

Wrecking Ball A Big Lad From A Small Island My Story So Far

Punches and Prayers is a colorful memoir of a tired & worn amateur boxer from the Gulf Coast who, amidst stepping foot in nearly every state in America, ended up establishing a career, falling in love and finally embracing Jesus in the greatest city in the world. The Ten Commandments of a Boxing Gym 1. Honor Thy Coach. Do not curse at, disobey, disrespect, aggravate, back talk, slap box with, or shadow box with the trainer. 2. Never Forget Your Mouthpiece. Always be ready to box. 3. Put Your Stuff Up. Do not leave wraps, gloves, shoes, mouthpiece, cups, headgear, or anything else on the floor for someone else to pick up. Do it yourself. 4. No Profane Outbursts. Nobody cares how you feel. Keep it to yourself. 5. Compose Yourself as a Champion at All Times. No lying on the floor, hugging the heavy bags, running around the gym, or pursuing any other end which does not constitute the means of becoming a champion. 6. No Food in the Boxing Ring. The boxing ring is for fighting, not eating. 7. Do Not Offer Unsolicited Advice to Another Trainer's Fighter. Ask the trainer if it is okay to speak with his/her fighter beforehand. 8. Know the Difference Between Sparring and Fighting. Sparring: looking to improve. Fighting: going in for the kill. 9. Be Mindful of Your Surroundings. Do not jump rope by the bags. Refrain from doing floor exercises where people are working. Leave the ring if fighters need to spar. 10. Follow Gym Etiquette Change clothes in the dressing room. Place wet gear where it belongs. Do not encroach into someone's space. Report broken/downed bags or accessories. No fighting/sparring outside of the ring.

In its 114th year, Billboard remains the world's premier weekly music publication and a diverse digital, events, brand, content and data licensing platform. Billboard publishes the most trusted charts and offers unrivaled reporting about the latest music, video, gaming, media, digital and mobile entertainment issues and trends.

1976, the hottest summer for a generation and life was perfect for the two young brothers Philip and Roger. They lived an idyllic life on a farm in the picturesque dales of the north of England. With their days spent on the farm, playing on Tarzan swings, building dens and swimming outdoors, their perfect existence was plunged into darkness when tragedy struck the family. Within a ten-week period, the boys lost their parents and were left as orphans. This is the story of Philip and his brother Roger, how their grandparents stepped in to bring them up and how a family and community came together to deal with the consequences that the devastation of death had left behind. Orphan Boys is not a misery memoir. It is a story full of love, strength and hope - an uplifting tale of a family's survival and how they faced the huge challenges that life threw at them.

A marauding linebacker who changed the game of football, a tough-as-nails quarterback, and a fiery head coach helped the 1986 New York Giants leave an indelible mark on the NFL. Big Blue Wrecking Crew is the no-holds-barred story of the team that created Giant Football, the pound-you-into-submission, quarterback-crushing defense, coupled with a powerful ball control offense that resulted in a 1986 Superbowl Championship—the first in team history. In a gripping narrative of the season that changed the course of a franchise, author Jerry Barca takes readers on a wild journey filled with improbable characters. Linebacker Lawrence Taylor partied with the same level of recklessness and violence he put forth when he donned his jersey. Bill Parcells motivated his team in an unrelenting Jersey Guy way, and quiet defensive genius Bill Belichick would go on to greatness. Based on years of research and hundreds of interviews, Barca chronicles the Giants' rise out of rock bottom to their status as a premiere NFL franchise. From behind-the-scenes personnel discussions of general manager George Young to the meeting rooms with Parcells and defensive coordinator Bill Belichick, Big Blue Wrecking Crew is filled with the riveting exploits of unforgettable players. It is an unfiltered look at how enormous egos came together to win a championship, playing hard and partying equally as hard along the way.

