

## Whatever Next

When Mama Elephant puts her family on a diet, their will power remains strong until Granny sends a cake.

Telisa Relachik studied to be a xenarchaeologist in a future where humans study alien artifacts but haven't ever encountered live aliens. Of all the aliens whose extinct civilizations are studied, the Trilisks are the most advanced and the most mysterious. Telisa refuses to join the government because of her opposition to its hard-handed policies restricting civilian investigation and trade of alien artifacts, despite the fact that her estranged father is a captain in the United Nations Space Force. When a group of artifact smugglers recruits her, she can't pass up the chance at getting her hands on objects that could advance her life's work. But she soon learns that her expectations of excitement and riches come with serious drawbacks as she ends up fighting for her life on a mysterious alien planet.

Your hard work is paying off. You are doing well in your field. But there is something standing between you and the next level of achievement. That something may just be one of your own annoying habits. Perhaps one small flaw - a behaviour you barely even recognise - is the only thing that's keeping you from where you want to be. It may be that the very characteristic that you believe got you where you are - like the drive to win at all costs - is what's holding you back. As this book explains, people often do well in spite of certain habits rather than because of them - and need a "to stop" list rather than one listing what "to do". Marshall Goldsmith's expertise is in helping global leaders overcome their unconscious annoying habits and become more successful. His one-on-one coaching comes with a six-figure price tag - but in this book you get his great advice for much less. Recently named as one of the world's five most-respected executive coaches by Forbes, he has worked with over 100 major CEOs and their management teams at the world's top businesses. His clients include corporations such as Goldman Sachs, Glaxo SmithKline, Johnson and Johnson and GE.

It's very nearly bath time for Baby Bear, but he just wants to go on one more adventure - a quick trip to the moon. Mrs Bear isn't pleased, and anyway, she says, Baby Bear doesn't have a rocket. Luckily, there's one under the stairs... Join Baby Bear as he makes friends with an owl and has a picnic on the moon, all before bath time. Whatever Next! This is a board book edition of a beautiful story of innocence and imagination, full of the characteristic warmth and humour of Jill Murphy, author of *Peace at Last* and *The Worst Witch*.

Warning: This novel contains excessive humor, action, excitement, adventure, magic, romance, and bodies. Proceed with caution. Fetching a cat out of a tree should've been a quick, easy fifty bucks in Kanika's pocket. Instead, following one stray thought, the devil pays her a visit and leaves her with a debt to repay. Owing the devil a favor is bad enough, but her life is turned upside down when it's time to pay the piper. First, she doesn't want the world's sexiest firefighting, kitten-rescuing Scot as an unwilling companion. Since that wasn't bad enough, she doesn't know who wants him dead or why, but there's no way in hell she's going to let someone mar his perfection. Add in the fact the devil wants an heir, and there's only one thing she knows for certain: she's in for one hell of a job.

Julie and the Phantoms' adventures continue in this original novel based on the hit Netflix show from *Descendants* director Kenny Ortega! Julie Molina and her band, Julie and the Phantoms, play their dream gig at the Orpheum. It was supposed to be Luke, Reggie, and Alex's unfinished business as ghosts, so they could cross over. But they didn't. And now, suddenly, Julie can feel them. Whatever happens next, Julie and the guys know they've just had one of the best days of their (after)lives. And it gets Luke and Julie thinking about their last perfect days. . . For Luke, it was the day he died the day Sunset Curve was supposed to play the Orpheum. For Julie, it was the day before she found out her mom was sick the last normal day before her life changed forever. This exclusive Julie and the Phantoms story is told in flashbacks and alternating points of view!

In this charming and poignant memoir, the 13th Earl Ferrers - 'a farmer who got caught up in the slipstream of politics' - reflects on a life very well lived. Alongside contemplative musings on politics, religion, relationships and the meaning of life are humorous anecdotes - on his aristocratic upbringing at Staunton Harold in the 1930s, high jinks at Winchester and Cambridge, national service in the jungle of Malaya and his time as minister in every Conservative Government from Macmillan to Major. Drawing on nearly sixty years of public service, *Whatever Next?* recounts captivating tales of the ups and downs of Westminster life - including choice nuggets of original correspondence, cartoons and poems - from a peer with a real twinkle in his eye.

