

## What Fresh Hell The Most Hilarious Novel Youll Read This Year

A triumphant, genre-bending breakout novel from one of the boldest new voices in contemporary fiction Vern—seven months pregnant and desperate to escape the strict religious compound where she was raised—flees for the shelter of the woods. There, she gives birth to twins, and plans to raise them far from the influence of the outside world. But even in the forest, Vern is a hunted woman. Forced to fight back against the community that refuses to let her go, she unleashes incredible brutality far beyond what a person should be capable of, her body wracked by inexplicable and uncanny changes. To understand her metamorphosis and to protect her small family, Vern has to face the past, and more troublingly, the future—outside the woods. Finding the truth will mean uncovering the secrets of the compound she fled but also the violent history in America that produced it. Rivers Solomon's *Sorrowland* is a genre-bending work of Gothic fiction. Here, monsters aren't just individuals, but entire nations. It is a searing, seminal book that marks the arrival of a bold, unignorable voice in American fiction.

Marion Meade's engrossing and comprehensive biography of one of the twentieth century's most captivating women In this lively, absorbing biography, Marion Meade illuminates both the charm and the dark side of Dorothy Parker, exploring her days of wicked wittiness at the Algonquin Round Table with the likes of Robert Benchley, George Kaufman, and Harold Ross, and in Hollywood with S. J. Perelman, William Faulkner, and Lillian Hellman. At the dazzling center of it all, Meade gives us the flamboyant, self-destructive, and brilliant Dorothy Parker. This edition features a new afterword by Marion Meade.

From the OG of the Subversive Cross Stitch movement (and brand of the same name) comes Super Subversive Cross Stitch. Featuring 50 easy-to-make designs—both brand-new patterns and fan favorites—stitched together with trademark wit. Don't freak out. Don't make this about you. May your life be as amazing as you pretend it is on Facebook. What fresh hell is this? Not today, Satan. Super Subversive Cross Stitch/ is here to provide crafters with the snarky inspirations they love to stitch. The book features 50 patterns--23 brand-new designs and 27 fan favorites--along with easy-to-follow instructions for the beginner and fonts and designs for adventurous crafters looking to customize their creations. It recasts a traditional, dare we say "sentimental," craft into a modern, relevant art form. It's the latest offering in the Subversive Cross Stitch brand, beloved by legions of DIYers. Less messy than graffiti, Super Subversive Cross Stitch allows crafters to adorn walls with political pith and irreverent twists on classic quotes ("I think, therefore I drink," "Let the good times be gin"). "This book reminds me that I'm not alone in being crafty and swearsy all at the same time. Pass the gin." —Jenny Lawson, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Furiously Happy*, *Let's Pretend This Never Happened*, and *Broken* "Julie is the true OG of the subversive cross-stitch movement. Modern cross-stitch design would not be what it is today without her. She is a positive and supportive force in the cross-stitch community, providing mentorship to other designers and welcoming new stitchers into the hobby. I am so excited about her new book!" —Stephanie Rohr, Author of *Feminist Cross-Stitch*

Peter Greene blogs about the current state of public education with plenty of sass and not much rigor. This book includes almost 100 favorites from his popular blogs *Curmudgucation* and *View from the Cheap Seats*, and makes the case that there is much to love at US public education and much not to take serious about many of the folks who want to tear down one of our most fundamental democratic institutions.

\*\*\*2021 NATIONAL BOOK AWARD WINNER\*\*\* Winner of the 2021 Sir Walter Raleigh Award for Fiction Longlisted for the 2022 Carnegie Medal Fiction, the 2021 Joyce Carol Oates Prize and the 2021 Aspen Words Literary Prize A Read With Jenna Today Show Book Club Pick! One of Entertainment Weekly's 15 Books you Need to Read This June | On Entertainment Weekly's "Must List" | One of The NY Post's Best Summer Reading books | One of GMA's 27 Books for June | One of USA Today's 5 Books Not to Miss | One of Fortune's 21 Most Anticipated Books Coming out in the Second Half of 2021 | One of The Root's PageTurners: It's Getting Hot in Here | One of Real Simple's Best New Books to Read in 2021 An astounding work of fiction from a *New York Times* bestselling author Jason Mott, always deeply honest, at times electrically funny, that goes to the heart of racism, police violence, and the hidden costs exacted upon Black Americans, and America as a whole In Jason Mott's *Hell of a Book*, a Black author sets out on a cross-country publicity tour to promote his bestselling novel. That storyline drives *Hell of a Book* and is the scaffolding of something much larger and urgent: since Mott's novel also tells the story of Soot, a young Black boy living in a rural town in the recent past, and The Kid, a possibly imaginary child who appears to the author on his tour. As these characters' stories build and build and converge, they astonish. For while this heartbreaking and magical book entertains and is at once about family, love of parents and children, art and money, it's also about the nation's reckoning with a tragic police shooting playing over and over again on the news. And with what it can mean to be Black in America. Who has been killed? Who is The Kid? Will the author finish his book tour, and what kind of world will he leave behind? Unforgettably told, with characters who burn into your mind and an electrifying plot ideal for book club discussion, *Hell of a Book* is the novel Mott has been writing in his head for the last ten years. And in its final twists it truly becomes its title.

