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Abracadabra! When Winnie starts waving her wand around she can change Wilbur from black to green, turn her broomstick into a bicycle, and even magic winter into summer. This fantastic volume brings together three of Winnie and Wilbur's maddest mishaps: Winnie the Witch, Winnie Flies Again and Winnie in Winter. Feel-good chick-lit from international bestseller Jill Mansell, with a chaotic cast who must let go of their grudges and secrets to build the lives they've dreamed of. Thanks to little white lie, Lainey and Kit arrive at their new jobs in blissful, summery Cornwall only to find themselves in the midst of a lovable but overwhelming family—where every family member is having an identity crisis at the same time. Widowed mom Majella has done her best for years, but can't quite grasp why things are falling apart. No one can guess what's causing the chaos because everyone is keeping secrets. In classic Jill Mansell style, Lainey and her friends are drawn through a hilarious multi-generational soap opera. By the end, happily-ever-afters are available to anyone willing to tell the truth about their heart's desire. Romantic fiction with characters you can root for, this is the perfect beach read for fans of Sophie Kinsella and Elin Hilderbrand. Also by Jill Mansell:

This Could Change Everything Miranda's Big Mistake Maybe This Time “Only someone who deeply loves and understands the Metropolitan Museum could deliver such madcap, funny, magical, tender, intimate fables and stories.” —Maira Kalman, artist and bestselling author of *The Principles of Uncertainty* From a writer who worked at the Metropolitan Museum for more than twenty-five years, an enchanting novel that shows us the Met that the public doesn't see. Hidden behind the Picassos and Vermeers, the Temple of Dendur and the American Wing, exists another world: the hallways and offices, conservation studios, storerooms, and cafeteria that are home to the museum's devoted and peculiar staff of 2,200 people—along with a few ghosts. A surreal love letter to this private side of the Met, *Metropolitan Stories* unfolds in a series of amusing and poignant vignettes in which we discover larger-than-life characters, the downside of survival, and the powerful voices of the art itself. The result is a novel bursting with magic, humor, and energetic detail, but also a beautiful book about introspection, an ode to lives lived for art, ultimately building a powerful collage of human experience and the world of the imagination. After botching a suicide attempt, salaryman Hanio Yamada decides to put his life up for sale in the classifieds section of a Tokyo newspaper. Soon interested parties come calling with increasingly bizarre requests and what follows is a madcap comedy of errors, involving a jealous husband, a drug-addled heiress, poisoned carrots—even a vampire. For someone who just wants to die, Hanio can't seem to catch a break, as he finds himself enmeshed in a continent-wide conspiracy that puts him in the cross hairs of both his own government and a powerful organized-crime syndicate. By turns wildly inventive, darkly comedic, and deeply surreal, in *Life for Sale* Yukio Mishima stunningly uses satire to explore the same dark themes that preoccupied him throughout his lifetime. "A humorous allegory in the spirit of *Animal Farm*."-- Provided by publisher. Over 100 pages of vintage Crumb comics starring the white-bearded, diminutive sage-cum-charlatan Mr Natural, ranging from charming, freewheeling early 1970s stories to the disturbing, controversial 1990s stories, including the entire 40-page 'Mr Natural and Devil Girl' epic. Crumb's Mr. Natural is probably the most famous underground character of all, meaning readers will not want to miss the chance to snatch up this jam-packed collection from one of the all-time masters. Provides a close-up look at the many stage productions of the musical and its film adaptation of Patrick Dennis's best-selling novel *Auntie Mame*, looking at the creation of this legendary fictional character and the impact it had on the lives and careers of such celebrities as Rosalind Russell, Angela Lansbury, and Lucille Ball who took on the role of Mame. Reprint. 15,000 first printing. From the author of *The Improbability of Love*: a dazzling novel both satirical and moving, about an eccentric, dysfunctional family of English aristocrats, and their crumbling stately home that reminds us how the lives and hopes of women can still be shaped by the ties of family and love. For more than seven hundred years, the vast, rambling

