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The Bible of Clay Jul 29 2020 A compelling new novel that combines past and present in a riveting search for the source of the Book of Genesis itself. In her provocative second novel, Spanish author Julia Navarro takes readers on an exhilarating journey across centuries and continents, as an upstart archeologist and a murderous group of conspirators vie for a treasure that will rewrite history—an explosive account of the world’s creation recorded millennia ago by a humble scribe onto the legendary Bible of Clay. Moving back and forth through time, from the tense months preceding the contemporary war in Iraq, to ancient Mesopotamia, to the atrocities of the last century, this tale of vengeance, obsession, and the wholesale plundering of the ancient world’s most priceless treasures is populated by an international cast of political opportunists, ruthless killers, and unsullied seekers of truth. *The Bible of Clay* is historical fiction at its richest, a sweeping saga that challenges at once both conventional geopolitics and the very foundations of modern religion.

The Complete Madame Realism and Other Stories Jul 09 2021 The complete art world story/essays of the fictional Madame Realism, collected for the first time. *The Complete Madame Realism and Other Stories* gathers together Lynne Tillman's groundbreaking fiction/essays on culture and places, monuments, artworks, iconic TV shows, and received ideas, written in the third person to record the subtle, ironic, and wry observations of the playful but stern “Madame Realism.” Through her use of a fictional character, Tillman devised a new genre of writing that melded fiction and theory, sensation, and critical thought, disseminating her third-person art writer's observations in such magazines as *Art in America* and in a variety of art exhibition catalogs and artist books. Two decades after the original

publication of these texts, her approach to investigation through embodied thought has been wholly absorbed by a new generation of artists and writers. Provocative and wholly pleasurable, Tillman's stories/essays dissect the mundane with alarming precision. As Lydia Davis wrote of her work, "Our assumptions shift. The every day becomes strange, paradox is embraced, and the unexpected is always around the corner." This new collection also includes the complete stories of Tillman's other persona, the quixotic author Paige Turner (whose investigation of the language of love overshoots any actual experience of it), and additional stories and essays that address figures such as the "Translation Artist" and Cindy Sherman.

The Passionate Mom Apr 06 2021 It is a different world and we need a different kind of mom that is ready to take on that world. What exactly is the job description of a mom? How can the job be accomplished in a culture of entitled privilege and uncensored technology? Who is doing it right? Every mother desires to do her job well. But how? Passion. The plan begins with the one thing every mother possesses—passion. In the heart of every mother is the passionate desire to protect and provide her child with a promising future. We must capture that passion and build on it. To do so she must perceptively study our children, ponder what we perceive, pray believing there is hope, prepare for opportunities, plan patiently, overcome persecution, and persevere at all times. These are the building bricks for parenting with passion. Dare. There was someone who so passionately loved his people that he boldly dared to build a wall to protect them and to provide a future for them. The prophet Nehemiah saved their lives, and his story has purpose for our lives. Moms must dare to do the same for their children. Save their lives by following his lead and his passionate plan. It is pertinent to build a plan that will save this generation of children. To do so, that requires deep prayer, discipline to prepare, great patience and perseverance for a lifetime.

Pizza Girl May 07 2021 LAMBDA LITERARY AWARD FINALIST • An audacious and wryly funny coming-of-age story about a

pregnant pizza delivery girl who becomes obsessed with one of her customers. Eighteen years old, pregnant, and working as a pizza delivery girl in suburban Los Angeles, our charmingly dysfunctional heroine is deeply lost and in complete denial. She's grieving the death of her father, avoiding her supportive mom and loving boyfriend, and flagrantly ignoring her future. Her world is further upended when she becomes obsessed with Jenny, a stay-at-home mother new to the neighborhood, who comes to depend on weekly deliveries of pickled-covered pizzas for her son's happiness. As one woman looks toward motherhood and the other toward middle age, the relationship between the two begins to blur in strange, complicated, and ultimately heartbreaking ways.

Some Go Hungry Apr 25 2020 A gay man returns to his conservative hometown in a tale of memory and murder inspired by true events: "An emotionally resonant, page-turning story."—Booklist Some Go Hungry is a fictional account drawn from the author's own experiences working in his family's provincial Indiana restaurant, and wrestling with his sexual orientation, in a town that was rocked by the scandalous murder of his gay high school classmate in the 1980s. Now a young man who has embraced his sexuality, Grey Daniels returns from Miami Beach, Florida, to Fort Sackville, Indiana, to run Daniels' Family Buffet for his ailing father. Understanding that knowledge of his sexuality may reap disastrous results on his family's half-century-old restaurant legacy—a popular Sunday dinner spot for the after-church crowd—Grey struggles to live his authentic, openly gay life. But he is truly put to the test when his former high school lover—and fellow classmate of the murdered student—returns to town as the youth pastor and choir director of the local fundamentalist Christian church. Some Go Hungry is the story of a man forced to choose between the happiness of others and his own joy, all the while realizing that compromising oneself—sacrificing your soul for the sake of others—is not living, but death. "This literary mystery follows Grey Daniels on a return trip to his hometown of Fort Sackville, Indiana where,

