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The Genius of Birds

From the introduction by Joyce Carol Oates: Between them, our great visionary poets of the American nineteenth century, Emily Dickinson and Walt Whitman, have come to represent the extreme, idiosyncratic poles of the American psyche. Dickinson never shied away from the great subjects of human suffering, loss, death, even madness, but her perspective was intensely private; like Rainer Maria Rilke and Gerard Manley

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Hopkins, she is the great poet of inwardness, of the indefinable region of the soul in which we are, in a sense, all alone.

The Inside Game

Here is the real Emily Dickinson -- the only comprehensive and reliably authoritative trade editions of the poet's work.

A Study Guide for Emily Dickinson's "Hope is the Thing with Feathers"

Explores the life of the enigmatic nineteenth-century American poet by drawing upon legal archives, congregational records, contemporary women's writing, and previously unpublished excerpts of Dickinson's letters.

Poems to See by

Emilie Day believes in playing it safe: she 's homeschooled, her best friend is her seizure dog, and she 's probably the only girl on the Outer Banks of North Carolina who can 't swim. Then Emilie 's mom enrolls her in public school, and Emilie goes from studying at home in her pj 's to halls full of strangers. To make matters worse, Emilie is paired with starting point guard Chatham York for a major research project on Emily Dickinson. She should be ecstatic when Chatham shows interest, but she has a problem. She hasn 't told

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anyone about her epilepsy. Emilie lives in fear her recently adjusted meds will fail and she ' ll seize at school. Eventually, the worst happens, and she must decide whether to withdraw to safety or follow a dead poet ' s advice and “ dwell in possibility. ” From Golden Heart award-winning author McCall Hoyle comes The Thing with Feathers, a story of overcoming fears, forging new friendships, and finding a first love, perfect for fans of Jennifer Niven, Robyn Schneider, and Sharon M. Draper.

Insomniac City

Crumbling social institutions, disintegrating structures, and a profound sense of uncertainty are the signs of our time. In this book, this contemporary crisis is explored and illuminated, providing narratives that suggest how the notion of hope can be leveraged to create powerful methods of organizing for the future. Chapters first consider theoretical and philosophical perspectives on hopeful organizing, followed by both empirical discussions about achieving change and more imaginative narratives of alternative and utopian futures, including an exploration of the differing roles of work, creativity, idealism, inclusivity and activism.

The Complete Poems of Emily Dickinson

An entertaining and profound look at the lives of birds, illuminating their surprising world—and deep connection with humanity. Birds are highly intelligent animals, yet their intelligence is dramatically different from our own and has been little understood. As we learn more about the secrets of bird life, we are unlocking fascinating insights into memory, relationships, game theory, and the nature of intelligence itself.

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The Thing with Feathers explores the astonishing homing abilities of pigeons, the good deeds of fairy-wrens, the influential flocking abilities of starlings, the deft artistry of bowerbirds, the extraordinary memories of nutcrackers, the lifelong loves of albatrosses, and other mysteries—revealing why birds do what they do, and offering a glimpse into our own nature. Drawing deep from personal experience, cutting-edge science, and colorful history, Noah Strycker spins captivating stories about the birds in our midst and shares the startlingly intimate coexistence of birds and humans. With humor, style, and grace, he shows how our view of the world is often, and remarkably, through the experience of birds. You ’ ve never read a book about birds like this one.

I, Parrot

The author offers a look at depression, drawing on his own battle with the illness and interviews with fellow sufferers, researchers, and doctors to assess the disease's complexities, causes, symptoms, and available therapies.

The Thing with Feathers

Winner of the 1974 National Book Award “ A screaming comes across the sky. . . ” A few months after the Germans ’ secret V-2 rocket bombs begin falling on London, British Intelligence discovers that a map of the city pinpointing the sexual conquests of one Lieutenant Tyrone Slothrop, U.S. Army, corresponds identically to a map showing the V-2 impact sites. The implications of this discovery will launch Slothrop on an amazing

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journey across war-torn Europe, fleeing an international cabal of military-industrial superpowers, in search of the mysterious Rocket 00000, through a wildly comic extravaganza that has been hailed in *The New Republic* as “ the most profound and accomplished American novel since the end of World War II. ”

The Trickiest Thing in Feathers

In her fictionalization of Emily Dickinson's diary, Jamie Fuller paints a fascinating picture that will deepen any reader's understanding and appreciation of one of America's greatest and most enduring poets. Line drawings throughout.

