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Ghost Boy Martin Pistorius 2013-11-19 New York Times bestseller. They all thought he was gone. But he was alive and trapped inside his own body for ten years. In January 1988 Martin Pistorius, aged twelve, fell inexplicably sick. First, he lost his voice and stopped eating. Then he slept constantly and shunned human contact. Doctors were mystified. Within eighteen months he was mute and wheelchair-bound. Martin's parents were told an unknown degenerative disease left him with the mind of a baby and less than two years to live. Martin was moved to care centers for severely disabled children. The stress and heartache shook his parents' marriage and their family to the core. Their boy was gone. Or so they thought. Ghost Boy is the heart-wrenching story of one boy's return to life through the power of love and faith. In these pages, readers see: A parent's resilience. The consequences of misdiagnosis. Abuse at the hands of cruel caretakers. The unthinkable duration of Martin's mental alertness betrayed by his lifeless body. We also see a life reclaimed—a business created, a new love kindled—all from a wheelchair. Martin's emergence from his own darkness invites us to celebrate our own lives and fight for a better life for others.

The Physick Book of Deliverance Dane Katherine Howe 2009-06-09 A spellbinding, beautifully written novel that moves between contemporary times and one of the most fascinating and disturbing periods in American history - the Salem witch trials. Harvard graduate student Connie Goodwin needs to spend her summer doing research for her doctoral dissertation. But when her mother asks her to handle the sale of Connie's grandmother's abandoned home near Salem, she can't refuse. As she is drawn deeper into the mysteries of the family house, Connie discovers an ancient key within a seventeenth-century Bible. The key contains a yellowing fragment of parchment with a name written upon it: Deliverance Dane. This discovery launches Connie on a quest-to find out who this woman was and to unearth a rare artifact of singular power: a physick book, its pages a secret repository for lost knowledge. As the pieces of Deliverance's harrowing story begin to fall into place, Connie is haunted by visions of the long-ago witch trials, and she begins to fear that she is more tied to Salem's dark past than she could have ever imagined. Written with astonishing conviction and grace, The Physick Book of Deliverance Dane travels seamlessly between the witch trials of the 1690s and a modern woman's story of mystery, intrigue, and revelation.

Say Not What If Andrew Friedman 2011-07-01 "Say Not What If" is a nearly 10,000 word story written as a long rhyming poem. It is about a man on death row, and has as its theme the concept that time is our most valuable commodity. As someone once said, "waste anything but time, because we really are promised no tomorrows." This theme is explored through the life of a man who sacrifices his marriage and everything else for his career. He realizes much too late the terrible consequences of this decision, and then desperately tries to regain those lost years by making a much worse choice. The resolution of this latter choice involves an additional examination of the concepts of accountability and responsibility, redemption, and the morality of the death penalty. The story has a better than average rating of 4/5 stars on Goodreads and Amazon. There are currently fifty-six ratings and forty-one written reviews on Goodreads at <http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/12788920-say-not-what-if>. Another thirteen ratings and reviews are on Amazon. Reviewers have described the story as "exceptional," "amazing," "incredibly special," "borderline genius," "a lyrical masterpiece," "gripping and compelling," "thought provoking," and a "beautifully written piece of literature." Many enjoyed the story so much that they intend to share it with their family and friends. I have never seen a story written in this format. It has characters and dialogue just like a regular story, and is extremely easy to read and understand, regardless of whether you have a GED or a PHD. You should therefore not be concerned that the format makes the story hard to understand. Many reviewers had the same initial concern, but then pleasantly discovered that the story is very easy to follow. But you can further allay any such fears by reading the first few pages of the story on my website, [www.ascensionenterprise.com](http://www.ascensionenterprise.com). This story will tear at your soul. As many of the reviewers said, it only requires an hour or so to read, but will keep you thinking about its message long after you are finished. Time is quintessentially important and valuable. Who knows how much time anyone has? Would you trade ten or even five years of your life for a million dollars? The story can be purchased from many booksellers, including Amazon and Barnes & Noble. It can also be purchased for only 0.99 as an ebook for Kindle. Best wishes and good luck in all your reading endeavors.

Family History Dani Shapiro 2003 Enjoying her loving family and her work as an art restorer, Rachel Jensen finds her world unraveling after a terrible accident that leads to Rachel's

discovery that her teenage daughter is threatening to destroy them all. Reprint. 40,000 first printing.

