

## North Star Over My Shoulder A Flying Life

North Star Over My Shoulder A Flying Life Simon and Schuster  
People with only a slight interest in history will enjoy these fascinating, short and easy to understand stories. Serious history buffs will like these lesser-known episodes, not the stories we've heard a million times. For example: try to find anyone who knows about the attempted slave insurrection in Fairfax County, Virginia. With Mary Lincoln's spending habits, who knew that Abraham Lincoln actually saved an enormous percentage of his presidential salary? A slave honored in Virginia with a monument; the history of Lee Highway which 'opened' with great fanfare in 1923 as a 3,000 mile road from Washington, DC to San Diego; a story about the Little River Turnpike, the second oldest turnpike in America, built partly by slaves and captured Hessian soldiers. You'll read about two Civil War ships that collided in the Potomac River. Victims included wounded soldiers' wives and one soldier's six-year-old son. You'll read a great account of the massive Civil War corruption. You'll learn about the disastrous condition of the treasury (sound familiar?) during the Revolutionary War. The government tried everything, including a lottery to get the country afloat in a sea of red ink. But the most fascinating story may be about the Revolutionary War soldier who faked his own desertion to defect to the enemy with the highly secretive mission of going behind enemy lines to capture and return for trial the worst traitor in American history: Benedict Arnold. Bet you never heard of this story. There are many other stories in this eclectic, heavily-researched manuscript. There's a story about the Christmas Truce in World War One, about long-forgotten holidays in Virginia, about the retrocession which

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sent an area of Washington back to Virginia in 1846, and about the impeachment of a Supreme Court justice (it happened only once). And more!

The C-124 Globemaster—a U.S. military heavy-lift transport in service 1950 through 1974—barreling down a runway was an awesome sight. The aircraft's four 3800 hp piston engines (the largest ever mass-produced), mounted on its 174-foot wingspan, could carry a 69,000-pound payload of tanks, artillery or other cargo, or 200 fully equipped troops, at more than 300 mph. The flight crew, perched three stories above the landing gears in an unpressurized cockpit, relied, like Magellan, on celestial fixes to navigate over oceans. With a world-wide mission delivering troops and materials to such destinations as the Congo, Vietnam, Thule, Greenland and Antarctica, the Globemaster lived up to its name and was foundational to what Time magazine publisher Henry Luce termed the "American Century." Drawing on archives, Air Force bases, libraries and accident sites, and his own recollections as a navigator, the author details Cold War confrontations and consequent strategies that emerged after Douglas Aircraft Company delivered the first C-124A to the Military Air Transport Service in 1949.

In this YA sci-fi, an heiress flees her controlling father to prevent her test-subject sister's mind from being reprogrammed—but must ally with a smuggler to outwit a monstrous AI, gravity-shifting gladiatorial pits, and bloodthirsty criminal matriarchs to save her sister and their city.

The book is the story of my life with MND, a journey that began some time before I knew it. It begins five years ago, when a glass of beer slipped through my fingers. It then describes how, after many medical appointments, scans, and tests, my self-diagnosis was confirmed, three years later.

After the shock of diagnosis, the story covers the inexorable

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losses that come with this appalling disease, and the physical and emotional challenges that each loss brings. At first, these are gradual, and include my lack of mobility, the deterioration of my speech, and the growing stiffness of my limbs. As my symptoms worsen, the book describes how I have to surrender my driving licence, accept an electric wheelchair, and increasingly live life in my head. It also covers the happiness I find during my hospice visits, the kindness shown by my team of carers, and the despair I feel at knowing that will never walk again, nor spend another night in bed with the woman I love. After surviving a bout of pneumonia, during which I feared the worst, the book ends with me feeling guilty for having outlived many of my fellow sufferers, but still glad to be alive.

On May 2, 1970, a DC-9 jet with 57 passengers and a crew of six departed from New York's JFK International Airport en route to the tropical island of St. Maarten, but four hours and 34 minutes later the flight ended in the shark-infested waters of the Caribbean. It was, and remains, the only open-water ditching of a commercial jet. The subsequent rescue of survivors took nearly three hours and involved the coast guard, navy, and marines. This gripping account of that fateful day recounts what was happening inside the cabin, the cockpit, and the helicopters as the crews struggled against the weather and dwindling daylight to rescue the survivors, who had only their life vests and a lone escape chute to keep them afloat.

