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*Already Dead* Watkins Media Limited  
Between 1972, when he published his first book, *The Signing Knives*, and 1978, when he died at the age of twenty-nine, Frank Stanford published seven volumes of poetry. Within a year of his death, two posthumous collections were published. At the time of this death, as Leon Stokesbury asserts in his introduction, "Stanford was the best poet in America under the age of thirty-five." *The Light the Dead See* collects the best work from those nine volumes and six previously unpublished poems. In the earlier poems, Stanford creates a world where he could keep childhood alive, deny time and mutability, and place a version of himself at the center of great myth and drama. Later, the denial of time and mutability gives way to an obsessive and familiar confrontation with death. Although Stanford paid an enormous price for his growing familiarity with Death as a presence, the direct address to that presence is a source of much of the striking originality and stunning power in the poetry.

**Fantasy Freaks and Gaming Geeks** New Directions Publishing  
Running moonshine liquor during the prohibition years, a notorious trio of brothers continues their illicit business after Prohibition and plays a central role in a violent conspiracy trial--a story that is investigated in 1935 by a magazine journalist. 50,000 first printing.

*Drop City* Drag City Books  
Recent advances in molecular genetics and genomics have been embraced by many in natural resource conservation. Today, several major conservation and management journals are now using 'genetics' editors to deal solely with the influx of manuscripts that employ molecular data. The editors have attempted to synthesize some of the major uses of molecular markers in natural resource management in a book targeted not only at scientists but also at individuals actively making conservation and management decisions. To that end, the text features contributors who are major figures in molecular ecology and evolution - many having published books of their own. The aim is to direct and distil the thoughts of these outstanding scientists by compiling compelling case histories in molecular ecology as they apply to natural resource management.

*Waiting for Nothing* Xplicit Press  
“Culled from 30 years as one of America’s most distinctive fictional voices . . . 36 affecting and inventive stories that dance around the Faulknerian world she’s created. . . . Within these stories there exist Erdrich’s poetic sentences and humane sensibility—and always another surprise on the next page.” —Boston Globe  
A collection of breathtaking power and originality by one of the most innovative and exciting writers of our day In Louise Erdrich's fictional world, the mystical can emerge from the everyday, the comic can turn suddenly tragic, and violence and splendor inhabit a single emotional landscape. The fantastic twists and leaps of her imagination are made all the more meaningful by the deeper truth of human feeling that underlies them. These thirty-six short works selected by the author herself—including five previously unpublished stories—are ordered chronologically as well as by theme and voice, each tale spellbinding in its boldness and beauty. The Red Convertible is a stunning literary achievement, the collected brilliance of a fearless and inventive writer.

**Ball** Simon and Schuster  
It is 1970, and a down-at-the-heels California commune devoted to peace, free love, and the simple life has decided to relocate to the last frontier—the unforgiving landscape of interior Alaska—in the ultimate expression of going back to the land. Armed with the spirit of adventure and naïve optimism, the inhabitants of “Drop City” arrive in the wilderness of Alaska only to find their utopia already populated by other young homesteaders. When the two communities collide, unexpected friendships and dangerous enmities are born as everyone struggles with the bare essentials of life: love, nourishment, and a roof over one’s head. Rich, allusive, and unsentimental, T.C. Boyle’s ninth novel is a tour de force infused with the lyricism and take-no-prisoners storytelling for which he is justly famous.

**The Melancholia of Class** National Geographic Books  
This book underscores the important role that wood has played in the development of American life and culture. Covering such topics as the aesthetics of wood, wooden implements, and carpentry, Sloane remarks expansively

and with affection on the resourcefulness of Early Americans in their use of this precious commodity.  
**History of Hancock County, Indiana** Alyson Publications  
Now available in eBook for the first time, Richard Yates's groundbreaking collection of short fiction. First published in 1962, a year after Revolutionary Road, this sublime collection of stories seems even more powerful today. Out of the lives of Manhattan office workers, a cab driver seeking immortality, frustrated would-be novelists, suburban men and their yearning, neglected women, Richard Yates creates a haunting mosaic of the 1950s, the era when the American dream was finally coming true—and just beginning to ring a little hollow. In *Eleven Kinds of Loneliness*, you'll discover some of the most influential and sharply observed short fiction of the 20th century, and find out why Richard Yates was a true American master.

