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These are Love(d) Letters

Nina Sankovitch has always been a reader. As a child, she discovered that a trip to the local bookmobile with her sisters was more exhilarating than a ride at the carnival. Books were the glue that held her immigrant family together. When Nina's eldest sister died at the age of forty-six, Nina turned to books for comfort, escape, and introspection. In her beloved purple chair, she rediscovered the magic of such writers as Toni Morrison, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Ian McEwan, Edith Wharton, and, of course, Leo Tolstoy. Through the connections Nina made with books and authors (and even other readers), her life changed profoundly, and in unexpected ways. Reading, it turns out, can be the ultimate therapy. Tolstoy and the Purple Chair also tells the story of the Sankovitch family: Nina's father, who barely escaped death in Belarus during World War II; her four rambunctious children, who offer up their own book recommendations while helping out with the cooking

and cleaning; and Anne-Marie, her oldest sister and idol, with whom Nina shared the pleasure of books, even in her last moments of life. In our lightning-paced culture that encourages us to seek more, bigger, and better things, Nina's daring journey shows how we can deepen the quality of our everyday lives—if we only find the time.

The Oracle Book

The New York Times bestselling memoir from legendary comedienne Carol Burnett is a “loving, poignant” (People) tribute to her eldest daughter, Carrie Hamilton. The daughter of one of television’s most recognizable and beloved stars, Carol Burnett, Carrie Hamilton won the hearts of everyone she met with her kindness, her quirky humor, and her unconventional approach to life. After overcoming her painful and public teenage struggle with drug addiction in a time when personal troubles were kept private, Carrie lived her adult life of sobriety to the fullest, achieving happiness and success as an actress, writer, musician, and director before losing a hard-fought battle with cancer at age thirty-eight. Now Carol Burnett shares her personal diary entries, photographs, and correspondence as she traces the journey she and Carrie took through some of life’s toughest challenges and sweetest miracles. Authentic, intimate, and full of love, *Carrie and Me* is a funny and moving memoir about mothering an extraordinary young woman through the struggles and triumphs of her life.

Committed to the Baby

The Big Life of Little Richard

Street-smart, wickedly funny, piercingly perceptive, and eloquent enough to win a Pulitzer Prize, Mike Royko continues to have legions of devoted fans who still wonder “what Royko would have said” about some outrageous piece of news. One thing he hardly ever wrote or talked about, though, was his private life, especially the time he shared with his first wife, Carol. She was the love of his life, and her premature death at the age of forty-four shook him to his soul. Mike’s unforgettable public tribute to Carol was a heart-wrenching column written on what would have been her forty-fifth birthday, “November Farewell.” His most famous and requested piece, it was the end of an untold story. *Royko in Love* offers that story’s moving and utterly beguiling beginning in letters that “Mick” Royko, then a young airman, wrote to his childhood sweetheart, Carol Duckman. He had been in love with her since they were kids on Chicago’s northwest side, but she was a beauty and he was, well, anything but. Before leaving for Korea, he was crushed to hear she was getting married, but after returning to Blaine Air Force Base in Washington, he learned she was getting a divorce. Mick soon began to woo Carol in a stream of letters that are as fervent as they are funny. Collected here for the first time, Royko’s letters to Carol are a mixture of sweet seduction, sarcastic observations on military life, a Chicago kid’s wry view of rural folk, the pain of

self-doubt, and the fear of losing what is finally so close, but literally so far. His only weapons against Carol's many suitors were his pen, his ardor, and his brilliance. And they won her heart.

Newtown's Bicentennial, an Account of the Celebration of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Purchase from the Indians of the Land of the Town of Newtown, Connecticut, Held August Fifth, Nineteen Hundred and Five

Two beloved romance stories from USA Today bestselling author Maureen Child and Teresa Southwick. Claiming King's Baby Their last meeting to sign divorce papers goes wrong when passion overtakes Maggie and Justice King. Still, she walks away with a legal decree—and a pregnancy. Justice had always refused to have children, so this is one fact she won't reveal to him. But when Maggie ends up back at the King ranch, her secret must come out! The Doctor's Secret Baby After their passionate affair, Emily Summers walked away from Cal Westen. Now she's telling him they have a baby? The sensual social worker burned him once, and this ER surgeon isn't making that mistake again. Then he meets his daughter. And the no-strings-attached doctor feels his heart expand...to make room for two females in his life.

