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Named a Best Book of the Year by Time, The Washington Post, and Harper's Bazaar "A tender, spiky family saga about love in all its mysterious incarnations." —Lorrie Moore, author of *A Gate at the Stairs* and *Birds of America* "Absolutely luminous . . . Weaves the transience of suburbia between the highs and lows of a family saga . . . Shocks, awes, and delights." —Bryan Washington, author of *Memorial* From the outside, the Chengs seem like so-called model immigrants. Once Patty landed a tech job near Dallas, she and Liang grew secure enough to have a second child, and to send for their first from his grandparents back in China. Isn't this what they sacrificed so much for? But then little Annabel begins to sleepwalk at night, putting into motion a string of misunderstandings that not only threaten to set their community against them but force to the surface the secrets that have made them fear one another. How can a man make peace with the terrors of his past? How can a child regain trust in unconditional love? How can a family stop burying its history and forge a way through it, to a more honest intimacy? *Nights When Nothing Happened* is gripping storytelling immersed in the crosscurrents that have reshaped the American landscape, from a prodigious new literary talent.

Esperanza Rising joins the Scholastic Gold line, which features award-winning and beloved novels. Includes exclusive bonus content! Esperanza thought she'd always live a privileged life on her family's ranch in Mexico. She'd always have fancy dresses, a beautiful home filled with servants, and Mama, Papa, and Abuelita to care for her. But a sudden tragedy forces Esperanza and Mama to flee to California and settle in a Mexican farm labor camp. Esperanza isn't ready for the hard work, financial struggles brought on by the Great Depression, or lack of acceptance she now faces. When Mama gets sick and a strike for better working conditions threatens to uproot their new life, Esperanza must find a way to rise above her difficult circumstances—because Mama's life, and her own, depend on it.

Practice til you're perfect with expert drills, tips, and exercises! If you want to take your hand lettering to the next level, you need to practice, practice, practice. But merely writing the same letter over and over often leads to repeating the same mistake instead of improving your skill. Packed with expert drills, tips and exercises, *Brush Pen Lettering Practice Book* provides the smart coaching and blank work space to make your daily practice easier, more efficient and more fun. It's the ideal way to speed you on your way to creating gorgeous lettering styles. The perfect companion to author Grace Song's *Brush Pen Lettering*, this handy workbook features helpful practice pages with guided lines, hints and even specific letter form combinations for many popular words, including: • Congratulations • Greetings • Wedding • Happy Birthday

ON THE EVE OF REVOLUTION, EGYPT IS A TINDERBOX. WILL ONE AMERICAN LIGHT THE SPARK THAT SETS IT ABLAZE? Gore Vidal was one of America's greatest and most controversial writers. The author of twenty-three novels, five plays, three memoirs, numerous screenplays and short stories, and well over two hundred essays, he received the National Book Award in 1993. In 1953, Vidal had already begun writing the works that would launch him to the top ranks of American authors and

intellectuals. But in the wake of criticism for the scandalous content of his third novel, *The City and the Pillar*, Vidal turned to writing crime fiction under pseudonyms: three books as “Edgar Box” and one as “Cameron Kay.” The Edgar Box novels were subsequently republished under his real name. The Cameron Kay never was. Lost for more than 60 years and overflowing with political and sexual intrigue, *Thieves Fall Out* provides a delicious glimpse into the mind of Gore Vidal in his formative years. By turns mischievous and deadly serious, Vidal tells the story of a man caught up in events bigger than he is, a down-on-his-luck American hired to smuggle an ancient relic out of Cairo at a time when revolution is brewing and heads are about to roll. One part *Casablanca* and one part torn-from-the-headlines tabloid reportage, this novel also offers a startling glimpse of Egypt in turmoil -- written over half a century ago, but as current as the news streaming from the streets of Cairo today.

Details the books that have forever changed civilization, from the Bible and the Koran to Darwin's *Origin of the Species* and Freidan's *Feminine Mystique*, and includes a historical overview and fascinating facts for each author and book, and much more. Original.

