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Summer of '69 Simon and Schuster  
Welcome to Paradise. Otherwise  
known as Laguna Beach. You've  
seen the backstabbing, betrayal,  
and small-town gossip set against  
the wealthy beachside paradise that  
is Laguna Beach, California.

You've seen hook-ups, break-ups,  
screw-ups and make-ups -- and all  
just during two years of school.

Now find out what life was like for  
the stars of Laguna Beach: The Real  
Orange County before the hit  
MTV series. Think you know  
Kristin, Talan, Stephen, Taylor,  
LC, and their friends? Think again.  
You'll find out:

- How and when Stephen and LC hooked up and the "drama" that followed
- How Stephen and Kristin started dating
- Why Trey got interested in

activism and politics • How Lo  
learns that it's better to go to a party  
in Laguna Beach than to give one

- Talan's life as a pre-teen football star
- Taylor and Alex M.'s early fights over boys
- What their lives were like growing up
- What they all thought of each other when they first met, how their friendships formed, and more

Packed with tons of exclusive material from embarrassing baby photos to first-kiss stories, here is everything you ever wanted to know about Laguna Beach's teen royalty.

**Welcome to Florida (WTF)  
- Our Journey to Paradise**  
Rare Bird Books

A finalist for the PEN Center  
USA Award for Nonfiction

Welcome to Paradise, Now  
Go to Hell, is surfer and  
former war reporter Chas  
Smith's wild and unflinching  
look at the high-stakes world  
of surfing on Oahu's North  
Shore—a riveting, often  
humorous, account of  
beauty, greed, danger, and  
crime. For two months every  
winter, when Pacific storms  
make landfall, swarms of  
mainlanders, Brazilians,  
Australians, and Europeans  
flock to Oahu's paradisiacal  
North Shore in pursuit of  
some of the greatest waves  
on earth for surfing's Triple  
Crown competition. Chas

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Smith reveals how this influx transforms a sleepy, laid-back strip of coast into a lawless, violent, drug-addled, and adrenaline-soaked mecca. Smith captures this exciting and dangerous place where locals, outsiders, the surf industry, and criminal elements clash in a fascinating look at class, race, power, money, and crime, set within one of the most beautiful places on earth. The result is a breathtaking blend of crime and adventure that captures the allure and wickedness of

this idyllic golden world. *Paradise Lost. Book 10* HarperCollins  
Four siblings experience the drama, intrigue, and upheaval of the '60s summer when everything changed in Elin Hilderbrand's #1 New York Times bestselling historical novel. Welcome to the most tumultuous summer of the twentieth century. It's 1969, and for the Levin family, the times

they are a-changing. Every year the children have looked forward to spending the summer at their grandmother's historic home in downtown Nantucket. But like so much else in America, nothing is the same: Blair, the oldest sister, is marooned in Boston, pregnant with twins and unable to travel. Middle sister Kirby, caught up in the thrilling vortex of civil rights protests

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and determined to be independent, takes a summer job on Martha's Vineyard. Only-son Tiger is an infantry soldier, recently deployed to Vietnam. And thirteen-year-old Jessie suddenly feels like an only child, marooned in the house with her out-of-touch grandmother and her worried mother, while each of them hides a troubling secret. As the summer heats up, Ted Kennedy sinks a car in Chappaquiddick, man flies to the moon, and Jessie and her family experience their own dramatic upheavals along with the rest of the country. In her first historical novel, rich with the details of an era that shaped both a nation and an island thirty miles out to sea, Elin Hilderbrand once again earns her title as queen of the summer novel.

*In Search of Captain Zero* Simon and Schuster

By the bestselling author of the Escape to New Zealand series—They're going to party like it's 1885. Mira Walker is hoping that competing on a "living history" reality show will give her what's missing from her real life. Maybe she'll get closer to her boyfriend, who hasn't been all that nice to her lately. Get fired up about her job again. Who knows, she might even win a million dollars.