Crow

This elegant volume offers itself as a spiritual companion for young adults and all who live amid transitions and tensions. Dozens of carefully selected readings address themes that are prominent for people in their twenties and early thirties. The topics include: Passion and purpose Identity Community Losing and finding Justice and creation Each section features reflections from Unitarian Universalist young adults, as well as poems, prayers, and opening and closing words from contemporary and ancient peoples. This treasury of uplifting and thought-provoking meditations can serve as a guide and provide comfort on our never-ending journey of becoming.

Without Feathers

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From the New York Times bestselling author of *The Genius of Birds*, a radical investigation into the bird way of being, and the recent scientific research that is dramatically shifting our understanding of birds -- how they live and how they think. "There is the mammal way and there is the bird way." But the bird way is much more than a unique pattern of brain wiring, and lately, scientists have taken a new look at bird behaviors they have, for years, dismissed as anomalies or mysteries -- What they are finding is upending the traditional view of how birds conduct their lives, how they communicate, forage, court, breed, survive. They are also revealing the remarkable intelligence underlying these activities, abilities we once considered uniquely our own: deception, manipulation, cheating, kidnapping, infanticide, but also ingenious communication between species, cooperation, collaboration, altruism, culture, and play. Some of these extraordinary behaviors are biological conundrums that seem to push the edges of, well, birdness: a mother bird that kills her own infant sons, and another that selflessly tends to the young of other birds as if they were her own; a bird that collaborates in an extraordinary way with one species--ours--but parasitizes another in gruesome fashion; birds that give gifts and birds that steal; birds that dance or drum, that paint their creations or paint themselves; birds that build walls of sound to keep out intruders and birds that summon playmates with a special call--and may hold the secret to our own penchant for playfulness and the evolution of laughter. Drawing on personal observations, the latest science, and her bird-related travel around the world, from the tropical rainforests of eastern Australia and the remote woodlands of northern Japan, to the rolling hills of lower Austria and the islands of Alaska's Kachemak Bay, Jennifer Ackerman shows there is clearly no single bird way of being. In every respect, in plumage, form, song, flight, lifestyle, niche, and behavior, birds vary. It is what we love about them. As E.O Wilson once said, when you have seen one bird, you have not seen them all.

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Hope Is the Thing with Feathers

Finalist for the Thurber Prize for American Humor "One of the funniest writers in America." That ' s what The New Yorker ' s Andy Borowitz calls Jenny Allen—and with good reason. In her debut essay collection, the longtime humorist and performer declares no subject too sacred, no boundary impassable. With her eagle eye for the absurd and hilarious, Allen reports from the potholes midway through life ' s journey. One moment she ' s flirting shamelessly—and unsuccessfully—with a younger man at a wedding; the next she ' s stumbling upon X-rated images on her daughter ' s computer. She ponders the connection between her ex-husband ' s questions about the location of their silverware, and the divorce that came a year later. While undergoing chemotherapy, she experiments with being a “ wig person. ” And she considers those perplexing questions that we never pause to ask: Why do people say “ It is what it is ” ? What ' s the point of fat-free half-and-half ? And haven ' t we heard enough about memes? Jenny Allen ' s musings range fluidly from the personal to the philosophical. She writes with the familiarity of someone telling a dinner party anecdote, forgoing decorum for candor and comedy. To read *Would Everybody Please Stop?* is to experience life with imaginative and incisive humor.

Hope Is the Thing with Feathers

A beautiful, bright, fun notebook featuring watercolor feathers and the Emily Dickinson quote, "Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul." Makes a great birthday gift, teacher's gift, Easter basket or stocking stuffer. Ideal for taking notes, jotting lists, doodling, brainstorming, Bible study, prayer journaling,

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writing in as a diary, or giving as a gift. Not too thick & not too thin, so it's a great size to throw in your purse or bag! SIZE: 6 X 9 PAPER: Lightly Lined on White Paper PAGES: 120 Pages (60 Sheets Front/Back)
COVER: Soft Cover (Matte)

