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The Faith of Islam Dec 09 2020

Peninsula of Lies Feb 20 2022 Peninsula of Lies is a nonfiction mystery, set in haunting locales and peopled with fascinating characters, that unwraps the enigma of a woman named Dawn Langley Simmons, a British writer who lived in Charleston, South Carolina, during the 1960s and became the focus of one of the most unusual sexual scandals of the last century. Born in England sometime before World War II, Dawn Langley Simmons began life as a boy named Gordon Langley Hall. Gordon was the son of servants at Sissinghurst Castle, the estate of Vita Sackville-West, where as a child he met Vita's lover Virginia Woolf. In his twenties, Gordon made his way to New York, where he became an author of society biographies and befriended such grandes dames as the actress Margaret Rutherford and the artist and heiress Isabel Whitney, who left him a small fortune. The money allowed Gordon to buy a mansion in Charleston and fill it with period furniture, providing a stage for him to entertain more great ladies and to climb the social ladder of the Southern gentry to its heights. However, Gordon's world changed instantly in 1968, when at The Johns Hopkins Hospital he underwent one of the first sex-reassignment surgeries, returning to Southern society and scandalizing Charleston as the new Dawn Langley Hall. Dawn Hall furthermore announced that her surgery had been corrective, because she'd actually been misidentified as a boy at birth. Three months later, Dawn raised the stakes in still-segregated Charleston when she arranged her very public marriage to a young black mechanic, John-Paul Simmons. In due course, Dawn appeared around town pregnant; finally, she could be seen pushing a baby carriage with a child -- her daughter, Natasha. National Book Award-winning author Edward Ball (Slaves in the Family) has written a detective story that deciphers the riddle of Dawn Simmons, a once rich and infamous changeling who died in 2000, her sexual identity never determined. Peninsula of Lies is an engrossing narrative of a person who tested every taboo, as well as the confidence of observers in their own eyes.

Life of a Klansman Jul 28 2022 The life and times of a militant white supremacist, written by one of his offspring, National Book Award-winner Edward Ball Life of a Klansman tells the story of a warrior in the Ku Klux Klan, a carpenter in Louisiana who took up the cause of fanatical racism during the years after the Civil War. Author Edward Ball, a descendant of the Klansman, paints a portrait of his family's anti-black militant that is part history, part memoir rich in personal detail. Sifting through family lore about "our Klansman" as well as public and private records, Ball reconstructs the story of his great-great grandfather, Constant Lecorgne. A white French Creole, father of five, and working class ship carpenter, Lecorgne had a career in white terror of notable and bloody completeness: massacres, night riding, masked marches, street rampages—all part of a tireless effort that he and other Klansmen made to restore white power when it was threatened by the emancipation of four million enslaved African Americans. To offer a non-white view of the Ku-klux, Ball seeks out descendants of African Americans who were once victimized by "our Klansman" and his comrades, and shares their stories. For whites, to have a Klansman in the family tree is no rare thing: Demographic estimates suggest that fifty percent of whites in the United States have at least one ancestor who belonged to the Ku Klux Klan at some point in its history. That is, one-half of white Americans could write a Klan family memoir, if they wished. In an era when racist ideology and violence are again loose in the public square, Life of a Klansman offers a personal origin story for white supremacy. Ball's family memoir traces the vines that have grown from militant roots in the Old South into the bitter fruit of the present, when whiteness is again a cause that can veer into hate and domestic terror.

Free Roll Feb 29 2020 Have you ever wondered: What it's like to daily bet hundreds of thousands of dollars working for some of the largest professional gamblers in Las Vegas? ... How to spend a summer house sitting one of the biggest stars in the world's 11,000 square-foot mansion - without an invitation from it's celebrity owner ... Whether the life of crime - specifically, running a shoplifting ring in a middle American mall - pays? ... What causes a son to finally say enough is enough ... and decide "Today is the day I am going to kill my dad." Comedian Brandt Tobler has the answers in this funny, touching and sometimes downright unbelievable memoir of a small town Wyoming-kid turned "mall-fia" don, turned nationally touring comic. Brandt tells his life story with candor, detailing the many pit stops, wrong turns, crazy connections and lucky breaks he experienced along the way to his comedy career, all while trying to balance a toxic relationship with his unreliable jailbird dad. In these pages Brandt will make you laugh (he better - it's his job!) and believe as he does that, when it comes to defining family, blood isn't always thicker than water. -- back cover.

