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This Book Is a Camera The Porcupine's Quill Swinging from South Africa to England: one woman's hunt for her birth mother in an all-too-believable near future in which an antibiotic crisis has decimated the population. A prescient, thrilling debut. 'Combines the excitement of a medical thriller à la Michael Crichton with sensitive characterisation and social insight in a timely debut novel all the more remarkable for being conceived and written before the current pandemic' Guardian 'STUNNING and terrifying ... The Waiting Rooms wrenches your heart in every way possible, but written with such humanity and emotion' Miranda Dickinson 'Chillingly close to reality, this gripping thriller brims with authenticity ... a captivating, accomplished and timely debut from an author to watch' Adam Hamdy

_____ Decades of spiralling drug resistance have unleashed a global antibiotic crisis. Ordinary infections are untreatable, and a scratch from a pet can kill. A sacrifice is required to keep

the majority safe: no one over seventy is allowed new antibiotics. The elderly are sent to hospitals nicknamed 'The Waiting Rooms' ... hospitals where no one ever gets well. Twenty years after the crisis takes hold, Kate begins a search for her birth mother, armed only with her name and her age. As Kate unearths disturbing facts about her mother's past, she puts her family in danger and risks losing everything. Because Kate is not the only secret that her mother is hiding. Someone else is looking for her, too. Sweeping from an all-too-real modern Britain to a pre-crisis South Africa, The Waiting Rooms is epic in scope, richly populated with unforgettable characters, and a tense, haunting vision of a future that is only a few mutations away.

_____ 'Engrossing and eye-opening, with heart-stopping plot twists ... a stunning medical thriller set in a terrifying possible future' Foreword Reviews 'A touching, gut-wrenching story of family mystery and tragedy ... a thriller that punches on two fronts – heart AND mind' The Sun 'Gripping

and disturbing ... the medical research is convincing, this is the immeasurable value of fiction. It gives the scenarios plausible, and the story is emotionally hope that, as in Eve Smith's fictitious world, the engaging. This is an incredible debut!' Gill Paul 'If the possibility of a happy ending still exists' Die Burger 'If the themes are dark and topical, the writing is exquisite. Breath held, I got to the finale with my heart in my mouth. Eve Smith weaves a complex and clever tale, merging countries and timelines; the result is a superb and satisfying novel' Louise Beech 'Margaret Atwood is one of my all-time writing heroes and *The Handmaid's Tale* is probably the best book I've ever read. Eve Smith and *The Waiting Rooms* really do challenge that long-held crown...' Random Things through My Letterbox 'Thoroughly engaging ... an eye-opening read' Crime Fiction Lover 'A novel of our times' Trip Fiction 'Haunting, honest and horrifying in its reality ... An epic and thrilling read' Book Literati 'Stunning dystopian debut. A prescient and alarming tale that seems just a whisper from reality' Suzy Apsley ' *The Waiting Rooms* will certainly distract us from the real world for a few hours and

Monsters University of Chicago Press
From medieval bestiaries to Borges's *Book of Imaginary Beings*, we've long been enchanted by extraordinary animals, be they terrifying three-headed dogs or asps impervious to a snake charmer's song. But bestiaries are more than just zany zoology—they are artful attempts to convey broader beliefs about human beings and the natural order. Today, we no longer fear sea monsters or banshees. But from the infamous honey badger to the giant squid, animals continue to captivate us with the things they can do and the things they cannot, what we know about them and what we don't. With *The Book of Barely Imagined Beings*,

Caspar Henderson offers readers a fascinating, beautifully produced modern-day menagerie. But whereas medieval bestiaries were often based on folklore and myth, the creatures that abound in Henderson's book—from the axolotl to the zebrafish—are, with one exception, very much with us, albeit sometimes in depleted numbers. The *Book of Barely Imagined Beings* transports readers to a world of real creatures that seem as if they should be made up—that are somehow more astonishing than anything we might have imagined. The yeti crab, for example, uses its furry claws to farm the bacteria on which it feeds. The waterbear, meanwhile, is among nature's "extreme survivors," able to withstand a week unprotected in outer space. These and other strange and surprising species invite readers to reflect on what we value—or fail to value—and what we might change. A powerful combination of wit, cutting-edge natural history, and philosophical meditation, *The Book of Barely Imagined Beings* is an infectious and inspiring

celebration of the sheer ingenuity and variety of life in a time of crisis and change.

