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Christmas terror in Christopher Moore's *The Stupidest Angel*, for a special price. Also included is a sneak peek at his forthcoming novel, *Sacre Bleu, A Comedy d'Art*. In *The Stupidest Angel*, 'T was the night (okay, more like the week) before Christmas, and all through the tiny community of Pine Cove, California, people are busy buying, wrapping, packing, and generally getting into the holiday spirit. But not everybody is feeling the joy. Little Joshua Barker is in desperate need of a holiday miracle. No, he's not on his deathbed; no, his dog hasn't run away from home. But Josh is sure that he saw Santa take a shovel to the head, and now the seven-year-old has only one prayer: Please, Santa, come back from the dead. But hold on! There's an angel waiting in the wings. (Wings, get it?) It's none other than the Archangel Raziel come to Earth seeking a small child with a wish that needs granting. Unfortunately, our angel's not sporting the brightest halo in the bunch, and before you can say "Kris Kringle," he's botched his sacred mission and sent the residents of Pine Cove headlong into Christmas chaos, culminating in the most hilarious and horrifying holiday party the town has ever seen. Move over, Charles Dickens -- it's Christopher Moore time. *The Stupidest Angel* the

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astonishing journey  
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for good. In 1999,  
Sierra Leone was in  
the midst of a brutal  
civil war where  
mindless violence,  
vicious amputation  
and the rape of  
young enslaved  
women were the  
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It was also where  
rebel soldiers  
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Aminata Conteh-  
Biger from her  
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held her captive for  
months. After she  
was released, the  
UNHCR  
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captors still posed a

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serious threat to her safety. So, still in her teens, she was put on a plane and flown to Australia to start afresh as a refugee in a land she knew nothing about. It is here that she has proudly built a life, while never allowing her trauma to define her. Yet it was a near-death experience she suffered during the birth of her child that turned her attention to the women of Sierra Leone - where they are 200 times more likely to die while having a baby than in Australia. So she set up the Aminata Maternal

Foundation, then returned to the land of her birth to help. This is her story. PRAISE FOR RISING HEART 'Aminata knocked me out at our first meeting in Sydney some years ago...courage shining through as she spoke of some of her experiences in Sierra Leone. Her story, Rising Heart, will never leave you; searing, powerful, disturbing, hopeful.' The Hon. Dame Quentin Bryce AD CVO 'The spirit of Aminata's story will stay with you long after you finish reading. Rising

Heart has refuelled my sense of perspective and purpose. Aminata's courage in sharing this intensely personal story is rewarded with the power of inspiring hope. Thank you, Aminata, for sharing.' Yael Stone, actor and activist 'A powerful read that will make you cry at the injustice and brutality of our world - especially the treatment of women and girls - but then shed tears of admiration and hope. Aminata reminds us of the power of an individual to make a difference. She is

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an inspirational woman who has brought about extraordinary change, and is a shining example of why we must all be good global citizens. What a beautiful Australian story.' Natasha Stott Despoja AO 'A gripping story of courage, survival and redemption.' Wendy McCarthy AO 'An incredible story of hope and transformation, one that we can all learn from.' Emma Isaacs, Founder and Global CEO, Business Chicks 'Women's reproductive health is one of the most important factors in

determining their quality of life and that of their children. Aminata's extraordinary efforts in her country of origin will make a life-changing difference to the mothers and children of Sierra Leone.' Professor Kerry Phelps AM 'I have met many refugees the world over, and the courage of Aminata's personal account as a survivor of unimaginable cruelty is both disturbing and inspiring. Her unwavering belief in human kindness in the face of so much adversity is

what makes her a role model for so many women and girls.' Louise Aubin, UNHCR Representative 'Aminata not only gives an important voice to her own intensely personal story but also to the many forgotten women and girls caught up in war and conflict today. She is a compelling advocate for the rights of these women and also for the work of the UN Refugee Agency who supports them.' Naomi Steer, National Director Australia for UNHCR **Being a Teen** HarperCollin