[The Little Blue Jar](#) Mar 31 2020 The family saga behind favorite cold remedy Vicks VapoRub, the book reveals the story of an unlikely American Dream born in North Carolina.

I Am Tan Jul 24 2019 A bi-racial boy named Christian, spends an interesting day learning about race, color and stereotypes. By the end of the day, he learns to embrace all of who he is. He knows that the world is full of white, black, brown, red and yellow people, but he also sees that there are many mixed children like him, who are in between these basic colors.

The Memorable Thoughts of Socrates Dec 21 2021 Xenophon gives us an alternative to Plato's accounts of the lessons of Socrates. As you probably know if you are reading this, Socrates left nothing behind by way of written teachings. All we know of the great philosopher's teachings come from the accounts of his students. Xenophon's version (Memorabilia of Socrates) is stylistically different from Plato's dialogues (e.g. Euthyphro, Apology, Crito, and Phaedo), though Socrates' wisdom and method (questioning) remain consistent.

Recipe Journal Mar 12 2021 Frustrated with searching for recipes in various books, websites and handwritten or printed notes? Let this blank recipe book become your master recipe collection and simplify your cooking life. Using the book is easy. Simply write out your recipe on the recipe pages and add the name and page number to the index. This book contains 100 blank recipe pages just waiting to be filled in. Makes a perfect gift. Each page includes space for: Ingredients Method Notes Number of servings Calories Cooking Time Prep time Oven temperature Source The journal has been designed to be easily customisable to suit your own style and preferences. Useful weights and measures conversions are included in the front of the book with various US to UK conversions detailed. Measuring 8.5" x 11" it is close to A4 size and allows plenty of space to write. Stop hunting for your favourite recipes and start recording them in your own personal cook book.

[Inheriting the Trade](#) Jan 10 2021 Follows Thomas DeWolf and other members of his family as they travel to New England, West Africa, and Cuba to learn about the horrors of the slave trade, a business in which their ancestors were deeply involved.

Escape on the Pearl Jan 28 2020 On the evening of April 15, 1848, nearly eighty enslaved Americans attempted one of history's most audacious escapes. Setting sail from Washington, D.C., on a schooner named the Pearl, the fugitives began a daring 225-mile journey to freedom in the North—and put in motion a furiously fought battle over slavery in America that would consume Congress, the streets of the capital, and the White House itself. Mary Kay Ricks's unforgettable chronicle brings to life the Underground Railroad's largest escape attempt, the seemingly immutable politics of slavery, and the individuals who struggled to end it. Escape on the Pearl reveals the incredible odyssey of those who were onboard, including the remarkable lives of fugitives Mary and Emily Edmonson, the two sisters at the heart of this true story of courage and determination.

[Flight of Remembrance](#) Nov 07 2020 Now an Award-Winning Finalist in the Non-Fiction: Narrative category of The 2012 USA Best Book Awards, sponsored by USA Book News. Obtain a free 40-page excerpt on [www.kirschstonebooks.com](#). Against the backdrop of World War II tragedy and devastation in Latvia, Poland and Germany and three decades of European history, this true narrative provides a window into the palpitating heart of wartime upheaval through the lives of Rolf Dutzmann and Lilo Wassull—two people fatefully positioned "on the other side." In December of 1939, swept along on a tide of dire necessity and circumstance due to the imminent Soviet takeover of his homeland, Rolf, a young Latvian aeronautical engineering student, flees with his family to Germany, a country fully under Hitler's control and already engaged in a brutal war. While the account chronicles Rolf's pursuit of his technical dream against daunting wartime odds, it is first and foremost a poignant love story that plays out against a panorama of worldwide chaos and destruction. It is also a story of the seen and unseen forces that coalesce to keep Rolf and Lilo alive after they meet in 1940 Berlin, leading them through a chain of cataclysmic events including Rolf's draft into the Luftwaffe and his father's assignment as chief inspector of V-2 rocket production; the bombing of Berlin; the destruction of their homes; their numerous desperate, cross-country escapes from the bombing, the advancing Soviet troops from the east, and other Allied forces from the west; the POW camp hardships; and the deprivation of the postwar years. Despite the immeasurable evil, suffering and desolation of World War II, a synchronistic chain of events provides an uplifting reminder that love and hope may take wing even out of the ashes of life's most terrifying adversities.