Is Virtual Reality a Biblical Reality? The invention of the printing press catalyzed Martin Luther's reformation; radios and televisions delivered Billy Graham's gospel proclamations to millions of households. Technological advancements have undoubtedly advanced kingdom work for centuries—but is the same true for the burgeoning technologies of today? As virtual reality becomes increasingly prominent throughout society, churches must assess how to respond thoughtfully and biblically. In *Virtual Reality Church*, theologians Darrell Bock and Jonathan Armstrong present a systematic reflection on how to faithfully apply virtual reality for ministry purposes. They examine the risks—like compromising the meaning of tangible worship—and opportunities—like safely reaching persecuted churches—of integrating revolutionary technologies into the Christian life. Learn to think critically, theologically, and pastorally about new technologies so that you can faithfully advance the gospel into the future.

"Loved this book! Great characters, great story, & so much swooning!" –Cindi Madsen, USA Today bestselling author *Life loves a good curveball...* Seventeen-year-old Annie Lucas's life is completely upended the moment her dad returns to the major leagues as the new pitching coach for the Kansas City Royals. Now she's living in Missouri (too cold), attending an all-girls school (no boys), and navigating the strange world of professional sports. But Annie has dreams of her own—most of which involve placing first at every track meet...and one starring the Royals' super-hot rookie pitcher. But nineteen-year-old Jason Brody is completely, utterly, and totally off-limits. Besides, her dad would kill them both several times over. Not to mention Brody has something of a past, and his fan club is filled with C-cupped models, not smart-mouthed high school "brats" who can run the pants off every player on the team. Annie has enough on her plate without taking their friendship to the next level. The last thing she should be doing is falling in love. But baseball isn't just a game. It's life. And sometimes, it can break your heart...

Synopsis coming soon.....

Be careful what you wish for... When my brother, Jonah, and I travel through our mirror into the story of Aladdin, we're excited. There will be magic lamps and genies granting wishes. Right? Wrong. The genie we meet isn't QUITE as helpful as we expected. And if Aladdin's wishes don't come true, he won't get to marry the princess and live happily ever after! Now we have to: - Escape an enchanted cave - Find forty buckets of jewels - Plan a parade - Learn to fly a magic carpet Otherwise we'll run out of wishes... and never get home! Praise for *Whatever After*: "An uproariously funny read. The swift pace of the tale and non-stop action . . . will enchant readers from the first page." -- Kirkus Reviews "Hilarious . . . with unexpected plot twists and plenty of girl power." -- Booklist "Giddy, fizzy, hilarious fun!" -- Lauren Myracle, author of *Luv Ya Bunches* "Tons of fractured fairy tale fun!" -- Meg Cabot, author of *Allie Finkle's Rules for Girls* and *The Princess Diaries* "The feminist in me adored it, and the mother in me loved how my daughter would long to cuddle in close as we read together." -- Danielle Herzog, blogging for *The Washington Post*

For once, Teddington's wildest family have decided to stay at home and keep their heads down. It isn't always easy hiding tails and fur under clothes, and it's important not to raise suspicion among their human neighbors. But when a very sly fox starts making a big nuisance of himself, it's up to the Bolds to stop him.

Hilarity ensues when a slacker teen boy discovers he's gay, in this unforgettably funny YA debut.

Transform Your School's Substitute Teaching Experience Just like everything else, substitute teaching is about to undergo a big change. In *Substantial Classrooms: Redesigning the Substitute Teaching Experience*, authors Jill Vialet and Amanda von Moos usher in a new era of innovation in substitute teaching. Threaded with concrete and actionable ways to improve the experience of substitute teaching for administrators, students, and the teachers themselves, *Substantial Classrooms* is a leading voice for innovation and renewal in substitute teaching. Instead of viewing substitute teachers as a placeholder in an educator's absence, this book encourages readers to view substitute teachers as vital resources that diversify the typical classroom learning experience. While other books look only at making a bad situation bearable, this book re-examines substitute teaching with an eye towards reinventing it as a unique and valuable part of students' educational experience. Key themes of *Substantial Classrooms* include: How substitute teaching works today Applying human-centered design to create change in legacy systems like substitute teaching Concrete and inspiring examples of different models for substitute teaching, for example, reimagining it as paid fieldwork for aspiring teachers. In addition to these key themes, every chapter includes stories and techniques from dynamic and innovative educational practitioners. This must-have guide to substitute teaching can improve schools everywhere and revolutionize the way educators, school and district leaders, colleges, and community partners view the experience of substitute teaching as a lever to positively impact schools.

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Is Nick Allen a troublemaker? He really just likes to liven things up at school -- and he's always had plenty of great ideas. When Nick learns some interesting information about how words are created, suddenly he's got the inspiration for his best plan ever...the frindle. Who says a pen has to be called a pen? Why not call it a frindle? Things begin innocently enough as Nick gets his friends to use the new word. Then other people in town start saying frindle. Soon the school is in an uproar, and Nick has become a local hero. His teacher wants Nick to put an end to all this nonsense, but the funny thing is frindle doesn't belong to Nick anymore. The new word is spreading across the country, and there's nothing Nick can do to stop it.

