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Bette

Have you ever . . . Invested time in something that, in hindsight, just wasn't worth it? Paid too much in an eBay auction? Continued to do something you knew was bad for you? Sold stocks too late, or too early? Taken credit for success, but blamed failure on external circumstances? Backed the wrong horse? These are examples of what the author calls cognitive biases, simple errors all of us make in day-to-day thinking. But by knowing what they are and how to identify them, we can avoid them and make better choices: whether in dealing with personal problems or business negotiations, trying to save money or earn profits, or merely working out what we really want in life—and strategizing the best way to get it. Already an international bestseller, *The Art of Thinking Clearly* distills cutting-edge research from behavioral economics, psychology, and neuroscience into a clever, practical guide for anyone who's ever wanted to be wiser and make better decisions. A novelist, thinker, and entrepreneur, Rolf Dobelli deftly shows that in order to lead happier, more prosperous lives, we don't need extra cunning, new ideas, shiny gadgets, or more frantic hyperactivity—all we need is less irrationality. Simple, clear, and always surprising, this indispensable book will change the way you think and transform your decision making—at work, at home, every day. From why you shouldn't accept a free drink to why you should walk out of a movie you don't like, from why it's so hard to predict the future to why you shouldn't watch the news, *The Art of Thinking Clearly* helps solve the puzzle of human reasoning.

Just Jilted

From USA Today bestselling author Bette Lee Crosby comes a heartwarming novel about letting go of the past to make way for a brighter future. Tracy Briggs has finally gotten her act together. She's focusing on her own life and helping her hearing-impaired son learn to talk. With her sister married and exploring a new career, Tracy has begun to run the family's magazine business and feels her life is pretty much perfect. That is, until her son's deadbeat dad shows up in Magnolia Grove asking for a second chance. Now that her son is getting the help he needs and a promising new romance with his teacher is in bloom, Tracy wants to keep her life just as it is. But her ex isn't taking no for an answer. And when a spirited

elderly woman enters Tracy's life in an unexpected way, she'll have to work harder than ever to keep her new life on track. Torn between the past she knows and the uncertain future, Tracy must decide what is best for both her and her son, learning along the way that ordinary choices can bring extraordinary possibilities.

Tinseltown Confidential

A USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR now gives readers a magical and heartwarming romance narrated by Cupid himself. When seven-year-old Eleanor wishes John Gray will one day fall in love with her, Cupid vows to make it happen. It does; but then Life Management fouls things up and they both marry other people. Now that they're single again, they've got a second chance at love, but there are problems. Big problems. After a disastrous love affair, John's daughter is coming home and she's got a boatload of emotional baggage. In order to give Eleanor and John the happiness they deserve, Cupid must first find the girl's perfect match. Not an easy task since she's addicted to handsome scoundrels with sexy smiles. This time Cupid will need more than an arrow to the heart; he'll need a bit of magic, a sizable miracle and a tail-wagging dog. This revised version of Cupid's Christmas is part fantasy, part mystery and all fun - Wishing for Wonderful is a sweet romance for the both the young and young at heart!

Songwriting For Dummies

High above the clouds in a place no mortal has ever seen, there is a Scale of Life that is held in balance with stones of happiness and sorrow. The Keeper of the Scales sees impending disaster for Drew Bishop and heaves a huge sigh. He places a rose-colored stone on the happiness side of Drew's scale, but it is not enough. The danger is too great. When Drew Bishop's wife is killed in a random act of violence, he is left with a traumatized daughter and a job teetering on the brink of disaster. He believes this is as bad as it can get, but he is wrong. Now the Keeper must scan the vast landscape of lives to find a silver thread to ease Drew's pain. That is the only chance Drew has for happiness, and the Keeper knows it. He is powerless to do anything else; instead, he can only wait and hope the thread spools into happiness for Drew and his little girl.

