

To The Last Bullet Vinita Kamte

It can't be you.. When Colonel Belliappa, Indian Army (Retd), a highly decorated war hero is found dying one night frothing at the mouth in anguish, there is no one else at home. Other than his immediate family. His wife, his daughter and his son. Did he, who killed so many, kill himself to bury something dreadful from his past? Or, was he killed? His death sets the clock back to his life as a career officer in the Indian Army. He fights with great valour in the 1971 war against Pakistan which leaves him physically and psychologically scarred for life. Years later, his aggression and maniacal bravery leads to a secret assignment. He is handpicked to command a crack team of Indian Army snipers as an irregular force to fight intruders and militants in the Kashmir Valley from 1989. Today, he is a partner in a flourishing and successful armaments firm. The Colonel finds himself in a series of conflicts with his family, amongst others. Standing to gain from his death, they plan to kill him for their own reasons, quite unknown to each other. Do Colonel Belliappa and his family pay the ultimate price? For the spiral of vengeance he himself triggered some decades ago.

The conflict that ended in 1945 is often described as a 'total war', unprecedented in both scale and character. Volume 3 of The Cambridge History of the Second World War adopts a transnational approach to offer a comprehensive and global analysis of the war as an economic, social and cultural event. Across twenty-eight chapters and four key parts, the volume addresses complex themes such as the political economy of industrial war, the social practices of war, the moral economy of war and peace and the repercussions of catastrophic destruction. A team of nearly thirty leading historians together show how entire nations mobilized their economies and populations in the face of unimaginable violence, and how they dealt with the subsequent losses that followed. The volume concludes by considering the lasting impact of the conflict and the memory of war across different cultures of commemoration.

"Covering the latest and breaking news in Facebook advertising, this updated edition introduces revised, expanded, and new chapters covering fundamentals, Newsfeed ads, sidebar ads, and BIG data. In addition, advertisers are taken farther than just Facebook itself. Marshall and coauthors provide priceless insight into the audience, exploring what was happening before the visitor clicked on an ad and what needs to happen after - ten seconds later, ten minutes later, and in the following days and weeks. Presented in the same step-by-step format that made Marshall's Ultimate Guide to Google AdWords a top seller, this book guides online marketers with a potential audience of 1.11 billion people via a completely different, unbelievably powerful online advertising channel. Facebook presents enhanced tools and exciting opportunities to capture clicks and create brand-loyal customers"--

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Its effects are often life changing. But what exactly is it, and why do so many people embrace it? The most influential spiritual movement of the modern age is Ignatian spirituality, an approach to the spiritual life based on the insights of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Ignatian spirituality teaches an active attentiveness to God joined with a prompt responsiveness to God, who is ever active in people's lives. In *What Is Ignatian Spirituality?*, David L. Fleming, SJ, provides an authoritative yet highly accessible summary of the key elements of Ignatian spirituality, among which are contemplative prayer, discernment, and dynamic involvement in service and mission. In twenty concise chapters, Fr. Fleming explains how this centuries-old method of disciplined reflection on God's work in the world can deepen our spiritual lives today and guide all the decisions we make. Also available in Spanish! ¿Qué es la espiritualidad ignaciana?

Political violence, or terrorism, by State as well as by non-State actors has a long history in India. The allegation that sections of and individual Indian Muslims indulged in terrorism surfaced for the first time with the ascent of the Hindutva forces in mid-1990s and became state policy with the BJP's coming to power at the Centre. With even secular media joining the role as stenographers of security agencies, this became an accepted fact so much so that common Indians and even many Muslims started believing in this false propaganda. This book, by a former senior police officer, with a distinguished career that included unearthing the Telgi scam, peeps behind the propaganda screen, using material mostly in the public domain as well as his long police experience. It comes out with some startling facts and analysis, the first of its kind, to expose the real actors behind the so-called Islamic terrorism in India whose greatest feat was to murder the Maharashtra ATS chief Hemant Karkare who dared to expose these forces and paid with his life for his courage and commitment to truth. While unearthing the conspiracy behind the murder of Karkare, this book takes a hard look at some of the major incidents attributed to Islamic terrorism in India and finds them baseless. The Contact Lens Manual has become established as one of the world's leading practical textbooks in the field of contact lenses for both students and experienced practitioners alike.

