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The Unqualified Hostess

The TV host turned motivational speaker teaches you to change your life by changing your perspective in this entertaining and informative "must read" (Vivica A. Fox, actress and bestselling author of *Every Day I'm Hustling*). Life can be complicated and messy, but every now and then it lands you on a major network syndicated talk show—and then fires you for being "all icing and no cake." Sound familiar? AJ's Hollywood career may be unique, but his many struggles are all-too relatable. And he shares them all in this rollicking, raw, and inspiring self-help memoir. AJ's journey from a closeted gay boy in Ohio to that guy people kinda,

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sorta recognize from TV was anything but glossy. Let's just say he knows what you feel like whenever you find yourself scrolling social media comparing yourself to others. Luckily, AJ has a gift for shifting his perspective and finding a way to persevere each time the world seems to be telling him he was born to fail. He also knows that we all have problems and he's here to help. The true stories in *Flipping the Script* will make you laugh, encourage you to fight for happiness, and inspire you to turn your own rock bottom moments into your proudest accomplishments.

In the Name of Democracy

An illustrated highlight reel of more than 100 women in rap who have helped shape the genre and eschewed gender norms in the process *The Motherlode* highlights more than 100 women who have shaped the power, scope, and reach of rap music, including pioneers like Roxanne Shanté, game changers like Lauryn Hill and Missy Elliott, and current reigning queens like Nicki Minaj, Cardi B, and Lizzo—as well as everyone who came before, after, and in between. Some of these women were respected but not widely celebrated. Some are impossible not to know. Some of these women have stood on their own; others were forced into templates, compelled to stand beside men in big rap crews. Some have been trapped in a strange critical space between respected MC and object. They are characters, caricatures, lyricists, at times both feminine and explicit. This book profiles each of these women, their musical and career breakthroughs, and the ways in which they each helped change the culture of rap.

Reimagining Healthcare

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A personal and empowering blueprint—from one of America’s rising Democratic stars—for outsiders who seek to become the ones in charge. Leadership is hard. Convincing others—and often yourself—that you possess the answers and are capable of world-affecting change requires confidence, insight, and sheer bravado. *Minority Leader* is the handbook for outsiders, written with the awareness of the experiences and challenges that hinder anyone who exists beyond the structure of traditional white male power—women, people of color, members of the LGBTQ community, and millennials ready to make a difference. In *Minority Leader*, Stacey Abrams argues that knowing your own passion is the key to success, regardless of the scale or target. From launching a company, to starting a day care center for homeless teen moms, to running a successful political campaign, finding what you want to fight for is as critical as knowing how to turn thought into action. Stacey uses her experience and hard-won insights to break down how ambition, fear, money, and failure function in leadership, while offering personal stories that illuminate practical strategies. Stacey includes exercises to help you hone your skills and realize your aspirations. She discusses candidly what she has learned over the course of her impressive career: that differences in race, gender, and class are surmountable. With direction and dedication, being in the minority actually provides unique and vital strength, which we can employ to rise to the top and make real change.

Battle Born

"Bevy knows what's what, and she is the kind of woman you want in your corner. If you don't believe me . . . buy the book."
—Whoopi Goldberg "Funny, wise, well-experienced, empathetic, colorful—Bevy brings the spirit of humanity

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wherever she goes." —Pharrell Williams From the host of the fabulous and popular show Bevelations on SiriusXM's Radio Andy channel, Bevy Smith's irreverent and inspiring memoir about learning to live a big, authentic, and unapologetic life—and how you can, too Bevy Smith was living what seemed like a glamorous dream as a fashion advertising executive, blazing a lucrative career for herself in the whitewashed magazine world. She jetsetted to Europe for fashion shows, dined and danced at every hot spot, and enjoyed a mighty roster of lovers. So it came as quite a shock to Bevy when one day, after arriving at her luxury hotel in Milan, she collapsed on the Frette bedsheets and sobbed. Years of rolling with the in-crowd had taken its toll. Her satisfaction with work and life had hit rock bottom. But Bevy could not be defeated, and within minutes (okay, days) she grabbed a notepad and started realizing a truer path—one built on self-reflection and, ultimately, clarity. She figured out how to redirect her life toward meaningful creativity and freedom. In her signature lively and infectious voice (there's no one like Bevy!), Bevelations candidly shares how she reclaimed her life's course and shows how we too can manifest our most bodacious dreams. From repossessing her bold childhood nature to becoming her own brand to envisioning her life's next great destination (which will feature natural hair, important charitable giving, and a midcentury house overlooking the Pacific Ocean), Bevy invites readers along on the route of her personal transformation to reveal how each of us can live our best lives with honesty, joy, and, when we're in the mood, a killer pair of shoes.

The Little Book of Big Lies

From the bestselling author of *The White Donkey*, a

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heartbreaking and visceral graphic novel set against the stark beauty of Afghanistan's mountain villages that examines prejudice and the military remnants of colonialism. In this hotly anticipated new work from Maximilian Uriarte, creator of the popular Terminal Lance comics and *The White Donkey*, tells a "thrillingly cinematic" (*Publishers Weekly*) story of the personal cost of war and the power of human connection. Lapis Lazuli is a rich blue semiprecious gemstone found deep in the Sar-i-sang mountains of Afghanistan's Badakhshan province. For thousands of years it has sustained the nearby mining villages, whose inhabitants lived peacefully in the mountainous landscape--until the Taliban, known in the region as the Horsemen, came to seek the riches stored deep beneath the earth. Taliban rule has turned the stone into a conflict mineral, as they steal and sell it for their own gain. At the behest of the fledgling Afghan government, seeking to wrest back control of the province, United States Marines are sent into the mountains. A platoon led by their eager and naive commander, First Lieutenant Roberts, and a stoic, fierce squad leader, Sergeant King, must overcome barriers of language and culture in this remote region to win the locals' trust, and their freedom from Taliban rule. Along the way, they must also wrestle with their demons--and face unimaginably difficult choices. A sweeping yet intimate story about brutality, kindness, and the remnants of colonialism, *Battle Born: Lapis Lazuli* is an epic saga from the voice of a new generation of military veterans.