Digger! Digger! Digger! What's that noise? *Little Dalmatian* is about to find out as he follows the booming noises of big construction vehicles in this energetic picture book.

Marlon, the monster, loves his dummy. He calls it his 'noo-noo'. His mum, granny and all the other monsters say he's too old for a dummy. But Marlon's not giving up his noo-noo until he wants to.

"In Dundas' assured hands, one man's search for answers makes for a lyrical, riveting meditation on memory."--EW One man knows the connection between two extraordinary acts of arson, fifteen years apart, in his Montana hometown--if only he could remember it. Having lost much of his memory from a traumatic brain injury sustained in Iraq, army veteran Matthew Rose is called back to Montana after his father's death to settle his affairs, and hopefully to settle the past as well. It's not only a blank to him, but a mystery. Why as a teen did he suddenly become sullen and vacant, abandoning the activities and people that had meant most to him? How did he, the son of hippy activists, wind up enlisting in the first place? Then on his first night back, Matthew sees a house go up in flames, and it turns out a local college student has died inside. And this event sparks a memory of a different fire, an unsolved crime from long ago, a part of Matthew's past that might lead to all the answers he's been searching for. What he finds will connect the old fire and the new, a series of long-unsolved mysteries, and a ruthless act of murder.

The moon and back before bath time? *Whatever Next!* Join Baby Bear as he finds a rocket, makes friends with an owl and has a picnic on the moon. Celebrate thirty-five years of the bear family with this very special edition of the classic bedtime story, *Whatever Next!*, a beautiful story of innocence and imagination, full of the characteristic warmth and humour of Jill Murphy, author of *The Worst Witch*.

THE INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER FROM THE #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *PEOPLE WE MEET ON VACATION!* "Original, sparkling bright, and layered with feeling."--Sally Thorne, author of *The Hating Game* A romance writer who no longer believes in love and a literary writer stuck in a rut engage in a summer-long challenge that may just upend everything they believe about happily ever afters. Augustus Everett is an acclaimed author of literary fiction. January Andrews writes bestselling romance. When she pens a happily ever after, he kills off his entire cast.

They're polar opposites. In fact, the only thing they have in common is that for the next three months, they're living in neighboring beach houses, broke, and bogged down with writer's block. Until, one hazy evening, one thing leads to another and they strike a deal designed to force them out of their creative ruts: Augustus will spend the summer writing something happy, and January will pen the next Great American Novel. She'll take him on field trips worthy of any rom-com montage, and he'll take her to interview surviving members of a backwoods death cult (obviously). Everyone will finish a book and no one will fall in love. Really.

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Claire has hurt her knee so she sets off home to tell her mum all about it. On the way she meets her friends and tells them how the fall happened. But just how did it happen . . .? Was she dropped by a wolf, a slithering snake, an enormous dragon or a hairy gorilla?! By Jill Murphy, the author and illustrator of the bestselling *Peace at Last* and *Whatever Next!*, *On the Way Home* is a fantastic journey of the imagination that every child who tells the occasional tall tale will relate to!

This bold and original work of philosophy presents an exciting new picture of concrete reality. Peter Unger provocatively breaks with what he terms the conservatism of present-day philosophy, and returns to central themes from Descartes, Locke, Berkeley, Hume and Russell. Wiping the slate clean, Unger works, from the ground up, to formulate a new metaphysic capable of accommodating our distinctly human perspective. He proposes a world with inherently powerful particulars of two basic sorts: one mental but not physical, the other physical but not mental. Whether of one sort or the other, each individual possesses powers for determining his or her own course, as well as powers for interaction with other individuals. It is only a purely mental particular--an immaterial soul, like yourself--that is ever fit for real choosing, or for conscious experiencing. Rigorously reasoning that the only satisfactory metaphysic is one that situates the physical alongside the non-physical, Unger carefully explains the genesis of, and continual interaction of, the two sides of our deeply dualistic world. Written in an accessible and entertaining style, while advancing philosophical scholarship, *All the Power in the World* takes readers on a philosophical journey into the nature of reality. In this riveting intellectual adventure, Unger reveals the need for an entirely novel approach to the nature of physical reality--and shows how this approach can lead to wholly unexpected possibilities, including disembodied human existence for billions of years. *All the Power in the World* returns philosophy to its most ambitious roots in its fearless attempt to answer profoundly difficult human questions about ourselves and our world.

