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Starstruck

Aspiring actress. Temp worker. Shoplifter. For Melanie Zeitgar, stealing is a lot like love: she knows the right thing when she sees it. Unfortunately, she sees it everywhere. She doesn't mean to take things. Just like she doesn't mean to fib about her career. Or continue eating chocolate. Or wait for a call from Ray, the Beautiful Musician Who Must Have Been in a Horrible Accident that Broke His Dialing Fingers. Melanie's number one rule—in life, love, and theft—is this: Don't Get Caught. But sometimes, even the best kleptomaniac has an off day. Now, with every part of her life veering out of control, Melanie's met a guy whose heart is hers for the taking—if she's brave enough to pay the price . . . “Funny, outrageous, and touching.” —Holly Chamberlin, author of *The Summer Nanny*

Collier's

What makes a bee a bee? What are some of the most common and interesting bees from around the world? This book teaches readers all about bees, while highlighting some specific bee families and groups. In this fascinating book you can also learn about key scientific themes such as classification, animal behaviour and life cycles.

Furiously Happy

Charlie Asher is a pretty normal guy with a normal life, married to a bright and pretty woman who actually loves him for his normalcy. They're even about to have their first child. Yes, Charlie's doing okay—until people start dropping dead around him, and everywhere he goes a dark presence whispers to him from under the streets. Charlie Asher, it seems, has been recruited for a new position: as Death. It's a dirty job. But, hey! Somebody's gotta do it.

Kill Me Softly

After a decade spent in isolation in the Ugandan jungles thinking about stuff, David Cross has written his first book. Known for roles on the small screen such as "never-nude" Tobias Funke on *Arrested Development* and the role of "David" in *Mr. Show With Bob And David*, as well as a hugely successful stand-up routine full of sharp-tongued rants and rages, Cross has carved out his place in American comedy. Whether deflating the pomposity of religious figures, calling out the pathetic symbiosis of pseudo-celebrity and its leaching fandom, or merely pushing the buttons of the way-too-easily offended P.C. left or the caustic, double-standard of the callous (but funnier) right, Cross has something to say about everyone, including his own ridiculous self. Now, for the first time, Cross is weaving his media mockery, celebrity denunciation, religious commentary and sheer madness into book form, revealing the true story behind his almost existential distaste of Jim Belushi ("The Belush"), disclosing the up-to-now unpublished minutes to a meeting of Fox television network executives, and offering up a brutally grotesque run-in with Bill O'Reilly. And as if this wasn't enough for your laughing pleasure in these troubled times, some of the pieces splinter off with additional material being created online in exclusive video and animated web content created solely for the book—a historical first (presumably)! With a mix of personal essays, satirical fiction posing as truth, advice for rich people, information from America's least favorite Rabbi and a top-ten list of top-ten lists, *I DRINK FOR A REASON* is as unique as the comedian himself, and cannot be missed.

How to Keep People from Pushing Your Buttons

A tragic childhood left Ellie Coulter with a supernatural gift that tells her a person's true intentions. But even that didn't protect her from a cheating husband with his own self-destructive secrets. After finding the strength to leave, she retreats from the world to heal. She's drawn out of her protective shell when a friend insists on playing matchmaker. After some persistent coaxing, Ellie warms to the idea that she may have found a reason to let her walls down, and his name is David Mitchell. With things looking up in the romance department, Ellie finds herself the caretaker of the Bradford mansion, an impressive home that is also rumored to be haunted. Curious about what happened to the mansion's former owners, Ellie finds herself entangled in the events that happened over a hundred years ago. It's all part of the trap set by the one hiding in the shadows, and Ellie fell right into it. The complete *Shadows* trilogy: *Edge of Shadows* (*Shadows #1*) *Shadows Deep* (*Shadows #2*) *Veiled Shadows* (*Shadows #3*) Keywords: Urban fantasy, urban fantasy paranormal series, urban fiction, urban legends, urban paranormal romance, horror ghosts, horror haunted house, horror house, horror kindle books free, horror stories, ghost encounters, ghosts kindle books free, ghost stories, ghosts and hauntings, paranormal books, paranormal crime, paranormal demon, paranormal fantasy, paranormal free books, paranormal horror, paranormal series, paranormal trilogy, paranormal urban fantasy, action and adventure paranormal, mystery and thrillers ghosts demons and devils