Kindred Bond Jun 22 2019 For Claire Anderson, her position as a teacher in Hanover Falls is the realization of a long-held dream. In this loving community she attempts to cast aside the memories of her troubled childhood in the day-to-day interaction with the young lives entrusted to her care. Michael Meredith finds worth as a nursing home administrator until an unwelcome investigation concerning suspicious deaths among the residents threatens his career. In the midst of this crisis, the linking of Claire's and Michael's lives creates a unique friendship that blossoms into a shared understanding neither has known before. Both are empowered by the understanding and support they experience with each other until an agonizing secret is revealed that may tear the delicate fabric of their love. Is their faith strong enough to survive this astonishing discovery?

The Carriers Apr 12 2021 A tiny mutation on the X chromosome can shape a family's history. Passed down from a "carrier" parent to a child, fragile X syndrome is the most common inherited cause of intellectual disability and autism. Beyond that—and a rarity among genetic disorders—some fragile X carriers not only transmit the mutation but also experience related conditions themselves. In such cases, carriers can have tremors, infertility, and psychiatric disorders that complicate raising children with fragile X syndrome—and all too often, they suffer in silence. The Carriers investigates this common but still little-known genetic condition and its life-altering consequences. Anne Skomorowsky reveals how this disorder afflicts families across generations, telling the stories of the mothers and grandparents of fragile X patients and considering how genes interact with family dynamics. She interweaves the personal narratives and family histories of the people affected by fragile X disorders with clear and accessible explanations of the science behind them. Skomorowsky unpacks the latest research on the fragile X mutation and explores the history of its discovery. She highlights the roles of women as carriers, caregivers, and researchers who have made astonishing scientific breakthroughs over the last three decades. The Carriers is an essential book for fragile X families, including those just learning they are carriers, and for all readers interested in the complexities of heredity, the ethical dilemmas of genetic medicine, and the relationship between genes and personality.

The Liar Feb 08 2021

Dusty the Dustball and Family Jun 14 2021 Dusty heard the sound of the bulldozers arriving to demolish the old house he and his family had been living in. There was a broken toy for in the basement which Dusty and his family had called home for some time. As the sound of the bulldozers grew closer, the dust ball family caught a stiff breeze and floated out an open window, hoping to find a new home. The Dust Ball family will have the adventure of a lifetime as they discover a forgotten dollhouse in the attic of a nearby house, which could prove to be a perfect new home. But they must first meet the family who lives in the house, figure out a way to communicate with them and hope they will be allowed to stay. This is a story of love, acceptance and a truly unique friendship, above all.

Slaves in the Family Oct 31 2022 Fifteen years after its hardcover debut, the FSG Classics reissue of the celebrated work of narrative nonfiction that won the National Book Award and changed the American conversation about race, with a new preface by the author The Ball family hails from South Carolina—Charleston and thereabouts. Their plantations were among the oldest and longest-standing plantations in the South. Between 1698 and 1865, close to four thousand black people were born into slavery under the Balls or were bought by them. In *Slaves in the Family*, Edward Ball recounts his efforts to track down and meet the descendants of his family's slaves. Part historical narrative, part oral history, part personal story of investigation and catharsis, *Slaves in the Family* is, in the words of Pat Conroy, "a work of breathtaking generosity and courage, a magnificent study of the complexity and strangeness and beauty of the word 'family.'"

Family Destruction Jun 02 2020 This novel is just a figment of my imagination and does not depict the views of my personal opinion. In memory of the dearly departed, I would like to bow my head in a moment of silence for all the fallen soldiers who didn't get a chance to see life for the way it was meant to be viewed. For our predecessors who've been misguiding our young minds of the ghettos for far too long. For those who helped to prevent prosperity from ever reaching its full potential. For the many demons of their own destruction, who truly believe that genocide is the only way to properly represent their neighborhoods with pride. For the athletic, or intellectual being, who seem -to have missed their true calling for dedicating so much of their lives to the lost cause of gang violence, we say no more! If we don't stand for something, we will eventually start falling for anything. It's time to wake up, and build up to the expectation of our own greatness! If not, the very future of our children, and our children's, children's lives will one day depend on it...

