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How to Eat a Cupcake Meg Donohue 2012-03-13 "An irresistible blend of sweet and tart, this book is truly a treat to be savored." —Beth Kendrick, author of *The Bake Off* and *Second Time Around* "A sparkling, witty story about an unlikely, yet redemptive, friendship....Grab one of these for your best friend and read it together—preferably with a plate of Meyer Lemon cupcakes nearby."

—Katie Crouch, bestselling author of *Girls in Trucks and Men and Dogs* Author Meg Donohue has cooked up an absolutely scrumptious debut novel, *How to Eat a Cupcake*, that explores what happens when two childhood friends, Annie and Julia, reconnect as adults and decide to open a cupcakery. But success in their new baking business venture will depend upon their overcoming old betrayals, first loves, and an unexpected and quite dangerous threat. Donohue's *How to Eat a Cupcake* is contemporary women's fiction at its smartest, sweetest, and most satisfying, joining the ranks of *The Recipe Club*, *The School for Essential Ingredients*, and Joanne Harris's classic *Chocolat* by proving once again that fiction and food make an unbeatable combination.

The Rosie Effect Graeme Simsion 2014-12-30 With *The Rosie Project*, "Graeme Simsion achieved the impossible and created an entirely new kind of romantic hero," Jojo Moyes, author of *Me Before You* said. Now Don Tillman returns in the hilarious and charming sequel to the international sensation. Get ready to fall in love all over again. Don sets about learning the protocols of becoming a father, but his unusual research style gets him into trouble with the law. Fortunately his best friend Gene is on hand to offer advice: he's left Claudia and moved in with Don and Rosie. Picking up where *The Rosie Project* left off, *The Rosie Effect* is a fun, hilarious, and poignant read. "Don Tillman helps us believe in possibility, makes us proud to be human beings, and the bonus is this: he keeps us laughing like hell" (Matthew Quick, author of *The Silver Linings Playbook*).

The Supreme Macaroni Company Adriana Trigiani 2014-09-25 The heartwarming novel from bestselling Richard & Judy author Adriana Trigiani 'A person who can build a pair of shoes can do just about anything.' The Angelini Shoe Company in Greenwich Village has been creating sumptuous shoes for a hundred years. And now it falls to Valentine Roncalli, heir to the family firm, to turn its esteemed past into a glorious future. Uniting both professionally and romantically with master craftsman Gianluca Vechiarelli, with his full and complex past and a secret to hide, proud, passionate Valentine is determined to make her mark. Once their wedding celebrations are over, she wakes up to the reality of juggling the demands of a business and the needs of her new family. And as she is confronted by painful choices, she must fight for everything she wants and savour all she deserves – the bitter and the sweet of life itself. Romantic and poignant, told with Adriana's trademark humour and warmth, and bursting with a cast of endearing characters, this is an unforgettable feast of delights and the most beautiful handmade shoes. 'I don't know how Adriana goes into her family's attic and emerges with these amazing stories, I'm just happy she does' Kathryn Stockett, bestselling author of *The Help* 'Feisty and poignant... Readers will root for Valentine and the lessons she learns – which apply equally to designing elegant shoes and to

crafting a rewarding life' People 'Superb. Trigiani's ability to bring the large, warm, enveloping – if somewhat dysfunctional – family to life will keep any reader engrossed and entertained' Publishers Weekly

Influence Robert B. Cialdini 1980-01

William Shakespeare's Star Wars Ian Doescher 2013-07-09 The New York Times Best Seller Experience the Star Wars saga reimagined as an Elizabethan drama penned by William Shakespeare himself, complete with authentic meter and verse, and theatrical monologues and dialogue by everyone from Darth Vader to R2D2. Return once more to a galaxy far, far away with this sublime retelling of George Lucas's epic Star Wars in the style of the immortal Bard of Avon. The saga of a wise (Jedi) knight and an evil (Sith) lord, of a beautiful princess held captive and a young hero coming of age, Star Wars abounds with all the valor and villainy of Shakespeare's greatest plays. Authentic meter, stage directions, reimagined movie scenes and dialogue, and hidden Easter eggs throughout will entertain and impress fans of Star Wars and Shakespeare alike. Every scene and character from the film appears in the play, along with twenty woodcut-style illustrations that depict an Elizabethan version of the Star Wars galaxy. Zounds! This is the book you're looking for.