Trelawney Castle in Cornwall--turrets, follies, a room for every day of the year, four miles of corridors and 500,000 acres--was the magnificent and grand "three dimensional calling card" of the earls of Trelawney. By 2008, it is in a complete state of ruin due to the dulled ambition and the financial ineptitude of the twenty-four earls, two world wars, the Wall Street crash, and inheritance taxes. Still: the heir to all of it, Kitto, his wife, Jane, their three children, their dog, Kitto's ancient parents, and his aunt Tuffy Scott, an entomologist who studies fleas, all manage to live there and keep it going. Four women dominate the story: Jane; Kitto's sister, Blaze, who left Trelawney and made a killing in finance in London, the wildly beautiful, seductive, and long-ago banished Anastasia and her daughter, Ayesha. When Anastasia sends a letter announcing that her nineteen-year-old daughter, Ayesha, will be coming to stay, the long-estranged Blaze and Jane must band together to take charge of their new visitor--and save the house of Trelawney. But both Blaze and Jane are about to discover that the house itself is really only a very small part of what keeps the family together. "Twelve-year-old Truly Lovejoy's family moves to a small town to take over a bookstore. Soon, she has to solve two mysteries involving a missing book and an undelivered letter"-- An "extremely funny...brilliantly alive" (The New York Times Book Review) social satire of the highest order from bestselling author Sam Lipsyte, centered around an unwitting mindfulness guru and the phenomenon he initiates. In an America convulsed by political upheaval, cultural discord, environmental catastrophe, and spiritual confusion, so many of us find ourselves anxious and distracted, searching desperately for peace, salvation, and—perhaps most immediately—just a little damn focus. Enter Hark Morner, a failed stand-up comic turned mindfulness guru whose revolutionary program is set to captivate the masses. But for Fraz and Tovah, a middle-aged couple slogging through a very rough patch, it may take more than the tenets of Hark's "Mental Archery" to solve the riddles of love, lust, work, and parenthood on the eve of civilizational collapse. And given the sudden power of certain fringe players, including a renegade Ivy League ethicist, a gentle Swedish kidnapper, a social media tycoon with an empire on the skins, and a mysteriously influential (but undeniably slimy) catfish, it just might be too late. But what's the point of a world, even a blasted-out post-apocalyptic world, if they don't try with all their might to keep their marriage alive? In this "awfully funny...tartly effective sendup of 21st-century America" (Star Tribune, Minneapolis) Sam Lipsyte reaches new peaks of daring in a novel that revels in contemporary absurdity and the wild poetry of everyday language while exploring the emotional truths of his characters. "Recommended reading" (Vanity Fair), in which "every line feels as thrillingly charged as a live wire" (O, The Oprah Magazine), Hark is a smart, incisive look at men, women, and children seeking meaning and dignity in a chaotic, ridiculous, and often dangerous world. Flapper is a dazzling look at the women who heralded a radical change in American culture

