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reflections and insights on health, disease, and healing
Now in paperback for the first time, *A Piece of My Mind* brings together revealing personal essays that first appeared in *The Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)*. These engrossing, moving vignettes--written by physicians, patients, family members, medical students, and others--offer a unique glimpse into the everyday experiences and relationships in the medical world. Baring their souls and opening their hearts, the authors share their most personal moments, stories, and observations. You'll hear from the intern who could not hide her emotions, earning reprimand from her supervisors but appreciation from her patients . . . meet an alcoholic whose indomitable spirit helped her defy all the odds . . . experience the heartbreaking comedy of a Monday morning HIV clinic . . . be inspired by the oncology social worker who found a new love of life during her own struggle with breast cancer . . . and learn from the physician who realized that by witnessing her patients' courage she became a better physician. Compelling, touching, and at times humorous, *A Piece of My Mind* offers a deeper understanding of physicians, patients, medicine, and the simple human act of helping another person. "These stories, based in science, are transmitted to readers . . . after filtering through a human heart . . . consistently succeeds in bridging science and the humanities." --William H. Foege, MD, Emory University

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Plenty of people have come up to me over the years and said, "You ought to write a book." My response has always been to ask them to imagine they are a hairdresser. All day they work in a salon, cutting hair, coloring hair, styling hair. Now, I ask, "When you go home at night do you want to cut hair, color hair and style hair?" The last thing I wanted to do after a long day in the newsroom was construct sentences, edit paragraphs and compile a manuscript. Then one day I had an awakening. All those words I had been stringing together in columns in The Patriot-News since 1989 were just hanging around in a computer library. A few were clipped from newspapers and shoved in people's drawers. Some dangled from magnets on refrigerators. Why not gather a bunch of them together and create a book? And so this work began taking shape. What I have gathered here are columns written over the years about the joys and sorrows that come from caring about someone and about the changes I've observed as I've passed from child to adult, from daughter to mother to grandmother.

'Superb, moving, beautiful' Joanna Cannon, author of The Trouble with Goats and Sheep He will be allowed to visit his mother soon. His mother who is terminally ill, his mother who he has been barred from seeing as he recovers from his own bout of pneumonia. Until then, with the help of his physiotherapist Freya, he must navigate his increasingly empty and isolated existence: his father, who finds solace in the bottom of a glass; his Nana Q, whose betting-slip confetti litters her handbag; his friends, who simply wouldn't understand. Time

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passes with the promise of soon, but one hundred and fifty-two days later the boy will come face to face with his grief, and move beyond to a world full of possibility, hope and love.

A Piece of My MindA New Collection of Essays from JAMA, the Journal of the American Medical AssociationAmer Medical Assn

Through exquisite drawings and storytelling, Julia Jacquette's graphic memoir provides a distinctive account of her childhood in Manhattan in the 1960s and 1970s. Inspired by the adventure playgrounds from her youth growing up in New York City, the painter Julia Jacquette explores the brightly colored structures of the play spaces and the surrounding landscape of the city in *Playground of My Mind*. With compelling illustrations and personal narrative, this book features adventure playgrounds created by architects Richard Dattner, M. Paul Friedberg, the partnership Ross Ryan Jacquette in New York City, and Aldo van Eyck in Amsterdam. These structures encouraged constructive, imaginative play and gave renewed life to utopian notions of American and European modernist architecture. *Playground of My Mind* reflects upon the period of the 1960s and 1970s which was a tumultuous time of social change and activism in New York City and throughout the United States. While considering the conflicted emotions that envelop idealized aspects of the past, this unique book captures the nostalgia for a bygone era of New York life in vivid detail..

A landmark in LGBT fiction, this captivating story of two teenage girls who fall in love is a “classic of the genre”

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(Publishers Weekly). When Liza Winthrop first lays eyes on Annie Kenyon at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, she knows there's something special between them. Soon, their close friendship develops into a deep and intimate romance. Neither imagined that falling in love could be so wonderful, but as Liza and Annie's newfound sexuality sparks conflict in both their families and at their schools, they discover it will take more than love for their relationship to succeed. One of the first books to positively portray a lesbian relationship, *Annie on My Mind* is a groundbreaking classic of the genre. The subject of a First Amendment lawsuit over banned books and one of *School Library Journal's* "One Hundred Books that Shaped the Century," Nancy Garden's iconic novel is an important story for anyone discovering who they're meant to be.

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.