Other Birds Sarah Addison Allen 2022-08-30 From Sarah Addison Allen, the New York Times bestselling author of *Garden Spells*, *Other Birds* is an enchanting tale filled with magical realism and moments of pure love that won't let you go. Between the real and the imaginary, there are stories that take flight in the most extraordinary ways. Right off the coast of South Carolina, on Mallow Island, The Dellawisp sits—a stunning cobblestone building shaped like a horeshoe and named after the tiny turquoise birds who, alongside its human tenants, inhabit an air of magical secrecy. When Zoey comes to claim her deceased mother's apartment on Mallow Island, she meets her quirky and secretive neighbors, including a girl on the run, two estranged middle-aged sisters, a lonely chef, a legendary writer, and three ghosts. Each with their own story, Each with their own longings. Each whose ending isn't written yet.

The Forgotten Room Karen White 2016-01-19 New York Times bestselling authors Karen White, Beatriz Williams, and Lauren Willig present a masterful collaboration—a rich, multigenerational novel of love and loss that spans half a century.... 1945: When critically wounded Captain Cooper Ravenel is brought to a private hospital on Manhattan's Upper East Side, young Dr. Kate Schuyler is drawn into a complex mystery that connects three generations of women in her family to a single extraordinary room in a Gilded Age mansion. Who is the woman in Captain Ravenel's miniature portrait who looks so much like Kate? And why is she wearing the ruby pendant handed down to Kate by her mother? In their pursuit of answers, they find themselves drawn into the turbulent stories of Olive Van Alan, driven in the Gilded Age from riches to rags, who hired out as a servant in the very house her father designed, and Lucy Young, who in the Jazz Age came from Brooklyn to Manhattan seeking the father she had never known. But are Kate and Cooper ready for the secrets that will be revealed in the Forgotten Room? READERS GUIDE INCLUDED

Story of My Life, Volumes 1-3 Augustus J. C. Hare

The Keeper of Lost Things Ruth Hogan 2017-02-21 A charming, clever, and quietly moving debut novel of endless possibilities and joyful discoveries that explores the promises we make and break, losing and finding ourselves, the objects that hold magic and meaning for our lives, and the surprising connections that bind us. Lime green plastic flower-shaped hair bobbles—Found, on the playing field, Derrywood Park, 2nd September. Bone china cup and saucer—Found, on a bench in Riveria Public Gardens, 31st October. Anthony Peardew is the keeper of lost things. Forty years ago, he carelessly lost a keepsake from his beloved fiancée, Therese. That very same day, she died unexpectedly. Brokenhearted, Anthony sought consolation in rescuing lost objects—the things others have dropped, misplaced, or accidentally left behind—and writing stories about them. Now, in the twilight of his life, Anthony worries that he has not fully discharged his duty to reconcile all the lost things with their owners. As the end nears, he bequeaths his secret life's mission to his unsuspecting assistant, Laura, leaving her his house and all its lost treasures, including an irritable ghost. Recovering from a bad divorce, Laura, in some ways, is one of Anthony's lost things. But when the lonely woman moves into his mansion, her life begins to change. She finds a new friend in the neighbor's quirky daughter, Sunshine, and a welcome distraction in Freddy, the rugged gardener. As the dark cloud engulfing her lifts, Laura, accompanied by her new companions, sets out to realize Anthony's last wish: reuniting his cherished lost objects with their owners. Long ago, Eunice found a trinket on the London pavement and kept it through the years. Now, with her own end drawing near, she has lost something precious—a tragic twist of fate that forces her to break a promise she once made. As the Keeper of Lost Objects, Laura holds the key to Anthony and Eunice's redemption. But can she unlock the past and make the connections that will lay their spirits to rest? Full of character, wit, and wisdom, *The Keeper of Lost Things* is a heartwarming tale that will enchant fans of *The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake*, *Garden Spells*, *Mrs Queen Takes the Train*, and *The Silver Linings Playbook*.

Little Night Luanne Rice 2012-06-05 An emotionally gripping family drama from beloved New York Times bestseller Luanne Rice Clare Burke's life took a devastating turn when she tried to protect her sister, Anne, from an abusive and controlling husband and ended up serving prison time for assault. The verdict largely hinged on Anne's defense of her spouse—all lies—and the sisters have been estranged ever since. Nearly twenty years later, Clare is living a quiet life in Manhattan as an urban birder and nature blogger, when her niece, Grit, turns up on her doorstep. The two long for a relationship with each other, but they'll have to dig deep into their family's difficult past in order to build one. Together they face the wounds inflicted by Anne and find in their new connection a place of healing. When Clare begins to suspect her sister might be in New York, she and her niece hold out hope for a long-awaited reunion with her. A riveting story about women and the primal, tangled family ties that bind them together, *Little Night* marks a milestone for Luanne Rice—the thirtieth novel from the author with a talent for creating stories that are "exciting, emotional, terrific" (*The New York Times Book Review*).