THE ONE WITH THE HOME IMPROVEMENTS The fourteenth laugh-out-loud, fully-illustrated Diary of a Wimpy Kid book from #1 international bestselling author Jeff Kinney! A global phenomenon with 250 million copies of the series sold worldwide! This paperback edition features EPIC fluorescent sprayed edges!! Big changes are in store for Greg Heffley and his family. They are making home improvements! But with unwelcome critters, toxic mould and the walls coming down, soon Greg discovers renovations aren't all they are cracked up to be. When the dust finally settles, will the Heffleys be able to stay . . . or will they need to get out of town? WHAT'S IN DIARY OF A WIMPY KID? 50% words, 50% cartoons, 100% hilarious! Stories that all readers can't wait to get their hands on Laughter guaranteed! *BRAND NEW* DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: THE DEEP END IS OUT NOW! And DON'T MISS an all-new fantasy from Greg's best friend in Rowley Jefferson's Awesome Friendly Adventure, the follow-up to the instant #1 bestseller Diary of an Awesome Friendly Kid: Rowley Jefferson's Journal. 'Kinney is right up there with J K Rowling as one of the bestselling children's authors on the planet' Independent Have you read all the DIARY OF A WIMPY KID series? Diary of a Wimpy Kid Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Roderick Rules Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Third Wheel Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hard Luck Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Old School Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Getaway Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Meltdown Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Wrecking Ball Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Deep End - the BRAND NEW Wimpy Kid book - out now!!

The Mindhunters, Book Two She's an inspiration—for murder. Detective Noah Crandall is used to hunting killers, but this time it's personal. When his best friend's niece is murdered, Noah returns to his roots in New York City. But he's out of his depth when it comes to questioning one of the victim's coworkers, Vanessa Knight. His chemistry with Vanessa is off the charts, but the gritty world he dwells in is miles apart from her uptown upbringing. A relationship between them would never work. Vanessa Knight might have come from money, but she's also an expert in the New York City art scene, which has become the obsession of a serial killer. She's eager to help solve the murder of a young woman she considered a friend. When sexy outsider Noah comes to her for assistance in navigating the unfamiliar waters of her world, she's inexplicably drawn to him. What neither of them realize is the killer needs Vanessa—to be his next “angel.” If Noah can't stop him, she'll become the killer's next gruesome masterpiece. 91,000 words Author's Note: This title was originally published by a different publisher, with a different cover. The story has not changed from the original 2012 edition.

When barroom bouncer Joe Dall's ex-wife is murdered, he finds himself pressed into service as a novice private eye. Something very dark and deadly lurks in the lush shadows of the sleepy Florida town and if he can't unmask the killer soon, others close to Joe will die. Working on a powerful client's dime, Joe Dall's first case could be his last. “To find a wonderful example of hardboiled detective noir today, you need not look any further than Randy Chandler's latest novel Dime Detective ... Dime Detective is both an homage and a love letter to the genre, but in

many ways, an interesting and original departure." --Hellbound Times. "The new breed of retro authors isn't getting paid by the word and, therefore, isn't padding thin stories; instead, they're crafting their books with considerable care and quality, and this novel is every bit a winner. Chandler introduces PI Joe Dall in a slick, atmospheric work that captures the underbelly of the 1950s with a sharp eye for detail and a flair for the sinister. The Deep South, voodoo, bad cops, a depraved movie star, and a glamorous, gun-toting sidekick—all add their share of pulpy ambience in this first-rate debut." -- Booklist "From Dot Barker, a kind of big sister, to Valentine Cooper and her shotgun, Chandler's characters go beyond the stereotypical dames, dolls, and broads that filled the pulps for a cast of strong, multidimensional, and entertaining characters. Readers can only hope to see them again in a sequel." --Foreword Magazine Fantasy-life with Miley Cyrus when she turns 35 and I am in college.