Life of Moscheles Charlotte Moscheles 1873

The Daily Show (The Book) Chris Smith 2016-11-22 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER The complete, uncensored history of the award-winning The Daily Show with Jon Stewart, as told by its correspondents, writers, and host. For almost seventeen years, The Daily Show with Jon Stewart brilliantly redefined the borders between television comedy, political satire, and opinionated news coverage. It launched the careers of some of today's most significant comedians, highlighted the hypocrisies of the powerful, and garnered 23 Emmys. Now the show's behind-the-scenes gags, controversies, and camaraderie will be chronicled by the players themselves, from legendary host Jon Stewart to the star cast members and writers-including Samantha Bee, Stephen Colbert, John Oliver, and Steve Carell - plus some of The Daily Show's most prominent guests and adversaries: John and Cindy McCain, Glenn Beck, Tucker Carlson, and many more. This oral history takes the reader behind the curtain for all the show's highlights, from its origins as Comedy Central's underdog late-night program to Trevor Noah's succession, rising from a scrappy jester in the 24-hour political news cycle to become part of the beating heart of politics-a trusted source for not only comedy but also commentary, with a reputation for calling bullshit and an ability to effect real change in the world. Through years of incisive election coverage, passionate debates with President Obama and Hillary Clinton, feuds with Bill O'Reilly and Fox, and provocative takes on Wall Street and racism, The Daily Show has been a cultural touchstone. Now, for the first time, the people behind the show's seminal moments come together to share their memories of the last-minute rewrites, improvisations, pranks, romances, blow-ups, and moments of Zen both on and off the set of one of America's most groundbreaking shows.

My Life-work Samuel Smith 1902

Moloka'i Alan Brennert 2010-04-01 Young Rachel Kalama, growing up in idyllic Honolulu in the 1890s, is part of a big, loving Hawaiian family, and dreams of seeing the far-off lands that her father, a merchant seaman, often visits. But at the age of seven, Rachel and her dreams are shattered by the discovery that she has leprosy. Forcibly removed from her family, she is sent to Kalaupapa, the isolated leper colony on the island of Moloka'i. In her exile she finds a family of friends to replace the family she's lost: a native healer, Haleola, who becomes her adopted "auntie" and makes Rachel aware of the rich culture and mythology of her people; Sister Mary Catherine Voorhies, one of the Franciscan sisters who care for young girls at Kalaupapa; and the beautiful, worldly Leilani, who harbors a surprising secret. At Kalaupapa she also meets the man she will one day marry. True to historical accounts, Moloka'i is the story of an extraordinary human drama, the full scope and pathos of which has never been told before in fiction. But Rachel's life, though shadowed by disease, isolation, and tragedy, is also one of joy, courage, and dignity. This is a story about life, not death; hope, not despair. It is not about the failings of flesh, but the strength of the human spirit.

Late Bloomer Carol Tyler 2005-01-01 Carol Tyler has been a professional (and highly acclaimed) cartoonist for over 20 years, appearing in such venues as WeirDo, Wimmen's Comix, and Drawn & Quarterly magazine. But over the years her status as a working mother has drastically curtailed her ability to set aside time for her cartooning. Thus each rare new story from her pen has been greeted with hurrahs as well they should be, because she's one of the most skillful, caustic, and emphatic cartoon storytellers of her generation. This new book presents the biggest, richest and most delightful collection of Tyler's work to date featuring many new and previously unpublished works. p.p1 {margin: 0.0px 0.0px 0.0px 0.0px; font: 13.9px Arial; color: #424242}

All Of Me Kim Noble 2014-07 Kim Noble is an accomplished artist whose work has been exhibited around the world. She is a mother with a teenage daughter. She is a bubbly and vivacious woman. To meet her you wouldn't think anything was wrong. But when Kim was younger than five years old, her personality splintered and fractured. In 1995 she was finally diagnosed with Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID) which has been described as a creative way to cope with unbearable pain. Now her body plays host to more than 20 different personalities, or 'alters'. There are women and men, adults and children; there is a scared little boy who speaks only Latin, an elective mute, a gay man and an anorexic teenager. Some alters age with her body; others are stuck in time. ALL OF ME takes the reader through the extraordinary world of a woman for whom the very nature of reality is different. It will tell of her terrifying battles to understand her own mind; of her desperate struggle against all odds to win back the child she loved; and of her courage and commitment in trying to make sense of her life. It is by turns shocking, inspiring, sometimes funny, and deeply moving.