The Diary of Emily Dickinson

From award-winning author McCall Hoyle comes a new young adult novel, *Meet the Sky*, a story of love, letting go, and the unstoppable power of nature. It all started with the accident. The one that caused Sophie's dad to walk out of her life. The one that left Sophie's older sister, Meredith, barely able to walk at all. With nothing but pain in her past, all Sophie wants is to plan for the future—keep the family business running, get accepted to veterinary school, and protect her mom and sister from another disaster. But when a hurricane forms off the coast of North Carolina's Outer Banks and heads right toward their island, Sophie realizes nature is one thing she can't control. After she gets separated from her family during the evacuation, Sophie finds herself trapped on the island with the last person she'd have chosen—the reckless and wild Finn Sanders, who broke her heart freshman year. As they struggle to find safety, Sophie learns that Finn has suffered his own heartbreak; but instead of playing it safe, Finn's become the kind of guy who goes surfing in the eye of the hurricane. He may be the perfect person to remind Sophie how to embrace life again, but only if their newfound friendship can survive the storm. Praise for McCall Hoyle's debut novel, *The Thing with Feathers*: “Beautiful, touching, and bursting with hope.” Pintip Dunn, award-winning and New York Times bestselling author “Heartfelt and affecting. Hoyle tells a familiar story, but does so in a voice that is rarely heard, and that makes all the difference.” Leah Thomas, William C. Morris Award finalist and author of *Because You'll Never Meet Me* and *Nowhere Near You* “The inspiring story of one girl's

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struggle not to be defined by her illness, *The Thing with Feathers* soars as it explores what it means to live—and love—without fear. ” Kathryn Holmes, author of *How It Feels to Fly* “ A refreshing, quality debut—meaningfully woven and beautifully engaging, from the first page to the last. ” YA Books Central (5 stars)

The Unmanageable Sisters

The bird book for birders and nonbirders alike that will excite and inspire by providing a new and deeper understanding of what common, mostly backyard, birds are doing--and why "Can birds smell?" "Is this the same cardinal that was at my feeder last year?" "Do robins 'hear' worms?" In *What It's Like to Be a Bird*, David Sibley answers the most frequently asked questions about the birds we see most often. This special, large-format volume is geared as much to nonbirders as it is to the out-and-out obsessed, covering more than two hundred species and including more than 330 new illustrations by the author. While its focus is on familiar backyard birds--blue jays, nuthatches, chickadees--it also examines certain species that can be fairly easily observed, such as the seashore-dwelling Atlantic puffin. David Sibley's exacting artwork and wide-ranging expertise bring observed behaviors vividly to life. (For most species, the primary illustration is reproduced life-sized.) And while the text is aimed at adults--including fascinating new scientific research on the myriad ways birds have adapted to environmental changes--it is nontechnical, making it the perfect occasion for parents and grandparents to share their love of birds with young children, who will delight in the big, full-color illustrations of birds in action. Unlike any other book he has written, *What It's Like to Be a Bird* is poised to bring a whole new audience to David Sibley's world of birds.

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Becoming

Longlisted for the 2019 Booker Prize An entrancing new novel by the author of the prizewinning *Grief Is the Thing with Feathers* There ' s a village an hour from London. It ' s no different from many others today: one pub, one church, redbrick cottages, some public housing, and a few larger houses dotted about. Voices rise up, as they might anywhere, speaking of loving and needing and working and dying and walking the dogs. This village belongs to the people who live in it, to the land and to the land ' s past. It also belongs to Dead Papa Toothwort, a mythical figure local schoolchildren used to draw as green and leafy, choked by tendrils growing out of his mouth, who awakens after a glorious nap. He is listening to this twenty-first-century village, to its symphony of talk: drunken confessions, gossip traded on the street corner, fretful conversations in living rooms. He is listening, intently, for a mischievous, ethereal boy whose parents have recently made the village their home. Lanny. With Lanny, Max Porter extends the potent and magical space he created in *Grief Is the Thing with Feathers*. This brilliant novel will ensorcell readers with its anarchic energy, with its bewitching tapestry of fabulism and domestic drama. Lanny is a ringing defense of creativity, spirit, and the generative forces that often seem under assault in the contemporary world, and it solidifies Porter ' s reputation as one of the most daring and sensitive writers of his generation.

The Sun Is Also a Star

Corey Ford, one of America's finest and most loved outdoor writers, was also a dedicated wingshooter. Every fall he and his English setters, Tober and Cider, would hunt the hills and thickets of New Hampshire

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for grouse and woodcock. Corey also frequented the heart of quail country in North Carolina. There he would spend several weeks each winter pursuing the gentleman bobwhite quail. Here is a collection of his best wingshooting stories, many of them previously unpublished. Written with a sense of humor, *The Trickiest Thing in Feathers* is a definitive collection of lost bird hunting classics.

