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The Master of Game  
Random House  
In this fiendishly original new novel, Mark Leyner is a leather-blazer-wearing, Piranha 793-driving, narcotic-guzzling monster who has potential rivals eliminated by his bionically enhanced bodyguards, has his internal organs tattooed, and eavesdrops on the

erotic fantasies of Victoria's Secret models -- which naturally revolve around him. Leyner's jet-propelled roller derby through the cultures of celebrity, cyberpunk, and rabid egotism is exhilaratingly bizarre, exhaustingly funny -- and you'd better hope it's just fiction.

**The Tetherballs of Bougainville** Penguin  
New York Times  
Bestseller • Finalist for the  
Pulitzer Prize • An  
Oprah's Book Club  
Selection "Powerful . . .

[Kingsolver] has with infinitely steady hands worked the prickly threads of religion, politics, race, sin and redemption into a thing of terrible beauty."  
—Los Angeles Times Book Review  
The Poisonwood Bible, now celebrating its 25th anniversary, established Barbara Kingsolver as one of the most thoughtful and daring of modern writers. Taking its place alongside the classic works of postcolonial literature, it is a suspenseful epic of one family's tragic undoing and remarkable reconstruction over the course of three decades in Africa. The story is told by the wife and four daughters of Nathan Price, a fierce,

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evangelical Baptist who takes his family and mission to the Belgian Congo in 1959. They carry with them everything they believe they will need from home, but soon find that all of it—from garden seeds to Scripture—is calamitously transformed on African soil. The novel is set against one of the most dramatic political chronicles of the twentieth century: the Congo's fight for independence from Belgium, the murder of its first elected prime minister, the CIA coup to install his replacement, and the insidious progress of a world economic order that robs the fledgling African nation of its autonomy. Against this backdrop, Orleana Price reconstructs the story of her evangelist husband's part in the Western assault on Africa, a tale indelibly darkened by her own losses and unanswerable questions about her own culpability. Also narrating the story, by turns, are her four daughters—the teenaged Rachel; adolescent twins Leah and Adah; and Ruth May, a prescient five-year-old. These sharply observant girls, who arrive in the

Congo with racial preconceptions forged in 1950s Georgia, will be marked in surprisingly different ways by their father's intractable mission, and by Africa itself. Ultimately each must strike her own separate path to salvation. Their passionately intertwined stories become a compelling exploration of moral risk and personal responsibility.

[The Disappearing Spoon](#)  
Transaction Publishers  
Longlisted for the 2019 Center for Fiction First Novel Prize, Ryan Chapman's "gritty, bracing debut" (Esquire) set during a prison riot is "dark, daring, and laugh-out-loud hilarious...one of the smartest—and best—novels of the year" (NPR). A large-scale riot rages through Westbrook prison in upstate New York, incited by a poem in the house literary journal. Our unnamed narrator, barricaded inside the computer lab, swears he's blameless—even though, as editor-in-chief, he published the piece in question. As he awaits violent interruption by his many, many enemies, he liveblogs one final Editor's Letter. Riots I Have Known

is his memoir, confession, and act of literary revenge. His tale spans a childhood in Sri Lanka, navigating the postwar black markets and hotel chains; employment as a Park Avenue doorman, serving the widows of the one percent; life in prison, with the silver lining of his beloved McNairy; and his stewardship of The Holding Pen, a "masterpiece of post-penal literature" favored by Brooklynites everywhere. All will be revealed, and everyone will see he's really a good guy, doing it for the right reasons. "Fitfully funny and murderously wry," Riots I Have Known is "a frenzied yet wistful monologue from a lover of literature under siege" (Kirkus Reviews).  
Nineteen Eighty-Four  
Penguin  
"A rare, genius-struck achievement . . . filled with great beauties, high themes, enormous sorrows." Kirkus Reviews  
Why Do Men Have Nipples?  
Hachette UK  
Ancient Egypt, 51 B.C.  
Sisters Arsinoe and Cleopatra face a devastating choice: to allow Rome's army to siphon power from their ailing father, or to take matters-and the dynasty-into their own hands It's the dawn of a new era for Egypt as Cleopatra and her