My Story Elizabeth Smart 2013-10-07 Speaking out for the first time, the daughter of a close-knit Mormon family, who was held captive and repeatedly raped, recounts the constant fear she endured, her courageous determination to maintain hope, her dramatic escape and her transformation from victim to advocate. 250,000 first printing.

A Life in Pieces Richard K. Baer 2008 In 1989 a woman named Karen showed up at author and psychiatrist Richard Baer's practice, terribly frightened and at breaking point. She explained that her husband beat her, her mother stole from her; she was in tremendous physical pain and wanted to die. Within a few sessions she also revealed that her father and grandfather had raped and tortured her repeatedly over the course of her childhood, frequently in the company of other neighbourhood men. She was now married with two children, but often could not account for stretches of minutes, hours, sometimes even days. As Karen's story unfolded over the following months, Baer realised that he was dealing with a severe case of Multiple Personality Disorder. Although it would take time and deep, hard-won trust before any of Karen's alternate personalities presented themselves in her psychiatrist's office, over the next five years Baer would encounter seventeen distinct personalities, all of whom had been living inside Karen since she was a young child, shielding her from an otherwise unbearable life. In the tradition of Oliver Saks and Irvin Yalom, Baer chronicles his nine years of work with Karen and all her distinct personalities, his often futile efforts to use the tools of his trade, and his patient's ultimate invention of her own cure. An unforgettable story of unimaginable suffering and ultimate recovery, A Life In Pieces: How One Woman's Personality was Shattered by Years of Abuse is the first full account of life with Multiple Personality Disorder written by the treating psychiatrist.

Time of Storm Marianne Fisher 1981-05-01

Life as We Knew it Susan Beth Pfeffer 2008 Through journal entries, sixteen-year-old Miranda describes her family's struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide

tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.

**Still Standing** Natalie Queiroz 2019-06-13 Natalie Queiroz was eight months pregnant when she was stabbed by her partner in the most vicious attack imaginable. In the space of nine minutes, and in broad daylight, Natalie was stabbed twenty-four times with a carving knife. She suffered horrific wounds to her lungs, liver, stomach and uterus, whilst the knife missed her baby by a margin of two millimeters, before the arteries in her wrists were methodically severed by the hooded attacker she finally realised was her partner and the father of her unborn child. After heroic intervention by passers-by and police, the attack was brought to an end, but her ordeal was not over. An air ambulance rescue was launched, and against all medical odds, Natalie and her baby survived - but not without life-changing physical and emotional damage. *Still Standing* is the story of one life-shattering event - what came before that fateful day, what happened on it, and how one woman and her baby survived to rebuild and heal together after it. At once a shocking story of evil, manipulation and violence, and a truly moving reminder that a life can be pieced back together, no matter how bad the damage, this book will empower and inspire anyone who has ever faced true adversity to rise up and stand tall.

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**My Life in Pieces** C. J. Schaeffer 2020-08-30 Raised in a family of church goers, Alice Fisher has the potential for a promising future. However, her father leads a secret life as a cult leader who practices satanic rituals. She suffers verbal, physical, emotional, and sexual abuse as a child. Groomed by her father for greater horrors, she's drugged and forced to participate in his ritualistic ceremonies. Outwardly, Alice appears to lead a normal life. But the truth torments, and weighs heavy upon her. Eventually, her mind shatters; crushed into splinters of insanity and madness. A crucible of darkness surrounds her like a blinding fog and seeks to overwhelm her. Yet a faith thread tied to her heart in early childhood becomes her lifeline in adulthood. What helps her cope through multiple suicide attempts, self-injury, psychiatric hospital stays, and years of therapy? How does she put the pieces of her life back together as whole, healed, and joyful? Here, drawn from a lifetime of journals and personal records, she tells her story to offer hope to anyone that has known the destructive impact of childhood trauma, Satanic Ritual Abuse, and Dissociative Identity Disorder.