This "ridiculous" religious thinking—that when we help the poor, they end up helping us—is at the heart of the 30 stories that Jane Knuth shares in *Thrift Store Graces*, the sequel to her popular *Thrift Store Saints*. Similar to the first book, *Thrift Store Graces* contains personal accounts of Knuth's experiences serving as a once reluctant, now enthusiastic volunteer at a thrift store in Kalamazoo, Michigan. What sets *Thrift Store Graces* apart from her first book is that Knuth introduces us to some far more challenging personal situations that emerge as a result of her volunteer work. Additionally, she invites us to join her as she hesitantly embarks on a pilgrimage to Medjugorje in war-ravaged Bosnia. Through it all, her delightful sense of humor keeps her going, along with her conviction that some of God's greatest gifts come disguised as difficulties. Witty, inspiring, and thought-provoking all at once, the stories in *Thrift Store Graces* subtly compel us to redefine what it means to volunteer and to rethink why it is that we volunteer in the first place.

The renowned biographer's unforgettable portrait of a family in ruins—his own. Meet the Baileys: Burck, a prosperous lawyer once voted the American Legion's "Citizen of the Year" in his tiny hometown of Vinita, Oklahoma; his wife Marlies, who longs to recapture her festive life in Greenwich Village as a pretty young German immigrant, fresh off the boat; their addled son Scott, who repeatedly crashes the family Porsche; and Blake, the younger son, trying to find a way through the storm. "You're gonna be just like me," a drunken Scott taunts him. "You're gonna be worse." Winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award and finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, Blake Bailey has been hailed as "addictively readable" by the *New York Times* and praised for his ability to capture lives "compellingly and in harrowing detail" by *Time*. *The Splendid Things We Planned* is his darkly funny account of growing up in the shadow of an erratic and increasingly dangerous brother, an exhilarating and sometimes harrowing story that culminates in one unforgettable Christmas.

Ali, a drug dealer/business man, tries to change the way the game is played by giving back to the community. His life take a serious turn when a local rival, a crooked cop, his pregnant girlfriend, and his little brother comes into the picture. A gritty street

tale that everyone will enjoy.

Colonel Benjamin Franklin Terry Was killed and his successor, Colonel Thomas Lubbock, died immediately afterwards of camp fever. Still, one of the greatest cavalry units in the Civil War looked onward towards victory with the leadership of two more unbeatable heroic officers, General Albert Sidney Johnston, and General John Austin Wharton, together with two rugged cowboys who knew something about guns and horses. This second story from the saga, Sabers from the Brazos, is the continuing plight of Matt Jorgensen on the run from Montana who found himself deep in the heart of Texas with his friend, Steve Andrews, when the War Between the States broke out. The odds were against them in training others to become horse soldiers, especially when the cavalry unit had no horses with which to ride. Nevertheless, Terry's Texas Rangers became the Devils with which no Federal army wanted to tangle. The powerful reason for Matt's heroic exploitations was his relentless search for his sweetheart rumored to have been killed by a Federal soldier's musket ball. Matt was convinced that she was still alive. Through over four years of research concerning Terry's Texas Rangers, Dr. Ermal Walden Williamson has carved out a chunk of Civil War history that will keep the readers wanting more. The Last Bullet is the second and final episode of his saga, Sabers from the Brazos.

