
The Forever Girl Alexander Mccall Smith

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Corduroy Mansions

Anchor

It is often said that the best things in life come in small packages; anyone in search of proof need look no further than the stories in this collection from the acclaimed author of the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series: brief, utterly engaging tales that offer lasting surprise and delight, accompanied by charming illustrations by Iain McIntosh. In *Tiny Tales*, Alexander McCall Smith explores romance, ambition, kindness, and happiness in thirty short

stories accompanied by thirty witty cartoons designed by Iain McIntosh, McCall Smith's longtime creative collaborator. Here we meet the first Australian pope, who hopes to finally find some peace and quiet back home in Perth; a psychotherapist turned motorcycle racetrack manager; and an aspiring opera singer who gets her unlikely break onstage. And, of course, we spend time in McCall Smith's beloved Scotland, where we are introduced to progressive Vikings, a group of housemates with complex romantic entanglements, and a couple of globe-trotting dentists. These tales and illustrations depict the full scope of human experience and reveal the rich tapestry of life—painted

in miniature.

[Blue Shoes and Happiness](#)

Knopf Canada

A detective in the wild.

Young Precious gets a very special treat. She gets a trip to visit her Aunty Bee at a safari camp. While there she makes a new friend, a boy named Khumo, and meets an actor-lion named Teddy, who is starring in a film.

When Teddy disappears, Khumo and Precious will brave hippos and crocodiles as they search for the missing lion. With a Reader's Guide

Tiny Tales Vintage Canada For every athlete or sports fanatic who knows she's just as good as the guys. This is for fans of *The Running Dream* by Wendelin Van Draanen, *Grace, Gold, and Glory* by Gabrielle Douglass and *Breakaway: Beyond the Goal* by Alex Morgan. The summer before Caleb and

Tessa enter high school, friendship has blossomed into a relationship . . . and their playful sports days are coming to an end. Caleb is getting ready to try out for the football team, and Tessa is training for cross-country. But all their structured plans derail in the final flag game when they lose. Tessa doesn't want to end her career as a loser. She really enjoys playing, and if she's being honest, she likes it even more than running cross-country. So what if she decided to play football instead? What would happen between her and Caleb? Or between her two best friends, who are counting on her to try out for cross-country with them? And will her parents be upset that she's decided to take her hobby to the next level? This summer Caleb and Tessa figure out just what it means to be a boyfriend, girlfriend, teammate, best friend, and someone worth cheering for.

“ A great next choice for readers who have enjoyed Catherine Gilbert Murdock's Dairy Queen and Miranda Kenneally's Catching Jordan. ” —SLJ

“ Fast-paced football action, realistic family drama, and sweet romance...[will have] readers looking for girl-

powered sports stories...find[ing] plenty to like. ” —Booklist “ Tessa's ferocious competitiveness is appealing. ” —Kirkus Reviews “ [The Football Girl] serve[s] to illuminate the appropriately complicated emotions both of a young romance and of pursuing a dream. Heldring writes with insight and restraint. ” —The Horn Book

A Song for Summer Vintage
In this latest installment in the beloved No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series, Grace Makutsi encounters a pair of quandaries that will require all of her and Mma Ramotswe's cleverness and generosity to resolve. “ An escape from life's woes as well as a suggestion for how to make the whole deal more palatable—fragility, fruit cake, and all. ” —The Boston Globe
Grace Makutsi's husband, Phuti Radiphuti, is in a bind. An international firm is attempting to undercut his prices in the office furniture market. Phuti has always been concerned with quality and comfort, but this firm seems interested only in profits. To make matters worse, they have a slick new advertising campaign that seems hard to beat. Meanwhile, Grace is approached by an old friend who has a troubled son. She and Phuti agree to take Patience and Modise in and lend a hand, but things don't work out quite as intended, and the situation proves difficult for them to handle. It will require not only all of their persistence and dedication but also

help from an unexpected quarter to find a solution that will make everyone happy. Faced with more than her fair share of delicate dilemmas, Mma Makutsi deals with it all with her usual graciousness. This—along with the kindness, generosity, and good sense for which the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency is known—assures us that, in the end, each of these matters will be set right.