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brother, Ptolemy, are welcomed to the throne after their father's death. But joint rule breeds its own conflicts: can the Nile be shared? Long overlooked by his father in favor of the beguiling Cleopatra, Ptolemy is determined to prove his ability as both man and king—but, at eleven, he is no match for his elder sister, who's quick to assert her primacy throughout the land. Their sister Arsinoe is torn between her siblings in one of history's greatest power struggles. As the palace echoes with rumors, scandals and betrayal, Arsinoe's love for her childhood friend Alexander deepens into a forbidden passion that could endanger both their lives. When Cleopatra is forced to flee a rebel uprising, Arsinoe decides she has no choice but to follow her sister into exile. Yet while Cleopatra gathers an army to retake the crown, Arsinoe begins to doubt whether her sister is the champion Egypt needs. Faced with the choice of betraying her family or her country, Arsinoe will determine a kingdom's fate and the course of history. It's the dawn of a new era for Egypt as Cleopatra and her brother, Ptolemy, are

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passions, and forbidden love in the Australian outback has enthralled readers the world over. *The Thorn Birds* is a chronicle of three generations of Clearys—an indomitable clan of ranchers carving lives from a beautiful, hard land while contending with the bitterness, frailty, and secrets that penetrate their family. It is a poignant love story, a powerful epic of struggle and sacrifice, a celebration of individuality and spirit. Most of all, it is the story of the Clearys' only daughter, Meggie, and the haunted priest, Father Ralph de Bricassart—and the intense joining of two hearts and souls over a lifetime, a relationship that dangerously oversteps sacred boundaries of ethics and dogma.

*The Wolf of Wall Street*  
Vintage

The "wisest and most captivating novel" (*Boston Globe*) from the author of the bestselling *The Valley of Amazement* and the new memoir *Where the Past Begins* Set in San Francisco and in a remote village of Southwestern China, Amy Tan's *The Hundred Secret Senses* is a tale of American assumptions shaken by Chinese ghosts and broadened with hope. In 1962, five-year-old Olivia meets the half-sister she never knew existed, eighteen-year-old Kwan from China,

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who sees ghosts with her "yin eyes." Decades later, Olivia describes her complicated relationship with her sister and her failing marriage, as Kwan reveals her story, sweeping the reader into the splendor and violence of mid-nineteenth century China. With her characteristic wisdom, grace, and humor, Tan conjures up a story of the inheritance of love, its secrets and senses, its illusions and truths.

Red or Dead Little, Brown

A fiendishly innovative young writer ups the ante on his cult classics *Et Tu, Babe* and *My Cousin, My Gastroenterologist* with a book so funny that it ought to be a controlled substance. "With his pumped-up prose and steroidal satire . . . You could call him the Quentin Tarantino of cult fiction." --Newsweek.

Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil Little, Brown

The New York Times bestseller and basis for the Tony-winning hit musical, soon to be a major motion picture starring Cynthia Erivo and Ariana Grande With millions of copies in print around the world, Gregory Maguire's *Wicked* is established not only as a commentary on our time but as a novel to revisit for years to come. *Wicked* relishes the inspired inventions of L. Frank Baum's 1900 novel, *The*

*Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, while playing sleight of hand with our collective memories of the 1939 MGM film starring Margaret Hamilton (and Judy Garland). In this fast-paced, fantastically real, and supremely entertaining novel, Maguire has populated the largely unknown world of Oz with the power of his own imagination. Years before Dorothy and her dog crash-land, another little girl makes her presence known in Oz. This girl, Elphaba, is born with emerald-green skin—no easy burden in a land as mean and poor as Oz, where superstition and magic are not strong enough to explain or overcome the natural disasters of flood and famine. Still, Elphaba is smart, and by the time she enters Shiz University, she becomes a member of a charmed circle of Oz's most promising young citizens. But Elphaba's Oz is no utopia. The Wizard's secret police are everywhere.