The Inventor and the Tycoon May 26 2022 From the National Book Award-winning author of *Slaves in the Family*, a riveting true life/true crime narrative of the partnership between the murderer who invented the movies and the robber baron who built the railroads. One hundred and thirty years ago Eadweard Muybridge invented stop-motion photography, anticipating and making possible motion pictures. He was the first to capture time and play it back for an audience, giving birth to visual media and screen entertainments of all kinds. Yet the artist and inventor Muybridge was also a murderer who killed coolly and meticulously, and his trial is one of the early instances of a media sensation. His patron was railroad tycoon (and former California governor) Leland Stanford, whose particular obsession was whether four hooves of a running horse ever left the ground at once. Stanford hired Muybridge and his camera to answer that question. And between them, the murderer and the railroad mogul launched the age of visual media. Set in California during its frontier decades, *The Tycoon* and the Inventor interweaves Muybridge's quest to unlock the secrets of motion through photography, an obsessive murder plot, and the peculiar partnership of an eccentric inventor and a driven entrepreneur. A tale from the great American West, this popular history unspools a story of passion, wealth, and sinister ingenuity.

The Duke And I Aug 17 2021 Simon Basset, the irresistible Duke of Hastings, has hatched a plan to keep himself free from the town's marriage-minded society mothers. He pretends to be engaged to the lovely Daphne Bridgerton. After all, it isn't as if the brooding rogue has any real plans to marry - though there is something about the alluring Miss Bridgerton that sets Simon's heart beating a bit faster. And as for Daphne, surely the clever debutante will attract some very worthy suitors now that it seems a duke has declared her desirable. But as Daphne waltzes across ballroom after ballroom with Simon, she soon forgets that their courtship is a complete sham. And now she has to do the impossible and keep herself from losing her heart and soul completely to the handsome hell-raiser who has sworn off marriage forever!

A Complicated Legacy Aug 05 2020 If movies and books like *Belle*, *Twelve Years a Slave*, *The Butler*, *The Help*, *A Time to Kill*, and *Amistad* have moved you, you'll love *A Complicated Legacy*, a novel by Baltimore writer Robert H. Stucky based on the true story of Elijah Willis, a white South Carolina planter, and Amy - the love of his life, the mother of his children, and his slave. Taking place in the decade leading up to the Civil War, it is written with a cinematic eye for atmosphere and setting, a linguist's ear for dialogue, and a historian's grasp of the powerful social forces and momentous events of the time. It is a riveting tale of personal transformation in facing the tide of sweeping social change. Elijah Willis fought family opposition, public opinion, and the law to free his family of choice and leave them his entire inheritance. In so doing, his and Amy's story becomes a microcosm of the human struggles that made the Civil War and the Abolition of Slavery both necessary and inevitable. Set in rural South Carolina, Baltimore, and Cincinnati, this vivid saga weaves history and humanity in a compelling testimony to the power of relationships to shape our destinies, even a century and a half later.

The Beach Fairy Jul 04 2020 Tessie, the Tooth Fairy, retires to the Outer Banks beaches of NC to follow her dreams to do something no fairy has ever done. She soon becomes enchanted with her new home in this coastal paradise as well as with an adorable girl named Georgia as she watches her playing on the beach. Tessie holds fast to her dream by using her magical fairy dust to transform herself into the first beach fairy ever. Later, she sprinkles fairy dust on Georgia and her grand mom too so she can manipulate their thoughts and make beach fairy visits a reality for Georgia and all children on beach vacations.

Go Ask Your Dad Oct 26 2019 Go Ask Your Dad challenges fathers from different faiths, cultures, and generations to come together and answer tough questions dads, children, and families face today. Fathers must learn from the past, be prepared now and in the future to discuss everything from sexual education and identity to what kind of career path a youth could choose.

They need to have answers on how to handle negative things such as cyber-bullying and ISIS, but also must encourage good choices for health, happiness and a brighter tomorrow. The authors of *Go Ask Your Dad* don't claim to be perfect dads; they do promise, in this book, you will find valuable lessons from their mistakes and successes.