Perfect for fans of John Green and Becky Albertalli, Neanderthal Opens the Door to the Universe is a "sneakily thought-provoking" and "utterly unforgettable" must-read for every fan of contemporary YA. Cliff Hubbard is a huge loser. Literally. His nickname at Happy Valley High School is Neanderthal because he's so enormous-6'6" and 250 pounds to be exact. He has nobody at school, and life in his trailer-park home has gone from bad to worse ever since his older brother's suicide. There's no one Cliff hates more than the nauseatingly cool quarterback Aaron Zimmerman. Then Aaron returns to school after a near-death experience with a bizarre claim: while he was unconscious he saw God, who gave him a list of things to do to make Happy Valley High suck less. And God said there's only one person who can help: Neanderthal. To his own surprise, Cliff says he's in. As he and Aaron make their way through the List, which involves a vindictive English teacher, a mysterious computer hacker, a decidedly unchristian cult of Jesus Teens, the local drug dealers, and the meanest bully at HVHS, Cliff feels like he's part of something for the first time since losing his brother. But fixing a broken school isn't as simple as it seems, and just when Cliff thinks they've completed the List, he realizes their mission hits closer to home than he ever imagined. Razor sharp, moving, and outrageously funny, Neanderthal Opens the Door to the Universe is an unforgettable story of finding your place in an imperfect world.

Harry Tyler is living an unhappy life as a "dead man" following a failed MI5 conspiracy to kill him in Ireland. A right wing journalist in a popular paper is saying all the things his readers want to hear, laying blame for the country's ills at the doors of immigration, the welfare state, scroungers, and spongers. But when the people he targets in his column wind up dead, a serial killer seems to be taking the law into his own hands. Harry Tyler is surviving on his wits in the North West of England until fate conspires to reunite him with villain and nemesis John Baker, known as Johnny Too, when Too is released from jail early as bait for the serial killer. The job could bring Harry back in from the cold, or leave him totally exposed and set up as the fall guy if things go wrong. The final installment of The Face trilogy is hard, sexy, and it rattles along like an HS2 freight train.

An instant #1 USA Today, Wall Street Journal, and New York Times bestseller! In Wrecking Ball, Book 14 of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series—from #1 international bestselling author Jeff Kinney—an unexpected inheritance gives Greg Heffley's family a chance to make big changes to their house. But they soon find that home improvement isn't all it's cracked up to be. Once the walls come down, all sorts of problems start to crop up. Rotten wood, toxic mold, unwelcome critters, and something even more sinister all make Greg and his family wonder if the renovations are worth the trouble. When the dust finally settles, will the Heffleys be able to stay . . . or will they need to get out of town? And don't miss Diary of an Awesome Friendly Kid: Rowley Jefferson's Journal—the instant #1 bestseller—told from Greg's best friend Rowley's perspective!

You don't know Jack—Jack Reacher, that is . . . In The Jack Reacher Field Manual: An Unofficial Companion to Lee Child's Reacher Novels, from ex-Army major and New York Times bestselling author George Beahm, get up-close and personal with Reacher like never before. The only book of its kind, the Field Manual draws on 17 years of interviews, novels, stories, and more to demystify author Lee Child's larger-than-life, name-taking, quick-thinking one-man avenger. Child calls the Reacher novels "almost entirely autobiographical," and The Jack Reacher Field Manual seamlessly integrates the literary creator and his creation to provide the most complete portrait of Jack Reacher available. Dive into Jack Reacher's life with: - A detailed dossier on Reacher and his life at West Point and in the Army's Military Police Corps - Reacher's rules of engagement, including how he handles a street brawl - A full-color drifter's roadmap of the US, detailing the places Reacher has visited in the novels - Reacher's philosophy for surviving under the radar - A biography on Child and an A-to-Z list of the key people, places, and things in his life - And more, including a glossary of US Army acronyms that appear in the series and a comprehensive reading list of Reacher novels, novellas, and stories The Jack Reacher Field Manual belongs in the fatigue jacket of any fan craving more information about this internationally popular literary antihero.