Animals—those creatures with voices, souls, and minds—are threatened with exile. Young Elphaba, green and wild and misunderstood, is determined to protect the Animals—even if it means combating the mysterious Wizard, even if it means risking her single chance at romance. Ever wiser in guilt and sorrow, she can find herself grateful when the world declares her a witch. And she can even make herself glad for that young girl from Kansas.

Recognized as an iconoclastic tour de force on its initial publication, the novel has inspired the blockbuster musical of the same name—one of the longest-running plays in Broadway history. Popular, indeed. But while the novel's distant cousins hail from the traditions of magical realism, mythopoeic fantasy, and sprawling nineteenth-century sagas of moral urgency, Maguire's *Wicked* is as unique as its green-skinned witch.

The Sugar Frosted Nutsack Harper Collins

This book traces the origins of a faith--perhaps the faith of the century. Modern revolutionaries are believers, no less committed and intense than were Christians or Muslims of an earlier era. What is new is the belief that a perfect secular order will emerge from forcible overthrow of traditional authority. This inherently implausible idea energized Europe in the nineteenth century, and became the most pronounced ideological export of the West to the rest of the world in the twentieth century. Billington is interested in revolutionaries--the innovative creators of a new tradition. His historical frame extends from the waning of the French

Revolution in the late eighteenth century to the beginnings of the Russian Revolution in the early twentieth century. The theater was Europe of the industrial era; the main stage was the journalistic offices within great cities such as Paris, Berlin, London, and St. Petersburg. Billington claims with considerable evidence that revolutionary ideologies were shaped as much by the occultism and proto-romanticism of Germany as the critical rationalism of the French Enlightenment. The conversion of social theory to political practice was essentially the work of three Russian revolutions: in 1905, March 1917, and November 1917. Events in the outer rim of the European world brought discussions about revolution out of the school rooms and press rooms of Paris and Berlin into the halls of power. Despite his hard realism about the adverse practical consequences of revolutionary dogma, Billington appreciates the identity of its best sponsors, people who preached social justice transcending traditional national, ethnic, and gender boundaries. When this book originally appeared The New Republic

hailed it as "remarkable, learned and lively," while The New Yorker noted that Billington "pays great attention to the lives and emotions of individuals and this makes his book absorbing." It is an invaluable work of history and contribution to our understanding of political life. Tooth Imprints On a Corn Dog Vintage Five hungry kids, a husband in the NFL, and staying in shape—popular blogger Christy Denney has her work cut out for her in the kitchen. Her solution? Simple, quick, and mouthwatering recipes. The Girl Who Ate Everything compiles all of Christy's favorite tried and true recipes, as well as brand new and equally tasty ones created just for this book. From Chicken Pot Pie Crumble to Cinnamon Roll Sheet Cake, these recipes will have your family begging you for more! Wicked Tor Teen Welcome to Mark Leyner's America, where you can order gallium arsenide sushi at a roadside diner, get loaded on a cocktail of growth hormones and anabolic steroids, and support your habit by appearing on TV game shows. Welcome to a wildly post-Einsteinian fictional universe where the locals include a speech pathologist with a waterbug

fetish, a kamikaze airline pilot, and the lead singer for Brazil's most notoriously nihilistic samba band. The Girl Who Ate Everything: Easy Family Recipes from a Girl Who Has Tried Them All Little, Brown From New York Times bestselling author Sam Kean comes incredible stories of science, history, finance, mythology, the arts, medicine, and more, as told by the Periodic Table. Why did Gandhi hate iodine (I, 53)? How did radium (Ra, 88) nearly ruin Marie Curie's reputation? And why is gallium (Ga, 31) the go-to element for laboratory pranksters?\* The Periodic Table is a crowning scientific achievement, but it's also a treasure trove of adventure, betrayal, and obsession. These fascinating tales follow every element on the table as they play out their parts in human history, and in the lives of the (frequently) mad scientists who discovered them. THE DISAPPEARING SPOON masterfully fuses science with the classic lore of invention, investigation, and discovery--from the Big Bang through the end of time. \*Though solid at room temperature, gallium is a moldable metal that melts at 84 degrees Fahrenheit. A classic science prank is to mold gallium spoons, serve them with tea, and watch guests recoil as their utensils disappear.