Teen Writer's Guide Jennifer Jenkins 2020-03-24 A step-by-step guide to writing the book you've always dreamed of writing: from testing your story ideas, to visualizing your characters' types and voices, to building a world that comes to life, to navigating the publishing industry, and going the distance to reach your writing goals.

Ellis Island Kate Kerrigan 2011-06-28 "A standout novel....A rare combination of historical enlightenment and sheer enjoyment." —Peter Quinn, author of *The Man Who Never Returned* Already a hit in the United Kingdom, *Ellis Island* by Kate Kerrigan is both a poignant love story and a lyrical, evocative depiction of the immigrant experience in early 20th century America. Set in the 1920s, Kerrigan's novel tells of a young Irish woman who must choose between her new life in New York City and her husband back home in Ireland, brilliantly capturing these two vastly different worlds in the process. Readers of historical fiction, as well as fans of the novels of Frank Delany and other Irish themed works, will adore their time spent on *Ellis Island*.

Something Borrowed Emily Giffin 2010-04-01 *Something Borrowed* Emily Giffin The smash-hit debut novel for every woman who has ever had a complicated love-hate friendship. Rachel White is the consummate good girl. A hard-working attorney at a large Manhattan law firm and a diligent maid of honor to her charmed best friend Darcy, Rachel has always played by all the rules. Since grade school, she has watched Darcy shine, quietly accepting the sidekick role in their lopsided friendship. But that suddenly changes the night of her thirtieth birthday when Rachel finally confesses her feelings to Darcy's fiancé, and is both horrified and thrilled to discover that he feels the same way. As the wedding date draws near, events spiral out of control, and Rachel knows she must make a choice between her heart and conscience. In so doing, she discovers that the lines between right and wrong can be blurry, endings aren't always neat, and sometimes you have to risk everything to be true to yourself.

Good Harbor Anita Diamant 2002-10-02 Follows the growing friendship between fifty-nine-year-old Kathleen, recently diagnosed with breast cancer, and the slightly younger Joyce, increasingly distant from her teenage daughter and struggling to write a second novel.

Garden Spells Sarah Addison Allen 2007 A successful caterer in Bascomb, North Carolina, Claire has always remained tied to the long and magical legacy of the Waverly family, until her peaceful life is transformed by Tyler Hughes, an art teacher and new next-door neighbor, and by the return of her prodigal sister, Sydney, who has arrived with her five-year-old daughter, Bay. A first novel. 75,000 first printing.

Small Towns Labradors Barbecue Biscuits Beer and Bibles Sean Dietrich 2015-01-22 Sean Dietrich is an artful storyteller, who "... writes with humor, dripping Southern charm that you can't miss." (*The Greenville Examiner*). A collection of short stories from the author of *Sean of the South*, and *Lyla*. Columnist, humorist, and novelist, Sean Dietrich, is known for his commentary on life in the American South. In his newest work, *Small Towns, Labradors, Barbecue, Biscuits, Beer, and Bibles*, he delivers a set of quirky tales filled with smiles and a hefty dose of heart.

At the Water's Edge Sara Gruen 2015-03-31 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • In this thrilling new novel from the author of *Water for Elephants*, Sara Gruen again demonstrates her talent for creating spellbinding period pieces. *At the Water's Edge* is a gripping and poignant love story about a privileged young woman's awakening as she experiences the devastation of World War II in a tiny village in the Scottish Highlands. After disgracing themselves at a high society New Year's Eve party in Philadelphia in 1944, Madeline Hyde and her husband, Ellis, are cut off financially by his father, a former army colonel who is already ashamed of his son's inability to serve in the war. When Ellis and his best friend, Hank, decide that the only way to regain the Colonel's favor is to succeed where the Colonel very publicly failed—by hunting down the famous Loch Ness monster—Maddie reluctantly follows them across the Atlantic, leaving her sheltered world behind. The trio find themselves in a remote village in the Scottish Highlands, where the locals have nothing but contempt for the privileged interlopers. Maddie is left on her own at the isolated inn, where food is rationed, fuel is scarce, and a knock from the postman can bring tragic news. Yet she finds herself falling in love with the stark beauty and subtle magic of the Scottish countryside. Gradually she comes to know the villagers, and the friendships she forms with two young women open her up to a larger world than she knew existed. Maddie begins to see that nothing is as it first appears: the values she holds dear prove unsustainable, and monsters lurk where they are least expected. As she embraces a fuller sense of who she might be, Maddie becomes aware not only of the dark forces around her, but of life's beauty and surprising possibilities. Praise for *At the Water's Edge* "Breathtaking . . . a daring story of adventure, friendship, and love in the shadow of WWII."—*Harper's Bazaar* "A gripping, compelling story . . . Gruen's characters are vividly drawn and her scenes are perfectly paced."—*The Boston Globe* "A page-turner of a novel that rollicks along with crisp historical detail."—*Fort Worth Star-Telegram* "Powerfully evocative."—*USA Today* "Gruen is a master at the period piece—and [this] novel is just another stunning example of that craft."—*Glamour*