This is the extraordinary story of Ashok Kamte, Additional Commissioner of Police, East Region, Mumbai who died fighting terrorists in the 26/11 attack on Mumbai, The inspiring story of one of the most courageous and promising Indian police Service (IPS) Officers comes straight from the hear of his wif, Vinita. In traces the life and career of this fearless officer who showed exemplary valour at his postings - be it the naxal affected bhandara District, Satara, Sangli, Solapur or Mumbai, It also brings out details of his life which would inspire many a youngster.

Happiness, stress, ecstasy or depression, it's all a mind game. As long as our mind is under our control, everything else is. That's what The Mind Game is all about. It is not an average self-help book that preaches life-enhancing methodologies based on complex science or long philosophical verses. The book's genius lies in its simplicity. It offers quick, actionable and instantly applicable tips that will help readers lead better lives - instantly. The book begins with five ultra-practical steps that will help readers master their emotions. Emotions are strange. They make us human. They make our lives real. They make us different from robots. Yet, many disasters in our lives result from uncontrolled emotions or because of emotional wounds from painful experiences. By helping readers master their emotions, this book aims at making them strong, enabling them to make rational decisions. Readers will be trained on how to feel, face, control and protect their emotions. They will also be enlightened on the importance of EQ and how they can upgrade it. The book then acquaints readers with techniques of analyzing people through effective questioning in routine conversations and understanding personality traits. By applying these methods, readers can develop fruitful relationships at work and home. The third section of the book deals with living better lives with lesser resources. Using famous examples of Steve Jobs and Mark Zuckerberg, readers are made to understand the value of simple living and high thinking. It will also help readers make the best first impressions and use non-verbal communication to their benefit. Next, readers are led into understanding the secret of happiness. It first explains how readers can attain divine happiness, how to tackle stress and depression and how to become happy in a jiffy. The book devotes an entire section to anger. To know more grab your copy today!

From a spectacular giant dump truck to a speedy little race go-cart, The Big Book of Things That Go is a visual and informative look at a subject that fascinates kids. Full of detailed artwork and photographs of real-life vehicles, The Big Book of Things That Go is an enticing collection of trucks, cars, motorcycles, and more that will excite every child. This visual guide features simple but informative text and interactive questions that encourage young children to make their own discoveries about the vehicles around them and how and why machines are useful. Broken into two-page-spread themes, young readers can learn about various vehicles including fire trucks, tractors, cranes, and much more. With striking images and informative text, The Big Book of Things That Go is the perfect guide for young readers who want to learn more about different machines used around the world.

Raisha Lalwani, a reader by day and a writer by night, is a content homemaker. Her passion for writing started at an early age and has been growing since. After being trained as a singer in classical Hindustani music, she later went on to get a Master's in International Business. She has lived in Mumbai, Jaipur, Delhi, and Dubai. Her need to pen things down has lead to her debut novel, The Diary on the Fifth Floor. A fine line between fact and fiction, this book is a collection of short stories in the form of diary entries.

Awards: The Wise Man Said is the winner of 11 International Awards. Synopsis: Sammy is an 80 year old billionaire, who finds himself at the peak of his success built on a mountain of sacrifices. He decides to participate in a life he missed to live. Eleven months in a year he leaves behind his identity and money and allows his curiosity and his willingness to experience anything - death even, to take him on life changing adventures and experiences across the world. Loaded with wisdom, surprise, humor and an eagerness to embrace life, The Wise Man Said is a collection of twelve such adventures of Sammy, where his journey becomes his greatest achievement - a life well lived. About the Author Priya Kumar is an Internationally Acclaimed Motivational Speaker and Bestselling Author of 12 Inspirational Books. In her 25 years journey with Motivational Speaking, she has worked with over 2000 Multi-National Corporates across 47 countries and has touched over 3 million people through her workshops and books, and is the only Woman Speaker in India to have done so. She is the only Indian Author who has won 37 International Awards for her books.

