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The Funeral Dress Penguin
Selene has grown up in a
palace on the Nile with her
parents, Cleopatra & Mark



Antony--the most brilliant, powerful rulers on earth. But the jealous Roman Emperor Octavianus wants Egypt for himself, & when war finally comes, Selene faces the loss of all she's ever loved. Forced to build a new life in Octavianus's household in Rome, she finds herself torn between two young men and two possible destinies--until she reaches out to claim her own. This stunning novel brings to life the personalities & passions of one of the greatest dramas in history, & offers a wonderful new heroine in Selene.

The Christmas Pearl

WaterBrook
Commander Alexandria Frazier headed up NASA's first deep-space mission to search for other habitable planets in distant galaxies. Where only two years passed by for the crew of the Methuselah, fifteen hundred years had ticked by on Earth. Alex and her crew were prepared for that eventuality. What they weren't prepared for was a nuclear war and the resulting catastrophic meteor shower that sent them hurling into Earth's very distant, eerie future. Welcome to Earth in the year 100,000,007 A.D.

Prepare to scream.
South of Superior
Penguin
Known for her beloved Ya-Ya books (Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood, Little Altars Everywhere, and Ya-Yas in Bloom), Rebecca Wells has helped women name, claim, and celebrate their shared sisterhood for over a decade. Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood held the top of the New York Times bestseller list for sixty-eight weeks, became a knockout

feature film, sold more than 5 million copies, and inspired the creation of Ya-Ya clubs worldwide. Now Wells debuts an entirely new cast of characters in this shining stand-alone novel about the pull of first love, the power of life, and the human heart's vast capacity for healing. The Crowning Glory of Calla Lily Ponder is the sweet, sexy, funny journey of Calla Lily's life set in Wells's expanding fictional Louisiana landscape. In the small river town of La Luna, Calla bursts into being, a force of nature as luminous as the flower she is named for. Under the loving light of the Moon Lady, the feminine force that will guide and protect her throughout her life, Calla enjoys a blissful childhood—until it is cut short. Her mother, M'Dear, a woman of rapture and love, teaches Calla compassion, and passes on to her the art of healing through the humble womanly art of "fixing hair." At her mother's side, Calla further learns that this same touch of hands on the human body can quiet her own soul. It is also on the banks of the La Luna River that Calla encounters sweet, succulent first love, with a boy named Tuck. But when Tuck leaves Calla with a broken heart, she transforms hurt into inspiration and heads for the wild and colorful city of New Orleans to study at L'Académie de Beauté de Crescent. In that extravagant big river

city, she finds her destiny—and comes to understand fully the power of her "healing hands" to change lives and soothe pain, including her own. When Tuck reappears years later, he presents her with an offer that is colored by the memories of lost love. But who knows how Calla Lily, a "daughter of the Moon Lady," will respond? A tale of family and friendship, tragedy and triumph, loss and love, *The Crowning Glory of Calla Lily* Ponder features the warmth,

humor, soul, and wonder that have made Wells one of today's most cherished writers, and gives us an unforgettable new heroine to treasure.

How I Came to Sparkle Again Vintage

Two journalists in a small Alabama town discover a mysterious book that makes them confront the past. If you had the power to amend choices you made in the past, would you—even if it changed everything? *Mercy Land* has made some unexpected choices

for a young woman in the 1930s. The sheltered daughter of a traveling preacher, she chooses to leave her rural community to move to nearby Bay City on the warm, gulf-waters of southern Alabama. There she finds a job at the local paper and spends seven years making herself indispensable to old Doc Philips, the publisher and editor. Then she gets a frantic call at dawn—it's the biggest news story of her life, and she can't print a word of it. Doc has

come into possession of a curious book that maps the lives of everyone in Bay City—decisions they ’ ve made in the past, and how those choices affect the future. Mercy and Doc are consumed by the mystery locked between the pages—Doc because he hopes to right a very old wrong, and Mercy because she wants to fulfill the book ’ s strange purpose. But when a mystery from Mercy ’ s past arrives by train, she begins to understand that she will

have to make choices that will deeply affect everyone she loves—forever. “ A tremendously well-written tale. River Jordan is a truly gifted author. Highly recommended. ” — Davis Bunn, best-selling author
Breeding Ground Penguin
Lynnda Pollio was working in corporate advertising when her father died. That event sent her on a spiritual journey, taking her from New York to Sedona and back. Her unexpected guide became the voice of Addie Mae Aubrey,

an African American teenager in the 1930s South who died violently, never having the chance to live the story she told Lynnda. This is Addie Mae's life as it could have been.

Trusting the Currents A&C Black

Mira Rinaldi lives life at a rolling boil. Co-owner of Grappa, a chic New York City trattoria, she has an enviable apartment, a brand-new baby, and a frenzied schedule befitting her success.