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if he wants a second chance, Roarke Frost is going to have to work for it. He'll need to prove to me that this holiday is a season of new beginnings, the kind that last forever. Each book in the Texas Heat series is **STANDALONE:**  
\* The Truth About Cowboys \* Tangled up in Christmas **The Stupidest Angel**

**with Bonus Material**  
Harper Collins  
From the bestselling author behind the hit Sweet Magnolias Netflix series In this charming small-town tale from #1 New York Times bestselling author Sherryl Woods, readers revisit the peaceful Whispering Wind Ranch, where one woman journeys to rediscover the meaning of love, friendship, and family. Heather Reed thought she was making the right choice when she decided to raise her daughter, Angel, on her own. But three years later, Heather realizes she needs help. Her career as an actress is faltering, and Angel's more than she can handle alone. It's time to track down Angel's

father... only problem is, he doesn't know Angel exists. Heather's search leads her to Whispering Wind, Wyoming. If Todd Winston is dismayed to see his old girlfriend show up in town, he's shocked when he looks into the angelic eyes of the little girl who is clearly his daughter. Todd flatly refuses to open his life to Angel. Heather flatly refuses to leave town until she finds out why. Amazingly, they discover that through compromise and understanding lies the road straight to family. Books in the Whispering Wind duology: After Tex Angel Mine Previously published. *A Dirty Job* Multnomah Welcome to Angel

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Falls, a deep-south small town in the heart of L.A. (That's Lower Alabama, y'all.) Injury shatters Casey Alexander's dream of becoming a prima ballerina, so she opens a dance studio in her home town of Angel Falls. Among her students are the daughters of her high-school sweetheart Ben and his wife Melody, Casey's ex-best friend. Witnessing Ben and Melody's happy-ever-after on a weekly basis fuels her determination to find someone of

her own to love. But eligible men are scarce as hen's teeth in the quaint little town on the backside of nowhere. Until a sexy Scottish editor, Ian Buchanan, buys the town's failing newspaper. Ian is hot and hunky, intelligent and interesting, easy to fall for. And Casey does fall, hard. Then fate returns Ben to Casey. Torn between the might've beens of the past and a new dream of the future, Casey must choose between one man she never stopped loving, and another who

holds the power to heal her wounded heart. Voices of the Heart Entangled: Teen The modern classic that inspired the beloved movie starring Tom Hanks. Six foot six, 242 pounds, and possessed of a scant IQ of 70, Forrest Gump is the lovable, surprisingly savvy hero of this classic comic tale. His early life may seem inauspicious, but when the University of Alabama's football team drafts Forrest and makes him a star, it sets him on an unbelievable path that will transform him from Vietnam hero to world-class Ping-Pong player, from wrestler to entrepreneur. With a



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voice all his own,  
Forrest is telling all in  
a madcap romp  
through three decades  
of American history.  
*Hands Free Mama*  
Entangled: Amara  
Voices of the Heart:  
A Journey of Faith,  
Hope, and Love  
intimately addresses  
the individual path  
you can take when  
you follow your  
heart. Overcoming  
her difficult  
background, Linda  
Lambert-Pestana  
became a devout nun.  
Her struggle with  
perfectionism caught  
up with her, resulting  
in a crisis of faith.  
Follow the  
heartwarming  
journey of this  
dedicated woman in  
Voices of the Heart  
and see the incredible  
path her devotion led  
her on.  
*Rising Heart: One  
Woman's Astonishing*