The Orenda
Anchor Set against the backdrop of gathering war, *A Song for Summer* is an unforgettable love story from master storyteller Eva Ibbotson, with an introduction from Ella Risbridger. When Ellen Carr abandons grey, dreary London to become housekeeper at an experimental school in Austria, she soon knows she's found her calling. Swept into an idyllic world of mountains, music, eccentric teachers and wayward children, Ellen brings order and joy to all around her. But it's the handsome, mysterious gardener, Marek, who intrigues her – Marek, who has a dangerous secret. As Hitler's troops march across Europe, Ellen finds she has

promises to keep,
even if it means
sacrificing her
future happiness . .
. 'I have binged on
Eva Ibbotson . . .
her elegantly
written, witty and
well-observed fables'
Nigella Lawson, The
Times

Teacher Trouble

Penguin

With a failed
marriage behind her,
La -- short for
Lavender -- moves
to the Suffolk
countryside to
nurse her broken
heart on the eve of
the Second World
War. Lonely and at
a loss, a friend
encourages her to
bring the villagers
and the men from
the local airbase
together by forming
an amateur
orchestra. One of
her musician
recruits is Feliks,
a handsome and
enigmatic Polish
refugee. A
friendship begins
to blossom between
the two, and La
finds her feelings
stirring to life
again. Poignant,
tender and

inspiring, La's
Orchestra Saves the
World celebrates
the power of love
and friendship in
the collective
tragedy of war, as
well as the
extraordinary
healing power of
music.

A Song of

Comfortable Chairs

Hachette UK

An unstoppable
combination:

Alexander McCall

Smith and Jane

Austen, as Sandy

modernizes the

story of Emma

Woodhouse. Emma

Woodhouse's widowed

father is an

anxious man,

obsessed with

nutrition and the

latest vitamins. He

lives the life of a

country gentleman

in contemporary

England,

protectively

raising his young

daughters, Isabella

and Emma. While

Isabella grows into

a young woman,

marries a society

photographer for

Vogue at the age of

19 and gets down to

the business of
reproducing
herself, Emma
pursues a degree in
interior design at
university in Bath,
and then returns to
set up shop in her
home village. With
her educated eye
for the
coordination of
pattern and colour,
Emma thinks she can
now judge what
person would best
be paired with
another, and sets
about matchmaking
her young friend,
Harriet, with
various possible
suitors. Little
does she know she
is not the only
person encouraging
romantic pairings
in the village. As
Emma's cupid-like
curiosity about her
neighbours, both
young and old,
moves her to
uncover their
deeper motives, she
is forced to
confront a few
surprising truths
about her own.

In the Company of

Cheerful Ladies Anchor

44 SCOTLAND STREET -

Book 6 The residents

and neighbors of 44 Scotland Street and the city of Edinburgh come to vivid life in these gently satirical, wonderfully perceptive serial novels, featuring six-year-old Bertie, a remarkably precocious boy—just ask his mother. The great city of Edinburgh is renowned for its impeccable restraint, so how, then, did the extended family of 44 Scotland Street come to be trembling on the brink of reckless self-indulgence? After seven years and five books, Bertie is—finally!—about to turn seven. But one afternoon he mislays his meddling mother Irene, and learns a valuable lesson: wish-fulfillment can be a dangerous business. Angus and Domenica contemplate whether to give in to romance on holiday in Italy, and even usually down-to-earth Big Lou is overheard discussing cosmetic surgery. Funny, warm, and heartfelt as ever, *The Importance of Being Seven* offers fresh and wise insights into philosophy and fraternity among Edinburgh's most lovable residents.

To the Land of Long Lost Friends Anchor

Traditional Chinese edition of *A House for Mr. Biswas* by V. S. Naipaul. It is a story of Mr. Biswas's struggle for independence, but more importantly, it is his fight for dignity and a life with meaning. *A House for Mr. Biswas* is touted as Naipaul's finest novel. In *Traditional Chinese*. Distributed by Tsai Fong Books, Inc. *Precious and Grace* Oberon Books Fans around the world adore the bestselling No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series and its proprietor, Precious Ramotswe, Botswana's premier lady detective. In this charming series, Mma Ramotswe—with help from her loyal associate, Grace Makutsi—navigates her cases and her personal life with wisdom, good humor, and the occasional cup of tea. Mma Makutsi, who has recently been promoted to co-director, has been

encouraging Mma Ramotswe to update to more modern office practices. An unusual case, however, will require both of them to turn their attention firmly to the past. A young Canadian woman who spent her early childhood in Botswana requests the agency's help in recalling her life there. *Precious and Grace* set out to locate the house that the woman lived in and the caretaker who looked after her many years ago. But when the journey takes an unexpected turn, they are forced to consider whether some things are better left in the past. Mma Ramotswe dispenses help and sympathy with the graciousness and warmth for which she is so well known, and everyone involved is led to surprising insights into the healing power of

compassion,
forgiveness, and
new beginnings.
**Morality For
Beautiful Girls**
Hachette UK
A deliciously
entertaining new
series by the
bestselling author of
The No. 1 Ladies'
Detective Agency
The many fans of Precious
Ramotswe will find
further cause for
celebration in the
protagonist of
Alexander McCall
Smith's irresistibly
funny trilogy, the
eminent (if
shamefully under-
read) philologist
Professor Dr. Mortiz-
Maria von Igelfeld of
the Institute at
Regensburg.
Unnaturally tall,
hypersensitive to
slights, and
oblivious to his own
frequent gaucheries,
von Igelfeld is
engaged in a never-
ending quest to win
the respect he knows
is due him.
Portuguese Irregular
Verbs follows the
Professor from a
busman's holiday
researching old Irish
obscenities to a
flirtation with a
desirable lady