and launched the first truly modern decade. The New Woman of the 1920s puffed cigarettes, snuck gin, hiked her hemlines, danced the Charleston, and necked in roadsters. More important, she earned her own keep, controlled her own destiny, and secured liberties that modern women take for granted. *Flapper* is an inside look at the 1920s. With tales of Coco Chanel, the French orphan who redefined the feminine form; Lois Long, the woman who christened herself “Lipstick” and gave *New Yorker* readers a thrilling entrée into Manhattan’s extravagant Jazz Age nightlife; three of America’s first celebrities: Clara Bow, Colleen Moore, and Louise Brooks; Dallas-born fashion artist Gordon Conway; Zelda and Scott Fitzgerald, whose swift ascent and spectacular fall embodied the glamour and excess of the era; and more, this is the story of America’s first sexual revolution, its first merchants of cool, its first celebrities, and its most sparkling advertisement for the right to pursue happiness. Whisking us from the Alabama country club where Zelda Sayre first caught the eye of F. Scott Fitzgerald to Muncie, Indiana, where would-be flappers begged their mothers for silk stockings, to the Manhattan speakeasies where patrons partied till daybreak, historian Joshua Zeitz brings the 1920s to exhilarating life. *What a Carve Up!* - a hilarious 1980s political satire by Jonathan Coe It is the 1980s and the Winshaw family are getting richer and crueller by the year: Newspaper-columnist Hilary gets thousands for telling it like it isn't; Henry's turning hospitals into car parks; Roddy's selling art in return for sex; down on the farm Dorothy's squeezing every last pound from her livestock; Thomas is making a killing on the stock exchange; and Mark is selling arms to dictators. But once their hapless biographer Michael Owen starts investigating the family's trail of greed, corruption and immoral doings, the time growing ripe for the Winshaws to receive their comeuppance. . . This wickedly funny take on life under the Thatcher government was the winner of the 1995 John Llewellyn Rhys Prize 'A sustained feat of humour, suspense and polemic, full of twists and ironies' Hilary Mantel, *Sunday Times* 'A riveting social satire on the chattering and all-powerful upper classes' *Time Out* 'Big, hilarious, intricate, furious, moving' *Guardian* Jonathan Coe's novels are filled with biting social commentary, moving and astute observations of life and hilarious set pieces that have made him one of the most popular writers of his generation. His other titles, *The Accidental Woman*, *A Touch of Love*, *The Rotters' Club* (winner of the Everyman Wodehouse prize), *The Closed Circle*, *The Terrible Privacy of Maxwell Sim*, *The House of Sleep* (winner of the 1998 Prix Médicis Étranger), and *The Rain Before it Falls*, are all available in Penguin paperback. There has been a terrible mistake. Instead of having thirty classrooms side by side, Wayside School is thirty storeys high! (The builder said he was sorry.) Perhaps that's why all sorts of strange and unusual things keep happening – especially in Mrs Jewls's classroom on the very top floor. There's the terrifying Mrs Gorf, who gets an unusually fruity comeuppance; Terrible Todd, who always gets sent home early; and Mauricia, who has a strange ice-cream

addiction. Meanwhile, John can only read upside down, and Leslie is determined to sell her own toes. From top to bottom, *Wayside* is packed with quirky and hilarious characters who are all brought to life in this new edition with delightful illustrations by Aleksei Bitskoff throughout. This is an unmissable, irrepressible story of mixed-up mayhem from Louis Sachar, the bestselling author of *Holes*.

Comedic film actress Kay Kendall, born to a theatrical family in Northern England, came of age in London during the Blitz. After starring in Britain's biggest cinematic disaster, she found stardom in 1953 with her brilliant performance in the film *Genevieve*. She scored success after success with her light comic style in movies such as *Doctor in the House*, *The Reluctant Debutante*, and the Gene Kelly musical *Les Girls*. Kendall's private life was even more colorful than the plots of her films as she embarked on a series of affairs with costars, directors, producers, and married men. In 1954 she fell in love with her married *Constant Husband* costar Rex Harrison and accompanied him to New York, where he was starring on Broadway in *My Fair Lady*. It was there that Kendall was diagnosed with myelocytic leukemia. Her life took a romantic and tragic turn as Harrison divorced his wife and married Kendall. He agreed with their doctor that she was never to know of her diagnosis, and for the next two years the couple lived a hectic, glamorous life together as Kendall's health failed. She died in London at the age of 32 with her husband by her side shortly after completing the filming of *Once More with Feeling!*. This book was written with the cooperation of Kendall's sister Kim and includes interviews with many of her costars, relatives, and friends. A complete filmography and rare photographs complete this first-ever biography of Britain's most glamorous comic star. Examining the lives of Lois Long, Coco Chanel, Zelda Fitzgerald, Clara Bow, and other Jazz Age luminaries, a fascinating social history traces the evolution of the new woman of the 1920s and the making of modern culture. Reprint. 15,000 first printing. A beautiful and hilarious new book from the star of *Never Mind the Buzzcocks*, and co-author of the massive bestseller *The Mighty Book of Boosh*. Emma Lawrence is heiress to a large estate—which has attracted her bullying cousin Claude. Adam Herbert wishes to discover a wider world than his father's rectory, and presents himself to his great-uncle, the Earl of Stanwell, where he meets Emma. Though he saves the impetuous Emma from scrapes, he knows his modest means won't win an heiress. *Regency Romance* by Emily Hendrickson; originally published by Signet American silent film actress Mabel Normand (1892-1930) appeared in a string of popular movies opposite stars like Charlie Chaplin and Fatty Arbuckle before dying of tuberculosis at 37. Her brief but remarkable career--which included directorial and writing credits and heading her own studio and production company--was eclipsed by scandal when police connected her to the unsolved 1922 murder of director William Desmond Taylor. Tracing her life from humble beginnings on Staten Island to the heights of world superstardom, this book highlights Normand's