An enlightening narrative exploring an oft-overlooked aspect of the sixteenth president's life, *An American Marriage* reveals the tragic story of Abraham Lincoln's marriage to Mary Todd. Abraham Lincoln was apparently one of those men who regarded "connubial bliss" as an untenable fantasy. During the Civil War, he pardoned a Union soldier who had deserted the army to return home to wed his sweetheart. As the president signed a document sparing the soldier's life, Lincoln said: "I want to punish the young man—probably in less than a year he will wish I had withheld the pardon." Based on thirty years of research, *An American Marriage* describes and analyzes why Lincoln had good reason to regret his marriage to Mary Todd. This revealing narrative shows that, as First Lady, Mary Lincoln accepted bribes and kickbacks, sold permits and pardons, engaged in extortion, and peddled influence. The reader comes to learn that

Lincoln wed Mary Todd because, in all likelihood, she seduced him and then insisted that he protect her honor. Perhaps surprisingly, the 5'2" Mrs. Lincoln often physically abused her 6'4" husband, as well as her children and servants; she humiliated her husband in public; she caused him, as president, to fear that she would disgrace him publicly. Unlike her husband, she was not profoundly opposed to slavery and hardly qualifies as the "ardent abolitionist" that some historians have portrayed. While she provided a useful stimulus to his ambition, she often "crushed his spirit," as his law partner put it. In the end, Lincoln may not have had as successful a presidency as he did—where he showed a preternatural ability to deal with difficult people—if he had not had so much practice at home.

What to Expect When You're Not Expected to Expect Anything Anymore Did you see the title and flame-filled cover of this book, and did your weary, sweaty, confused, and exasperated soul scream, That one! That is the book for me!!? If so, I'd first like to extend my deepest sympathies, an ice pack, and some of these very helpful edibles. If it's three in the morning as you're reading this, as it may well be, you likely want those more than a book. But since I can't really give you the other stuff, I can at least offer you this book. . . . Perimenopause and menopause experiences are as unique as all of us who move through them. While there's no one-size-fits-all, Heather Corinna tells you what can happen and what you can do to take care of yourself, all the while busting pernicious myths, offering real self-care tips—the kind that won't break the bank or your soul—and running the gamut from hot flashes to hormone therapy. With big-tent, practical, clear information and support, and inclusive of so many who have long been left out of the discussion—people with disabilities; queer, transgender, nonbinary, and other gender-diverse people; BIPOC; working class and other folks—What Fresh Hell Is This? is the cooling pillow and empathetic best friend to help you through the fire.

Global warming is the story of the twenty-first century. It is the most serious issue facing the future of humankind, but American energy and environmental policy is driving the whole world down a path toward global catastrophe. According to Joseph Romm, we have ten years, at most, to start making sharp cuts to our greenhouse gas emissions, or we will face disastrous consequences. The good news, he writes, is that there is something we can do—but only if the leadership of the U.S. government acts immediately and asserts its influence on the rest of the world. Hell and High Water is nothing less than a wake-up call to the country. It is a searing critique of American environmental and energy policy, and a passionate call to action by a writer with a unique command of the science and politics of climate change.

'This book feels like your best friend talking to you over drinks - if your best friend is a shit-talking, patriarchy-smashing, intersectionally feminist professor of the history of reproductive medicine and also an endocrinologist with a side hustle as a comedian.' - Dr Emily Nagoski, NYT bestselling author of Come As You Are What to Expect When You're Not Expected to Expect Anything Anymore Perimenopause and menopause experiences are as unique as all of us who move through them. While there's no one-size-fits-all, Heather Corinna tells you what can happen and what you can do to take care of yourself, all the while busting pernicious myths, offering real self-care tips - the kind that won't break the bank or your soul - and running the gamut from hot flashes to hormone therapy. With practical, clear information and support, inclusive of those with disabilities, queer, transgender, nonbinary and other gender-diverse people, people of colour, working class and others who have long been left out of the discussion, What Fresh Hell Is This? is the cooling pillow and empathetic best friend to help you through the fire.