Changing Normal

Since FDR, the US healthcare system has been mired in politics and policy. All the while it has only increased in complexity and cost. Today half of all personal bankruptcies

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are attributable to healthcare costs. Many community hospitals are barely getting by with single digit profit margins. With a system teetering on the edge of a systemic crisis, we need to turn to a brand-new approach to rescue the US healthcare system.

American Daughter

A riveting documentary anthology that examines a deeply disturbing question: Is the United States guilty of war crimes in Iraq? Until recently, the possibility that the United States was responsible for war crimes seemed unthinkable to most Americans. But as previously suppressed information has started to emerge—photographs from Abu Ghraib; accounts of U.S. attacks on Iraqi hospitals, mosques, and residential neighborhoods; secret government reports defending unilateral aggression—Americans have begun an agonizing reappraisal of the Iraq war and the way in which their government has conducted it. Drawing on a wide range of documents—from the protocols of the Geneva Convention to FBI e-mails about prisoners held in Guantánamo Bay to executive-branch papers justifying the circumvention of international law—*In the Name of Democracy* examines the legality of the Iraq war and the occupation that followed. Included in this powerful investigation are eyewitness accounts, victim testimonials, statements by soldiers turned resisters and whistle-blowers, interviews with intelligence insiders, and contributions by Mark Danner and Seymour Hersh. The result is a controversial, chilling anthology that explores the culpability of officials as well as the responsibilities of ordinary citizens, and for the first time squarely confronts the matter of American impunity.

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Cack-Handed

From the stand-up comedian, actress, and host beloved for her cheeky swagger, unique voice, and unapologetic frankness comes a book of comedic essays for fans of *Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me* by Mindy Kaling and *We're Going to Need More Wine* by Gabrielle Union. If you've watched television or movies in the past year, you've seen Michelle Buteau. With scene-stealing roles in *Always Be My Maybe*, *First Wives Club*, *Someone Great*, *Russian Doll*, and *Tales of the City*; a reality TV show and breakthrough stand-up specials, including her headlining show *Welcome to Buteaupia* on Netflix, and two podcasts (*Late Night Whenever* and *Adulthood*), Michelle's star is on the rise. You'd be forgiven for thinking the road to success—or adulthood or financial stability or self-acceptance or marriage or motherhood—has been easy; but you'd be wrong. Now, in *Survival of the Thickest*, Michelle reflects on growing up Caribbean, Catholic, and thick in New Jersey, going to college in Miami (where everyone smells like pineapple), her many friendship and dating disasters, working as a newsroom editor during 9/11, getting started in standup opening for male strippers, marrying into her husband's Dutch family, IVF and surrogacy, motherhood, chosen family, and what it feels like to have a full heart, tight jeans, and stardom finally in her grasp.

Lead from the Outside

Why the future of popular culture will revolve around ever bigger bets on entertainment products, by one of Harvard Business School's most popular professors What's behind the phenomenal success of entertainment businesses such as Warner Bros., Marvel Entertainment, and the NFL—along with

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such stars as Jay-Z, Lady Gaga, and LeBron James? Which strategies give leaders in film, television, music, publishing, and sports an edge over their rivals? Anita Elberse, Harvard Business School's expert on the entertainment industry, has done pioneering research on the worlds of media and sports for more than a decade. Now, in this groundbreaking book, she explains a powerful truth about the fiercely competitive world of entertainment: building a business around blockbuster products—the movies, television shows, songs, and books that are hugely expensive to produce and market—is the surest path to long-term success. Along the way, she reveals why entertainment executives often spend outrageous amounts of money in search of the next blockbuster, why superstars are paid unimaginable sums, and how digital technologies are transforming the entertainment landscape. Full of inside stories emerging from Elberse's unprecedented access to some of the world's most successful entertainment brands, *Blockbusters* is destined to become required reading for anyone seeking to understand how the entertainment industry really works—and how to navigate today's high-stakes business world at large.

By the Way

The first-ever book celebrating black models, filled with revealing essays, interviews, and stunning photographs. To date, there has never been a book devoted exclusively to black models. *Supreme Models* fills that void, paying tribute to black models past and present: from the first to be featured in catalogs and on magazine covers, like Iman, Beverly Johnson, and Donyale Luna, to the supermodels who reigned in the nineties—Tyra Banks and Naomi Campbell. The book also observes the newest generation of models—Adwoa

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Aboah, Jourdan Dunn, and Joan Smalls—who are shaking up the fashion industry by speaking out about racial prejudice and becoming social media sensations. Written by celebrity stylist and journalist Marcellas Reynolds, *Supreme Models* features more than 70 women from the last 60 years. The book is filled with gorgeous photographs of the women, and details their most memorable covers, campaigns, runway shows, and editorials. Black models have been influencing fashion and pop culture for decades, reshaping the standards and boundaries of beauty. *Supreme Models* is a celebration of their monumental impact.