"Biba's fame grew and grew on an international basis, and brought famous stars of the sixties into the shop. Twiggy, a close friend of Barbara and Fitz, was often there. During my time Marianne Faithful, Cilla Black, Mia Farrow and Yoko Ono all came in. On one occasion, word went round that Brigitte Bardot was in the shop, and I couldn't resist going in to see my favourite star." After a sickly start to his life, Tony Porter certainly made up for it – he started his career selling paint for ICI, who later sent him to Nigeria. There he married Beatrice and they had three children. Brought home 8 years later following the outbreak of the Biafran war, he left ICI and immersed himself in the swinging 60s, painting his convertible Citroen brown and selling high fashion for the Kensington Biba store, founded by his sister-in-law Barbara Hulanicki. Subsequently, Tony left Biba to start his own fashion PR business in the West End of London, and was also part of the group that set up the British (later London) Fashion Week. With the help of Beatrice, their PR Company prospered, enabling them to buy a yacht, and in due course even tiny Burgh Island, lying off the South coast of Devon. Having restored its Art Deco hotel, they sold the island and Tony is concentrating on his new career as a writer. Punctuated by his laugh-a-minute style, *Whatever Next?* is a unique biography of a life spent at the forefront of British fashion. This book will be enjoyed by those interested in the fashion industry, but more broadly by readers looking for an entertaining narrative of an unbelievable life.

Virginia Heffernan "melds the personal with the increasingly universal in a highly informative analysis of what the Internet is—and can be. A thoroughly engrossing examination of the Internet's past, present, and future" (Kirkus Reviews, starred review) from one of the best living writers of English prose. This book makes a bold claim: The Internet is among mankind's great masterpieces—a massive work of art. As an idea, it rivals monotheism. But its cultural potential and its societal impact often elude us. In this deep and thoughtful book, Virginia Heffernan reveals the logic and aesthetics behind the Internet, just as Susan Sontag did for photography and Marshall McLuhan did for television. Life online, in the highly visual, social, portable, and global incarnation rewards certain virtues. The new medium favors speed, accuracy, wit, prolificacy, and versatility, and its form and functions are changing how we perceive, experience, and understand the world. In "sumptuous writing, saturated with observations that are simultaneously personal, cultural, and strikingly original" (The New Republic), Heffernan presents "a revealing look at how the Internet continues to reshape our lives emotionally, visually, and culturally" (The Smithsonian Magazine). "Magic and Loss is an illuminating guide to the Internet...it is impossible to come away from this book without sharing some of Heffernan's awe for this brave new world" (The Wall Street Journal).

All the animals on the farm are sleeping happily - until Dog starts to snore On and on, he snores through the night while the other animals grow angrier and sleepier by the minute. Something will have to be done

Mu-u-um, can I have a pet dinosaur? Questions, questions, ALL DAY LONG! Bradley wants answers, but Mum only wants a moment to herself - can she convince Bradley that MOTHER KNOWS BEST? A BRAND-NEW laugh-out-loud story about family life from the much-loved children's author Jill Murphy.

This is a bank of ideas designed to help teachers to develop the writing of primary-school pupils. It is concerned mainly with the compositional aspects of writing, rather than spelling, handwriting and punctuation, and consists of five main sections, dealing with writing stories and poems, writing for information, writing from reading, writing from personal experience, and redrafting and proof-reading.

Nine individuals from areas ranging from Mexico and Southeast Asia to Italy and California find their lives hanging in the balance of a terrifying choice. By the National Book Award-nominated author of *Only Revolutions*. Original.

Jill Murphy's bestselling classic *Peace at Last* has delighted young children for almost forty years, and is equally beloved by tired parents who are all too familiar with the plight of poor Mr Bear. With a snoring Mrs Bear, an excitable Baby Bear and a house full of tapping and dripping and ticking, peace is hard to come by – will Mr Bear ever get a decent night's sleep? The familiar noises, repetition and beautiful illustrations make Jill Murphy's delightful *Peace at Last* an all-time favourite bedtime story with children and adults everywhere. This edition comes in a chunky cased board book format, so even the youngest children can enjoy this classic story.