**The Collected Breece D'J Pancake: Stories, Fragments, Letters** Catapult  
Animals are disappearing, vanishing, and dying out—not just in the physical sense of becoming extinct, but in the sense of being erased from our consciousness. Increasingly, interactions with animals happen at a remove: mediated by nature programs, books, and cartoons; framed by the enclosures of zoos and aquariums; distanced by the museum cases that display lifeless bodies. In this thought-provoking book, Arran Stibbe takes us on a journey of discovery, revealing the many ways in which language affects our relationships with animals and the natural world. Animal-product industry manuals, school textbooks, ecological reports, media coverage of environmental issues, and animal-rights polemics all commonly portray animals as inanimate objects or passive victims. In his search for an alternative to these negative forms of discourse, Stibbe turns to the traditional culture of Japan. Within Zen philosophy, haiku poetry, and even contemporary children’s animated films, animals appear as active agents, leading their own lives for their own purposes, and of value in themselves.

*Tim and Pete* Univ. of Tennessee Press  
Reynard--a subversive, dashing, anarchic, aristocratic, witty fox from the watery lowlands of medieval East Flanders--is in trouble. He has been summoned to the court of King Noble the Lion, charged with all manner of crimes and misdemeanors. How will he pit his wits against his accusers--greedy Bruin the Bear, pretentious Courtoys the Hound, and dark and dangerous Isengrim the Wolf--to escape the gallows? Reynard was once the most popular and beloved character in European folklore, as familiar as Robin Hood, King Arthur, or Cinderella. His character spoke eloquently for the voiceless and disenfranchised, but also amused and delighted the elite, capturing hearts and minds across borders and societal classes for centuries. Based on William Caxton's bestselling 1481 English translation of the Middle Dutch, this edition is an imaginative retelling of the Reynard story, expanded with new interpretations and innovative language and characterizations. With its themes of protest, resistance, and duplicity led by a personable, anti-heroic Fox, this gripping tale is as relevant and controversial today as it was in the fifteenth century.

*Once You Break a Knuckle* Harper Collins  
A West Virginia family struggles amid the booms and busts of the coal industry in this novel from an author called “Appalachia’s Steinbeck” (Jayne Anne Phillips). Set in present day West Virginia, this debut novel tells the story of a coal mining family—a couple and their four children—living through the latest mining boom and dealing with the mountaintop removal and strip mining that is ruining what is left of their hometown. As the mine turns the mountains "to slag and wastewater, workers struggle with layoffs and children find adventure in the blasted moonscape craters. Strange as This Weather Has Been follows several members of the family, with a particular focus on fifteen-year-old Bant and her mother, Lace. Working at a motel, Bant becomes involved with a young miner while her mother contemplates joining the fight against the mining companies. As domestic conflicts escalate at home, the children are pushed more and more frequently outside among junk from the floods and felled trees in the hollows—the only nature they have ever known. But Bant has other memories and is as curious and strong-willed as her mother, and ultimately comes to discover the very real threat of destruction that looms as much in the landscape as it does at home. “Powerful, sure-footed and haunting.” —The New York Times Book Review

*How Are You Going to Save Yourself* Vintage

The stories in this collection nearly all take place in and around the mountain hollows of West Virginia: a world of cock-fighting, coal-mining, deer-stalking, sex, depression, drinking and death. 'It would be easy to allow his one collection of stories to be buried under the landslide of books published every year. But itâ€(tm)s worth doing a little excavating to dig it up. The past few years have seen late-in-the-day and posthumous revivals of interest in writers such ... John Williams. Get out your pickaxes' New Yorker Breece Dâ€(tm)J Pancake left behind an astonishing achievement. He was a master of a distinctly American vernacular, which he used to remind us of all the ways that fiction could teach us about ourselves. These stories are absolutely essential reading - Kevin Powers, author of *The Yellow Birds*

*Burning Bright* Pickle Partners Publishing  
Ball is the thrilling and emotionally provocative debut collection of short fiction by the acclaimed author of the novels *Rockaway* and *A Child Out of Alcatraz* and the essay collection *Reeling through Life*. Ball explores the darker edges of love and sex and death, how they are intimately and often violently connected, with bright, vivid stories set mostly in contemporary Los Angeles. In “Cactus,” a young girl comes to fear the outside world following the freakish, accidental death of her adventure-seeking, naturalist boyfriend in the California desert; in “Wig,” a woman must help her best friend face life-threatening cancer while covering up an unseemly affair with her friend’s husband; in “Fish,” the narrator sits watch over a dying uncle, trying to pay for past sins while administering to his final needs, but distracted by the ravenous fish in the Koi pond near the hospital; and in the collection’s stunning title story, the bonds of friendship and pet ownership collide in the most startling and unexpected ways. With a keen insight into the edges of human behavior and an assured literary hand, Ball is the new book by one of the West’s most provocative stylists.

