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Good to Know Harper Collins
A New York Times Notable Book A Library
Journal Best Book of 2021 A
"marvelous...superbly effective" (The New
Yorker) debut novel about a young woman
coming of age with a dazzling yet damaged
mother who lived and loved in extremes. Met
by rave reviews in The New Yorker, The New
York Times, and more, this stunning
translation of Violaine Huisman's "witty,
immersive autofiction showcases a Parisian

(Oprah Daily). Beautiful and magnetic, Catherine, a.k.a. "Maman," smokes too much, drives too fast, laughs too hard, and loves too extravagantly, and her daughter Violaine wouldn't have it any other way. But when Maman is hospitalized after a third divorce and a breakdown, everything changes. Even as Violaine and her sister long for their mother's return, once she's back Maman's violent mood swings and flagrant disregard for personal boundaries soon turn their home into an emotional landmine. As the story of Catherine's own traumatic childhood and adolescence unfolds, the pieces come together to form an indelible portrait of a mother as irresistible as she is impossible, as triumphant as she is transgressive. With spectacular ferocity of language, a streak of dark humor, and stunning emotional bravery, The Book of

childhood with a charismatic, depressed parent" Mother is an exquisitely wrought story of a (Oprah Daily). Beautiful and magnetic, mother's dizzying heights and devastating lows, and a daughter who must hold her drives too fast, laughs too hard, and loves too memory close in order to surrender, and finally extravagantly, and her daughter Violaine move on.

Happenstance National Geographic Books
Finalist for the Institute for Immigration
Research New American Voices Award
These intimate stories of South Indian
immigrants and the families they left
behind center women 's lives and ask how
women both claim and surrender power—a
stunning debut collection from an O.
Henry Prize winner Traveling from
Pittsburgh to Eastern Washington to Tamil
Nadu, these stories about dislocation and
dissonance see immigrants and their
families confront the costs of leaving and

staying, identifying sublime symmetries in lives growing apart. In "Malliga Homes," selected by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie for an O. Henry Prize, a widow in a retirement community glimpses her future while waiting for her daughter to visit from America. In "No. 16 Model House Road," a woman long subordinate to her husband makes a choice of her own after she inherits a house. In "Nature Exchange," a mother grieving in the wake of a school shooting finds an unusual obsession. In "A Life in America," a professor finds himself accused of having exploited his graduate students. Sindya Bhanoo 's haunting stories show us British society and the red hills of how immigrants ' paths, and the paths of those they leave behind, are never simple. Bhanoo takes us along on their complicated journeys where regret, hope, and triumph appear in disguise.

When I Carried You in My Belly Harper Collins

A doctor's account of her own experience of death, heaven and return to life with a new realization of her purpose on earth. Dr Mary Neal, an orthopaedic surgeon, was on a kayaking holiday in Chile. Sceptical of near death experiences, she was to have

her life transformed when her kayak became wedged in rocks at the bottom of a inseparable. Spirited and unconventional, they waterfall and was underwater for so long that her heart stopped. To Heaven And Back is Mary's faith-enriching story of her spiritual journey, her first-hand experience of heaven and its continuing life-enhancing effects.

Arsenic and Adobo Open Road Media Feeling unfulfilled in the face of an imminent legal partnership and a broken engagement, Manhattan lawyer Clementine Evans learns of a longburied family secret that leads her to the inner circles of World War I Kenya. By the award-winning author of the Pink Carnation series. 100,000 first printing.

Heaven and Its Wonders and Hell Bloomsbury Publishing USA

"Stunning This is a novel that rewards reading, and even re-reading. The World We Found is a powerful meditation. "—Boston Globe Thrity Umrigar, acclaimed author of The Space Between Us and The Weight of Heaven, returns with a breathtaking new novel—a skillfully wrought, emotionally resonant story of four women and the indelible friendship they share As university students in late 1970s