decades earlier, one of his gay classmates was brutally murdered. While visiting, Grey must confront a painful past riddled in homophobia, secrets, religious hypocrisy and fear.”—Queerty “Some Go Hungry is at its best when confronting religious prejudice, and is even pulse-quickenning when the narrator sits through one of his friend's sermons aimed directly at him....Only someone who has grown up in rural America could write so convincingly of the pressures there. It's also refreshing to find a book that relates the experience of being gay somewhere other than in a large city.”—Gay & Lesbian Review “Tells an important tale that in some ways is timeless, and in other ways could have been ripped from today's headlines.”—Mark Childress, author of *Crazy in Alabama*

Wonder Valley Jun 27 2020 NPR Best Book of 2017 Los Angeles Times Best Fiction Pick Refinery29 Best Book of the Year BOLD Books Top Read of 2017 “Destined to be a classic L.A. novel.”—Michael Connelly When a teen runs away from his father's mysterious commune, he sets in motion a domino effect that will connect six characters desperate for hope and love, set across the sun-bleached canvas of Los Angeles. From the acclaimed author of *Visitation Street*, a visionary portrait of contemporary Los Angeles in all its facets, from the Mojave Desert to the Pacific, from the 110 to Skid Row. During a typically crowded morning commute, a naked runner is dodging between the stalled cars. The strange sight makes the local news and captures the imaginations of a stunning cast of misfits and lost souls. There's Ren, just out of juvie, who travels to LA in search of his mother. There's Owen and James, teenage twins who live in a desert commune, where their father, a self-proclaimed healer, holds a powerful sway over his disciples. There's Britt, who shows up at the commune harboring a dark secret. There's Tony, a bored and unhappy lawyer who is inspired by the runner. And there's Blake, a drifter hiding in the desert, doing his best to fight off his most violent instincts. Their lives will all intertwine and come crashing together in a shocking way, one that could only happen in this enchanting, dangerous city.

Wonder Valley is a swirling mix of angst, violence, heartache, and yearning—a masterpiece by a writer on the rise.

The Rock Blaster Dec 02 2020 Henning Mankell's first novel, never before released in English, explores the reflections of a working class man who has struggled against the constraints of his station for his entire life. A VINTAGE ORIGINAL. The year is 1911. The young rock blaster Oskar Johansson has been killed in an accident. Or so it says in the local newspaper. In spite of serious injuries, however, Oskar survives. Decades later, Oskar looks back and reflects on his working life as an invalid, his marriage, his dreams, and his hopes. Oskar's life is woven together out of fragments of voices, images, and episodes that, taken together, provide a sharp and precise picture of life in Sweden for the working class.

Hangsaman Sep 23 2022 Shirley Jackson's chilling second novel, based on her own experiences and an actual mysterious disappearance Seventeen-year-old Natalie Waite longs to escape home for college. Her father is a domineering and egotistical writer who keeps a tight rein on Natalie and her long-suffering mother. When Natalie finally does get away, however, college life doesn't bring the happiness she expected. Little by little, Natalie is no longer certain of anything—even where reality ends and her dark imaginings begin. Chilling and suspenseful, *Hangsaman* is loosely based on the real-life disappearance of a Bennington College sophomore in 1946. For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,700 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators.

Accidental Bond Mar 29 2023 "A fascinating and informative read." **The Boston Globe* "A RICH SOURCE OF FASCINATING MATERIAL about the complex realities of siblinghood and a

valuable commentary on the impact that these little-studied relationships have upon our lives." *The New Republic "Many books have attempted to tackle the complex theme of sibling connection. But rather than look at the minutiae of these relationships, journalist Susan Scarf Merrell examines the big issues that all siblings wrestle with in their own unique ways *in particular the Three Cs: Competition, Cooperation, and Comparison. What she discovered was that no matter what kind of relationship we now have with our siblings *close or distant, loving or hostile *our histories with them exert a profound effect on our current relationship with lovers, friends, coworkers, and our own children. Drawing on the most current research; the work of psychologists, psychiatrists, and family experts; and stories from brothers and sisters themselves, Merrell illustrates that through siblings, we come to know both the worst and the very best that lurks within each of us. "Susan Merrell brilliantly illuminates how the peculiar mix of biology, history, and intimacy makes our attachments to siblings so essential to knowing ourselves." *Mary Kay Blakely Author of American Mom

House of Remembering and Forgetting Apr 18 2022 Young Albert Weiss was spared the horrors of Auschwitz when his parents threw him and his brother from the transport train. Years later, with the help of other survivors of the holocaust, he explores the myriad ways of confronting not just the evil that robbed him of his childhood, but the guilt he feels for having lost his brother on that wintry night. Mosaic, non-linear and semi-autobiographical, this book is reminiscent in style of Kurt Vonnegut's Slaughterhouse-Five and in theme of the works of Primo Levi. In documenting the stories of child survivors, it is a moving and necessary addition to the literature of the Holocaust.