Everything changes the night she catches her husband, Jake,

"wielding his whisk" with Grappa's new Maître d'. Mira's fiery response earns her a court-ordered stint in anger management and the beginning of legal and personal predicaments as she battles to save her restaurant and pick up the pieces of her life. Mira falls back on family and friends in Pittsburgh as she struggles to find a recipe for happiness. But the heat is really on when some surprising developments in New York present her with a high stakes opportunity to win back what she thought she had lost forever. For Mira, cooking isn't just about delicious flavors and textures, but about the pleasure found in filling others' needs. And the time has come to decide where her own fulfillment lies—even if the answers are unexpected. Keenly observed and deeply satisfying, *Aftertaste* is a novel about rebuilding and rediscovery, about food passionately prepared and unapologetically savored, and about the singular contentment that comes with living—and loving—with gusto. "A delicious debut."

--Jamie Cat Callan, author of *French Women Don't Sleep Alone* Meredith Miletic lives in Pittsburgh with her husband and their three, mostly grown children. She is a graduate of Hamilton College and the University of Pittsburgh where she earned a Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology, and subsequently served on the faculty. Since taking her first home economics course in junior high, Meredith has loved to cook. An adventurous and eclectic diner, she appreciates any well-cooked meal, whether from a

lobster shack in Bar Harbor, Maine, a friggitorie in Naples, a Michelin-starred restaurant in Paris or a Deluxe Double Egg & Cheese at Primanti's in Pittsburgh. *Aftertaste* is her first novel.

[The Crowning Glory of Calla Lily Ponder LP](#) New York

Review of Books

Winner of the 2014 Ohioana Book Award for fiction. The latest New York Times bestseller by the beloved author of *Saving CeeCee Honeycutt* Beth Hoffman's bestselling debut, *Saving CeeCee Honeycutt*, won

admirers and acclaim with its heartwarming story and cast of unforgettably quirky characters. Now her flair for evocative settings and richly drawn Southern personalities shines again in her compelling second novel, *Looking for Me*. Teddi Overman found her life's passion in turning other people's castoffs into beautifully restored antiques. Leaving her hardscrabble Kentucky childhood behind, Teddi opens her own store in Charleston. She builds a life as unexpected and quirky as her many customers, but nothing

alleviates the haunting uncertainty she's felt since her brother Josh mysteriously disappeared. When signs emerge that Josh might still be alive, Teddi returns to Kentucky, embarking on a journey that could help her come to terms with her shattered family—and find herself.

[Aftertaste](#): Soho Press

The emotionally wrenching yet ultimately uplifting memoir of a Chinese woman struggling to win the love and acceptance of her family. Born in 1937 in a port city a

thousand miles north of Shanghai, Adeline Yen Mah was the youngest child of an affluent Chinese family who enjoyed rare privileges during a time of political and cultural upheaval. But wealth and position could not shield Adeline from a childhood of appalling emotional abuse at the hands of a cruel and manipulative stepmother. Determined to survive through her enduring faith in family unity, Adeline struggled for independence as she moved from Hong Kong to England and eventually to the

United States to become a physician and writer. A compelling, painful, and ultimately triumphant story of a girl's journey into adulthood, Adeline's story is a testament to the most basic of human needs: acceptance, love, and understanding. With a powerful voice that speaks of the harsh realities of growing up female in a family and society that kept girls in emotional chains, *Falling Leaves* is a work of heartfelt intimacy and a rare authentic portrait of twentieth-century China. "Riveting. A marvel of

memory. Poignant proof of the human will to endure."

—Amy Tan

Angela Sloan Penguin

In his latest novel, universally acclaimed author James Whorton, Jr., delivers a curious Nixon-era caper of broken men and stoic runaways who learn just how much there is to gain, and lose, when you go undercover. Angela Sloan, a seemingly average teenager living in the suburbs of Washington, D.C., is left to lie low and fend for herself when her father, a retired CIA officer, skips town in the wake of the Watergate scandal. Driving a Plymouth Scamp she has just learned to operate, Angela encounters strangers literally at

every turn. A fugitive Chinese waitress won't get out of the car. A jaded lady spy offers up free therapy and roadside assistance. A restless pair of hippies keeps preaching about the evils of monogamy. And an anteater lurks in the unlikeliest of places. But through all of her outlandish adventures, Angela keeps focused on one urgent wish: to reunite with her father. Bold and quirky, Angela Sloan is a priceless coming-of-age story about stealing diner food and salvaging lost identities.

Bells for Eli Jaid Black

When push comes to shove, two Kentucky girls find strength in each other. Ivy June Mosely and Catherine Combs, two girls from different parts of Kentucky, are

participating in the first seventh-grade student exchange program between their schools. The girls will stay at each other's homes, attend school together, and record their experience in their journals.