A smart and concise guide to staying together that draws on scientific findings, expert advice, and years in the marital trenches to explain why marriage is better for your health, your finances, your kids, and your happiness Like you, probably, Belinda Luscombe would rather have had her eyes put out than read a book about marriage; they all seemed full of advice that was obvious, useless, or bad. Plus they were boring. But after covering the relationship beat for Time magazine for ten years, she realized there was a surprisingly upbeat and little-known story to tell about the benefits of staying together for the long haul. Casting a witty, candid, and probing eye on the latest behavioral science, Luscombe has written a fresh and persuasive report on the state of our unions, how they've changed from the marriages of our parents' era, and what those changes mean for the happiness of this most intimate and important of our relationships. In Marriageology Luscombe examines the six major fault lines that can fracture contemporary marriages, also known as the F-words: familiarity, fighting, finances, family, fooling around, and finding help. She presents facts, debunks myths, and provides a fascinating mix of research, anecdotes, and wisdom from a wide range of approaches—from how properly dividing up chores can result in a better sex life to the benefits of fighting with your spouse (though not in the car) to whether or not to tell your partner that you lost \$70,000. (The last one is from firsthand experience.) Marriageology offers simple, actionable, maybe even borderline fun techniques and tips to try, whether the relationship in question is about to conk out or just needs a little grease and an oil change. The best news of all is that sticking together is easier than it looks. Praise for Marriageology "Drawn from what she learned covering the relationship beat for Time, Luscombe's how-not-to-split-up manual is witty and wise."—People "People are still getting married, and this book is here to help. . . . A warm and companionable volume . . . [Luscombe has a] wry touch, a gift for scene-setting, and an endearingly even temper."—The New Yorker "Few things are more important than the quality of our relationships—and especially the one we build with our life partners. Belinda Luscombe has written a smart and funny book to help anyone work toward a stronger and more fulfilling marriage."—Sheryl Sandberg, COO of Facebook and founder of LeanIn and OptionB A damned man struggles to find meaning in a library, the dimensions of which are measured in light years.

"What Fresh Hell?"-the best of the blog Levees Not War-brings together ten years of blogging on war and peace; politics and society in the Obama and Bush-Cheney years; infrastructure; the environment in a time of extreme weather; and interviews.

Wielding considerable influence as a Hollywood critic in spite of insecurity and social anxiety in her private life, Violet Epps is approached by the ghost of Dorothy Parker, who in exchange for help with moving to the afterlife offers advice on how Violet can find the courage to speak out.

Margaret Atwood puts the human heart to the ultimate test in an utterly brilliant new novel that is as visionary as *The Handmaid's Tale* and as richly imagined as *The Blind Assassin*. Stan and Charmaine are a married couple trying to stay afloat in the midst of an economic and social collapse. Job loss has forced them to live in their car, leaving them vulnerable to roving gangs. They desperately need to turn their situation around—and fast. The Positron Project in the town of Consilience seems to be the answer to their prayers. No one is unemployed and everyone gets a comfortable, clean house to live in . . . for six months out of the year. On alternating months, residents of Consilience must leave their homes and function as inmates in the Positron prison system. Once their month of service in the prison is completed, they can return to their "civilian" homes. At first, this doesn't seem like too much of a sacrifice to make in order to have a roof over one's head and food to eat. But when Charmaine becomes romantically involved with the man who lives in their house during the months when she and Stan are in the prison, a series of troubling events unfolds, putting Stan's life in danger. With each passing day, Positron looks less like a prayer answered and more like a chilling prophecy fulfilled. One of the most common complaints parents hear is that their child has great potential but is lazy. In the workplace one hears that a colleague is brilliant but just can't seem to deliver on time. Dr Levine believes that in reality very few people are truly lazy. Nearly all 'lazy' children and unproductive adults are in fact suffering from some sort of 'output failure,' that is, some problem of the mind that inhibits their productivity, despite their good intentions. In this book Dr Levine draws heavily on his years of clinical experience to construct the stories of representative children and adults who failed to be productive for the most common reasons. Too often we focus only on failure but people benefit enormously from recognition of their successes. In explaining outside or environmental factors that can affect productivity, Dr Levine points to the role of parents as well as teachers in identifying a child's weaknesses and nurturing the capacity to deliver, with such practical suggestions as describing the ideal study environment for a child. Whether the problem is manifested in motor breakdown, memory shortfall, verbal problems, lack of mental energy or underlying disorganization, Dr Levine provides a workable solution and dismisses the 'lazy' label.

"[A] jewel of a debut . . . abundantly satisfying."—Jia Tolentino, *The New Yorker* A witty, intelligent novel of an American woman on the edge, by a brilliant new voice in fiction—"the glorious love child of Ottessa Moshfegh and Sally Rooney" (*Publishers Weekly*, starred review) As an adjunct professor of English in New York City with no hope of finding a permanent position, Dorothy feels "like a janitor in the temple who continued to sweep because she had nowhere else to be but who had lost her belief in the essential sanctity of the enterprise." No one but her boyfriend knows that she's just had a miscarriage, not even her therapists—Dorothy has two of them. Nor can she bring herself to tell the other women in her life: her friends, her doctor, her mentor, her mother. The freedom not to be a mother is one of the victories of feminism. So why does she feel like a failure? Piercingly intelligent and darkly funny, *The Life of the Mind* is a novel about endings: of youth, of professional aspiration, of possibility, of the illusion that our minds can ever free us from the tyranny of our bodies. And yet Dorothy's mind is all she has to make sense of a world largely out of her control, one where disaster looms and is already here, where things happen but there is no plot. There is meaning, however, if Dorothy figures out where to look, and as the weeks pass and the bleeding subsides, she finds it in the most unlikely places, from a Las Vegas poolside to a living room karaoke session. In literature—as Dorothy well knows—stories end. But life, as they say, goes on.

Taking the reader through the New York that inspired, and was in turn inspired by, the formidable Mrs. Parker, this guide uses rarely seen archival photographs from her life to illustrate Dorothy Parker's development as a writer, a formidable wit, and a public persona. Her favorite bars and salons as well as her homes and offices, most of which . . .

