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Say Nothing St. Martin's Press

Describes encounters with friendly dolphins at Monkey Mia Beach in western Australia, recounts dolphin lore, and suggests what we may learn from them

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Every day can be Christmas. After the unexpected death of her husband, Joanne Huist

Smith had no idea how she would keep herself together and be strong for her three children - especially with the holidays approaching. The cheerfulness of the season made her feel more alone than ever, no matter how much she wanted to reach out to her children and find some way to comfort them. But thirteen days before Christmas, a poinsettia appeared on the Smiths' doorstep. The next day, another gift arrived ... then another, and another. Each present was accompanied

by a note with lyrics to the carol "The Twelve Days of Christmas" rewritten to fit the gift and signed, "Your true friends." Although Jo resisted the intrusion at first, the gifts began to work a kind of magic on her and the kids. As they puzzled over the mystery together - who were the true friends? when would the next delivery arrive? could anyone catch the gift givers in the act? - their grieving hearts began to heal. The 13th Gift is a true story about the everyday

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I Am Tan Healing Press

After Anna Marquette is raped and brutally beaten she finds that she is pregnant from the sexual assault.

**The Paper Bag Christmas** Baker Books

With this five minute journal, you can become the best version of yourself by just sparing 5 minutes each day. Your goals will become more attainable and your happiness will rise. So boost your happiness and become successful....

**The Dolphins' Gift** Christine Kringle

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True Facts That Sound Like Bull\$#\*t Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

Brain injury plunged Lia into a world of distortion and chaos, where her own thoughts and senses could no longer be trusted. Searching for medical help, she found doubt and manipulation instead. But I'm Not Depressed is a bleak but ultimately hopeful tale, and a slap in the face to the culture of psychobabble.

Lulu's Christmas Story Hachette UK

Owning a puppy is a big responsibility and boy, is Emily ready! It is too bad her parents do not agree! "Emily's Gift: The True Story of Sherlock and Jackson" is a

moving tale of how the youngest Shane sibling tries to negotiate a puppy for her loving and pet-less family.

The Cardinal's Gift: A True Story of Finding Hope in Grief Harper Collins

A fun Christmas fantasy book about the Christmas Gift Bringers of the World.

Project: Happily Ever After Sourcebooks, Inc.

For readers of Richard Paul Evans and Greg Kincaid comes The 13th Gift, a heartwarming Christmas story about how a random act of kindness transformed one of the bleakest moments in a family's history into a time of strength and love. After the unexpected death of her husband, Joanne Huist Smith had no idea how she would keep herself together and be strong for her three children--especially with the holiday season approaching. But 12 days before Christmas, presents begin appearing on her doorstep with notes from their "True Friends." As the Smiths came together to solve the mystery of who the gifts were from, they began to thaw out from their grief and come together again as a family. This true story about the power of random acts of kindness will warm the heart, a beautiful reminder of the miracles of Christmas and the gift of family during the holiday season.

On the Move! Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

As The Giving Tree turns fifty, this timeless classic is available for the first time ever in

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ebook format. This digital edition allows young readers and lifelong fans to continue the legacy and love of a classic that will now reach an even wider audience. "Once there was a tree...and she loved a little boy." So begins a story of unforgettable perception, beautifully written and illustrated by the gifted and versatile Shel Silverstein. This moving parable for all ages offers a touching interpretation of the gift of giving and a serene acceptance of another's capacity to love in return. Every day the boy would come to the tree to eat her apples, swing from her branches, or slide down her trunk...and the tree was happy. But as the boy grew older he began to want more from the tree, and the tree gave and gave and gave. This is a tender story, touched with sadness, aglow with consolation. Shel Silverstein's incomparable career as a bestselling children's book author and illustrator began with *Lafcadio, the Lion Who Shot Back*. He is also the creator of picture books including *A Giraffe and a Half*, *Who Wants a Cheap Rhinoceros?*, *The Missing Piece*, *The Missing Piece Meets the Big O*, and the perennial favorite *The Giving Tree*, and of classic poetry

collections such as *Where the Sidewalk Ends*, *A Light in the Attic*, *Falling Up*, *Every Thing On It*, *Don't Bump the Glump!*, and *Runny Babbit*. And don't miss the other Shel Silverstein ebooks, *Where the Sidewalk Ends* and *A Light in the Attic!*

#### *The 13th Gift* *The 13th Gift*

A bi-racial boy named Christian, spends an interesting day learning about race, color and stereotypes. By the end of the day, he learns to embrace all of who he is. He knows that the world is full of white, black, brown, red and yellow people, but he also sees that there are many mixed children like him, who are in between these basic colors.