By the author of "Adrien Brody," the controversial Internet piece, Marie Calloway effaces the boundary between life and narrative. Groomed for a place at a Big Name School since their obsessed, status-conscious helicopter parents passed out cigars at the Stockstill General Hospital Neonatal Unit, the privileged students of Pembrocton College Preparatory are ratcheting up the stakes in the race to get into the nation's most prestigious colleges. The PCP juniors are gloating, jubilant at the rumor that the valedictorian presumptive has received a B on her report card, a grade that will relegate her to in-state hell. Her heir apparent, a three-generation Yale legacy, is the sole mourner at the demise of her future—if only because her thoughtless academic lapse is going to derail his plans to attend MIT. Across town, in the graffiti-covered halls of Stockstill High School, the students slink to class, praying that they arrive without a knife wound—and dream of ivy-covered walls. And with the help of a take-no-prisoners principal and an enterprising parent, the students at SHS dare to encroach shamelessly on territory normally reserved for their wealthy private school rivals. Join the fray as a memorable cast of characters engages in the latest rage in extracurricular activities: college admissions as a blood sport. Laugh out loud funny, *The Applicants* lampoons the heights we scale—and the depths to which we sink—to get into the “right” college. ?

Caleb faces two key questions in his 23rd year: can he be happy with a retail career that falls short of his artistic dreams, and which girl should be the focus of his neurotically awkward dating life? Fellow mall worker Leah should be a blonde ray of sunshine, but she is overshadowed when teenage crush Sophie unexpectedly returns to Caleb's life. *The Perfect Hours* explores the ever-present battle between the urge to dream and the safety of settling. It's about how the moments when everything is right make all the struggle and uncertainty worthwhile.

"A memoir about the author's relationship with renowned painter Lucian Freud that includes interviews with many close friends and family members as well as critical analyses of Freud's art"--

Chilling real-life tales of haunted houses, possession, evil spirits, ghosts, curses, and psychic phenomena

Did you know that 44-year-old Frank Sinatra had an affair with 14-year-old Tuesday Weld? And that Elvis started dating Priscilla when she was 14? The Allure of Nymphets chronicles famous and infamous age-discrepant relationships from Emperor Augustus to Woody Allen and man's fascination with very young women (i.e., nymphets) as shown in literature, films, plays, television, music and the advertising industry.

An international sensation—with more than 1 million copies sold in Germany, and rights snapped up in 26 countries—Wetlands is the sexually and anatomically explicit novel that is changing the conversation about female identity and sexuality around the world. Helen Memel is an outspoken, contradictory eighteen-year-old, whose childlike stubbornness is offset by a precocious sexual confidence. She begins her story from a hospital bed, where she's slowly recovering from an operation and lamenting her parents' divorce. To distract and console herself, Helen ruminates on her past sexual and physical adventures in increasingly uncomfortable detail; what ensues is “a headlong dash through every crevice and byproduct, physical and psychological, of its narrator's body and mind.” (The New York Times) Fantastically sexual, Helen is constantly blurring the line between celebration, provocation, and dysfunction in her relationship with her body. Punky alienated teenager, young woman reclaiming her body from the tyranny of repressive hygiene (women mustn't smell, excrete, desire), bratty smartass, vulnerable, lonely daughter, shock merchant and pleasure-seeker—Helen is all of these things and more, and her frequent attempts to assert her maturity ultimately prove just how fragile, confused, and young she truly is. In the tradition of The Sexual Life of Catherine M and Melissa P.'s 100 Strokes of the Brush Before Bed, Charlotte Roche exposes the double bind of female sexuality, delivering a compulsively readable and fearlessly intimate manifesto on sex, hygiene, and the repercussions of family trauma.

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Kelman was a Burchard Scholar at MIT where he studied Brain and Cognitive Sciences as an undergraduate. After spending a few years working in independent film, he attended Brown University on a full fellowship for his MFA in Creative Writing and where he was awarded the James Assatly prize for graduate fiction. He now writes and teaches in New York City.

A young soldier with the Canadian forces questions the meaning of heroism, of truth, and of good and evil as he describes life in the trenches during World War I.

From the New York Times bestselling author of The Wonderful Things You Will Be is Emily Winfield Martin's little book for little dreamers. Ideal for bedtime reading, this board book will be a hit with sleepy tots Emily Winfield Martin convinces little ones to close their eyes and discover what their dream animal might be--a fox? a bear? a narwhal?--and what dream it might take them to. With perfect nighttime rhymes and gorgeous illustrations, this book is irresistible.

Bridging the fields of conservation, art history, and museum curating, this volume contains the principal papers from an international symposium titled "Historical Painting Techniques, Materials, and Studio Practice" at the University of Leiden in Amsterdam, Netherlands, from June 26 to 29, 1995. The symposium—designed for art historians, conservators, conservation scientists, and museum curators worldwide—was organized by the Department of Art History at the University of Leiden and the Art History Department of the Central Research Laboratory for Objects of Art and Science in Amsterdam. Twenty-five contributors representing museums and conservation institutions throughout the world provide recent research on historical painting techniques, including wall painting and polychrome sculpture. Topics cover the latest art historical research and scientific analyses of original techniques and materials, as well as historical sources, such as medieval treatises and descriptions of painting techniques in historical literature. Chapters include the painting methods of Rembrandt and Vermeer, Dutch 17th-century landscape painting, wall paintings in English churches, Chinese paintings on paper and canvas, and Tibetan thangkas. Color plates and black-and-white photographs illustrate works from the Middle Ages to the 20th century.