substantial yet largely overlooked contributions to film history and popular culture. “So many strange and wonderful things happen at every twist and turn, you’ll be happy to wander with Josie . . . Each book she descends into seems to teach her something, and even if it’s not obvious where the story is going, we’re in it for the long haul.” —NPR From Shannon Hale, bestselling author of *Austenland*, comes *Kind of a Big Deal*: a story that will suck you in—literally. There’s nothing worse than peaking in high school. Nobody knows that better than Josie Pie. She was kind of a big deal—she dropped out of high school to be a star! But the bigger you are, the harder you fall. And Josie fell. Hard. Ouch. Broadway dream: dead. Meanwhile, her life keeps imploding. Best friend: distant. Boyfriend: busy. Mom: not playing with a full deck? Desperate to escape, Josie gets into reading. Literally. She reads a book and suddenly she’s inside it. And with each book, she’s a different character: a post-apocalyptic heroine, the lead in a YA rom-com, a 17th century wench in a corset. It’s alarming. But also . . . kind of amazing? It’s the perfect way to live out her fantasies. Book after book, Josie the failed star finds a new way to shine. But the longer she stays in a story, the harder it becomes to escape. Will Josie find a story so good that she just stays forever? The author of *Lincoln’s Boys* takes us inside Lyndon Johnson’s White House to show how the legendary Great Society programs were actually put into practice: *Team of Rivals for LBJ*. The personalities behind every burst of 1960s liberal reform - from civil rights and immigration reform, to Medicare and Head Start. “Absorbing, and astoundingly well-researched -- all good historians do their homework, but Zeitz goes above and beyond. It’s a more than worthwhile addition to the canon of books about Johnson.” --NPR “Beautifully written...a riveting portrait of LBJ... Every officeholder in Washington would profit from reading this book.” --Robert Dallek, Author of *An Unfinished Life: John F. Kennedy, 1917-1963 and Franklin D. Roosevelt: A Political Life* LBJ’s towering political skills and his ambitious slate of liberal legislation are the stuff of legend: the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, Medicare, Medicaid, Head Start, and environmental reform. But what happened after the bills passed? One man could not and did not go it alone. Joshua Zeitz reanimates the creative and contentious atmosphere inside Johnson’s White House as a talented and energetic group of advisers made LBJ’s vision a reality. They desegregated public and private institutions throughout one third of the United States; built Medicare and Medicaid from the ground up in one year; launched federal funding for public education; provided food support for millions of poor children and adults; and launched public television and radio, all in the space of five years, even as Vietnam strained the administration’s credibility and budget. Bill Moyers, Jack Valenti, Joe Califano, Harry McPherson and the other staff members who comprised LBJ’s inner circle were men as pragmatic and ambitious as Johnson, equally skilled in the art of accumulating power or throwing a sharp elbow. Building the Great Society is the story of how one of the most

