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Washington Square Simon group's longest-lived

and Schuster Adventure thriller set in **Renaissance Italy** starring Leonardo da Vinci as a young apprentice who witnesses a murder and becomes involved in a plot to take over the city. Starting Over A&C Black It is 1919 and the Great War has come to a close But in the shadows of the world's major cities, the killing has just begun. In this perilous time, as the division between order and chaos grows increasingly slim, a select group of visionaries have taken it upon themselves to ensure the safety of humanity. They are known as the Arcanum. In London's stormy Hyde Park, Konstantin Duvall, the Arcanum's founder, has been killed in a suspicious accident. Dismayed, the

member, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, determines to avenge Duvall's death—and uncover the secret left in his wake For the dead man possessed the world's most powerful-now missing—artifact: the Book of Enoch, the chronicle of God's mistakes, within whose pages lie the seeds for the end of everything. From the scene of the crime, Conan Doyle embarks on a path that leads him to the sleazy underworld of New York City's Bowery and a series of deceptively disparate—but decidedly connected—murders. And as he calls upon the scattered members of the Arcanum for aid, he also finds himself embroiled in a story of war as old as time itself. Not of a struggle between countries, but between darkness and

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light. Peopled with the cannot fail, for the scheming twentieth century's most Borgia pope holds her own famous-and young son hostage. Once infamous-figures, here is an there, Damiata becomes a extraordinary tale in which pawn in the political the stakes go beyond the intrigues of the pope's realm of humankind—into thesurviving son, the divine charismatic Duke Valentino. The Malice of Fortune whose own life is threatened Random House by the condottieri, a Incorporated powerful cabal of mercenary Against a teeming canvas of warlords. Damiata suspects that the killer she seeks is one Borgia politics, Niccol ò Machiavelli and Leonardo of the brutal condottierri. da Vinci come together to and as the murders multiply, unmask an enigmatic serial her quest grows more killer, as we learn the secret urgent. She enlists the help history behind one of the of an obscure Florentine most controversial works in diplomat, Niccol ò Machiavelli, and the western canon, The Prince... When Pope Valentino's eccentric Alexander dispatches a military engineer, Leonardo Vatican courtesan. da Vinci, who together must Damiata, to the remote struggle to decipher the fortress city of Imola to killer's taunting riddles: learn the truth behind the Leonardo with his groundbreaking "science of murder of Juan, his most observation " and beloved illegitimate son, she

Machiavelli with his new " science of men." Traveling across an Italy torn apart by war, they will enter a labyrinth of ancient superstition and erotic obsession to discover at its center a new face of evil-and a truth that will shake the foundations of western civilization. Freak! Random House The Malice of FortuneMcClelland & Stewart Redbone Onyx Books The first graduating class at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology is thrown into turmoil by bizarre phenomena that cause instruments to inexplicably spin out of control, challenging enterprising students to protect

lives while combating Harvard rivals. Game All Points Books In Beg, Borrow, Steal Michael Greenberg regales us with his wry and vivid take on the life of a writer of little means trying to practice his craft or simply stay alive. He finds himself doctoring doomed movie scripts; selling cosmetics from an ironing board in front of a women's department store; writing about golf, a game he has never played; and botching his debut as a waiter in a posh restaurant.

Central characters include Michael's father, whose prediction that Michael's "scribbling" wouldn't get him on in search of his the subway almost came true; his artistic first wife, whom he met in a Greenwich Village high school; and their son who grew up on the Lower East Side, fluent in the familial, the language of the street and in the language of the parlor. Then there are Greenberg's unexpected encounters: a Holocaust survivor who on his deathbed tries to leave Michael his

fortune; a repentant communist who confesses his sins; a man who becomes a woman; a Chilean filmmaker past; and rats who behave like humans and cease to live underground. Hilarious and bittersweet. Greenberg's stories invite us into a world where the literary, the tragic and the mundane not only speak to one another, but deeply enjoy the exchange. Lost Worlds Bantam This fascinating book is the first volume in a projected cultural

history of the United concluding section of States, from the this remarkable book earliest English explores the ways settlements to our that regional own time. It is a cultures have history of American continued to dominate folkways as they have national politics changed through time, from 1789 to 1988, and still help to and it argues a thesis about the shape attitudes toward education, importance for the United States of government, gender, having been British and violence, on in its cultural which differences origins. While most between American people in the United regions are greater States today have no than between European British ancestors, nations. they have assimilated Beg, Borrow, Steal regional cultures Simon and Schuster which were created by A sweeping, intense British colonists, historical thriller even while preserving starring two of the ethnic identities at great minds of the same time. In Renaissance Italy: this sense, nearly