Designed to help all of us cope with the stresses and strains of modern-day life, *Peace Of Mind Is A Piece Of Cake* contains tips and strategies, relaxation techniques and exercises for the immediate and lasting relief of stress and all its damaging results. In their innately common-sense style, the authors begin by explaining why stress is not necessarily a negative concept, and how we can best respond to it in our everyday life. Chapters include: What is stress?; Stress in your life; Using stress positively;

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Relaxation techniques; Tips and strategies; Taking charge; Dying for work; Self-help and exercises. The extraordinary debut short story collection from the award-winning author of *Family and Life is Short But Wide*.

Everywhere I go, people say that the first things they look at in JAMA are *The Cover* and *A Piece of My Mind*. These are the soul of JAMA. --Catherine D. DeAngelis, MD, MPH Editor, JAMA. The JAMA column you've read and loved for years has now been collected into a hardcover edition. Roxanne Young offers a refreshing and provocative glimpse into the world of the medical professional. This new collection reflects the joys and sorrows of practicing medicine through an inspired selection of the wonderful and sometimes poignant stories that countless clinicians have shared. Surveys of JAMA readers overwhelmingly show that this section is a much-anticipated, much-loved feature of every weekly issue. This collection of 100 essays represents the best of *A Piece of My Mind* over the past 12 years and is the perfect gift for physicians, nurses, other health care professionals, patients, and their families.

About to enter the sixth grade, Mel Frink and Leslie Randalls become pen pals and share the details of their lives and relationships with each other via letters, cards, e-mails, and Quick Clicks.

"*A Piece of My Mind..*" is the poetry collection that

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speaks to, and for the modern day female. It is raw with emotion as it explores love, sexuality, and social issues from objective and subjective points of view. A Piece of My Mind "transforms a self-confessed case of writer's block into a continuously inventive and thought-provoking comedy" (Charles Spencer, London Daily News) "The portrait of a marriage and his strained relationship with his teenage children all seem to come straight from the heart. They are all the more affecting for being described in the context of such immaculate artifice" (Charles Spencer, London Daily News)

The Instant-Series Presents "Instant Genius" How to Think Like a Genius to Be One Instantly! When you hear the word "genius" - what immediately pops into your mind? Perhaps, people like Albert Einstein, Isaac Newton, Leonardo da Vinci, and Thomas Edison just to name a few. What did all these folks have? What was the common factor that made them a genius? And is possible for you to also be like them? Now what is a genius? Geniuses are, first and foremost, extraordinary individuals... They are always somewhat ahead of their time, and their contributions to the world have shaped society into what we know it as of today with all the remarkable fleets of advanced achievements unheard of in the past - just look at how far we have come with modern medicine, science, technologies, etc. And geniuses have helped mankind evolved into more

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intelligent beings - pushing us to all strive for even greater possibilities. So how to become a genius? The widely-accepted notion is...you're either born with a genius IQ or not; however, being a genius has less to do with your level of intelligence. Everybody has their own form of genius. The key is how to unlock that inner genius of yours. Within "Instant Genius": * How to easily create a custom "genius trigger button" step-by-step, so you can activate it to turn on your full-intellectual mental capacity at will, at anywhere, and at anytime. * How to channel your inner genius through the power of your subconscious mind, by doing the "subconscious self-session" technique to open doors to new ways of thinking. * How to use personalized "visual mental imprints" as your sources of inspirations and motivations to spark your creative genius to generate unlimited innovative ideas. * How to develop genius reflexes to handle any complex problem and come up with ingenious solution to have people look up to you, always wanting to hear what you have to say. * How to optimize your mind to work in relentless genius mode with full concentration and inexhaustible energy where obstacles no longer exist, through an in-depth "4-stages process" you can implement whenever you want. * Plus, custom practical "how-to" strategies, techniques, applications and exercises on how to think like a genius. ...and much more. All of us has the potential to be our own geniuses. You

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just only need to be guided on how to unleash that genius brain power within you - to finally realize what you're truly capable of. You will be amazed and even surprised yourself.

A searing and exhilarating new collection from the award-winning author of *The Boys of My Youth* and *In Zanesville*, who “honors the beautiful, the sacred, and the comic in life” (Sigrid Nunez, National Book Award–winner for *The Friend*) A New York Times Book Review Editors’ Choice When “*The Fourth State of Matter*,” her now famous piece about a workplace massacre at the University of Iowa was published in *The New Yorker*, Jo Ann Beard immediately became one of the most influential writers in America, forging a path for a new generation of young authors willing to combine the dexterity of fiction with the rigors of memory and reportage, and in the process extending the range of possibility for the essay form. Now, with *Festival Days*, Beard brings us the culmination of her groundbreaking work. In these nine pieces, she captures both the small, luminous moments of daily existence and those instants when life and death hang in the balance, ranging from the death of a beloved dog to a relentlessly readable account of a New York artist trapped inside a burning building, as well as two triumphant, celebrated pieces of short fiction. Here is an unforgettable collection destined to be embraced and debated by readers and writers, teachers and students. Anchored by the title piece—a searing journey through India that brings into focus questions of mortality and love—*Festival Days* presents Beard at the height of her powers, using her flawless prose to reveal all that is tender and timeless beneath the way we live now.

