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"David Thomson, in his usual brilliantly insightful way, shines a light on the visionary directors who have shaped modern cinema and, through their work, studies the very nature of film direction... Thomson analyzes both landmark works and forgotten films from classic directors such as Orson Welles, Alfred Hitchcock, Jean Renoir and Jean-Luc Godard, as well as contemporary powerhouses such as Jane Campion, Spike Lee and Quentin Tarantino. He shrewdly interrogates their professional legacies and influence in the industry, while simultaneously assessing the critical impact of an artist's personal life on his or her work. He explores the male directors' dominance of the past, and describes how diversity can change the landscape."--

"Anam Cara is a rare synthesis of philosophy, poetry, and spirituality. This work will have a powerful and life-transforming experience for those who read it." —Deepak Chopra John O'Donohue, poet, philosopher, and scholar, guides you through the spiritual landscape of the Irish imagination. In Anam Cara, Gaelic for "soul friend," the ancient teachings, stories, and blessings of Celtic wisdom provide such profound insights on the universal themes of friendship, solitude, love, and death as: Light is generous The human heart is never completely born Love as ancient recognition The body is the angel of the soul Solitude is luminous Beauty likes neglected places

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The passionate heart never ages To be natural is to be holy Silence is the sister of the divine Death as an invitation to freedom

THE BASIS FOR THE MAJOR 6-PART HBO® DOCUMENTARY SERIES #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER A BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR:

Washington Post | Maureen Corrigan, NPR | Paste | Seattle Times | Entertainment Weekly | Esquire | Slate | BuzzFeed | Jezebel | Philadelphia Inquirer | Publishers Weekly | Kirkus Reviews | Library Journal | Bustle Winner of the Goodreads Choice Awards for Nonfiction | Anthony Award Winner | SCIBA Book Award Winner | Finalist for the Edgar Award for Best Fact Crime | Longlisted for the Carnegie Medal for Excellence The haunting true story of the elusive serial rapist turned murderer who terrorized California during the 70s and 80s, and of the gifted journalist who died tragically while investigating the case—which was solved in April 2018. The haunting true story of the elusive serial rapist turned murderer who terrorized California during the 70s and 80s, and of the gifted journalist who died tragically while investigating the case—which was solved in April 2018.

Introduction by Gillian Flynn • Afterword by Patton Oswalt “A brilliant genre-buster.... Propulsive, can’t-stop-now reading.” —Stephen King For more than ten years, a mysterious and violent predator committed fifty sexual assaults in Northern California before moving south, where he perpetrated ten sadistic murders. Then he disappeared, eluding capture by multiple police forces and some of the best detectives in the area. Three decades later, Michelle McNamara, a true crime

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journalist who created the popular website

TrueCrimeDiary.com, was determined to find the violent psychopath she called "the Golden State Killer." Michelle pored over police reports, interviewed victims, and embedded herself in the online communities that were as obsessed with the case as she was. I'll Be Gone in the Dark—the masterpiece McNamara was writing at the time of her sudden death—offers an atmospheric snapshot of a moment in American history and a chilling account of a criminal mastermind and the wreckage he left behind. It is also a portrait of a woman's obsession and her unflagging pursuit of the truth. Utterly original and compelling, it has been hailed as a modern true crime classic—one which fulfilled Michelle's dream: helping unmask the Golden State Killer.

This book is written by Dr. Jaideep Randhawa and it includes the following chapters. It also includes the details about the Author, Stories, word meanings, central idea, paraphrase, summary, critical appreciation, Question & Answers Based on Workbooks (Morning Star, Evergreen and more). and Extra Questions. The Chapters are : 1. Chief's Seattle Speech 2. The old man at a bridge 3. A horse and Two Goats 4. Hearts and hands 5. A face in the dark 6. Angel in disguise 7. The Little Match Girl 8. The Blue Bead 9. My greatest olympic prize 10. All summer in a day

"Loren Graham's steady vision and painstaking research result in a fascinating and poignant story. A Face in the Rock is very true, very touching."—Louise Erdrich, author of The Bingo Palace

'Had me hooked from the very first paragraph'????? '1

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was totally gripped’????? ‘Completely riveted from the word go’????? Lucy gets the same bus every day.