dentist. In *The Finer
Points of Sausage
Dogs*, von Igelfeld
practices veterinary
medicine without a
license, transports
relics for a
schismatically
challenged Coptic
prelate and is mobbed
by marriage-minded
widows on board a
Mediterranean cruise
ship. In *At the Villa
of Reduced
Circumstances*, the
final novel in the
trilogy, we find our
hero suffering the
slings of academic
intrigue as a
visiting fellow at
Cambridge, and the
slings of outrageous
fortune in an
eventful Columbian
adventure.
*The Importance of
Being Seven* Vintage
Canada
Clover has loved James
for as long as she can
remember, since before
she knew what what
love was. But fate
seems determined to
keep them apart. As
children, Clover and
James played beside a
turquoise sea under
cloudless skies, their
Caribbean island home
a place of pleasure
and privilege, of lush
lawns and tennis
parties. In such a
paradise nothing

should obstruct the
kind of happiness
Clover dreams of,
except that, as she
discovers, true love is
often harder than
paradise allows for.
And when Clover's
mother falls out of
love with her husband,
a web of complications
is woven that may take
Clover a lifetime to
unravel. If she ever
can . . . Tender and
true, *The Forever Girl*
traces love's
unpredictable path to
maturity with style,
wit and feeling.

My Italian Bulldozer
Harper Collins
The first book in the
multi-million copy
bestselling No. 1
Ladies' Detective
Agency series The one
where it all begins
Mma Ramotswe is the
proud proprietor of
the finest ladies'
detective agency in
all Botswana (also
the only one). She
spends her time, with
a cup of redbush tea
beneath the acacia
tree, waiting for
clients. When they
come along, whether
it is to enquire
after a missing
spouse or check the
identity of a long-
lost father, it is
not *The Principles of
Private Detection*

that helps her to solve cases but old-fashioned common sense and a warm-hearted understanding of the fallibility of human nature - especially that of men. 'Among the greatest comfort-reads of all time' Sunday Times 'Jolly and exhilarating' Sunday Telegraph 'The Miss Marple of Botswana' New York Times Book Review 'A publishing phenomenon' Guardian Precious and the Monkeys Penguin UK From the author of the global best-seller, The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency, comes a brand new serial novel set in the heart of London. 'Corduroy Mansions is the affectionate nickname given to a genteelly crumbling mansion block in London's vibrant Pimlico. This is the home patch of - among others - a lovelorn literary agent, possibly the first ever nasty Liberal Democrat MP and Freddie de la

Hay, an urbane terrier trained to be vegetarian and respectful of feline rights. Loafers, wine merchants, vitamin evangelists and the occasional psychoanalyst pass each other on the stairs of this delightful metropolitan des res. With his trademark wit, charm and lightness of touch, Alexander McCall Smith introduces a colourful cast of characters, full of the life, laughter and humanity so beloved in his writing.

The Perfect Hamburger
Anchor

There are times when ladies must use all their wisdom and good sense to face life's problems and mysteries. Mma Ramotswe, owner of the No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency, keeps her wits about her as she looks into why the country's star goalkeeper isn't saving goals. Georgina turns her rudeness into a virtue when she opens a successful hotel. Italian shop-

keeper Fabrizia shows her bravery when her husband betrays her. And in Suffolk during the Second World War, gentle La proves that music really can make a difference. With his trademark gift for storytelling, international bestselling author Alexander McCall Smith brings us five tales of love, heartbreak, hope and the cleverness of ladies.

Emma: A Modern

Retelling Hachette UK
NEW YORK TIMES

BESTSELLER • The first novel in the beloved Big Stone Gap series, now a major motion picture written and directed by Adriana Trigiani, starring Ashley Judd, Patrick Wilson, Whoopi Goldberg, John Benjamin Hickey, Jane Krakowski, Anthony LaPaglia, and Jenna Elfman This edition features behind-the-scenes bonus material from the film—including photos, excerpts from the script, and favorite recipes from on the set "Delightfully quirky . . . chock-full of engaging, oddball characters and unexpected plot twists."—People (Book of the Week) It's 1978, and Ave Maria