Ugly

A funny, moving, and true story of an ordinary boy with an extraordinary face that's perfect for fans of Wonder—now available in the U.S. When Robert Hoge was born, he had a tumor the size of a tennis ball in the middle of his face and short, twisted legs. Surgeons removed the tumor and made him a new nose from one of his toes. Amazingly, he survived—with a face that would never be the same. Strangers stared at him. Kids called him names, and adults could be cruel, too. Everybody seemed to agree that he was “ugly.” But Robert refused to let his face define him. He played pranks, got into trouble, had adventures with his big family, and finally found a sport that was perfect for him to play. And Robert came face to face with the biggest decision of his life, he followed his heart. This poignant memoir about overcoming bullying and thriving with disabilities shows that what makes us “ugly” also makes us who we are. It features a reflective foil cover and black-and-white illustrations throughout. From the Hardcover edition.

Pushing 30

The author, a journalist at the Atlanta Constitution recounts her poor childhood, her career as a reporter, and her experiences as a Hollywood columnist

The Shadows Trilogy (Edge of Shadows, Shadows Deep, Veiled Shadows)

After seeing a mariachi band, Antonio wants a guitar of his own but his father cannot afford one and gives Antonio a stick, instead, which leads Antonio to perform a series of good deeds, each of which provides a seemingly useless reward. Includes glossary of Spanish terms.

The Outsiders

"Sensitive, narrative text from illustrated animal characters shows readers what verbal bullying is and provides possible solutions to stop it"--

Sometimes Jokes Aren't Funny

Peter, Michael and Emma are strangers, each despatched by their parents for a week's holiday with the Myers in their cottage at the foot of a Welsh mountain. Coincidence? Or has the strange neighbour, Mrs White, somehow lured them to enact an awesome quest? They are an uneasy trio, uncomfortable in their forced alliance, and they face their circumstances

in very different ways - Mrs Myers anxious 'mothering', the enigmatic Mrs White, and the swirling sense of fear that seems trapped in the lane running past her house, her stories of Arthur's Way, the old straight track shrouded in legend that leads straight to the peak of the mountain, and her obsession with diverting the spring at the top. There are peculiar visitors and strange warnings, yet the children feel compelled to set off up Arthur's Way at the most dangerous time of year. What they discover, about unseen forces on earth, about the price of disturbing nature, about themselves, leads to a gripping climax in a spell-binding tale. First published in 1973 by Jonathan Cape Ltd.

A Dirty Job

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She'll Take It

“No individual—not even Freud himself—has had a greater impact on modern psychotherapy.”—Psychology Today With a New Foreword by Kristene A. Doyle, Ph.D. CLASSIC SELF-HELP FROM A RESPECTED PIONEER OF PSYCHOTHERAPY Life can get tough. From unemployment—or overwork—to divorce or remarriage, the challenges of newly blended families, not to mention everyday hassles, stress can feel non-stop. To top it off, technology confronts us with a barrage of seemingly urgent tasks 24/7. It's no wonder things and people can make you lose your cool. In this landmark book you'll find a very specific, powerful skill set designed to help you keep any scenario from pushing your buttons—and it works. Rational-Emotive Behavior Therapy (REBT), created by world-renowned therapist Dr. Albert Ellis, provides you with realistic, simple, proven techniques that will significantly reduce your stress levels and help you react effectively, whether the circumstances are professional or personal. Discover: * Ten beliefs we use to let people and situations needlessly push our buttons * A powerful alternative to the kind of thinking that upsets us * The Fatal Foursome—feelings that sabotage you * How to change your irrational thinking using four key steps Whether you're dealing with colleagues, parents, kids, friends, or lovers, How to Keep People From Pushing Your Buttons will show you how to enjoy an active, vibrant, successful life. “Don't get mad or get even—get placid using these techniques for defusing difficult situations.” --Booklist

Heads of the Colored People

Manta's Gift

How the Left Can Win Arguments and Influence People

A girl's quest for perfection results in dangerous consequences in this smart, suspenseful YA novel by the author of *Playlist for the Dead*. Fans of *We Were Liars* and *The Secret History* will devour this layered, ensemble-cast novel, which will keep readers thinking—and guessing—until the final pages. How far would you go to be perfect? Kara has the perfect life. She gets perfect grades. She never messes up. Until now. Because perfection is an illusion, and Kara has been struggling to maintain it for as long as she can remember. Which is why she does something she never thought she'd do. Something risky—and illegal. Before she knows it, Kara's life veers wildly off its perfect course, and she's thrown headlong into a world of new friends, wild parties, alluring romance, and dark secrets. She's forced to confront how far she's willing to go to be perfect—and in the end, if that's something she really wants to be.