Hystopia

Poetry by American Poet Emily Dickinson. This book contains 3 poems, the first and second poems are about the power of words and books and the final poem is about the journey of raindrops.

The Bird Way

A collection of the author's greatest poetry--from the wistful to the unsettling, the wonders of nature to the foibles of human nature--is an ideal introduction for first-time readers. Original.

What It's Like to Be a Bird

A girl grows up among Colorado hippies in this “ powerful story about coming of age in the 1970s . . . An amazing book ” (Richmond Times-Dispatch). Sarajeon Henry lives with a Vietnam veteran she accepts as her father. When she comes home, Jimmy might be preparing dinner—or he might be shooting up. Her mother, whoever she was, disappeared long ago. Sarajeon scams her way through childhood, surviving on

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intuition, smoking pot by age ten. Gathering carelessly discarded clues in this rootless world of communal living, drugs, and adults who reject the traditional trappings of adulthood, she slowly attempts to solve the mystery of where she came from—and piece together the identity she ’ s always longed for. “ Sometimes sweet, sometimes frightening, sometimes hauntingly beautiful ” (Statesman Journal), this novel offers both an up-close look at a historically tumultuous moment in American culture, and a timeless look at “ an oddly ‘ normal ’ childhood as seen through the eyes of a child who knows nothing else ” (Library Journal). “ An extraordinarily powerful first novel . . . Sarajeau is impossible to forget. ” —Kirkus Reviews “ Packed with colorful details reminiscent of the dream the era of ‘ free love ’ left behind. ” —Redbook “ A wondrous, uncanny book, like few others you will read . . . So assured and accomplished that it seems the work of a seasoned novelist at the peak of her talent. ” —The Oregonian “ The closest thing to a perfect book that I have read in years. ” —The Bellingham Herald

Among Penguins

Green Shield Stamps, a million of them, and Ger Lawless has won them all. It's Ballymun, it's 1974, and she has fifteen friends round for a stamp-sticking party. Over one fateful night, fifteen determined women bring you into their lives in this funny and furious new version of Michel Tremblay's f ê ted Qu é b é coise comedy, Les Belles-Soeurs.

Essential Dickinson

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In this groundbreaking book, Keith Law, baseball writer for The Athletic and author of the acclaimed *Smart Baseball*, offers an era-spanning dissection of some of the best and worst decisions in modern baseball, explaining what motivated them, what can be learned from them, and how their legacy has shaped the game. For years, Daniel Kahneman's iconic work of behavioral science *Thinking Fast and Slow* has been required reading in front offices across Major League Baseball. In this smart, incisive, and eye-opening book, Keith Law applies Kahneman's ideas about decision making to the game itself. Baseball is a sport of decisions. Some are so small and routine they become the building blocks of the game itself—what pitch to throw or when to swing away. Others are so huge they dictate the future of franchises—when to make a strategic trade for a chance to win now, or when to offer a millions and a multi-year contract for a twenty-eight-year-old star. These decisions have long shaped the behavior of players, managers, and entire franchises. But as those choices have become more complex and data-driven, knowing what's behind them has become key to understanding the sport. This fascinating, revelatory work explores as never before the essential question: What were they thinking? Combining behavioral science and interviews with executives, managers, and players, Keith Law analyzes baseball's biggest decision making successes and failures, looking at how gambles and calculated risks of all sizes and scales have shaped the sport, and how the game's ongoing data revolution is rewriting decades of accepted decision making. In the process, he explores questions that have long been debated, from whether throwing harder really increases a player's risk of serious injury to whether teams actually “overvalue” trade prospects. Bringing his analytical and combative style to some of baseball's longest running debates, Law deepens our knowledge of the sport in this entertaining work that is both fun and deeply informative.

Grief Is the Thing with Feathers

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The year he graduated from college, 22-year-old Noah Strycker was dropped by helicopter in a remote Antarctic field camp with two bird scientists and a three months' supply of frozen food. His subjects: more than a quarter million penguins. Compact, industrious, and approachable, the Ad é lie Penguins who call Antarctica home visit their breeding grounds each Antarctic summer to nest and rear their young before returning to sea. Because of long-term studies, scientists may know more about how these penguins will adjust to climate change than about any other creature in the world. Bird scientists like Noah are less well known. Like the intrepid early explorers of Antarctica, modern scientists drawn to the frozen continent face an utterly inhospitable landscape, one that inspires, isolates, and punishes. With wit, curiosity, and a deep knowledge of his subject, Strycker recounts the reality of life at the end of the Earth--thousand-year-old penguin mummies, hurricane-force blizzards, and day-to-day existence in below freezing temperatures--and delves deep into a world of science, obsession, and birds. Among Penguins weaves a captivating tale of penguins and their researchers on the coldest, driest, highest, and windiest continent on Earth. Birders, lovers of the Antarctic, and fans of first-person adventure narratives will be fascinated by Strycker's book.