Project Management Jack R. Meredith 2017-10-30 Projects continue to grow larger, increasingly

strategic, and more complex, with greater collaboration, instant feedback, specialization, and an ever-expanding list of stakeholders. Now more than ever, effective project management is critical for the success of any deliverable, and the demand for qualified Project Managers has leapt into nearly all sectors. Project Management provides a robust grounding in essentials of the field using a managerial approach to both fundamental concepts and real-world practice. Designed for business students, this text follows the project life cycle from beginning to end to demonstrate what successful project management looks like on the ground. Expert discussion details specific techniques and applications, while guiding students through the diverse skill set required to select, initiate, execute, and evaluate today's projects. Insightful coverage of change management provides clear guidance on handling the organizational, interpersonal, economic, and technical glitches that can derail any project, while in-depth cases and real-world examples illustrate essential concepts in action.

The Manicurist Phyllis Scheiber 2011-07-25 Tessa and Walter have, by all appearances, the perfect marriage. And they seem to be ideal parents for their somewhat rebellious teenage daughter, Regina. Without warning, however, their comfortable lives are thrown into turmoil when a disturbing customer comes into the salon where Tessa works as a manicurist. Suddenly, Tessa's world is turned upside down as revelations come to light about the mother she thought had abandoned her in childhood and the second sight that she so guardedly seeks to keep from others. Phyllis Schieber's first novel, *Strictly Personal*, for young adults, was published by Fawcett-Juniper. *Willing Spirits* was published by William Morrow. *The Sinner's Guide to Confession* was published by Berkley Putnam in 2008. Her short story, *The Stocking Store*, appears in Bell Bridge Books' 2011 anthology, *The Firefly Dance*. Married and a mother, Phyllis Schieber lives in Hastings-on-Hudson, New York. www.phyllisschieber.com

The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake Aimee Bender 2010-06-01 The wondrous Aimee Bender conjures the lush and moving story of a girl whose magical gift is really a devastating curse. On the eve of her ninth birthday, unassuming Rose Edelstein, a girl at the periphery of schoolyard games and her distracted parents' attention, bites into her mother's homemade lemon-chocolate cake and discovers she has a magical gift: she can taste her mother's emotions in the cake. She discovers this gift to her horror, for her mother—her cheerful, good-with-crafts, can-do mother—tastes of despair and desperation. Suddenly, and for the rest of her life, food becomes a peril and a threat to Rose. The curse her gift has bestowed is the secret knowledge all families keep hidden—her mother's life outside the home, her father's detachment, her brother's clash with the world. Yet as Rose grows up she learns to harness her gift and becomes aware that there are secrets even her taste buds cannot discern. *The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake* is a luminous tale about the enormous difficulty of loving someone fully when you know too much about them. It is heartbreaking and funny, wise and sad, and confirms Aimee Bender's place as "a writer who makes you grateful for the very existence of language" (*San Francisco Chronicle*).
BONUS: This edition includes an excerpt from Aimee Bender's *The Color Master*.

Rogue Archives Abigail De Kosnik 2016-09-23 An examination of how nonprofessional archivists, especially media fans, practice cultural preservation on the Internet and how "digital cultural memory" differs radically from print-era archiving.

First Frost Sarah Addison Allen 2015-01-20 A tale set 10 years after the events in *Garden Spells* finds Claire's happy contentment shattered by her father's revelations, which challenge everything she ever believed about herself.