#### *Even More Than Yesterday* *Harmony*

Dr. Christopher Ringle is the last person you'd expect to find moonlighting as Santa Claus at the mall on the day after Thanksgiving. But it is there that he meets a young man named Molar Alan, who desperately needs a new perspective on the underlying value of Christmas. Dr. Ringle recruits Mo and his older brother as volunteers at a nearby children's hospital for the holiday season. At the hospital, Mo is tasked to help bring holiday cheer to the young cancer patients on the fifth floor. His biggest challenge is befriending a decidedly

angry girl who is so embarrassed by her scarred appearance that she hides her face behind the safety of a paper bag. Almost in spite of himself, Mo finds that Christmas joy emanates from a source far greater than the North Pole, while the young girl learns that she is more beautiful than she had ever imagined.

#### *Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation* *Cider Mill Press*

*With Love and Light* is written in three phases. First pertaining to the background of Jamie Butler's life. Growing up a Medium is everything you've ever imagined and equally as confusing. The book then answers the questions you always wanted to ask a Medium but never had a chance. (Do spirits watch us during sex?) Jamie's humor shines through the most delicate of topics (spirituality, death, etc.) and amid some of the most incredible enlightening stories. The final portion of the book delves into firsthand accounts of people who have experienced her gift. As the reader you live vicariously for a moment through more than a dozen people's private interactions and experiences with a true Medium. The connections made and lessons learned will remain with you, even after you finish *With Love and Light*.

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The Jaguar Smile Thomas Nelson  
Billy Johnson doesn't give it a second thought when he joins in with his friends making fun of a little girl in a wheelchair. Then Pauly comes into his life, and Billy not only learns a valuable lesson about compassion and acceptance but he gets a new best friend! Grades 3-4

Finding Grace HarperCollins  
"All of the Author Proceeds will be donated to the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation" DISCOVER THE REWARDS OF GIVING WITH SANTA S GIFT "In his Santa activities, Jeff has redefined family, embracing all children as if they were his own. His stories about those children will inspire you as they have me." Warren Buffett, Chairman, Berkshire Hathaway Inc. "It is important to get involved. When I see how grateful people are, that s the biggest thrill for me. Go see for yourself. The rewards are incredible." Sir Elton John "The stories in this book are about children and families who are facing their worst fears and still show their courage. Without this kind of action in the face of fear, it is impossible to move forward." Kate Carr, President and CEO, Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric Aids Foundation With reflections by: Sir Elton John, Warren Buffett, Norman Lear, Donna Karan, Michael Eisner, Toys "R" Us CEO John Eyler, Ted Danson, Mary Steenburgen,

Paul Michael Glaser, Reverend Craig McElvain, Congressman Mark Kirk, Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric Aids Foundation President and CEO Kate Carr, Kim Webster, and more!  
With Love and Light Black Inc.

Prove your awesomeness—or bolster your stockpile of conversation starters! Either way, prove you ' re the smartest schmuck in the room with over 500 absurdly real facts! With over 500 outrageous and real facts on everything from hippo sweat to stars in the galaxy, you're sure to impress your friends, stump your colleagues, and crush the trivia night competition! Discover insane-but-true factoids and prove you really do know it all! Test out the True or False questions covering the gamut of science, sports, history, pop culture, and a potpourri of others, like: \*True or False: A chicken once survived almost two years after having its head cut off. \*True or False: The dog that played Toto in The Wizard of Oz was paid a salary. \*How many baseballs does the MLB use every season? \*What state has jousting as its official sport? \*True or False: Most Canadians live south of Seattle. Put your game face on, and prove once and for all who is the real know-it-all! Gather your friends and family 'round and get ready to learn some wild and crazy trivia!