Slightly Skewed May 02 2020 The author reveals both the good and bad facing our families today using his own unique brand of humor.

The Washingtons of Wessyngton Plantation Oct 07 2020 Traces the author's thirty-year research into his slave ancestry, describing the history of the massive tobacco plantation where his ancestors worked and his family's extensive genealogical legacy, in an account complemented by dozens of rare photographs. 50,000 first printing.

The Genetic Strand Jun 26 2022 *The Genetic Strand* is the story of a writer's investigation, using DNA science, into the tale of his family's origins. National Book Award winner Edward Ball has turned his probing gaze on the microcosm of the human genome, and not just any human genome -- that of his slave-holding ancestors. What is the legacy of such a family history, and can DNA say something about it? In 2000, after a decade in New York City, Ball bought a house in Charleston, South Carolina, home to his father's family for generations, and furnished it with heirloom pieces from his relatives. In one old desk he was startled to discover a secret drawer, sealed perhaps since the Civil War, in which someone had hidden a trove of family hair, with each lock of hair labeled and dated. The strange find propelled him to investigate: what might DNA science reveal about the people -- Ball's family members, long dead -- to whom the hair had belonged? Did the hair come from white relatives, as family tradition insisted? How can genetic tests explain personal identity? Part crime-scene investigation, part genealogical romp, *The Genetic Strand* is a personal odyssey into DNA and family history. The story takes the reader into forensics labs where technicians screen remains, using genetics breakthroughs like DNA fingerprinting, and into rooms where fathers nervously await paternity test results. It also summons the writer's entertaining and idiosyncratic family, such as Ball's antebellum predecessor, Aunt Betsy, who published nutty books on good Southern society; Kate Fuller, the enigmatic ancestor who may have introduced African genes into the Ball family pool; and the author's first cousin Catherine, very much alive, who donates a cheek swab from a mouth more attuned to sweet iced tea than DNA sampling. Writing gracefully but pacing his story like an old-fashioned whodunit, Edward Ball tracks genes shared across generations, adding suspense and personal meaning to what the scientists and Nobel laureates tell us. A beguiling DNA tale, *The Genetic Strand* reaches toward a new form of writing the genetic memoir.

The Sweet Hell Inside Apr 24 2022 From National Book Award winner Edward Ball comes *The Sweet Hell Inside*, the story of the fascinating Harleston family of South Carolina, the progeny of a Southern gentleman and his slave, who cast off their bleached roots and prospered despite racial barriers. Enhanced by recollections from the family's archivist, eighty-four-year-old Edwina Harleston Whitlock -- whose bloodline the author shares. *The Sweet Hell Inside* features a celebrated portrait artist whose subjects included industrialist Pierre du Pont; a black classical composer in the Lost Generation of 1920s Paris; and an orphanage founder who created the famous Jenkins Orphanage Band, a definitive force in the development of ragtime and jazz. With evocative and engrossing storytelling, Edward Ball introduces a cast of historical characters rarely seen before: cultured, vain, imperfect, rich, and black -- a family of eccentrics who defied social convention and flourished.

Slaves in the Family Aug 29 2022 Explores the slave-holding dynasty of Elias Ball, a South Carolina plantation owner, the history of slave uprisings, and the memories of the descendants of those slaves

Slaves in the Family Sep 29 2022 "Journalist Ball confronts the legacy of his family's slave-owning past, uncovering the story of the people, both black and white, who lived and worked on the Balls' South Carolina plantations. It is an unprecedented family record that reveals how the painful legacy of slavery continues to endure in America's collective memory and experience. Ball, a descendant of one of the largest slave-owning families in the South, discovered that his ancestors owned 25 plantations, worked by nearly 4,000 slaves. Through meticulous research and by interviewing scattered relatives, Ball contacted some 100,000 African-Americans who are all descendants of Ball slaves. In intimate conversations with them, he garnered information, hard words, and devastating family stories of precisely what it means to be enslaved. He found that the family plantation owners were far from benevolent patriarchs; instead there is a dark history of exploitation, interbreeding, and extreme violence"--Publisher description.