Male vs. Man

Shows how humans have brought us to the brink and how humanity can find solutions. I urge people to read with humility and the daring to act. Harpal Singh, former Chair, Save the Children, India, and former Vice Chair, Save the Children International In conversations with people all over the world, from government officials and business leaders to taxi drivers and schoolteachers, Blair Sheppard, global leader for strategy and leadership at PwC, discovered they all had surprisingly similar concerns. In this prescient and pragmatic book, he and his team sum up these concerns in what they call the ADAPT framework: Asymmetry of wealth; Disruption wrought by the unexpected and often problematic consequences of technology; Age disparities--stresses caused by very young or very old populations in developed and emerging countries; Polarization as a symptom of the breakdown in global and national consensus; and loss of Trust in the institutions that underpin and stabilize society. These concerns are in turn precipitating four crises: a crisis of prosperity, a crisis of technology, a crisis of institutional

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legitimacy, and a crisis of leadership. Sheppard and his team analyze the complex roots of these crises--but they also offer solutions, albeit often seemingly counterintuitive ones. For example, in an era of globalization, we need to place a much greater emphasis on developing self-sustaining local economies. And as technology permeates our lives, we need computer scientists and engineers conversant with sociology and psychology and poets who can code. The authors argue persuasively that we have only a decade to make headway on these problems. But if we tackle them now, thoughtfully, imaginatively, creatively, and energetically, in ten years we could be looking at a dawn instead of darkness.

Learning to Be

In the dishiest book of the year, the top-rated and controversial radio host delivers the good, the bad, and the ugly on the industry's biggest stars. But we'll let her speak for herself: Whitney Houston: "We have watched her go from our princess to what looks like one step above a crackhead." Lil' Kim: "[She] started out as a black girl from the hood and now she's posing as a white girl from Hollywood." Mariah Carey: "Mariah will deny all day that she has ever had any plastic surgery. Check the before-and-after photos." Star Jones and Al Reynolds: "I give it three years."

The Keeper of Dreams

In the ebullient spirit of *Ocean's 8*, *The Heist*, and *Thelma & Louise*, a sensational and entertaining memoir of the world's most notorious jewel thief—a woman who defied society's prejudices and norms to carve her own path, stealing from elite jewelers to live her dreams. Growing up during the

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Depression in the segregated coal town of Slab Fork, West Virginia, Doris Payne was told her dreams were unattainable for poor black girls like her. Surrounded by people who sought to limit her potential, Doris vowed to turn the tables after the owner of a jewelry store threw her out when a white customer arrived. Neither racism nor poverty would hold her back; she would get what she wanted and help her mother escape an abusive relationship. Using her southern charm, quick wit, and fascination with magic as her tools, Payne began shoplifting small pieces of jewelry from local stores. Over the course of six decades, her talents grew with each heist. Becoming an expert world-class jewel thief, she daringly pulled off numerous diamond robberies and her Jewish boyfriend fenced the stolen gems to Hollywood celebrities. Doris's criminal exploits went unsolved well into the 1970s—partly because the stores did not want to admit that they were duped by a black woman. Eventually realizing Doris was using him, her boyfriend turned her in. She was arrested after stealing a diamond ring in Monte Carlo that was valued at more than half a million dollars. But even prison couldn't contain this larger-than-life personality who cleverly used nuns as well as various ruses to help her break out. With her arrest in 2013 in San Diego, Doris's fame skyrocketed when media coverage of her astonishing escapades exploded. Today, at eighty-seven, Doris, as bold and vibrant as ever, lives in Atlanta, and is celebrated for her glamorous legacy. She sums up her adventurous career best: "It beat being a teacher or a maid." A rip-roaringly fun and exciting story as captivating and audacious as *Catch Me if You Can* and *Can You Ever Forgive Me?*—Diamond Doris is the portrait of a captivating anti-hero who refused to be defined by the prejudices and mores of a hypocritical society.

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Dare to Bloom

The story of how Mario Lavandeira became Perez Hilton, the world's first and biggest celebrity blogger. With Perez's help, many promising young artists reached the masses — Katy Perry, Adele, Amy Winehouse, and Lady Gaga, to name a few. Soon Perez was a Hollywood insider, but after a dramatic fallout with Lady Gaga, his blog became increasingly mean. When people called him a bully and a hypocrite for outing gay celebrities, Perez was forced to reevaluate not only his alter ego, but also himself. TMI reveals the man behind the blog in a new, revealing, and still juicy memoir.

Bevelations

"American Daughter—in the tradition of classics like *The Glass Castle*, *LA Diaries* and *White Oleander*—explores in unsparing details the complex interplay between intimate family ties, generational abuse and cataclysmic losses." — Gina Frangello, Author of *Every Kind of Wanting* and *A Life in Men* Editor of *The Coachella Review* For 50 years, Stephanie Thornton Plymale kept her past a fiercely guarded secret. No one outside her immediate family would ever have guessed that her childhood was fraught with every imaginable hardship: a mentally ill mother who was in and out of jails and psych wards throughout Stephanie's formative years, neglect, hunger, poverty, homelessness, truancy, foster homes, a harrowing lack of medical care, and ongoing sexual abuse. Stephanie, in turn, knew very little about the past of her mother, from whom she remained estranged during most of her adult life. All this changed with a phone call that set a journey of discovery in motion, leading to a series of shocking revelations that forced Stephanie to revise the meaning of

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almost every aspect of her very compromised childhood. *American Daughter* is at once the deeply moving memoir of a troubled mother-daughter relationship and a meditation on trauma, resilience, transcendence, and redemption. Stephanie's story is unique but its messages are universal, offering insight into what it means to survive, to rise above, to heal, and to forgive.