Tales of Falling and Flying

A collection of seventeen wonderful short stories showing that two-time Oscar winner Tom Hanks is as talented a writer as he is an actor. A gentle Eastern European immigrant arrives in New York City after his family and his life have been torn apart by his country's civil war. A man who loves to bowl rolls a perfect game--and then another and then another and then many more in a row until he winds up ESPN's newest celebrity, and he must decide if the combination of perfection and celebrity has ruined the thing he loves. An eccentric billionaire and his faithful executive assistant venture into America looking for acquisitions and discover a down and out motel, romance, and a bit of real life. These are just some of the tales Tom Hanks tells in this first collection of his short stories. They are surprising, intelligent, heartwarming, and, for the millions and millions of Tom Hanks fans, an absolute must-have!

Cracks in the Sidewalk

“One of our major novelists” (Salman Rushdie) tells the story of a woman reflecting on her uncompromising life, and the life of a former lover, in this provocative novel. “Yiyun Li is one of my favorite writers, and *Must I Go* is an extraordinary book.”—Meg Wolitzer, New York Times bestselling author of *The Female Persuasion* and *The Interestings* Lilia Liska has shrewdly outlived three husbands, raised five children, and seen the arrival of seventeen grandchildren. Now she has turned her keen attention to the diary of a long-forgotten man named Roland Bouley, with whom she once had a fleeting affair. Increasingly obsessed with Roland's intimate history, Lilia begins to annotate the diary with her own rather different version of events, revealing the surprising, long-held secrets of her past. She returns inexorably to the memory of her daughter Lucy. This is a novel about life in all its messy glory, and of a life lived, by the extraordinary Lilia, absolutely on its own terms. With great candor and insight, Yiyun Li navigates the twin poles of grief and resilience, loss and rebirth, that compass a human heart.

Raiders!

It's 1946, the war is over and millions of American soldiers are coming home. Benjamin Church is one of them. After four years of being away he thought things in Alabama would have changed but they haven't. Grinder's Corner is as it's always been--a hardscrabble burp in the road. It's not much but it's home. When Benjamin attends a harvest festival in Twin Pines, he catches sight of Delia. Before their first dance ends, he knows for certain she's the one. They fall madly in love. It doesn't matter that her daddy is staunchly opposed to the thought of his daughter marrying a cotton farmer, never mind a poor one. Benjamin considers himself a lucky man until the fateful night that changes everything.

Frankie Manning

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize “A masterwork . . . the novel astonishes with its inventiveness . . . it is nothing less than a grand comic fugue.”—The New York Times Book Review *A Confederacy of Dunces* is an American comic masterpiece. John Kennedy Toole's hero, one Ignatius J. Reilly, is “huge, obese, fractious, fastidious, a latter-day Gargantua, a Don Quixote of the French Quarter. His story bursts with wholly original characters, denizens of New Orleans' lower depths, incredibly true-to-life dialogue, and the zaniest series of high and low comic adventures” (Henry Kisor, Chicago Sun-Times).

The Stickup Kids

FROM A USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR comes a heartwarming mystery that is rich with imagination and magic. In *Previously Loved Treasures*, Book Two of The Serendipity Series, recently widowed Ida Sweetwater finds the granddaughter she never knew she had and turns a group of haphazard strangers into family. Struggling to make ends meet, Ida turns her cozy home into a boarding house and goes in search of used furniture. This quest leads to the *Previously Loved Treasures* shop and Peter Pennington, a delightfully strange proprietor who

anticipates people's needs. In addition to bargains, Peter hands out sage advice. When a pocket watch belonging to one of the residents goes missing for a second time he warns of danger-but will Ida's granddaughter listen and will she heed his advice? This is a story that resonates with Crosby's heartwarming albeit quirky characters and the joy of a pay-it-forward philosophy.