Mulligan is the thirty-five-year-old self-proclaimed spinster of Big Stone Gap, a sleepy hamlet in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. She's also the local pharmacist, the co-captain of the Rescue Squad, and the director of The Trail of the Lonesome Pine, the town's long-running Outdoor Drama. Ave Maria is content with her life—until, one fateful day, her past opens wide with the revelation of a long-buried secret that will alter the course of her life. Before she knows it, Ave Maria is fielding marriage proposals, trying to claim her rightful inheritance, and planning the trip of a lifetime to Italy—one that will change her view of the world and her own place in it forever. Millions of readers around the world have fallen in love with the small town of Big Stone Gap, nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, and its self-proclaimed spinster. Full of wit and wonder, hilarity and heart, Big Stone Gap is a gem of a book, and one that you will share with friends and family for years to come. WINNER OF THE LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA

ANNUAL LITERARY AWARD
Don't miss any of Adriana Trigiani's beloved Big Stone Gap series BIG STONE GAP • BIG CHERRY HOLLER • MILK GLASS MOON • HOME TO BIG STONE GAP
Forty-four Scotland Street Anchor
Back by popular demand, for a second magical West End season, this intimate show is set in a library full of books that hold more than stories within their pages. It is a tale of the power of books, and the bravery of a young boy called Tomas. Tomas loves playing in the mountains where he lives and hates reading and school, but his world is turned upside down the day he meets the Unicorn Lady in his local library... An enchanting and interactive show, I Believe in Unicorns sparks the imagination of both young and old. You too will believe in unicorns after joining Tomas's

spellbinding journey! Suitable for a family audience and children aged 6+
The Football Girl Simon and Schuster
Fifteen years ago, in 1975, Genna Hewett-Meade's college roommate died a mysterious, violent, terrible death. Minette Swift had been a fiercely individualistic scholarship student, an assertive—even prickly—personality, and one of the few black girls at an exclusive women's liberal arts college near Philadelphia. By contrast, Genna was a quiet, self-effacing teenager from a privileged upper-class home, self-consciously struggling to make amends for her own elite upbringing. When, partway through their freshman year, Minette suddenly fell victim to an increasing torrent of racist harassment and vicious slurs—from within the apparent safety of their tolerant, "enlightened" campus—Genna felt it

her duty to protect her roommate at all costs. Now, as Genna reconstructs the months, weeks, and hours leading up to Minette's tragic death, she is also forced to confront her own identity within the social framework of that time. Her father was a prominent civil defense lawyer whose radical politics—including defending anti-war terrorists wanted by the FBI—would deeply affect his daughter's outlook on life, and later challenge her deepest beliefs about social obligation in a morally gray world.

Black Girl / White Girl
Tea Time For The Traditionally Built Anchor

In this hugely acclaimed author's new novel, history comes alive before us when, in the

seventeenth century, a Jesuit missionary ventures into the wilderness in search of converts—the defining moment of first contact between radically different worlds, each at once old and new in its own ways. What unfolds over the next few years is truly epic, constantly illuminating and surprising, sometimes comic, always entrancing, and ultimately all-too-human in its tragic grandeur. Christophe, as educated as any Frenchman could be about the "sauvages" of the New World whose souls he has sworn to save, begins his true enlightenment shortly after he sets out when his native guides—terrified by even a scent of the Iroquois—abandon him to save themselves. But a Huron warrior and elder named Bird

soon takes him prisoner, along with a young Iroquois girl, Snow Falls, whose family he has just killed. The Huron-Iroquois rivalry, now growing vicious, courses through this novel, and these three are its principal characters. Christophe and Snow Falls are held captive in Bird's massive village. Champlain's Iron People have only lately begun trading with the Huron, who mistrust them as well as this Jesuit Crow who has now trespassed onto their land; and Snow Falls's people, of course, have become the Hurons' greatest enemy. Bird knows that to get rid of them both would resolve the issue, but he sees Christophe, however puzzling, as a potential envoy to those in New France, and Snow

Falls as a replacement for the two daughters he'd lost to the Iroquois. These relationships wax and wane as life comes at them relentlessly: a lacrosse match with an allied tribe, a dangerous mission to trade furs with the French for the deadly shining wood that could save the Huron nation, shocking victories in combat and devastating defeats, then a sickness the likes of which none of them has ever seen. The world of *The Orenda* blossoms to include such unforgettable characters as Bird's oldest friend, Fox; his lover, Gosling, who some believe possesses magical powers; two more Jesuit Crows who arrive to help form a mission; and boys from both tribes whose hearts veer wildly from one side to the other,

for one reason or another. Watching over all of them are the spirits that guide their every move. *The Orenda* traces a story of blood and hope, suspicion and trust, hatred and love, that comes to a head when Jesuit and Huron join together against the stupendous wrath of the Iroquois, when everything that any of them has ever known or believed in faces nothing less than annihilation. A saga nearly four hundred years old, it is also timeless and eternal. This eBook edition includes a Reading Group Guide.

The Right Attitude to Rain Anchor The brainchild of children's book mogul Edward Stratemeyer, Nancy Drew was brought to life by two women. In a century-spanning story Rehak traces their roles--and

Nancy's--in forging the modern American woman.