'Save Our Sharks says the new kiddie-friendly cartoon propaganda poster in the atrium of my local swimming pool. And I'm thinking: "Fuck. Is nothing sacred?" I mean, whatever next? Save Our Cancerous Cells? Save Our Plague Bacilli?' So opens Joe's story. He's a man who looks like he's got it made: he's solvent, his career's going a dream and his girlfriend Sam is a total babe. But something nasty is stalking his karma. Black-eyed killer sharks are after him and the razor jaws of a great White (Charcharias Charcharadon) are closing in on him. And sharks are not the only things out to get him. Sam will probably leave him for someone altogether better adjusted. He'll probably never conquer level ten of Super Mario (and until he does how can he start on his novel?). Joe is in dire need of solace from the neuroses of modern life, not to mention the endless replays of his own death scene. And then across the room at a party one night, he sees a girl not quite like the others, a girl, moreover, with her own shark story to tell.... Will she salvage what's left of Joe from Charcharias Charcharadon or will he have to fight his own fearful battle in the cold depths of his psyche? 'Save Our Sharks says the new kiddie-friendly cartoon propaganda poster in the atrium of my local swimming pool. And I'm thinking: "Fuck. Is nothing sacred?" I mean, whatever next? Save Our Cancerous Cells?' So opens Joe's story. He's a man who looks like he's got it made: he's solvent, his career's going a dream and his girlfriend's a total babe. But something nasty is stalking his karma and fear is fast becoming terror. Black-eyed killer sharks are after him and the razor jaws of a Great White (Charcharodon Carcharias) are closing in on him. 'Here's a rare thing, a contemporary novel that's genuinely funny, cleverly conceived and written with a great deal of

skill and dexterity. . . Fin is slick, pacy and easy to read. Above all, though, it's funny. Much to my annoyance, I laughed out loud several times - and in public too! John Preston, Sunday Telegraph

The magical sixth installment in this NEW YORK TIMES bestselling series! Brrrrrrr. This fairy tale is FREEZING! Even though my brother and I had decided to stay away from the magic mirror, our puppy had other plans -- he bounded right in. What choice did we have but to go in after him? When we land in a winter wonderland, we realize we must be in the story of The Snow Queen. And this fairy tale is nothing like the movie. This Snow Queen is super-mean, and she turns our dog into an ice sculpture! To get home we'll have to: - Defrost our furry friend - Ride a very chatty reindeer - Learn to ice-skate - Escape from a band of robbers And if we're not careful . . . we could end up frozen ourselves!

A gorgeously warm and relatable story from the brilliant Jill Murphy, featuring the much-loved Bear Family from classic picture book Peace at Last. Mr and Mrs Bear wake up late. It's raining outside, and Baby Bear is late for nursery. Then Mrs Bear sits on her glasses at work and Mr Bear spills his coffee! Oh dear - it seems this is just going to be one of those days! But the loveable Bear family muddle through cheerfully, and there's even a surprise for Baby Bear when Mr Bear gets home from work. With all the hallmarks of an instant firm favourite, Just One of Those Days is a big-hearted story about a family day, which parents and children everywhere will relate to. Full of satisfying repetition and rhythm and delightful illustrations, Just One of Those Days is a must-have for all Jill Murphy fans, old and new.

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What if with every person you met, after just one touch, you have a vision of the last time you'll see each other? Ever. Normally, these visions are innocent—two friends just drifting apart, a random stranger that brushed past you then never crossed your path again. But not today. When I accidentally touch him, within only moments of our first meeting, I'm bombarded by visions of his death. And from what I can see, I'm the reason he dies. Now I just need to figure out why, and how to stop this from happening. Because not only am I to blame, but his very last words to me are...I love you.

I HAVE A BAD REPUTATION. Call me what you want: Bad Boy Next Door. Trouble. That Kid Who Can't Do Anything Right. When Willow moves into my neighborhood, nothing should have happened. She's geeky. Shy. A true wallflower. Willow is a good girl. Too good for me. And how the hell was I supposed to know that she's related to Loren Hale--yeah, that douchebag celebrity that lives on my street. The same guy I've been pranking by spray painting vulgar words on his mailbox and worse. Much worse. Don't ask me why I do the things I do. Don't ask me why it had to be her. I'm cursed. Simple as that. But here's the thing about people who are cursed--they break everything they touch. And yet. . .I still want to touch her. ?

In 1947, returning to the UK with two young children to support, Margaret Durrell starts a boarding house in Bournemouth. But any hopes of respectability are dashed as the tenants reveal themselves to be a host of eccentrics: from a painter of nudes to a pair of glamorous young nurses whose late-night shifts combined with an ever-revolving roster of gentleman callers leading to a neighbourhood rumour that Margo is running a brothel. Margo's own two sons, Gerry and Nicholas, prove to be every bit as mischievous as their famous Uncle Gerald - and he himself returns periodically with weird and wonderful animals, from marmosets to monkeys, that are quite unsuitable for life in a Bournemouth garden.

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