Richard Rubenstein writes of the holocaust, why it happened, why it happened when it did, and why it may happen again and again.

"Richly detailed. . . an intimate portrait of a diplomat." —*New Yorker* In this revealing, funny, and inspiring memoir, seven-time *New York Times* bestselling author and former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright—among the world's most admired and tireless public servants—reflects on the challenge of continuing one's career far beyond the normal age of retirement. In 2001, when Madeleine Albright was leaving office as America's first female secretary of state, interviewers asked her how she wished to be remembered. "I don't want to be remembered," she answered. "I am still here and have much more I intend to do. As difficult as it might seem, I want every stage of my life to be more exciting than the last." In that time of transition, the former Secretary considered the possibilities: she could write, teach, travel, give speeches, start a business, fight for democracy, help to empower women, campaign for favored political candidates, spend more time with her grandchildren. Instead of choosing one or two, she decided to do it all. For nearly twenty years, Albright has been in constant motion, navigating half a dozen professions, clashing with presidents and prime ministers, learning every day. Since leaving the State Department, she has blazed her own trail—and given voice to millions who yearn for respect, regardless of gender, background, or age. *Hell and Other Destinations* reveals this remarkable figure at her bluntest, funniest, most intimate, and most serious. It is the tale of our times anchored in lessons for all time, narrated by an extraordinary woman with a matchless zest for life.

The eBook Number One bestseller The hottest book of the summer. A sassy, laugh out loud beach read everyone is talking about \*\*\*\*\* Hot Mess [n.] - someone attractive, who is often in disarray. Have you ever shown up to Sunday brunch still smelling of Saturday night? Chosen bed, Netflix and pizza over human contact? Stayed in your mould-ridden flat because it's cheap? Meet your spirit animal, Ellie Knight. Her life isn't turning out exactly as she planned. She hates her job, her friends are coupling up and settling down, and her flatmates are just plain weird. Some people might say she's a hot mess but who really has their sh\*t together anyway? For fans of *Fleabag* and *Girls*, this is a fresh and funny coming-of-age story with a single-girl heroine that will speak to millennials everywhere. \*\*\*\*\* 'The laugh-out-loud literary equivalent of *Trainwreck*-meets-*Fleabag*' *Glamour* 'A breath of fresh air, deftly subverting some of chick lit's biggest

clichés' Stylist 'More lifestyle-affirming than Bridget Jones' Sarah Knight, author of *The Life Changing Magic of Not Giving a F\*ck* 'If you love dirty jokes, dating horror stories and hilarious dialogue, this book is for you' Emma Gannon, author and podcast host of *Ctrl Alt Delete* 'I laughed and sighed with recognition as I turned every page' Daisy Buchanan, author of *How To Be a Grown-Up*

A sly debut story collection that conjures the experience of adolescence through the eyes of Chinese American girls growing up in New York City—for readers of Zadie Smith and Helen Oyeyemi. Winner of the Los Angeles Times Book Prize • Winner of the PEN/Robert W. Bingham Prize for Debut Fiction • Finalist for the New York Public Library's Young Lions Fiction Award NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY *The New Yorker* • NPR • *O: The Oprah Magazine* • *The Guardian* • *Esquire* • *New York* • *BuzzFeed* A fresh new voice emerges with the arrival of *Sour Heart*, establishing Jenny Zhang as a frank and subversive interpreter of the immigrant experience in America. Her stories cut across generations and continents, moving from the fraught halls of a public school in Flushing, Queens, to the tumultuous streets of Shanghai, China, during the Cultural Revolution of the 1960s. In the absence of grown-ups, latchkey kids experiment on each other until one day the experiments turn violent; an overbearing mother abandons her artistic aspirations to come to America but relives her glory days through karaoke; and a shy loner struggles to master English so she can speak to God. Narrated by the daughters of Chinese immigrants who fled imperiled lives as artists back home only to struggle to stay afloat—dumpster diving for food and scamming Atlantic City casino buses to make a buck—these seven stories showcase Zhang's compassion, moral courage, and a perverse sense of humor reminiscent of Portnoy's Complaint. A darkly funny and intimate rendering of girlhood, *Sour Heart* examines what it means to belong to a family, to find your home, leave it, reject it, and return again. Praise for *Sour Heart* "[Jenny Zhang's] coming-of-age tales are coarse and funny, sweet and sour, told in language that's rough-hewn yet pulsating with energy."—*USA Today* "One of the knockout fiction debuts of the year."—*New York* "Compelling writing about what it means to be a teenager . . . It's brilliant, it's dark, but it's also humorous and filled with love."—Isaac Fitzgerald, *Today* "[A] combustible collection . . . in a class of its own."—*Booklist* (starred review) "Gorgeous and grotesque . . . [a] tremendous debut."—*Slate*

