plan changes its course.

**Filthy Animals** Harvard University Press

"What a box of tricks! This full-throttle thriller, dark and driving, rivals Agatha Christie for sheer ingenuity and James Patterson for flat-out speed. Swift, sharp, and relentless." — A. J. Finn, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Woman in the Window* A brilliant, edgy thriller about four strangers, a blizzard, a kidnapped child, and a determined young woman desperate to unmask and outwit a vicious psychopath. A kidnapped little girl locked in a stranger's van. No help for miles. What would you do? On her way to Utah to see her dying mother, college student Darby Thorne gets caught in a fierce blizzard in the mountains of Colorado. With the roads impassable, she's forced to wait out the storm at a remote highway rest stop. Inside are some vending machines, a coffee maker, and four complete strangers. Desperate to find a signal to call home, Darby goes back out into the storm . . . and makes a horrifying discovery. In the back of the van parked next to her car, a little girl is locked in an animal crate. Who is the child? Why has she been taken? And how can Darby save her? There is no cell phone reception, no telephone, and no way out. One of her fellow travelers is a kidnapper. But which one? Trapped in an increasingly dangerous situation, with a child's life and her own on the line, Darby must find a way to break the girl out of the van and escape. But who can she trust? With exquisitely controlled pacing, Taylor Adams diabolically ratchets up the tension with every page. Full of terrifying twists and hairpin turns, *No Exit* will have you on the edge of your seat and leave you breathless.

**Big Thoughts for Little People** Sourcebooks, Inc.

INSTANT NATIONAL BESTSELLER WINNER OF THE STORY PRIZE SHORTLISTED FOR THE DYLAN THOMAS PRIZE NAMED A BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR BY USA TODAY, NPR, VULTURE, MARIE CLAIRE, THE TIMES OF LONDON, GOOD HOUSEKEEPING, AND PUBLISHERS WEEKLY A group portrait of young adults enmeshed in desire and violence, a hotly charged, deeply satisfying new work of fiction from the author of Booker Prize finalist *Real Life* In the series of linked stories at the heart of *Filthy Animals*, set among young creatives in the American Midwest, a young man treads delicate emotional waters as he navigates a series of sexually fraught encounters with two dancers in an open relationship, forcing him to weigh his vulnerabilities against his loneliness. In other stories, a young woman battles with the cancers draining her body and her family; menacing undercurrents among a group of teenagers explode in violence on a winter night; a little girl tears through a house like a tornado, driving her babysitter to the brink; and couples feel out the jagged edges of connection, comfort, and cruelty. One of the breakout literary stars of 2020, Brandon Taylor has been hailed by Roxane Gay as "a writer who wields his craft in absolutely unforgettable ways." With *Filthy Animals* he renews and expands on the promise made in *Real Life*, training his precise and unsentimental gaze on the tensions among friends and family, lovers and others. Psychologically taut and quietly devastating, *Filthy Animals* is a tender portrait of the fierce longing for intimacy, the lingering presence of pain, and the desire for love in a world that seems, more often than not, to withhold it.

**Secret of the Peaceful Warrior** Naval Inst Press

This heartwarming tale tells of Danny Morgan, who learns the meaning of courage and friendship when he is confronted by, and befriends, the schoolyard bully. With dignity, wit, and compassion, Danny's mentor shows him that he cannot solve his problems by running away — or by becoming a bully himself.

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## **Embracing Survival** Brandt Tobler

Help students and educators cope with fear in the classroom with this up-to-date new resource *In The Courageous Classroom: Creating a Culture of Safety for Students to Learn and Thrive*, community psychiatrist Dr. Janet Taylor and nationally acclaimed educator, Jed Dearybury deliver a concise and insightful take on the culture of fear in schools around the country. You'll learn about the various ways fear is present in students and educators, practical tools and strategies for educators to cope with fear and anxiety in the classroom, the reality of racism, homophobia and microaggressions and their impact on learning, and how to create a landscape of calm in your classroom.

This important book will show you: The difference between fear and anxiety and how to respond to both How to create social-emotional learning environments where students feel mentally and physically safe Why, despite schools being safer than ever, students and educators fear for their personal safety How to manage educator stress, fear, and anxiety in a time of increasing coverage of school shootings Perfect for K-12 public school educators, *Courageous Classrooms* will also earn a place in the libraries of educators in training and parents with school-age children who wish to better help children cope with fear.

*Taylor's Gift* William Morrow & Company

Women have been doing amazing, daring, and dangerous things for years, but they're rarely mentioned in our history books as adventurers, daredevils, or rebels. This new compilation of brief biographies features women throughout history who have risked their lives for adventure—many of whom you may not know, but all of whom you'll WANT to know, such as: • Annie Edson Taylor, the first person who dared to go over Niagara Falls in a barrel • Valentina Tereshkova, the first woman who dared to fly in space • Helen Gibson, the first woman who dared to be a professional stunt person • And many more! This is the perfect read for anyone who wants to know what it means to explore, discover, play, climb, and fight like a girl!