Climbing Out of Depression Feb 22 2020 Being depressed often leaves you feeling paralysed into inaction. Climbing back out of the pit of gloom seems almost impossible. You need help, and that is what this book offers - practical, humane and spiritual help. Sue Atkinson has suffered years

of depression herself. She does not write as an expert on depression or as a depression counsellor, but as someone who knows the feelings from close personal experience. As a result, her book contains a varied menu of hints, quotations and illustrations, not page after page of unbroken text. This is a book to dip into as fits your mood and need, making a dependable guide to the climb.

The Letters of Shirley Jackson May 19 2022 A bewitchingly brilliant collection of never-before-published letters from the renowned author of "The Lottery" and The Haunting of Hill House NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY KIRKUS REVIEWS • "This biography-through-letters gives an intimate and warm voice to the imagination behind the treasury of uncanny tales that is Shirley Jackson's legacy."—Joyce Carol Oates Shirley Jackson is one of the most important American authors of the last hundred years and among our greatest chroniclers of the female experience. This extraordinary compilation of personal correspondence has all the hallmarks of Jackson's beloved fiction: flashes of the uncanny in the domestic, sparks of horror in the quotidian, and the veins of humor that run through good times and bad. i am having a fine time doing a novel with my left hand and a long story—with as many levels as grand central station—with my right hand, stirring chocolate pudding with a spoon held in my teeth, and tuning the television with both feet. Written over the course of nearly three decades, from Jackson's college years to six days before her early death at the age of forty-eight, these letters become the autobiography Shirley Jackson never wrote. As well as being a bestselling author, Jackson spent much of her adult life as a mother of four in Vermont, and the landscape here is often the everyday: raucous holidays and trips to the dentist, overdue taxes and frayed lines of Christmas lights, new dogs and new babies. But in recounting these events to family, friends, and colleagues, she turns them into remarkable stories: entertaining, revealing, and wise. At the same time, many of these letters provide fresh insight into the genesis and progress of Jackson's writing over nearly three decades.

The novel is getting sadder. It's always such a strange feeling—I know something's going to happen, and those poor people in the book don't; they just go blithely on their ways. Compiled and edited by her elder son, Laurence Jackson Hyman, in consultation with Jackson scholar Bernice M. Murphy and featuring Jackson's own witty line drawings, this intimate collection holds the beguiling prism of Shirley Jackson—writer and reader, mother and daughter, neighbor and wife—up to the light.

Shirley Jackson: A Rather Haunted Life Jan 27 2023 Winner • National Book Critics Circle Award (Biography) Winner • Edgar Award (Critical/Biographical) Winner • Bram Stoker Award (Nonfiction) A New York Times Notable Book A Washington Post Notable Nonfiction Pick of the Year Named one of the Best Books of the Year by Entertainment Weekly, NPR, TIME, Boston Globe, NYLON, San Francisco Chronicle, Seattle Times, Kirkus Reviews, and Booklist In this "thoughtful and persuasive" biography, award-winning biographer Ruth Franklin establishes Shirley Jackson as a "serious and accomplished literary artist" (Charles McGrath, New York Times Book Review). Instantly heralded for its "masterful" and "thrilling" portrayal (Boston Globe), Shirley Jackson reveals the tumultuous life and inner darkness of the literary genius behind such classics as "The Lottery" and The Haunting of Hill House. In this "remarkable act of reclamation" (Neil Gaiman), Ruth Franklin envisions Jackson as "belonging to the great tradition of Hawthorne, Poe and James" (New York Times Book Review) and demonstrates how her unique contribution to the canon "so uncannily channeled women's nightmares and contradictions that it is 'nothing less than the secret history of American women of her era' " (Washington Post). Franklin investigates the "interplay between the life, the work, and the times with real skill and insight, making this fine book a real contribution not only to biography, but to mid-20th-century women's history" (Chicago Tribune). "Wisely rescu[ing] Shirley Jackson from any semblance of obscurity" (Lena Dunham), Franklin's invigorating portrait stands as the definitive biography of a generational avatar

and an American literary genius.

Overcoming Adversity Sep 11 2021 In the gut-wrenching stories of patients told by psychologist Dr. Caroline Sakai in this riveting book, you'll see the full range of human misery. Stories range from that of Josh, suicidal after fighting depression for years to Angelique, whose entire village was slaughtered during the Rwandan genocide. Yet both Josh and Angelique, as well as two dozen others whose cases are told in fascinating detail, recovered completely. The remarkable cure that worked so well for them is called Thought Field Therapy or TFT. It's often called "tapping" since it involves tapping with the fingertips on acupuncture points. A recent group of studies has shown that TFT is phenomenally effective at treating the symptoms of post traumatic stress disorder, as well as anxiety, depression, and other mental health conditions. Dr. Sakai has conducted much research into TFT, including several randomized controlled trials. She provides an expert introduction to tapping for beginners, as well as concluding with a section that shows professionals how to get the best results from TFT. It shows how TFT can promote post traumatic growth, the personal transformation that can result from traumatic experiences. It also shows how TFT can be used to promote resilience, the qualities that enable us to recover from life's inevitable challenges.