Bombay, Armaiti, Laleh, Kavita, and Nishta were challenged authority and fought for a better world. But over the past thirty years, the quartet has drifted apart, the day-to-day demands of work and family tempering the revolutionary fervor they once shared. Then comes devastating news: Armaiti, who moved to America, is gravely ill and wants to see the old friends she left behind. For Laleh, reunion is a bittersweet reminder of unfulfilled dreams and unspoken guilt. For Kavita, it is an admission of forbidden passion. For Nishta, it is the promise of freedom from a bitter, fundamentalist husband. And for Armaiti, it is an act of acceptance, of letting go on her own terms. The World We Found is a dazzling masterwork from the remarkable Thrity Umrigar. offering an unforgettable portrait of modern India while it explores the enduring bonds of friendship and the power of love to change lives. Binny's Diwali Harper Collins Binny woke up happy but nervous. It was her day to share about Diwali, the Festival of Lights! The World We Found Simon and Schuster When reclusive artist Jerry McKenzie is named guardian to his cousin's son, he wonders if he can give the boy the father he needs. After meeting William's teacher, Jerry discovers that maybe he can make a family for the boy after all. If Today Be Sweet Harper Collins

" Ultimately, [If Today Be Sweet] reflects on what makes an individual part of a community, and movingly depicts the heartaches, responsibilities, and rewards of family life—among one 's own blood relatives as well as one 's 'family of choice. '...[A] meditation on the complex process of building a new life. " — Charlotte Observer The recent death of her beloved husband, Rustom, has taken its toll on Tehmina Sethna. Now, while visiting her son, Sorab, in his suburban Ohio home, she is being asked to choose between continuing her old life in India and starting a new one in this unfamiliar country with her son, his American wife, and their child. Her destiny is uncertain, and soon the plight of two troubled young children next door will force the most difficult decision she has ever faced. Ultimately the journey is one that Tehmina must travel alone. Eloquently written, evocative, and unforgettable, If Today Be Sweet is a poignant look at issues of immigration, identity, family life, and hope. Delilah Green Doesn't Care Harper Collins The Weight of HeavenHarper Collins Harper Collins Set in the heart of the exotic Ottoman Empire during the first years of its chaotic decline, Michael David Lukas ' elegantly crafted, utterly enchanting debut novel follows a

gifted young girl who dares to charm a sultan—and change the course of history, for the empire and the world. An enthralling literary adventure, perfect for readers entranced by the mixture of historical fiction and magical realism in Philip Pullman's The naked. When she comes to, she repeatedly Golden Compass, Orhan Pamuk 's My Name is Red, or Gabriel Garc í a M á rquez 's One Hundred Years of Solitude, Lukas ' evocative tale of prophesy, intrigue, and courage unfolds with the subtlety of a Turkish mosaic and the powerful majesty of an epic for the ages. The Ashford Affair Dreamspinner Press LLC " Everybody 's Son probes directly into the tender spots of race and privilege in America. ... With assured prose and deep insight into the human heart, Umrigar explores the moral gray zone of what parents, no matter their race, will do for love. "—Celeste Ng, author of Everything I Never Told You During a terrible heat wave in 1991—the worst in a decade—ten-year-old Anton has been locked in an apartment in the projects, alone, for seven days, without air conditioning or a fan. With no electricity, the refrigerator and lights do not work. Hot, hungry, and desperate, Anton shatters a

window and climbs out. Cutting his leg on the broken glass, he is covered in blood when the police find him. Juanita, his mother, is discovered in a crack house less than three blocks away, nearly unconscious and halfasks for her baby boy. She never meant to leave Anton—she went out for a guick hit and was headed right back, until her drug dealer raped her and kept her high. Though the bond between mother and son is extremely strong, Anton is placed with child services while Juanita goes to jail. The Harvardeducated son of a US senator, Judge David Coleman is a scion of northeastern white privilege. Desperate to have a child in the house again after the tragic death of his teenage son, David uses his power and connections to keep his new foster son, Anton, with him and his wife, Delores—actions that will have devastating consequences in the years to come. Following in his adopted family 's footsteps, Anton, too, rises within the establishment. But when he discovers the truth about his life, his birth mother, and his adopted parents, this man of the law must come to terms with the moral complexities of crimes committed by the

people he loves most.