No other bandit in recent times has captured the public's imagination as much as Koose Muniswamy Veerappan. Be it his trademark moustache, stories of his daring escapades or his ruthless massacre of officers, Veerappan continues to fascinate, even thirteen years after his death. Veerappan: Chasing the Brigand is a lucid and incisive account of the rise and fall of India's most dreaded forest brigand. Chronicled by K. Vijay Kumar, IPS, the man who spearheaded the Tamil Nadu Special Task Force (STF) that planned and executed the dreaded bandit's killing, the book relives the various incidents that shaped Veerappan's life - from his birth in Gopinatham in 1952 to his death in 2004 in a shootout in Padi. It traces his dramatic rise from a small-time poacher and sandalwood smuggler to a brutal fugitive who held three states to ransom for two decades. The ruthless killings and high-profile kidnappings masterminded by Veerappan, including the 108-day ordeal involving Kannada cinema superstar, Dr Rajkumar, are described in fascinating detail. Veerappan: Chasing the Brigand is the most authentic account of the life and times of the dreaded outlaw.

What's the Secret of Prayer? Prayer. We all know it should be a bigger part of our life. But few feel they have mastered prayer (if that is possible) and all of us feel we could benefit from clear, practical guidance about how to pray with more power, more passion--and just to pray more! To help everyone from beginner to seasoned intercessor, Becoming a Prayer Warrior provides a complete guide to the essentials of powerful prayer. From the basics to inspiring stories of world-changing prayer, Elizabeth Alves guides you in a fresh look at the incredible mystery of prayer and the benefits that prayer can bring. Move beyond the idea of prayer as a ritual or duty and learn how to truly communicate with God and experience His power and joy as never before.

Fifteen-year-old Macey Clare loves her Connecticut hometown, where her mother grew up and her grandparents still live, and she likes visiting her grandparents even more now that their neighbors' handsome grandson, Austin, has moved in. But when Macey decides to

research the history of a burned-out barn across the street from her grandparents' home for a school report, she gets a shock about what happened. Nobody can change the past, but is Macey ready to take the responsibility for the present and in the process reveal dark secrets about her town and the people she loves?

The reported population of American Indians and Alaska Natives has grown rapidly over the past 20 years. These changes raise questions for the Indian Health Service and other agencies responsible for serving the American Indian population. How big is the population? What are its health care and insurance needs? This volume presents an up-to-date summary of what is known about the demography of American Indian and Alaska Native population--their age and geographic distributions, household structure, employment, and disability and disease patterns. This information is critical for health care planners who must determine the eligible population for Indian health services and the costs of providing them. The volume will also be of interest to researchers and policymakers concerned about the future characteristics and needs of the American Indian population.

NEW CUSTOMERS ARE WAITING... FIND THEM ON FACEBOOK Facebook makes it easy for businesses like yours to share photos, videos, and posts to reach, engage, and sell to more than 1 billion active users. Advertising expert Perry Marshall is joined by co-authors Keith Krance and Thomas Meloche as he walks you through Facebook Advertising and its nuances to help you pinpoint your ideal audience and gain a ten-fold return on your investment. Now in its third edition, *Ultimate Guide to Facebook Advertising* takes you further than Facebook itself by exploring what happens before customers click on your ads and what needs to happen after—10 seconds later, 10 minutes later, and in the following days and weeks. You'll discover how to: Maximize your ad ROI with newsfeeds, videos, and branded content Create custom audiences from your contact lists, video views, and page engagement Use the Facebook Campaign Blueprint proven to generate your first 100 conversions Boost your Facebook ads using the Audience Network and Instagram Follow the three-step formula for successful video ads Maximize campaigns and increase conversions on all traffic to your website Track and retarget engaged users by leveraging the Power of the Pixel Make every page on your website 5-10 percent more effective overnight "If anybody can make practical sense of Facebook for marketers, it's Perry. He has his finger on its truth—as advertising media, not social media. He also realizes there is a short window of time during which it offers greatest opportunity. He identified this with Google AdWords. Now, this book shows how to capitalize on ideal timing with this media. Finally, he is a well-disciplined direct-response practitioner who holds this accountable for ROI. I bestow my 'No B.S.' blessing." —Dan S. Kennedy, legendary direct marketing advisor and author of the No B.S. series.