*Whimsy* Stories of Breece D'J Pancake  
The internationally bestselling book that inspired the Pay It Forward movement is now available in a middle grade edition. Pay It Forward is a moving, uplifting novel about Trevor McKinney, a twelve-year-old boy in a small California town who accepts his teacher’s challenge to earn extra credit by coming up with a plan to change the world. Trevor’s idea is simple: do a good deed for three people, and instead of asking them to return the favor, ask them to “pay it forward” to three others who need help. He envisions a vast movement of kindness and goodwill spreading across the world, and in this “quiet, steady masterpiece with an incandescent ending” (Kirkus Reviews), Trevor’s actions change his community forever. This middle grade edition of Pay It Forward is extensively revised, making it an appropriate and invaluable complement to lesson plans and an ideal pick for book clubs, classroom use, and summer reading. Includes an author’s note and curriculum guide.

**Nothing Gold Can Stay** Little, Brown  
“You’ll smile with joy turning every page.” —Barry Hannah  
Reverend Maloney isn’t the world’s greatest spiritual advisor. He drinks gin out of his coffee cup and has sex dreams about the Holy Ghost. His best friend Eli isn’t perfect either, but he’s a chess genius, so Maloney sees an opportunity in traveling around the country so Eli can win major chess tournament after chess tournament (while Maloney pockets Eli’s winnings). Chased by a blind headhunter named Jack Cataract, the Reverend, his girlfriend, and Eli race across North America and around New York City, from Washington Square Park to a jetski ride to the great green gown of Lady Liberty. In this uproariously funny, unabashedly sexy, and highly-anticipated novel, Michael Bible delivers a devastating story about the American South, chess tournaments, and one debaucherous reverend’s struggle with spirituality. In the spirit of Nicholson Baker and Barry Hannah, Sophia is an adventure with a raunchy and obviously flawed cast of characters, written with enormous heart. From the Trade Paperback edition.

**Pay It Forward** Canongate Books  
Breece D'J Pancake cut short a promising career when he took his own life at the age twenty-six. Published posthumously, this is a collection of stories that depict the world of Pancake's native rural West Virginia.

**Deep Seduction** Wesleyan University Press  
A FARMER and his wife fall on hard times. They haven't lost everything the way others have, but they have lost enough. Their hope for a better future comes under threat when they discover an intruder on their land. A WOMAN from a small town marries an outsider. Her love for him battles with her suspicions that he is the source of the fires ravaging the mountains. A YOUNG BOY, neglected by his

parents, sits in the remains of a crashed plane and lovingly her.  
tends to two frozen bodies.

*Reynard the Fox* Vintage Classic  
Expanding the world of his classic-in-the-making debut novel Early Work, Andrew Martin’s Cool for America is a hilarious collection of overlapping stories that explores the dark zone between artistic ambition and its achievement The collection is bookended by the misadventures of Leslie, a young woman (first introduced in Early Work) who moves from New York to Missoula, Montana to try to draw herself out of a lingering depression, and, over the course of the book, gains painful insight into herself through a series of intense friendships and relationships. Other stories follow young men and women, alone and in couples, pushing hard against, and often crashing into, the limits of their abilities as writers and partners. In one story, two New Jersey siblings with substance-abuse problems relapse together on Christmas Eve; in another, a young couple tries to make sense of an increasingly unhinged veterinarian who seems to be tapping, deliberately or otherwise, into the unspoken troubles between them. In tales about characters as they age from punk shows and benders to book clubs and art museums, the promise of community acts—at least temporarily—as a stay against despair. Running throughout Cool for America is the characters’ yearning for transcendence through art: the hope that, maybe, the perfect, or even just the good-enough sentence, can finally make things right.