The Weight of Water Random House Bhima has been a domestic servant in an upper-middle-class Bombay household for more than twenty years, washing dishes she is not allowed to eat from, cleaning furniture she is not allowed to sit on. But Bhima has also forged a special bond with her mistress, Sera, their relationship strengthened by the family tragedies that they must, as women, bear with strength and dignity. Now Bhima's headstrong granddaughter, who holds the fragile promise of moving beyond the slum, is with her residency. As Christmas approaches, pregnant and unwed. Turning to Serabai for help, Bhima must test the strength of the bond that took a lifetime to build but that may be severed in a devastating instant. The Space Between Us transports readers into the lives of two contemporary Bombay families struggling to shoulder the weight of class, custom and dangerous loyalties.

News from Heaven Gemma

A charmingly quirky seaside town offers a recently separated restauranteur a fresh start and possibly a new lease on love in A Season for Second Chances, by the author of The Twelve Dates of Christmas. Annie Sharpe 's spark for life has fizzled out. Her kids are grown up, her

restaurant is doing just fine on its own, and her twenty-six-year marriage has come to an unceremonious end. Untethered for the first time stepsister, Astrid, pressures her into in her adult life, she finds a winter guardian leave her city life behind for a brand-new beginning. When she arrives in Willow Bay, Annie is enamored by the charming house, the invigorating sea breeze, and the town 's rich seasonal traditions. Not to mention, her except the surly nephew of the homeowner, whose grand plans for the property are at odds tensions and tides rise in Willow Bay, and Annie 's future seems less and less certain. But with a little can-do spirit and holiday magic, the most difficult time of her life will become...a season for second chances.

Space Between Us Macmillan

A clever and steamy queer romantic comedy about taking chances and accepting love—with all its complications—by debut author Ashley Herring Blake. Delilah Green swore she would never go back to Bright Falls—nothing is there for her but memories of a lonely childhood where she was little more than a burden to her cold and distant stepfamily. Her life is in New York, with her photography career finally gaining steam and her bed never empty. Sure,

it 's a different woman every night, but that 's just fine with her. When Delilah 's estranged photographing her wedding with a guilt trip and a position in a historic seaside home and decides to five-figure check, Delilah finds herself back in the godforsaken town that she used to call home. She plans to breeze in and out, but then she sees Claire Sutherland, one of Astrid 's stuck-up besties, and decides that maybe there 's some fun (and a little retribution) to be had in Bright neighbors receive her with open arms—that is, all Falls, after all. Having raised her eleven-year-old daughter mostly on her own while dealing with her unreliable ex and running a bookstore, Claire Sutherland depends upon a life without surprises. And Delilah Green is an unwelcome surprise...at first. Though they 've known each other for years, they don 't really know each other—so Claire is unsettled when Delilah figures out exactly what buttons to push. When they 're forced together during a gauntlet of wedding preparations—including a plot to save Astrid from her horrible fianc é —Claire isn 't sure she has the strength to resist Delilah 's charms. Even worse, she 's starting to think she doesn 't want to...

> The Book of Mother Running Press Kids Taken under the wing of an expat teacher for her ambition and talent, Anjali Bose hopes to escape unfavorable prospects and falls in with a crowd of young people in Bangalore, where

she endeavors to confront her past and reinvent herself. By the National Book Critics Circle Award-winning author of India: In Word and Image. 25,000 first printing. I Saw Heaven Harper Collins

" [Umrigar] communicates her childhood longing for a cohesive family in deeply felt portraits of those she loves. . . . It is this combination of personal revelation and empathetic observation that makes Umrigar 's memoir so appealing." — Washington Post Book World From the bestselling author of The Space Between Us and If Today Be Sweet comes a sensitive, beautifully written memoir of Thrity Umrigar's youth in India, told with the honesty and guilelessness that only a child 's point of view could provide. In a series of incredibly poignant stories, Thrity Umrigar traces the arc of her Bombay childhood and adolescence—from her earliest memories growing up in a middle-class Parsi household to her eventual departure for the U.S. at age 21. Her emotionally charged scenes take an unflinching look at family issues once considered unspeakable—including intimate secrets, controversial political beliefs, and the consequences of child abuse. Punishments and tempered hopes, struggles and small successes all weave together in this evocative, unforgettable coming-of-age tale. First Darling of the Morning also offers readers a fascinating glimpse at the 1960s and 70s Bombay of Umrigar 's memories. Two coming-of-age stories collide in this memoir—one of a small child, and one of a nation.

