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Who can resist a good story, especially when it's being told by Grandma? From her bag emerges tales of kings and cheats, monkeys and mice, bears and gods. Here comes the bear who ate some really bad dessert and got very angry; a lazy man who would not put out a fire till it reached his beard; a princess who got turned into an onion; a queen who discovered silk, and many more weird and wonderful people and animals. Grandma tells the stories over long summer days and nights, as seven children enjoy life in her little town. The stories entertain, educate and provide hours of enjoyment to them. So come, why don't you too join in the fun?

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Fifty-eight poems selected from such major works as Be Angry at the Sun and Hungerfield

The concept of world and the practice of world creation have been with us since antiquity, but they are now achieving unequalled prominence. In this timely anthology of subcreation studies, an international roster of contributors come together to examine the rise and structure of worlds, the practice of world-

building, and the audience's reception of imaginary worlds. Including essays written by world-builders A.K. Dewdney and Alex McDowell and offering critical analyses of popular worlds such as those of Oz, The Lord of the Rings, Star Trek, Star Wars, Battlestar Galactica, and Minecraft, *Revisiting Imaginary Worlds* provides readers with a broad and interdisciplinary overview of the issues and concepts involved in imaginary worlds across media platforms.

Why does the Pigeon have to go to school? He already knows everything! And what if he doesn't like it? What if the teacher doesn't like him? What if he learns TOO MUCH!?! Ask not for whom the school bell rings; it rings for the Pigeon! A Most Remarkable Creature The Hidden Life and Epic Journey of the World's Smartest Birds of Prey Knopf

This award-winning multi-volume series is dedicated to making literature and its creators better understood and more accessible to students and interested readers, while satisfying the standards of librarians, teachers and scholars. *Dictionary of Literary Biography* provides reliable information in an easily comprehensible format, while placing writers in the larger perspective of literary history. *Dictionary of Literary Biography* systematically presents career biographies and criticism of writers from all eras and all genres through volumes dedicated to specific types of literature and time periods. For a listing of *Dictionary of Literary Biography* volumes sorted by genre click here. 01

This comprehensive guide contains the most extensive listing of movies available on video--with 1,000 new movies, added categories, and more--plus a multitude of cross-referencing within its 13 primary indexes.

THE SNOW BEAST OF FINNIAN FOREST A Griffin Ghostley Adventure - Book #3 For readers ages 10 - 13 Griffin Ghostley is on a quest to the Danger Zone to find Princess Penelope's lost diamond ring, but something stands between him and success. And that one thing is a large, angry, furry white snow beast hot on his trail. Oh, and a four-armed giant and a flock of spying crows, too. Plus, a whole lot of other complications that pop up in and around the whispering pine trees of Finnian Forest. But eleven-year-old Griffin isn't alone, joined on his journey by a hot-fudge-sundae-craving panda bear who wears a Santa Claus hat. Can Griffin and his friend reach the Danger Zone and find the lost ring? Or will the danger swirling all around stop them cold in their tracks? The Griffin Ghostley Adventure Series: #1 Search for the Silver Swamp Monster #2 Prisoner of the Giant Boona Bird #3 The Snow Beast of Finnian Forest

The award-winning epic *Andalucían Nights Trilogy* sweeps the reader from the wild landscapes of Spain in the 1950s, through a history of dangerous liaisons and revenge dramas, to a modern world of undercover missions and buried secrets. Romantic, exotic and deeply compelling, and featuring a brilliant cast of characters, including a passionate young gypsy, a troubled young writer and an estranged family, *The Andalucían Nights Trilogy* is a romantic treat waiting to be discovered.

The alternative life raft in a sea of similarity, *VideoHound* competes on content, categories, and indexing, but the dramatic difference is the attitude. Irreverent, slightly tongue-in-cheek, the Hound never takes himself too seriously. The 1997 edition, fully expanded and updated with 1,000 new entries, provides information and opinions on 22,000-plus videos--more than any other guide on the market--including documentaries, made-for-TV movies, and animated features. Includes Web site entertainment directory.