This laugh-out-loud poetry collaboration from a New York Times and Publishers Weekly bestselling author and a Caldecott Honor illustrator is anything but ordinary. Dive in to Karma Wilson's latest collection of more than 100 poems—some humorous, some poignant, and all of them Outside the Box. Illustrated by Caldecott Honoree Diane Goode, Outside the Box has something for everyone. Appealing to kids and parents alike, poems such as "Sick Day," "My Pet Robot," "Balloonaphobia," and "Aliens Under My Bed" are sure to delight and entertain.

One very hot Italian summer, a young woman sits alone in her bedroom and writes in her diary: 'I want love. I want to feel my heart melt. I want to sink into a river of passion.' As the summer unfolds, she follows her desires wherever they lead her, often into the arms of men who set her world on fire. She is thrilled to discover the sexual power she wields. And yet, will any of these passionate encounters lead to the love she longs for?

A mother tiger entices her child to sleep by telling of all that can be seen with one's eyes closed.

A young woman, working as a successful writer in Rome and living with a new lover, Thomas, is happy until she meets Viola, a young woman from Thomas's past, whose presence consumes her with feelings of jealousy, insecurity, and violent lust.

The #1 New York Times bestselling and Newbery Award-winning novel The One and Only Ivan is now a major motion picture streaming on Disney+ This unforgettable novel from renowned author Katherine Applegate celebrates the transformative power of unexpected friendship. Inspired by the true story of a captive gorilla known as Ivan, this illustrated book is told from the point of view of Ivan himself. Having spent twenty-seven years behind the glass walls of his enclosure in a shopping mall, Ivan has grown accustomed to humans watching him. He hardly ever thinks about his life in the jungle. Instead, Ivan occupies himself with television, his friends Stella and Bob, and painting. But when he meets Ruby, a baby elephant taken from the wild, he is forced to see their home, and his art, through new eyes. In the tradition of timeless stories like Charlotte's Web and Stuart Little, Katherine Applegate blends humor and poignancy to create an unforgettable story of friendship, art, and hope. The One and Only Ivan

features first-person narrative; author's use of literary devices (personification, imagery); and story elements (plot, character development, perspective). This acclaimed middle grade novel is an excellent choice for tween readers in grades 5 to 8, for independent reading, homeschooling, and sharing in the classroom. Plus don't miss *The One and Only Bob*, Katherine Applegate's return to the world of Ivan, Bob, and Ruby!

One day Sophie comes home from school to find two questions in her mail: "Who are you?" and "Where does the world come from?" Before she knows it she is enrolled in a correspondence course with a mysterious philosopher. Thus begins Jostein Gaarder's unique novel, which is not only a mystery, but also a complete and entertaining history of philosophy.

"From selecting the appropriate tools, such as pens, nibs, brushes, inks, and papers, to learning optimal hand positioning and understanding the intricacies of lettering angles, heights, spacing, and strokes, [this book] introduces aspiring calligraphers and hand-lettering artists to the core concepts and techniques that comprise the art of traditional calligraphy."--Back cover.

Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.

A Newbery Honor Winner
A New York Times Bestseller
This stunning fantasy inspired by Chinese folklore is a companion novel to *Starry River of the Sky* and the New York Times bestselling and National Book Award finalist *When the Sea Turned to Silver*. In the valley of Fruitless mountain, a young girl named Minli lives in a ramshackle hut with her parents. In the evenings, her father regales her with old folktales of the Jade Dragon and the Old Man on the Moon, who knows the answers to all of life's questions. Inspired by these stories, Minli sets off on an extraordinary journey to find the Old Man on the Moon to ask him how she can change her family's fortune. She encounters an assorted cast of characters and magical creatures along the way, including a dragon who accompanies her on her quest for the ultimate answer. Grace Lin, author of the beloved *Year of the Dog* and *Year of the Rat* returns with a wondrous story of adventure, faith, and friendship. A fantasy crossed with Chinese folklore, *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* is a timeless story reminiscent of *The Wizard of Oz* and Kelly Barnhill's *The Girl Who Drank the Moon*. Her beautiful illustrations, printed in full-color, accompany the text throughout. Once again, she has created a charming, engaging book for young readers.