Doctor Gabe Kincaid and his brother Alec are after that million too, though. Mira and Scott are no threat at all, not when everybody involved is going to want to kill Scott after the first day. And there's no bond

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stronger than a twin's. What could possibly go wrong? This steamy, fun reality show romance will be enjoyed by fans of Catherine Bybee, Jill Shalvis, and Kristin Higgins.

Red Island House

Simon and Schuster

John Milton put a twist on the story of Adam and Eve--in the process he created what some have called one of the greatest literary works in the English Language. It has inspired music, art, film, and even video games. But it's

hundreds of years old and reading it today sometimes is a little tough. BookCaps is here to help! BookCaps puts a fresh spin on Milton's classic by using language modern readers won't struggle to make sense of. The original English text is also presented in the book, along with a comparable version of both text. We all need refreshers every now and then. Whether you are a student trying to

cram for that big final, or someone just trying to understand a book more, BookCaps™ can help. We are a small, but growing company, and are adding titles every month.

The Vital Question Tin House Books

A tiny American town's plans for radical self-government overlooked one hairy detail: no one told the bears. Once upon a time, a group of libertarians got together and hatched the Free Town Project, a plan to take over an American town and completely

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eliminate its government. In 2004, they set their sights on Grafton, NH, a barely populated settlement with one paved road. When they descended on Grafton, public funding for pretty much everything shrank: the fire department, the library, the schoolhouse. State and federal laws became meek suggestions, scarcely heard in the town's thick wilderness. The anything-goes atmosphere soon caught the attention of Grafton's neighbors: the bears. Freedom-loving citizens ignored hunting laws and regulations on food disposal. They built a

tent city in an effort to get off the grid. The bears smelled food and opportunity. A Libertarian Walks Into a Bear is the sometimes funny, sometimes terrifying tale of what happens when a government disappears into the woods. Complete with gunplay, adventure, and backstabbing politicians, this is the ultimate story of a quintessential American experiment -- to live free or die, perhaps from a bear. Leaving Paradise Abrams Secret lives and new loves emerge in the

bright Caribbean sunlight . . . A year ago, Irene Steele had the shock of her life: her loving husband, father to their grown sons and successful businessman, was killed in a plane crash. But that wasn't Irene's only shattering news: he'd also been leading a double life on the island of St. John, where another woman loved him, too. Now Irene and her sons are back on St. John, determined to

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learn the truth about the mysterious life - and death - of a man they thought they knew. Along the way, they're about to learn some surprising truths about their own lives, and their futures. Lush with the tropical details, romance and drama, *What Happens in Paradise* is another immensely satisfying page-turner from one of the world's most beloved and engaging storytellers.

[Blessed Are the Bank Robbers](#) Penguin  
An ideal sanctuary and a dream come true – that’s what Margaret Lane feels as she takes in God’s gorgeous handiwork in Mount Rainier National Park. It’s 1927 and the National Park Service is in its youth when Margie, an avid naturalist, lands a coveted position alongside the park rangers living and working in the unrivaled splendor of Mount Rainier’s long shadow. But Chief Ranger Ford

Brayden is still haunted by his father’s death on the mountain, and the ranger takes his work managing the park and its crowd of visitors seriously. The job of watching over an idealistic senator’s daughter with few practical survival skills seems a waste of resources. When Margie’s former fiancé sets his mind on developing the Paradise Inn and its surroundings into a tourist playground, the plans might put more than the park’s pristine

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beauty in danger. What will Margie and Ford sacrifice to preserve the splendor and simplicity of the wilderness they both love? Karen Barnett's vintage national parks novels bring to vivid life President Theodore Roosevelt's vision for protected lands, when he wrote in *Outdoor Pastimes of an American Hunter*: "There can be nothing in the world more beautiful than the Yosemite, the groves of the giant sequoias and redwoods, the Canyon of

the Colorado, the Canyon of the Yellowstone, the Three Tetons; and our people should see to it that they are preserved for their children and their children's children forever, with their majestic beauty all unmarred." [Welcome to Paradise, Now Go to Hell](#) BookCaps Study Guides NATIONAL BOOK AWARD FINALIST Kem Nunn's "surf noir" classic is a thrilling plunge into the seedy underbelly of a Southern