The Particle at the End of the Universe Simon and Schuster

"Struggling to raise her little brother Donal, eight-year-old Wavy is the only responsible adult around. Obsessed with the constellations, she finds peace in the starry night sky above the fields behind her house, until one night her star-gazing causes an accident. After witnessing his motorcycle wreck, she forms an unusual friendship with one of her father's thugs, Kellen, a tattooed ex-con with a heart of gold. By the time Wavy is a teenager, her relationship with Kellen is the only tender thing in a brutal world of addicts and

debauchery"--

The Book of Imaginary Beings Dutton
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—Frans de Waal, New York Times – bestselling author
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crisis and change. “ The Book of Barely Imagined Beings is one that Pliny would have envied, Darwin applauded, and Borges relished . . . In these days of doom and gloom, I can think of nothing more rejoicing than Caspar Henderson ’ s magical book. ” —Alberto Manguel, author of A History of Reading “ Magnificent, bravura, beautiful and astoundingly interesting. ” —The Sunday Times “ Spell-binding, brilliantly executed, extraordinary. ” —The Guardian

The Way of Kings Picador

A new epic fantasy series from the New York Times bestselling author chosen to complete Robert Jordan's The Wheel of Time® Series

The Incredible Unlikelihood of Being: Evolution and the Making of Us Penguin UK

Imagined Communities, Benedict Anderson's brilliant book on nationalism, forged a new field of study when it first appeared in 1983. Since then it has sold over a quarter of a million copies and is widely considered the most important book on the subject. In this greatly anticipated revised edition, Anderson updates and elaborates on the core question- what makes people live, die and kill in the name of nations? He shows how an originary nationalism born in the

Americas was adopted by popular movements in Europe, by imperialist powers, and by the anti-imperialist resistances in Asia and Africa, and explores the way communities were created by the growth of the nation-state, the interaction between capitalism and printing, and the birth of vernacular languages-of-state. Anderson revisits these fundamental ideas, showing how their relevance has been tested by the events of the past two decades. ' Sparkling, readable, densely packed.' Peter Worsley, *The Guardian* ' A brilliant little book.' Neal Ascherson, *The Observer*

How to Talk About Books You Haven't Read Macmillan
"Weird indeed, and not a little wonderful."—Nature In the 1980s and 1990s, in places where no one thought it possible, scientists found organisms they called extremophiles: lovers of extremes. There were bacteria in volcanic hydrothermal vents on the ocean floor, single-celled algae in Antarctic ice floes, and fungi in the cooling pools of nuclear reactors. But might there be life stranger than the most extreme

extremophile? Might there be, somewhere, another kind of life entirely? In fact, scientists have hypothesized life that uses ammonia instead of water, life based not in carbon but in silicon, life driven by nuclear chemistry, and life whose very atoms are unlike those in life we know. In recent years some scientists have begun to look for the tamer versions of such life on rock surfaces in the American Southwest, in a "shadow biosphere" that might impinge on the known biosphere, and even deep within human tissue. They have also hypothesized more radical versions that might survive in Martian permafrost, in the cold ethylene lakes on Saturn's moon Titan, and in the hydrogen-rich atmospheres of giant planets in other solar systems. And they have imagined it in places off those worlds: the exotic ices in comets, the vast spaces between the stars, and—strangest of all—parallel universes. Distilling complex science in clear and lively prose, David Toomey illuminates the research of

the biological avant-garde and describes the workings of weird organisms in riveting detail. His chapters feature an unforgettable cast of brilliant scientists and cover everything from problems with our definitions of life to the possibility of intelligent weird life. With wit and understanding that will delight scientists and lay readers alike, Toomey reveals how our current knowledge of life forms may account for only a tiny fraction of what's really out there.

The Book of Basketball Ember

Patch knows something is direly wrong when all the squirrels in Central Park wake to find every foodstore stolen -- and, in the middle of winter, that means starvation. Patch's mother is gone without a trace and in her den drifts a musky, unfamiliar scent. Hungry, tired and alone, Patch sets off into the mountains, ' the human lands of New York City, to find food and to uncover what's happening to his family. He finds out too late that a war is brewing beneath his paws. Patch is swept into an deadly battle that unites squirrels, birds, cats and dogs against vicious forces below the ground, rumoured to be led by the mysterious, legendary King Beneath. Gripping and suspenseful, *Beasts of*

New York is a gritty urban fantasy populated by unforgettable characters as vivid and complicated as humans: from mercurial Zelina, the Queen of All Cats, to Snout, a massive and power-hungry rat, to Karmerruk, an arrogant, dangerous hawk. Evans's New York City of wildlife is deeply imagined; the urban landscape wavers between the familiar and the disturbingly bizarre, while Jim Westergard's intricate wood engravings illuminate the settings and many characters. Evans, a master of dark crime thrillers, brings his fast-paced energy to an entirely new world -- one right under our feet.