competent White House staffs in American history - serving one of the most complicated presidents ever to occupy the Oval Office - fundamentally changed everyday life for millions of citizens and forged a legacy of compassionate and interventionist government. What do you get when you mix together-- werewolves, vampires, mad scientists, wizards, aliens, alternate dimensions, tiny people, Transylvania, ancient curses, giant frogs, evil clones, ghosts, lawyers, shape-changers, fallen angels, journeys through hell, zombie warriors, body snatchers, and two clever kids in whose hands rests the fate of Earth? --The latest madcap adventure-comedy-fantasy-mystery from bestselling novelist Bruce Coville, that's what. Historians of postwar American politics often identify race as a driving force in the dynamically shifting political culture. Joshua Zeitz instead places religion and ethnicity at the fore, arguing that ethnic conflict among Irish Catholics, Italian Catholics, and Jews in New York City had a decisive impact on the shape of liberal politics long before black-white racial identity politics entered the political lexicon. Understanding ethnicity as an intersection of class, national origins, and religion, Zeitz demonstrates that the white ethnic populations of New York had significantly diverging views on authority and dissent, community and individuality, secularism and spirituality, and obligation and entitlement. New York Jews came from Eastern European traditions that valued dissent and encouraged political agitation; their Irish and Italian Catholic neighbors tended to value commitment to order, deference to authority, and allegiance to church and community. Zeitz argues that these distinctions ultimately helped fracture the liberal coalition of the Roosevelt era, as many Catholics bolted a Democratic Party increasingly focused on individual liberties, and many dissent-minded Jews moved on to the antiliberal New Left. "The true story of how Rachel Johnson - born into one of Britain's most famous political families - tries and fails to get elected in the 2019 hard-fought effort to stop Brexit, running against her older brother, Boris, and what she learns in the process about politics, ambition, family, marriage, and winning and losing"--

Russia, 1905. Behind the gates of the Karenin Palace, Sergei, son of Anna Karenina, meets Tolstoy in his dreams and finds reminders of his mother everywhere: the almost-living portrait that the Tsar intends to acquire and the opium-infused manuscripts she wrote just before her death, one of which opens a trapdoor to a wild feminist fairytale. Across the city, Clementine, an anarchist seamstress, and Father Gapón, the charismatic leader of the proletariat, tip the country ever closer to revolution. Boullosa lifts the voices of coachmen, sailors, maids, and seamstresses in this playful, polyphonic, and subversive revision of the Russian revolution, told through the lens of Tolstoy's most beloved work. This lyrical novel, structured like a Creole quadrille, is a rich ethnography bearing witness to police violence in French Guadeloupe. Narrators both living and dead recount the racial and class stratification that led to a protest-turned-massacre. Dambury's English debut is a vibrant memorial to a largely forgotten atrocity,