The Girl who Chased the Moon Sarah Addison Allen 2011 Moving in with the grandfather she never knew after the death of her mother, 17-year-old Emily witnesses bizarre supernatural activities in her new North Carolina community while befriendng its remarkable residents. By the author of *The Sugar Queen*. Reprint.

The Roots of the Olive Tree Courtney Miller Santo 2012-08-07 An extraordinary new voice in contemporary woman's fiction, Courtney Miller Santo makes her magnificent debut with *The Roots of the Olive Tree*, a novel that will delight fans of Sarah Blake's *The Postmistress*, *The*

Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd, and the works of Kristin Hannah. Set in a house on an olive grove in northern California, *The Roots of the Olive Tree* is a beautiful, touching story that brings to life five generations of women—including an unforgettable 112-year-old matriarch determined to break all Guinness longevity records—the secrets and lies that divide them and the love that ultimately ties them together.

The Leaving Tara Altebrando 2016-06-07 Six were taken. Eleven years later, five come back--with no idea of where they've been. A riveting mystery for fans of *We Were Liars*. Eleven years ago, six kindergartners went missing without a trace. After all that time, the people left behind moved on, or tried to. Until today. Today five of those kids return. They're sixteen, and they are . . . fine. Scarlett comes home and finds a mom she barely recognizes, and doesn't really recognize the person she's supposed to be, either. But she thinks she remembers Lucas. Lucas remembers Scarlett, too, except they're entirely unable to recall where they've been or what happened to them. Neither of them remember the sixth victim, Max--the only one who hasn't come back. Which leaves Max's sister, Avery, wanting answers. She wants to find her brother--dead or alive--and isn't buying this whole memory-loss story. But as details of the disappearance begin to unfold, no one is prepared for the truth. This unforgettable novel--with its rich characters, high stakes, and plot twists--will leave readers breathless.

Sweet Tea & Jesus Shoes Deborah Smith 2000-05-01 Six award winning authors have created a poignant, humorous collection of nostalgic tales. Here life's lessons are handed down--liberally sprinkled with hilarity--from eccentric relatives, outrageous pets and unrepentant neighbors, and served up with a generous dollop of that most valued of all Southern commodities: good old fashioned storytelling. From Mississippi to Georgia, from Florida to Tennessee, these daughters of the South will take you on a lush tour of the times and the places they know best, each voice as refreshing and inviting as a glass of cold sweet tea on a hot afternoon.

The Peach Keeper Sarah Addison Allen 2011-03-22 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER It's the dubious distinction of thirty-year-old Willa Jackson to hail from a fine old Southern family of means that met with financial ruin generations ago. The Blue Ridge Madam—built by Willa's great-great-grandfather and once the finest home in Walls of Water, North Carolina—has stood for years as a monument to misfortune and scandal. Willa has lately learned that an old classmate—socialite Paxton Osgood—has restored the house to its former glory, with plans to turn it into a top-flight inn. But when a skeleton is found buried beneath the property's lone peach tree, long-kept secrets come to light, accompanied by a spate of strange occurrences throughout the town. Thrust together in an unlikely friendship, united by a full-blooded mystery, Willa and Paxton must confront the passions and betrayals that once bound their families—and uncover the truths that have transcended time to touch the hearts of the living.

Enchanted, Inc. Shanna Swendson 2005-05-31 "A totally captivating, hilarious, and clever look on the magical kingdom of Manhattan, where kissing frogs has never been this fun."—Melissa de la Cruz, author of *The Au Pairs* Katie Chandler had always heard that New York is a weird and wonderful place, but this small-town Texas gal had no idea how weird until she moved there. Everywhere she goes, she sees something worth gawking at and Katie is afraid she's a little too normal to make a splash in the big city. Working for an ogre of a boss doesn't help. Then, seemingly out of the blue, Katie gets a job offer from Magic, Spells, and Illusions, Inc., a company that tricks of the trade to the magic community. For MSI, Katie's ordinariness is an asset. Lacking any bit of magic, she can easily spot a fake spell, catch hidden clauses in competitor's contracts, and detect magically disguised intruders. Suddenly, average Katie is very special indeed. She quickly learns that office politics are even more complicated when your new boss is a real ogre, and you have a crush on the sexy, shy, ultra powerful head of the R&D department, who is so busy fighting an evil competitor threatening to sell black magic on the street that he seems barely to notice Katie. Now it's up to Katie to pull off the impossible: save the world and—hopefully—live happily ever after.

Untitled Addison Allen 3 Sarah Addison Allen The wonderful new novel from Sarah Addison

Allen is a magical treat you'll devour in one sitting.