I'm Nobody! Who Are You?

Part of a new collection of literary voices from Gibbs Smith, written by, and for, extraordinary women—to encourage, challenge, and inspire. One of American 's most distinctive poets, Emily Dickinson scorned the conventions of her day in her approach to writing, religion, and society. Hope Is the Thing with Feathers is a collection from her vast archive of poetry to inspire the writers, creatives, and leaders of today. Continue your journey in the Women 's Voices series with Jane Eyre, by Charlotte Bronte and The Feminist Papers

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by Mary Wollstonecraft.

The Thing with Feathers

An award-winning science writer tours the globe to reveal what makes birds capable of such extraordinary feats of mental prowess. Birds are astonishingly intelligent creatures. According to revolutionary new research, some birds rival primates and even humans in their remarkable forms of intelligence. In *The Genius of Birds*, acclaimed author Jennifer Ackerman explores their newly discovered brilliance and how it came about. As she travels around the world to the most cutting-edge frontiers of research, Ackerman not only tells the story of the recently uncovered genius of birds but also delves deeply into the latest findings about the bird brain itself that are shifting our view of what it means to be intelligent. At once personal yet scientific, richly informative and beautifully written, *The Genius of Birds* celebrates the triumphs of these surprising and fiercely intelligent creatures. Ackerman is also the author of *Birds by the Shore: Observing the Natural Life of the Atlantic Coast*.

There Is No Frigate Like a Book

Here he is, husband and father, scruffy romantic, a shambolic scholar--a man adrift in the wake of his wife's sudden, accidental death. And there are his two sons who like him struggle in their London apartment to face the unbearable sadness that has engulfed them. The father imagines a future of well-meaning visitors and emptiness, while the boys wander, savage and unsupervised. In this moment of violent despair they are

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visited by Crow--antagonist, trickster, goad, protector, therapist, and babysitter. This self-described "sentimental bird," at once wild and tender, who "finds humans dull except in grief," threatens to stay with the wounded family until they no longer need him. As weeks turn to months and the pain of loss lessens with the balm of memories, Crow's efforts are rewarded and the little unit of three begins to recover: Dad resumes his book about the poet Ted Hughes; the boys get on with it, grow up. Part novella, part polyphonic fable, part essay on grief, Max Porter's extraordinary debut combines compassion and bravura style to dazzling effect. Full of angular wit and profound truths, *Grief Is the Thing with Feathers* is a startlingly original and haunting debut by a significant new talent.

Seriously Good Software

As the inhabitants of Cloverdale, Oregon, welcomed in the twentieth century, they were not unaccustomed to hard times and thorny situations. Small communities banded together for protection and hope. Heroes and villains were often difficult to decipher. When an itinerate Baptist preacher arrived with his baby daughter and a wife lost on the trail, there was no one prepared to suspect what lurid secrets and heartbreak he might be concealing. As the preacher sets his sights against those who might oppose him, the names and the lives of the good people of Cloverdale may not be spared. Yet in the midst of the machinations of a mad man, virtue and valor can persist. *The Thing with Feathers* is known to fly through wars, depressions, and natural disasters. Will the Marshall clan and the good people of Cloverdale find it in time?

Hope Is the Thing with Feathers, Emily Dickinson Quote (6x9 Journal)

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A fresh twist on 24 classic poems, these visual interpretations by comic artist Julian Peters will change the way you see the world. This stunning anthology of favorite poems visually interpreted by comic artist Julian Peters breathes new life into some of the greatest English-language poets of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. These are poems that can change the way we see the world, and encountering them in graphic form promises to change the way we read the poems. In an age of increasingly visual communication, this format helps unlock the world of poetry and literature for a new generation of reluctant readers and visual learners. Grouping unexpected pairings of poems around themes such as family, identity, creativity, time, mortality, and nature, *Poems to See By* will also help young readers see themselves differently. A valuable teaching aid appropriate for middle school, high school, and college use, the collection includes favorites from the Western canon already taught in countless English classes. Includes poems by Emily Dickinson, Langston Hughes, Carl Sandburg, Maya Angelou, Seamus Heaney, e. e. cummings, Robert Frost, Dylan Thomas, Christina Rossetti, William Wordsworth, William Ernest Henley, Robert Hayden, Edgar Allan Poe, W. H. Auden, Thomas Hardy, Percy Bysshe Shelley, John Philip Johnson, W. B. Yeats, Gerard Manley Hopkins, Edna St. Vincent Millay, Tess Gallagher, Ezra Pound, and Siegfried Sassoon.