coinciding with the government's declassification of documents pertaining to the incident. The country of Esavada is a large prosperous nation, but also one of danger. When the small town of Riverhead falls under such dangers, it is up to five outcasts to set aside their differences, band together, and save the town. Trinity, a human who's never stepped foot off her family's farm. Umrik, a drunk dwarf running from his demons. Sorn, a dark elf trying to survive in a world that despises him. Diris, an elf who feels that she's never belonged. And Blue, a mute and blind draconid with a dark secret. Will these five save Riverhead? Or will they fall in the face of a blood thirsty beast of ice and snow? Garrett Hallum's debut novel and the first in the epic Fantasy Adventure known as The Madcap Series. This story promises to be a thrilling journey that the reader won't forget for a very long time. Rafe Thomas is drunk, furious, and determined to escape a forced betrothal. Helen St. James is concussed, terrified, and fleeing forced nuptials. To their muddled minds, wedding each other seems like the perfect solution—until the next morning. Rafe isn't the magnanimous rescuer Helen expected, and her uncle will do anything to steal her considerable fortune, including kill her husband... Regency Romance by Allison Lane; originally published as a Signet SuperRegency This book is part of the series but can be read independently. A new Fairweather sister, Jane, is of age, but woe betides, she does not want to marry. She is a brilliant artist and determined to make a name for herself in the male-dominated field. Enter Mrs Fairweather, a determined mother who will go to any length to get her daughter married off. Alas, through trickery, Jane finds herself taking her wedding vows wrapped in a quilt and wearing only a chemise. Poor Jane is yanked from her dull life in Finnshire and thrust into a world full of strange in-laws, meddling sisters and a devilishly handsome husband, whose kisses begin to make her waver in her resolve to keep her heart locked against love. The madcap world of a Fairweather Sister is ready to take you on a well-sprung carriage ride once again... Beautiful, charismatic, prodigiously talented, Syd Barrett in 1966 invented the British psychedelic scene - founding Pink Floyd, writing and singing on the band's first album - before collapsing into madness two years later. The provocateur and cult sensation Carlos Velazquez has earned comparisons to Hunter S. Thompson, Charles Bukowski and William S. Burroughs, and has been called 'a grand storyteller' (Diario Jornada), 'an icon'(Frente) and 'one of the most original and entertaining voices of contemporary Mexican literature' (Revista Gatopardo). His English-language debut, a collection of seven surreal, unrelentingly ironic and unsettling tales, portrays the comedy and brutal tragedies of a region that occupies a unique place in the North American imagination. Unlock the secrets to creating gorgeous, pattern-filled rooms with the joyful spirit that every home deserves. Layers of pattern bring serious style to any interior—and the pages of every shelter magazine have featured this well-loved look. This bright, lively interior design book is like no other: it shows readers how to choose and use pattern (whether on

upholstered furniture, walls, and floors, or in curtains, rugs, and accessories) to create gorgeous room designs. It also teaches readers how to layer pattern for fresh, exciting, personalized spaces. The book is delightfully illustrated with inspiring images of design elements and finished rooms—and each chapter is packed with lively DIY projects, plus Dos and Don'ts, Try This, and more. Praise for *Prints Charming* “For a home that’s warm, personal, and above all HAPPY, follow the lead of the Madcap gents: “Expressive not expensive” decor ideas come to life through their joyful designs—it’s hard to put this book down without crafting a plan and cracking a smile.” —Sophie Donelson, Editor in Chief, *House Beautiful* “A good reminder that one should have fun with decorating . . . *Prints Charming* is a must for every design library.” —Susan Feldman, Cofounder, *One Kings Lane* “With a reverent eye firmly upon the works of legendary traditional designers, the Madcap Cottage gents’ vision for mixing pattern, color, far-flung treasures, and classic furniture forms is remarkably approachable and written with their inimitable wit.” —Jill Waage, Editor in Chief, *Traditional Home* “John and Jason have crafted a must-have bible of prints, patterns, and personality to help everyone learn how to customize their own unique environment.” —Mindy Grossman, CEO and Director, *HSN, Inc.* “A wonderful book celebrating print, texture, and beauty.” —Christian Siriano, *CFDA Designer* “There are three rules for running a business; fortunately, we don’t know any of them.”

In 1978, Paul Newman and A. E. Hotchner decided that rather than just distribute Paul’s own salad dressing at Christmas to neighbors, they would offer it to a few local stores. Freewheeling, irreverent entrepreneurs, they conceived of their venture as a great way to poke fun at the mundane method of traditional marketing. Much to their surprise, the dressing was enthusiastically received. What had started as a lark quickly escalated into a full-fledged business, the first company to place all-natural foods in supermarkets. From salad dressing to spaghetti sauce, to popcorn and lemonade, Newman’s Own became a major player in the food business. The company’s profits were originally donated to medical research, education, and the environment, and eventually went to the creation of the eight Hole in the Wall Gang camps for children with serious illnesses. In these pages Newman and Hotchner recount the picaresque saga of their own nonmanagement adventure. In alternating voices, playing off one another in classic “Odd Couple” style, they describe how they systematically disregarded the advice of experts and relied instead on instinct, imagination, and mostly luck. They write about how they hurdled obstacle after obstacle, share their hilarious misadventures, and reveal their offbeat solutions to conventional problems. Even their approach to charity is decidedly different: every year they give away all the company’s profits, empty the coffers, and start over again. The results of this amazing generosity are brought to life in heartwarming stories about the children at their camps. With rare glimpses into their zany style and their compassion for those less fortunate, Newman and