Pushing Patrick

Roland Degraft likes his life just the way it is. He's got money, good looks, and a thriving football career and has no interest in love, marriage, and white picket fences. Until two girls breeze into his life in the most unconventional ways—at least as far as Roland is concerned—and he is thrown into a triple dilemma that threatens to change his life forever. Dilemma 1 He must make a choice. Getting this attracted to one girl is very disturbing, let alone two. Now he must make a choice, but based on what? He's equally attracted to both of them. Dilemma 2 He must find the girl he chooses. One thing the girls have in common—they both don't want him to find them. One uses the Internet as a shield, and the other uses the whole city. How does he find two girls who don't want to be found? Dilemma 3 He must make her starstruck. One girl thinks she's not good enough for him; the other believes she's too good for him. Either way, he must find a way to convince his choice that starstruck is the best thing to be.

The Year's Best Science Fiction: Second Annual Collection

Young readers watch Bailey struggle with bullying and learn safe ways to make it stop.

Papa Gave Me a Stick

50 years of an iconic classic! This international bestseller and inspiration for a beloved movie is a heroic story of friendship and belonging. No one ever said life was easy. But Ponyboy is pretty sure that he's got things figured out. He knows that he can count on his brothers, Darry and Sodapop. And he knows that he can count on his friends—true friends who would do anything for him, like Johnny and Two-Bit. But not on much else besides trouble with the Socs, a vicious gang of rich kids

whose idea of a good time is beating up on “greasers” like Ponyboy. At least he knows what to expect—until the night someone takes things too far. *The Outsiders* is a dramatic and enduring work of fiction that laid the groundwork for the YA genre. S. E. Hinton's classic story of a boy who finds himself on the outskirts of regular society remains as powerful today as it was the day it was first published. "The Outsiders transformed young-adult fiction from a genre mostly about prom queens, football players and high school crushes to one that portrayed a darker, truer world." —The New York Times "Taut with tension, filled with drama." —The Chicago Tribune "[A] classic coming-of-age book." —Philadelphia Daily News A New York Herald Tribune Best Teenage Book A Chicago Tribune Book World Spring Book Festival Honor Book An ALA Best Book for Young Adults Winner of the Massachusetts Children's Book Award

Friday Black

This collection is the second installment in the popular and long-running "The Year's Best Science Fiction" series: Fantastic Science Fiction! The Year's Best -- And Biggest Collection Here's the cream of the crop: short stories, novelettes, novellas by science fiction writers already famous and awarded for their high-quality work in science fiction. Writers like: Robert Silverberg Lucius Shepard Jack McDevitt Octavia E. Butler Connie Willis Richard Cowper John Varley Gene Wolfe

The Suburban

A New York Times Bestseller A dramatic, inspiring memoir by legendary rock climber Tommy Caldwell, the first person to free climb the Dawn Wall of Yosemite's El Capitan "The rarest of adventure reads: it thrills with colorful details of courage and perseverance but it enriches readers with an absolutely captivating glimpse into how a simple yet unwavering resolve can turn adversity into reward." —The Denver Post A finalist for the Boardman Tasker Award for Mountain Literature On January 14, 2015, Tommy Caldwell, along with his partner, Kevin Jorgeson, summited what is widely regarded as the hardest climb in history—Yosemite's nearly vertical 3,000-foot Dawn Wall, after nineteen days on the route. Caldwell's odds-defying feat was the culmination of an entire lifetime of pushing himself to his limits as an athlete. This engrossing memoir chronicles the journey of a boy with a fanatical mountain-guide father who was determined to instill toughness in his son to a teen whose obsessive nature drove him to the top of the sport-climbing circuit. Caldwell's affinity for adventure then led him to the vertigo-inducing and little understood world of big wall free climbing. But his evolution as a climber was not without challenges; in his early twenties, he was held hostage by militants in a harrowing ordeal in the mountains of Kyrgyzstan. Soon after, he lost his left index finger in an accident. Later his wife, and main climbing partner, left him. Caldwell emerged from these hardships with a renewed sense of purpose and determination. He set his sights on free climbing El Capitan's biggest, steepest, blankest face—the Dawn Wall. This epic assault took more than seven years, during which time Caldwell redefined the sport, found love again, and became a father. *The Push* is an arresting story of focus,