My Wars Are Laid Away in Books

Amazon's Best Biographies and Memoirs of the Year List A moving celebration of what Bill Hayes calls "the evanescent, the eavesdropped, the unexpected" of life in New York City, and an intimate glimpse of his relationship with the late Oliver Sacks. "A beautifully written once-in-a-lifetime book, about love, about life, soul, and the wonderful loving genius Oliver Sacks, and New York, and laughter and all of creation."--Anne Lamott Bill Hayes came to New York City in 2009 with a one-way ticket and only the vaguest idea of how he

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would get by. But, at forty-eight years old, having spent decades in San Francisco, he craved change. Grieving over the death of his partner, he quickly discovered the profound consolations of the city's incessant rhythms, the sight of the Empire State Building against the night sky, and New Yorkers themselves, kindred souls that Hayes, a lifelong insomniac, encountered on late-night strolls with his camera. And he unexpectedly fell in love again, with his friend and neighbor, the writer and neurologist Oliver Sacks, whose exuberance--"I don't so much fear death as I do wasting life," he tells Hayes early on--is captured in funny and touching vignettes throughout. What emerges is a portrait of Sacks at his most personal and endearing, from falling in love for the first time at age seventy-five to facing illness and death (Sacks died of cancer in August 2015). *Insomniac City* is both a meditation on grief and a celebration of life. Filled with Hayes's distinctive street photos of everyday New Yorkers, the book is a love song to the city and to all who have felt the particular magic and solace it offers.

Meet the Sky

Summary Serious developers know that code can always be improved. With each iteration, you make optimizations—small and large—that can have a huge impact on your application's speed, size, resilience, and maintainability. In *Seriously Good Software: Code that Works, Survives, and Wins*, author, teacher, and Java expert Marco Faella teaches you techniques for writing better code. You'll start with a simple application and follow it through seven careful refactorings, each designed to explore another dimension of quality. Purchase of the print book includes a free eBook in PDF, Kindle, and ePub formats from Manning Publications. About the technology Great code blends the skill of a programmer with the time-tested techniques and best practices embraced by the entire development community. Although each application

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has its own context and character, some dimensions of quality are always important. This book concentrates on eight pillars of seriously good software: speed, memory usage, reliability, readability, thread safety, generality, and elegance. The Java-based examples demonstrate techniques that apply to any OO language. About the book *Seriously Good Software* is a handbook for any professional developer serious about improving application quality. It explores fundamental dimensions of code quality by enhancing a simple implementation into a robust, professional-quality application. Questions, exercises, and Java-based examples ensure you 'll get a firm grasp of the concepts as you go. When you finish the last version of the book 's central project, you 'll be able to confidently choose the right optimizations for your code. What's inside *Evaluating software qualities* Assessing trade-offs and interactions Fulfilling different objectives in a single task Java-based exercises you can apply in any OO language About the reader For web developers comfortable with JavaScript and HTML. About the author Marco Faella teaches advanced programming at a major Italian university. His published work includes peer-reviewed research articles, a Java certification manual, and a video course. Table of Contents *Part 1: Preliminaries * 1 Software qualities and a problem to solve 2 Reference implementation *Part 2: Software Qualities* 3 Need for speed: Time efficiency 4 Precious memory: Space efficiency 5 Self-conscious code: Reliability through monitoring 6 Lie to me: Reliability through testing 7 Coding aloud: Readability 8 Many cooks in the kitchen: Thread safety 9 Please recycle: Reusability

The Noonday Demon

This anniversary edition with a new foreword by Marina Warner celebrates fifty years since original publication of *Crow* (1970), which marked a pivotal moment in Ted Hughes's writing career. Growing out

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of an invitation by Leonard Baskin to make a book with him about crows, Hughes found both a structure and a persona that gave his vision a new power and coherence. A deep engagement with history, mythology and the natural world combine to forge a work of impressive and unsettling force.