What happens when a woman who's realized her dreams wakes up to a shocking truth? Shobhan Bantwal's poignant new novel weaves a captivating tale of one woman's return to India: the place where she lost everything--and now has everything to gain... It is a morning like any other in suburban New Jersey when Vinita Patil opens the battered envelope postmarked "Mumbai." But the letter inside turns her comfortable world upside down. It tells Vinita an impossible story: she has a grown son in India whose life may depend on her... Once upon a time, a naïve young college girl fell for a wealthy boy whose primary interests were cricket and womanizing. Vinita knew, even then, that a secret affair with a man whose language and values were different from her own was a mistake. He finished with her soon enough--leaving her to birth a baby that was stillborn. Or so Vinita was told... Now, that child is a grown man in desperate need. To help her son, to know him, Vinita must revisit her darkest hours by returning to her battle-scarred homeland--and pray for the faith of the family she leaves behind... Praise for Shobhan Bantwal and her novels... "Dazzles you with a taste of Desi culture in America." --Caridad Piñeiro, New York Times bestselling author on *The Sari Shop Widow* "Compelling and memorable." --Mary Jo Putney, New York Times bestselling author on *The Forbidden Daughter* "Vivid, rich...expertly portrays a young woman caught between love and duty, hope and despair." --Anjali Banerjee on *The Dowry Bride*

Epigenetic Biomarkers and Diagnostics comprises 31 chapters contributed by leading active researchers in basic and clinical epigenetics. The book begins with the basis of epigenetic mechanisms and descriptions of epigenetic biomarkers that can be used in clinical diagnostics and prognostics. It goes on to discuss classical methods and next generation sequencing-based technologies to discover and analyze epigenetic biomarkers. The book concludes with an account of DNA methylation, post-translational modifications and noncoding RNAs as the most promising biomarkers for cancer (i.e. breast, lung, colon, etc.), metabolic disorders (i.e. diabetes and obesity), autoimmune diseases, infertility, allergy, infectious diseases, and neurological disorders. The book describes the challenging aspects of research in epigenetics, and current findings regarding new epigenetic elements and modifiers, providing guidance for researchers interested in the most advanced technologies and tested biomarkers to be used in the clinical diagnosis or prognosis of disease. Focuses on recent progress in several areas of epigenetics, general concepts regarding epigenetics, and the future prospects of this discipline in clinical diagnostics and prognostics Describes the importance of the quality of samples and clinical associated data, and also the ethical issues for epigenetic diagnostics Discusses the advances in epigenomics technologies, including next-generation sequencing based tools and applications Expounds on the utility of epigenetic biomarkers for diagnosis and prognosis of several diseases, highlighting the study of these biomarkers in cancer, cardiovascular and metabolic diseases, infertility, and infectious diseases Includes a special section that discusses the relevance of biobanks in the maintenance of high quality biosamples and clinical-associated data, and the relevance of the ethical aspects in epigenetic studies

This book is a field guide to the mammals of this unique subcontinent and includes the best places to watch them. It describes each of the 100 plus species that can be recognized in the field, including identification, habitat, range, behavior, diet, breeding, status, and similar species. The Field Guide also contains color illustrations of each mammal as well as tracks of the more prominent species, and mammal lists and maps for each national park. Key Features: The only current guide to mammals of the region Contains color pictures and full text on the 106 larger species likely to be encountered Includes drawings of tracks of key species to aid identification Presents full details of 23 parks and reserves, with location maps, visiting details and species lists for each

The Tulsa Race Riot of 1921 was the worst civil disturbance since the Civil War. On May 21, 1921, a group of white Oklahomans attacked the prosperous African American community, called the Greenwood District or "the Black Wall Street" in Tulsa, OK over the alleged assault of a white woman by a black man. 24 hours later more than 800 people were admitted to local hospitals, 10,000 residents were homeless, and 35 city blocks were reduced to rubble. The monetary cost of the riot was later estimated to be 26 million dollars. This report examines the events leading up to the

riot, the riot itself, and the consideration of reparations for the victims.