Don't go there. It's not safe. You'll die. And other more >> rational advice for overlanding Mexico & Central America Oct 19 2021 Your complete guide for overlanding in Mexico and Central America. This book provides detailed and up-to-date information by country. It also includes 11 chapters of information for planning and preparing your trip and 9 chapters on what to expect while driving through Mexico and Central America. Completed by the authors of LifeRemotely.com this is the most comprehensive guide for driving the Pan American yet!

Peninsula of Lies Mar 24 2022 Peninsula of Lies is an enthralling investigation of a bizarre life that begins in Kent, England with the birth of an illegitimate baby and ends in south Carolina, USA with a sex-change and a scandal. Edward Ball unravels a mystery that has fascinated a succession of authors in the past decade. Who was Gordon Langley Hall, the illegitimate son of two servants at Sissinghurst Castle (home of author Vita Sackville-West and her husband Harold Nicolson, diplomat, author and politician)? Gordon becomes the recipient of the millions of an American heiress, author of biographies (including the eccentric English actress, Margaret Rutherford, the original screen 'Miss Marple'), and moves to Charleston, south Carolina. There Gordon changes sex and reinvents him/herself as Dawn Langley Hall. The mystery deepens when Dawn marries a young black mechanic (the matrons of the still-segregated Charleston are appalled), appears around the town apparently pregnant a few months later claims that the daughter she is seen pushing around the town in a pram is actually her own. Edward Ball, who won the American National Book Award for *Slaves in the Family*, investigates Hall's story and in the final chapter offers his solution.

The Facts of My Life Nov 27 2019 "It's about time a book came out about one of the most talented and beloved performers in the American theater. Charlotte is the consummate actress, comedienne, entertainer. Her work on stage and screen is always hilarious and somehow also gets you right in the gut. Her story is every bit as brilliant. Read it and smile." -Comedy Legend, Carl Reiner "To think of Charlotte Rae is to smile. Consequently, when I began to read "The Facts of My Life," I was unprepared for the emotional impact it would have on me. By the time I finished the first chapter, dealing as it does with her severely troubled son Andy, I was in tears. "As an old friend of Charlotte's, I thought I knew her fairly well. But as I read on, I discovered that the 'facts of her life' were constantly surprising (as well as amusing and engrossing)! There is so much that I don't know about Charlotte and so much that I now want to know, when the book is finally completed and published, I'll be first in line to get my copy!" -Sheldon Harnick (Composer, Fiddler on the Roof) Charlotte Rae's career spans more than seventy years, from the golden age of television to Shakespeare in the Park, the New York Cabaret scene of the late 1940's and 50's to her hit series, *The Facts of Life* and well beyond. Off stage and screen,

Charlotte's life has been one of joy and challenge, raising an autistic son, coming to terms with alcoholism, the heartache of a broken marriage, the revelation of a gay husband and the sudden challenge of facing middle-age with financial and emotional uncertainties—an crisis she ultimately turned into the determination that brought her stardom. The Facts of My Life is the first opportunity for Charlotte fans to explore the fascinating story of her extraordinary life: poignant and hilarious, a story of courage and triumph, one that speaks for a generation of women breaking barriers, taking on challenges, overcoming personal tragedy, and paving the way for others.

Turning This Thing Around Dec 29 2019 Turning This Thing Around is an inspiring memoir of overcoming personal struggles. This brutally honest, deeply personal account of redemption takes readers on a moving spiritual journey. Confronted with a myriad of obstacles—a debilitating arthritic disease, narcolepsy, anxiety and depression—the author was outwardly happy, but inwardly miserable. Pushed to the lowest point of his life, Maginn shares how he gradually turned things around and used his experiences to grow as a person. Supplemented by heartfelt poetry by the author and with quotes from Gandhi to Dr. Wayne Dyer to Eckhart Tolle, Turning This Thing Around has universal themes that speak to nearly everyone, as we all must face challenges as part of being human. It is a self-help memoir of sorts: the author discusses not only what he overcame, but also how he did so—and how others can, too. Unlike many popular memoirs on the market, this is a story that more people can relate to. Maginn was not raised in an eccentric family (Jeannette Walls in The Glass Castle, memoirs by Augusten Burroughs), nor did he travel to Italy, India and Indonesia, as Elizabeth Gilbert did in Eat, Pray, Love. Rather, Turning This Thing Around is a story of a normal young man's resiliency when battling extraordinary circumstances.