Baali and Sugreeva of the Vana Nara tribe were orphan brothers who were born in abject poverty and grew up as slaves like most of their fellow tribesmen. They were often mocked as the vanaras, the monkey men. Sandwiched between the never-ending war between the Deva

tribes in the north and the Asura tribes in the south, the Vana Naras seemed to have lost all hope. But Baali was determined not to die a slave. Aided by his beloved brother, Sugreeva, Baali built a country for his people. The capital city, Kishkindha, became a beacon of hope for emancipated slaves from across the world. It was a city of the people, by the people, for the people, where there was no discrimination based on caste, creed, language or the colour of skin. For a brief period in history, it seemed as if mankind had found its ideal hero in Baali. But then fate intervened through the beautiful Tara, the daughter of a tribal physician. Loved by Baali and lusted after by Sugreeva, Tara became the cause of a fraternal war that would change history for ever. The love triangle between Baali, Tara and Sugreeva is arguably the world's first. Written by Anand Neelakantan who gave a voice to Ravana in Asura, Duryodhana in the Ajaya series and Sivagami in the Baahubali series, Vanara is a classic tale of love, lust and betrayal. Shakespearean in its tragic depth and epic in its sweep, Vanara gives voice to the greatest warrior in the Ramayana-Baali.

"An epic drama is unfolding in the wilds of South Texas, though Man does not yet know. The jaguar named Oracle crosses into the Rio Grande Valley in search of the Lonely Tree, where the last jaguar prayed for a successor before Man killed him seventy springs ago. Oracle discovers the animals have "forgotten their names"--The ones Adam gave them in Eden. But Oracle remembers. When others meet him--a wounded butterfly, an angry alligator, an ancient cypress, and many more--Eden's memory awakens. Oracle befriends a misunderstood raccoon named Patch, whom he commissions to aid a boy washed ashore after a mysterious accident: Paco, whom the birds name Miracle. Patch persuades Plod the horse and Bog the toad to join him in helping Miracle find his parents. The way to the Lonely Tree is forgotten and dangerous, crisscrossed by iron-thorn fences and bands of molten earth now hardened: the realm of Man. What will he do when he discovers Oracle? Can Oracle become the new lord of the valley in answer to the last jaguar's prayer? Find out in this richly poetic tale of friendship, courage, and destiny that will awaken the imagination of children and adults alike."--Amazon.

The heroine's journey echoes throughout ancient legend. Each young woman combats her dark side and emerges stronger. This quest is also a staple of American comic books. Wonder Woman with semi-divine powers gives us a new female-centered creation story. Batgirl, Batwoman and Black Widow discover their enemy is the dark mother or shadow twin, with the savagery they've rejected in themselves. Supergirl similarly struggles but keeps harmony with her sister. From Jessica Jones and Catwoman to the new superwomen of cutting-edge webcomics, each heroine must go into the dark, to become not a warrior but a savior. Women like Captain Marvel and Storm sacrifice all to join the ranks of superheroes, while their feminine powers and dazzling costumes reflect the most ancient tales.

For those obsessed with Premier League soccer, following your favorite team is a true collective experience, where it is easy to feel as one with thousands of others. It is also an individual one, in which the emotions you feel are your emotions, the experiences you feel are your experiences, and nobody else can perfectly understand. Over the course of the 2019–20 season, two longtime

Liverpool FC followers wrote to each other about those emotions and experiences. American writer Michael MacCambridge, living in Austin, Texas, is a devoted Liverpool follower. Five thousand miles away, his friend Neil Atkinson, Liverpool resident and a longtime season ticket holder, is the host of the popular podcast *The Anfield Wrap*. Each week throughout the historic season, Atkinson and MacCambridge exchanged letters, contemplating Liverpool's progress, comparing and contrasting their different perspectives on the club and the sport, meditating on the manner in which their shared obsession for Liverpool works its way into nearly every corner of their personal lives, and discussing the differences between how the game is consumed in the United States and the United Kingdom and the role modern media plays in shaping our views of sport. Their collaboration was both timely and serendipitous, as Liverpool marched toward its first ever Premier League title and its first league title in thirty years, with a charismatic manager and the most entertaining team in the sport. In March, of course, the soccer story was overtaken by the larger story of the COVID-19 pandemic wreaking havoc throughout the world, including sports events. In the course of their correspondence, *Red Letters* provides a real-time account of the pandemic that threatened the very existence of the season that Liverpool followers had been waiting more than a generation to experience. *Red Letters* provides a different way to examine the culture of a worldwide sport and development of a soccer season—game by game, in real time, with hopes and expectations tested and altered as the season progresses to Liverpool's Premier League championship, with insight from two avid supporters.

Describes and rates more than twenty thousand videos, and provides indexes by theme, awards, actors, actresses, and directors.