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mystery, and involving serial murder and a gruesome cat and mouse game at the highest levels of the Church -- it was the era of the infamous Borgias --The Malice of Fortune is a delicious treat for fans of Umberto Eco, Sarah Dunant, and Elizabeth Kostova. This brilliant novel is an epic tale exploring the backdrop of the most controversial work of the Italian Renaissance, The Prince. Here, Niccolò Machiavelli, the great "scientist" of human behaviour

becomes, in effect, the first criminal profiler, while his contemporary and sometime colleague, the erratic genius Leonardo da Vinci, brings his observational powers to the increasingly desperate hunt for a brilliant. terrifying serial murderer. Their foil and partner is the exquisite Damiata, scholar and courtesan. All three know their quarry is someone who holds enormous power, both to tear Italy apart, and destroy each of their most beloved dreams. And every thrilling step is

fact. The Malice of Fortune Granta The full, frank story of a remarkable life's journey-to the pinnacle of success as a basketball player, icon, and entrepreneur, to the depths of personal trauma and back, to a place of flourishing and peace-made possible above all by a family's love Grant Hill always had game. His choice of college was a subject of national interest, and his arrival at Duke University cemented the program's arrival at the top. In his freshman year, he led the team to its first NCAA championship, and three championship appearances in four years. His Duke career produced some of the

based on historical

most iconic moments in college basketball history, and Coach K proved to be a lifelong mentor. Later, as one of the NBA's best players and a new face of the Detroit Pistons franchise, Hill was the first person with the potential to give Michael Jordan a run for his money, not just as a player but as a brand. His \$45 million rookie contract was almost the least of it. He turned down Nike for Fila, and soon Method Man and Tupac Shakur were wearing his shoes. Hill writes candidly about all of it, including the transactional impermanence of life in the league and the isolation caused by his growing fame. His parents and friends helped ground him, and eventually he met a gifted musician named Tamia. The love he found with her and the arrival of their two beautiful daughters would be his rock as a brutal and mysterious injury sidelined him, coinciding with his wife's own serious health struggles. With openness and insight, Hill relates his entire path, including post-career highlights like his Hall of Fame induction, coownership of the Atlanta Hawks, the directorship of the USA Basketball Men's National Team, and even a yearly gig calling the Final Four. Hill's father, Calvin, used to tell him that there were always a lot of reasons but never any excuses, and Game is a distillation of a lifetime's effort to

understand the reasons-the good and the bad. At his hardest moments, Hill sought out wisdom from others, stories of inspiration and overcoming obstacles. Now, with Game, he has returned the favor. War and Peace Vintage BOOKER PRIZE FINALIST • Based on a true event, this novel is "a blues song cut straight from the heart ... about the unjust death of an innocent Black man caught up in a corrupt system" (Walter Mosley, best-selling author of Devil in a Blue Dress). In Cardiff, Wales in 1952, Mahmood Mattan, a

young Somali sailor, is accused of a crime he did not commit: the brutal killing of Violet Volacki, a shopkeeper from Tiger Bay. At first, Mahmood believes he can ignore the fingers pointing his way; he may be a gambler and a petty thief, but he is no murderer. He is a father of three, secure in his innocence and his belief in British justice. But as the corners of our trial draws closer, his prospect for freedom dwindles. Now, Mahmood must stage a terrifying fight for his life, with all the chips

stacked against him: a shoddy investigation, an inhumane legal system, and, most evidently, pervasive and deeprooted racism at every step. Under the shadow of the hangman's noose, Mahmood begins to realize that even the truth may not be enough to save him. A haunting tale of miscarried justice, this book offers a chilling look at the dark humanity. Fourteen Byzantine Rulers Hachette Books You are at a nightclub talking to a girl with a shaved head. The club is either Heartbreak or the

Lizard Lounge. All might become clear if you could just slip into the bathroom and do a little more Bolivian Marching Powder. Then again, it might not... So begins our nameless hero's trawl through the brightly lit streets of Manhattan, sampling all this wonderland has to offer yet suspecting that tomorrow's hangover may be caused by more than simple excess. Bright Lights, Big City is an acclaimed classic which marked Jay McInerney as one of the major writers of our time.