drive, motivation, endurance, and transformation, a book that will appeal to anyone seeking to overcome fear and doubt, cultivate perseverance, turn failure into growth, and find connection with family and with the natural world.

I Funny

It was a bet. A stupid bet. One I never should have made. One I knew, that could cost me everything. To be honest, I didn't even think it would work. I kissed Patrick the night we met and he couldn't have made it clearer-he isn't into me. Not like that. He's funny and sweet and entirely too good for a girl like me. He's perfect and I'm not. So, we're friends. Just friends. When my life falls apart and I need a place to live, Patrick comes to my rescue, no questions asked. I know it doesn't mean anything. It's just one friend, helping out another. I know that but I can't help but want more. I can't help but want him. It's my friend, Tess, who points out that Patrick may be perfect, but he's still just a man. That if I want him, all I have to do is say so. That if I push hard enough, I can make him want me. I know she's wrong because I've felt the sting of his rejection and I have no desire to subject myself to it again but what if she's right? What if all Patrick needs is a little push?

Cybersafe Young Children

If we were to rely on what the pundits and politicians tell us, we would have to conclude that America is a deeply conservative nation. Americans, we hear constantly, detest government, demand lower taxes and the end of welfare, and favor the death penalty, prayer in school, and an absolute faith in the free market. And yet Americans believe deeply in progressive ideas. In fact, progressivism has long been a powerful force in the American psyche. Consider that a mere generation ago the struggle for environmentally sound policies, for women's rights, and for racial equality were fringe movements. Today, open opposition to these core ideals would be political suicide. Drawing on this wellspring of American progressivist tradition, John K. Wilson has penned an informal handbook for the pragmatic progressive. Wilson insists that the left must become more savvy in its rhetoric and stop preaching only to the converted. Progressives need to attack the tangible realities of the corporate welfare state, while explicitly acknowledging that "socialism is," as Wilson writes, "deader than Lenin." Rather than attacking a "right-wing conspiracy," Wilson argues that the left needs one, too. Tracing how well-funded conservative pressure groups have wielded their influence and transformed the national agenda, Wilson outlines a similar approach for the left. Along the way, he exposes the faultlines of our poll- and money-driven form of politics, explodes the myth of "the liberal media," and demands that the left explicitly change its image. Irreverent, practical, and urgently argued, *How The Left Can Win Arguments and Influence People* charts a way to translate progressive ideals into reality and reassert the core principles of the American left on the national stage.

In the Beginning, There Was Chaos

Life isn't easy when you're single, pushing 50, and still haunted by the ghosts of your rock 'n' roll past--but if anyone can find the funny in it, Sunset Strip video vixen Brown can. Hilarious, sweet, and biting honest, Cherry On Top reveals how one gorgeous, potty-mouthed blonde took back Hollywood in middle age, and embarked on a fresh search for love--one fart joke at a time.at a time.

I Even Funnier

You are not alone! BlueBoard is an online community for people concerned about mental health problems including depression, bipolar disorder, anxiety, eating disorders, borderline personality and related disorders. There are forums for people working on their own recovery and for friends and family members. The aim of BlueBoard is to enable people to reach out and both offer and receive help. BlueBoard is free, anonymous and available at any time from around the world. The delivery of BlueBoard is supported by funding from the Australian Department of Health

The Funny Man

A piercingly raw debut story collection from a young writer with an explosive voice; a treacherously surreal, and, at times, heartbreakingly satirical look at what it's like to be young and black in America.