A Severed Head Aug 22 2022 A novel about the frightfulness and ruthlessness of being in love, from the author of the Booker Prize-winning novel *The Sea*, Martin Lynch-Gibson believes he can possess both a beautiful wife and a delightful lover. But when his wife, Antonia, suddenly leaves him for her psychoanalyst, Martin is plunged into an intensive emotional reeducation. He attempts to behave beautifully and sensibly. Then he meets a woman whose demonic splendor at first repels him and later arouses a consuming and monstrous passion. As his Medusa informs him, "this is nothing to do with happiness." *A Severed Head* was adapted for a successful stage production in 1963 and was later made into a film starring Claire Bloom, Lee Remick, Richard Attenborough, and Ian Holm.

Why Does Everything Have to Be Perfect? Dec 14 2021 Bad thoughts that won't go away...repetitive actions...feelings of guilt and shame... Are you overwhelmed by a need to "get it right"? Do continual "what-ifs" prevent you from making decisions? Do you check again and again to see if the door is locked? Are your thoughts and habits causing you anxiety, guilt, or shame? If so, you're not alone. You may be suffering from obsessive-compulsive disorder, a very specific and largely biochemical problem that affects over 5 million Americans. Now this compassionate, informative guide helps you break the tyranny of obsession and compulsions, providing the latest facts on why OCD occurs, its symptoms, and the breakthrough treatments that can dramatically improve the lives of OCD sufferers. Find out about: How to determine if you have OCD--and whether your problem is severe enough to warrant professional help How diet, stress, and other lifestyle conditions can trigger the symptoms of OCD The two most highly effective forms of treatment--and how to decide what's best for you The latest news in alternative therapies, including yoga, biofeedback, and herbal therapy, plus cutting-edge research that promises freedom from the chains of OCD forever

The Accidental Bond Jun 20 2022 Explores the "peculiar mix" of biology, history and intimacy of relationships among siblings.

Please See Us Feb 28 2023 Winner of the 2021 Edgar Award for Best First Novel In this "beautifully written, thoughtful page-turner" (Chloe Benjamin, New York Times bestselling author of *The Immortalists*) from "the next big voice in crime fiction" (Susan Scarf Merrell, author of *Shirley*), two young women become unlikely friends during one fateful summer in Atlantic City as mysterious disappearances hit dangerously close to home. Summer has come to Atlantic City but the boardwalk is empty of tourists, the casino lights have dimmed, and two Jane Does are laid out in the marshland behind the Sunset Motel, just west of town. Only one person even knows they're there. Meanwhile, Clara, a young boardwalk psychic, struggles to attract clients for the tarot readings that pay her rent.

When she begins to experience very real and disturbing visions, she suspects they could be related to the recent cases of women gone missing in town. When Clara meets Lily, an ex-Soho art gallery girl who is working at a desolate casino spa and reeling from a personal tragedy, she thinks Lily may be able to help her. But Lily has her own demons to face. If they can put the pieces together in time, they may save another lost girl—so long as their efforts don't attract perilous attention first. "You won't be able to stop turning the pages of this heartbreaking" (Publishers Weekly, starred review) and compelling psychological thriller that explores the intersection of womanhood, power, and violence.

The Cherry Robbers Jul 21 2022 "Sarai Walker has done it again. With *The Cherry Robbers* she upends the Gothic ghost story with a fiery feminist zeal." —Maria Semple The highly anticipated second novel from Sarai Walker, following her "slyly subversive" (EW) cult-hit *Dietland*—a feminist gothic about the lone survivor of a cursed family of sisters, whose time may finally be up.? IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE FIRST DAY OF THE REST OF THEIR LIVES. INSTEAD IT WAS THE LAST. Iris Chapel and her five elegant sisters, all of them heiresses to the Chapel firearms fortune, live cloistered in a lavish Victorian mansion. Neglected by both a distant, workaholic father and a mentally troubled mother—who believes their home is haunted by the victims of Chapel weapons—the sisters have grown up with only each other for company. They long to escape the eerie fairy tale of their childhood and move forward into the modern world, but for young women in 1950s Connecticut, the only way out is through marriage. Yet it soon becomes clear that for the Chapel sisters, marriage equals death. When the eldest sister walks down the aisle, tragedy strikes. The bride dies mysteriously the very next day, leaving her family and the town in shock. But this is just the beginning of a chain of disasters that will make each woman wonder whether true love will kill her, too. Only Iris, the second-youngest, finds a way to escape—but can she outrun the family curse forever? Sarai Walker, the acclaimed author of

the cult-hit novel *Dietland*, building off the Gothic tradition of Shirley Jackson, brings to life this riveting, deliciously twisted feminist tale, a gorgeous and provocative page-turner about the legacy of male power and the cost of female freedom.