The people have spoken--and it's thumbs-up for Video Hound! With 21,000 videos reviewed and rated, this is "the best darn video-movie guide there is". (The Niagara Gazette). Used as the database of choice for Blockbuster Video's new "Movie Guide".

Explores the saga of the Irish people through the Larkin family in an epic that ranges from Ireland to New Zealand, Egypt, and Gallipoli

What could be better than watching the natural world out your window or on your television? Going out and experiencing it firsthand. In these fifty essays, acclaimed nature and science writer Sy Montgomery takes her readers on a season-by-season tour of the wilderness that is often as close as the backyard. Sy invites — almost dares — readers to follow her and form hands-on relationships with the plants, animals, birds, and even the insects that share space with people. These essays, most of which originally appeared in Sy's Boston *Globe* column *Nature Journal*, are by turns enlightening, entertaining, sometimes amusing, and always absorbing and informative. Filled with natural history and lore, the essays urge readers to appreciate what they find around them.

From cinema's earliest days, being scared out of your wits has always been one of the best reasons for going to the movies. From B-movie bogeymen and outer space

oddties to big-budget terrors, *Monsters in the Movies* by horror film maestro John Landis celebrates the greatest monsters ever to creep, fly, slither, stalk or rampage across the Silver Screen. Landis also surveys the historical origins of archetypal monsters, such as vampires, zombies and werewolves, and takes you behind the scenes to discover the secrets of the special-effects wizards who created such legendary frighteners as King Kong, Dracula, the Alien, and Freddy Krueger. *Monsters in the Movies* by John Landis is filled with the author's own fascinating and entertaining insights into the world of movie-making, and includes memorable contributions from leading directors, actors and monster-makers. The book is also stunningly illustrated with 1000 movie stills and posters drawn from the unrivaled archives of the Kobal Collection. Contents Introduction by John Landis... Explore a timeless world of fears and nightmares as John Landis investigates what makes a legendary movie monster • *Monsters*, chapter by chapter... Feast your eyes upon a petrifying parade of voracious Vampires, flesh-eating Zombies, slaving Werewolves, gigantic Apes and Supernatural Terrors • Spectacular double-page features... Thrill to the strangest, scariest, weirdest, and craziest movie monsters ever seen • The ingenious tricks of movie-making... Marvel as the special-effects wizards reveal how they create movie magic • A monster-movie timeline... Discover John Landis's personal selection of landmark horror films

USA Today gave it a 4-star rating, the Houston Chronicle called it "by far the best" and the New York Times says the "Hound takes the lead in a blaze of supplemental lists". The new 1996 edition of America's favorite guide to movies on video offers over 22,000 video reviews, including 1,000 new reviews.

From classroom aids to corporate training programs, technical resources to self-help guides, children's features to documentaries, theatrical releases to straight-to-video movies, *The Video Source Book* continues its comprehensive coverage of the wide universe of video offerings with more than 130,000 complete program listings, encompassing more than 160,000 videos. All listings are arranged alphabetically by title. Each entry provides a description of the program and information on obtaining the title. Six indexes -- alternate title, subject, credits, awards, special formats and program distributors -- help speed research.

*Palace Walk* is the first novel in Nobel Prize-winner Naguib Mahfouz's magnificent Cairo Trilogy, an epic family saga of colonial Egypt that is considered his masterwork. The novels of the Cairo Trilogy trace three generations of the family of tyrannical patriarch al-Sayyid Ahmad Abd al-Jawad, who rules his household with a strict hand while living a secret life of self-indulgence. *Palace Walk* introduces us to his gentle, oppressed wife, Amina, his cloistered daughters, Aisha and Khadija, and his three sons—the tragic and idealistic Fahmy, the dissolute hedonist Yasin, and the soul-searching intellectual Kamal. The family's trials mirror those of their turbulent country during the years spanning the two world wars, as change comes to a society that has resisted it for centuries. Translated by William Maynard Hutchins and Olive E. Kenny. Containing the most extensive listing of movies available on video and a multitude of cross-referencing within its 10 primary indexes, this new edition includes 1,000 new movies (23,000 in all), expanded indexing, a fresh new introduction and more of the beloved categories.

*Backpacker* brings the outdoors straight to the reader's doorstep, inspiring and enabling

them to go more places and enjoy nature more often. The authority on active adventure, Backpacker is the world's first GPS-enabled magazine, and the only magazine whose editors personally test the hiking trails, camping gear, and survival tips they publish. Backpacker's Editors' Choice Awards, an industry honor recognizing design, feature and product innovation, has become the gold standard against which all other outdoor-industry awards are measured.