Melon

"Out of the Ashes is a full-throated, stout-hearted call to arms—soul-stirring, uncompromising, and irresistible." —ROD DREHER, author of *The Benedict Option* "Out of the Ashes is an astonishing combination of energy, humor, insight, and exceptional erudition, topped off by a vivid personal style and a special gift for tweaking the nose of secularist nonsense-peddlers. If you're looking for a guide to our current cultural predicament (and how to fix it), one that's sobering and invigorating at the same time, start with this book." —CHARLES J. CHAPUT, O.F.M. Cap., Archbishop of Philadelphia "Anthony Esolen is one of our nation's best writers because he's one of our best thinkers. Out of the Ashes is vintage Esolen: eloquent, bold, insightful, profound." —RYAN T. ANDERSON, Ph.D., Senior Research Fellow, The Heritage Foundation, and author of *Truth Overruled: The Future of Marriage and Religious Freedom* What do you do when an entire civilization is crumbling around you? You do everything. This is a book about how to get started. The Left's culture war threatens America's foundation and its very civilization, warns Esolen in his brand new book, *Out of the Ashes: Rebuilding American Culture*. They will tell you that babies in the womb are fetuses, that gender is a social construct, and that the backbone of society is government not the community. In *Out of the Ashes*, Esolen outlines his surprisingly simple plan to take back American culture— start at home. Esolen urges us to demand a return to values in our homes, our schools, our churches, and our communities, and to reject political correctness. "We must become tellers of truth again—and people who are willing to hear truths, especially when it hurts to hear them."

La Vida Sacra

A memoir of the veteran author's experiences as a member of the famed K/3/5 First Marine Division during the pivotal invasion of Guadalcanal describes his command at Peleliu and losses of several friends.

Tolstoy and the Purple Chair

The Oracle Book KNOWS YOUR FUTURE This mysterious book is a do-it-yourself divination tool. Ask a yes-or-no question, and find your answer within

Mary & Me

The Lowells of Massachusetts were a remarkable family. They were settlers in the New World in the 1600s, revolutionaries creating a new nation in the 1700s, merchants and manufacturers building prosperity in the 1800s, and scientists and artists flourishing in the 1900s. For the first time, Nina Sankovitch tells the story of this fascinating and powerful dynasty in The Lowells of Massachusetts. Though not without scoundrels and certainly no strangers to controversy, the family boasted some of the most astonishing individuals in America's history: Percival Lowle, the patriarch who arrived in America in the seventeenth to plant the roots of the family tree; Reverend John Lowell, the preacher; Judge John Lowell, a member of the Continental Congress; Francis Cabot Lowell, manufacturer and, some say, founder of the Industrial Revolution in the US; James Russell Lowell, American Romantic poet; Lawrence Lowell, one of Harvard's longest-serving and most controversial presidents; and Amy Lowell, the twentieth century poet who lived openly in a Boston Marriage with the actress Ada Dwyer Russell. The Lowells realized the promise of America as the land of opportunity by uniting Puritan values of hard work, community service, and individual responsibility with a deep-seated optimism that became a well-known family trait. Long before the Kennedys put their stamp on Massachusetts, the Lowells claimed the bedrock.

Great God A'Mighty! The Dixie Hummingbirds

Out of the Ashes

Arranged in sixteen musical categories, provides entries for twenty thousand releases from four thousand artists, and includes a history of each musical genre.

Royko in Love

• Add meaning to family celebrations and create new ones • Multiple resources for church, home, and community celebrations • Multi-generational Holidays and family events are times for celebration, learning, rituals, food, and fun. This edition of Faithful Celebrations focuses on the months of May, June, and July, when secular holidays inspire us to gather to celebrate God's creation, our freedom, and our families. Key ideas, activities, materials, background information, music, art, recipes, and prayer resources are all included for small, intimate, or large multi-generational groups, as many festivities bring several generations together at church, at home, and in our communities. Celebrate occasions like International Women's Day, Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Memorial Day, Summer Solstice, and July 4th in thoughtful, inclusive, and innovative ways.