**Dry** Neal Shusterman 2019-09-03 "The authors do not hold back." —Booklist (starred review) "The palpable desperation that pervades the plot...feels true, giving it a chilling air of inevitability." —Publishers Weekly (starred review) "The Shustermans challenge readers." —School Library Journal (starred review) "No one does doom like Neal Shusterman." —Kirkus Reviews (starred review) When the California drought escalates to catastrophic proportions, one teen is forced to make life and death decisions for her family in this harrowing story of survival from New York Times bestselling author Neal Shusterman and Jarrod Shusterman. The drought—or the Tap-Out, as everyone calls it—has been going on for a while now. Everyone's lives have become an endless list of don'ts: don't water the lawn, don't fill up your pool, don't take long showers. Until the taps run dry. Suddenly, Alyssa's quiet suburban street spirals into a warzone of desperation; neighbors and families turned against each other on the hunt for water. And when her parents don't return and her life—and the life of her brother—is threatened, Alyssa has to make impossible choices if she's going to survive.

**Pieces of Me** Lizbeth Meredith 2016-09-20 Now a Lifetime television movie starring Sarah Drew, *Stolen By Their Father* was adapted from the story of *Pieces of Me: Rescuing My Kidnapped Daughters* about a young mother and her daughters face the unimaginable consequences after leaving abuse. In 1994, Lizbeth Meredith said good-bye to her four- and six year-old daughters for a visit with their non-custodial father only to learn days later that they had been kidnapped and taken to their father's home country of Greece. Twenty-nine and just on the verge of making her dreams of financial independence for her and her daughters come true, Lizbeth now faced a \$100,000 problem on a \$10 an hour budget. For the next two years fueled by memories of her own childhood kidnapping, Lizbeth traded in her small life for a life more public, traveling to the White House and Greece, and becoming a local media sensation in order to garner interest in her efforts. The generous community of Anchorage becomes Lizbeth's makeshift family?one that is replicated by a growing number of Greeks and expats overseas who help Lizbeth navigate the turbulent path leading back to her daughters.

**Pieces of You.** Ella Harper 2014-08-14 #1 CONTEMPORARY FICTION BESTSELLER As compelling and powerful as Jojo Moyes and Liane Moriarty, *PIECES OF YOU* is a heart-rending, but ultimately life-affirming novel about a love tested to its limits.

**Etched in Sand** Regina Calcaterra 2013-08-06 Regina's Calcaterra memoir, *Etched in Sand*, is an inspiring and triumphant coming-of-age story of tenacity and hope. Regina Calcaterra is a successful lawyer, New York State official, and activist. Her painful early life, however, was quite different. Regina and her four siblings survived an abusive and painful childhood only to find themselves faced with the challenges of the foster-care system and intermittent homelessness in the shadows of Manhattan and the Hamptons. A true-life rags-to-riches story, *Etched in Sand* chronicles Regina's rising above her past, while fighting to keep her brother and three sisters together through it all. Beautifully written, with heartbreaking honesty, *Etched in Sand* is an unforgettable reminder that regardless of social status, the American Dream is still within reach for those who have the desire and the determination to succeed.

**All the Lovely Pieces** J. M. Winchester 2019-08-06 Motherly love can drive her to the absolute edge... For nine years, Drew Baker has been running from her brutal husband and the dark

deeds of the night she left him. Focused on protecting her ten-year-old son, Drew reluctantly settles into a small town, eager to find proof of her husband's true nature so she can stop looking over her shoulder. But Drew is also on the run from her own terrible crimes--ones that mean prison and separation from her son should the police catch up to her before her husband does. If only she could remember that night and what really transpired... Without warning, the unthinkable happens, and Drew is plunged into the most nightmarish situation a woman and mother could imagine. Desperate to save her child, Drew takes matters into her own hands, proving that anyone is capable of darkness, and nowhere is safe for those who fear themselves.

Pieces of a Life Fay Katlin 2015 Snippets of a Jewish family's life, from a harrowing escape from Ukraine to growing up in Chicago, discovering family history in the Soviet Union, and living in Israel.