California beach town—the inspiration for the film *Point Break*. People go to Huntington Beach in search of the endless parties, the ultimate highs, and the perfect waves. Ike Tucker has come to look for his missing sister and for the three men who may have murdered her. In that place of gilded surfers and sun-bleached blonds, Ike's search takes him on a journey through a twisted world of crazed Vietnam vets, sadistic surfers, drug dealers, and



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mysterious seducers. He looks into the shadows and finds parties that drift toward pointless violence, joyless vacations, and highs you may never come down from...and a sea of old hatreds and dreams gone bad. And if he 's not careful, his is a journey from which he will never return.

Barbarian Days Simon and Schuster

\*\*Winner of the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for Autobiography\*\* Included in President Obama ' s 2016 Summer Reading

List “ Without a doubt, the finest surf book I ' ve ever read . . . ” —The New York Times Magazine  
Barbarian Days is William Finnegan ' s memoir of an obsession, a complex enchantment. Surfing only looks like a sport. To initiate, it is something else: a beautiful addiction, a demanding course of study, a morally dangerous pastime, a way of life. Raised in California and Hawaii, Finnegan started surfing as a child. He has chased waves all over the world,

thewandering for years through the South Pacific, Australia, Asia, Africa. A bookish boy, and then an excessively adventurous young man, he went on to become a distinguished writer and war reporter. Barbarian Days takes us deep into unfamiliar worlds, some of them right under our noses—off the coasts of New York and San Francisco. It immerses the reader in the edgy camaraderie of close male friendships forged in challenging waves. Finnegan shares

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stories of life in a whites-only gang in a tough school in Honolulu. He shows us a world turned upside down for kids and adults alike by the social upheavals of the 1960s. He details the intricacies of famous waves and his own apprenticeships to them. Youthful folly—he drops LSD while riding huge Honolua Bay, on Maui—is served up with rueful humor. As Finnegan’s travels take him ever farther afield, he discovers the picturesque simplicity of a Samoan

fishing village, dissects the sexual politics of Tongan interactions with Americans and Japanese, and navigates the Indonesian black market while nearly succumbing to malaria. Throughout, he surfs, carrying readers with him on rides of harrowing, unprecedented lucidity. *Barbarian Days* is an old-school adventure story, an intellectual autobiography, a social history, a literary road movie, and an extraordinary exploration of the gradual mastering

of an exacting, little-understood art. [Welcome to the Fallen Paradise](#) Simon and Schuster Paradise Hotel is anything but paradise. Lisa Walker comes to that conclusion the moment she arrives at the all-inclusive resort in Benidorm, Spain. Recovering from a painful break-up as well as the impact of the pandemic—including the loss of her job and her flat- she was hoping the

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low-budget escape might do her good, yet she couldn't have been more wrong. Stella Castillo, poolside manager at Paradise Hotel, is delighted to be back at work after a long lockdown. The guests are equally excited, celebrating life going back to normal. Apart from one woman, who her colleagues refer to as 'Miss Grumpy'. When Stella's colleague makes a faux pas and insults Lisa,

Stella steps in to try and smooth over the situation. What starts out as a tentative friendship soon leads to more and as Stella begins to understand why Lisa is so unhappy, she unexpectedly finds herself falling head over heels with the beautiful Brit. Welcome To Paradise is the first book in The Resort Series by bestselling author Lise Gold. A Libertarian Walks Into a Bear Hachette

A game-changing book on the origins of life, called the most important scientific discovery 'since the Copernican revolution' in The Observer.