Historical Celebration of the Town of Brimfield, Hampden County, Mass

Pen to Paper

Even in this age of emails, texts, and tweets, there is an ongoing fascination with the simple act of putting pen to paper. Associations such as the International Association of Master Penmen and the Society for Italic Handwriting keep the traditions of calligraphy and penmanship alive, hand-writing typefaces continue to sell, and hand-drawn display type and packaging of all sorts enjoy a renaissance. Pen to Paper, a collection of letters by artists from the Smithsonian's Archives of American Art, reveals how letter writing can be an artistic act, just as an artist puts pen to paper to craft a line in a drawing. Brief essays explore what can be learned from the handwriting of celebrated artists such as Mary Cassatt, Frederic Church, Howard Finster, Winslow Homer, Ray Johnson, Rockwell Kent, Georgia O'Keeffe, Claes Oldenburg, Maxfield Parrish, Eero Saarinen, Saul Steinberg, and many others. Each letter is accompanied by an archival image of the artist or a related artwork, with a full transcription. Pen to Paper provides a fresh way to think about artists and their creative work and is sure to inspire your next handwritten note or letter.

Continuing the Reformation

The first in a detective series that "immediately joins the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency as representing the best in international cozies" (Booklist, starred review). Meet Vish Puri, India's most private investigator. Portly, persistent, and unmistakably Punjabi, he cuts a determined swath through modern India's swindlers, cheats, and murderers. In hot and dusty Delhi, where call centers and malls are changing the ancient fabric of Indian life, Puri's main work comes from

screening prospective marriage partners, a job once the preserve of aunties and family priests. But when an honest public litigator is accused of murdering his maidservant, it takes all of Puri's resources to investigate. With his team of undercover operatives—Tubelight, Flush, and Facecream—Puri combines modern techniques with principles of detection established in India more than two thousand years ago, and reveals modern India in all its seething complexity.

American Rebels

Presents an insightful approach to the sacraments from the perspective and actual practice of Latinos over the centuries. This work offers a distinctive take on the belief and enculturation of the sacraments in the Latino experience and context. It is suitable for theology courses, as well as directors of ministerial programs and their students.

Carrie and Me

Bar Yarns and Manic Depressive Mix Tapes distills thirty delirious, jam-packed years of some of the best music writing ever to come out of the Twin Cities. As a writer and musician, the ever-curious Jim Walsh has lived a life immersed in music, and it all makes its way into his columns and feature articles, interviews and reviews, including personal essays on life, love, music, family, death, and, yes, the manic-depressive highs and lows that come with being an obsessive music lover and listener. From Minneapolis's own Prince to such far-flung acts as David Bowie, the Waterboys, Lucinda Williams, Parliament-Funkadelic, L7, the Rolling Stones, the Ramones, U2, Hank Williams, Britney Spears, Elvis Presley and Nirvana, Walsh's work treats us to a chorus of the voices and sounds that have made the music scene over the past three decades. The big names are here, from Rosanne Cash to Bruce Springsteen to Bob Marley and Jackson Browne, but so are those a little shy of superstardom, like the Tin Star Sisters and Uncle Tupelo, Son Volt, the Gear Daddies, Semisonic, and The Belfast Cowboys. The book is also a tour (de force) of the Twin Cities' most celebrated music venues past and present, from the Prom Ballroom to Paisley Park to Duffy's. When Walsh isn't celebrating the sheer magic of live music or dreaming to tunes blasting from the car console, he might be surveying the scene with the Hamm's Bear at Grumpy's or the Double Deuce or singing the last night at the Uptown Bar blues. Whether he's dishing dirt with Yoko Ono or digging the Replacements' roots, giving an old rocker a spin or offering a mic to the latest upstart, Jim Walsh reminds us that in the land of a thousand lakes there are a thousand dances, and the music never dies. Capturing the pure notes and character of the sound of the Twin Cities and beyond, with a keen eye for trends and the telling detail, his book truly is a mix tape of thirty years of unforgettable music.