Last Night in Twisted River Harper Collins " [Zoe Heller] is an extraordinarily entertaining writer, and this novel showcases her copious gifts, including a scathing, Waugh-like wit. "—New York Times Bestselling author Zoe Heller has followed up the critical and commercial success of What Was She Thinking? Notes on a Scandal with another tour-de-force on the meaning of faith, belief, and trust: The Believers. Tragic and comic, witty and intense, The Believers is the story of a dysfunctional family forced by tragedy to confront their own personal demons. In the vein of Claire Messud and Zadie Smith, Zoe Heller has written that rare novel that tackles the big ideas without sacrificing page-turning readability. Other Women Sagwan Press Bestselling author Thrity Umrigar's deeply felt first novel set in modern India, Bombay Time. At the wedding of a young man from a middle-class apartment building in Bombay, the men and women of this unique community gather together and look back on their youthful, idealistic selves and consider the changes the years have wrought. The lives of the Parsi men and women who grew up together in Wadi Baug are revealed in all their complicated humanity: Adi Patel's disintegration into alcoholism; Dosamai's gossiping tongue; and Soli Contractor's betrayal and heartbreak. And observing it all is Rusi

Bilimoria, a disillusioned businessman who struggles to make sense of his life and hold together a fraying community.

The Secrets Between Us Vintage Canada THE JANUARY 2022 REESE'S BOOK CLUB PICK "In the way A Thousand Splendid Suns told of Afghanistan 's women, Thrity Umrigar tells a story of India with the intimacy of one who knows the many facets of a land both modern and ancient, awash in contradictions. " —Lisa Wingate, #1 New York Times bestselling author of Before We Were Yours In this riveting and immersive novel, bestselling author Thrity Umrigar tells the story of two couples and the sometimes dangerous and heartbreaking challenges of love across a cultural divide. Indian American journalist Smita has returned to India to cover a story, but reluctantly: long ago she and her family left the country with no intention of ever coming back. As she follows the case of Meena—a Hindu woman attacked by members of her own village and her own family for marrying a Muslim man—Smita comes face to face with a society where tradition carries more weight than one 's own heart, and a story that threatens to unearth the painful secrets of Smita 's own past. While Meena 's fate hangs in the balance, Smita tries in every way she can to right the scales. She also finds herself increasingly drawn to Mohan, an Indian man she meets while

on assignment. But the dual love stories of Honor of I Loved You Before You Were Born, When I are as different as the cultures of Meena and Smita themselves: Smita realizes she has the freedom to enter into a casual affair, knowing she can decide later how much it means to her. In this tender and evocative novel about love, hope, familial devotion, betrayal, and sacrifice, Thrity Umrigar shows us two courageous women trying to navigate how to be true to their homelands and themselves at the same time.

The Builders Algonquin Books

Love Your Forever meets On the Night You Were Born in this heartwarming picture book about a mother's love for her child. The special bond between a mother and her child begins well before the baby is born. But once the baby is born and starts to grow into her own person, traits from both parents begin to show themselves in delightful and humorous ways. When I Carried You in My Belly is a mother's song to her growing daughter, capturing the warmth and magic of the time when her daughter was housed inside her belly. The girl's laugh, her love of music, her sweet disposition, and her carefree attitude can all be traced back to her time in her mother's tummy, when her mother would laugh, sing songs, eat yummy treats, and dance the day away. Thrity Umrigar's lyrical and playful text are well complemented by Ziyue Chen's soft and delightful illustrations, and together they create a sentimental and insightful book about the special bond between parents and children. With a similar tone to On the Night You Were Born and the spirit

Carried You in My Belly is primed to become a new timeless classic.