The long-awaited autobiography from Georgetown University's legendary coach, whose life on and off the basketball court threw America's unresolved struggle with racial justice into sharp relief. John Thompson was never just a basketball coach and *I Came As A Shadow* is categorically not just a basketball autobiography. After five decades at the center of race and sports in America, Thompson—the iconic

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NCAA champion, Black activist, and educator—was ready to make the private public at last, and he completed this autobiography shortly before his death in the historically tumultuous summer of 2020. Chockful of stories and moving beyond mere stats (three Final Fours, four-time national coach of the year, seven Big East championships, 97 percent graduation rate), Thompson's book drives us through his childhood under Jim Crow segregation to our current moment of racial reckoning. We experience riding shotgun with Celtics icon Red Auerbach and coaching NBA Hall of Famers like Patrick Ewing and Allen Iverson. What were the origins of the phrase "Hoya Paranoia"? You'll see. And parting his veil of secrecy, Thompson brings us into his negotiation with a D.C. drug kingpin in his players' orbit in the 1980s, as well as behind the scenes of his years on the Nike board.

Thompson's mother was a teacher who had to clean houses because of racism in the nation's capital. His father could not read or write. Their son grew up to be a man with his own larger-than-life statue in a building that bears his family's name on a campus once kept afloat by the selling of 272 enslaved Black people. This is a great American story, and John Thompson's experience sheds light on many of the issues roiling our nation. In these pages, he proves himself to be the elder statesman whose final words college basketball and the country need to hear. *I Came As A Shadow* is not a swan song, but a bullhorn blast from one of America's most prominent sons.

An epic novel from the master of historical fiction, author of *ALEXANDER: GOD OF WAR* 'Brilliantly evoked' Sunday Times Arimnestos of Plataea is a man who has seen and done things that most men only dream about. Sold into slavery as a boy, he fought his way to freedom - and then to everlasting fame: standing alongside the Athenians at the Battle of Marathon where the Greeks crushed the invading

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Persians. Sometimes, however, a man's greatest triumph is followed by his greatest sorrow. Returning to his farm, Arimnestos finds that his wife Euphoria has died in childbirth, and in an instant his laurels turn to dust. But the gods are not finished with Arimnestos yet. With nothing left to live for, he throws himself from a cliff into the sea, only to be pulled by strong arms from death's embrace. When he awakes, he finds himself chained to an oar in a Phoenician trireme. And so begins an epic journey that will take Arimnestos and a motley crew of fellow galley slaves to the limits of their courage, and beyond the edge of the known world, in a quest for freedom, revenge - and a cargo so precious it's worth dying for.

On a world where history took a different path than our own, gods walk the earth, and the written word is literally magic. Starting with a simple theft, and escalating into a struggle for survival, a teenaged street thief, an exiled prince, and a centuries-old wizard-king would find their fates entangled at...  
The Banished City.

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

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determination to carve out a successful life. -- From publisher description.

When Warren becomes roommates with cold and calculating Bridgette, tempers flare, but Warren is intent on turning her passionate antagonism into passionate love.

Join the Gemini Detective Agency and help the teenage sleuths solve the theft of a priceless necklace! Twins Zach and Evie Mamuya and their friend Vishal Desai make up the Gemini Detective Agency, which is mainly an excuse to get pizza together or hit the go-kart track. But when a priceless diamond necklace known as the North Star is stolen before an auction, the kids tag along with the twins' crime reporter mom and find a few clues that make them think this was no ordinary robbery. With the help of their classmate Sophia Boyd, the Gemini Detective Agency is on the case! Will they be able to sort through the clues and solve the mystery in time? Readers will love this interactive mystery, where clues can be found throughout the illustrations at the end of each chapter! The Gemini Mysteries: The North Star is an action-packed novel full of twists and turns that will keep readers guessing until the very end.

Clyde Edgerton explains his love of flying and its fundamentals and how combat flying during the Vietnam war has changed him.

It is a well-written book. It grabs you right away. Exuberantly mixes sweet things in life such as friendship, love, family and its filled with plenty of action. It is easy to read, can be read by anyone and you don't want to put it down. In Found by Chance Sustained through Struggle you will find: Love, victory, adventure, escape, joy and action.