My Story Elizabeth A. Smart 2015-11-03 How did Elizabeth Smart survive nine months in captivity-and manage to forge a new life for herself? This is her story. On June 5, 2002, fourteen-year-old Elizabeth Smart, the daughter of a close-knit Mormon family, was taken from her home in the middle of the night by religious fanatic Brian David Mitchell and his wife, Wanda Barzee. She was kept chained, dressed in disguise, repeatedly raped, and told she and her family would be killed if she tried to escape. After her rescue on March 12, 2003, she rejoined her family and worked to pick up the pieces of her life. "The inspirational and ultimately redemptive story of a teenage girl's descent into hell... and of the faith that fueled her determination to survive." -Kirkus Reviews In My Story, Smart tells of the constant fear she endured every hour, her courageous determination to maintain hope, and how she convinced her captors to return to Utah, where she was rescued minutes after arriving. Smart explains how her faith helped her stay sane in the midst of a nightmare and how she found the strength to confront her captors at their trial and see that justice was served. "[The book's] power lies in the way Smart presents herself-stronger but somehow still innocent." -The New Yorker

Switching Time Richard Baer 2008-09-09 A psychiatrist describes his work with Karen Overhill, a patient complaining of acute depression who turned out to have been a victim of horrific childhood sexual abuse and who to survive had developed seventeen distinct and separate personalities, and his challenging efforts to reunite the separate selves into a whole person. Reprint. 50,000 first printing.

A Little Life Hanya Yanagihara 2015-03-10 NATIONAL BESTSELLER • A stunning “portrait of the enduring grace of friendship” (NPR) about the families we are born into, and those that we make for ourselves. A masterful depiction of love in the twenty-first century. A NATIONAL BOOK AWARD FINALIST • A MAN BOOKER PRIZE FINALIST • WINNER OF THE KIRKUS PRIZE A Little Life follows four college classmates—broke, adrift, and buoyed only by their friendship and ambition—as they move to New York in search of fame and fortune. While their relationships, which are tinged by addiction, success, and pride, deepen over the decades, the men are held together by their devotion to the brilliant, enigmatic Jude, a man scarred by an unspeakable childhood trauma. A hymn to brotherly bonds and a masterful depiction of love in the twenty-first century, Hanya Yanagihara’s stunning novel is about the families we are born into, and those that we make for ourselves. Look for Hanya Yanagihara’s new novel, To Paradise, coming in January 2022.

The Colony John Tayman 2006 A history of the Hawaiian leper colony discusses how its residents endeavored to create a community with few resources, and describes how thousands of victims were subjected to medical experiments and the criminal activities of fellow exiles.

An Abbreviated Life Ariel Leve 2016-06-14 “Sometimes, a child is born to a parent who can’t be a parent, and, like a seedling in the shade, has to grow toward a distant sun. Ariel Leve’s spare and powerful memoir will remind us that family isn’t everything—kindness and nurturing are.” —Gloria Steinem Ariel Leve grew up in Manhattan with an eccentric mother she describes as “a poet, an artist, a selfappointed troublemaker and attention seeker.” Leve learned to become her own parent, taking care of herself and her mother’s needs. There would be uncontrolled, impulsive rages followed with denial, disavowed responsibility, and then extreme outpourings of affection. How does a child learn to feel safe in this topsyturvy world of conditional love? Leve captures the chaos and lasting impact of a child’s life under siege and explores how the coping mechanisms she developed to survive later incapacitated her as an adult. There were material comforts, but no emotional safety, except for summer visits to her father’s home in South East Asia-an escape that was terminated after he attempted to gain custody. Following the death of a loving caretaker, a succession of replacements raised Leve-relationships which resulted in intense attachment and loss. It was not until decades later, when Leve moved to other side of the world, that she could begin to emancipate herself from the past. In a relationship with a man who has children, caring for them yields a clarity of what was missing. In telling her haunting story, Leve seeks to understand the effects of chronic psychological maltreatment on a child’s developing brain, and to discover how to build a life for herself that she never dreamed possible: An unabbreviated life.