'A true rising star of crime fiction' Ian Rankin 'Wonderfully grisly and grim, and a cracking pace' James Oswald 'A frantic, pacy read with a compelling hero' Steve Cavanagh War is coming to No-Man's Land, and Connor Fraser will be ready. A mutilated body is found dumped at Cowane's Hospital in the heart of historic Stirling. For DCI Malcolm Ford it's like nothing he's ever seen before, the savagery of the crime makes him want to catch the murderer before he strikes again. For reporter Donna Blake it's a shot at the big time, a chance to get her career back on track and prove all the doubters wrong. But for close protection specialist Connor Fraser it's merely a grisly distraction from the day job. But then another bloodied and broken corpse is found, this time in the shadow of the Wallace Monument - and with it, a message. One Connor has received before, during his time as a police officer in Belfast. With Ford facing mounting political and public pressure to make an arrest and quell fears the murders are somehow connected to heightened post-Brexit tensions, Connor is drawn into a race against time to stop another murder. But to do so, he must question old loyalties, confront his past and unravel a mystery that some would sacrifice anything - and anyone - to protect. From Dundee International Book Prize and Bloody Scotland book of the year nominee Neil Broadfoot comes the first gripping thriller in the white-knuckle Connor Fraser crime series. ----- Praise for Neil Broadfoot: 'Tense, fast-moving and bloody. Broadfoot's best yet' Mason Cross 'Broadfoot is here, and he's ready to sit at the table with some of the finest crime writers Scottish fiction has to offer' Russel D. McLean 'Tension that'll hold you breathless' Helen Fields 'Crisp dialogue, characters you believe and a prose style that brings you back for more . . . a fine addition to a growing roster of noir titles with a tartan tinge' Douglas Skelton 'This is Broadfoot's best to date, a thriller that delivers the thrills: energetic, breathlessly pacy and keeping you guessing till the end' Craig Russell 'Neil Broadfoot hits the ground running and doesn't stop. With the very beating heart of Scotland at its core, your heart too will race as you reach the jaw dropping conclusion of this brilliant thriller. First class!' Denil Meyrick 'A deliciously twisty thriller that never lets up the pace. Thrills, spills, chills and kills' Donna Moore 'An explosive, gripping page-turner with dark and utterly twisted murders.

Simply brilliant! Danielle Ramsay 'An atmospheric, twisty and explosive start to a new series by one of the masters of Scottish fiction. Get your wee mitts on it' Angela Clarke 'No Man's Land is a stunning, fast-paced, multi-layered thriller. Disturbing political unrest and psychological horror written with great confidence by Neil Broadfoot, who has one hand on Ian Rankin's crown as the king of Scottish crime' Michael Wood '[A] gritty and fast-moving tale of shifting loyalties set against the backdrop of Scottish and Irish politics' Nick Quantrill 'Definitely a must read for all lovers of Tartan Noir: or anyone else who simply wants to enjoy a compelling tale' Undiscovered Scotland

In this sports memoir, Wayne Gretzky weaves memories of his legendary career with an inside look at professional hockey and the heroes and stories that inspired him. From minor-hockey phenomenon to Hall of Fame sensation, Wayne Gretzky rewrote the record books, his accomplishments becoming the stuff of legend. Dubbed "The Great One," he is considered by many to be the greatest hockey player who ever lived. No one has seen more of the game than he has—but he has never discussed in depth just what it was he saw. For the first time, Gretzky discusses candidly what the game looks like to him and introduces us to the people who inspired and motivated him: mentors, teammates, rivals, the famous and the lesser known. Weaving together lives and moments from an extraordinary career, he reflects on the players who inflamed his imagination when he was a kid, the way he himself figured in the dreams of so many who came after; takes us onto the ice and into the dressing rooms to meet the friends who stood by him and the rivals who spurred him to greater heights; shows us some of the famous moments in hockey history through the eyes of someone who regularly made that history. Warm, direct, and revelatory, it is a book that gives us number 99, the man and the player, like never before.