Writer Rinker Buck looks back more than 30 years to a summer when he and his brother, at ages 15 and 17 respectively, became the youngest duo to fly across America, from New Jersey to California. Having grown up in an aviation

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family, the two boys bought an old Piper Cub, restored it themselves, and set out on the grand journey. Buck is a great storyteller, and once you get airborne with the boys you find yourself absorbed in a story of adventure and family drama. And Flight of Passage is also an affecting look back to the summer of 1966, when the times seemed much less cynical and adventures much more enjoyable.

Joseph, a returning veteran from tours in Iraq, is taking some time off to relax, find peace and assess his future. He finds himself having a conversation with Origin, the Creator of All Things. Origin tells Joseph about the beginning of the Universe and the Earth, but surprises Joseph when a new creature is introduced into the story. A character that Joseph had never heard of before and one that would change the world - hopefully. The Turms of Peace were created to bring peace and tranquility to all. They went away and now want to return. Joseph's question is: "What do I do with the Turms of Peace?"

"In this ... Amish Christmas novella collection, ... best-selling Christian fiction authors join efforts to offer four ... tales of love, faith, and the miracles that surround Christmas"--

**THE BEST RESOURCE A PILOT CAN HAVE TO UNDERSTAND HOW TO FLY IN ALL TYPES OF WEATHER**  
How do you improve on the best guide for pilots to learn how to fly in all kinds of weather? The answer is the Fifth Edition of Weather Flying. Regarded as the bible of weather flying, this aviation classic not only continues to make complex weather concepts understandable for even the least experienced of flyers, but has now been updated to cover new advances in technology. At the same time, this respected text still retains many of its original insights from over four decades of publication, provided by renowned weather flying veteran Robert N. Buck. In a straightforward style, new author Robert O. Buck (son of the book's original author) delves into how

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computers, personal electronic devices, electronic flight instrument systems, and other technologies are changing the way general aviation pilots fly weather. He addresses the philosophy and discipline required to use these systems, what they are really telling us, and their task as supplement to good flying sense. The updated Fifth Edition also discusses how to handle changes in FSS weather briefing, including a look at new weather information products and airborne datalink weather information as they affect weather flying. This new edition features: Discussions of weather information--what it is, how to get it, and how to use it Explanations of various weather phenomena and how they affect a flight Updates on the new GPS and smart technology used in weather flying Changes in weather information and briefings Descriptions of improved anti- and deicing systems Serious discussion of the pilot-electronics interface Now more than ever, having the Bucks' Weather Flying at the controls is the next best thing to having the authors with you in the cockpit.

This moment-by-moment account of a major airplane crash on a beautiful and treacherous mountainside puts the reader at the pilot's side, describing the flight, its catastrophic ending, and the aftermath. At 7:05 a.m. on February 19, 1955, TWA Flight 260 took off from the Albuquerque airport for a short flight to Santa Fe. To avoid flying over the Sandia Mountains, the plane's approved air route was a dogleg running north-northwest from Albuquerque, then east-northeast into Santa Fe. But at 7:08 a.m. Flight 260 was headed directly toward Sandia Ridge, almost entirely obscured by storm clouds. A local resident who saw Flight 260 overhead observed that if the plane was eastbound, it was too low; if it was northbound, it was off course. At 7:12 a.m. the plane's terrain-warning bell sounded its alarm. Both pilots saw the sheer west face of the Sandias just beyond the right wingtip—an appalling shock



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considering they should have been ten miles further west. Reacting instantly, they rolled the plane steeply to the left, pulled its nose up, and started to level the wings. It was their final act. Hidden by the storm, another cliffside lay directly ahead. When they struck it, they were still in a left bank, nose high.

By the author of *Peacekeeper* It wasn't beginning to look a lot like Christmas At least not for Ellie Lawrence and her family of two—soon to be three—kids. A fire destroyed their home in North Star, Michigan, and most of their possessions. They'd have lost the family dog, too, if Ben MacAllister hadn't come along in time. Ben's Christmas isn't looking a whole lot brighter. On leave of absence from the Ohio State Highway Patrol, he's being stalked by a teenager with vengeance on his mind. But, as Ellie and Ben discover, Christmas and babies come whether we're ready or not. And so does love!