Sibley's Birding Basics

LONGLISTED FOR THE MAN BOOKER PRIZE At the bitter end of the 1960s, after surviving multiple assassination attempts, President John F. Kennedy is entering his third term in office. The Vietnam War rages on, and the president has created a vast federal agency, the Psych Corps, dedicated to maintaining the nation's mental hygiene by any means necessary. Soldiers returning from the war have their battlefield traumas "enfolded"—wiped from their memories through drugs and therapy—while veterans too damaged to be enfolded roam at will in Michigan, evading the government and reenacting atrocities on civilians. This destabilized version of American history is the vision of twenty-two-year old Eugene Allen, who has returned from Vietnam to write the book-within-a-book at the center of Hystopia. In conversation with some of the greatest war narratives, from Homer's Iliad to the Rolling Stones' "Gimme Shelter," David Means channels the voice of Allen, the young veteran out to write a novel that can bring honor to those he fought with in Vietnam while also capturing the tragic history of his own family. The critic James Wood has written that Means' language "offers an exquisitely precise and sensuous register of an often crazy American reality." In Hystopia, his highly anticipated first novel, David Means brings his full talent to bear on the crazy reality of trauma, both national and personal. Outlandish and tender, funny and violent, timely and historical, Hystopia invites us to consider whether our traumas can ever be truly overcome. The answers it offers are wildly inventive, deeply rooted in its characters, and wrung from the author's own

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heart.

Would Everybody Please Stop?

Presents the histories of six extinct North American birds, how they were killed, and who attempted to protect them, and discusses what can be learned from these losses to save today's endangered wildlife.

Organizing Hope

“ A noted naturalist explores the centrality of home in the lives of humans and other animals . . . A special treat for readers of natural history ” (Kirkus Reviews). Every year, many species make the journey from one place to another, following the same paths and ending up in the same places. Every year since boyhood, the acclaimed scientist and author Bernd Heinrich has done the same, returning to a beloved patch of western Maine woods. Which led him to wonder: What is the biology in humans of this primal pull toward a particular place, and how is it related to animal homing? In *The Homing Instinct*, Heinrich explores the fascinating mysteries of animal migration: how geese imprint true visual landscape memory; how scent trails are used by many creatures to locate their homes with pinpoint accuracy; and how even the tiniest of songbirds are equipped for solar and magnetic orienteering over vast distances. And he reminds us that to discount our human emotions toward home is to ignore biology itself. “ A graceful blend of science and memoir . . . [Heinrich ’ s] ability to linger and simply be there for the moment when, for instance, an elderly spider descends from a silken strand to take the insect he offers her is the heart of his appeal. ” —Julie

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Zickefoose, The Wall Street Journal “ Deep and insightful writing. ” —David Gessner, The Washington Post

Feathers

A Study Guide for Emily Dickinson's "Hope is the Thing with Feathers," excerpted from Gale's acclaimed Poetry for Students. This concise study guide includes plot summary; character analysis; author biography; study questions; historical context; suggestions for further reading; and much more. For any literature project, trust Poetry for Students for all of your research needs.

Little Miss Strange

Here they are--some of the funniest tales and ruminations ever put into print, by one of the great comic minds of our time. From THE WHORE OF MENSA, to GOD (A Play), to NO KADDISH FOR WEINSTEIN, old and new Woody Allen fans will laugh themselves hysterical over these sparkling gems.

Lanny

Soon to be a major motion picture starring Yara Shahidi and Charles Melton! The #1 New York Times bestseller and National Book Award Finalist from the bestselling author of Everything, Everything will have you falling in love with Natasha and Daniel as they fall in love with each other. Natasha: I ' m a girl who

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believes in science and facts. Not fate. Not destiny. Or dreams that will never come true. I ' m definitely not the kind of girl who meets a cute boy on a crowded New York City street and falls in love with him. Not when my family is twelve hours away from being deported to Jamaica. Falling in love with him won ' t be my story. Daniel: I ' ve always been the good son, the good student, living up to my parents ' high expectations. Never the poet. Or the dreamer. But when I see her, I forget about all that. Something about Natasha makes me think that fate has something much more extraordinary in store—for both of us. The Universe: Every moment in our lives has brought us to this single moment. A million futures lie before us. Which one will come true? *** The #1 New York Times Bestseller A National Book Award Finalist A 2017 Michael L. Printz Honor Book A New York Times Notable Book A BuzzFeed Best YA Book of the Year A POPSUGAR Best Book of the Year A Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year A Kirkus Reviews Best Book of the Year A Booklist Editor's Choice A New York Public Library Best Book for Teens Recipient of the John Steptoe New Talent Award A Walter Award Honor Book "Beautifully crafted."--People Magazine "A book that is very much about the many factors that affect falling in love, as much as it is about the very act itself . . . fans of Yoon ' s first novel, Everything Everything, will find much to love—if not, more—in what is easily an even stronger follow up." —Entertainment Weekly "Transcends the limits of YA as a human story about falling in love and seeking out our futures." —POPSUGAR.com