Teasing Isn't Funny

When Matt Raimey had his accident, he thought his life was over. He never dreamed, in his wildest fantasies, that he'd end up in a spot like this. In the toxic atmosphere of Jupiter, born into the body of an enormous creature that looked like a cross between a manta ray and a dolphin, he is living a new life, unlike any humankind had previously experienced. An unbelievable turn of events, it gave him a reason to live, to survive, no matter what happened . . . but every second chance comes with conditions and responsibilities. And as those who brought him to this strange destiny have their authority stripped from them and he discovers the truth that only he can know about the giant alien creatures he now calls family, this man reborn as the one they now call Manta suddenly isn't sure he wasn't better off before. . . .

Cherry on Top

In this paranormal trilogy, witness the collision of good and evil between the beings that live just on the other side of the threshold inside the haunted Bradford mansion... EDGE OF SHADOWS (Shadows #1) Orphaned at eight years old, Ellie developed an ability to help her navigate the cold, indifferent world where she found herself. Armed with the knowledge of

a person's true intentions, she learned it was safer to be alone. Then Jake Coulter slipped through her defenses by offering the promise of a normal, happy life. After narrowly escaping a dark truth that Jake hid from her, Ellie retreated from the world in an act of self-preservation. Drawn out of her protective bubble when a friend insists on playing matchmaker, Ellie meets a handsome doctor. With some persistent coaxing, Ellie warms to the idea that she may have found a reason to let her guard down. She rediscovers her hope for an ordinary, yet extraordinary life. Accepting a seemingly innocent favor, Ellie finds herself the caretaker of the Bradford mansion, an impressive home with its own mysterious past. Curious about a life that she could never have, she delves into the mansion's history. Soon Ellie realizes that danger lurks in its empty rooms. When Jake resurfaces with premonitions of Ellie's death, Ellie's new life is turned upside down as a simple truth is revealed. Ellie's life can never be normal because something old and evil has been searching for her for a long time. And now it has found her. SHADOWS DEEP (Shadows #2) Ellie Coulter made a deal with the devil to save herself and her new love, and now it's time to pay the price. It doesn't take long for Ellie to realize that the shadows that have swirled around her life since her parents' death were far from a coincidence. As more of her true destiny is revealed, it comes with the knowledge that she is a lynchpin in a much larger and more dangerous game. Mikel, Hell's emissary to her new "home" in the Afterlife has her trapped and he has no intention of ever letting her go. As Ellie races to find a way to escape, she is sucked further into the darkness and must come face to face with ugly truths about who she really is. She has to decide who she can trust and that includes the man she loves. As facts give way to lies, Ellie begins to question everything. But one thing remains clear: Ellie must find a way to defeat her captor before she loses everything, including her soul. VEILED SHADOWS (Shadows #3) In the stunning conclusion of the Shadows trilogy, Ellie and David risk everything to uncover the truth about their pasts. Ellie Coulter is sick of being the victim of the shadows surrounding her new life. She's ready to find out the secret that her parents kept from her and what that means for her future, even if it means partnering with the one man that she thought she'd never see again. David Mitchell is grappling with the sobering truth that his life has been nothing but a sham since the day he was born. Although he loves Ellie, he knows that being near him puts her life in danger. The day his fate was changed caused horrible consequences that he must find a way to fix. Fates intertwine, and all is revealed as Ellie and David find out if they were truly meant to be together or if the darkness will swallow them whole. Keywords: angels & demons, haunted hell house, ghosts, paranormal horror suspense, psychic, paranormal occurrences, Ouija board, ghosts rising from the dead, murder

Turned Funny

Jamie Grimm has hit the big time in book four of the #1 bestselling I Funny series! Jamie Grimm has finally accomplished his dream of proving himself the Planet's Funniest Kid Comic, and the sky's the limit from there. Enter a couple of TV executives with a huge plan for Jamie: a new show about Jamie and his oddball friends! But when Jamie struggles to learn the acting ropes, will it be an early curtain call for the biggest show of the decade?