The Firefly Dance Sarah Addison Allen 2011-08-15 Bright lights flicker in the dark evenings of summer. Pinpoints of hope float against the black descent of night. The sweetest of small and innocent creatures finds its way through the shadows. Fireflies seem to dance on sheer air, illuminating the space between heartbeats. Children give off a similar brave glow, despite the challenges of their young lives. The lessons of childhood are often painful, the shedding of fragile wings in the gloam of an uncertain future. These rich novellas are small jewels reflecting the essence of what it means to grow up dancing among the shadows of life, carrying a brave, small beacon because you know that even the brightest days always, always, end in darkness. Childhood can be so sweetly sad and sadly sweet, profound and deceptively easy to categorize, yet poignant to remember. New York Times bestselling novelist Sarah Addison Allen (GARDEN SPELLS, SUGAR QUEEN, THE PEACH KEEPER) anchors THE FIREFLY DANCE with her wistful and funny novella about Louise, a North Carolina girl whose keen observations of the lives around her weaves an unforgettable spell with just a hint of everyday magic. Phyllis Schieber's Sonya, a child of Holocaust survivors, is confronted with the responsibilities of her legacy when she has a poignant encounter with a classmate, another child of survivors, and her mother, in a local shop in their 1970's New York neighborhood. Kathryn Magendie's Petey deals wryly with her family's move from the cool blue mountains of North Carolina to the hot flatlands of Texas. Augusta Trobaugh's stoic Georgia boy leads us through his surreal encounter with a mysterious backwoods toddler who turns out to be anything but ordinary.

Lost Lake Sarah Addison Allen 2014-01-21 Now a New York Times Bestseller From the author of the beloved bestseller Garden Spells comes a beautiful, haunting story of old loves and new, and the power of the connections that bind us forever... The first time Eby Pim saw Lost Lake, it was on a picture postcard. Just an old photo and a few words on a small square of heavy stock, but when she saw it, she knew she was seeing her future. That was half a life ago. Now Lost Lake is about to slip into Eby's past. Her husband George is long passed. Most of her demanding extended family are gone. All that's left is a once-charming collection of lakeside cabins succumbing to the Southern Georgia heat and damp, and an assortment of faithful misfits drawn back to Lost Lake year after year by their own unspoken dreams and desires. It's a lot, but not enough to keep Eby from relinquishing Lost Lake to a developer with cash in hand, and calling this her final summer at the lake. Until one last chance at family knocks on her door. Lost Lake is where Kate Pheris spent her last best summer at the age of twelve, before she learned of loneliness, and heartbreak, and loss. Now she's all too familiar with those things, but she knows about hope too, thanks to her resilient daughter Devin, and her own willingness to start moving forward. Perhaps at Lost Lake her little girl can cling to her own childhood for just a little longer... and maybe Kate herself can rediscover something that slipped through her fingers so long ago. One after another, people find their way to Lost Lake, looking for something that they weren't sure they needed in the first place: love, closure, a second chance, peace, a mystery solved, a heart mended. Can they find what they need before it's too late? At once atmospheric and enchanting, Lost Lake shows Sarah Addison Allen at her finest, illuminating the secret longings and the everyday magic that wait to be discovered in the unlikeliest of places.

Phonics from A to Z Wiley Blevins 1998 Provides an explanation of phonics, a method of reading instruction that focuses on the relationship between sounds and their spellings, and features over one hundred activities for the classroom, as well as sample lessons, word lists, and teaching strategies.

Left Neglected Lisa Genova 2011-03-03 One typical morning, Sarah Nickerson, a woman in her mid-thirties, is late for work, racing in her car after dropping her kids off at school and daycare. She tries to phone in to a meeting she should already be at when she takes her eye off the road for a second too long. In that blink of an eye, all the rapidly moving parts of her over-scheduled life come to a screeching halt. Sarah suffers a traumatic head injury. Her memory and intellect are intact, but she has lost all interest in, and the ability to perceive, information coming from the left

side of space. The left side of her world has gone. Sarah only eats the food from the right side of her plate. She can't see her watch, or her engagement diamond or her wedding ring. She tries to use a wheel chair but can only spin in circles as her left arm dangles by her side.

The Sugar Queen Sarah Addison Allen 2008 Quiet, awkward Josey Cirrini's peaceful life caring for her elderly mother is turned upside down when Della Lee Baker, a sassy, confident, and bold waitress fleeing an abusive boyfriend, decides to hide out in Josey's home.