A Confederacy of Dunces

The riveting true story of the women who launched America into space. In the 1940s and 50s, when the newly minted Jet Propulsion Laboratory needed quick-thinking mathematicians to calculate velocities and plot trajectories, they didn't turn to male graduates. Rather, they recruited an elite group of young women who, with only pencil, paper, and mathematical prowess, transformed rocket design, helped bring about the first American satellites, and made the exploration of the solar system possible. For the first time, *Rise of the Rocket Girls* tells the stories of these women -- known as "human computers" -- who broke the boundaries of both gender and science. Based on extensive research and interviews with all the living members of the team, *Rise of the Rocket Girls* offers a unique perspective on the role of women in science: both where we've been, and the far reaches of space to which we're heading. "If *Hidden Figures* has you itching to learn more about the women who worked in the space program, pick up Nathalia Holt's lively, immensely readable history, *Rise of the Rocket Girls*." -- Entertainment Weekly

A Prayer for Owen Meany

250 book titles that have never seen the light of day (and one haiku). Family-friendly fun for chronic quipsters and perpetual punsters! Guaranteed G-rated groans on every page. "Managed to read it all in one sitting. For me, that's quite an accomplishment." Ivan Auflitch, author of *Can't Sit Still*. "Took this along on our latest expedition and roared with laughter." Claude Yarmoff, author of *The Lion Attacked*. "Captivating!" Barb Dwyer, author of *Prison Security*.

Must I Go

Award-Winning Story of friendship From bestselling author Bette Lee Crosby What Matters Most. A heartwarming story of acceptance and coming to grips with reality. Royal Palm Literary Award Winner. Louise Palmer is a settled-down person. A woman who wants nothing more than to remain in the same house until the day she dies. So, when her husband, Clay, announces an intention to quit his job and move to Florida, her life is thrown into a turmoil of mixed emotions and strained loyalties. Torn between Clay's desire for "the good life" and the lifelong friendships of her quilting club, Louise struggles with what to do until her best friend suggests a scheme to thwart the move. Before she discovers the truth of what matters most, a marriage will be tested, family relationships will fall apart and the friendships Louise tried to hold on to will change dramatically.

Emily, Gone

The Twelfth Child is a novel about trust, love and friendship. Set in the Shenandoah

Valley of Virginia, this story starts in early 1900's and takes readers on a journey of mystery, adventure and discovery as young Abigail Anne Lannigan struggles to unearth the woman she is destined to become.

Under the Bleachers

When a mistaken identity gives a young woman a chance to start over, hide her past, and give her young daughter a better life, she takes it. Then an old acquaintance shows up, threatening to expose a truth that could destroy everything. A story of finding family and discovering the true meaning of love. Heartfelt Southern Fiction.

Rise of the Rocket Girls

When young Cheryl Ann leaves home, she thinks her path is straight until she is forced to make a choice she could never have imagined. The man in her life makes it clear: either pick your baby or pick me, he says. Suddenly, Cheryl finds herself at a crossroads. Choose between the baby she is carrying and the man she loves, she makes a decision that will change her life forever, and that decision leads to a chain of events that will lead Cheryl to a completely unexpected place. . Now Seventeen years later she is about to discover the result of her youthful decision. Baby Girl is a mother's story. It's about the greatest sacrifice a mother can make when she wants only the best for her child. It's about falling in and out of love, of losing yourself and finding yourself. It's about the passion of young love, the happiness of true love and the perilous journey that carries you to a place where you can see the differences. You may shed a tear or two but in the end you'll lean back and give a sigh of contentment because you'll understand this is how life is, and we can make of it what we will. When young Cheryl Ann is forced to choose between the baby she is carrying and the man she loves, she makes a decision that will change her life forever. Now Seventeen years later she is about to discover the result of her youthful decision. Baby Girl is a book you won't want to miss because it's a story you won't forget. From the Author: The novel Baby Girl This book is based on a true story a story that is heartbreaking at times but comes full circle to leave you with a better understanding of what a woman will do to protect her child. When I first heard this birth mother's story I was touched by it, so much so that I needed to know more and when I knew more, I knew I needed to write the story my novel. The result is Baby Girl.