Finding May 14 2021 Two years before adopting seven-year-old Keydell from a group home for young boys, Kim made a vow before the Dalai Lama to become a bodhisattva: one who cultivates an enlightened mind, is free from delusion, and practices kindness and compassion above all else. However, she struggles with this practice as her new son's challenged mind sends him into fits of rage and violence, while seemingly allowing him to feel no remorse for his actions. His behaviors go against everything Kim believes in, but she is determined to keep her chocolate-eyed boy safely in the home she has created with her husband and two biological children. As she tries everything she can to get Keydell the help he needs, she must also learn to accept him exactly as he is: a tiger in the home of elephants. This vulnerable and touching account highlights the interplay between desire and reality, denial and acceptance, struggle and enlightenment. As the minds of this mother and her extraordinary son awaken - Kim's through her Buddhist practice, and Keydell's through the science of neurofeedback - we witness the power of love and compassion to overcome even the greatest odds."

House of Versace Sep 17 2021 Versace. The very name conjures up images of outrageous glamour and bold sexuality, opulence and daring. All of course true, but only half the story. Versace is also the legacy of a great creative genius from a poor, backward part of southern Italy who transformed the fashion world through his intuitive understanding of both women and how a changing culture influenced the way they wanted to dress. The first book in English about the legendary designer, House of Versace shows how Gianni Versace, with his flamboyant sister Donatella at his side, combined his virtuosic talent and extraordinary ambition to almost single-handedly create the celebrity culture we take for granted today. Gianni Versace was at the height of his creative powers when he was murdered in Miami Beach. The story was front page news around the world and the manhunt for his killer a media obsession. His beloved sister Donatella demanded no less than a funeral befitting an assassinated head-of-state to be held in Milan's magnificent cathedral. In what was the ultimate fashion show, the world's rich and beautiful - Princess Dianna, Elton John, Carla Bruni, Naomi Campbell, Carolyn Bessette-Kennedy, Anna Wintour and others - gathered to mourn a man already considered one of fashion's great pioneers. Deborah Ball, a long-time Milan correspondent for The Wall Street Journal, conducted hundreds of interviews with Versace family members, Gianni Versace's lovers and business rivals, models such as Naomi Campbell whom he helped shoot to international stardom and fashion industry icons, including Anna Wintour, the legendary editor of Vogue. Ball vividly recounts the behind-the-scenes struggles - both creative and business - of Donatella as she stepped out of her brother's long shadow and took control of the House of Versace. The book offers the first inside look at the enormous challenges Donatella faced in living up to Gianni's genius, her struggle with a drug habit, her battles with her brother Santo and the mystery of why Gianni left control of his house to Donatella's young daughter, Allegra. House of Versace is a compelling, highly readable tale of rise from obscurity, a painful fall and ultimate redemption as the Versace empire returned to health - for now. Bringing together fashion, celebrity, business drama, jet-set lifestyles, and a notorious crime, House of Versace is an old-fashioned page-turner about a subject of enduring fascination.

Holding Back The Tears Nov 19 2021 This is true story about real people is set in Edinburgh City and Dundee, where a petite Scottish Lassie called Rosie Gilmour, mother to Finlay Sinclair, receives news of the death of her son - who tragically has taken his own life by hanging. Rosie pretends her son is still alive by talking to him, for that takes away the unbearable pain of her loss. But once she begins to face up to the fact that Finlay is not coming back, her conversations become more of a challenge than she can handle. When memories of her past are triggered by everyday life events, they take her mind back and forth in time - back to her own childhood days in 1960, when she flirted with the fairground boys, and to the day she gave birth to Finlay - "ME LADDIE". Rosie's Scottish accent becomes more apparent whenever her emotions are heightened and she begins to recite poetry. She goes on to reveal doubts about her own self-worth and how she re-unites her role as mother - a role she had denied herself for seven years prior to Finlay's death. Rosie learns how to forgive herself and how to accept her loss with using practical coping strategies that sometimes but not always work for her. Many voices of different natures and walks of life appear in Rosie's, story with each one offering a part of their own belief to try and console her in her misery - except that she turns her back on any advice or support offered. Rosie is convinced that she can cope with her loss on her own and "e;needs no help from anyone, thank you"e; - until a sweet, gentle, soft-spoken voice begins to travel with her throughout her ordeal, leaving her no other choice but to listen. Eventually moving to the countryside in Angus, Rosie finds the isolation gives her life a new meaning offering her the opportunity to re-value her belief's about her own self values and decides the time has come to give her son a memorial service and invite a chosen few dance companions whom she met on a regular basis in Edinburgh to honour this day. Rosie begins to accept she will never be the same person she once had been and shall never be again, believing now her journey through grief taught her many lessons making her a stronger and better person than she imagined she could ever be.