More Sweet Tea Deborah Smith 2005-04-30 Settle back into that comfortable chair and enjoy a second helping of poignant, humorous and nostalgic tales about how things used to be in the legendary South. From vindictive mules and small town marriage rituals that include a pig, to Grandma's story of how a quilt square got her a husband and a home remedy of the hemorrhoidal variety that goes awry, More Sweet Tea delivers what readers have been thirsting for since the first in the Sweet Tea series, Sweet Tea and Jesus Shoes. Other books in the series: On Grandma's Porch and Sweeter Than Tea

The Book of Speculation Erika Swyler 2015-06-23 One of BuzzFeed's 24 Best Fiction Books of 2015 "As Simon, a lonely research librarian, searches frantically for the key to a curse that might be killing the women in his family, he learns strange and fascinating secrets about their past. A tale full of magic and family mystery, The Book of Speculation will keep you up all night reading."—Isaac Fitzgerald, BuzzFeed Simon Watson, a young librarian, lives alone in a house that is slowly crumbling toward the Long Island Sound. His parents are long dead. His mother, a circus mermaid who made her living by holding her breath, drowned in the very water his house overlooks. His younger sister, Enola, ran off six years ago and now reads tarot cards for a traveling carnival. One June day, an old book arrives on Simon's doorstep, sent by an antiquarian bookseller who purchased it on speculation. Fragile and water damaged, the book is a log from the owner of a traveling carnival in the 1700s, who reports strange and magical things, including the drowning death of a circus mermaid. Since then, generations of "mermaids" in Simon's family have drowned--always on July 24, which is only weeks away. As his friend Alice looks on with alarm, Simon becomes increasingly worried about his sister. Could there be a curse on Simon's family? What does it have to do with the book, and can he get to the heart of the mystery in time to save Enola? In the tradition of Sara Gruen's Water for Elephants, Erin Morgenstern's The Night Circus, and Elizabeth Kostova's The Historian, The Book of Speculation--with two-color illustrations by the author--is Erika Swyler's moving debut novel about the power of books, family, and magic.

Sidney Sheldon's After the Darkness Sidney Sheldon 2010-05-25 Following the success of the New York Times bestseller Sidney Sheldon's Mistress of the Game, this sweeping tale of love and betrayal, vengeance and redemption, will leave you racing to its shocking, triumphant end What happens when a woman who has everything loses everything? And when a woman who has nothing realizes she has nothing to lose? Blessed with the face of an angel and the guileless, trusting nature of a child, Grace Brookstein is the prized wife of the king of Wall Street, Lenny Brookstein. A billionaire many times over, with estates around the world, a fleet of yachts, and a life that is the stuff of fantasies, the revered financial wizard made his fortune tending the nest eggs of ordinary people—the elderly, blue-collar workers, small charities, and working families struggling to make a better life for themselves and their children. The embodiment of America itself—ambitious, hardworking, generous, and warmhearted—Lenny is a fixture of the business pages and the society columns, where he and Grace are celebrated for their philanthropic contributions and their lavish annual fund-raising ball. Despite the stock market's terrifying collapse, the Brooksteins' glamorous lifestyle of Palm Beach polo tournaments and G5 jets remains untouched—until the day Lenny goes sailing from their Nantucket beach estate and never comes home. When his abandoned yacht is found far out at sea, Grace is devastated. Lenny was her world. She has no idea that his disappearance is just the beginning of a dark, terrifying nightmare of murder, lies, greed, and betrayal that will shatter her life and destroy everything she has ever known. . . . Before she can begin to grieve, the shocking news breaks that the \$75 billion invested in Quorum, Lenny's hedge fund, is gone—and everyone believes that Grace has stolen

the money. Overnight, the delicate beauty who was once the toast of moneyed society has become a reviled modern-day Marie Antoinette, alone and power-less to stop her infamous fall. Grace is certain someone is framing her, and she'll do whatever it takes to prove it, even if it means taking the law into her own hands. Surrounded by enemies, with no one to turn to, Grace must learn to rely on herself—a bold, dangerous journey that will transform her in ways she never thought possible and lead her to a startling new life. Filled with the passion, glamour, twists, and driving suspense that made Sidney Sheldon a bestselling legend, Sidney Sheldon's *After the Darkness* is an entertaining thrill ride that continues the grand tradition set by the master himself.