Many women are wired to control. You're the ones who make sure the house is clean, the meals are prepared, the beds are made, the children are dressed, and everyone gets to work, school, and other activities on time. But trying to control everything can be exhausting, and it can also cause friction with your friends and family. This humorous, yet thought-provoking book guides you as you discover for yourself the freedom and reward of living a life "out of control," in which you allow God to be seated in the rightful place in your life. Armed with relevant biblical and current examples (both to emulate and to avoid), doable ideas, new thought patterns, and practical tools to implement, *Let It Go* will gently lead you out of the land of over-control and into a place of quiet trust. A companion video-based study for small groups is also available.

The decade from the 2008 global financial crisis to the 2020 coronavirus pandemic has seen a real transformation of the world order. The very nature of international relations and its rules are changing before our eyes. For India, this means optimal relationships with all the major powers to best advance its goals. It also requires a bolder and non-reciprocal approach to its neighbourhood. A global footprint is now in the making that leverages India's greater capability and relevance, as well as its unique diaspora. This era of global upheaval entails greater expectations from India, putting it on the path to becoming a leading power. In *The India Way*, S. Jaishankar, India's Minister of External Affairs, analyses these challenges and spells out possible policy responses. He places this thinking in the context of history and tradition, appropriate for a civilizational power that seeks to reclaim its place on the world stage.

The Millennium Development Goals, adopted at the UN Millennium Summit in 2000, are the world's targets for dramatically reducing extreme poverty in its many dimensions by 2015—income poverty, hunger, disease, exclusion, lack of infrastructure and shelter while promoting gender equality, education, health and environmental sustainability. These bold goals can be met in all parts of the world if nations follow through on their commitments to work together to meet them. Achieving the Millennium Development Goals offers the prospect of a more secure, just, and prosperous world for all. The UN Millennium Project was commissioned by United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan to develop a practical plan of action to meet the Millennium Development Goals. As an independent advisory body directed by Professor Jeffrey D. Sachs, the UN Millennium Project submitted its recommendations to the UN Secretary General in January 2005. The core of the UN Millennium Project's work has been carried out by 10 thematic Task Forces comprising more than 250 experts from around the world, including scientists, development practitioners, parliamentarians, policymakers, and representatives from civil society, UN agencies, the World Bank, the IMF, and the private sector. This report lays out the recommendations of the UN Millennium Project Task Force on Education and Gender Equality. The Task Force recommends seven strategic priorities: strengthen postprimary education for girls while ensuring universal primary education; guarantee sexual and reproductive health and rights; reduce women's and girls' time burdens; guarantee property and inheritance rights; eliminate gender inequality in employment; increase women's participation in government; and significantly reduce violence against women. Action on these priorities will enable countries in every region of the world to achieve gender equality and women's empowerment by 2015.

To the Last Bullet The Inspiring Story of Braveheart, Ashok Kamte : 26/11 Mumbai Terror Attack - Cama Hospital Incident Unfolded--

You didn't arrive here by accident. It's time to unearth your inner wisdom. It's time to remember that you are already whole; everything you need is already within you. This guided journal - with 124 prompts for daily reflection - will lead you through the rich, fertile grounds of your soul. It is there where you will find the potential for limitless self-expression and discovery as you reflect on who you really are, what your beliefs and desires are, your values, and so much more.

Published in three volumes, this unique collection of journals provides you with the opportunity to explore and write through the changes in your life over the course of an entire year. As you notice the patterns and synchronicities in your life, it will become clear that you are your best teacher. Write your story. Breathe. Remember who you are.