'Totally relatable and hilarious - one of the best books I've read' - Heat 'Laugh-out-loud funny. Truly, the Bridget Jones for our generation' - Louise O'Neill What do you get if you cross a dozen drunk hens with one shiny Butler in the Buff? Meet Lilah Fox. She's on the hen do from hell. Then she gets a message (44 of them, actually) from her best friend with big news: she's getting married in six months. Oh, and Lilah's her maid of honour. Which means she just got signed up for: - A military schedule of wedding fairs and weekly planning meetings - Excel spreadsheets and endless hen emails - All the enforced, expensive fun you can imagine... What fresh hell is this? \*\*\*\*\* Everyone loves Lucy Vine: 'So ridiculously accurate I had to take a lie down from all my genuine laughing-out-loud' Laura Jane Williams 'Relatable to the max...fans of Hot Mess will love it' Grazia 'Very funny and a joy to read! I adored it!' Joanna Bolouri, bestselling author of *The List* 'One of my very favourite writers... It's wildly funny AND about my very favourite genre of everything - painfully obsessive wedding planning. I inhaled this. If you like laughing a lot, I recommend that you pre order immediately' Daisy Buchanan 'What Fresh Hell is so brilliantly, hilariously, on-point about the nutso psychology of hen dos. For anyone whose ever found themselves thinking, "Oh £260 for the weekend. That's not too bad." READ IT' Holly Bourne 'I LOVED this. Caps for emphasis...This is relatable AF and you need it in your life' Hanna Doyle

A shattered harem A missing goddess A looming threat against humanity Just another day in the life of Dark Mercy! What fresh Hell is this? You know, for being such a bad bitch, I sure know how to make some very bad decisions. I went ahead and followed a sexy psychopath to the Garden of Eden with no clue how to access my full powers or return to my Champions back on Earth. Assuming they still want me after what I've done! Heaven's Tribunal and Hell's Council have been plotting against the human race for centuries and I'm apparently the only one who can stop them. The trouble is, I still don't have all the pieces of the puzzle and all three realms are running out of time. Oh, and first, I need to defeat the Big Bad before I accidentally end up on the wrong side of history. Can't a legendary goddess catch a break? Once I learn to master all four elements, I can finally achieve my divine destiny and restore the balance between angels, demons, and humans. With my Champions by my side - and an army of my own - I'm ready to fully step into my power and bring my enemies to their knees. Hell hath no fury like a revolution whose time has come. -- *The Wings of Darkness + Light* trilogy is an alternate history that imagines "What if angels and demons walked among us?" This is a steamy, medium-burn (heat index 3-4) paranormal romance with an urban fantasy setting and a reverse harem that builds over time. Our heroine is a force to be reckoned with and never has to choose just one man. M/MMFM Multiple POV This series is meant for readers 18 and over. *Shadows Scorch* is the last book in the trilogy (but prepare for some spinoffs) Possible triggers: Swear dialogue Graphic sex Dubcon Plenty of side-eye toward the Old and New Testament and societal class systems Gore and violence

Few American writers have ever achieved the widespread acclaim and multidimensional popularity attained by Robert Benchley (1889-1945) during the first half of this century. A charter member, along with close friends Dorothy Parker, Robert Sherwood, and Harold Ross, of the notorious "Vicious Circle" that held court at the Algonquin Hotel in the Roaring Twenties, Benchley was many things to many people: a best-selling author of hilarious books chronicling the comic futility of the human condition, a sharp-witted theater critic whose reviews graced the pages of the original *Life* and *The New Yorker* for nearly two decades, and a much sought-after radio personality and feature film actor who starred in his own series of classic comedy shorts. In this sympathetic and witty biography, Billy Altman explores the man behind the mirth as he chronicles Benchley's journey from the glittering lights of Broadway and the dim ones in the rollicking speakeasies of New York during prohibition, to the infamous Garden of Allah apartments and the glamorously decadent Hollywood of the 1930s and 1940s.

It's become a modern question because of the traditional doctrine: How can God be both loving and wrathful? In *The Most*

Encouraging Book on Hell Ever, Thor Ramsey (an author, pastor, and comedian...but don't let that fool you) tackles this question by probing deeper. Avoiding the caricatures of God as either a Frankenstein out to crush you or a Santa Claus ready to grant your every wish (as long as you've been really, really good), he asks, "What changes about God if this traditional understanding of the doctrine of hell changes?" As it turns out, everything changes. If you think a God without hell is more loving, this book will surprise you. While many believe that by eliminating hell they're getting a new and improved God, this new thinking is more troubling than the old doctrine itself. The new doctrine of hell being sold today is only good news at the most superficial level, leaving us with a wrath-less God who tolerates evils that make even the average atheist cringe. What if hell itself is good news about God? What if hell highlights everything we find glorious about God? What if the loss of hell leaves the world with a smaller God? Discover why the church needs a new and different breed of hellfire-and-brimstone preacher in the pulpit today. If you can't imagine how the doctrine of hell could ever make you say, "Praise God," this book (often funny, but deadly serious) lays out the biblical vision.