Waking Kate Sarah Addison Allen 2013-12-03 From Sarah Addison Allen, the beloved author of *Garden Spells*, comes *Waking Kate*, a story about a woman who soon will face an unforeseen change in her life. One sticky summer day as Kate is waiting for her husband to come home from his bicycle shop, she spots her distinguished neighbor returning from his last day of work after eighty-six years at Atlanta's oldest men's clothing store. Over a cup of butter coffee, he tells Kate a story of love and heartbreak that makes her remember her past, question her present, and wonder what the future will bring.

Another Word A Day Anu Garg 2005-10-04 A smorgasbord of surprising, obscure, and exotic words In this delightful encore to the national bestseller *A Word A Day*, Anu Garg, the founder of the wildly popular *A Word A Day* Web site (wordsmith.org), presents an all-new collection of unusual, intriguing words and real-life anecdotes that will thrill writers, scholars, and word buffs everywhere. *Another Word A Day* celebrates the English language in all its quirkiness, grandeur, and fun, and features new chapters ranging from "Words Formed Erroneously" and "Red-Herring Words" to "Kangaroo Words," "Discover the Theme," and "What Does That Company Name Mean?" In them, you'll find a treasure trove of curious and compelling words, including *agelast*, *dragoman*, *mittimus*, *nyctalopia*, *quacksalver*, *scission*, *tattersall*, and *zugzwang*. Each entry includes a concise definition, etymology, and usage example, interspersed with illuminating quotations. Praise for a word a day "Anu Garg's many readers await their *A Word A Day* rations hungrily. Now at last here's a feast for them and other verbivores. Eat up!" --Barbara Wallraff, Senior Editor at *The Atlantic Monthly* and author of *Word Court* "AWADies will be familiar with Anu Garg's refreshing approach to words: words are fun and they have fascinating histories." --John

Simpson, Chief Editor, Oxford English Dictionary

Skipped Parts Tim Sandlin 2010-09-01 "Skipped Parts is somewhere between *The Catcher in the Rye* and *Even Cowgirls Get the Blues*." -Los Angeles Times Book Review The novel that inspired the movie starring Mischa Barton and Drew Barrymore Banished to the hinterlands of Wyoming, rebellious Lydia Callahan and her thirteen-year-old son Sam have no choice but to cope. But while Lydia drinks and talks to the moose head on the wall, Sam finds a friend in local girl Maurey Pierce. Sam and Maurey set out to discover for themselves what happens in the "skipped parts" of the novels they read between the first kiss and the next morning. With Lydia's support the two teens set out on their sexual exploration, and deal with its consequences. One of the wildest, raunchiest, most heartfelt coming-of-age novels of the past thirty years, *Skipped Parts* puts Tim Sandlin in the upper echelon of contemporary comic novelists. This contemporary novel is raunchy, funny, and full of heart, perfect for fans of Nick Hornby, Jack Kerouac, Tom Robbins, Larry McMurtry, Joseph Heller, John Irving, Kurt Vonnegut, Carl Hiaasen. Other books in Tim Sandlin's GroVant Trilogy: *Skipped Parts*, Book 1 *Sorrow Floats*, Book 2 *Social Blunders*, Book 3 *Lydia*, Book 4 What readers are saying about *Skipped Parts*: "deals with coming of age in a humorous and often poignant way" "Plot twists that would make J.K. Rowling jealous, humor, beautifully drawn characters, a great sense for the detail of the West" "sometimes heartwarming, often heartbreaking" "poignant, FUNNY, SHOCKING, and even heartbreaking" "the deep humor comes from the extraordinary characters" "funny, sad, and full of heart" What reviewers are saying about *Skipped Parts*: "DAZZLING...moving...Sam's carapace is humor...He thinks like Holden Caulfield and has Joseph Heller's take on despair. His Walter Mitty like fantasies are tiny comic gems... In the end you'll find yourself rooting for Sam." -New York Times Book Review "A lighthearted, amusing, and tender story of preteen wisdom, adult immaturity, and the fine line between...An offbeat, engaging novel." -Publisher's Weekly "This witty, often touching portrayal of a dirt-street-wise youth's coming-of-age sparkles with intelligence." -Booklist "Thoughtful, surprising, and delightful entertainment." -St. Louis Post-Dispatch What everyone is saying about Tim Sandlin: "Tim Sandlin's stuff is as tight and funny as anyone doing this comedy novel thing." -Christopher Moore "His prose, his characters, all amazing." "A story of grand faux pas and dazzling dysfunction...a wildly satirical look at the absurdities of modern life." -The New York Times Book Review