Uncommon Type

Proven techniques for songwriting success This friendly, hands-on guide tackles the new face of the recording industry, guiding you through the shift from traditional sales to downloads and mobile music, as well as how you can harness social media networks to get your music "out there." You get basic songwriting concepts, insider tips and advice, and inspiration for writing — and selling — meaningful, timeless songs. Songwriting 101 — get a grip on everything you need to know to write a song, from learning to listen to your "inner voice" to creating a "mood" and everything in between Jaunt around the genres — discover the variety of musical genres and find your fit, whether it's rock, pop, R&B, gospel, country, or

more Let the lyrics out — master the art of writing lyrics, from finding your own voice to penning the actual words to using hooks, verses, choruses, and bridges Make beautiful music — find your rhythm, make melodies, and use chords to put the finishing touches on your song Work the Web — harness online marketing and social networks like Facebook, Twitter, and others to get your music heard by a whole new audience Open the book and find: What you need to know before you write a single note Tips on finding inspiration Ways to use poetic devices in lyrics Computer and Web-based shortcuts and technologies to streamline songwriting A look at famous songwriting collaborators Writing for stage, screen, and television How to make a demo to get your song heard Advice on how to make money from your music Songwriting For Dummies, 2nd Edition (9781119675655) was previously published as Songwriting For Dummies, 2nd Edition (9780470615140). While this version features a new Dummies cover and design, the content is the same as the prior release and should not be considered a new or updated product.

Fat City

50 YEARS OF MEMORIES ARE HIDDEN IN THE WALLS OF THE LOFT Annie only needs to find one the one that will save Oliver's life. On the day of their wedding, Annie saw nothing but happiness ahead, but when an accident calls her back to Memory House, her world is changed forever. Ophelia Browne, the woman who taught Annie to find the memories in a forgotten object, is leaving the house and she's leaving all those powerful memories behind. After only three nights in the loft, Annie must now find the single most meaningful memory in Oliver's mind. If she finds it in time, she can save his life, if she doesn'twell that's something she can't afford to think about. Readers will welcome back the much-loved characters from Memory House and enjoy a few new friends! REVIEWER PRAISE FOR MEMORY HOUSE "A magical book of memories, treasures and stories from a Masterful Southern Storyteller" Judith D. Collins, top 1000 Reviewer "Magical realism that will enchant" Heidi, Rainy Day Ramblings "Wonderful, heartwarming story of love and life" Sherry Fundin, Reviewer

After Elias

In the early days of swing dancing, Frankie Manning stood out for his moves and his innovative routines; he created the "air step" in the Lindy hop, a dance that took the U.S. and then the world by storm. In this fascinating autobiography, choreographer and Tony Award winner (Black and Blue) Frankie Manning recalls how his first years of dancing as a teenager at Harlem's Savoy Ballroom led to his becoming chief choreographer and a lead dancer for "Whitey's Lindy Hoppers," a group that appeared on Broadway, in Hollywood musicals, and on stages around the globe. Manning brings the Swing Era vividly back to life with his recollections of crowded ballrooms and of Lindy hoppers trying to outdo each other in spectacular performances. His memories of the many headliners and film stars, as well as uncelebrated dancers with whom he shared the stage, create a unique portrait of an era in which African American performers enjoyed the spotlight, if not a star's prerogatives and salary. With collaborator Cynthia Millman, Manning traces the evolution of swing dancing from its early days in Harlem through the post-World War II period, until it was eclipsed by rock 'n' roll and then disco. When swing made a comeback, Manning's 30-year hiatus ended. He has been performing,

choreographing, and teaching ever since.

A Million Little Lies

A body in a casket burns in the Willamette River and the homeless dance in the searchlight of doom, while the cosmos turns on the true meaning of morality. Years later, in a desolate desert landscape two women meet in a café. Waitress Wanda wields a spatula and tells a laughing Bette the ribald story of how she met her deceased husband. Within minutes, a violent act leaves Bette severely brain injured, and Wanda commits to her care. Their relationship becomes the target of a perverse minister who uses them for his own aggrandizement. Evangelicals, gays, Indians and the homeless converge on the women in the protest march from Hell, agitated by Mark Twain and his final creation, No. 44. This story of struggle and devotion will hold you. You will root for the endearing characters, and the triumph of sweet, sweet good, over sanctimonious evil.