*Hard Candy* Macmillan  
From Ron Rash, PEN / Faulkner Award finalist and New York Times bestselling author of *Serena*, comes a new collection of unforgettable stories set in Appalachia that focuses on the lives of those haunted by violence and tenderness, hope and fear—spanning the Civil War to the present day. The darkness of Ron Rash’s work contrasts with its unexpected sensitivity and stark beauty in a manner that could only be accomplished by this master of the short story form. *Nothing Gold Can Stay* includes 14 stories, including Rash’s “The Trusty,” which first appeared in *The New Yorker*.

Springer  
Deep Seduction is the third short story collection from erotica author Shala Breece. This collection contains ten incredibly seductive F/F lesbian short stories. Shala Breece takes the reader to a variety of stimulating locations and sensual situations. Discover how fun it can be to discover an old box of toys in the back of the attic; travel to Fantasy Island, where two best friends discover that their relationship goes to the next level. Her Moment Of Weakness When Molly’s husband goes out of town on business for the weekend again, she is convinced that he is having an affair. Left at home alone, she looks to her nanny, Tina, for help. But is Tina really interested in helping out, or is she just waiting for the right time to act on her secret desire to be with Molly? Erotic Fruit Adventures Liz is excited to pursue a degree in Culinary Arts until she realizes how far behind she is. Worried she won’t be able to catch up, she seeks some extra tutoring from one of her instructors, Ms. Howard. Time finds Liz growing closer and closer to Ms. Howard, creating a simmering attraction between them. Her Exotic Girl Toy Afraid they are drifting apart, Carmen and Renee are looking for something to add a little excitement and spice to their sex life. A bag full of sex toys and sexy costumes introduces them to the world of role-playing, bondage, domination, and sadomasochism. Seduced By A Bra As Mel walks in on her roommate Ana exercising, her eyes are immediately drawn to the beautiful, red lace bra Ana is wearing. How long can Mel resist the temptation? When the enticement is too much, Mel gives in, and is amazed to find in Ana a lover and a friend. Summer Nights On Fantasy Island When Jen and Karla travel to Fantasy Island during their summer vacation, their only intention is to have some fun in the sun and relax on the beach with some tropical cocktails. Both are seeking some escape, and in each other’s arms they find comfort and security. Her Personal Chef Returning home unexpectedly one day she finds her assistant/lover in bed with a blonde, so she fires him and employs a female instead. Bella very quickly falls for Mary Alice’s charms and starts to daydream about the two of them together in a steamy situation. CEO For Lunch When Ashley lands her dream job, she wonders how her first few days are going to go. However, she need not have worried, her boss, the sexy Laura Lee Fox, takes an immediate interest in her. She really has landed on her feet with this job. To help her settle in, Laura Lee takes her out to lunch, but it seems that Laura Lee has more than just business on her mind. A Mardi Gras Affair All the talk about traveling to New Orleans for Mardi Gras had Tina’s head spinning. After much coaxing from her best friend Joanne, she finally decides to join her on the trip. Once there, in the city that almost never sleeps, the two friends engage in the most erotic and fun-filled adventure of their lives. A Day In The Life Of A Porn Star The glitz and glamour that my friend Macy has always seemed to enjoy had me a bit envious. "I want that life too," I finally begged her. She was not hesitant and took me to work the following day after a phone call to her boss. One can imagine my shock when we walked into the mansion that seemed so elegant outside but was filled with cameras and naked woman on the inside. Seducing La Maestra Senora Ramerz has always been an attractively funny woman. I could hardly wait for my last semester in college when I would be taking Calculus 210 with her. I want her, and there’s no doubt about it. I finally come up with a plan as to how I’m going to get

*Lawn Boy* Courier Corporation  
In the remote Kootenay Valley in western Canada, good people sometimes do bad things. Two bullied adolescents sabotage a rope swing, resulting in another boy’s death. A heartbroken young man chooses not to warn his best friend about an approaching car. Sons challenge fathers and break taboos. Crackling with tension and propelled by jagged, cutting dialogue, D.W. Wilson’s stories reveal to us how our best intentions can be doomed to fail or injure, how our loves can fall short or mislead us, how even friendship-especially friendship-can be something dangerously temporary. An intoxicating cocktail of adrenaline and vulnerability, doggedness and dignity, *Once You Break a Knuckle* explores the courage it takes just to make it through another day.