The Homing Instinct

"[Unferth's] language is sly and bitterly funny, matched in mood by Haidle ' s monochromatic, inkwash – style artwork, which plays up the story ' s whimsy as well as its sadness." —The New York Times Book Review Daphne is willing to risk everything to get her son back. Surreal, funny and deeply affecting, I,

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Parrot is the tale of mother, a son, forty – two endangered parrots, and a fierce search for redemption and a "freer world." When Daphne loses custody of her son, she is willing to do whatever it takes to get him back—even if it means enlisting the help of the wayward love of her life, a trio of housepainters, a flock of passenger pigeons, a landlady from hell, a super – sized bag of mite – killing powder, and more parrots than she knows what to do with. I, Parrot, by acclaimed author Deb Olin Unferth with stunning illustrations by artist Elizabeth Haidle, dips into the surreal with poignancy and humor. In this riveting, funny, and tragic graphic novel, Daphne must risk everything. Her quest is ultimately a tale about civilization ' s decline, the heartbreak of extinction, and the redemption found in individual revolution. " A lovingly crafted world of gray, at once complex and weightless. " —Roman Muradov, author of Lost and Found

Gravity's Rainbow

" I wrote and illustrated this book to help every inquisitive birder, from novice to expert. Whether you can identify six birds or six hundred, you ' ll be a better birder if you have a grounding in the real nuts and bolts of what birds look like, and your skills will be even sharper if you know exactly what to look for and how to record what you see. " —David Allen Sibley The Sibley Guide to Birds and The Sibley Guide to Bird Life and Behavior are both universally acclaimed as the new standard source of species information. And now David Sibley, America ' s premier birder and best-known bird artist, takes a new direction; in Sibley ' s Birding Basics he is concerned not so much with species as with the general characteristics that influence the appearance of all birds and thus give us the clues to their identity. To create this guide, David Sibley thought through all the skills that enable him to identify a bird in the few instants it is visible to him. Now he shares that information, integrating an explanation of the identification process with many painted and drawn

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images of details (such as a feather) or concepts. *Birding Basics* begins by reviewing how one can get started as a birder: the equipment necessary, where and when to go birding, and perhaps most important, the essential things to look for when birds appear in the field. Using many illustrations, David Sibley reviews all the basic concepts of bird identification and then describes the variations (of shape, size, and color) that can change the appearance of a bird over time or in different settings. And he issues a warning about “illusions and other pitfalls” —and advice on avoiding them. The second part of the book, also plentifully illustrated, deals with another set of clues, the major aspects of avian life that differ from species to species: feathers (color, arrangement, shape, molt), behavior and habitat, and sounds. This scientifically precise, beautifully illustrated volume distills the essence of David Sibley’s own experience and skills, providing a solid introduction to “naming” the birds. With Sibley as your guide, when you learn how to interpret what the feathers, the anatomical structure, the sounds of a bird tell you—when you know the clues that show you why there’s no such thing as “just a duck”—birding will be more fun, and more meaningful. An essential addition to the Sibley shelf! From the Trade Paperback edition.

The Thing with Feathers

View our feature on Jacqueline Woodson's *Feathers*. “Hope is the thing with feathers” starts the poem Frannie is reading in school. Frannie hasn’t thought much about hope. There are so many other things to think about. Each day, her friend Samantha seems a bit more “holy.” There is a new boy in class everyone is calling the Jesus Boy. And although the new boy looks like a white kid, he says he’s not white. Who is he? During a winter full of surprises, good and bad, Frannie starts seeing a lot of things in a new light—her brother Sean’s deafness, her mother’s fear, the class bully’s anger, her best friend’s faith and her own

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desire for “ the thing with feathers. ” Jacqueline Woodson once again takes readers on a journey into a young girl ’ s heart and reveals the pain and the joy of learning to look beneath the surface.

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