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The Poisonwood Bible epubli  
In Cory Doctorow's wildly  
successful Little Brother, young  
Marcus Yallow was arbitrarily  
detained and brutalized by the  
government in the wake of a  
terrorist attack on San  
Francisco—an experience that  
led him to become a leader of  
the whole movement of  
technologically clued-in  
teenagers, fighting back against  
the tyrannical security state. A  
few years later, California's  
economy collapses, but  
Marcus's hacktivist past lands  
him a job as webmaster for a  
crusading politician who  
promises reform. Soon his  
former nemesis Masha emerges  
from the political underground  
to gift him with a thumbdrive  
containing a Wikileaks-style  
cable-dump of hard evidence  
of corporate and governmental  
perfidy. It's incendiary  
stuff—and if Masha goes  
missing, Marcus is supposed to  
release it to the world. Then  
Marcus sees Masha being  
kidnapped by the same  
government agents who  
detained and tortured Marcus  
years earlier. Marcus can leak  
the archive Masha gave  
him—but he can't admit to  
being the leaker, because that  
will cost his employer the  
election. He's surrounded by  
friends who remember what he  
did a few years ago and regard  
him as a hacker hero. He can't  
even attend a demonstration  
without being dragged onstage  
and handed a mike. He's not at

all sure that just dumping the  
archive onto the Internet,  
before he's gone through its  
millions of words, is the right  
thing to do. Meanwhile, people  
are beginning to shadow him,  
people who look like they're  
used to inflicting pain until they  
get the answers they want. Fast-  
moving, passionate, and as  
current as next week,  
Homeland is every bit the equal  
of Little Brother—a paean to  
activism, to courage, to the  
drive to make the world a  
better place. At the Publisher's  
request, this title is being sold  
without Digital Rights  
Management Software (DRM)  
applied.

Frangipani Simon &  
Schuster

A New York Times Editors'  
Choice "[T]he stuff of great  
literature." —The New York  
Times | "Red or Dead is a  
winner." —The Washington  
Post The place where the  
swinging sixties started —  
Liverpool, England,  
birthplace of the Beatles —  
wasn't so swinging. Amid  
industrial blight and a bad  
economy, the port town's  
shipping industry was going  
bust and there was  
widespread unemployment,  
with no assistance from a  
government tightening its  
belt. Even the Beatles moved  
to London. Into these hard  
times walked Bill Shankly, a  
former Scottish coal miner

who took over the city's  
perpetually last-place soccer  
team. He had a  
straightforward work ethic  
and a favorite song — a silly  
pop song done by a local  
band, "You'll Never Walk  
Alone." Soon he would  
have entire stadiums singing  
along, tens of thousands of  
people all dressed in the team  
color red . . . as Liverpool  
began to win . . . And soon,  
too, there was something else  
those thousands of people  
would chant as one: Shank-  
lee, Shank-lee . . . In Red or  
Dead, the acclaimed writer  
David Peace tells the stirring  
story of the real-life working-  
class hero who lifted the  
spirits of an entire city in  
turbulent times. But Red or  
Dead is more than a fictional  
biography of a real man, and  
more than a thrilling novel  
about sports. It is an epic  
novel that transcends those  
categories, until there's  
nothing left to call it but — as  
many of the world's leading  
newspapers already have —  
a masterpiece.