Journalist Walls grew up with parents whose ideals and stubborn nonconformity were their curse and their salvation. Rex and Rose Mary and their four children lived like nomads, moving among Southwest desert towns, camping in the mountains. Rex was a charismatic, brilliant man who, when sober, captured his children's imagination, teaching them how to embrace life fearlessly. Rose Mary painted and wrote and couldn't stand the responsibility of providing for her family. When the money ran out, the Walls retreated to the dismal West Virginia mining town Rex had tried to escape. As the dysfunction escalated, the children had to fend for themselves, supporting one another as they found the resources

and will to leave home. Yet Walls describes her parents with deep affection in this tale of unconditional love in a family that, despite its profound flaws, gave her the fiery determination to carve out a successful life. -- From publisher description.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • This instant classic explores how we can change our lives by changing our habits. **NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY** The Wall Street Journal • Financial Times In *The Power of Habit*, award-winning business reporter Charles Duhigg takes us to the thrilling edge of scientific discoveries that explain why habits exist and how they can be changed. Distilling vast amounts of information into engrossing narratives that take us from the boardrooms of Procter & Gamble to the sidelines of the NFL to the front lines of the civil rights movement, Duhigg presents a whole new understanding of human nature and its potential. At its core, *The Power of Habit* contains an exhilarating argument: The key to exercising regularly, losing weight, being more productive, and achieving success is understanding how habits work. As Duhigg shows, by harnessing this new science, we can transform our businesses, our communities, and our lives. With a new Afterword by the author “Sharp, provocative, and useful.”—Jim Collins “Few [books] become essential manuals for business and living. *The Power of Habit* is an exception. Charles Duhigg not only explains how habits are formed but how to kick bad ones and hang on to the good.”—Financial Times “A flat-out great read.”—David Allen, bestselling author of *Getting Things Done: The Art of Stress-Free Productivity* “You’ll never look at yourself, your organization, or your world quite the same way.”—Daniel H. Pink, bestselling author of *Drive* and *A Whole New Mind* “Entertaining . . . enjoyable . . . fascinating . . . a serious look at the science of habit formation and change.”—The New York Times Book Review

Acclaimed author Karen Hesse's Newbery Medal-winning novel-in-verse explores the life of fourteen-year-old Billie Jo growing up in the dust bowls of Oklahoma.

Hiroshima is the story of six people--a clerk, a widowed seamstress, a physician, a Methodist minister, a young surgeon, and a German Catholic priest--who lived through the greatest single manmade disaster in history. In vivid and indelible prose, Pulitzer Prize-winner John Hersey traces the stories of these half-dozen individuals from 8:15 a.m. on August 6, 1945, when Hiroshima was destroyed by the first atomic bomb ever dropped on a city, through the hours and days that followed. Almost four decades after the original publication of this celebrated book, Hersey went back to Hiroshima in search of the people whose stories he had told, and his account of what he discovered is now the eloquent and moving final chapter of *Hiroshima*.

Considered by many the greatest war novel of all time, *All Quiet on the Western Front* is Erich Maria Remarque's masterpiece of the German experience during World War I. I am young, I am twenty years old; yet I know nothing of life

but despair, death, fear, and fatuous superficiality cast over an abyss of sorrow. . . . This is the testament of Paul Bäumer, who enlists with his classmates in the German army during World War I. They become soldiers with youthful enthusiasm. But the world of duty, culture, and progress they had been taught breaks in pieces under the first bombardment in the trenches. Through years of vivid horror, Paul holds fast to a single vow: to fight against the principle of hate that meaninglessly pits young men of the same generation but different uniforms against one another . . . if only he can come out of the war alive. “The world has a great writer in Erich Maria Remarque. He is a craftsman of unquestionably first rank, a man who can bend language to his will. Whether he writes of men or of inanimate nature, his touch is sensitive, firm, and sure.”—The New York Times Book Review

Jonathan Lethem’s first detective novel since *Motherless Brooklyn* “One of America’s greatest storytellers.”