Barely Missing Everything

National Geographic Books

Four-tour combat veteran Ray McPadden offers a vivid portrayal of American soldiers facing an unseen enemy and death in the Mountains of Afghanistan. Sergeant Nick Burch has returned to the crags of tribal Afghanistan seeking vengeance. Burch's platoon has one goal: to capture or kill an elusive insurgent, known as the Egyptian, a leader who is as much myth as he is man, highly revered and guarded by ferocious guerrillas. The soldiers of Burch's platoon look to him for leadership,

but as the Egyptian slips farther out of reach, so too does Burch's battle-worn grasp on reality. Private Danny Shane, the youngest of the platoon, is learning how to survive. For the Egyptian is secondary. First he must adapt to the savage conditions of the battlefield: crippling heat, ravenous sand fleas, winds thick with moondust, and a vast mountain range that holds many secrets. Shane is soon chiseled by combat, shackled by loyalty, and unflinchingly marching toward a battle which there is no return. A new enemy has emerged, one who has studied the American soldiers and adapted to their tactics. Known as Habibullah, a teenage son of the people, he stands in brazen defiance of the Ameriki who have come to destroy what his ancestors have built. The American soldiers may be tracking the Egyptian, but Habibullah is tracking them, and he knows these lands far better than they do. With guns on full-auto, Shane and Burch trek into the deepest solitudes of the Himalayas. Under soaring

peaks, dark instinct is laid bare. To survive, Shane and Burch must defeat not just Habibullah's militia but the beast inside themselves. And the Whole Mountain Burned reveals, in stunning, ruthless detail, the horrors of war, the courage of soldiers, and the fact that no matter how many enemies we vanquish, there is always another just over the next ridge.

The Rule of Thoughts (The Mortality Doctrine, Book Two)

Macmillan

From James Dashner, author of the #1 New York Times bestselling MAZE RUNNER series, comes the second

book in the bestselling Mortality Doctrine series, an edge-of-your-seat cyber-adventure trilogy that includes *The Eye of Minds* and *The Game of Lives*. Includes a sneak peek of *The Fever Code*, the highly anticipated conclusion to the Maze Runner series—the novel that finally reveals how the Maze was built! Michael thought he understood the VirtNet, but the truth he discovered is more terrifying than anyone at VirtNet Security could have anticipated. The cyber terrorist Kaine isn't human. It's a Tangent, a computer program that has become sentient. And Michael just completed the first step in turning Kaine's master plan, the Mortality Doctrine, into a reality. The

Mortality Doctrine will populate Earth entirely with human bodies harboring Tangent minds. The VNS would like to pretend the world is perfectly safe, but Michael and his friends know that the takeover has already begun. And if they don't stop Kaine soon, it will be game over for humanity. Praise for the Bestselling MORTALITY DOCTRINE Series: "Dashner takes full advantage of the Matrix-esque potential for asking 'what is real.'" -io9.com "Set in a world taken over by virtual reality gaming, the series perfectly capture[s] Dashner's hallmarks for inventiveness, teen dialogue and an ability to add twists and turns like no other author." -MTV.com "A brilliant, visceral, gamified mash-up of The Matrix and Inception, guaranteed to thrill even the non-gaming crowd." -Christian Science Monitor

The Things They Carried Sm;)E Book "As far as the education of children is concerned," states Natalia Ginzburg in this collection of her finest and best-known short essays, "I think they should be taught not the little virtues but the great ones. Not thrift but generosity and an indifference to money; not caution but courage and a contempt for danger; not shrewdness but frankness and a love of truth; not tact but a love of one's neighbor and self-denial; not a desire for success but a desire to be and to know." Whether she writes of the

loss of a friend, Cesare Pavese; or the heart." –The New York Times
what is inexpugnable of World War II; or the Abruzzi, where she and her first husband lived in forced residence under Fascist rule; or the importance of silence in our society; or her vocation as a writer; or even a pair of worn-out shoes, Ginzburg brings to her reflections the wisdom of a survivor and the spare, wry, and poetically resonant style her readers have come to recognize. "A glowing light of modern Italian literature . . . Ginzburg's magic is the utter simplicity of her prose, suddenly illuminated by one word that makes a lightning streak of a plain phrase. . . . As direct and clean as if it were carved in stone, it yet speaks thoughts of