Forty Autumns Back Bay Books

First published in 1978, and winning the Martin Luther King Memorial Prize for that year, Finding a Voice established a new discourse on South Asian women's lives and struggles in Britain. This new edition includes a preface by Meena

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Kandasamy, some historic photographs, and a remarkable new chapter by young South Asian women. D á lvi DC  
In 1996, Allan Weisbecker sold his home and his possessions, loaded his dog and surfboards into his truck, and set off in search of his long-time surfing companion, Patrick, who had vanished into the depths of Central America. In this rollicking memoir of his quest from Mexico to Costa Rica to unravel the circumstances of

Patrick's disappearance, Weisbecker intimately describes the people he befriended, the bandits he evaded, the waves he caught and lost en route to finding his friend. In Search of Captain Zero is, according to Outside magazine, "A subtly affecting tale of friendship and duty. [It] deserves a spot on the microbus dashboard as a hell of a cautionary tale about finding paradise and smoking it away." In Search of Captain Zero: A Surfer's Road Trip

Beyond the End of the Road is a Booksense 76 Top Ten selection for September/October. Bobos in Paradise Fawcett  
A husband's secret life, a wife's new beginning: escape to the Caribbean with #1 New York Times bestselling author Elin Hilderbrand. Irene Steele shares her idyllic life in a beautiful Iowa City Victorian house with a husband who loves her to sky-writing, sentimental

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extremes. But as she arrive at this faraway intrigue only Elin rings in the new year paradise, they make yet Hilderbrand can deliver, one cold and snowy another shocking Winter in Paradise is a night, everything she discovery: her husband truly transporting novel, thought she knew falls had been living a secret and the exciting start to to pieces with a life. As Irene untangles a new series. "I will just shocking phone call: her a web of intrigue and say that, 24 hours after beloved husband, away deceit, and as she and I started this book, I on business, has been her sons find purchased its sequel, killed in a helicopter themselves drawn into What Happens in crash. Before Irene can the vibrant island Paradise, and I did not even process the news, culture, they have to leave either book to be she must first confront face the truth about enjoyed by strangers at the perplexing details of their family, and about the end of my vacation." her husband's death on their own futures. Rich —Elisabeth Egan, New the distant Caribbean with the lush beauty of York Times island of St. John. After the tropics and the The Old Road to Paradise Irene and her sons drama, romance, and Macmillan

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When first published, *A Cold Day in Paradise* won both the Edgar and Shamus awards for Best First Novel, launching Steve Hamilton into the top ranks of today's crime writers. Now, see for yourself why this extraordinary novel has galvanized the literary and mystery community as no other book before it.... Other than the bullet lodged near his heart, former Detroit cop Alex McKnight thought he had put the nightmare of his partner's death and his

own near-fatal injury behind him. After all, the man convicted of the crimes has been locked away for years. But in the small town of Paradise, Michigan, where McKnight has traded his badge for a cabin in the woods, a murderer with the same unmistakable trademarks appears to be back. McKnight can't understand who else would know the intimate details of the old murders. And it seems like it'll be a frozen day in Hell before McKnight can

unravel truth from deception in a town that's anything but Paradise. *North Shore Chronicles* Harper Collins Duane's account of a year spent surfing in Santa Cruz, California. Interspersed with the narrative of days passed on the water are good-humored explanations of the physics of wave dynamics, the art of surfboard design, descriptions of the flora and fauna *Cocaine and Surfing* Andrew M. Crusoe Part memoir, part travelogue, this is the story of one woman's six years