Today, her journey home will change her life. Lucy can barely afford her weekly ticket for the grimy number 24, tries to avoid eye contact, and, if she’s really lucky, she gets a seat and reads a chapter of her book. But it’s a Friday – and the bus is always crammed at the end of the week. She keeps her elbows close and clings to a pole at every juddering stop. All she wants to do is get home to her dog, Billy, the only comfort she has right now. When she gets off, something feels different. An envelope stuffed with thousands of pounds is in her bag.

Is it the answer to her prayers, or the beginning of a nightmare? Because, in the end, everything has a price.

A compulsive read that will have you absolutely hooked and reading late into the night. Read what everyone is saying about A Face in the Crowd: 'I was totally gripped.

It only took me a few hours to read this cover to cover and I barely put it down... I loved the writing style and will definitely read more by this author.' Goodreads

Reviewer 'A novel of spine-tingling suspense that had me hooked from the very first paragraph. A delicious sense of unease settles in early, and only gains momentum as the story progresses. Quite simply, a

fabulous read... A brilliantly crafted novel that I could not put down, even for a second. I was completely riveted from the word go. Lucy is a fascinatingly drawn

character, whose reliability as a narrator is suspect at best. I adored this read, and would not hesitate to

recommended it most highly.' Goodreads Reviewer

‘Kerry Wilkinson knows how to write! And craft a really

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good psychological thriller... There are a myriad of interesting characters along the way with plenty of red herrings. The end moves in like a runaway train and the twist is not what I was expecting.' Goodreads Reviewer 'A fantastic thriller that I could not put down. A new favorite author to add to my list. Fabulous writing and characters.' Goodreads Reviewer 'I was drawn in by the concept and the beginning really hooked me. Kerry Wilkinson definitely has an original voice and I can see why there has been a lot of talk about this book. I definitely needed to know how it all turned out!' Ingrid Alexander Writes 'It gripped me from the start and kept me turning the pages constantly. I liked Lucy's character and really felt a connection to her and the people who lived around her, I think what was so emotive about this is the 'everyday' people who were central to the story. The people felt real...Really creepy and twisted, absolutely brilliant!' Life Has a Funny Way 'Great read. My first from this author but definitely not my last. Tons of suspense and twists and turns. Can't wait for more.' Goodreads Reviewer 'My first Kerry Wilkinson novel but absolutely not my last. From the offset you feel the tension build... Some great characters, an unusual plot and storyline and it's many twists make this a very enjoyable and engrossing read.' NetGalley Reviewer 'I was totally gripped. It only took me a few hours to read this cover to cover and I barely put it down... I loved the writing style and will definitely read more by this author.' Goodreads Reviewer 'I love Kerry's books and the way he writes, this was a fast paced, gripping read with interesting characters which kept me on the edge of my

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seat. I can thoroughly recommend this book, you will not be disappointed.' NetGalley Reviewer 'An amazing thriller! Had a couple of red herrings that I tried to follow, plus a surprise ending. Highly recommended!'

Goodreads Reviewer

For all those who have trembled through Ruskin Bond's tales of horror and mystery, here's another collection of strange and dark stories from the master storyteller.

Within these pages you will befriend Jimmy the jinn who has trouble keeping his hands to himself, be witness to the mischief of the Pisaach and Churel who live in the peepul tree, and find yourself in the company of a bloodthirsty vampire cat, among other tales and curiosities that are guaranteed to send a delicious shiver down your spine! Written in Bond's inimitable style and riveting to the core, this beautifully illustrated book is a must-have for anyone with a taste for the macabre.

The Dark Man goes in search of the Dark Mirror, which will reveal his true name.