*Journey from  
Unimaginable  
Trauma to Becoming  
a Power for Good*  
Harper Collins  
Dr. Charlotte Adam  
is torn between two  
men in this final book  
in the heart-tugging  
Angel's Bay series  
from the #1 New  
York Times  
bestselling author  
Barbara Freethy. For  
years, Dr. Charlotte  
Adams has been  
concentrating on her  
career and trying to  
make up for her past  
by helping out  
pregnant teenagers.  
Taking care of  
Annie's baby has  
gone a long way in  
healing old wounds  
and Charlotte realizes  
she needs to think  
about what she wants  
for her future and if  
Andrew Schilling, a  
high school romance  
gone wrong, or Joe  
Silveira, the hot

divorced police chief,  
have any part in it.  
Both Andrew and Joe  
are trying to convince  
Charlotte to give them  
a chance. But when  
Pamela, the girl who  
destroyed Andrew and  
Charlotte's  
relationship, shows up  
once again—and this  
time pregnant and in  
trouble—Charlotte  
realizes that Andrew  
is hiding things from  
her. Unsure of telling  
the truth, Andrew  
keeps his cards close,  
even when trouble  
comes in the form of  
Kenny, Pamela's ex-  
con boyfriend and  
Andrew's old college  
buddy. But keeping  
his silence could have  
deadly results.  
Meanwhile, Joe is  
given a second chance  
at love and realizes  
Charlotte is the only  
woman he wants.  
When he can't find  
her anywhere, he

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knows something is wrong. With Kenny in town and Pamela due, Joe knows he must find Charlotte before it's too late.

*The Stupidest Angel*

Ballantine Books  
1001 Children's Books You Must Read Before You Grow Up is the perfect introduction to the very best books of childhood: those books that have a special place in the heart of every reader. It introduces a wonderfully rich world of literature to parents and their children, offering both new titles and much-loved classics that many generations have read and enjoyed. From wordless picture books and books introducing the first words and sounds of the alphabet through

to hard-hitting and edgy teenage fiction, the titles featured in this book reflect the wealth of reading opportunities for children. Browsing the titles in 1001 Children's Books You Must Read Before You Grow Up will take you on a journey of discovery into fantasy, adventure, history, contemporary life, and much more. These books will enable you to travel to some of the most famous imaginary worlds such as Narnia, Middle Earth, and Hogwart's School. And the route taken may be pretty strange, too. You may fall down a rabbit hole, as Alice does on her way to Wonderland, or go through the back of a wardrobe to reach the snowy wastes of

Narnia.  
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NEW YORK TIMES  
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ENCOMPASSING  
GUIDE THAT  
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thorough, concise  
guide offers straight  
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male and female  
body as it changes  
and matures. • Teen  
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supportive, positive,  
and meaningful  
connections with  
family, friends, and  
others. • Identity  
empowerment: how  
to be authentic and  
thrive in today's  
world. • Sex and  
sexuality for boys  
and girls: how teens  
should take care of  
their bodies, embrace  
their experiences, and  
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esteem. • Strategies for working through the toughest challenges, including bullying, sexual abuse, eating disorders, pregnancy, and more. Praise for *Being a Teen* “A frank and candid resource for adolescents.”—People “Fonda’s warmth and love for the teen community is evident.”—Publishers Weekly “Clear, practical, and riveting, *Being a Teen* cuts away at myth, enhances teens’ self-esteem, and arms them with a trove of useful information. Beautifully organized . . . Any parent, teacher, coach, or doctor needs to read this authoritative guide. What a lifesaver for our boys and girls!”—William S. Pollack, PhD, author of the international bestseller *Real Boys* and Associate Clinical Professor, Department of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School “*Being a Teen* should be in the hands of every teen in the world. It is a myth-busting, fact-filled treasure full of life information all teens want and need to know.”—Christiane Northrup, M.D., New York Times bestselling author of *Women’s Bodies*, *Women’s Wisdom* “Clear, unflinching, and nonjudgmental . . . a reliable guide to the turbulent physical and social transitions of adolescence.”—Michael Kimmel, Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Gender Studies, Stony Brook University, and author of Guyland “A comprehensive, honest, fun-to-read book for today’s teenagers. This delightful book will be used again and again.”—The Reverend Debra W. Haffner, president, Religious Institute, and author of *From Diapers to Dating* “Detailed, accurate and practical . . . an excellent resource.”—Paul Kivel, author of *Boys Will Be Men* *Garden of Secrets* Harper Collins NATIONAL BESTSELLER • NOW A MAJOR MOTION PICTURE starring Abigail Cowen, Tom Lewis, Nina Dobrev, with Logan Marshall Green and Eric