Raising Demons Sep 30 2020 In the uproarious sequel to *Life Among the Savages*, the author of *The Haunting of Hill House* confronts the most vexing demons yet: her children In the long out-of-print sequel to *Life Among the Savages*, Jackson's four children have grown from savages into full-fledged demons. After bursting the seams of their first house, Jackson's clan moves into a larger home. Of course, the chaos simply moves with them. A confrontation with the IRS, Little League, trumpet lessons, and enough clutter to bury her alive—Jackson spins them all into an indelible reminder that every bit as thrilling as a murderous family in a haunted house is a happy family in a new home.

My Young Life Jun 08 2021 "A love song to a lost New York" (New York magazine) from novelist, essayist, and critic Frederic Tuten as he recalls his personal and artistic coming-of-age in 1950s New York City, a defining period that would set him on the course to becoming a writer. Born in the Bronx to a Sicilian mother and Southern father, Frederic Tuten always dreamed of being an artist.

Determined to trade his neighborhood streets for the romantic avenues of Paris, he learned to paint and draw, falling in love with the process of putting a brush to canvas and the feeling it gave him. At fifteen, he decided to leave high school and pursue the bohemian life he'd read about in books. But, before he could, he would receive an extraordinary education right in his own backyard. "A stirring portrait...and a wonderfully raw story of city boy's transformation into a writer" (Publishers Weekly), *My Young Life* reveals Tuten's early formative years where he would discover the kind of life he wanted to lead. As he travels downtown for classes at the Art Students League, spends afternoons reading in Union Square, and discovers the vibrant scenes of downtown galleries and Lower East Side bars, Frederic finds himself a member of a new community of

artists, gathering friends, influences—and many girlfriends—along the way. Frederic Tuten has had a remarkable life, writing books, traveling around the world, acting in and creating films, and even conducting summer workshops with Paul Bowles in Tangiers. Spanning two decades and bringing us from his family's kitchen table in the Bronx to the cafes of Greenwich Village and back again, *My Young Life* is an intimate and enchanting portrait of an artist's coming-of-age, set against one of the most exciting creative periods of our time—"so thrilling...so precise in presenting a young man's preoccupation and occupation" (Steve Martin).

City of Light Aug 10 2021 A NEW YORK TIMES NOTABLE BOOK It is 1901 and Buffalo, New York, stands at the center of the nation's attention as a place of immense wealth and sophistication. The massive hydroelectric power development at nearby Niagara Falls and the grand Pan-American Exposition promise to bring the Great Lakes "city of light" even more repute. Against this rich historical backdrop lives Louisa Barrett, the attractive, articulate headmistress of the Macaulay School for Girls. Protected by its powerful all-male board, "Miss Barrett" is treated as an equal by the men who control the life of the city. Lulled by her unique relationship with these titans of business, Louisa feels secure in her position, until a mysterious death at the power plant triggers a sequence of events that forces her to return to a past she has struggled to conceal, and to question everything and everyone she holds dear. Both observer and participant, Louisa Barrett guides the reader through the culture and conflicts of a time and place where immigrant factory workers and nature conservationists protest violently against industrialists, where presidents broker politics, where wealthy "Negroes" fight for recognition and equality, and where women struggle to thrive in a system that allows them little freedom. Wrought with remarkable depth and intelligence, *City of Light* remains a work completely of its own era, and of ours as well. A stirring literary accomplishment, Lauren Belfer's first novel marks the debut

of a fresh voice for the new millennium and heralds a major publishing event.

A Member of the Family Dec 26 2022 When their adopted Romanian son, a volatile, frequently violent child, begins to destroy the fabric of their family, the Latham family is faced with very difficult decisions. Online Reader's Guide available. Reprint. 30,000 first printing.

Takes One to Know One Nov 13 2021 Just a few years ago, Corie Geller was busting terrorists as an agent for the FBI. But at thirty-five, she traded in her badge for the stability of marriage and motherhood. Now Corie is married to the brilliant and remarkably handsome Judge Josh Geller and is the adoptive mother of his lovely 14-year-old daughter. Between cooking meals and playing chauffeur, Corie scouts Arabic fiction for a few literary agencies and, on Wednesdays, has lunch with her fellow Shorehaven freelancers at a so-so French restaurant. Life is, as they say, fine.