Written in Starlight

The Emmy Award winning legal journalist and co-host of *The View* Sunny Hostin chronicles her journey from growing up in a South Bronx housing project to becoming an assistant U.S. attorney and journalist in this powerful memoir that offers an intimate and unique look at identity, intolerance, and injustice. *What are you?* has followed Sunny Hostin from the beginning of her story, as she grew up half Puerto Rican and half African-American raised by teenage parents in the South Bronx. Escaping poverty and the turbulence of her early life through hard work, a bit of luck and earning academic scholarships to college and law school, Sunny immersed herself in the workings of the criminal justice system. In Washington, D.C., Sunny became a federal prosecutor, soon parlaying her wealth of knowledge of the legal system into a successful career as a legal journalist. She was one of the first national reporters to cover Trayvon Martin's death—which her producers erroneously labeled "just a local story." Today, an inescapable voice from the top echelons of news and entertainment, Sunny uses her platform to advocate for social justice and give a voice to the marginalized. In her signature no-holds-barred, straight-up style, Sunny opens up and shares her intimate struggles with fertility and personal turmoil, and reflects on the high-stakes cases and stories she

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worked on as a prosecutor and during her time at CNN, Fox News, ABC and The View. Timely, poignant, and moving, *I Am These Truths* is the story of a woman living between two worlds, and learning to bridge them together to fight for what's right.

Bamboozled by Jesus

Theresa Caputo, TLC's Long Island Medium and the three-time New York Times bestselling author, teaches us how to ritualize and recover from the daily losses in our lives. Life on earth comes with losses that often go unrecognized, unacknowledged, and un-mourned. This invisible pain causes deeper emotional damage—devastation that Theresa Caputo has witnessed in many of her clients. Though they are suffering, they rarely understand where the anguish is coming from—or how to deal with it. Theresa's clients often confuse their emotional distress with depression or anxiety. But it's more than that. It's grief, deep and profound, and it consumes the soul. The only relief, according to Theresa's special gift she calls Spirit, is to pay more attention to how we experience, ritualize, and recover from the hurt in our lives. Once we name these feelings of grief, recognize the losses for what they are, and create mourning rituals around them, we can move through the pain and begin to heal. It isn't just a good idea to mourn these types of upsets; it's essential, so that we can then enjoy a fresh beginning. In *Good Mourning*, Theresa opens up more than ever before, and with the help of Spirit, helps us manage daily losses to ultimately lead more fulfilling and joyful lives.

Survival of the Thickest

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Males look to be served. Men look to be of service. Emmy Award-nominated actor best known for his role on Queen Sugar and transformational speaker Dondré Whitfield challenges us to be real men in this provocative look at the power found in serving others. Too many males abuse the power they have. Often those males grow up without healthy role models and so, while they look like men, they act like boys. Only now there are adult consequences to their actions. And many of us are caught in the shifting cultural ideas about manhood, unsure of how to make sound decisions or truly be a man. Every day we find evidence that the role of men at home, at work, and out in the world is deeply misinterpreted. In *Male vs. Man*, Dondré Whitfield equips us to become men rather than simply "grown males." Men are healthy and productive servant-leaders who bring positive change to their communities. Males are self-serving and stuck in negative cycles that we hear and read about daily. They create chaos instead of cultivating calm. *Male vs. Man* is an uplifting playbook for men who want to level up. It will help men and women alike understand what real manhood is, based on biblical wisdom as well as hard-earned lessons from someone who has been there. With practical guidance and a strong spiritual foundation, Dondré shows how to cultivate the life-changing spiritual, emotional, and psychological attributes of servant leadership at home, at work, and in our communities.

The Wendy Williams Experience

Complemented by fullcolor artwork, a moving poem conveys the author's feelings about the death of a best friend, making this a wonderful gift for anyone who has ever had and loved a canine companion.

Make the World Your Runway

Emmy Award winner, renowned lawyer and journalist, *The View* cohost, and National Bestselling author Sunny Hostin dazzles with this brilliant novel about a life-changing summer along the beaches of Martha's Vineyard. Welcome to Oak Bluffs, the most exclusive black beach community in the country. Known for its gingerbread Victorian-style houses and modern architectural marvels, this picturesque town hugging the sea is a mecca for the crème de la crème of black society--where Michelle and Barack Obama vacation and Meghan Markle has shopped for a house for her mom. Black people have lived in this pretty slip of the Vineyard since the 1600s and began buying property in the 1800s, making this posh town the embodiment of "old money." Thirty years ago, Amelia Vaux Tanner and her husband built a house high on the bluffs, a cottage they named Chateau Laveau. For decades, "Ama" played host to American presidents, Wall Street titans, and cultural icons. But her favorite guests have always been her three "goddaughters:" Esperanza "Perry" Soto, a beautiful, talented Afro-Latina lawyer with Ama's strong, yet guarded personality; Olivia Jones, a gifted Wall Street analyst with Ama's brilliant, logical mind; and Billie Hayden, a gifted marine biologist and rule-breaker with Ama's courageous free spirit. Growing up, these three goddaughters from different backgrounds came together each summer at Chateau Laveau. As adults, the cottage is a place this trio of successful yet very different women go to escape, to slow down from their hectic lives, share private time with Ama, and enjoy the gorgeous weather, cool water, and stunning views Oak Bluffs offers. This summer on the Bluffs, however, will be different. An era is ending: Ama, now nearing seventy-one, is moving to the south of France to reunite with her college

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sweetheart. She has invited Perry, Olivia, and Billy to spend one last golden summer together with her the way they did when they were kids. And when fall comes, she is going to give the house to one of them. Each of the women wants the house desperately. Each is grappling with a secret she fears will hurt her and her chances. By the end of summer, old ties will fray, new bonds will be created, and these three found sisters will discover they aren't the only ones with something to hide. Ama has a few secrets of her own. What she has to give them is far more than property. Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, she will tell these surrogate daughters she fiercely loves and protects everything they never knew they needed to know.