All Things to All People is an introverted narrative penned by the son of a Gospel preacher and his alter ego, Begees McFree. This playfully written autobiography of a simple, quiet, and peaceable man guides the reader through depression-induced insomniac confessions. Looking deep into the often-hidden places of the heart and mind, these confessions freed the writer from lies and misunderstandings that had been buried deep within. All Things to All People shares the spiritual struggle of a man after a divorce broke apart his life and separated him from his children. Begees uses freewriting to disentangle his poor choices from his good intentions, gaining more selfcontrol and growing closer to God while strenuously pushing unbelief out of his mind.

Major Crimes Unit investigator Jack Smith is assigned to the murder of a young number one draft pick who was set to play for Ottawa in the upcoming pro hockey season. But he's surprised by how much the kid's life differs from his clean-cut media image. A long list of suspects soon emerges, any one of whom had good reason to want Ritchie dead.

When a beloved local artist, known for her efforts to aid Hispanic illegal immigrants, is brutally murdered, Lila Morrison, newspaper reporter turned suburban housewife, finds her world turned upside down. After all, this is Scottsdale, Arizona--a desert oasis where tourists come to lie by the pool and soak up the sun. It's not the type of place you'd expect to find murder--and cheating spouses. And what's more shocking is the fact that Lila's best friend is pinpointed as the number one suspect. Determined to clear her pal, Lila dusts off her press pass and sets out to find the culprit. Sins of the Border is a fast-paced read that takes its readers through the social echelons of Scottsdale, to the fringes of a violent, vigilante border group. Lila goes head-to-head with the hunky but hard-headed Detective Garcia, who is none too happy with her snooping. She pushes ahead using her savvy investigative skills, along with advice from her three feisty girlfriends over flavored martinis, to follow the bloody murder trail. Will Lila find the murderer before her friend is shipped off to prison in designer jailhouse duds? Or worse, will the killer find Lila first?

Wrecking Ball is a captivating and humorous memoir by Billy Vunipola, one of the stars of England's recent rugby renaissance, and will be enjoyed by those who have read the recent autobiographies by Jonny Wilkinson, Brian O'Driscoll, Dan Carter and Paul O'Connell. Standing at 6 feet 2 inches and weighing almost 20 stone, Billy is a rampaging and unmissable presence on the rugby pitch, for both club and country. Wrecking Ball is his captivating story so far, chronicling his remarkable personal odyssey of 10,000 miles, from the tiny Tongan village of Longo Longo to the imposing vastness of Twickenham. Join Billy on his journey from the year-round sunshine of Tonga to the bitter cold of a British winter, from his favourite Pontypool kebab shop to finding himself eating broccoli for breakfast, and from carefree childhood games in the middle of the Pacific to the serious business of playing professional rugby in Europe. Wrecking Ball is a wonderfully eccentric and witty book, written with bags of charm. It captures Billy's colourful family and upbringing, and creates a rounded and fascinating portrait of a young man finding his feet as a modern English rugby player.