**#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • ONE OF TIME MAGAZINE'S 100 BEST YA BOOKS OF ALL TIME** The extraordinary, beloved novel about the ability of books to feed the soul even in the darkest of times. When Death has a story to tell, you listen. It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will become busier still. Liesel Meminger is a foster girl living outside of Munich, who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist—books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors

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during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement. In superbly crafted writing that burns with intensity, award-winning author Markus Zusak, author of *I Am the Messenger*, has given us one of the most enduring stories of our time. “The kind of book that can be life-changing.” —*The New York Times* “Deserves a place on the same shelf with *The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank.” —*USA Today* **DON'T MISS BRIDGE OF CLAY, MARKUS ZUSAK'S FIRST NOVEL SINCE THE BOOK THIEF.**

'Who . . . whoo . . . whooo, cried the wind as it swept down from the Himalayan snows.' The wild wind pushes open windows, chokes chimneys and blows away clothes as it huffs and puffs over the village by Haunted Hill, where Usha, Suresh and Binya live. It's even more mighty the day Usha is on her way back from the bazaar. A deep rumble echoes down the slope and a sudden flash of lightning lights up the valley as fat drops come raining down. In search of shelter, Usha rushes into the ruins on Haunted Hill, grim and creepy against the dark sky. Inside, the tin roof groans, strange shadows are thrown against the walls and little Usha shivers with fear. For she isn't alone. A gritty, hair-raising story about friendship, courage and survival, this stunning edition will introduce another lot of young readers to the magic of Ruskin Bond's craft.

PMPope brings his unique voice to the printed word. A prolific multimedia poet, his work finds its audience via art and word collaborations, video and audio tentacles reaching all around the word. In this collection, PMPope explores the scope of creativity that originates on the

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21st century frontier: social media. His incisive observations about disconnectedness, intimacy, and superficiality bear witness to a world of internet friends and virtual relationships.

“An absolute master of modern horror. And a damn fine writer at that” - Guillermo del Toro Book 2 in the Three Births of Daoloth trilogy. 1985. Dominic Sheldrake is now a lecturer on cinema. His and Lesley’s small son Toby has begun to experience strange nocturnal seizures that no medical help seems to be able to treat. Meanwhile Dominic assumes the occultist Christian Noble is out of his life, but his influence on the world is more insidious than ever. Roberta Parkin has become a journalist and infiltrates the new version of the Nobles’ cult, but are the experiences it offers too powerful for her to control? In order to rescue his son from the cult, if he can, Dominic must undergo them too... FLAME TREE PRESS is the imprint of long-standing Independent Flame Tree Publishing, dedicated to full-length original fiction in the horror and suspense, science fiction & fantasy, and crime / mystery / thriller categories. The list brings together fantastic new authors and the more established; the award winners, and exciting, original voices. Learn more about Flame Tree Press at [www.flametreepress.com](http://www.flametreepress.com) and connect on social media @FlameTreePress

The writing team that delivered the bestselling Faithful, about the 2004 Red Sox championship season, takes readers to the ballpark again, and to a world beyond, in an eBook original to be published on August 21, 2012. Dean Evers, an elderly widower, sits in front of the



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television with nothing better to do than waste his leftover evenings watching baseball. It's Rays/Mariners, and David Price is breezing through the line-up. Suddenly, in a seat a few rows up beyond the batter, Evers sees the face of someone from decades past, someone who shouldn't be at the ballgame, shouldn't be on the planet. And so begins a parade of people from Evers's past, all of them occupying that seat behind home plate. Until one day Dean Evers sees someone even eerier....

Ruskin Bond once famously remarked that while he does not believe in ghosts, he sees them all the time - in the woods, in a bar, in a crowd outside a cinema. Not surprising, then, that in his stories ghosts, jinns, witches - and the occasional monster - are as real as the people he writes about. He makes the supernatural appear entirely natural, and therefore harder to ignore. This collection brings together all of Ruskin Bond's tales of the paranormal written over five decades. It opens with perhaps his best-known story, the unforgettable, 'A face in the dark', set in a pine forest outside Simla, and ends with the shockingly macabre 'Night of the Millennium', where the scene of the action is an abandoned cemetery. In between are tales featuring monkeys and a pack of dogs come back from the dead, an elderly lady who is a witch after dark, a schoolboy riding his bicycle up and down the country road where he was killed, and Kipling's ghost in London's Victoria and Albert Museum. comprising twenty-eight classic stories that range from the chilling to the whimsical for the supernatural has its funny side too, a face in the dark and other hauntings is

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the perfect collection to have by your bedside when the moon is up.