Book Review

The Little Virtues

Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books

A "brilliant and provocative" (The New Yorker) celebration of Melville's masterpiece—from the bestselling author of *In the Heart of the Sea*, *Valiant Ambition*, and *In the Hurricane's Eye* One of the greatest American novels finds its perfect contemporary champion in *Why Read Moby-Dick?*, Nathaniel Philbrick's enlightening and entertaining tour through Melville's classic. As he did in his National Book Award-winning bestseller *In the Heart of the Sea*, Philbrick brings a sailor's eye and an adventurer's passion to unfolding the story behind an epic

American journey. He skillfully navigates Melville's world and illuminates the book's humor and unforgettable characters—finding the thread that binds Ishmael and Ahab to our own time and, indeed, to all times. An ideal match between author and subject, *Why Read Moby-Dick?* will start conversations, inspire arguments, and make a powerful case that this classic tale waits to be discovered anew. "Gracefully written [with an] infectious enthusiasm..."—New York Times Book Review

Weird Life: The Search for Life That Is Very, Very Different from Our Own ESPN Barely Breathing by Rebecca Donovan is a US bestseller

and the incredible sequel to *Reason to Breathe*. An utterly addictive and heartbreaking YA novel that will leave readers breathless and desperate for more. All fans of Jodi Picoult and new adult fiction such as Colleen Hoover's *Slammed*, Tammara Webber's *Easy* and Abbi Glines' *Vincent Boys* will love Rebecca Donovan's incredible writing. A must-read. Unanswered questions. Burning desire. Heartbreaking consequences. The scandalous secrets of Emma's abuse are revealed, but she still has so much to learn out about her

past. Why did her mother leave Garvis-Graves, New York Times
her all those years ago? What bestselling author of *On the*
really happened the night *Island*
Emma's father died? Were her **Barely Breathing (The Breathing**
memories of being happy just a **Series #2)** Harvard University
dream? The repercussions of Press
one horrific night has
affected the lives of everyone In this delightfully witty,
involved. But with the promise provocative book, literature
of true love and new professor and psychoanalyst Pierre
relationships, will Emma let Bayard argues that not having read
it ruin hers for good? Praise a book need not be an impediment
for *Barely Breathing*: 'Raw, to having an interesting
honest, unflinching and conversation about it. (In fact,
unforgiving, *Barely Breathing* he says, in certain situations
will take your emotions for a reading the book is the worst
ride and deliver an ending you thing you could do.) Using
didn't see coming' - Tracey examples from such writers as
Graham Greene, Oscar Wilde,
Montaigne, and Umberto Eco, he
describes the varieties of "non-

reading"-from books that you've never heard of to books that you've read and forgotten-and offers advice on how to turn a sticky social situation into an occasion for creative brilliance. Practical, funny, and thought-provoking, *How to Talk About Books You Haven't Read*-which became a favorite of readers everywhere in the hardcover edition-is in the end a love letter to books, offering a whole new perspective on how we read and absorb them.

All the Ugly and Wonderful Things Bloomsbury Publishing USA

Paradise in Aruba quickly gets gruesome in this "ripped-from-the-headlines thriller

(Kirkus Reviews)" with a twist that defies the imagination. It's Spring Break of senior year. Anna, her boyfriend Tate, her best friend Elise, and a few other close friends are off to a debaucherous trip to Aruba that promises to be the time of their lives. But when Elise is found brutally murdered, Anna finds herself trapped in a country not her own, fighting against vile and contemptuous accusations. As Anna sets out to find her friend's killer, she discovers harsh revelations about her friendships, the slippery

nature of truth, and the ache of young love. Awaiting the judge's decree, it becomes clear to Anna that everyone around her thinks she is not only guilty, but also dangerous. And when the whole story comes out, reality is more shocking than anyone could ever imagine...

How We Became Wicked Penguin

Phil Collins pulls no punches—about himself, his life, or the ecstasy and heartbreak that's inspired his music. In his much-awaited memoir, *Not Dead Yet*, he tells the story of his epic career,

with an auspicious debut at age 11 in a crowd shot from the Beatles' legendary film *A Hard Day's Night*. A drummer since almost before he could walk, Collins received on the job training in the seedy, thrilling bars and clubs of 1960s swinging London before finally landing the drum seat in Genesis. Soon, he would step into the spotlight on vocals after the departure of Peter Gabriel and begin to stockpile the songs that would rocket him to international fame with the release of *Face Value* and "In the Air Tonight." Whether he's recalling jamming with Eric Clapton and Robert