Catherine and her family have a beautiful home with plenty of space. Since Ivy June's house is crowded, she lives with her grandparents. Her Pappaw works in the coal mines supporting four generations of kinfolk. Ivy June can't wait until he leaves that mine forever and retires. As the girls get closer, they discover they're more alike than different, especially when they face the terror of not knowing what's happening to those they love most.

Looking for Salvation at the

Dairy Queen Crown

After Pearl Harbor and the start of World War II, fiercely independent heroine Velva Jean enlists, gets her wings, risks her life, and her heart in this bold and inspiring novel from the author of the New York Times bestseller *All the Bright Places*—soon to be a Netflix film starring Elle Fanning. Bristling at the limitations faced by a woman in rural Appalachia and fueled by the memory of her late Mama telling her to “live out there,” Velva Jean hits the road to pursue her dream of

singing at the Grand Ole Opry. Little does she know that another captivating adventure awaits: one that will send her literally soaring. But then, her beloved big brother pays a surprise visit and treats Velva Jean to a flying lesson that ignites a brand-new dream: to become a female pilot with the WASPs of World War II. Funny, poignant, and utterly unforgettable, *Velva Jean Learns to Fly* will have fans cheering all over again.

[My Name Is Mary Sutter](#) Anchor Caney Paxton wanted his cafe to have the biggest and brightest sign

in Eastern Oklahoma--the "opening soon" part was supposed to be just a removable, painted notice. But a fateful misunderstanding gave Vietnam vet Caney the flashiest joke in the entire state. Twelve years later, the once-busy highway is dead and the sign is as worn as Caney, who hasn't ventured outside the diner since it opened. Then one blustery December day, a thirtyish Crow woman blows in with a three-legged dog in her arms and a long-buried secret on her mind. Hiring on as a carhop, *Vena Takes Horse* is soon shaking up business, the locals, and Caney's heart...as she teaches them all about generosity of spirit, love, and the possibility of promise--just like the sign says.

[The Cake Therapist](#) Penguin

Tells the story of three different women--Jill returning home after heartbreak, Lisa looking for real romance, and ten-year-old Cassie grieving her deceased mother--and their transition from loss to love in a small Colorado ski town named Sparkle.

[The Idiot Girls' Action-Adventure Club](#) Crown

A Christmas treat from the bestselling author of *The Hurricane Sisters* Theodora is the matriarch of a family that has grown apart. While she's finally managed to get them all together in South Carolina to celebrate Christmas, this is shaping up to be nothing like the extravagant,

homey holidays of her childhood. All they do is argue. What happened to the days when Christmas meant tables groaning with home-cooked goodies, over-the-top decorations, and long chats in front of the fire with Pearl, her grandmother's beloved housekeeper and closest confidante? Luckily for Theodora, a special someone who heard her plea for help arrives, with pockets full of enough magic and common sense to make Theodora's Christmas the love-filled miracle it's meant to be. Full of warmth, magic and charm, The Christmas Pearl is an uplifting tale of one family coming together to learn the true meaning of Christmas.

[Blue Plate Special Penguin](#)

Beautiful, intelligent and wealthy, Ivana Lowell seemed to have it all. Part of the Guinness dynasty, her family were glamorous and well-connected. Her charismatic but spoiled grandmother Maureen had made an excellent marriage with the Lord of Dufferin and Avon and was a leader of the fashionable set in her youth. Her mother, the writer Caroline Blackwood, socialised with the most glitteringly bohemian and high-profile figures of New York and London. Caroline had intense love affairs and was married to the painter Lucian Freud and the talented composer Israel Citkowitz before finally settling down with the poet Robert Lowell. However, being born into the Guinness inheritance was not the blessing that it appeared

to be. Ivana's life of glamour and high-living has been marked by tragedy and loss. Like her brilliant but troubled mother, she has been plagued by an addiction to alcohol which took root when she was still a self-conscious schoolgirl. Having survived a childhood accident which left her physically scarred and the instability of a frenetic home life, she is also faced with the discovery of a secret which threatens to undermine her entire past. This frank and witty memoir is both vibrant and sad. It is laced with anecdotes and familiar names from the 1940s to the present, but it is ultimately an account of the relationship between mother and daughter, the story of two women whose deep affection for each other

withstands everything that life has to throw at them.