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Dane, special appearance by Famke Janssen. Distributed by Universal Pictures with a screenplay by Francine Rivers and D.J. Caruso. California's gold country, 1850. A time when men sold their souls for a bag of gold and women sold their bodies for a place to sleep. Angel expects nothing from men but betrayal. Sold into prostitution as a child, she survives by keeping her hatred alive. And what she hates most are the men who use her, leaving her empty and dead inside.

Then she meets Michael Hosea, a man who seeks his Father's heart in everything. Michael obeys God's call to marry Angel and to love her unconditionally. Slowly, day by day, he defies Angel's every bitter expectation, until despite her resistance, her frozen heart begins to thaw. But with her unexpected softening comes overwhelming feelings of unworthiness and fear. And so Angel runs. Back to the darkness, away from her husband's

pursuing love, terrified of the truth she no longer can deny: her final healing must come from the One who loves her even more than Michael does . . . the One who will never let her go. A powerful retelling of the story of Gomer and Hosea, *Redeeming Love* is a life-changing story of God's unconditional, redemptive, all-consuming love. Includes a six-part reading group guide!  
**Practical Demonkeeping**  
Simon and Schuster  
"Hilarious, always inventive, this is a

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book for all, especially uptight English teachers, bardolaters, and ministerial students.” —Dallas Morning News Fool—the bawdy and outrageous New York Times bestseller from the unstoppable Christopher Moore—is a hilarious new take on William Shakespeare’s King Lear...as seen through the eyes of the foolish liege’s clownish jester, Pocket. A rousing tale of “gratuitous shagging, murder, spanking, maiming, treason, and heretofore unexplored heights of vulgarity and profanity,” Fool

joins Moore’s own Lamb, Fluke, The Stupidest Angel, and You Suck! as modern masterworks of satiric wit and sublimely twisted genius, prompting Carl Hiassen to declare Christopher Moore “a very sick man, in the very best sense of the word.” *What Happens in Vegas* Multnomah Little Joshua Barker is sure that he saw Santa take a shovel to the head, and now the seven-year-old prays for Santa to come back from the dead. There’s an angel waiting in the wings, but he’s botched his

sacred mission and sent the residents of Pine Cove headlong into Christmas chaos. Angel Mine Harper Collins A young apprentice to an assassin becomes embroiled in a conspiracy that could destroy a kingdom in a brilliant epic fantasy debut by David Gemmell Award-nominated author RJ Barker To catch an assassin, use an assassin... Girton Club-foot has no family, a crippled leg, and is apprenticed to the best assassin in the land. He’s learning the art of taking lives, but his latest mission tasks him with a far more difficult challenge: to save a life. Someone is trying to kill the heir to the throne, and

it is up to Girton to uncover the traitor and prevent the prince's murder. In a kingdom on the brink of civil war and a castle thick with lies, Girton finds friends he never expected, responsibilities he never wanted, and a conspiracy that could destroy an entire kingdom. Praise for *The Wounded Kingdom*: "Dead gods, dread magic, and a lead that feels like a breath of fresh air. Great fun." Peter Newman, author of *The Vagrant* "Often poignant and always intriguing, *Age of Assassins* reveals its mysteries with the style of a magic show and the artful grace of a gifted storyteller." Nicholas Eames, author of *Kings of the Wild* "The most interesting

treatment of the fantasy assassin trope in a while, and an involving narrative in its own right." RT Book Reviews *The Wounded Kingdom* *Age of Assassins* *Blood of Assassins* *King of Assassins* For more from RJ Barker, check out: *The Tide Child Trilogy* *The Bone Ships* *Call of the Bone Ships* **Forrest Gump** Macmillan The snow is falling, the holidays are approaching and... It's *Beginning to Look a Lot Like Zombies!* This delightfully depraved book of classic Zombie Christmas carols by Michael P. Spradlin is guaranteed to spread Yuletide cheer to all those good boys and ghouls who devoured the monster New York Times