Jubilee's Journey

Listless debutantes, long-suffering mothers, ruthless social climbers, and women in bras staggering through motel rooms swigging booze straight from the bottle are celebrated alongside Bible heroines mouthing the most staggeringly awful dialogue ever to issue forth from the minds of Hollywood screenwriters in this celebration of the best, worst, and campiest lines from Hollywood's past and present. Get ready to cringe in horror, howl with laughter, and gasp in astonishment at the most memorable collection of movie lines ever assembled.

Wishing for Wonderful

The New York Times Bestseller! "A beautiful and elegant account of an ordinary man's unexpected and reluctant descent into heroism during the second world war." —Malcolm Gladwell An extraordinary novel about a gifted architect who reluctantly begins a secret life devising ingenious hiding places for Jews in World War II Paris, from an author who's been called "an up and coming Ken Follett." (Booklist) In 1942 Paris, gifted architect Lucien Bernard accepts a commission that will bring him a great deal of money and maybe get him killed. But if he's clever enough, he'll avoid any trouble. All he has to do is design a secret hiding place for a wealthy Jewish man, a space so invisible that even the most determined German officer won't find it. He sorely needs the money, and outwitting the Nazis who have occupied his beloved city is a challenge he can't resist. But when one of his hiding spaces fails horribly, and the problem of where to hide a Jew becomes terribly personal, Lucien can no longer ignore what's at stake. The Paris Architect asks us to consider what we owe each other, and just how far we'll go to make things right. Written by an architect whose knowledge imbues every page, this story becomes more gripping with every soul hidden and every life saved.

What Matters Most

Dakota Halifax loves to be in love. In fact, as one of Las Vegas's premier wedding planners, she's built a whole career around romance. Which is why her own

wedding has to be nothing short of perfect. And then her fiancé jilts her. While she's waiting in her wedding dress. On a cruise ship already out at sea. Once back on dry land, Dakota tries to pour her heart into her business and weekly wedding advice column, Get Ready to Wed. But how can the heartbroken celebrate others' true love? When she reconnects with her childhood best friend, surprisingly sexy and all-grown-up casino bouncer Brendan West, Dakota wonders if maybe she can fall back in love with being in love. But then her ex reappears, begging for another chance, and suddenly Dakota questions if she'll ever understand love. Can someone once-burned and twice-shy ever find her way down the aisle again?

The Twelfth Child

USA TODAY BESTSELLER SPARE CHANGE and hot new release JUBILEE'S JOURNEY are both included in this special boxed set of Southern Stories. Also included is A Home in Hopeful, a special release not sold separately. In a trio of heartwarming mysteries bad things happen to good people, but love, trust and friendship have a way of righting the world's wrongs. OVER 500 REVIEWS with a 4.5 to 5 STAR Rating average. Get ready to lose your heart to Olivia Doyle, an independent woman who discovers the very thing she's been avoiding is what will ultimately bring her the greatest happiness. These stories of one woman and the children whose lives she changed have found their way into countless hearts, will yours be next?

A Year of Extraordinary Moments

Award-winning author Lyn Cote continues her series about four generations of women set against the tapestry of the 20th century.

Previously Loved Treasures: The Serendipity Series Book Two

A missing child sets the lives of three women on a collision course in this powerful and compelling novel by USA Today bestselling author Bette Lee Crosby. 1971. When a music festival rolls through the sleepy town of Hesterville, Georgia, the Dixon family's lives are forever changed. On the final night, a storm muffles the sound of the blaring music, and Rachel tucks her baby into bed before falling into a deep sleep. So deep, she doesn't hear the kitchen door opening. When she and her husband wake up in the morning, the crib is empty. Emily is gone. Vicki Robart is one of the thousands at the festival, but she's not feeling the music. She's feeling the emptiness over the loss of her own baby several months before. When she leaves the festival and is faced with an opportunity to fill that void, she is driven to an act of desperation that will forever bind the lives of three women. When the truth of what actually happened that fateful night is finally exposed, shattering the lives they've built, will they be able to pick up the pieces to put their families back together again?