**A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER!** From Brandon Sanderson, the #1 New York Times bestselling author of the *Reckoners* series, *Words of Radiance*, and the internationally bestselling *Mistborn* series, comes the first book in an epic new series about a girl who dreams of becoming a pilot in a dangerous world at war for humanity's future. Spensa's world has been under attack for decades. Now pilots are the heroes of what's left of the human race, and becoming one has always been Spensa's dream. Since she was a little girl, she has imagined soaring skyward and proving her bravery. But her fate is intertwined with her father's--a pilot himself who was killed years ago when he abruptly deserted his team, leaving Spensa's chances of attending flight school at slim to none. No one will let Spensa forget what her father did, yet fate works in mysterious ways. Flight school might be a long shot, but she is determined to fly. And an accidental discovery in a long-forgotten cavern might just provide her with a way to claim the stars. Praise for *Skyward*: A Kirkus

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Reviews Best Book of the Year "Startling revelations and stakes-raising implications...Sanderson plainly had a ball with this nonstop, highflying opener, and readers will too."--Kirkus Reviews, Starred Review "With this action-packed trilogy opener, Sanderson offers up a resourceful, fearless heroine and a memorable cast...[and] as the pulse-pounding story intensifies and reveals its secrets, a cliffhanger ending sets things up for the next installment."--Publishers Weekly, Starred Review "It is impossible to turn the pages fast enough."--Booklist "Sanderson delivers a cinematic adventure that explores the defining aspects of the individual versus the society...[and] fans of [his] will not be disappointed."--SLJ Praise for Brandon Sanderson's Reckoners series: #1 New York Times Bestselling Series "Another win for Sanderson . . . he's simply a brilliant writer. Period."--Patrick Rothfuss, author of the New York Times and USA Today bestseller *The Name of the Wind* "Action-packed."--EW "Compelling. . . . Sanderson uses plot twists that he teases enough for readers to pick up on to distract from the more dramatic reveals he has in store."--AV Club

From New York to California, from the prosperity of the aeronautical industry to the glitter and glamour of Hollywood, multimillionaire Jonas Cord and sensuous film star Rina Marlow discover a world of forbidden secrets, intrigue, ambitions, and passion. Reprint.

Kacey Ruegsegger was shot in the shoulder in the Columbine High School massacre. She survived the shooting and the resulting PTSD as well as the many disappointments caused by her injury. This is her journey from pain to healing to a reclaimed life.

What to read next is every book lover's greatest dilemma. Nancy Pearl comes to the rescue with this wide-ranging and fun guide to the best reading new and old. Pearl, who inspired legions of litterateurs with "What If All (name the city)

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Read the Same Book," has devised reading lists that cater to every mood, occasion, and personality. These annotated lists cover such topics as mother-daughter relationships, science for nonscientists, mysteries of all stripes, African-American fiction from a female point of view, must-reads for kids, books on bicycling, "chick-lit," and many more. Pearl's enthusiasm and taste shine throughout.

A delightful memoir follows the life of a legendary pilot, author, and member of the National Advisory for Aeronautics, who in 1930, at the age of sixteen, flew solo from coast to coast, breaking the junior transcontinental speed record, and traces his illustrious career, from his World War II experiences to his stint as a co-pilot for TWA. Reprint. 25,000 first printing.

A young man returns home to Oregon after serving his country. He feels as a misfit in society because of constant dreams of unexplainable things. During the same time a young lady in St Louis has continuous visions of similar places and events, also hearing voices in her mind totally unexplained. To add to her confusion, she is randomly capable of mental telepathy. The two meet by chance finding commonality between them and eventually fall in love. While sharing their experiences they run an ad to find answers. These ads are answered in a covert way by castaway aliens who have been searching for them for years. At this point the book divides into three stories intermingling between each other to the end of the book. Over 400 exciting pages introduce a diverse cast of people and their extraordinary adventures covering four galaxies.

OUT OR WAR-TORN SKIES, A LEGENDARY PILOT IS BORN Royal Leonard (1905-1962) flew in and out of aviation history - just on the edge of fame. His exploits mirror important developments in the Golden Age of American Aviation (1925-1941) and the Sino-Japanese War