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living in a reindeer-herding village in the Arctic Tundra, forging a life on her own as the only American among one of the most unknowable cultures on earth. An ancestry test suggesting she shared some DNA with the Sámi people, the indigenous inhabitants of the Arctic tundra, tapped into Laura Galloway's wanderlust; an affair with a Sámi reindeer herder ultimately led her to leave New York for the tiny town of Kautokeino, Norway. When her new boyfriend left her unexpectedly after six months, it would have been easy, and perhaps

prudent, to return home. But she stayed for six years. D á lvi is the story of Laura's time in a reindeer-herding village in the Arctic, forging a solitary existence as she struggled to learn the language and make her way in a remote community for which there were no guidebooks or manuals for how to fit in. Her time in the North opened her to a new world. And it brought something else as well: reconciliation and peace with the traumatic events that had previously defined her - the sudden death of her mother when she was three, a difficult childhood

and her lifelong search for connection and a sense of home. Both a heart-rending memoir and a love letter to the singular landscape of the region, D á lvi explores with great warmth and humility what it means to truly belong.

Ten Thousand Hours in Paradise Macadam Cage Pub

Welcome to Florida. If only I had a sand dollar for every time an odd occurrence was explained away with the unique expression: Welcome to Florida. My wife, Vikki, and I decided

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to leave our home state of Wisconsin and follow our dream with a move to paradise, known to us as Florida. We had vacationed in the Sunshine State many times, and the sun and the sand had always called our names, so we finally followed the calling and landed in the town of Punta Gorda, just north of Fort Myers on the Gulf side of the state. For the most part, paradise was just as we'd imagined, but as we settled into our new home, we experienced many quirky and previously unknown facts of life. Turns out, Florida is not all Mickey Mouse and beaches. Several of our neighbors and colleagues are transplants themselves, experiencing many of the same abnormalities on their own when making the move south. As we shared our anecdotal stories with our now fellow Floridians, we were frequently met with that simple phrase in response: Welcome to Florida. I began to jot down these stories so that we might have more to offer future Floridians when they shared their tales with us. As I abbreviated the phrase "Welcome to Florida," I realized quickly that the acronym was WTF! It seemed appropriate that the common slang for "What the f----!" shared an abbreviation with the three words we heard so often. As you read about our Welcome to Florida journey, you too might find yourself shaking your head and saying, "WTF!"



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Paradise Lost, Paradise Regained, and Other Poems. the Poetical Works of John Milton  
Hachette UK  
The author of the acclaimed bestseller *Bobos in Paradise*, which hilariously described the upscale American culture, takes a witty look at how being American shapes us, and how America's suburban civilization will shape the world's future. Take a look at Americans in their natural habitat. You see suburban guys at

Home Depot doing that special manly, waddling walk that American men do in the presence of large amounts of lumber; super-efficient uber moms who chair school auctions, organize the PTA, and weigh less than their children; workaholic corporate types boarding airplanes while talking on their cell phones in a sort of panic because they know that when the door closes they have to turn their precious phone off and it will be like somebody stepped on

their trachea. Looking at all this, you might come to the conclusion that we Americans are not the most profound people on earth. Indeed, there are millions around the world who regard us as the great bimbos of the globe: hardworking and fun, but also materialistic and spiritually shallow. They've got a point. As you drive through the sprawling suburbs or eat in the suburban chain restaurants (which if they merged would be called Chili's Olive Garden Hard

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Rock Outback Cantina), questions do occur. Are we really as shallow as we look? Is there anything that unites us across the divides of politics, race, class, and geography? What does it mean to be American? Well, mentality matters, and sometimes mentality is all that matters. As diverse as we are, as complacent as we sometimes seem, Americans are united by a common mentality, which we have inherited from our ancestors and

pass on, sometimes unreflectingly, to our kids. We are united by future-mindedness. We see the present from the vantage point of the future. We are tantalized, at every second of every day, by the awareness of grand possibilities ahead of us, by the bounty we can realize just over the next ridge. This mentality leads us to work feverishly hard, move more than any other people on earth, switch jobs, switch religions. It makes us anxious and

optimistic, manic and discombobulating. Even in the superficiality of modern suburban life, there is some deeper impulse still throbbing in the heart of average Americans. That impulse is the subject of this book.