In Pieces Sally Field 2018-09-18 In this intimate, haunting literary memoir and New York Times Notable Book of the year, an American icon tells her own story for the first time -- about a challenging and lonely childhood, the craft that helped her find her voice, and a powerful emotional legacy that shaped her journey as a daughter and a mother. One of the most celebrated, beloved, and enduring actors of our time, Sally Field has an infectious charm that has captivated the nation for more than five decades, beginning with her first TV role at the age of seventeen. From Gidget's sweet-faced "girl next door" to the dazzling complexity of Sybil to the Academy Award-worthy ferocity and depth of Norma Rae and Mary Todd Lincoln, Field has stunned audiences time and time again with her artistic range and emotional acuity. Yet there is one character who always remained hidden: the shy and anxious little girl within. With raw honesty and the fresh, pitch-perfect prose of a natural-born writer, and with all the humility and authenticity her fans have come to expect, Field brings readers behind-the-scenes for not only the highs and lows of her star-studded early career in Hollywood, but deep into the truth of her lifelong relationships--including her complicated love for her own mother. Powerful and unforgettable, In Pieces is an inspiring and important account of life as a woman in the second half of the twentieth century.

Encyclopedia of Life Writing Margaretta Jolly 2013-12-04 This is the first substantial reference work in English on the various forms that constitute "life writing." As this term suggests, the Encyclopedia explores not only autobiography and biography proper, but also letters, diaries, memoirs, family histories, case histories, and other ways in which individual lives have been recorded and structured. It includes entries on genres and subgenres, national and regional traditions from around the world, and important auto-biographical writers, as well as articles on

related areas such as oral history, anthropology, testimonies, and the representation of life stories in non-verbal art forms.

**No Justice** Robbie Tolan 2018-01-09 The harrowing true story of Robbie Tolan, a young black man who was shot in the chest by a white police officer . . . in his own driveway. **NO JUSTICE** is the harrowing story of Robbie Tolan, who early on one New Year's Eve morning, found himself being rushed to the hospital. A white police officer had shot him in the chest after mistakenly accusing him of stealing his own car...while in his own driveway. In a journey that took nearly a decade, Tolan and his family saw his case go before the United States Supreme Court in a groundbreaking decision, while Tolan struggled with how to put his life back together. Holding him together through this journey was the strength of his mother and father, his faith in God, and an impenetrable belief that he deserved justice like any other American who'd been wronged. **NO JUSTICE** is the story about what happened after the cameras and social media protests went away. Robbie Tolan was left with the physical and mental devastation from having his body violated by someone who was supposed to serve and protect him. His story reminds us that police brutality is not a theoretical talking point in a larger nationwide argument. This story is about Robbie Tolan courageously picking up the pieces of his life, even as he fights for justice for all.

**The Life She Left Behind** Nicole Trope 2020-07-01 When I wake up in the middle of the night, it's not a sound that disturbs me. It's a feeling. Silently, I creep to my daughter's room, breathing a sigh of relief when I see her sleeping, her night-light twirling, butterfly shapes moving their pink wings. Quickly, I lock the door. I won't let anything happen to my little girl. You tell him everything. The husband you adore, the father of your child, your best friend. He knows, just by looking at your sage-green eyes, when something is wrong. The two of you can communicate with a glance, or a touch of the hand. Except what if you can't? What if your happy marriage has plastered over one huge lie? A lie you have even started to believe yourself, in order to survive? What if you have a secret, something you have hidden from your beloved husband and your strawberry-scented baby girl, to keep them safe? What if the guilt has kept you up, night after night, for as long as you can remember? Because, after twenty-eight years, that secret is refusing to stay buried. The past you have tried so desperately to outrun is catching up with you. A faded photograph, torn in half, threatens to expose the truth and everyone you love, everything you cherish, is in harm's way... An emotional, thought-provoking and beautifully written novel which examines the pieces of ourselves we are afraid of, and the impossible decisions we make when we are desperate. Fans of Jodi Picoult, Kerry Fisher and Liane Moriarty will be moved by this heartbreaking tale. Readers absolutely love **The Life She Left Behind**: 'Oh my... This was literally "un-put-downable"... This was not a book I could read chapter by chapter and take breaks in between, I NEEDED to keep going!... I know I will be thinking about this story for days... Amazing.' NetGalley Reviewer, ????? 'What a fantastic book!! I absolutely loved it, and it is hands down the best book I've read this year so far... Amazing... I couldn't recommend it more highly. Now I'm off to buy several more of Trope's books to get stuck in to.' My Little Bookcase, ????? 'Wow oh wow, what an absolutely gorgeous read. I devoured this beautiful book in just over an hour... I adored the writing style in this one, the author writes elegantly and in a way that just pulls you into the pages. I cannot say anything negative about this book, I have been truly engrossed and shocked by how quickly I read this one. I didn't want to put it down. This is definitely a beautiful read by a very talented author.' Goodreads Reviewer, ????? 'Loved this book! Very emotional! Read it in 1 sitting!' Reading through the Looking Glass, ????? 'A highly emotional read that had me hooked from the start. This is another fantastic book by Nicole Trope!' Goodreads Reviewer, ????? 'Once I started this book, I couldn't put it down. It was that good. It was definitely emotional, and left me guessing until the end.' The One Where She Blogs, ????? 'Page 1, I was hooked and couldn't put the book down... So enthralling.' Goodreads Reviewer, ????? 'Loved it!... This is my third book by this author and they have all struck gold!... As soon as I picked it up, everything around me faded to grey... The author is a great storyteller and she enchanted me.' B for Bookreview, ????? '5 stars! Nicole Trope continues to be one of my favourite authors! While her books aren't often easy to read due to their content, I'm always left amazed at her ability to tell a story so well... Very gripping and I found myself race through it. I think this one will stay with me for a while.' Goodreads Reviewer, ????? 'Superbly written... Well worthy of 5 stars.' Goodreads Reviewer, ????? 'Wow what an emotional book a rollercoaster of emotions... Definitely my number one book of the year.' NetGalley Reviewer, ?????