Two horror films were nominated for the Academy Award for Best Picture in 2018, and one of them—*The Shape of Water*—won. Since 1990, the production of horror films has risen exponentially worldwide, and in 2013, horror films earned an estimated \$400 million in ticket sales.

Horror has long been the most popular film genre, and more horror movies have been made than any other kind. We need them. We need to be scared, to test ourselves, laugh inappropriately, scream, and flinch. We need to get through them and come out, blinking, still in one piece. *Lost in the Dark: A World History of Horror Film* is a straightforward history written for the general reader and student that can serve as a comprehensive reference work. The volume provides a general introduction to the genre, serves as a guidebook to its film highlights, and celebrates its practitioners, trends, and stories. Starting with silent-era horror films and ending with 2020's *The Invisible Man*, *Lost in the Dark* looks at decades of horror movies. Author Brad Weismann covers such topics as the roots of horror in literature and art, monster movies, B-movies, the destruction of the American censorship system, international horror, torture porn, zombies, horror comedies, horror in the new millennium, and critical reception of modern horror. A sweeping survey that doesn't scrimp on details, *Lost in the Dark* is sure to satisfy both the curious and the completist.

Born out of the popular blog *Kale & Caramel*, this sumptuously photographed and beautifully written

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cookbook presents eighty recipes for delicious vegan and vegetarian dishes featuring herbs and flowers, as well as luxurious do-it-yourself beauty products. Plant-whisperer, writer, and photographer Lily Diamond believes that herbs and flowers have the power to nourish inside and out. “Lily’s deep connection to nature is beautifully woven throughout this personal collection of recipes,” says award-winning vegetarian chef Amy Chaplin. Each chapter celebrates an aromatic herb or flower, including basil, cilantro, fennel, mint, oregano, rosemary, sage, thyme, lavender, jasmine, rose, and orange blossom. Mollie Katzen, author of the beloved *Moosewood Cookbook*, calls the book “a gift, articulated through a poetic voice, original and bold.” The recipes tell a coming-of-age story through Lily’s kinship with plants, from a sun-drenched Maui childhood to healing from heartbreak and her mother’s death. With bright flavors, gorgeous scents, evocative stories, and more than one hundred photographs, *Kale & Caramel* creates a lush garden of experience open to harvest year round. One will betray her. Still reeling from the events of Greece, the hunters find themselves targeted by demons and werewolves. As they try to figure out who has marked them for assassination and why, Shanna learns more about who the mysterious figure Diana was, and about the people she is hunting alongside. After the dust settles, they will never be the same again.

*A FACE IN THE MOON* is available through iUniverse, Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble.com,

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numerous other online book sites, and may be ordered through any bookstore. A FACE IN THE MOON is a look back at those lost days when colors seemed more vivid and when being in love seemed the only thing that mattered. The narrator, Jack Lohman, is an inexperienced twenty-two-year old, who was recently dumped by his first real girlfriend, and is soon to leave graduate school for who knows what. Enter Loni, a bright-eyed, free-spirited seventeen-year old who has had more than her share of experience -- she lost her virginity on her fourteenth birthday, has had more boyfriends and drugs than she cares to remember, as well as a mental breakdown that she's trying her best to forget. From the moment Jack meets Loni, his life begins to change. She teaches him how to laugh, and makes him feel, for perhaps the first time in his life, that he can be loved without judgment. Yet, ironically, it is Loni's harsh self-evaluation that paralyzes her at times, turning the carefree, uninhibited woman/child into a speechless, listless teenager who laments the days when life used to be more fun. She promises to tell Jack some day about her breakdown of the summer before but for now it's still too painful for her. Meanwhile, Jack loves her, but wonders if she'll ever fully let him into her life. A FACE IN THE MOON is a story about two young lovers struggling to find each other and their ways in the world. And when a series of events keeps them

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apart longer than expected, it becomes the story of whether their new love can survive the pressures of separation and emotional disturbance.