Her Perfect Life Sep 05 2020 It's been six years since U.S. Air Force pilot Katie Slater was shot down over Iraq and taken prisoner. Now, Katie is back home—only it's not home anymore and her perfect life has become a total mystery. Includes bonus features. Original.

Blue Bells of Scotland Sep 25 2019 Shawn has a skyrocketing musical career, fans, fame, money, a beautiful girlfriend and all the women he wants. Everything changes when he falls asleep in a castle tower and wakes up in medieval Scotland. Mistaken for the castle's future laird, he is forced to make a dangerous cross-country trek with a beautiful woman wielding a knife, pursued by English soldiers and a Scottish traitor, to raise men for the critical battle at Bannockburn. Niall Campbell, Shawn's opposite in everything except looks, is no more happy to find himself caught in Shawn's life, pursued by women, the target of an angry girlfriend, expected to play a sell-out concert, and hearing the account of his own death and Scotland's annihilation at Bannockburn. He vows to figure out what went wrong at the battle, and find a way back to change it. Blue Bells of Scotland is both an action-packed adventure and a tale of redemption that will be remembered long after the last page has been turned

The Complete Married With Children Book: TV's Dysfunctional Family Phenomenon Jul 16 2021 Married . . . with Children premiered on Fox TV in 1987 and updated the Don Ameche and Frances Langford radio comedy series, The Bickersons, and Jackie Gleason's TV classic, The Honeymooners, with a raunchy, cutting-edge slant that focused on a lovable yet laughable family headed by endearingly flawed Al (Ed O'Neill), his housework-hating wife, sexy daughter, and randy son. For 11 seasons, the brilliant team of talent put the funk in dysfunctional. Rediscover the exhilarating humor and intellectual excitement in Denise Noe's first book. She delves behind-the-scenes with Michael Moye, Ron Leavitt, Ed O'Neill, Katey Sagal, Christina Applegate, David Faustino, David Garrison, Amanda Bearse, E. E. Bell, and Ritch Shnyder. You'll be fascinated by the story of how two rogue writers created a deliberately off-the-wall program; how it almost got derailed before production began; how a controversy could have plucked the series off the air but ended up injecting a much needed shot in the arm; how a reality-based show occasionally—and courageously—ventured into comedy with a fantasy, horror, and/or science fiction spin. Order your copy of the collectible First Edition today. Illustrated. Bibliography. Appendix featuring episode synopses.

American Tapestry Jan 22 2022 A remarkable history of First Lady Michelle Obama's mixed ancestry, American Tapestry by Rachel L. Swarns is nothing less than a breathtaking and expansive portrait of America itself. In this extraordinary feat of genealogical research—in the tradition of The Hemmingses of Monticello and Slaves in the Family—author Swarns, a respected Washington-based reporter for the New York Times, tells the fascinating and hitherto untold story of Ms. Obama's black, white, and multiracial ancestors; a history that the First Lady herself did not know. At once epic, provocative, and inspiring, American Tapestry is more than a true family saga; it is an illuminating mirror in which we may all see ourselves.

Perky, the Pig Who Didn't Like Being Dirty Aug 24 2019 Unlike some pigs, Perky does not like to be dirty! Of course, not all the pigs at 126 Mud Avenue agree with him. The little girl who lives on the farm, Sandy, doesn't either. With everyone doubting his advice, Perky overcomes their doubt in him and finds the courage to tell them, "Stay clean and stay healthy, so that all of us can grow up healthy and be able to enjoy the good things that life has to offer."