Saloons, barrooms, honky-tonks, or watering holes—by whatever name, they are part of the mythology of the American West, and their stories are cocktails of legend and fact, as Richard Selcer, David Bowser, Nancy Hamilton, and Chuck Parsons demonstrate in these entertaining and informative accounts of four legendary Texas establishments. In most Western communities, the first saloon was built before the first church, and the drinking establishments far outnumbered the religious ones. Beyond their obvious functions, saloons served as community centers, polling places, impromptu courtrooms, and public meeting halls. The authors of this volume discuss both the social and operational aspects of the businesses: who the owners were, what drinks were typically served, the democratic ethos that reigned at the bars, the troubling issues of social segregation by race and gender within each establishment, and the way order was maintained—if it was at all. Here, the spotlight is thrown on four saloons that were legends in their day: Jack Harris's Saloon and Vaudeville Theater in San Antonio, Ben Dowell's Saloon in El Paso, the Iron Front of Austin, and the White Elephant of Fort Worth. Together with architectural renderings of the floor plans and old photographs of the establishments and some of their more famous customers, the history of each is woven into the history of its city. Fatal shootings are recounted, and forms of entertainment are described with care and verve. One of this book's most fascinating aspects is the sharp detail that brings to life the malodorous, smoky interiors and the events that took place there. Selcer and his co-authors are experts on their respective watering holes. They start with the origins of each establishment and follow their stories until the last drink was served and the places closed down for good. There are stops along the way to consider the construction of the ornate bars, the suppliers of the liquor served, the attire of the gentlemen gamblers, the variety of casino games that emptied men's pockets, and more. Through the wealth of detail and the animated narrative, a crucial part of Texas' Western heritage becomes immediately accessible to the present.

The milestones of Asheville's long history are well known to locals, but so many interesting stories are all but forgotten. Thankfully, the staff and volunteers of the North Carolina Room at Pack Memorial Library have unearthed the best of those hidden tales. Meet daredevil aviatrix Uva Shipman and Tempie Avery, who went from slavery to respected nurse and citizen. Learn the poignant tale behind the sad death of former mayor Gallatin Roberts and uncover the parts of old Asheville lost to the wrecking ball. These and many more historic episodes come to life in this collection compiled by North Carolina Room librarian Zoe Rhine.

"Discovering a ghost wants to eat him is enough to frighten the living daylights out of any teenager" Toby is excited by the adventure of meeting his best friend at the top of a famous London monument. But the gathering of ghosts they are watching is blown apart and the young teenager flees in fear as a creature with terrible red eyes hunts him down. His flight carries him to the infamous Westminster catacombs where he discovers that without vital clues that reveal the creature's vengeful intentions he will die! In a magical world filled with talking animals, a despicable hag with an appetite for teenage boys, a ghost with revenge on its mind and a battle between sea creatures that had once been a figment of his imagination, Toby is running out of time. Will the ghost prove to be his downfall? And will a new friendship hinder his attempt at preserving his liver, and his life? Read The Ghost's Revenge and discover Toby's fate.

Bestselling Author Shows How to Experience God's Presence and Power Every Day! God is not bound by the laws of the natural world. He is, by definition, supernatural, and He created us in His image. We are supernatural beings. So why do we confine our understanding of Him--and our relationship to Him--within our own physical, finite limitations? Expecting and experiencing the supernatural in our daily lives should not be a rare occurrence, says bestselling author and Messianic Rabbi K. A. Schneider. It should be a regular way of living and relating to God, and in these pages he helps you discover the many facets and ways you can live a supernatural life with God, including how to · listen to and trust your intuition · recognize the signs He uses to guide you · experience miracles · hear God through dreams and visions · minister and receive healing and deliverance · and more! God is ready to saturate your life with His supernatural power and presence. Are you ready to let Him? "This book will open your spiritual eyes to be naturally supernatural!"--Sid Roth, host, It's Supernatural! "This book is must-reading if you want to grow in your relationship with the Lord."--Rabbi Jonathan Bernis, president and CEO, Jewish Voice Ministries International "Wow! What an eye-opener! This is a must-read to learn how to train your senses to follow the witness of the Holy Spirit."--Marcus D. Lamb, founder/president, Daystar Television Network "If you desire to experience a realm where all things are possible, this is a must-read!"--Bishop Wayne Jackson, founder/president, Impact Television Network "This book will deepen your relationship with God."--Jentezen Franklin, senior pastor, Free Chapel; New York Times bestselling author