The 13th Gift Center Street  
When tragedy strikes Rachel's family, she struggles to get out of bed and pay attention at school. But all that changed when one day a special bird appeared. Rachels Daddy died, and she is having a

hard time adjusting. She lost interest in playing with her friends, and she is fearful she will forget important things about her Daddy. Then one morning, she receives a visit and a little encouragement from a persistent cardinal. This is a true story of how a cardinal offered hope to a grieving family struggling to adjust to their loss. "The Cardinal's Gift: A True Story of Finding Hope in Grief" encourages anyone experiencing loss to pay attention to Mother Nature's gifts as she teaches us to be hopeful without forgetting those we love.

Daily Five Minute Journal Greenleaf Book Group

After the collision claimed her mother's life and left her with a memory full of holes, Lilly Noble is sent away to boarding school on the gloomy island of Raven's Landing, Maine. Though feeling exiled and abandoned by her father, she is determined to fill in the blanks the accident left in her mind. When she meets the hypnotically charming and strangely intense Murosky Skaggs, his unnatural curiosity and careful attentions toward her raise her suspicions. His stories don't add up. Lilly's search for the truth beneath his lies causes her life to take a thrilling and terrifying twist. What she doesn't realize is the closer she gets to revealing his dark secret, the closer she

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comes to regaining her memory and unmasking her mother's murderer. But something else, something far more sinister is lurking just off the coast. It's been there, waiting for her. Lilly's quest for answers puts her and those around her in mortal danger, and once she starts down that path, there is no turning away from her destiny, if she can survive. Young Adult Paranormal I Love You Like No Otter Gatekeeper Press NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • From the author of Empire of Pain—a stunning, intricate narrative about a notorious killing in Northern Ireland and its devastating repercussions "Masked intruders dragged Jean McConville, a 38-year-old widow and mother of 10, from her Belfast home in 1972. In this meticulously reported book—as finely paced as a novel—Keefe uses McConville's murder as a prism to tell the history of the Troubles in Northern Ireland. Interviewing people on both sides of the conflict, he transforms the tragic damage and waste of the era into a searing, utterly gripping saga." —New York Times Book Review Jean McConville's abduction was one of the most notorious episodes of the vicious conflict known as The Troubles. Everyone in the neighborhood knew the I.R.A. was responsible. But in a climate of fear and

paranoia, no one would speak of it. In 2003, five years after an accord brought an uneasy peace to Northern Ireland, a set of human bones was discovered on a beach. McConville's children knew it was their mother when they were told a blue safety pin was attached to the dress—with so many kids, she had always kept it handy for diapers or ripped clothes. Patrick Radden Keefe's mesmerizing book on the bitter conflict in Northern Ireland and its aftermath uses the McConville case as a starting point for the tale of a society wracked by a violent guerrilla war, a war whose consequences have never been reckoned with. The brutal violence seared not only people like the McConville children, but also I.R.A. members embittered by a peace that fell far short of the goal of a united Ireland, and left them wondering whether the killings they committed were not justified acts of war, but simple murders. From radical and impetuous I.R.A. terrorists such as Dolours Price, who, when she was barely out of her teens, was already planting bombs in London and targeting informers for execution, to the ferocious I.R.A. mastermind known as The Dark, to the spy games and dirty schemes of the British Army, to Gerry Adams, who negotiated the peace but betrayed his hardcore comrades by denying his I.R.A. past—Say Nothing conjures a world of passion, betrayal,

vengeance, and anguish. Look for Patrick Radden Keefe's latest bestseller, Empire of Pain [In the Still of Night](#) Grand Central Publishing The Christmas season is a particularly difficult time for women to slow down and relish what's right in front of them. An annual marker for many, it is a holiday that can often remind us how life is not going as we'd planned. Our family relationships remain strained, our finances stretched, and our schedules stuffed with too much to do in too little time. Following the formula of her successful Loving My Actual Life, Alexandra Kuykendall shares with readers her own personal experiment to be completely present in her life as it is during the holiday season. Addressing the themes of Advent and Christmas, she reflects on hope, love, joy, peace, and relishing the season, with practical pullouts on common Christmas stressors, such as finances, schedules, and extended family. Kuykendall's signature candor helps women go easy on themselves, remember what truly matters, and find joy in their imperfect Christmases.