Memory House: Memory House Collection

A Globe and Mail Notable Book of the Year A Quill & Quire Top Five Canadian Fiction Book of the Year A Maclean's Top Ten Book of the Year Elizabeth Hay's runaway national bestseller is a funny, sad-eyed, deliciously entertaining novel

about a woman caught in a tug of war between real life and the films of the past. Inflamed by the movies she was deprived of as a child, Harriet Browning forms a Friday-night movie club with three companions-of-the-screen: a boy who loves Frank Sinatra, a girl with Bette Davis eyes, and an earthy sidekick named after Dinah Shore. Into this idiosyncratic world, in time with the devastating ice storm of 1998, come two refugees from Hollywood: Harriet's Aunt Leah, the jaded widow of a screenwriter blacklisted in the 1950s, and her sardonic, often overbearing stepson, Jack. They bring harsh reality and illuminate the pull of family and friendship, the sting of infidelity and revenge, the shock of illness and sudden loss. Poignant, brilliant, and delightfully droll, *Garbo Laughs* reveals how the dramas of everyday life are sometimes the most astonishing of all.

All the Winters After

Fat City is a vivid novel of allegiance and defeat, of the potent promise of the good life and the desperation and drink that waylay those whom it eludes. Stockton, California is the setting: the Lido Gym, the Hotel Coma, Main Street lunchrooms and dingy bars, days like long twilights in houses obscured by untrimmed shrubs and black walnut trees. When two men meet in the ring -- the retired boxer Billy Tully and the newcomer Ernie Munger - their brief bout sets into motion their hidden fates, initiating young Ernie into the company of men and luring Tully back into training. In a dispassionate and composed voice, Gardner narrates their swings of fortune, and the plodding optimism of their manager Ruben Luna, as he watches the most promising boys one by one succumb to some undefined weakness; still, "There was always someone who wanted to fight."

The Wyattsville Series

A magical tale that trips lightly through the hallowed ground of Spare Change and several other reader favorites from a USA Bestseller and Multi-Award-Winning Author. Is it possible for a memory to outlive its owner? Ophelia Browne knows the answer is yes. She knows because she's been granted the unique gift of finding and caring for forgotten memories. But now she's nearing ninety, and Browne women seldom live beyond such an age. Before time runs out Ophelia must find her successor someone who can carry forth the gift and keep the memories from fading. When broken-hearted Annie Cross shows up on the doorstep of The Memory House Bed and Breakfast, Ophelia knows she is the one. As the two women sip dandelion tea and share stories, Annie begins to uncover new memories. Ugly ones. Ones buried deep enough to hide the scars. Excitement turns to fear when a thread of violence begins to unravel and Ophelia knows they have gone too far.

Sonic Experience

A heart-wrenching tale of how fragile family relationships can be! Claire McDermott's three grandchildren are missing and she's determined to find them. After years of searching, a dog-eared gray envelope is stuffed into her mailbox but will it bring the children home or lead to another dead end?

Regrets of Cyrus Dodd

THE REGRETS OF CYRUS DODD The Wyattsville Series, Book 4 Revenge, death, deception These are the things Cyrus Dodd has to overcome if he is to give Ruth the life he's promised her. The problem is he's got a prideful nature and when a seemingly innocuous argument leads to a bitter feud with his neighbor, his life changes forever. The plans he has falls by the wayside and before he finds a way to fix it, he comes to understand the meaning of regret. In this early twentieth century family saga, two men come up against each other-both are iron-willed and stubborn. One will lose his farm; the other will lose his family. In a tale of betrayal, murder and revenge two West Virginia farmers will discover that being right does not necessarily mean being happy. Believing he has lost everything Cyrus Dodd is forced to start over. He promises Ruth that this time it will be better, but the truth is he doesn't know if it's a promise he can keep.