Plant, pulling together a big band fronted by Tony Bennett, or writing the music for Disney's smash-hit animated Tarzan, Collins's storytelling chops never waver. And of course he answers the pressing question on everyone's mind: just what does "Sussudio" mean? Not Dead Yet is Phil Collins's candid, witty, unvarnished story of the songs and shows, the hits and pans, his marriages and divorces, the ascents to the top of the charts and into the tabloid headlines. As one of only three musicians to sell 100 million records both in a group and as a solo artist, Collins breathes rare air, but has never lost his touch at crafting songs from the heart that touch listeners around the globe. That same touch is on magnificent display here, especially as he unfolds his harrowing descent into darkness after his "official" retirement in 2007, and the profound, enduring love that helped save him. This is Phil Collins as you've always known him, but also as you've never heard him before.

At Home in the World W. W. Norton & Company

Imagine a world where whole epochs will pass, cultures rise and fall, between a

telephone call and the reply. brought him international
Think of the human race renown, Freeman Dyson has been
multiplying 500-million fold, helping us see ourselves and
or evolving new, distinct our world from a scientist's
species. Consider the point of view. In *Imagined
technology of space Worlds* he brings this
colonization, computer- perspective to a speculative
assisted reproduction, the future to show us where
"Martian potato." One hundred science and technology, real
years after H. G. Wells and imagined, may be taking
visited the future in *The Time us*. The stories he
Machine, Freeman Dyson tells--about "Napoleonic"
marshals his uncommon gifts as versus "Tolstoyan" styles of
a scientist and storyteller to doing science; the coming era
take us once more to that ever-of radioneurology and
closer, ever-receding time to radiotelepathy; the works of
come. Since *Disturbing the writers from Aldous Huxley to
Universe*, the book that first Michael Crichton to William

Blake; Samuel Gompers and the American labor movement--come from science, science fiction, and history. Sharing in the joy and gloom of these sources, Dyson seeks out the lessons we must learn from all three if we are to understand our future and guide it in hopeful directions. Whether looking at the Gaia theory or the future of nuclear weapons, science fiction or the dangers of "science worship," kayaks or the Pluto Express, Dyson is concerned with ethics, with how we might mitigate the evil consequences of technology and enhance the good. At the heart of it all is the belief once expressed by the biologist J. B. S. Haldane, that progress in science will bring enormous confusion and misery to humankind unless it is accompanied by progress in ethics.

And the Whole Mountain Burned Orenda Books

"From your brain to your fingertips, you emerge from her book entertained and with a deeper understanding of yourself" --Richard Dawkins

Alice Roberts takes you on

the most incredible journey, revealing your path from a single cell to a complex embryo to a living, breathing, thinking person. It's a story that connects us with our distant ancestors and an extraordinary, unlikely chain of events that shaped human development and left a mark on all of us. Alice Roberts uses the latest research to uncover the evolutionary history hidden in all of us, from the secrets found only in our embryos and genes - including why as embryos we have what look like gills - to those visible in your anatomy. This is a tale of discovery, exploring why and how we have developed as we have. This is your story, told as never before.

A New Map of Wonders University of Chicago Press

A New Map of Wonders charts a course through the realm of the fascinating and awe-inspiring. With the curiosity and enthusiasm of a great explorer, the award-winning Caspar Henderson celebrates and explains the wonder of light and the origins of the universe, the myriad marvels of the human body and the natural

world -- and reveals the wonders this groundbreaking book, a to come: the technologies that will transform human experience and change what we will find wonderful. Drawing on philosophy and natural history, art and religion, neuroscience and nanotechnology, *A New Map of Wonders* is a celebration of life -- a rich and inspiring guide, encouraging us to see the world anew.

Why Read *Moby-Dick*? Simon and Schuster
This National Book Award finalist is a revealing and beautifully written memoir and family history from acclaimed photographer Sally Mann. In

unique interplay of narrative and image, Mann's preoccupation with family, race, mortality, and the storied landscape of the American South are revealed as almost genetically predetermined, written into her DNA by the family history that precedes her. Sorting through boxes of family papers and yellowed photographs she finds more than she bargained for: "deceit and scandal, alcohol, domestic abuse, car crashes, bogeymen, clandestine affairs, dearly loved and disputed family land . . . racial complications, vast sums of money made and

lost, the return of the prodigal son, and maybe even bloody murder." In lyrical prose and startlingly revealing photographs, she crafts a totally original form of personal history that has the page-turning drama of a great novel but is firmly rooted in the fertile soil of her own life.