"A powerful book about how we can raise girls to become bold, ambitious women." --Adam Grant What do girls really need to succeed? Children today face an uncertain future, and parents and teachers can't fully predict what's in store for their daughter and sons. But one thing is clear: Our kids need a new set of skills to succeed. Girls, in particular, must nurture essential traits to fully flourish. Students hit the ground running today, entering a school system that carries high expectations on their way to a college application process that is more demanding than ever. After school, young women enter a competitive job market, still complicated by sexism and the possibility of harassment. But the ways we define leadership are also changing, and the women stepping into those roles are mapping new paths to inhabiting traits like grit, resilience, audacity, and self-confidence. What Girls Need shows how parents and educators can foster these critical twenty-first-century skills in our girls and help them to recognize and nurture their inherent strengths—to not just thrive but also find joy and purpose as they come of age in our ever-evolving world. As a student at the all-girls Baldwin School outside of Philadelphia, Marisa Porges grew up in a community designed to produce strong, independent women. After graduating from Harvard, she fulfilled her childhood dream of flying jets off aircraft carriers for the U.S. Navy and served as a counterterrorism expert in Afghanistan and a cybersecurity advisor in the Obama White House. Then in 2016, in an unexpected move for someone whose ambitions had taken her so far from home, Porges returned to head the Baldwin School. In doing so, she saw how small moments in her early education gave her the tools she needed to excel in a "man's world." Combining compelling research, personal stories, and practical advice on timely questions, Porges delves into hot-button subjects like how to harness girls' voices and boost girls' self-esteem, and shows how little things have a big impact when nurturing vital skills like competitiveness, collaboration, empathy, and adaptability. What Girls Need empowers us to support the next generation of women so they can confidently hold their own no matter what the future has in store.

Be a Confident Parent from Day One "Evie and Sarah artfully marry expert etiquette and parenting advice in a fun, modern, and valuable way." ?Heidi Dulebohn, international cultural consultant and etiquette expert #1 New Release in Children's Studies Social Science Parenting doesn't happen in a bubble, but you wouldn't know that from other parenting books. Own this humorous, often irreverent take on what parenting in public is really like. Real-world advice on embarrassing moments parents with young kids face every day. When you're raising kids, you're thrown into dilemmas you could never have dreamed up. A diaper disaster in the middle seat during take-off. Naked baby bath photos your mother-in-law posts online without permission. An unexpected gift that leads to a tantrum in front of the gift-giver. How can you turn these into opportunities to be an A+ parent and friend, role model, and member of your community? They've done the research so you don't have to. Authors Sarah Davis, Ed.D., and Evie Granville, M.Ed., are educators, manners mavens, and creators of a blog and podcast dedicated to parenting etiquette. Their two families total six young kids. Modern Manners for Moms & Dads unpacks the complicated social code for parents of kids ages 0 to 5. Sarah and Evie help you discover a public parenting style within a unique framework, analyze your gut reactions to sticky situations, and choose a course of action that balances the needs of parent, child and others. Written by and for busy parents, this guide includes parenting tips, lists, charts, pop quizzes, personal anecdotes, and practical advice. Also offered is child rearing guidance from real experts on: • Leading your family with kindness and awareness • Setting a good example (and realistic expectations) for little ones • Maintaining friendships and good communication If you are a fan of etiquette books like A Kid's Guide to Manners, Dude That's Rude, or 365 Manners Kids Should Know, you're going to love Modern Manners for Moms & Dads (Kids 0–5).

When a small-town family is pushed to the brink, how far will they go to protect one of their own? An edgy, propulsive read about what we will do in the name of love and blood Tony has always looked out for his younger brother, Nick. So when he's called to a hospital bed where Nick is lying battered and bruised after a violent sexual assault, his protective instincts flare, and a white-hot rage begins to build. As a small-town New England lawyer, Tony's wife, Julia, has cases involving kids all the time. When Detective Rice gets assigned to this one, Julia feels they're in good hands. Especially because she senses that Rice, too, understands how things can quickly get complicated. Very complicated. After all, one moment Nick was having a drink with a handsome stranger; the next, he was at the center of an investigation threatening to tear not only him, but his entire family, apart. And now his attacker, out on bail, is disputing Nick's version of what happened. As Julia tries to help her brother-in-law, she sees Tony's desire for revenge, to fix things for Nick, getting out of control. Tony is starting to scare her. And before long, she finds herself asking: does she really know what her husband is capable of? Or of what she herself is? Exploring elements of doubt, tragedy, suspense, and justice, The Damage is an all-consuming read that marks the explosive debut of an extraordinary new writer.

'Laugh-out-loud funny. Truly, the Bridget Jones for our generation' Louise O'Neill Alice is turning thirty and is stuck in a rut. Her friends are all coupling up and settling down, while she's still working as a temp, trying (and failing) not to shag her terrible ex, getting thrown out of clubs, and accidentally sexting her boss... She decides to throw caution to the wind and jets off on a round-the-world adventure to #FindTheFun and find herself. Of course, she's no more likely to find the answer to true happiness on the beach in Thailand than she is at the electric beach in Tooting, but at least in Thailand there's paddleboard yoga. Can Alice find happiness on her travels? Or is she more likely to lose herself all over again...? 'Utterly addictive and utterly charming...her best yet' Daisy Buchanan 'Warning: read this book and you will doubtless snort with laughter in inappropriate public places. Quite simply, #brilliant' Ella Dove