The Loft: The Memory House Collection

When tragedy strikes a West Virginia coal mining family, two children start out on a trek that they hope will lead them to a new life. Before a day passes, the children are separated and the boy is caught up in a robbery not of his making. If his sister can find him, she may be able to save him. The problem is she's only seven years old, and who's going to believe a kid? Jubilee's Journey is Book Two in the Wyattsville Series. This story of discovering lost family and finding love reconnects readers with Ethan Allen and the other heart-warming characters of the bestselling novel SPARE CHANGE.

Baby Girl

A modern queer tragedy about a pilot's last words, an interrupted celebration, and the fear of losing everything. "Utterly engrossing. Coen is a hero for our era, darkly struggling amid the aftershocks of loss, but doing so with dignity, humanity, and passion." — Timothy Taylor, author of *The Rule of Stephens* When the airplane piloted by Elias Santos crashes one week before their wedding day, Coen Caraway loses the man he loves and the illusion of happiness he has worked so hard to create. The only thing Elias leaves behind is a recording of his final words, and even Coen is baffled by the cryptic message. Numb with grief, he takes refuge on the Mexican island that was meant to host their wedding. But as fragments of the past come to the surface in the aftermath of the tragedy, Coen is forced to question everything he thought he knew about Elias and their life together. Beneath his flawed memory lies the truth about Elias — and himself. From the damp concrete of Vancouver to the spoiled shores of Mexico, After Elias weaves the past with the present to tell a story of doubt, regret, and the fear of losing everything.

Silver Threads

"I am doomed to remember a boy with a wrecked voice—not because of his voice, or because he was the smallest person I ever knew, or even because he was the instrument of my mother's death, but because he was the reason I believe in God;

I am a Christian because of Owen Meany.” In the summer of 1953, two eleven-year-old boys—best friends—are playing in a Little League baseball game in Gravesend, New Hampshire. One of the boys hits a foul ball that kills the other boy’s mother. The boy who hits the ball doesn’t believe in accidents; Owen Meany believes he is God’s instrument. What happens to Owen, after that 1953 foul ball, is extraordinary and terrifying.

The Art of Thinking Clearly

“Mesmerizing and magical. . . . A stunning book.” —NPR.org “Short stories so imaginative — and yet so perplexingly familiar — they could have formed in a dream. . . . Taut, meticulously balanced and written in Loory’s direct, witty prose, his own stories take a page from Aesop: high-flying tales nonetheless boiled down to the essentials.” —The Los Angeles Times “Ben Loory’s stories are little gifts, strange and moving and wonderfully human. I devoured this book in one sitting.” —Ransom Riggs, author of *Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children* A dazzling new collection of stories from the critically acclaimed author of *Stories for Nighttime* and *Some for The Day* Ben Loory returns with a second collection of timeless tales, inviting us to enter his worlds of whimsical fantasy, deep empathy, and playful humor, in the signature voice that drew readers to his highly praised first collection. In stories that eschew literary realism, Loory’s characters demonstrate richly imagined and surprising perspectives, whether they be dragons or swordsmen, star-crossed lovers or long-lost twins, restaurateurs dreaming of Paris or cephalopods fixated on space travel. In propulsive language that brilliantly showcases Loory’s vast imagination, *Tales of Falling and Flying* expands our understanding of how fiction can work and is sure to cement his reputation as one of the most innovative short-story writers working today.

Garbo Laughs

Documents how two adolescent boys from Mississippi filmed a complete amateur remake of *Raiders of the Lost Ark* that involved neighborhood kids, a first kiss on camera and numerous snakes, describing how their incredible effort took seven years and was challenged by such difficulties as a round fiberglass boulder and Hurricane Katrina. 25,000 first printing. Movie tie-in.