The Haunting of Hill House Nov 25 2022 Part of a new six-volume series of the best in classic horror, selected by Academy Award-winning director of The Shape of Water Guillermo del Toro Filmmaker and longtime horror literature fan Guillermo del Toro serves as the curator for the Penguin Horror series, a new collection of classic tales and poems by masters of the genre. Included here are some of del Toro's favorites, from Mary Shelley's Frankenstein and Ray Russell's short story "Sardonicus," considered by Stephen King to be "perhaps the finest example of the modern Gothic ever written," to Shirley Jackson's The Haunting of Hill House and stories by Ray Bradbury, Joyce Carol Oates, Ted Klein, and Robert E. Howard. Featuring original cover art by Penguin Art Director Paul Buckley, these stunningly creepy deluxe hardcovers will be perfect additions to the shelves of horror, sci-fi, fantasy, and paranormal aficionados everywhere. The Haunting of Hill House The classic supernatural thriller by an author who helped define the genre. First published in 1959, Shirley Jackson's The Haunting of Hill House has been hailed as a perfect work of unnerving terror. It is the story of four

seekers who arrive at a notoriously unfriendly pile called Hill House: Dr. Montague, an occult scholar looking for solid evidence of a "haunting;" Theodora, his lighthearted assistant; Eleanor, a friendless, fragile young woman well acquainted with poltergeists; and Luke, the future heir of Hill House. At first, their stay seems destined to be merely a spooky encounter with inexplicable phenomena. But Hill House is gathering its powers—and soon it will choose one of them to make its own.

Shirley Apr 30 2023 NOW A MAJOR MOTION PICTURE STARRING ELIZABETH MOSS AND MICHAEL STUHLBARG! "Susan Scarf Merrell brilliantly weaves events from Shirley Jackson's life into a hypnotic story line"* in this darkly thrilling novel about the author of *The Haunting of Hill House* and *The Lottery*. Two imposing literary figures are at the heart of this captivating novel: celebrated author Shirley Jackson and her husband, Stanley Edgar Hyman, a literary critic and professor at Bennington College. When a young graduate student and his pregnant wife—Fred and Rose Nemser—move into Shirley and Stanley's home in the fall of 1964, they quickly fall under the magnetic spell of their brilliant and unconventional hosts. While Fred becomes preoccupied with his teaching schedule, Rose forms an unlikely, turbulent friendship with the troubled and unpredictable Shirley. Fascinated by the Hymans' volatile marriage and inexplicably drawn to the darkly enigmatic author, Rose nonetheless senses something amiss—something to do with nightly unanswered phone calls and inscrutable accounts of a long-missing female student. Chillingly atmospheric and evocative of Jackson's own classic stories, *Shirley* is an elegant thriller with one of America's greatest horror writers at its heart. *The Washington Post

This Beautiful Life Feb 04 2021 "This Beautiful Life is a gripping, potent and blisteringly well-written story of family, dilemma, and consequence. . . . I read this book with white-knuckled urgency, and I finished it in tears. Helen Schulman is an absolutely brilliant novelist."

—Elizabeth Gilbert, author of *Eat, Pray, Love* The events of a single night shatter one family's sense of security and

identity in this provocative and deeply affecting domestic drama from Helen Schulman, the acclaimed author of A Day at the Beach and Out of Time. In the tradition of Lionel Shriver, Sue Miller, and Laura Moriarty, Schulman crafts a brilliantly observed portrait of parenting and modern life, cunningly exploring our most deeply-held convictions and revealing the enduring strengths that emerge in the face of crisis.

The Lost Boys of Montauk Jan 03 2021 "[A] riveting account of a fishing boat and its four young crewman lost at sea in 1984 off the coast of Montauk in eastern Long Island--a "fishing town with a drinking problem," as the locals have it--and the stunning repercussions of that loss for the families and friends of the four missing men and, indeed, the entire storied summer community of the Hamptons"--

Shirley Dec 22 2019 Al centro di questo avvincente romanzo troviamo due importanti figure del panorama letterario: la celebre Shirley Jackson, nota per il racconto La lotteria e per i romanzi L'incubo di Hill House e Abbiamo sempre vissuto nel castello, e suo marito, Stanley Edgar Hyman, critico letterario e professore del Bennington College. Quando un giovane dottorando e sua moglie incinta – Fred e Rose Nemser –, si trasferiscono a casa di Shirley e Stanley nell'autunno del 1964, non tardano a cadere preda del magnetico incantesimo esercitato dai loro ospiti brillanti e anticonformisti. Mentre Fred è assorbito dai suoi impegni di insegnante, Rose stringe un'improbabile e turbolenta amicizia con l'enigmatica e imprevedibile Shirley. Incuriosita dall'esplosivo matrimonio degli Hyman e inesplicabilmente attratta dall'autrice, Rose intuisce comunque che qualcosa non va... qualcosa che ha a che fare con misteriose chiamate notturne e con l'inspiegabile scomparsa di una delle studentesse del campus. Denso di atmosfera e del fascino sinistro delle opere dell'autrice stessa, Shirley è un elegante thriller che ruota intorno a una delle più grandi autrici horror americane.