Fire in the Minds of Men  
Bantam

The straight-talking, New  
York Times bestselling  
author and Pitbull of  
Personal Development® is  
back with a pithy and  
prescriptive guide to success.  
A five-time bestselling author

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and one of the country's leading business speakers, Larry has made a reputation for being the first to challenge the positive-attraction gurus and the law-of-attraction bozos with his commonsense approach to success. Larry doesn't sugar-coat, and he isn't afraid to make people uncomfortable, because he wants us to stop making excuses, and start getting results. In the New York Times and Wall Street Journal bestseller *Grow a Pair*, Larry takes on entitlement culture, the self-help movement, political correctness, and more. We've all heard the phrase "grow a pair," but Larry's advice isn't about anatomy—it's about attitude. To get the success we want, we need to reject victimhood in favor of being assertive and finally taking some responsibility. With prescriptive advice on goal achieving, career, personal finance, and more, *Grow a Pair* will give the readers the kick in the pants they need. [The Necropsy Book](#) Little, Brown

The blazingly inventive fictional autobiography of Mark Leyner, one of America's "rare, true original voices" (Gary Shteyngart). Dizzily

brilliant, raucously funny, and painfully honest, *Gone with the Mind* is the story of Mark Leyner's life, told as only Mark Leyner can tell it. In this utterly unconventional novel -- or is it a memoir? -- Leyner gives a reading in the food court of a New Jersey shopping mall. The "audience" consists of Mark's mother and some stray Panda Express employees, who ask a handful of questions. The action takes place entirely at the food court, but the territory covered in these pages has no bounds. A joyride of autobiography, cultural critique, DIY philosophy, biopolitics, video games, demagoguery, and the most intimate confessions, *Gone with the Mind* is both a soulful reckoning with mortality and the tender story of the relationship between a complicated mother and an even more complicated son. At once nostalgic and acidic, deeply humane, and completely surreal, *Gone with the Mind* is a work of pure, hilarious genius.

The Thorn Birds Melville House  
THE SUNDAY TIMES  
BESTSELLER  
Vienna, 1913.  
Lysander Rief, a young English actor, sits in the waiting room of the city's preeminent psychiatrist as he anxiously ponders the

particularly intimate nature of his neurosis. When the enigmatic, intensely beautiful Hettie Bull walks in, Lysander is immediately drawn to her, unaware of how destructive the consequences of their subsequent affair will be. One year later, home in London, Lysander finds himself entangled in the dangerous web of wartime intelligence - a world of sex, scandal and spies that is slowly, steadily, permeating every corner of his life...

[Homeland](#) Workman Publishing Company  
No one can describe a wine like Karen MacNeil. Comprehensive, entertaining, authoritative, and endlessly interesting, *The Wine Bible* is a lively course from an expert teacher, grounding the reader deeply in the fundamentals—vine-yards and varietals, climate and terroir, the nine attributes of a wine's greatness—while layering on tips, informative asides, anecdotes, definitions, photographs, maps, labels, and recommended bottles. Discover how to taste with focus and build a wine-tasting memory. The reason behind Champagne's bubbles. Italy, the place the ancient Greeks called the land of wine. An oak barrel's effect on flavor. Sherry, the world's most misunderstood and underappreciated wine. How to match wine with food—and mood. Plus everything else you need to know to buy, store, serve, and enjoy the world's

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most captivating beverage.

The Age of Wire and String  
Little, Brown

A community theater's production of *Special Yearnings* triggers a string of underground nuclear explosions from St. Louis to Worcester, Massachusetts. A man frantically swats at the blaze that his girlfriend has ignited in his trousers, while her family tries to figure out whether his agonized sign language means "Under the Volcano" or "No Time for Sergeants." Charo, Marianne Faithfull, and Napoleon's sister swap glittering witticisms and pornographic come-ons with languid aesthetes and unhinged suburbanites. Such scenarios are just par for the course in this gloriously disorienting volume by Mark Leyner, author of *My Cousin*, *My Gastroenterologist* and *Et Tu, Babe*, and a writer who plays the English language the way Jimi Hendrix played the guitar: at blinding speed, dangerous volume, and with a perfect mixture of lyricism and sheer menace.