Studies In Postcolonial Literature Contains Twenty-Three Papers And Two Interviews With Two Eminent Writers On Different Genres Poetry, Fiction, Short Fiction And Drama Of Postcolonial Literature. It Deals With Literatures In English Outside The Anglo-American Tradition. The Book Focuses On How Postcolonial Literature Assumes An Identity Of Its Own In Spite Of The Writers Drawn From Different Countries With Distinct National Identities. This Is A Very Useful Book For The Students As Well As The Teachers Who Intend To Do An Extensive Study Of Postcolonial Literature.

Sarah J. Maas's sexy, richly imagined series continues with the journey of Feyre's fiery sister, Nesta. Nesta Archeron has always been prickly-proud, swift to anger, and slow to forgive. And ever since being forced into the Cauldron and becoming High Fae against her will, she's struggled to find a place for herself within the strange, deadly world she inhabits. Worse, she can't seem to move past the horrors of the war with Hybern and all she lost in it. The one person who ignites her temper more than any other is Cassian, the battle-scarred warrior whose position in Rhysand and Feyre's Night Court keeps him constantly in Nesta's orbit. But her temper isn't the only thing Cassian ignites. The fire between

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them is undeniable, and only burns hotter as they are forced into close quarters with each other. Meanwhile, the treacherous human queens who returned to the Continent during the last war have forged a dangerous new alliance, threatening the fragile peace that has settled over the realms. And the key to halting them might very well rely on Cassian and Nesta facing their haunting pasts. Against the sweeping backdrop of a world seared by war and plagued with uncertainty, Nesta and Cassian battle monsters from within and without as they search for acceptance-and healing-in each other's arms.

“An irresistible tale that ventures into the ghostly realms of psychology, personality and intimacy” from the bestselling author of *The Music Room* (San Francisco Chronicle). When their daughter leaves for college, newly minted empty nesters Cookson and Ellen Selway decide to escape the eerie quiet of their home and take a trip to London. But not long after arriving, it becomes apparent that the Selways have traded one unsettling locale for another. Like Cookson, a recovering alcoholic and drug addict, the Hotel Willerton has a disturbing past. Fifty years ago, a young girl fell to her death from one of the hotel's windows, and her ghost is haunting Cookson, slowly drawing him back toward the darkness that once consumed him. As Cookson descends into a spiral of self-destruction, he is joined by two more

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apparitions, each reflecting the worst parts of himself and forcing him to confront the mistakes of his past that have tormented him for years. From the celebrated author of the Washington Post Best Book of the Year Nostalgia and the New York Times–bestselling *The Music Room*, this is “a gripping, stylish, consistently entertaining novel” that offers a literary spin on the traditional ghost story (The Atlanta Journal-Constitution).

Tells a story about the strange relationship of two migrant workers who are able to realize their dreams of an easy life until one of them succumbs to his weakness for soft, helpless creatures and strangles a farmer's wife.

A nuanced understanding of literary imaginings of masculinity and femininity in the Egyptian novel. Gender studies in Arabic literature have become equated with women's writing, leaving aside the possibility of a radical rethinking of the Arabic literary canon and Arab cultural history. While the 'woman question' in the Arabic novel has received considerable attention, the 'male question' has gone largely unnoticed. Now, Hoda Elsadda bucks that trend. Foregrounding voices that have been marginalised alongside canonical works, she engages with new directions in the novel tradition. The brain is a fearsomely complex information-processing environment--one that often eludes our ability to understand it. At any given time, the brain is