Jobs for Girls with Artistic Flair Oct 24 2022 "I adored this novel. It's a story about being an awkward, misfit girl with big dreams in a man's world. It made me laugh out

loud, and it made me really, really want a tattoo.” –Clare Pooley, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Authenticity Project* An uplifting, feminist coming-of-age love story about a young woman who dreams of becoming a tattoo artist, and living life on her own terms Introvert Gina Mulley is determined to become a tattoo artist, and to find somewhere she belongs in her conventional Long Island town. But this is 1985, when tattooing is still a gritty, male-dominated fringe culture, and Gina’s funky flash is not exactly mainstream tattoo fare. The good news is that her older brother Dominic owns a tattoo shop, and he reluctantly agrees to train her. Gina has a year to prove herself, but her world is turned upside down when a mysterious psychic and his striking assistant, Anna, arrive on the scene. With Anna’s help, Gina recognizes that the only way she has a shot at becoming a professional tattoo artist is to embrace her quirkiness both in her art and her life. The tattoo shop is rocked by a crisis just as Gina finds herself falling in love with Anna. Dominic gives Gina an ultimatum, and she’s faced with an impossible choice: Is the romance and newfound independence she’s found worth sacrificing her dreams? Or can she find a way to have it all?

The Typewriter's Tale Mar 17 2022 “Live all you can; it’s a mistake not to.” This is the maxim of celebrated author Henry James and one which his typist Frieda Wroth tries to live up to. Admiring of the great author, she nevertheless feels marginalized and undervalued in her role. But when the dashing Morton Fullerton comes to visit, Frieda finds herself at the center of an intrigue every bit as engrossing as the novels she types, bringing her into conflict with the flamboyant Edith Wharton, and compromising her loyalty to James. *The Typewriter’s Tale* by Michiel Heyns is a thought-provoking novel on love, art and life fully lived.

The Children's Crusade Aug 30 2020 In 1954 Bill Blair and Penny Greenway marry and have four children. Thirty years later, the three oldest Blair children, adults now and still living near the family home, are disrupted by the

return of the youngest, whose sudden presence and all-too-familiar troubles force a reckoning with who they are, separately and together, and set off a struggle over the family's future.

More Miracle Than Bird Jan 23 2020 For fans of Paula McLain's *The Paris Wife* and Amor Towles's *Rules of Civility*, Alice Miller's sweeping debut novel charts the love story of two of literature's most fascinating characters: Georgie Hyde-Lees and her husband, W. B. Yeats. On the eve of World War I, twenty-one-year-old Georgie Hyde-Lees—on her own for the first time—is introduced to the acclaimed poet W. B. Yeats at a soirée in London. Although Yeats is famously eccentric and many years her senior, Georgie is drawn to him, and when he extends a cryptic invitation to a secret society, her life is forever changed. A shadow falls over London as zeppelins stalk overhead and bombs bloom against the skyline. Amidst the chaos, Georgie finds purpose tending to injured soldiers in a makeshift hospital, befriending the wounded and heartbroken Lieutenant Pike, who might need more from her than she is able to give. At night, she escapes with Yeats into a darker world, becoming immersed in the Order, a clandestine society where ritual, magic, and the conjuring of spirits is practiced and pursued. As forces—both of this world and the next—pull Yeats and Georgie closer together and then apart, Georgie uncovers a secret that threatens to undo it all. In bright, commanding prose, debut author Alice Miller illuminates the fascinating and unforgettable courtship of Georgie Hyde-Lees and W. B. Yeats. A sweeping tale of faith and love, lost and found and fought for, *More Miracle than Bird* ingeniously captures the moments—both large and small—on which the fates of whole lives and countries hinge.

Amy & Isabelle Nov 01 2020 From the Man Booker Prize longlisted author of *My Name is Lucy Barton* ? Isabelle Goodrow has been living in self-imposed exile with her daughter Amy for fifteen years. Shamed by her past and her affair with Amy's father, she has submerged herself in the routine of her dead-end job and her unrequited love for her

boss. But when Amy, frustrated by her quiet and unemotional mother, embarks on an illicit affair with her maths teacher, the disgrace intensifies the shame Isabelle feels about her own past. Throughout one long, sweltering summer, as the events of the small town ebb and flow around them, Amy and Isabelle exist in silent conflict until a final act leads ultimately to the understanding they both crave.

The Limits of the World Oct 12 2021 A "smart, compassionate and elegant" debut novel about an Asian-Indian immigrant family from Nairobi and the secrets they keep from each other (Lauren Groff, author of *Florida*). The Chandaria family—emigrants from the Asian-Indian enclave of Nairobi—has managed to flourish in America. Premchand, the father, is a doctor who has worked doggedly to grow his practice and give his family security; his wife, Urmila, runs a business importing artisanal Kenyan crafts; and their son, Sunil, after quitting the premed track, has been accepted to a PhD program in philosophy at Harvard. But the parents have kept a very important secret from Sunil: His cousin, Bimal, is actually his older brother. When this previously hidden history is revealed by an unforeseen accident, and the entire family is forced to return to Nairobi, Sunil confesses his own well-kept, explosive secret: His Jewish-American girlfriend, who has accompanied him to Kenya, is, in fact, already his wife. Spanning four generations and three continents, *The Limits of the World* illuminates the vast mosaic of cultural divisions and ethical considerations that shape the ways in which we judge one another's actions. A dazzling debut novel—written with rare empathy and insight—it is a powerful depiction of how we prevent ourselves, unwittingly and otherwise, from understanding the people we are closest to.