'I just loved it. Lethally funny and so clever.' - Jilly Cooper I ADORED it. It's the most fun I've had with a book in a long time, and I love how she writes - so many dazzling sentences and phrases.' - Marian Keyes Debt, double-basements, dastardly bankers...and DIVORCE? 'Hell is other people' and journalist Mimi Fleming is fast realizing on her return to Notting Hill that there is no greater

hell than the W11 neighbours with whom she shares an exclusive communal garden. Since she's been away, all her friends have become - impossibly - even richer, thinner, and YOUNGER. They're busy not just turning back the clock but also their homes into palatial iceberg houses - with basement swimming pools. But Mimi's troubles are just beginning. There's the compromising and risky mission she'd undertake to re-launch her so-called journalism career (plus an embarrassing case of mistaken identity thanks to Google). Then there's her children who will only communicate via WhatsApp. And worst of all, Mimi's fallen for someone, and it's certainly not her husband Ralph. Ralph and Mimi have already been to Notting Hell and back. But is this the end or the beginning of something new?

It's the story "They" don't want you to read. Though, to be fair, "They" are probably right about this one. To quote the Bible, "Learning the truth can be like loosening a necktie, only to realize it was the only thing keeping your head attached." No, don't put the book back on the shelf -- it is now your duty to purchase it to prevent others from reading it. Yes, it works with e-books, too, I don't have time to explain how. While investigating a fairly straightforward case of a shape-shifting interdimensional child predator, Dave, John and Amy realized there might actually be something weird going on. Together, they navigate a diabolically convoluted maze of illusions, lies, and their own incompetence in an attempt to uncover a terrible truth they -- like you -- would be better off not knowing. Your first impulse will be to think that a story this gruesome -- and, to be frank, stupid -- cannot possibly be true. That is precisely the reaction "They" are hoping for. John Dies at the End's "smart take on fear manages to tap into readers' existential dread on one page, then have them laughing the next" (Publishers Weekly) and This Book is Full of Spiders was "unlike any other book of the genre" (Washington Post). Now, New York Times bestselling author David Wong is back with What the Hell Did I Just Read, the third installment of this black-humored thriller series.

The comprehensive guide for optimal plant-based nutrition at every stage of life, now completely updated. Are you considering going vegan, but not sure how to start? Are you already committed to an animal-free diet, but are unclear about how to get proper nutrients? Vegan for Life is your comprehensive, go-to guide for optimal plant-based nutrition. Registered dietitians and long-time vegans Jack Norris and Virginia Messina debunk some of the most persistent myths about vegan nutrition and provide essential information about getting enough calcium and protein, finding the best supplements, and understanding the "real deal" about organics, processed foods, raw foods, and more. Now, ten years since its original publication, the book has been completely revised and updated, with: A brand-new chapter on vegan eating for weight management Guidance on eating to prevent chronic disease The latest findings on sports nutrition and muscle mass Easy-to-follow vegan food guides, menus, and pantry lists Covering everything from a six-step transition plan to meeting calorie and nutrient needs during every stage of life, Vegan for Life is the guide for aspiring and veteran vegans alike.

This unforgettable memoir, by one of our most gifted writers, introduces us to the young Toby Wolff, by turns tough and vulnerable, crafty and bumbling, and ultimately winning. Separated by divorce from his father and brother, Toby and his mother are constantly on the move, yet they develop an extraordinarily close, almost telepathic relationship. As Toby fights for identity and self-respect against the unrelenting hostility of a new stepfather, his experiences are at once poignant and comical, and Wolff does a masterful job of re-creating the frustrations and cruelties of adolescence. His various schemes - running away to Alaska, forging checks, and stealing cars - lead eventually to an act of outrageous self-invention that releases him into a new world of possibility.

Mimi struggles with raised levels of having it all in the face of her husband's laid-back personal life and a billionaire newcomer, while Clare frets about her childless state and the private misdemeanors of her friends and neighbors. The new laugh-out-loud, deliciously relatable story of female friendship from the bestselling author of HOT MESS 'So VERY funny' Marian Keyes 'Furiously, fiercely funny, warm and uplifting' Daisy Buchanan 'Warm, nostalgic and laugh-out-loud funny' Beth O'Leary 'Ferociously funny' RED Magazine 'Heartwarming, heart-shattering and hilarious' Isy Suttie \*\*\* Two friends. Two decades. One big mistake... Nat and Zoe have always shared everything. Hopeless crushes, emergency tampons, messy sex stories, work triumphs, those days where you can't stop crying in the loos, those days where you can't stop dancing on the bar. They even share the same birthday, FFS. The struggle is real, but they'll always have each other. Except best friends forever is a hard promise to keep... Eye-wateringly hilarious, tender and true, this a story about growing up, falling apart, and the friendships that hold us together. \*\*\* Praise for Bad Choices: 'Brutally funny, painfully accurate, unfailingly warm and wise' Lauren Bravo 'Genius...I loved it' Lindsey Kelk 'Funny, sad, moving, joyous... One Day for people who make their friends the priority' Caroline Hulse 'Outrageously good' Helly Acton 'Utterly hilarious, moving, relatable and full of nostalgia and heart. Perfection' Lia Louis 'Full of heart, nostalgia and classic Lucy Vine comedy' Olivia Beirne 'A laugh-out-loud read about growing up, falling apart and the special bond that is female friendship' CLOSER 'Deliciously entertaining' Sara Ella Ozbek 'Lucy at her most divine' Hannah Doyle 'Hilarious and extremely relatable' Anna Bell 'Lucy never fails to make me laugh out loud' Paige Toon