## Den of Thieves

Author Level Up LLC This chronicle of the Byzantine Empire, beginning in 1025, shows a profound

understanding of the power politics that characterized the empire and led to its decline. The Borgia Bride Anchor La Toya Jackson was always closer to Michael than anyone knew. In this heartfelt memoir, she pays tribute to his tortured soul, revealing the intimate moments she shared with the deeply troubled pop legend. The first sibling to arrive at the hospital after Michael was rushed there, and the informant on his death certificate, La Toya noticed suspicious details

and demanded a second autopsy. For the first time, she unveils shocking behind-the-scenes dealings that she believes led to her brother's death, and she provides unprecedented insight into the destruction of one of the most dynamic artist/performers in history. On the Move! Biteback Publishing The #1 New York Times bestseller from Walter Isaacson brings Leonardo da Vinci to life in this exciting new biography that is "a study in creativity: how to define it, how to achieve it...Most important, it is a powerful story of an

exhilarating mind and

life" (The New Yorker). Based on thousands of pages from Leonardo da Vinci's astonishing notebooks and new discoveries about his life and work, Walter Isaacson "deftly reveals an intimate Leonardo" (San Francisco Chronicle) in a narrative that connects his art to his science. He shows how Leonardo's genius was based on skills we can improve in ourselves, such as passionate curiosity, careful observation, and an imagination so playful that it flirted with fantasy. He produced the two most famous paintings in history, The Last Supper and the Mona Lisa. With a passion that sometimes became obsessive, he pursued innovative studies of anatomy, fossils, birds, the heart,

flying machines, botany, geology, and weaponry. He explored the math of optics, showed how light rays strike the cornea, and produced illusions of changing perspectives in The Last Supper. His ability to stand at the crossroads of the humanities and the sciences, made iconic by his drawing of Vitruvian Man, made him history's most creative genius. In the "luminous" (Daily Beast) Leonardo da Vinci, Isaacson describes how Leonardo's delight at combining diverse passions remains the ultimate recipe for creativity. So, too, does his ease at being a bit of a misfit: illegitimate, gay, vegetarian, lefthanded, easily distracted, and at times heretical. His

life should remind us of the importance to be imaginative and, like talented rebels in any era, to think different. Here, da Vinci "comes to life in all his remarkable brilliance and oddity in Walter Isaacson's ambitious new biography ... a vigorous, insightful portrait" (The Washington Post). Leonardo da Vinci Harper Collins An instant New York Times bestseller, Dan Lyons' "hysterical" (Recode) memoir, hailed by the Los Angeles Times as "the best book about Silicon Valley," takes readers inside the maddening world of fad-chasing venture capitalists, sales bros, social climbers, and

sociopaths at today's role of "marketing tech startups. For fellow." What could twenty-five years Dango wrong? HubSpotters Lyons was a magazine were true believers: writer at the top of They were making the his profession--until world a better place one Friday morning ... by selling email when he received a spam. The office vibe phone call: Poof. His was frat house meets job no longer cult compound: The existed. "I think party began at four thirty on Friday and they just want to hire younger people, "lasted well into the his boss at Newsweek night; "shower pods" told him. Fifty years became hook-up dens; old and with a wife a push-up club met at and two young kids, noon in the lobby, Dan was, in a word, while nearby, in the screwed. Then an idea "content factory," hit. Dan had long Nerf qun fights reported on Silicon raged. Groups went on "walking meetings," Valley and the tech and Dan's absentee explosion. Why not join it? HubSpot, a boss sent cryptic Boston start-up, was emails about flush with \$100 employees who had million in venture "graduated" (read: capital. They offered been fired). In the Dan a pile of stock middle of all this options for the vague was Dan, exactly

twice the age of the average HubSpot employee, and literally old enough to be the father of most of his coworkers, sitting at his desk on his bouncy-ball "chair." St. Martin's Griffin After a decade as Conservative Party leader and six years as Prime Minister, he remains an enigma to those outside his exclusive inner circle. Now, in the wake of his dramatic resignation following the sensational EU referendum campaign, this new edition of the book

that 'got the world talking' (Daily Mail) revisits the real David Cameron, bringing the story of his premiership to its final chapter. Based on hundreds of interviews with colleagues past and present, friends and foes, this unauthorised biography charts Cameron's path from a blissful childhood in rural Berkshire through to the most powerful office in the country, giving a fascinating insight into his most intriguing relationships, both political and personal. Exploring

the highs and lows of his administration. from his brush with disaster over the Scottish question and his humiliation over Syria to his surprise election victory in 2015 and his controversial win on qay marriage, this fully updated edition offers a comprehensive assessment of Cameron's legacy in -Publishers Weekly office, weighing up the extraordinary achievements of Britain's youngest Prime Minister for 200 years. The Sorcerer's Apprentice Oxford University Press Rita, Dan, Max and Ted that he has only are on the move in