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collecting, filtering, and analyzing information and, in response, performing countless intricate processes, some of which are automatic, some voluntary, some conscious, and some unconscious. Cognitive neuroscience is one of the ways we have to understand the workings of our minds. It's the study of the brain biology behind our mental functions: a collection of methods--like brain scanning and computational modeling--combined with a way of looking at psychological phenomena and discovering where, why, and how the brain makes them happen. Want to know more? Mind Hacks is a collection of probes into the moment-by-moment works of the brain. Using cognitive neuroscience, these experiments, tricks, and tips related to vision, motor skills, attention, cognition, subliminal perception, and more throw light on how the human brain works. Each hack examines specific operations of the brain. By seeing how the brain responds, we pick up clues about the architecture and design of the brain, learning a little bit more about how the brain is put together. Mind Hacks begins your exploration of the mind with a look inside the brain itself, using hacks such as "Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation: Turn On and Off Bits of the Brain" and "Tour the Cortex and the Four Lobes." Also among the 100 hacks in this book, you'll find: Release Eye Fixations for Faster Reactions See Movement When All is Still Feel the Presence and Loss of Attention



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Detect Sounds on the Margins of Certainty Mold Your Body Schema Test Your Handedness See a Person in Moving Lights Make Events Understandable as Cause-and-Effect Boost Memory by Using Context Understand Detail and the Limits of Attention Steven Johnson, author of "Mind Wide Open" writes in his foreword to the book, "These hacks amaze because they reveal the brain's hidden logic; they shed light on the cheats and shortcuts and latent assumptions our brains make about the world." If you want to know more about what's going on in your head, then Mind Hacks is the key--let yourself play with the interface between you and the world.

Where Darkness Lies is a distorted mind altering collection of poems; often disturbing this isn't for those who are looking for sunshine and rainbows. Mr. Perez tackles subjects such as: addiction, depression, death, and fantasies of destruction he sees through his eyes. There are no happy endings here. He gravitates to the demons of his heart and soul bringing out hell in every sense of the word. Captivated by the dark side, he isn't scared to leap into dark realms and chambers that lurk beneath this world. He creates a world full of obscurity and harsh reality that will leave you questioning your sanity. Did he kill Josie Skerritt? Everyone—including the police—suspected Parker Buchanan of the ten-year-old murder. But Kate Brooks knew the brooding

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loner couldn't have done it. He was her young son's hero, and Kate had fallen hard for the reclusive author. Town gossips demanded Parker explain the incriminating evidence police found with his initials on it. But Parker couldn't. Kate knew proving his innocence would take all their faith—and fast thinking—combined. Because the real killer was setting them up for a double murder—their own. Getting rid of dark spots is never easy. Sometimes, it could be caused by hormonal changes, prescription medicine, sun exposure, and acne scars. It is not easy or particularly right to layer your face with makeup and concealers each time you want to step out. This is why it is much better and healthier to get rid of the dark spots, rather than just hide them. If your face is besieged with dark spots and you are looking for ways to clear up these blemishes, there are hidden tips and methods in this guide that will help you out. This guide will show natural proven ways to get rid of dark spots from your face with natural ingredients

What begins as a simple act of gratitude, movie actress Jessica invites her friend Joe up to her house in LA for a vacation. From there, things go bad. Jessica is the target of a deranged killer, intent on taking her life for reasons she doesn't know. Each attempt has failed, due to Joe's being there, but how long can Jessica's luck last? Together, they hope to unravel this mystery and end this reign of terror. But

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how can they when the killer could be any one they meet? How can they find one face in a crowd of people?

The Dark Side of Social Media: Psychological, Managerial, and Societal Perspectives examines how social media can negatively affect our lives. The book tackles issues related to social media such as emotional and mental health, shortened attention spans, selective self-presentation and narcissism, the declining quality of interpersonal relationships, privacy and security, cyberstalking, cyberbullying, misinformation and online deception, and negative peer effects. It goes on to discuss social media and companies (loss of power, challenging control mechanisms) and societies as a whole (fake news, chatbots, changes in the workplace). The Dark Side of Social Media: Psychological, Managerial, and Societal Perspectives empowers readers to have a more holistic understanding of the consequences of utilizing social media. It does not necessarily argue that social media is a bad development, but rather serves to complement the numerous empirical findings on the "bright side" of social media with a cautionary view on the negative developments. Focuses on interpersonal communication through social media Focuses on psychology of media effects Explores social media issues on both an individual and societal level Documents the rise of social media from niche phenomenon to mass

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market Examines the differences between creating and consuming content

This is a true account of my life from an early age?