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The Ghost in the Tokaido Inn

A Report of the Proceedings at the Celebration of the First Centennial Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Town of Buxton, Maine, Held at Buxton, Aug. 14, 1872

The first definitive biography of music legend Stevie Wonder Stevie Wonder's achievements as a singer-songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, and producer are extraordinary. During a career that has spanned almost fifty years, he has earned more than thirty Top 10 hits, twenty-six Grammy Awards, and a place in both the Rock and Roll and Songwriter Halls of Fame—and he's not finished yet. On the verge of turning sixty, he is still composing, still touring, and still attracting dedicated fans around the world. For the first time, Signed, Sealed, and Delivered takes an in-depth look at Stevie Wonder's life and his evolution from kid-soul pop star into a mature artist whose music helped lay the groundwork for the evolution of hip hop and rap. Explores the life, achievements, and influence of one of America's biggest musical icons, set against the history of Motown and the last fifty years of popular music Based on extensive interviews with Motown producers, music executives, songwriters, and musicians, including founding Temptation Otis Williams, Mickey Stevenson, surviving Funk Brother Eddie Willis, synthesizer genius Malcolm Cecil, guitar legend Michael Sembello, and many others Traces Stevie's personal and musical development through the decades, from the early 1960s R&B of "Fingertips" to the social and political themes of "Living for the City" and other 1970s classics, through periods of musical and personal confusion, uncertainty, and, later, renewal Read Signed, Sealed, and Delivered to explore the life and work of one of pop music's most compelling masters of invention.

Hell in the Pacific

Reading, Preaching and Celebrating the Word

Music industry veterans Robbie Robertson, Jim Guerinot, Jared Levine, and Sebastian Robertson invite young readers to celebrate the lives of 27 musical legends. Short profiles chronicle personal stories and achievements of extraordinarily talented artists whose innovations changed the landscape of music for generations to come. From Ray Charles to Johnny Cash, Chuck Berry to Bob Dylan, Robertson shares anecdotes about these artists and the influence they had on his own musical journey.

The Book of Common Prayer, and Administration of the Sacraments, Together with the

Psalter

Mary & Me: A Lasting Link Through Ink explores a thirty-year friendship between two women: one who had never learned to cultivate female friendships, and the other who had managed to gather and maintain a large group of friends throughout her adult life. The fact that thousands of handwritten letters between them tethered these two together is just part of the intriguing story. Coauthors Mary Potter Kenyon—author of *Refined by Fire*, *Coupon Crazy*, and *Chemo-Therapist*—and Mary Jedlicka Humston share an unforgettable friendship that will inspire you to pick up your pen and begin writing "Dear . . . "

To the Letter

- An all-in-one volume sharing the history, practice, and viewpoints of Confirmation in the Episcopal Church and the first book on the subject for at least 15 years
- Resolutions regarding Confirmation are coming to the 2015 General Convention
- Includes questions for reflection and study by individuals and groups

Many clergy and educators would say that the rite of confirmation in the Episcopal Church today is a sacrament in search of a meaning. Some believe confirmation is an essential rite of passage for adult leadership in the governance of the church. Some believe it is a rite that no longer has a place in the life of the church, understanding the importance that Baptism now holds in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer's ecclesiology. Following a history of how the rite of confirmation came about and its implications for youth and adults in the church today, voices in the Episcopal Church (bishops, liturgical scholars, confirmation leaders, and youth themselves) offer fresh viewpoints here in a conversational format to engage the reader.

All Music Guide

An ode to the dwindling art of letter writing explores its potential salvation in the digital age, chronicling the history of letter writing as reflected by love letters, chain mail and business correspondence while surveying the role that letters have played as literary devices for several centuries. 50,000 first printing.

Signed, Sealed, and Delivered

A dog who insists she's a wolf finds the perfect home with a young girl who sees past her prickly personality in this pet adoption story that's as laugh-out-loud funny as it is heart-tugging. When a particularly growly pup finds herself in an animal shelter, she insists that she is a wolf--a lone wolf. After all, she's not sweet, she's not cute, and she is just fine on her own! Luckily, there's one little girl at the shelter who knows that sometimes, good dogs act bad when they feel afraid and that extending a little kindness can help even the most wolfish pup at the pound let down her guard.