The Push

"Designed to support teachers as they integrate lessons about good digital citizenship into the daily life of the classroom; provides a rationale for addressing this issue in the early grades as a prevention for later harmful behavior such as cyberbullying; practical classroom strategies, suggested readings, and annotated lists of children's books and organizational resources. Cyber-Safe Young Children: Helping K-3 Students Use the Internet Safely and Responsibly is designed to support teachers as they integrate lessons about good digital citizenship into the daily life of the classroom. It provides a rationale for addressing this issue in the early grades as a prevention for later harmful behavior such as cyberbullying. The book also includes practical classroom strategies, suggested readings, and annotated lists of children's books and organizational resources"--

I Funny TV

"Jenny made me laugh so hard I feared for my safety! I think that's how she was able to get past my defenses and make me feel more okay about myself." -Allie Brosh, author of *Hyperbole and a Half* For fans of David Sedaris, Tina Fey, and Mindy Kaling-the new book from Jenny Lawson, author of the #1 New York Times bestseller *LET'S PRETEND THIS NEVER HAPPENED* In *LET'S PRETEND THIS NEVER HAPPENED*, Jenny Lawson baffled readers with stories about growing up the daughter of a taxidermist. In her new book, *FURIOUSLY HAPPY*, Jenny explores her lifelong battle with mental illness. A hysterical, ridiculous book about crippling depression and anxiety? That sounds like a terrible idea. And terrible ideas are what Jenny does best. According to Jenny: "Some people might think that being 'furiously happy' is just an excuse to be stupid and irresponsible and invite a herd of kangaroos over to your house without telling your husband first because you suspect he would say no since he's never particularly liked kangaroos. And that would be ridiculous because no one would invite a herd of kangaroos into their house. Two is the limit. I speak from personal experience. My husband says that none is the new limit. I say he should have been clearer about that before I rented all those kangaroos." "Most of my favorite people are dangerously fucked-up but you'd never guess because we've learned to bare it so honestly that it becomes the new normal. Like John Hughes wrote in *The Breakfast Club*, 'We're all pretty bizarre. Some of us are just better at hiding it.' Except go back and cross out the word 'hiding.'" Jenny's first book, *LET'S PRETEND THIS NEVER HAPPENED*, was ostensibly about family, but deep down it was about celebrating your own weirdness. *FURIOUSLY HAPPY* is a book about mental illness, but under the surface it's about embracing joy in fantastic and outrageous ways-and who doesn't need a bit more of that?

Current Opinion

Catapulted into success after discovering a gimmick that renders him uncomfortable and embarrassed, a stand-up comic

suffers the dissolution of his marriage before falling in love unexpectedly and getting arrested for a shooting incident. By the co-author of *My First Presidency*. Reprint.

The Spring On The Mountain

Pushing Isn't Funny

Winner of the PEN Open Book Award *Winner of the Whiting Award* *Longlisted for the 2018 National Book Award and Aspen Words Literary Prize* *Nominated for the PEN/Robert W. Bingham Prize* *Finalist for the Kirkus Prize and Los Angeles Times Book Prize* Included in Best Books of 2018 Lists from Refinery29, NPR, The Root, HuffPost, Vanity Fair, Bustle, Chicago Tribune, PopSugar, and The Undeclared. In one of the season's most acclaimed works of fiction—longlisted for the National Book Award and winner of the PEN Open Book Award—Nafissa Thompson-Spires offers “a firecracker of a book a triumph of storytelling: intelligent, acerbic, and ingenious” (Financial Times). Nafissa Thompson-Spires grapples with race, identity politics, and the contemporary middle class in this “vivid, fast, funny, way-smart, and verbally inventive” (George Saunders, author of *Lincoln in the Bardo*) collection. Each captivating story plunges headfirst into the lives of utterly original characters. Some are darkly humorous—two mothers exchanging snide remarks through notes in their kids’ backpacks—while others are devastatingly poignant. In the title story, when a cosplayer, dressed as his favorite anime character, is mistaken for a violent threat the consequences are dire; in another story, a teen struggles between her upper middle class upbringing and her desire to fully connect with so-called black culture. Thompson-Spires fearlessly shines a light on the simmering tensions and precariousness of black citizenship. Boldly resisting categorization and easy answers, Nafissa Thompson-Spires “has taken the best of what Toni Cade Bambara, Morgan Parker, and Junot Díaz do plus a whole lot of something we’ve never seen in American literature, blended it all together giving us one of the finest short-story collections” (Kiese Laymon, author of *Long Division*).