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Tracey Livesay makes her Avon Impulse debut with a sparkling and sexy novel about a woman who will do anything to fulfill her dreams... but discovers that even the best laid plans can fail when love gets in the way. Successful PR executive Chelsea Grant is one assignment away from making partner at her firm and nothing will stand in her way. Her big break? Turn a reclusive computer genius into a media darling in time for his new product launch. He may have been dubbed the "sexiest geek alive" but he has no patience for the press—and it shows. Piece of cake, right? Only problem is... his company doesn't want him to know they hired her. After a disastrous product launch two years ago, tech CEO Adam Bennett knows the success of his new device depends on the media's support. When a twist of fate brings the beautiful PR specialist to his door, Adam hires Chelsea to help turn his image around. Their attraction is undeniable and the more time they spend together, the harder it becomes to keep things professional. But when Adam discovers Chelsea's deception, will she risk everything for her career or is love the real thing on her mind?

There are those who suspect that individuals with Rh

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negative blood are descendants of ancient astronauts, but there some . . . who know for sure. Blood is not necessarily thicker than water when a love triangle is orchestrated by extraterrestrials. When Olivia finds out she is pregnant, Bobby is forced to relive his past, his own alien engineered birth. As he struggles to convince the young virgin to go through with the pregnancy, Olivia reconciles with the terrifying knowledge that she has been abducted and is now incubating what she views as a creature. But despite her apprehensions she cannot bring herself to terminate the pregnancy. Much to her dismay, Olivia moves from utter disbelief to reluctantly accepting Bobby's claim that he is a Hybrid.

Preben Kok is a hospital vicar who navigates the uncharted territory between life and death on a daily basis. In GIVE GOD A PIECE OF YOUR MIND, he tells about his work and his faith. Using faith as his starting point, he tackles issues related to relationships, guilt, powerlessness, stress and the illusion of the existence of the perfect person. He helps people in crises share the burden of responsibility and grief with God when life is at its most painful and seems to have lost all meaning.

As my life carries on through my thirties, I still sit and ponder the true meaning of life. Does anyone fully understand? Is life a statement, question, or exclamation? Does life contain the answers? Will life give the simple mind clarity? As confused and twisted as my mind is, I will still maintain the assumption that time will work everything out. Shit, dont get me started on time. This life seems to desensitize and misinterpret pretty much everything it doesnt want to comprehend or take the time to understand. With this in mind, I would sure like to emphasize the fact that life is undoubtedly meant to be lived! Happy, joyful, regretful, enhanced, exciting, intermittentthese are all words that tend to describe and interpret life. Now, understand that what you are about to read and put your

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mind through is my minds interpretation of this so-called life. Well, at least of the last year or so. You will experience the ups and downs in my emotions. Just know that there is no fairy tale ahead of you in this morbid piece of modern-day literature. Proceed with caution, but enjoy!

A photo book with fun captions about what the animals must really be thinking.

This book contains different poem pieces that I've written throughout my life. I tried to find a way to express my feelings and thoughts so that those who choose to read it can relate. Metaphoric mazes and heartfelt moments are placed within these pages, it's up to those who read the book to see if they can decode my mind. Maybe amidst these puzzles, you can unlock something within your own mind.

As a deadly cancer spread inside her brain, leading neuroscientist Barbara Lipska was plunged into madness—only to miraculously survive with her memories intact. In the tradition of *My Stroke of Insight* and *Brain on Fire*, this powerful memoir recounts her ordeal and explains its unforgettable lessons about the brain and mind. At the height of her career, Barbara Lipska—a leading expert on the neuroscience of mental illness—was diagnosed with melanoma that had spread to her brain. Within months, her frontal lobe, the seat of cognition, began shutting down. She exhibited dementia- and schizophrenia-like symptoms that terrified her family and coworkers. But miraculously, the immunotherapy her doctors prescribed worked, and

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Lipska returned to normal. With one difference: she remembered her brush with madness with exquisite clarity. Lipska draws on her extraordinary experience to explain how mental illness, brain injury, and age can distort our behavior, personality, cognition, and memory. She tells what it is like to experience these changes firsthand. And she reveals what parts of us remain, even when so much else is gone.