Bar Yarns and Manic-Depressive Mixtapes

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Describes the experiences of women in popular music since the fifties, discusses the importance of style, and looks at how women have overcome the industry's attempts to stereotype them

I Am a Wolf

From the Jim Crow world of 1920s Greenville, South Carolina, to Greenwich Village's Caf? Society in the '40s, to their 1974 Grammy-winning collaboration on "Loves Me Like a Rock," the Dixie Hummingbirds have been one of gospel's most durable and inspiring groups. Now, Jerry Zolten tells the Hummingbirds' fascinating story and with it the story of a changing music industry and a changing nation. When James Davis and his high-school friends starting singing together in a rural South Carolina church they could not have foreseen the road that was about to unfold before them. They began a ten-year jaunt of "wildcatting," traveling from town to town, working local radio stations, schools, and churches, struggling to make a name for themselves. By 1939 the a cappella singers were recording their four-part harmony spirituals on the prestigious Decca label. By 1942 they had moved north to Philadelphia and then New York where, backed by Lester Young's band, they regularly brought the house down at the city's first integrated nightclub, Caf? Society. From there the group rode a wave of popularity that would propel them to nation-wide tours, major record contracts, collaborations with Stevie Wonder and Paul Simon, and a career still vibrant today as they approach their seventy-fifth anniversary. Drawing generously on interviews with Hank Ballard, Otis Williams, and other artists who worked with the Hummingbirds, as well as with members James Davis, Ira Tucker, Howard Carroll, and many others, The Dixie Hummingbirds brings vividly to life the growth of a gospel group and of gospel music itself.

Legends, Icons and Rebels

Intimate and unwavering exploration of love, loss, and the queer possibilities inherent in artistic aspiration.

Proceedings at the centennial celebration of the incorporation of the town of Longmeadow,

with appendices and a town genealogy

An address delivered at Glen Cove L.I. at the celebration of the second centennial anniversary of the settlement of that village. With an appendix

Sweet, succulent, cooling, and often with a beguiling floral fragrance, a ripe melon can be one of the most delicious things you sink your teeth into. As Sylvia Lovegren shows in this book, the melon's complex flavor profile is matched by an equally complex history. Cutting into the melon's past, she takes us on a whirlwind trip around the world. Along the way, Lovegren details the impact the melon has had on humankind. Moving from ancient and medieval medical recipes to folk tales, stories, growing contests, and genetics, she explores the diverse ways we have cultivated, enjoyed, and sometimes even feared this fruit. She explores how we have improved modern melons over centuries of breeding, and how some growers and scientists today are trying to preserve and even revive ancient melon strains.--from Publisher's description.

Faithful Celebrations

"Witty, moving, informative, and inspiring, Signed, Sealed, Delivered begins with Nina Sankovitch's discovery of trunk filled with a trove of hundred-year old letters in an old house she has just bought with her husband. They are from a Princeton freshman to his mother. Sankovitch cannot help think of her own son, who is about to go off to Harvard, and of the letters she's kept and cherished from a beloved sister and from her husband. From there she sets off on a quest to discover the secrets of letter writers and why we find them so fascinating--from the ancient Egyptians to the medieval lovers, Abelard and Heloise, from letters between Benjamin Franklin and his daughter to the notes that President Lincoln receives when his son dies. Sankovitch celebrates letters from Edith Wharton to Henry James, F. Scott Fitzgerald to his daughter describing life in Hollywood, James Joyce to his Nora, V.S. Naipaul to his father, young Sam Stewart to Gertrude Stein, Georgia O'Keefe to Alfred Stieglitz, and Rachel Carson to her woman lover. She looks at epistolary novels and her husband's love letters as well as her uncle's letters from his Holocaust exile, and dozens more. Plus her son's brief reports from college on the weather and his allowance. In a beautifully written book, itself a perfect gift, Nina Sankovitch reminds us that the letters we write are as important as the ones we wait for"--

The Lowells of Massachusetts

This book documents the church's developing focus on baptism within the context of the liturgical movement, the emerging understanding of the eucharist, prayer book revision, and the confirmation dilemma. Drawing on historical and

contemporary sources, th

The Centennial Celebration of the Battle of Rhode Island August 29, 1878

Charles Haddon Spurgeon was known as the Prince of Preachers, stirring audiences from his London pulpit from 1854 to 1892. Millions more who never heard him preach read his weekly sermons. Morning by Morning, one of Spurgeon's best known classic devotionals, has now been updated in today's language with contemporary application commentary. Look Unto Me represents some of Spurgeon's most powerful devotions, with added Scripture references and quotes in the NIV, and contemporary commentary and insight by Jim Reimann, editor of the bestselling updated editions of Streams in the Desert and My Utmost for His Highest. This edition also includes these new features: • Scripture quotes referenced in the context of each devotion • Scripture and subject index • Hymn quotes referenced with composer names and dates With fresh, contemporary wording and precise NIV text, the timeless message of the original devotions flows unhindered through these pages, lending guidance and hope to a new generation of believers. It is a rich spiritual resource for every Christian who longs for a deeper walk with Christ and a fuller understanding of the Christian faith. With Scripture references from literally every book of the Bible, it makes a great tool to help believers dig more deeply into God's Word.