Trucktown! Kids will have hands-on fun with a movable part on each spread! Swing Wrecker Rosie's wrecking ball, spin Monster Truck Max's wheel, dump gravel from Dump Truck Dan's bed, and move Tow Truck Ted's hook up and down as he saves a good friend! Svlvia & Michael Other Press, LLC "[A] subtle and unnerving story of the little things that can tip the balance of one's life and send it spiraling into chaos." Stephen King called Michael Marshall's debut novel The Straw Men, "a masterpiece ... br illiantly written and scary as hell." With Killer Move, the acclaimed author of Bad Things and The Intruders demonstrates qotten better with

time. The electrifying erotic obsession they story of a man on the discover an evil and fast track to success who finds that his life has been chillingly "modified" by someone, somewhere with a very different master plan for his future, Killer Move is DIVWhen a young man a remarkably intelligent, genuinely mansion from an creepy thriller from Phillip K. Dick Awardwinner Marshall. Leonardo and the Death unsettling things Machine Courier Dover Publications Welcome to the Devil's house. A nest of vipers dwells within. And a trail of blood leads to the Borgia Palace ... Against a teeming canvas of Borgia politics, Niccolò Machiavelli and Leonardo da Vinci come together to unmask a serial killer. Through a labyrinth of ancient superstition and

terrible secret - one that still lies buried in the lines of Machiavelli's greatest work, The Prince. Byzantium HarperCollins UK inherits a vast estranged great-uncle, his apparent good fortune sours when begin to happen ... A terrifying psychological thriller cum gothic ghost story from the bestselling author of A Suitable Lie. 'A beautifully written tale, original, engrossing and scary. It's a wonderful mixture, a psychological thriller with a touch of a qhost story (sort of), a dollop of the supernatural (but not really) and murder

## (perhaps), told throughhis estranged great-

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the vision of a nephew grew up. druggie poet who Entering his new-found hasn't taken his home, it seems Greatmedicine and is uncle Alexander has therefore an turned it into a unreliable witness (or temple to the written is he?) ... a dark joy' word - the perfect The Times 'A deeply place for poet Ran. satisfying read' But everything is not Sunday Times 'A fine, as it seems. As he page-turning thriller' explores the Hall's Daily Mail endless corridors,

you see isn't always real. Ran McGhie's world has been turned upside down. A young, lonely and frustrated writer, and suffering from mental-health problems, he discovers that his long-dead mother was related to one of Glasgow's oldest merchant families. Not only that, Ran has inherited Newton Hall, a vast mansion that belonged to his greatuncle, who had been watching from afar as

nephew grew up. Entering his new-found home, it seems Greatuncle Alexander has turned it into a word - the perfect place for poet Ran. But everything is not as it seems. As he explores the Hall's endless corridors, Ran's grasp on reality appears to be loosening. And then he comes across an ancient lift; and in that lift a mirror. And in the mirror ... the reflection of a woman. A terrifying psychological thriller with more than a hint of the gothic, House of Spines is a love letter to the power of books, and a reminder that lust and betraval can be deadly ...

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Spines is a gothic qhost story and psychological thriller all rolled into one. Brilliantly creepy, with a dash of Glasgow humour, I couldn't turn the pages fast enough. A spinetingling treat' Lisa Gray, Daily Record 'From the stunning opening chapter, I was hooked. House of Spines is an intriguing tale with a haunting, gothic quality that compels you to keep reading till the end' Howard Linskey 'At first it seems like a poet's paradise, but something sinister lurks within the corridors ... a MUST READ' Daily Express 'The story twists and feints, pulling us along with it at every turn, the edginess of its central character making every

development even more unsettling ... a chilling read, best savoured late on a dark night' Herald Scotland 'You might not want to be alone when you read this spine-chilling gothic thriller ... As he explores its endless corridors his grip on reality seems to be evaporating in this terrifying exploration of lust and betrayal' Sunday Post 'Prepare to have your marrow well and truly chilled by this deeply creepy Scottish horror ... A complex and multilayered story perfect for a wintry night' Sunday Mirror 'Beautifully crafted and colourfully descriptive ... keeps the reader gripped by an uneasy presence, a chill, literally, down the spine' Undiscovered Scotland

'Malone is a massive talent ... get on board now so you can brag you were reading his books long before the rest of the world' Luca Veste