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A practical guide for modern-day parenting geared towards stay-at-home dads, offering advice on everything from learning to cook and clean with children, to dealing with mental health and relationships, with the easygoing perspective that dads can use their natural talents to parent any way that they choose. The Ultimate Stay-at-Home Dad manual takes the best advice and wisdom from a dads' group, and puts it into a format to help new stay-at-home fathers. Characterized by actionable and direct advice to fathers, the book takes on parenting from a father's point of view and encourages dads to use their natural talents to become a better parent. That advice is further bolstered by an additional 57 other dads who also give advice. All this advice is framed by the author's personal stories, which help the reader connect with the content and drives the advice home. This is a book that takes on day-to-day parenting, not just as a stay-at-home dad--working fathers could benefit from this book as much as at-home dads.

Bleak, gritty and moving, Soul Circus superbly brings to life a devastating story of life and death in Washington's black ghettos. Private Investigator Derek Strange and his partner, Terry Quinn, are running a detective business in the seedy underbelly of Washington, DC when they are approached by a young man asking them to find his girlfriend who has gone missing. And so Strange and Quinn find her. Just another day? Not quite. In the grimy underworld inhabited by Strange,

nothing is that simple. For Strange and Quinn's efforts have led to a young mother being brutally murdered--a devastating discovery that causes them both to question the morality by which they live. And yet at the same time they need to continue the search for another missing girl, a teenage runaway who shows up in a porn video. And who hasn't been seen since. Step by step, Strange and his partner are drawn into the darkness, confronting gunrunners, crime lords, drug dealers, and ordinary people caught up in the ruthless violence of the business. *Soul Circus* is a heart-stopping thriller that could only have been written by George Pelecanos, the writer who "has gone from cult favorite to acknowledged master" (Booklist).

A REESE'S BOOK CLUB PICK "A hands-on, real talk guide for navigating the hot-button issues that so many families struggle with."--Reese Witherspoon Tired, stressed, and in need of more help from your partner? Imagine running your household (and life!) in a new way... It started with the Sh\*t I Do List. Tired of being the "shefault" parent responsible for all aspects of her busy household, Eve Rodsky counted up all the unpaid, invisible work she was doing for her family -- and then sent that list to her husband, asking for things to change. His response was... underwhelming. Rodsky realized that simply identifying the issue of unequal labor on the home front wasn't enough: She needed a solution to this universal problem. Her sanity, identity, career, and marriage depended on it. The result is *Fair Play*: a time- and anxiety-saving system that offers couples a completely new way to divvy up chores and responsibilities. Rodsky interviewed more than five hundred men and women from all walks of life to figure out what the invisible work in a family actually entails and how to get it all done efficiently. With four easy-to-follow rules, 100 household tasks, and a series of conversation starters for you and your partner, *Fair Play* helps you prioritize what's important to your family and who should take the lead on every chore from laundry to homework to dinner. "Winning" this game means rebalancing your home life, reigniting your relationship with your significant other, and reclaiming your Unicorn Space -- as in, the time to develop the skills and passions that keep you interested and interesting. Stop drowning in to-dos and lose some of that invisible workload that's pulling you down. Are you ready to try *Fair Play*? Let's deal you in.

A New York Times bestselling historian of early Christianity takes on two of the most gripping questions of human existence: where did the ideas of heaven and hell come from and why do they endure? What happens when we die? A recent Pew Research poll showed that 72% of Americans believe in a literal heaven and 58% believe in a literal hell. Most people who hold these beliefs are Christian and assume they are the age-old teachings of the Bible. But eternal rewards and punishments are found nowhere in the Old Testament and are not what Jesus or his disciples taught. So where did these ideas come from? In this "eloquent understanding of how death is viewed through many spiritual traditions" (Publishers Weekly, starred review), Bart Ehrman recounts the long history of the afterlife, ranging from *The Epic of Gilgamesh* up to the writings of Augustine, focusing especially on the teachings of Jesus and his early followers. He discusses ancient guided tours of heaven and hell, in which a living person observes the sublime blessings of heaven for those who are saved and the horrifying torments of hell for those who are damned. Some of these accounts take the form of near death experiences, the oldest on record, with intriguing similarities to those reported today. One of Ehrman's startling conclusions is that there never was a single Greek, Jewish, or Christian understanding of the afterlife, but numerous competing views. Moreover, these views did not come from nowhere; they were intimately connected with the social, cultural, and historical worlds out of which they emerged. Only later, in the early Christian centuries, did they develop into notions of eternal bliss or damnation widely accepted today. In this "elegant history" (*The New Yorker*), Ehrman helps us reflect on where our ideas of the afterlife come from. With his "richly layered-narrative" (*The Boston Globe*) he assures us that even if there may be something to hope for when we die, there certainly is nothing to fear.

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