Growing up in New Zealand, .having a colorful early

life. Going to Australia with a mate for six weeks,

Living it up in Sydney for nine months. Moving to—Th

e Mighty Snowy Mountains Scheme-in southern

N.S.W. & working on one of the largest construction

projects in the world at the time. Moving to Hong

Kong for six years, then Indonesia & Vietnam.

Involved in Large Project supervision. Interesting

trips to Brazil, Argentina, Peru .Beijing, Guangzhou

& Shenzhen. Gathering a wealth of experience &

having some great fun with the odd close shave

along the way

Master storyteller Stephen King presents the classic

“wondrously frightening” (Publishers Weekly) #1

New York Times bestseller about a writer’s horrific

and haunting pseudonym. “I’m back...I’m back from

the dead and you don’t seem glad to see me at all,

you ungrateful son of a bitch.” After thirteen years of

international bestseller stardom with his works of

violent crime fiction, author George Stark is officially

declared dead—revealed by a national magazine to

have been killed at the hands of the man who

created him: the once well-regarded but now

obscure writer Thad Beaumont. Thad’s even gone

so far as to stage a mock burial of his wildly

successful pseudonym, complete with tombstone

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and the epitaph “Not a Very Nice Guy.” Although on the surface, it seems that Thad can finally concentrate on his own novels, there’s a certain unease at the prospect of leaving George Stark behind. But that’s nothing compared to the horror about to descend upon Thad’s new life. There are the vicious, out-of-control nightmares, for starters. And how is he able to explain the fact that everyone connected to George Stark’s untimely demise is now meeting a brutal end of their own in a pattern of homicidal savagery...and why each blood-soaked crime scene has Thad’s fingerprints all over it? Thad Beaumont may have once believed that George Stark was running out of things to say, but he’s going to find out just how wrong he is...

In the underground city of Caverna, the world’s most skilled craftsmen toil in the darkness to create delicacies beyond compare—wines that remove memories, cheeses that make you hallucinate, and perfumes that convince you to trust the wearer, even as they slit your throat. On the surface, the people of Caverna seem ordinary, except for one thing: their faces are as blank as untouched snow. Expressions must be learned, and only the famous Facesmiths can teach a person to express (or fake) joy, despair, or fear—at a steep price. Into this dark and distrustful world comes Neverfell, a girl with no memory of her past and a face so terrifying to those around her that she must wear a mask at all times. Neverfell's

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expressions are as varied and dynamic as those of the most skilled Facesmiths, except hers are entirely genuine. And that makes her very dangerous indeed

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This book prestigiously covers our current understanding of SiC as a semiconductor material in electronics. Its physical properties make it more promising for high-powered devices than silicon. The volume is devoted to the material and covers methods of epitaxial and bulk growth. Identification and characterization of defects is discussed in detail. The contributions help the reader to develop a deeper understanding of defects by combining theoretical and experimental approaches. Apart from applications in power electronics, sensors, and NEMS, SiC has recently gained new interest as a substrate material for the manufacture of controlled graphene. SiC and graphene research is oriented towards end markets and has high impact on areas of rapidly growing interest like electric vehicles. The list of contributors reads like a "Who's Who" of the SiC community, strongly benefiting from collaborations between research institutions and enterprises active in SiC crystal growth and device development.

A truly spine-tingling story, told in Edgar Allan Poe's unmistakable atmospheric style. The Fall of the House of Usher describes the final hours of a family tormented by tragedy and the legacy of the past. A

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nameless narrator is summoned to the home of his childhood friend, Roderick Usher, who is plagued with crippling anxiety and believes his house is sentient. When his sister Madeline--prone to death-like trances--eventually dies, Roderick asks the narrator to help entomb her in the family vault. Edgar Allan Poe was a master of short fiction, and this is frequently cited as the crown jewel of his prose writing.

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