The Miracle of Mercy Land Crown From the author of the New York Times bestseller *All the Bright Places*—soon to be a Netflix film starring Elle Fanning—comes a spellbinding story of a secret mission and dangerous passion in World War II Paris. After delivering a B-17 Flying Fortress to Britain, an American volunteers to copilot a plane carrying special agents to their drop spot over Normandy. Her personal mission: to find her brother, who is missing in action. After her plane is shot down, though, she's on the run for her life. In Paris, the beautiful aviatrix Velva Jean Hart becomes Clementine Roux, a daring woman

on an epic adventure with her team to capture an operative known only as “Swan.” Once settled on Rue de la Néva, Clementine works as a spy with the Resistance and finds herself falling in love with her fellow agent, Émile, a handsome and mysterious Frenchman with secrets of his own. When Clementine ends up in the most brutal prison in Paris, trying to help Émile and the team rescue Swan, she discovers the depths of human cruelty, the triumph of her own spirit, and the bravery of her team, who will stop at nothing to carry out their mission. Readers of *22 Britannia Road*, *The Postmistress*, and *Suite Francaise* will cherish *Becoming Clementine*—a romantic World War II adventure told from the

perspective of a courageous and beautiful heroine.

Faith Bass Darling's Last Garage Sale Grand Central Publishing A poignant, coming of age novel about an Irish gypsy boy's childhood in the 1950's from the national bestselling author of *A Rip in Heaven* and *American Dirt*. *Ireland, 1959: Young Christopher Hurley* is a tinker, a Pavee gypsy, who roams with his father and extended family from town to town, carrying all their worldly possessions in their wagons. Christy carries with him a burden of guilt as well, haunted by the story of his mother's death in childbirth.

The wandering life is the only one changes his life forever....

Christy has ever known, but when his grandfather dies, everything changes. His father decides to settle briefly, in a town, where Christy and his cousin can receive proper schooling and prepare for their first communions. But still, always, they are treated as outsiders. As Christy struggles to find his way amid the more conventional lives of his new classmates, he starts to question who he is and where he belongs. But then the discovery of an old newspaper photograph, and a long-buried secret from his mother ' s mysterious past,

Looking for Me Delacorte Press
Sometimes you have to return to the place where you began, to arrive at the place where you belong. It ' s the early 1970s. The town of Ringgold, Georgia, has a population of 1,923, one traffic light, one Dairy Queen, and one Catherine Grace Cline. The daughter of Ringgold ' s third-generation Baptist preacher, Catherine Grace is quick-witted, more than a little stubborn, and dying to escape her small-town life. Every Saturday afternoon, she sits at the Dairy Queen, eating Dilly Bars and plotting her getaway to Atlanta. And when, with the help of a family friend, the dream becomes a reality, she immediately

packs her bags, leaving her family and the boy she loves to claim the life she ' s always imagined. But before things have even begun to get off the ground in Atlanta, tragedy brings Catherine Grace back home. As a series of extraordinary events alter her perspective--and sweeping changes come to Ringgold itself--Catherine Grace begins to wonder if her place in the world may actually be, against all odds, right where she began. Intelligent, charming, and utterly readable, *Looking for Salvation* at the Dairy Queen marks the debut of a talented new literary voice. [The Curious Calling of Leonard Bush](#) Macmillan
NEW YORK TIMES
BESTSELLER " I ' ve changed a

bit since high school. Back then I said no to using and selling drugs. I washed on a normal basis and still had good credit. ” Introducing Laurie Notaro, the leader of the Idiot Girls ’ Action-Adventure Club. Every day she fearlessly rises from bed to defeat the evil machinations of dolts, dimwits, and creepy boyfriends—and that ’ s before she even puts on a bra. For the past ten years, Notaro has been entertaining Phoenix newspaper readers with her wildly amusing autobiographical exploits and unique life experiences. She writes about a world of hourly-wage jobs that require absolutely no skills, a mother who hands down judgments more forcefully than anyone seated on the Supreme

Court, horrific high school reunions, and hangovers that leave her surprised that she woke up in the first place. The misadventures of Laurie and her fellow Idiot Girls (“ too cool to be in the Smart Group ”) unfold in a world that everyone will recognize but no one has ever described so hilariously. She delivers the goods: life as we all know it.

The Night Swimmers
Kensington Publishing Corp.
A novel full of heart, in which love, friendship, and charity teach a young woman to live a bigger life. When Madeline Stone walks away from Chicago and moves five

hundred miles north to the coast of Lake Superior, in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, she isn't prepared for how much her life will change. Charged with caring for an aging family friend, Madeline finds herself in the middle of beautiful nowhere with Gladys and Arbutus, two octogenarian sisters—one sharp and stubborn, the other sweeter than sunshine. As Madeline begins to experience the ways of the small, tight-knit town, she is drawn into the lives and dramas of its residents. It's a place where

times are tough and debts run deep, but friendship, community, and compassion run deeper. As the story hurtles along-featuring a lost child, a dashed love, a car accident, a wedding, a fire, and a romantic reunion-Gladys, Arbutus, and the rest of the town teach Madeline more about life, love, and goodwill than she's learned in a lifetime. A heartwarming novel, *South of Superior* explores the deep reward in caring for others, and shows how one who is poor in pocket can be rich in so many other ways, and how little it often takes to make someone happy.