The Summer of New Beginnings

From the International bestselling author of *The Underside of Joy* comes an atmospheric novel about a man who returns to his Alaskan hometown after twenty years Alaska doesn't forgive mistakes. That's what Kachemak Winkel's mother used to tell him. A lot of mistakes were made that awful day twenty years ago, when she died in a plane crash with Kache's father and brother—and Kache still feels responsible. He fled Alaska for good, but now his aunt Snag insists on his return. She admits she couldn't bring herself to check on his family's house in the woods—not even once since he's been gone. Kache is sure the cabin has decayed into a pile of logs, but he finds smoke rising from the chimney and a mysterious Russian woman hiding from her own troubled past. Nadia has kept the house exactly the same—a haunting museum of life before the crash. And she's stayed

there, afraid and utterly isolated, for ten years. Set in the majestic, dangerous beauty of Alaska, *All the Winters After* is the story of two bound souls trying to free themselves, searching for family and forgiveness.

The Return of No. 44

Never before has the everyday soundtrack of urban space been so cacophonous. Since the 1970s, sound researchers have attempted to classify noise, music, and everyday sounds using concepts such as Pierre Schaefer's sound object and R. Murray Schafer's soundscape. Recently, the most significant team of soundscape researchers in the world has been concerned with the effects of sounds on listeners.

Passing Through Perfect: The Wyattsville Series

As America embraces the 1950s, that brash upstart called television is poaching Hollywood's turf, inch by inch. If the studios don't do something drastic, they may lose the battle. When screenwriter Marcus Adler fell afoul of the blacklist, Europe offered sanctuary. Hollywood lures him back, but the specter of Joseph McCarthy forces Marcus to fight for a final chance to clear his name. A charismatic figure rises to intimidate the entire film industry, and Hollywood Reporter Kathryn Massey realizes that she knows a secret that just might topple this self-appointed savior. If Kathryn fails, will her neck land on the chopping block instead? A new kiss-and-tell magazine splashes onto the scene-but it isn't playing by the rules. Gwendolyn Brick figures she doesn't need to worry about a scandal rag until she spots someone lurking around the Garden of Allah during Marilyn Monroe's birthday party. Suddenly, Confidential threatens to expose everything. "Tinseltown Confidential" is the seventh installment in the Hollywood's Garden of Allah saga. If you like richly woven details, the Golden Age of Hollywood, and characters who come to life, then you'll love Martin Turnbull's captivating historical fiction series.

Nice Girls Don't Wear Cha-cha Heels!

They say trouble comes in threesHeadstrong and organised, Mia is a single mum who wants to fix the world - but the one thing she can't fix is her family. Responsible older brother Will has fled Primrose Bay, unable to forgive and forget after the ultimate betrayal. And Jasmine, no longer the wayward baby sister, is determined to prove to her brother and sister that she's just as capable as they are.Together in the bay after years apart and a separation spanning three continents, it doesn't take long for the siblings to clash when Mia calls everyone together in a family crisis. And with jealousy and resentment simmering between them, as well as faces from the past and new loves, the family ties could end up being severed forever.Sometimes we need to lose ourselves in order to find each other again

The Paris Architect

Randol Contreras came of age in the South Bronx during the 1980s, a time when the community was devastated by cuts in social services, a rise in arson and

abandonment, and the rise of crack-cocaine. For this riveting book, he returns to the South Bronx with a sociological eye and provides an unprecedented insider's look at the workings of a group of Dominican drug robbers. Known on the streets as "Stickup Kids," these men raided and brutally tortured drug dealers storing large amounts of heroin, cocaine, marijuana, and cash. As a participant observer, Randol Contreras offers both a personal and theoretical account for the rise of the Stickup Kids and their violence. He mainly focuses on the lives of neighborhood friends, who went from being crack dealers to drug robbers once their lucrative crack market opportunities disappeared. The result is a stunning, vivid, on-the-ground ethnographic description of a drug robbery's violence, the drug market high life, the criminal life course, and the eventual pain and suffering experienced by the casualties of the Crack Era. Provocative and eye-opening, *The Stickup Kids* urges us to explore the ravages of the drug trade through weaving history, biography, social structure, and drug market forces. It offers a revelatory explanation for drug market violence by masterfully uncovering the hidden social forces that produce violent and self-destructive individuals. Part memoir, part penetrating analysis, this book is engaging, personal, deeply informed, and entirely absorbing.

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