Passion and love bring them together. Murder could tear them apart. When Matt Blyth, a handsome young lawyer, joins an early morning boot camp, all he wants is to get in shape. His thirtieth birthday is approaching fast. He's ready to throw away the past and embrace a new future. The last thing he expects is to fall in love...or become embroiled in murder. Dale Zachary, an American actor, is stuck firmly in the closet. He spent his twenties playing good-looking jocks in bad horror films and romantic comedies. But that boy-next-door act has a limited shelf life. Dale lands the role of his career playing a sexy, psychotic killer in a major British TV series. It's a part that could make him a star. It's no time to fall in love, but when Dale meets Matt, the attraction is impossible to resist and they both fall hard. Someone is killing young men in the city. A killer like no other. The murders bear an uncanny resemblance to the script Dale is shooting. A devious mind is at work. As their relationship becomes more complex, Matt and Dale find the murders intruding further into their lives. The killer is closing in on his next target. It could be either one of them...or both.

An appreciation of Rock-n-Roll, song by song, from its roots and its inspirations to its divergent recent trends. A work of rough genius; DeanOCO's attempt to make connections though time and across genres is laudable."

Paints a portrait of the American spiritual landscape by profiling religious radicals, realists and escapists from a congregation of urban anarchists to a youth evangelist in this linked narrative from the author of best-selling *The Family*. 15,000 first printing.

Numero 6 relives an unforgettable and historic year for Liverpool Football Club. A year of inexorable hope, unprecedented success and European adventure; where domestic disappointment was swiftly followed by incredible, dramatic triumphs on the highest club stage of them all - the Champions League. As they have been since 2011, *The Anfield Wrap* was there every step of the way. Now, in *Numero 6*, they are giving readers opportunity to relive the exhilaration and exhaustion of the last 12 months, in which *The Reds* gave us more extraordinary tales to tell and made us fall in love with football all over again.

Welcome to the wide world of paranormal pastimes, where striking out might strike you dead. Editors Charlene Harris and Toni L. P. Kelner are your announcers for this collection of the most peculiar plays ever made—including a story featuring Sookie Stackhouse and Manfred Bernardo... Sports fans live and die by their teams' successes and failures—though not literally. But these fifteen authors have written spirited—in more ways than one—tales of killer competitions that would make even the most die-hard players ask to be benched. This anthology includes tales of unusual athletics by: JAN BURKE • DANA CAMERON • ADAM-TROY CASTRO • BRENDAN DuBOIS • CHARLAINE HARRIS • TONI L. P. KELNER • CAITLIN KITTREDGE • WILLIAM KENT KRUEGER • ELLEN KUSHNER • MERCEDES LACKEY • JOE R. LANSDALE • LAURA LIPPMAN • SEANAN McGUIRE • BRANDON SANDERSON • SCOTT SIGLER

"A brilliantly created sci-fi dystopia with dashes of horror." --Readers Enjoy Authors' Dreams "Sci-fi with horror, violence, and heart thumping action." --Jane Reads (Five star review) For Deanne and her correctional facility work crew, the night the stars fell ended everything. The godlike invaders brought death to any who opposed them. Those that served were changed forever. To save her friends and herself, Deanne will have to find the one creature who dares to stand against the invaders. But saving mankind will mean surrendering what it means to be human. Grab a copy of the science fiction thriller that will keep you turning the pages!

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The godlike invaders chose Earth as their battlefield. A young girl serving time in a youth correctional facility stands in their way. Get all three complete novels of the best-selling *Minder's War* series in one boxed set! Set includes *Refuge*, *The Glass Heretic*, and *The Children of Magus*. "A brilliantly created sci-fi dystopia with dashes of horror." --Readers Enjoy Authors' Dreams "Sci-fi with horror, violence, and heart thumping action." --Jane Reads (Five star review) "A must read." --Goodreads review "Five Stars. I loved the strong characters." --LibraryThing.com review