**Pieces of Me** N. R. Walker 2020-06-26

**The Orphan's Tale** Pam Jenoff 2017-02-21 Look for Pam Jenoff's new novel, **The Woman with the Blue Star**, an unforgettable story of courage and friendship during wartime. A New York Times bestseller! "Readers who enjoyed Kristin Hannah's **The Nightingale** and Sara Gruen's **Water for Elephants** will embrace this novel. " —Library Journal "Secrets, lies, treachery, and passion.... I read this novel in a headlong rush." —Christina Baker Kline, #1 New York Times bestselling author of **Orphan Train** A powerful novel of friendship set in a traveling circus during World War II, **The Orphan's Tale** introduces two extraordinary women and their harrowing stories of sacrifice and survival. Sixteen-year-old Noa has been cast out in disgrace after becoming pregnant by a Nazi soldier and being forced to give up her baby. She lives above a small rail station, which she cleans in order to earn her keep... When Noa discovers a boxcar containing dozens of Jewish infants bound for a concentration camp, she is reminded of the child that was taken from her. And in a moment that will change the course of her life, she snatches one of the babies and flees into the snowy night. Noa finds refuge with a German circus, but she must learn the flying trapeze act so she can blend in undetected, spurning the resentment of the lead aerialist, Astrid. At first rivals, Noa and Astrid soon forge a powerful bond. But as the facade that protects them proves increasingly tenuous, Noa and Astrid must decide whether their friendship is enough to save one another—or if the secrets that burn between them will destroy everything. Don't Miss Pam Jenoff's new novel, **The Woman with the Blue Star**, a riveting tale of unfathomable sacrifice and unlikely friendship during World War II. Read these other sweeping epics from New York Times bestselling author Pam Jenoff. **The Lost Girls of Paris** **The Ambassador's Daughter** **The Diplomat's Wife** **The Kommandant's Girl** **The Last Summer at Chelsea Beach** **The Winter Guest**

**Brain Storm** Alice Peck 2021 memoir of doctor who experienced horrific abuse as a child and developed DID or multiple personality disorder and was healed through an excruciating process with a gifted therapist

**All the Broken Pieces** Ann E. Burg 2013-09-24 An award-winning debut novel from a stellar new voice in middle grade fiction. Matt Pin would like to forget: war torn Vietnam, bombs that fell like dead crows, and the terrible secret he left behind. But now that he is living with a caring adoptive family in the United States, he finds himself forced to confront his past. And that

means choosing between silence and candor, blame and forgiveness, fear and freedom. By turns harrowing, dreamlike, sad, and triumphant, this searing debut novel, written in lucid verse, reveals an unforgettable perspective on the lasting impact of war and the healing power of love.