The Oklahoma Historical Society Outstanding Book on Oklahoma History for 2012. A riveting biography of a little-known Native-American who shaped history—complete with shootouts, romance, intrigue, and a little politics.

This book is a comprehensive guide to the diagnosis and management of both common and rare neurological disorders, for practising neurologists and trainees. Divided into twelve chapters, each section is dedicated to a subspecialty of neurology, including movement disorders, headache, epilepsy, neurotoxicology, stroke and more. Topics are presented with a broad overview and include recent advances in the field. Content is further enhanced by tables, clinical images, boxes and flow charts to assist learning. Key points Comprehensive guide to neurological disorders for clinicians and trainees Each section dedicated to a subspecialty of neurology Includes recent advances in the field Highly illustrated with tables, clinical images, boxes and flow charts

This Handbook provides a comprehensive ten-step model that will help guide development practitioners through the process of designing and building a results-based monitoring and evaluation system.

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • The author of *Small Great Things* returns with a powerful and provocative new novel about ordinary lives that intersect during a heart-stopping crisis. "Picoult at her fearless best . . . Timely, balanced and certain to inspire debate."—*The Washington Post* The warm fall day starts like any other at the Center—a women's reproductive health services clinic—its staff offering care to anyone who passes through its doors. Then, in late morning, a desperate and distraught gunman bursts in and opens fire, taking all inside hostage. After rushing to the scene, Hugh McElroy, a police hostage negotiator, sets up a perimeter and begins making a plan to communicate with the gunman. As his phone vibrates with incoming text messages he glances at it and, to his horror, finds out that his fifteen-year-old daughter, Wren, is inside the clinic. But Wren is not alone. She will share the next and tensest few hours of her young life with a cast of unforgettable characters: A nurse who calms her own panic in order to save the life of a wounded woman.

A doctor who does his work not in spite of his faith but because of it, and who will find that faith tested as never before. A pro-life protester, disguised as a patient, who now stands in the crosshairs of the same rage she herself has felt. A young woman who has come to terminate her pregnancy. And the disturbed individual himself, vowing to be heard. Told in a daring and enthralling narrative structure that counts backward through the hours of the standoff, this is a story that traces its way back to what brought each of these very different individuals to the same place on this fateful day. One of the most fearless writers of our time, Jodi Picoult tackles a complicated issue in this gripping and nuanced novel. How do we balance the rights of pregnant women with the rights of the unborn they carry? What does it mean to be a good parent? A Spark of Light will inspire debate, conversation . . . and, hopefully, understanding. Praise for A Spark of Light "This is Jodi Picoult at her best: tackling an emotional hot-button issue and putting a human face on it."—People "Told backward and hour by hour, Jodi Picoult's compelling narrative deftly explores controversial social issues."—Us Weekly In *Cows Save the Planet*, journalist Judith D. Schwartz looks at soil as a crucible for our many overlapping environmental, economic, and social crises. Schwartz reveals that for many of these problems—climate change, desertification, biodiversity loss, droughts, floods, wildfires, rural poverty, malnutrition, and obesity—there are positive, alternative scenarios to the degradation and devastation we face. In each case, our ability to turn these crises into opportunities depends on how we treat the soil. Drawing on the work of thinkers and doers, renegade scientists and institutional whistleblowers from around the world, Schwartz challenges much of the conventional thinking about global warming and other problems. For example, land can suffer from undergrazing as well as overgrazing, since certain landscapes, such as grasslands, require the disturbance from livestock to thrive. Regarding climate, when we focus on carbon dioxide, we neglect the central role of water in soil—"green water"—in temperature regulation. And much of the carbon dioxide that burdens the atmosphere is not the result of fuel emissions, but from agriculture; returning carbon to the soil not only reduces carbon dioxide levels but also enhances soil fertility. *Cows Save the Planet* is at once a primer on soil's pivotal role in our ecology and economy, a call to action, and an antidote to the despair that environmental news so often leaves us with.

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