Edge of Shadows (Shadows #1)

“The one thing you should know about me is this: I’m the consummate Good Girl. . .” Ellie Winters is dependable and loyal and has a near-phobic aversion to conflict. But as her thirtieth birthday looms ever closer, she starts to feel like she’s lost the instruction manual to her life. She has just broken up with her boring boyfriend, despises her job, and is the last of her high school friends to remain single. Worse, her dysfunctional family is driving her nuts, and she’s somehow become enslaved to her demanding pet pug Sally, who she suspects is the reincarnation of Pol Pot. One night, after a botched attempt to color her hair at home, Ellie rushes to the drugstore for emergency bleach, Sally in tow. Sally is accosted by a

smitten canine admirer . . . but it's the dog's owner who captures Ellie's attention. Television news anchor Ted Langston is witty, intriguing, and sexy. The only catch? He's twice her age--and the only man on the planet who isn't interested in dating a younger woman. And no one, from Ellie's best friends to Ted's ex-wife, wants to see them get together.

I Drink for a Reason

In James Patterson's heartwarming #1 New York Times bestseller, middle schooler Jamie Grimm faces bullying and self-doubt as he chases his dream to become the world's greatest comedian. Jamie Grimm is a middle schooler on a mission: he wants to become the world's greatest standup comedian--even if he doesn't have a lot to laugh about these days. He's new in town and stuck living with his aunt, uncle, and their evil son Stevie, a bully who doesn't let Jamie's wheelchair stop him from messing with Jamie as much as possible. But Jamie doesn't let his situation get him down. When his Uncle Frankie mentions a contest called The Planet's Funniest Kid Comic, Jamie knows he has to enter. But are the judges only rewarding him out of pity because of his wheelchair, like Stevie suggests? Will Jamie ever share the secret of his troubled past instead of hiding behind his comedy act? Following the bestselling success of the hilarious Middle School, The Worst Years of My Life, James Patterson continues to dish out the funnies in another highly-illustrated, heartfelt middle school story. (Includes more than 175 black-and-white illustrations.)

Insults Aren't Funny

Mirabelle's past is shrouded in secrecy, from her parents' tragic deaths to her guardians' half-truths about why she can't return to her birthplace, Beau Rivage. Desperate to see the town, Mira runs away—and discovers a world she never could have imagined. In Beau Rivage, nothing is what it seems—the strangely pale girl with a morbid interest in apples, the obnoxious playboy who's a beast to everyone he meets, and the chivalrous guy who has a thing for damsels in distress. Here, fairy tales come to life, curses are awakened, and ancient stories are played out again and again. But fairy tales aren't pretty things, and they don't always end in happily ever after. Mira has a role to play, a fairy tale destiny to embrace or resist. As she struggles to take control of her fate, Mira is drawn into the lives of two brothers with fairy tale curses of their ownbrothers who share a dark secret. And she'll find that love, just like fairy tales, can have sharp edges and hidden thorns.

The Light Inside the Shadow

The ideal graduation gift for anyone about to enter the workforce, a witty, practical guide to 200 difficult professional conversations—featuring all-new advice from the creator of the popular website Ask a Manager and New York's work-advice

columnist. There's a reason Alison Green has been called "the Dear Abby of the work world." Ten years as a workplace-advice columnist have taught her that people avoid awkward conversations in the office because they simply don't know what to say. Thankfully, Green does—and in this incredibly helpful book, she tackles the tough discussions you may need to have during your career. You'll learn what to say when • coworkers push their work on you—then take credit for it • you accidentally trash-talk someone in an email then hit "reply all" • you're being micromanaged—or not being managed at all • you catch a colleague in a lie • your boss seems unhappy with your work • your cubemate's loud speakerphone is making you homicidal • you got drunk at the holiday party Advance praise for *Ask a Manager* "A must-read for anyone who works . . . [Alison Green's] advice boils down to the idea that you should be professional (even when others are not) and that communicating in a straightforward manner with candor and kindness will get you far, no matter where you work."—Booklist (starred review) "I am a huge fan of Alison Green's *Ask a Manager* column. This book is even better. It teaches us how to deal with many of the most vexing big and little problems in our workplaces—and to do so with grace, confidence, and a sense of humor."—Robert Sutton, Stanford professor and author of *The No Asshole Rule* and *The Asshole Survival Guide* "Clear and concise in its advice and expansive in its scope, *Ask a Manager* is the book I wish I'd had in my desk drawer when I was starting out (or even, let's be honest, fifteen years in)."—Sarah Knight, New York Times bestselling author of *The Life-Changing Magic of Not Giving a F*ck*

Ask a Manager

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