Walking with Ghosts

Who is Mike Hill? For 49 years, he attempted to answer the question, to no avail. Hill was known to the world as the polished, versatile talent with multi-decade broadcast experience. After joining ESPN in 2004, Hill made a name for himself at the network, beginning at the highlight desk for ESPN News and later transitioning to some of the carrier's highest-priority programming, appearing as a host on SportsCenter, NFL Live, Baseball Tonight and NBA Tonight among others. In August of 2013, Hill joined FOX Sports. The embodiment of professionalism, Hill appeared to be living the American Dream; however, his private, internal struggles were taking a toll on his ability to live and to love. Eventually, the mounting trauma resulting from childhood memories of witnessing his mother victimized by domestic violence, a lack of proper male tutelage, discovering that his stepfather was a murder for hire, and the demise of two marriages, forced Hill to his breaking point. Amidst a silent cry for help and a quest

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to heal from within, forced him to pick up his pen to chronicle the most prolific moments of his life.

Blockbusters

From Andy Cohen Books comes Bevy Smith's inspirational memoir—an irreverent tale of how she tore her life down and started all over. Not your typical candidate for a midlife crisis, Bevy Smith had what seemed like a fantastic life and career. As a fashion and beauty editor at Vibe, and then Rolling Stone, she traveled to Paris six times a year for fashion shows and was seen at every hot spot. She was a shopaholic with discounts at every store and a mighty roster of lovers. So it came as quite a shock to her when one day, after a Mercedes had dropped her off at her luxury Milan hotel, Bevy collapsed on the Frette sheets of her king-sized bed and sobbed. After that, she resigned from Rolling Stone and set out on her own path, one that she carved from a tremendous amount of self-reflection and, ultimately, clarity. Going from a \$350K annual salary to about \$35K would have most running back to corporate America, but not Bevy. With renewed self-confidence and acceptance, she embraced this season as one of the most creative times of her life. In her signature lively and infectious voice, Bevy provides her story as an example of how we too can manifest our biggest dreams. From reclaiming her bold childhood nature and realizing she'd become a Googleable star to envisioning where she's headed next (Malibu Bevy, with natural hair, a huge charitable organization, and a midcentury house overlooking the Pacific Ocean), Bevy shows how each of us can live our best lives with honesty and joy in Bevelations.

The Motherlode

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Barack Obama's speech on the Edmund Pettus Bridge to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Selma to Montgomery marches should have represented the culmination of Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream of racial unity. Yet, in *Fracture*, MSNBC national correspondent Joy-Ann Reid shows that, despite the progress we have made, we are still a nation divided—as seen recently in headline-making tragedies such as the killing of Trayvon Martin and the uprisings in Ferguson and Baltimore. With President Obama's election, Americans expected an open dialogue about race but instead discovered the irony of an African American president who seemed hamstrung when addressing racial matters, leaving many of his supporters disillusioned and his political enemies sharpening their knives. To understand why that is so, Reid examines the complicated relationship between Barack Obama and Bill and Hillary Clinton, and how their varied approaches to the race issue parallel the challenges facing the Democratic party itself: the disparate parts of its base and the whirl of shifting allegiances among its power players—and how this shapes the party and its hopes of retaining the White House. *Fracture* traces the party's makeup and character regarding race from the civil rights days to the Obama presidency. Filled with key political players such as Shirley Chisholm, Jesse Jackson, John Lewis, and Al Sharpton, it provides historical context while addressing questions arising as we head into the next national election: Will Hillary Clinton's campaign represent an embrace of Obama's legacy or a repudiation of it? How is Hillary Clinton's stand on race both similar to and different from Obama's, or from her husband's? How do minorities view Mrs. Clinton, and will they line up in huge numbers to support her—and what will happen if they don't? Veteran reporter Joy-Ann Reid investigates these questions and more, offering breaking news, fresh

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insight, and experienced insider analysis, mixed with fascinating behind-the-scenes drama, to illuminate three of the most important figures in modern political history, and how race can affect the crucial 2016 election and the future of America itself.

TMI

An inspiring and illuminating guide to true self care, from the sage teacher and breakout star of the critically acclaimed drama, *Queen Sugar*, from Executive Producers Oprah Winfrey and Ava DuVernay for OWN. Featured on *Essence Magazine's Culture List* In all your years of schooling, did you ever take a single class that explained how to navigate the hurt, drama, and fear that come with living? Tina Lifford sure didn't. She learned the hard way—through experience as both a Hollywood actress and as the founder of the personal development network *The Inner Fitness Project*. Now, she brings together her own hard-won insights as well as those of her clients in this helpful and transformative guide. A blend of personal anecdotes and meaningful, practical—and most important, actionable—advice, *The Little Book of Big Lies* is the life skills class you need to nurture the inner you and move beyond the past. In fourteen raw, personal stories, Tina teaches you how to change your self-perception—to see yourself in the best possible light, to love and honor what you see, and to forge a new sense of what's possible in every aspect of your life. But make no mistake, *The Little Book of Big Lies* is not a "rah-rah" quick fix for fear and pain. Like physical fitness, building and maintaining emotional strength requires continued effort. This invaluable book is the foundation you need to start building inner health and well-being so you can thrive. Tina guides you on a journey of self-

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discovery that will help you turn shame into self-acceptance, self-rejection into self-love, blame into freedom, and old hurt into power. Wise and powerful, *The Little Book of Big Lies* will completely change how you think and live.