bestsellers *Pride and Prejudice* and *Zombies and World War Z*, as well as fans of *28 Days Later* and *Shaun of the Dead*. With an introduction by the inimitable Christopher Moore—bestselling author of *Bloodsucking Fiends*, *You Suck*, and the classic "heartwarming tale of Christmas terror" *The Stupidest Angel—It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Zombies* is a great gift for stuffing into a Christmas stocking... provided you remove the bloody severed foot first! *I'm Dreaming of a Black Christmas* Harper Collins New York Times Bestseller! Shakespeare meets Dashiell Hammett

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in this wildly entertaining murder mystery from New York Times bestselling author Christopher Moore—an uproarious, hardboiled take on the Bard’s most performed play, A Midsummer Night’s Dream, featuring Pocket, the hero of Fool and The Serpent of Venice, along with his sidekick, Drool, and pet monkey, Jeff. Set adrift by his pirate crew, Pocket of Dog Snogging—last seen in The Serpent of Venice—washes up on the sun-bleached shores of Greece, where he hopes to dazzle the Duke with his comedic brilliance and become his trusted fool. But the island is in turmoil. Egeus, the Duke’s minister, is furious that his daughter Hermia is determined to marry Demetrius, instead of Lysander, the man he has chosen for her. The Duke decrees that if, by the time of the wedding, Hermia still refuses to marry Lysander, she shall be executed . . . or consigned to a nunnery. Pocket, being Pocket, cannot help but point out that this decree is complete bollocks, and that the Duke is an egregious weasel for having even suggested it. Irritated by the fool’s impudence, the Duke orders his death. With the Duke’s guards in pursuit, Pocket makes a daring escape. He soon stumbles into the wooded realm of the fairy king Oberon, who, as luck would have it, IS short a fool. His jester Robin Goodfellow—the mischievous sprite better known as Puck—was found dead. Murdered. Oberon makes Pocket an offer he can’t refuse: he will make Pocket his fool and have his death sentence lifted if Pocket finds out who killed Robin Goodfellow. But as anyone who is even vaguely aware of the

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Bard's most performed play ever will know, nearly every character has a motive for wanting the mischievous sprite dead. With too many suspects and too little time, Pocket must work his own kind of magic to find the truth, save his neck, and ensure that all ends well. A rollicking tale of love, magic, madness, and murder, Shakespeare for Squirrels is a *Midsummer Night's noir*—a wicked and brilliantly funny good time conjured by the singular imagination of Christopher Moore. [Age of Assassins](#)

Harlequin Charlie Asher is a pretty normal guy with a normal life, married to a bright and pretty woman who actually loves him for his normalcy. They're even about to have their first child. Yes, Charlie's doing okay—until people start dropping dead around him, and everywhere he goes a dark presence whispers to him from under the streets. Charlie Asher, it seems, has been recruited for a new position: as Death. It's a dirty job. But, hey! Somebody's gotta do it. [Santa & Pete](#) Penguin In Christopher

Moore's ingenious debut novel, we meet one of the most memorably mismatched pairs in the annals of literature. The good-looking one is one-hundred-year-old ex-seminarian and 'roads' scholar Travis O'Hearn. The green one is Catch, a demon with a nasty habit of eating most of the people he meets. Behind the fake Tudor façade of Pine Cove, California, Catch sees a four-star buffet. Travis, on the other hand, thinks he sees a way of ridding himself of his toothy travelling companion. The winos, neo-pagans, and deadbeat Lotharios of Pine



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Cove, meanwhile,  
have other ideas.  
And none of them is  
quite prepared when  
all hell breaks loose.

**Shakespeare for  
Squirrels** William  
Morrow

A young girl  
writes and  
produces a play to  
help fund a church  
in a backwoods  
town in the high  
Sierras.