A Free Man of Color Mar 25 2020 A lush and haunting novel of a city steeped in decadent pleasures . . . and of a man, proud and defiant, caught in a web of murder and betrayal. It is 1833. In the midst of Mardi Gras, Benjamin January, a Creole physician and music teacher, is playing piano at the Salle d'Orleans when the evenings festivities are interrupted—by murder. Ravishing Angelique Crozat, a

notorious octoroon who travels in the city's finest company, has been strangled to death. With the authorities reluctant to become involved, Ben begins his own inquiry, which will take him through the seamy haunts of riverboatmen and into the huts of voodoo-worshipping slaves. But soon the eyes of suspicion turn toward Ben—for, black as the slave who fathered him, this free man of color is still the perfect scapegoat. . . . Praise for *A Free Man of Color* "A smashing debut. Rich and exciting with both substance and spice."—*Star Tribune, Minneapolis* "A sparkling gem."—*King Features Syndicate* "An astonishing tour de force."—*Margaret Maron* "Superb."—*Drood Review of Mystery* "A darned good murder mystery."—*USA Today*

The World Gives Way Jan 15 2022 A Ray Bradbury Prize for Science Fiction, Fantasy & Speculative Fiction Finalist In a near-future world on the brink of collapse, a young woman born into servitude must seize her own freedom in this glittering debut with a brilliant twist—perfect for fans of *Station Eleven*, *Karen Thompson Walker*, and *Naomi Alderman*. In fifty years, Myrra will be free. Until then, she's a contract worker. Ever since she was five, her life and labor have belonged to the highest bidder on her contract—butchers, laundries, and now the powerful, secretive Carlyles. But when one night finds the Carlyles dead, Myrra is suddenly free a lot sooner than she anticipated—and at a cost she never could have imagined. Burdened with the Carlyles' orphaned daughter and the terrible secret they died to escape, she runs. With time running out, Myrra must come face to face with the truth about her world—and embrace what's left before it's too late. A sweeping novel with a darkly glimmering heart, *The World Gives Way* is an unforgettable portrait of a world in freefall, and the fierce drive to live even at the end of it all. A *New York Times* Best Sci-Fi and Fantasy Novel of 2021 A *Fortune Magazine* Best Book of 2021 "A staggering marvel."—*TheNew York Times* "The World Gives Way has a sweeping world rich in lore and an electric plot."—*Brandon Taylor*, Booker Prize-nominated author of *Real Life*

On the Ledge May 27 2020 In 1957, when Amy Turner was four

years old, her father had to be talked down from a hotel ledge by a priest. The story of his attempted suicide received nationwide press coverage, and he spent months in a psychiatric facility before returning home. From then on, Amy constantly worried about him for reasons she didn't yet fully understand, triggering a pattern of hypervigilance that would plague her into adulthood. In 2010, fifty-five years after her father's attempted suicide, Amy—now a wife, mother, and lawyer-turned-schoolteacher—is convinced she's dealt with all the psychological reverberations of her childhood. Then she steps into a crosswalk and is mowed down by a pickup truck—an accident that nearly kills her, and that ultimately propels her on a remarkable emotional journey. With the help of Chinese Medicine, Somatic Experiencing, and serendipities that might be attributed to grace, Amy first unravels the trauma of her own brush with death and then, unexpectedly, heals the childhood trauma buried far deeper. Poignant and intimate, *On the Ledge* is Amy's insightful and surprisingly humorous chronicle of coming to terms with herself and her parents as the distinct, vulnerable individuals they are. Perhaps more meaningfully, it offers proof that no matter how far along you are in life, it's never too late to find yourself.

Buy Me Love Feb 16 2022 A novel about chance, trust, and a lottery ticket.

E. E. Cummings Mar 05 2021 One of the Best Books of the Year: *The Economist*, *San Francisco Chronicle* Cummings, in his radical experimentation with form, punctuation, spelling, and syntax, created a new kind of poetic expression. Because of his powerful work, he became a generation's beloved heretic—at the time of his death he was one of the most widely read poets in the United States. Now, in this rich, illuminating biography, Susan Cheever traces the development of the poet and his work. She takes us from Cummings's seemingly idyllic childhood in Cambridge, Massachusetts, through his years at Harvard (rooming with Dos Passos, befriending Malcolm Cowley and Lincoln Kirstein). There, he devoured the poetry of Ezra Pound, whose radical verses lured the young writer away

from the politeness of the traditional nature poem towards a more adventurous, sexually conscious form. We follow Cummings to Paris in 1917, and, finally, to Greenwich Village to be among other modernist poets of the day—Marianne Moore and Hart Crane, among them. E. E. Cummings is a revelation of the man and the poet, and a brilliant reassessment of the freighted path of his legacy.

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