Diamond Doris

Overachiever Joe Theismann had reached the pinnacle of success as an elite NFL quarterback, with a Super Bowl victory and NFL MVP award. But the memory that sticks with many fans is the gruesome injury—his leg was shattered on Monday Night Football—that ended his career. The end of his days on the gridiron wasn't the end of life for Theismann, though. In *How to Be a Champion Every Day*, Theismann recounts stories from his impressive career, providing an inspirational guide for how to succeed on a team, in your career, and in your everyday life. Theismann draws on the people who have inspired and motivated him over the years, like head coach Ron Rivera, San Francisco 49ers safety Ronnie Lott, and his own mother. These amazing stories all emphasize a simple yet profound message that with hard work, focus, and belief in yourself, you can achieve greatness. Organized by themes such as Attitude, Teamwork, and Motivation, Theismann's wise anecdotes highlight his firm belief that positive-thinking, goal-oriented people can achieve anything they set their minds to. See how Theismann's advice can change your life.

The Last Will & Testament of a Very Distinguished Dog

Nirvana came out of nowhere in 1991 to sell nearly five million copies of their landmark album *Nevermind*, whose

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thunderous sound and indelible melodies embodied all the confusion, frustration, and passion of the emerging Generation X. *Come As You Are* is the close-up, intimate story of Nirvana -- the only book with exclusive in-depth interviews with bandmembers Kurt Cobain, Krist Noveselic, and Dave Grohl, as well as friends, relatives, former bandmembers, and associates -- now updated to include a new final chapter detailing the last year of Kurt Cobain's life, before his tragic suicide in April 1994.

Ten Years to Midnight

Riveting and seamlessly authentic, *By the Way* chronicles the exploits of Elgin Charles, known to the world as "The Emperor of Hair." Through an intricately aligned series of fiery confessions, readers bear witness to the coming of age tale of a young man in search of identity and divine purpose. With exquisite lyricism, *By the Way* grants access to a world where the quest for love without limits and the ability to achieve access to the opulence that life has to offer is won. A uniquely triumphant and candidly unnerving read that serves a completely raw depiction of a life lived fearlessly and out loud, despite the odds and the spiritual warfare raging within.

Nothing but a Circus

'Brilliant observations on the anthropology of power. You will laugh aloud and you won't put it down' Daniel Kahneman In this eye-opening exploration of the human weaknesses for power, Daniel Levin takes us on a hilarious journey through the absurd world of our global elites, drawing unforgettable sketches of some of the puppets who stand guard, and the jugglers and conjurers employed within. Most spectacular of

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all, however, are the astonishing contortions performed by those closest to the top in order to maintain the illusion of integrity, decency, and public service. Based on the author's first hand experiences of dealing with governments and political institutions around the world, Nothing but a Circus offers a rare glimpse of the conversations that happen behind closed doors, observing the appalling lengths that people go to in order to justify their unscrupulous choices, from Dubai to Luanda, Moscow to Beijing, and at the heart of the UN and the US government.

Come As You Are

When everything in her life came to a stop, Pastor Juanita Rasmus found that she had to learn to be with herself and with God all over again. Offering both practical and spiritual insights, she shares a wise, frank, and witty account of her own story of exhaustion and depression, acting as a trustworthy companion through dark days.

Good Mourning

What if you found out you were not who you thought you were? What if the strange dreams you have had all your life were not dreams at all? What if it was revealed to you that magic was real and part of who you are, but went against everything you had been taught to believe in? When fifteen-year-old Ara Mallory learns magic exists just beneath the surface of her world, she must make a tough decision: embrace magic or deny the only part of herself that makes sense to her. Meanwhile Ara's dreams, which have always been odd, have become increasingly menacing and frightening. But worst of all the dreams begin to invade her

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waking life revealing an ominous threat to the world?. The greatest evil humankind, magic and non-magic alike, has ever known is about to be unleashed. Feeling a responsibility to the non-magical people around her, she reluctantly accepts magic into her life, finding it difficult to keep her identity secret from those close her. Then while away at summer camp, far from her deeply religious mother's ever-watchful eye, Ara begins her practical magic training. There Ara revels in learning magic and discovers through an obscure three-hundred-year-old prophecy that her destiny is deeply intertwined with the evil she had seen in the vision when she was still at school, while also discovering who she really is. She begins to question herself and to feel someone or something may be out to get her or perhaps to stop her? permanently.