Morning by Morning

Nina Sankovitch's American Rebels explores, for the first time, the intertwined lives of the Hancock, Quincy, and Adams families, and the role each person played in sparking the American Revolution. Before they were central figures in American history, John Hancock, John Adams, Josiah Quincy Junior, Abigail Smith Adams, and Dorothy Quincy Hancock had forged intimate connections during their childhood in Braintree, Massachusetts. Raised as loyal British subjects who quickly saw the need to rebel, their collaborations against the Crown and Parliament were formed years before the revolution and became stronger during the period of rising taxes and increasing British troop presence in Boston. Together, the families witnessed the horrors of the Boston Massacre, the Battles of Lexington and Concord, and Bunker Hill; the trials and tribulations of the Siege of Boston; meetings of the Continental Congress; transatlantic missions for peace and their abysmal failures; and the final steps that led to the signing of the Declaration of Independence. American Rebels explores how the desire for independence cut across class lines, binding people together as well as dividing them—rebels versus loyalists—as they pursued commonly-held goals of opportunity, liberty, and stability. Nina Sankovitch's new book is a fresh history of our revolution that makes readers look more closely at Massachusetts and the small town of Braintree when they think about the story of America's early years.

Proceedings at the Centennial Celebration of the Incorporation of the Town of Longmeadow,

October 17th, 1883

The first major biography of Little Richard, a rollicking, nuanced celebration of the late singer/songwriter's life and his role in the history of American music--gospel, soul, rock, and more "Tutti Frutti" - "Rip It Up" - "Good Golly Miss Molly" - "Lucille" - "Long Tall Sally" - "You Keep A-Knockin'" Little Richard blazed the trail for generations of musicians--The Beatles, James Brown, the Everly Brothers, Jimi Hendrix, the Rolling Stones, Elton John, Prince . . . the list seems endless. He was "The Originator," "The Innovator," and the self-anointed "King and Queen of Rock 'n' Roll." When he died on May 9, 2020, *The Big Life of Little Richard*--a nearly-completed book--was immediately updated to cover the international response to his death. It is the first major biography of Macon, Georgia's Richard Wayne Penniman, who was, until his passing, the last rock god standing. Mark Ribowsky, acclaimed biographer of musical icons--the Supremes, the Temptations, Stevie Wonder, Otis Redding--takes readers through venues, gigs, and studios, conveying the sweaty energy of music sessions limited to a few tracks on an Ampex tape machine and vocals sung along with a live band. He explores Little Richard's musicianship; his family life; his uphill battle against racism; his interactions with famous contemporaries and the media; and his lifelong inner conflict between his religion and his sexuality. *The Big Life of Little Richard* not only explores a legendary stage persona, but also a complex life under the makeup and pomade, the neon-lit duds and piano pyrotechnics, along with a full-body dive into the waters of sexual fluidity. By 2020, eighty-seven-year-old Little Richard's electrifying smile was still intact, as were his bona fides as rock's kingly architect: the '50s defined his reign, and he extended elder statesmanship ever since. His biggest smash, "Tutti Frutti," is one of history's most covered songs--a staple of the pre-Invasion Beatles--and Elvis pivoted from country to blues rock after Little Richard made R&B's sexual overtones a fundament of the new musical order. Even Hendrix, the greatest instrumentalist in rock history, toured with him before launching a meteoric solo career. Whenever someone pushes the music and culture of rock to its outer borders, one should turn to Little Richard for assurance that anything is possible.

The Case of the Missing Servant

While attempting to solve the mystery of a stolen jewel, Seikei, a merchant's son who longs to be a samurai, joins a group of kabuki actors in eighteenth-century Japan.

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