About 2,500 genre films are entered under more than 100 subject headings, ranging from abominable snowmen through dreamkillers, rats, and time travel, to zombies, with a brief essay on each topic: development, highlights, and trends. Each film entry shows year of release, distribution company, country of origin, director, producer, screenwriter, cinematographer, cast credits, plot synopsis and critical commentary.

"In 1833, Charles Darwin was astonished by an animal he met in the Falkland Islands: handsome, social, and oddly crow-like falcons that were 'tame and inquisitive, quarrelsome and passionate,' and so insatiably curious that they stole hats, compasses, and other valuables from the crew of the Beagle. Darwin wondered why these birds were confined to remote islands at the tip of South America, sensing a larger story, but he set this mystery aside and never returned to it. Almost two hundred years later, Jonathan Meiburg ... takes us through South America, from the fog-bound coasts of Tierra del Fuego to the tropical forests of Guyana, in search of these birds: striated caracaras, which still exist, though they're very rare"--Publisher marketin

Jennifer Reeser's *Indigenous* is, by turns, a celebration of her Native American heritage and a lamentation decrying the social injustice and tragedies endured. Through Reeser's sublime craft and formal prowess, ancestral memories and spirits—both the immediate and the historical—are visited with chants, prayers, or rituals: be it imagined, culled, or translated in the backdrop of history, myth, and lore. Reeser also immerses us in her mixed-race heritage, in the "bloody war/ Inside of me, between the Red and White." This collection is as uniquely inspirational and thought-provoking as it is fun—a collection not to be missed. PRAISE FOR INDIGENOUS The beauty of this collection of poems is the way it uses every device capable of reaching the reader. These poems go behind the familiar: Wounded Knee, the Trail of Tears, figures such as Sequoyah and Chief Joseph; past the artifacts, legends, and folkways encountered through reading and travels across America, to the intimate details of a specific family and their lives and world seen from the inside. They give, as our literature seldom does, moral weight to the real and living representatives of those nations, rather than to the romanticized or demonized figures imagined by film. In all, *Indigenous* is more than simply a good read, or a compelling account of events we need to know better: it's an addition to our national literature by Jennifer Reeser—an accomplished poet who knows, and understands intimately, what she is so generously sharing in her work. —Rhina P. Espaillat, author of *And After All* Jennifer Reeser's new book of poems, *Indigenous*, provokes a strange sensation in the reader: an alien yet familiar landscape peopled with recurring characters, the mingling ghosts of history haunting the here and now and reanimating the myth and lore of her folk, both tragic and comic—as inseparable from Reeser's imagination as they are from her blood. Each poem enters into dialogue with the reader even as it maintains an ongoing conversation of sound and sense with the other poems in the collection, a steady, sturdy examination of essential tensions: what it means to be a descendant of the First Nations, an heir to Christian grace, and a poet writing in modern American. Already a master of poetic forms, Reeser has reapplied her talent in what amounts to a major development in her repertoire, bringing the reader to that Native American borderland of the heart that has apparently been a major part of her life, but a part we've only seen in glimpses up to now. —Joseph O'Brien, poetry editor of the *San Diego Reader*

A fifth-grader starts a newspaper with an editorial that prompts her burnt-out classroom teacher to really begin teaching again, but he is later threatened with disciplinary action as a result. Walter Dean Myers, preeminent author of teen fiction biography and verse, refines the image of black characters that are frequently trivialized or vilified in juvenile literature, advertising, television, and film. From his saga *The Glory Field* to his novel *The Young Landlords*, Myers's canon surveys the complex realm of the teen years as colliding settings in home, school, and the street. This volume introduces readers to both the writer and his work, with an emphasis on the characters, dates, events, motifs, and themes from the books. Myers's 101 A-to-Z entries offer concise, analytical discussion on all topics and include generous citations from primary and secondary sources. Each entry concludes with a selected bibliography on such subjects as segregation, Malcolm X, urbanism, writing, metafiction, drugs and alcohol, slavery, and the Vietnam War. Appendices offer a timeline of historical events in Myers's writings and forty topics for group or individual projects, oral analysis, background material, and theme development. A map of Harlem (where many of the stories are set), genealogical diagrams for characters, and an author chronology contribute to a comprehensive presentation.

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