Fracture

Secrets about love, life, and Hollywood from the Tony Award-winning actress from the Broadway production of Dreamgirls in the role recently made famous by Beyonce—timed to coincide with the thirtieth anniversary of the original Broadway show. Sheryl Lee Ralph was the original Deena Jones in Broadway's production of Dreamgirls and the show was a Broadway sensation from its inception. Now, the star of film, television, and Broadway, known for her talent and fearlessness, shows readers how to find—and own—their inner divas. Sheryl rose to international fame after her performance in Dreamgirls, winning the Tony Award for Best Actress and going on to star in movies with Denzel Washington and Robert DeNiro and capture America's heart as television's favorite mom Die in the #1-rated series Moesha . But it wasn't an easy task. From her legendary catfight with Diana

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Ross to her controversial exit from *Moesha*, Sheryl Lee Ralph is a woman who does not fade in the background—and she reveals how and why she has remained in the spotlight for decades. Sheryl is a hip, modern Miss Manners who inspires women with her wit, strength, and call-it-like-it-is courage. Using her own experiences as a guide—and dishing the truth behind all the rumors—Sheryl reveals her rules for living. This is *Divahood A-Z*—from the practical to the spiritual, featuring advice on everything from relationships to fashion to success in the business world. So, the next time someone calls you a diva, you’ll just smile and say “Thank you!”

Bevelations

The African comedian and producer and writer of the CBS hit series *I Heart Abishola* chronicles her odyssey to get to America and break into Hollywood in this lively and humorous memoir. According to family superstition, Gina Yashere was born to fulfill the dreams of her grandmother Patience. The powerful first wife of a wealthy businessman, Patience was poisoned by her jealous sister-wives and marked with a spot on her neck. From birth, Gina carried a similar birthmark—a sign that she was her grandmother’s chosen heir, and would fulfill Patience’s dreams. Gina would learn to speak perfect English, live unfettered by men or children, work a man’s job, and travel the world with a free spirit. Is she the reincarnation of her grandmother? Maybe. Gina isn’t ruling anything out. In *Cack-Handed*, she recalls her intergenerational journey to success foretold by her grandmother and fulfilled thousands of miles from home. This hilarious memoir tells the story of how from growing up as a child of Nigerian immigrants in working class London, running from skinheads, and her overprotective Mom, Gina went on to become the first female

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engineer with the UK branch of Otis, the largest elevator company in the world, where she went through a baptism of fire from her racist and sexist co-workers. Not believing her life was difficult enough, she later left engineering to become a stand up comic, appearing on numerous television shows and becoming one of the top comedians in the UK, before giving it all up to move to the US, a dream she'd had since she was six years old, watching American kids on television, riding cool bicycles, and solving crimes. A collection of eccentric, addictive, and uproarious stories that combine family, race, gender, class, and country, Cack-Handed reveals how Gina's unconventional upbringing became the foundation of her successful career as an international comedian.

Flipping the Script

New York Times bestselling author, memory expert, radio host, and beloved actor Marilu Henner delivers an intimate account of how she and her husband stood together in the face of cancer and triumphed—without chemotherapy or radiation. Marilu Henner was moving on with her life after a divorce when her old college classmate Michael Brown, whom she had not seen in over twenty years, called her out of nowhere. Within days of their first meeting in 2003, they were planning a life together, and soon they were inseparable as Michael became ever more integrated into Marilu's family. But after only months they were thrown the ultimate curveball: Michael was diagnosed with bladder cancer, and then lung cancer. Marilu refused to lose the love of her life so easily. With the knowledge she had gained on her own health journey, chronicled in several of her bestselling books, Marilu set about finding a path for Michael that would use the best of

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Eastern and Western medicine to beat his cancers and return Michael to optimal health. Michael eschewed most traditional treatments and with Marilu's help—aided by knowledgeable and sympathetic doctors—he forged his own path. In this moving and informative book, Marilu tells the story of their fast-paced romance and how this contrasted with the day-to-day battle for Michael's life. Michael tells the story from his point of view: the search for the cause of his cancer, the mental anguish he felt as he realized how responsible he was for his condition, the physical and mental hardships that he had to overcome, and the triumph of love that made it all worthwhile. Not a "how-to" book in the traditional sense, *Changing Normal* is a book of empowerment, a call for all those facing similar challenges to take responsibility for their lives, to search for the causes of their illness and address them directly. Written with an engaging voice, a sense of humor, and life-changing wisdom, *Changing Normal* is a personal and touching look at how Marilu and Michael faced down a cancer diagnosis and came out the other side happier, healthier, and more in love than ever.

Redefining Diva

The beloved actor and comedian explains how to set a great table, shares ideas for unforgettable celebrations, and says, "It's about fun, not perfection!" "A warm, welcome, and much-needed look at how to infuse some exuberance and personality into your dinner table"—Bette Midler. Full color.ull color.

How to be a Champion Every Day

Either by choice or by circumstance, we all encounter times of

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starting over. Seasons of hardships, abundance, seeking, and struggle all have a purpose because growth demands change. Dare to Bloom urges us to be both vulnerable and resilient in new seasons of life as we boldly position ourselves for what God has for us next. Serial entrepreneur and author, Zim Flores (neè Ugochukwu), reveals the challenges she's faced and how even her failures have helped shape her sense of purpose. Her parents had big plans for her life. The daughter of Nigerian immigrants, Zim Flores was uprooted from her community as a young girl, marking the beginning of her quest for true identity. Though she experienced unprecedented worldly success as a teenager and young adult, Zim declares that even when we feel pressured by the world around us, our true identity is never at risk. In Dare to Bloom, Zim offers practical and hard-won truths about: How to reclaim your true identity How to surrender your desired outcomes to God How to move forward after broken friendships How to find comfort during your darkest hours How to navigate new beginnings with hope for whatever is next How to joyfully participate in your own story--even when you don't know what the future holds Dare to Bloom is a powerful gift for readers in times of transition or struggle who need a reminder that their true identity never changes. It empowers those who feel stuck in their current circumstances to follow God obediently into the unknown, finding joy in each new beginning. Inside you'll find: Breathtaking photography from Zim's travels Thoughtful questions for reflection at the end of each chapter Zimisms--wisdom-filled phrases from the author When everything changes around us, it can be easy to think that we're only as good as our last success. Though our identities are challenged day by day, Dare to Bloom encourages us to reclaim our identity in God, who is unchanging through it all.