This book is about : 1. Accessing the subconscious 88% PIECE of your mind to: * Relaxation and Releasing Stress in 30 seconds * Accelerating Your Learning * Achieving Goals Faster 2. An Effective Technique which you can apply to such things as: * Handling Pain and Loss * Improving Sport Ability * Using Your Creativity * Increasing Your IQ * Increasing Sales and Productivity * Excelling Academically * Doing Well in Subjects You Hate * Having a Great Self Image Reviews Piece of Mind is an Australian Best Seller!! "Motivational and Inspirational - Sandy tells it in a way you can get it!" - Steve Snyder International Educator and Seminar Leader "Sandy Explains stress release, memory improvement and subconscious mind in layman's terms. The techniques are simple and they work!" - Andrew Matthews: Author of International Best Seller "Being Happy"

Told with warmth and intelligence, Piece of Mind introduces one of the most endearing and heroic characters in contemporary fiction. At twenty-seven,

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Lucy knows everything about coffee, comic books, and Gus (the polar bear at the Central Park Zoo), and she possesses a rare gift for drawing. But since she suffered a traumatic brain injury at the age of three, she has had trouble relating to most people. She's also uncommonly messy, woefully disorganized, and incapable of holding down a regular job. When unexpected circumstances force her out of the comfortable and protective Jewish home where she was raised and into a cramped studio apartment in New York City with her college-age younger brother, she must adapt to an entirely different life—one with no safety net. Over the course of a challenging summer, Lucy is forced to discover that she has more strengths than she herself knew. First released in the Spring of 1999, *How People Learn* has been expanded to show how the theories and insights from the original book can translate into actions and practice, now making a real connection between classroom activities and learning behavior. This edition includes far-reaching suggestions for research that could increase the impact that classroom teaching has on actual learning. Like the original edition, this book offers exciting new research about the mind and the brain that provides answers to a number of compelling questions. When do infants begin to learn? How do experts learn and how is this different from non-experts? What can teachers and schools do—with curricula, classroom

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settings, and teaching methods--to help children learn most effectively? New evidence from many branches of science has significantly added to our understanding of what it means to know, from the neural processes that occur during learning to the influence of culture on what people see and absorb. *How People Learn* examines these findings and their implications for what we teach, how we teach it, and how we assess what our children learn. The book uses exemplary teaching to illustrate how approaches based on what we now know result in in-depth learning. This new knowledge calls into question concepts and practices firmly entrenched in our current education system. Topics include: How learning actually changes the physical structure of the brain. How existing knowledge affects what people notice and how they learn. What the thought processes of experts tell us about how to teach. The amazing learning potential of infants. The relationship of classroom learning and everyday settings of community and workplace. Learning needs and opportunities for teachers. A realistic look at the role of technology in education.

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Jacinth Henry-Martin delivers a compelling series of poems in "A Piece of My Mind". Composed with great zest and conviction, the book is a literary tribute to all who have succeeded in discarding physical , mental and emotional shackles to

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metaphorically dance and celebrate life in the face of all its challenges. The poems are liberating and vindicating, and paint pictures with words about all aspects of life.

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On the occasion of her acceptance of the National Book Foundation Medal for Distinguished

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Contribution to American Letters on the sixth of November, 1996, Nobel laureate Toni Morrison speaks with brevity and passion to the pleasures, the difficulties, the necessities, of the reading/writing life in our time.

From the author of *To the Finland Station* comes a deeply personal and incisive memoir, *A Piece of My Mind*. Edmund Wilson, often considered to be the greatest American literary critic of the twentieth century, reflects back on life in his sixth decade with this insightful intellectual autobiography that covers topics ranging from Religion, War, the USA, Europe, Russia, Jews, Education, Science, Sex, and much more, all examined with his characteristic wit and intelligence.

When one deals with cancer, the hepatobiliary malignancies present a challenge to the oncologists that can be characterized as a series of unsolved clinical and biological dilemmas. Liver metastases from colorectal and other gastrointestinal malignancies, hepatocellular carcinoma, cholangiocarcinoma, and gall bladder cancer present an array of problems but have two features in common. These are high morbidity and mortality with an overall poor result from treatment. Why is it that hepatobiliary cancer carries with it such a dismal prognosis? First of all, these diseases present, for the most part, in an advanced state. To this point in time the oncologist has had no help from early

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diagnosis or screening. Only the occasional patient followed by ultrasound or a tumor marker has the disease diagnosed in an asymptomatic state. By the time these diseases become symptomatic, curative treatment options have usually disappeared.

Evolution has placed the liver in a protected position in order to avoid injury to the soft parenchyma. As with many other internal organs, the nerve supply is extremely limited. These two anatomic features result in a great lack of early warning signs of cancer.

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