"Evonne busted into Taj's life like a wrecking ball!" Quiet, reserved musician and Registered Nurse Taj Wright has his world turned upside down when he rents his guest house to Evonne, a spunky hair stylist who's a big fan of murder podcasts. The attraction between them at first sight is immediately electric. When a storm ravages Potter Lake, and they're forced to share close quarters, they can no longer resist each other. But... now what? Evonne is on a mission to prove that she isn't the screwup that was sent home from Spelman College ten years ago. Taj is floundering, trying to tamp down a desire that can't be stifled. The last thing either of them wants is an emotional attachment to a temporary relationship.. but does it have to stay temporary? On a rainy night in Georgia, two hearts meet. They're never the same again. Grab this fun and funny small town Black romance.

#1 BESTSELLER "This book is at times startling, yet very real and down to earth . . . I saw [Brantt] in all phases of his life and his career. I consider him a friend and an ally. Pain Killer sends a strong message." --Darryl Sutter, former NHL player, coach, and GM From the only player to be banned for life from the NHL, a harrowing tale of addiction, and an astonishing path to recovery. Brantt Myhres wasn't around for the birth of his daughter. Myhres had played for seven different NHL teams, and had made millions. But he'd been suspended four times, all for drug use, and he had partied his way out of the league. By the time his daughter was born, he was penniless, sleeping on a friend's couch. He'd just been released from police custody. He had a choice between sticking around for the birth, or showing up for league-mandated rehab. He went to rehab. For the fifth time. This is his story, in his own words, of how he fought his way out of minor hockey into the big league, but never left behind the ghosts of a bleak and troubled childhood. He tells the story of discovering booze as a way of handling the anxiety of fighting, and of the thrill of cocaine. In the raw language of the locker room, he tells of how substance abuse poisoned the love he had in his life and sabotaged a great career. Full of stories of week-long benders, stripper-filled hot tubs, motorcycle crashes, and barroom brawls, Pain Killer is at its most powerful when Myhres acknowledges how he let himself down, and betrayed those who trusted him. Again and again, he fools the executives and doctors who gave him a second chance, then a third, then a fourth, and with each betrayal, he spirals further downward. But finally, on the eve of his daughter's birth, when all the money was gone, every bridge burnt, and every opportunity squandered, he was given a last chance. And this time, it worked. It worked so well, that not only has he been around for his daughter for the past eleven years, in 2015 he was signed by the LA Kings as a "sober coach": a guy who'd been there, a guy who could recognize and help solve problems before they ruined lives and made headlines (as the Kings had seen happen three times that season). Not only did Myhres save himself, he saved others. Unpolished, unpretentious, and unflinching, Myhres tells it like it is, acknowledging every mistake, and painting a portrait of an angry, violent, dangerous man caught in the vice of something he couldn't control, and didn't understand. If Brantt Myhres can pull himself together, anyone can. And he does, convincingly, and inspiringly.

George Leon is a hip, hardworking magazine publisher and quite the ladies man, too. On a pretty March morning, he is driving merrily down Interstate 75 in South Florida, when a fuel tanker blows up right in front of him. Almost killed in the ensuing fire and chaos, he wants to know why, exactly, the truck erupted. An investigative journalist at heart, he soon discovers the explosion was no accident but rather part of an elaborate plot, targeting tankers along the same stretch of highway. In concert with a rookie reporter on his staff, and while courting a beautiful Latina barmaid, George closes in on a very dangerous culprit, only to end up taking a harrowing death ride - in a tanker on I-75.

Greg Heffley and his family are getting out of town. With the cold weather and the stress of the approaching holiday season, the Heffleys decide to escape to a tropical island resort for some much-needed rest and relaxation. A few days in paradise should do wonders for Greg and his frazzled family. But the Heffleys soon discover that paradise isn't everything it's cracked up to be. Sun poisoning, stomach troubles, and venomous critters all threaten to ruin the family's vacation. Can their trip be saved, or will this island getaway end in disaster?

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