All These Pieces of Me C. E. Kilgore 2015-06-22 Emma's autism allows her to see the world inside out and right past the physical scars that Brandon had begun to think would be the only thing the world would ever see. Set in Dallas, Texas, this is a Contemporary Romance series with BDSM elements and mature, atypical themes, including physical disfigurement, Autism, and OCD. Each book will be a complete story, no cliffhangers. Brandon To say that I'm ugly is like saying a cemetery is quiet. Okay, maybe parts of me are attractive, sure. I'd gotten more than my share of second, hungry glances from women at clubs. Then I'd turn to the other side and they'd get a nice big glimpse of Quasimodo. Only the desperately drunk or the 'I can fix you' chicks took a third look. Not Emma, though. She looked right at my scars and didn't miss a beat. The typical stares from folks noticing my face just blend into the background noise as I try to comprehend this odd little woman. She's still and quiet, clutching her teddy bear like it's nobody's business. And maybe it's not. Maybe least of all mine. Emma The guy walking in front of me is seriously massive. I'd heard that everything is bigger in Texas, but this is absolutely ridiculous. There's also the matter of his face. He has me both ready to swoon and run screaming in the same crazy second. I'm still not sure which of those options my body has decided on. I think the jury is still out on a lot of things to do with my current state of affairs. I wish I could talk the way that I think instead of stammering through life like a little girl who holds onto a damn teddy bear and continues to obsess over the color pink. I can't, though. My brain just doesn't work that way. His gentle brown eyes put me at ease for some reason I haven't quite worked out yet, and I really want to know his story.

Great Minds Don't Think Alike Emily Gosling 2018-09-06 Great Minds Don't Think Alike surveys some of the most brilliant minds of the past and present. Discover the methods and rituals they used to forge a constructive, creative pathway, from the downright peculiar to the reassuringly pedestrian. Learn the importance of daily routines with Sylvia Plath, embrace randomness with David Bowie and transcend tragedy with Frida Kahlo. With 56 tried and tested creative techniques from inspired, and inspiring, minds - among them, architects, musicians, playwrights, painters and philosophers - enjoy an illustrated compendium of ingenious insights to kickstart your own creative process.

Girl Unbroken Regina Calcaterra 2016-10-18 In the highly anticipated sequel to her New York Times bestseller *Etched in Sand*, Regina Calcaterra pairs with her youngest sister Rosie to tell Rosie's harrowing, yet ultimately triumphant, story of childhood abuse and survival. They were five kids with five different fathers and an alcoholic mother who left them to fend for themselves for weeks at a time. Yet through it all they had each other. Rosie, the youngest, is fawned over and shielded by her older sister, Regina. Their mother, Cookie, blows in and out of their lives "like a hurricane, blind and uncaring to everything in her path." But when Regina discloses the truth about her abusive mother to her social worker, she is separated from her younger siblings Norman and Rosie. And as Rosie discovers after Cookie kidnaps her from foster care, the one thing worse than being abandoned by her mother is living in Cookie's presence. Beaten physically, abused emotionally, and forced to labor at the farm where Cookie settles in Idaho, Rosie refuses to give in. Like her sister Regina, Rosie has an unfathomable strength in the face of unimaginable hardship—enough to propel her out of Idaho and out of a nightmare. Filled with maturity and grace, Rosie's memoir continues the compelling story begun in *Etched in Sand*—a shocking yet profoundly moving testament to sisterhood and indomitable courage.

Snatched Bruce Porter 2016-04-19 *Snatched* is the electric tale, by the New York Times bestselling author of *Blow*, Bruce Porter, that tells the true story of a woman caught between two worlds, with her life dangling in the balance. Raised an aristocrat in Colombia and educated in European schools, Pilar transfixes everyone with her charm and her guile. She also falls for dangerous men and finds herself drawn into the highest levels of the cocaine trade. After two failed marriages and a harrowing escape from the drug life, she settles down to a quiet existence in Florida with her children--until her second husband tries to cut short his prison term by giving her name over to members of a new task force being formed by the DEA. They induce Pilar, now a middle-aged woman, to infiltrate the Cali cartel as the head of a vast money laundering sting. Named "Operation Princess," the scheme leads to the seizure of tens of millions of dollars, along with some \$500 million worth of cocaine and the exposure of hundreds of high-level traffickers, becoming one of the most daring and successful stings in DEA history. But Pilar plays her part too well. Her success as a money launderer gets her kidnapped and then ransomed by a band of guerrillas in South America--and the US government refuses to negotiate. It's left to her low-level handlers in the DEA to get her back, before it's too late and her kidnappers discover they have a federal agent in their clutches.