—Washington Post Phoebe Siegler first meets Charles Heist in a shabby trailer on the eastern edge of Los Angeles. She’s looking for her friend’s missing daughter, Arabella, and hires Heist to help. A laconic loner who keeps his pet opossum in a desk drawer, Heist intrigues the sarcastic and garrulous Phoebe. Reluctantly, he agrees to help. The unlikely pair navigate the enclaves of desert-dwelling vagabonds and find that Arabella is in serious trouble—caught in the middle of a violent standoff that only Heist, mysteriously, can end. Phoebe’s trip to the desert was always going to be strange, but it was never supposed to be dangerous. . . . Jonathan Lethem’s first detective novel since *Motherless Brooklyn*, *The Feral Detective* is a singular achievement by one of our greatest writers.

Experience the riveting, dystopian *Uglies* series seen as never before—through the eyes of Shay, Tally Youngblood’s closest and bravest friend, who refuses to take anything about society at face value. “From the moment we are born, we are considered threats in need of ‘special’ management. We are watched and shaped and exploited by a force most of us never see. . . . All to keep us safe. . . . Do you feel safe?! Or do you feel like you’re in a cage?”—Shay In *Pretties*, Tally Youngblood and her daring best friend, Shay, both underwent the operation that turned them from ordinary *Uglies* into stunning beauties. Now this thrilling new graphic novel reveals Shay’s perspective on living in New Pretty Town . . . and the way she sees it, there’s more to this so-called paradise than meets the eye. With the endless parties and custom-made clothes, life as a Pretty should be perfect. Yet Shay doesn’t feel quite right. She has little to no memory of her past; it’s as if something in her brain has inexplicably changed. When she reunites with Tally and the Crims—her rebellious group of friends from Uglyville—she begins to recall their last departure to the wild, and the headstrong leader she used to be. And as she remembers the truth about what doomed their escape, Shay decides to fight back—against the status quo, against the mysterious Special Circumstances, even against her own best friend.

A dazzling debut from one of Australia's most gifted young writers "Maguire keeps the prose crackling and the dialogue lively ... from the first page to the last." Publishers Weekly Sarah Clark's life is irrevocably changed at the age of 14 when her English teacher, Mr Carr, seduces her after class. Their affair is illegal, erotic, passionate and dangerous - a vicious meeting of minds and bodies. But when Mr Carr's wife discovers the affair, he has to choose between them and moves to another city with his family. Sarah is devastated and from that day on her

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life is defined by a series of meaningless, self-abasing sexual encounters, hoping with each man that she will experience the same delicious feelings she had with Mr Carr. Seven years later Daniel Carr walks back into Sarah's life and she is drawn once again into the destructive relationship. Is Sarah strong enough to "tame the beast"? PRAISE FOR EMILY MAGUIRE "At the heart of ... Emily Maguire's work lies an urgent need to pull away at the interconnecting threads of morality, society and human relationships." Sydney Morning Herald "what you get, along with a sharp mind and a keenness to investigate cultural confusions, is an engaging ability to put the vitality of the story first." Weekend Australian

An advertising executive finds herself in a burning love affair with the wrong man. Little did she know her decision would cost her, her life. The international bestselling erotic novel about a young Sicilian girl's search for love in a pornographic world—"a scandal a la Catherine M." (L'Espresso, Italy). An instant blockbuster in Italy that went on to become an international literary phenomenon, 100 Strokes of the Brush Before Bed is the fictionalized memoir of Melissa P., a Sicilian teenager whose quest for love rapidly devolves into a shocking journey of sexual discovery. Melissa begins her diary a virgin, but a stormy affair at the age of fourteen leads her to regard sex as a means of self-discovery, and for the next two years she plunges into a succession of encounters with various partners, male and female, her age and much older, some met through schoolmates, others through newspaper ads and Internet chat rooms. In graphic detail she describes her journey through a Dante-esque underworld of eroticism, where she willingly participates in group sex and sadomasochism, as well as casual pickups. Told with disarming candor, Melissa P.'s bittersweet tour of extreme desires is as poignant as it is titillating. One Hundred Strokes of the Brush Before Bed is a stunning erotic debut, a Story of O for our times.

Ever since its original publication in Germany in 1938, Max Schweidler's Die Instandsetzung von Kupferstichen, Zeichnungen, Buchern usw. has been recognized as a seminal modern text on the conservation and restoration of works on paper. This volume, based on the authoritative revised German edition of 1950, makes Schweidler's work available in English for the first time, in a meticulously edited and annotated scholarly edition. An extensively illustrated appendix presents case studies of eleven Old Master prints that were treated using the techniques Schweidler discusses.

A fictionalized memoir relates the sexual awakening of Melissa P., an Italian teenager who regards sex as a means of self-discovery and engages in a wide variety of lascivious and libertine acts with an even wider variety of partners. A first novel. Original. 50,000 first printing. \$50,000 ad/promo.

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