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(1937-1945). "If Royal's story were told in a novel," says long-time China pilot and author Felix Smith, "nobody would believe it all could have happened to one man." Royal learned his craft at the West Point of the Air in San Antonio, Texas. As a Western Air Express night mail pilot, he pioneered blind flying along the treacherous Rocky Mountains. As a TWA pilot, he introduced celestial navigation. An early Airline Pilots Association (ALPA) officer, he fought for mail plane safety at the cost of his job. He flew the Lockheed Orion in which Wiley Post and Will Rogers later crashed and attributed their fatal accident to a surprising cause. During the 1930s, a handful of elite pilots were racers. Jackie Cochran selected Royal as a copilot for the MacRobertson Race of the Century between England and Australia. Royal also competed in the Bendix Death Race in a Gee Bee Widow Maker. Before World War II, Royal worked for the Chinese warlord known as the Young Marshal who kidnapped Nationalist dictator Chiang Kai-shek and changed the course of Chinese history. Royal provided Communist political commissar Chou En-lai his first plane ride and later served as Chiang Kai-shek's personal pilot. During the war, Royal's roles were unique. Claire Chennault chose him to command the Flying Tigers Bomber Group. Royal briefed Colonel Jimmy Doolittle on Chinese landing fields for the Tokyo Raid. Royal, Chennault and Madame Chiang Kai-shek planned their own Tokyo bombing raid. Royal survived flying the Skyway to Hell over the Hump for China National Aviation Corporation. No wonder after a perilous flight war correspondent Martha Gellhorn described Royal as her "hero." Author's Biography The author has spent twenty years uncovering a rich trove of private documentary sources about the Forgotten Aviator. Martin is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the College of William and Mary and has an M.A. in history from the University of Washington and a J.D. from the

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University of California - Berkeley. He is a retired Administrative Law Judge and resides in Sacramento, California with his wife, Carolyn.

Bestselling author Robert Morgan brings to full and vivid life the story of a runaway slave who, in 1850, flees the South Carolina plantation on which he was born, taking with him only a few coins, a knife, and the clothes on his back, and relying on the north star to guide him to safety.

Ernest K. Gann's classic memoir is an up-close and thrilling account of the treacherous early days of commercial aviation. In his inimitable style, Gann brings you right into the cockpit, recounting both the triumphs and terrors of pilots who flew when flying was anything but routine.

A poetic and nuanced exploration of the human experience of flight that reminds us of the full imaginative weight of our most ordinary journeys—and reawakens our capacity to be amazed. The twenty-first century has relegated airplane flight—a once remarkable feat of human ingenuity—to the realm of the mundane. Mark Vanhoenacker, a 747 pilot who left academia and a career in the business world to pursue his childhood dream of flight, asks us to reimagine what we—both as pilots and as passengers—are actually doing when we enter the world between departure and discovery. In a seamless fusion of history, politics, geography, meteorology, ecology, family, and physics, Vanhoenacker vaults across geographical and cultural boundaries; above mountains, oceans, and

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deserts; through snow, wind, and rain, renewing a simultaneously humbling and almost superhuman activity that affords us unparalleled perspectives on the planet we inhabit and the communities we form. No one is safe. Everyone is a suspect. The thrilling new historical epic from bestsellers A.J. Mackenzie. Fresh from his success at the Battle of Queenston, war hero John MacLea is thrown straight back into the maelstrom of tactical espionage. American master spy Polaris has so far evaded capture, and the longer he remains at large the more dangerous he becomes to the allied British and Canadian forces. John travels to York, capital of Upper Canada, deep into a sinister world of treachery, where secrets and lies are an everyday currency. He must discover the identity of Polaris, for a deadly plot is brewing, one that may signal total defeat for the allied troops. Failure is not an option... The jaw-dropping sequel to *The Ballad of John Maclea*, full to the brim with scintillating action, nail-biting suspense and meticulously detailed historical research, perfect for fans of Adrian Goldsworthy, Bernard Cornwell and Conn Iggulden.

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.

Celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the Newbery Honor-winning survival novel *Hatchet* with a pocket-

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sized edition perfect for travelers to take along on their own adventures. This special anniversary edition includes a new introduction and commentary by author Gary Paulsen, pen-and-ink illustrations by Drew Willis, and a water resistant cover. Hatchet has also been nominated as one of America's best-loved novels by PBS's The Great American Read. Thirteen-year-old Brian Robeson, haunted by his secret knowledge of his mother's infidelity, is traveling by single-engine plane to visit his father for the first time since the divorce. When the plane crashes, killing the pilot, the sole survivor is Brian. He is alone in the Canadian wilderness with nothing but his clothing, a tattered windbreaker, and the hatchet his mother had given him as a present. At first consumed by despair and self-pity, Brian slowly learns survival skills—how to make a shelter for himself, how to hunt and fish and forage for food, how to make a fire—and even finds the courage to start over from scratch when a tornado ravages his campsite. When Brian is finally rescued after fifty-four days in the wild, he emerges from his ordeal with new patience and maturity, and a greater understanding of himself and his parents.

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