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Open Mike

Foreword by Tim Gunn. In "Make the World Your Runway", Liris Crosse, plus-size supermodel, actress, and pioneer in the fashion industry, shares her top model secrets for every day confidence and success. It is the inspirational roadmap to help you to build your self-belief, so you can create the joy and success in life that you've always wanted. Step up. Own it. We're waiting for your brilliance!"

Leave Your Mark

Make no mistake about it: *Walking with Ghosts* is a masterpiece. A book that will wring out our tired hearts. It is by turns poetic, moving, and very funny. You will find it on the shelf alongside other great Irish memoirs including those by Frank McCourt, Nuala O'Faolain and Edna O'Brien. Colum McCann As a young boy growing up in the outskirts of Dublin, Gabriel Byrne sought refuge in a world of imagination among the fields and hills near his home, at the edge of a rapidly encroaching city. Born to working class parents and the eldest of six children, he harbored a childhood desire to become a priest. When he was eleven years old, Byrne found himself crossing the Irish Sea to join a seminary in England. Four years later, Byrne had been expelled and he quickly returned to his native city. There he took odd jobs as a messenger boy and a factory laborer to get by. In his spare time, he visited the cinema where he could be alone and yet part of a crowd. It was here that he could begin to imagine a life beyond the grey world of 60s Ireland. He reveled in the theatre and poetry of Dublin's streets, populated by characters as eccentric and remarkable as any in fiction, those who spin a yarn with acuity and wit. It was a friend who

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suggested Byrne join an amateur drama group, a decision that would change his life forever and launch him on an extraordinary forty-year career in film and theatre. Moving between sensual recollection of childhood in a now almost vanished Ireland and reflections on stardom in Hollywood and Broadway, Byrne also courageously recounts his battle with addiction and the ambivalence of fame. *Walking with Ghosts* is by turns hilarious and heartbreaking as well as a lyrical homage to the people and landscapes that ultimately shape our destinies.

Summer on the Bluffs

Leave Your Mark isn't an advice book -- it's a mentorship in 288 pages. Aliza Licht-global fashion communications executive, AKA fashion's favorite 'PR girl' and former Twitter phenomenon-is here to tell her story, complete with *The Devil Wears Prada*-like moments and insider secrets. Drawing invaluable lessons from her experience, Licht shares advice, inspiration, and a healthy dose of real talk in *Leave Your Mark*. She delivers personal and professional guidance for people just starting their careers and for people who are well on their way. With a particular emphasis on communicating and building your personal brand, something she knows a thing or two about, Aliza is your sassy, knowledgeable guide to the contemporary working world, where personal and professional lines are blurred and the most important thing you can have is a strong sense of self.

I Am These Truths

An adventuresome South American Tomb Raider! This hotly anticipated companion to *Woven in Moonlight* follows an

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outcast Condesa, as she braves the jungle to forge an alliance with the lost city of gold. If the jungle wants you, it will have you Catalina Quiroga is a Condesa without a country. She's lost the Inkasisa throne, the loyalty of her people, and her best friend. Banished to the perilous Yanu Jungle, Catalina knows her chances of survival are slim, but that won't stop her from trying to escape. Her duty is to rule. While running for her life, Catalina is rescued by Manuel, the son of her former general who has spent years searching for allies. With his help, Catalina could find the city of gold that's home to the fierce Illari people and strike a deal with them for an army to retake her throne. But the elusive Illari are fighting a battle of their own—a mysterious blight is corrupting the jungle, laying waste to everything they hold dear. As a seer, Catalina should be able to help, but her ability to read the future in the stars is as feeble as her survival instincts. While searching for the Illari, Catalina must reckon with her duty and her heart to find her true calling, which is key to stopping the corruption before it destroys the jungle completely.

Supreme Models

Yvonne Orji is a thriving stand-up comic and actress, best known as Issa Rae's BFF on the HBO series, *Insecure*. Now, as author and your new best friend, Yvonne shares the secret to the life of your dreams. In her new book, *Bamboozled by Jesus*, Yvonne hilariously - and with tremendous wisdom - exposes the trials and victories she has experienced on the way to the life of her dreams. Whatever greatness, whatever joy we may hope for, Yvonne is here to tell us that God has something even bigger and better in store for us - if we can just trust Him and be open to having our minds blown by His goodness, His creativity, and His knack for surprises! From

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her early days as a wedding emcee and struggling comic to her recent Emmy nomination, Yvonne's story will encourage you to believe that more is possible for your own life when you let go and embrace the adventure. Whether you're a college graduate coming up with your "next step" or a 30-something experiencing a sudden change in career or relationship status, Yvonne is here to remind you God has custom-designed your life to be magnificent, and by default, the magnificent is uncertain. Living your best life forces you beyond your capacity and demands reckless abandon of your comfort zone. Along with her own captivating stories, Yvonne takes a thoughtful look into the lives of some of her favorite characters from the Bible, breathing new life and fresh perspective into familiar stories about bravery, resilience, and taking risks. If you're truly ready to live a life beyond your wildest dreams, hold on for the ride and be prepared to be bamboozled into a new way of thinking about embracing your unique destiny.

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