Hotchner have written the perfect nonmanagement book, at once playful, informative, and inspirational. Winner of: The Pulitzer Prize The National Book Critics Circle Award The Anisfield-Wolf Book Award The Jon Sargent, Sr. First Novel Prize A Time Magazine #1 Fiction Book of the Year One of the best books of 2007 according to: The New York Times, San Francisco Chronicle, New York Magazine, Entertainment Weekly, The Boston Globe, Los Angeles Times, The Washington Post, People, The Village Voice, Time Out New York, Salon, Baltimore City Paper, The Christian Science Monitor, Booklist, Library Journal, Publishers Weekly, New York Public Library, and many more... Nominated as one of America's best-loved novels by PBS's The Great American Read Oscar is a sweet but disastrously overweight ghetto nerd who—from the New Jersey home he shares with his old world mother and rebellious sister—dreams of becoming the Dominican J.R.R. Tolkien and, most of all, finding love. But Oscar may never get what he wants. Blame the fukú—a curse that has haunted Oscar's family for generations, following them on their epic journey from Santo Domingo to the USA. Encapsulating Dominican-American history, *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* opens our eyes to an astonishing vision of the contemporary American experience and explores the endless human capacity to persevere—and risk it all—in the name of love. *Flapper* is a dazzling look at the women who heralded a radical change in American culture and launched the first truly modern decade. The New Woman of the 1920s puffed cigarettes, snuck gin, hiked her hemlines, danced the Charleston, and necked in roadsters. More important, she earned her own keep, controlled her own destiny, and secured liberties that modern women take for granted. *Flapper* is an inside look at the 1920s. With tales of Coco Chanel, the French orphan who redefined the feminine form; Lois Long, the woman who christened herself "Lipstick" and gave New Yorker readers a thrilling entrée into Manhattan's extravagant Jazz Age nightlife; three of America's first celebrities: Clara Bow, Colleen Moore, and Louise Brooks; Dallas-born fashion artist Gordon Conway; Zelda and Scott Fitzgerald, whose swift ascent and spectacular fall embodied the glamour and excess of the era; and more, this is the story of America's first sexual revolution, its first merchants of cool, its first celebrities, and its most sparkling advertisement for the right to pursue happiness. Whisking us from the Alabama country club where Zelda Sayre first caught the eye of F. Scott Fitzgerald to Muncie, Indiana, where would-be flappers begged their mothers for silk stockings, to the Manhattan speakeasies where patrons partied till daybreak, historian Joshua Zeitz brings the 1920s to exhilarating life. *Blessings: Adventures of a Madcap Christian Scientist* follows the author as she uses her understanding of the power of Good, God (Life, Truth, and Love), to overcome life's challenges. We follow the "Lucy Ricardo of Christian Scientists" as she climbs Mount Rainier, gets herself in a "bit of a fix" in the Grand Canyon, participates in an impromptu "peace summit" at Heathrow Airport, meets her husband, discovers the joys of

motherhood, and finds her home. The next book from Ben Orlin, the popular math blogger and author of the underground bestseller *Math With Bad Drawings*. *Change Is The Only Constant* is an engaging and eloquent exploration of the intersection between calculus and daily life, complete with Orlin's sly humor and wonderfully bad drawings. *Change is the Only Constant* is an engaging and eloquent exploration of the intersection between calculus and daily life, complete with Orlin's sly humor and memorably bad drawings. By spinning 28 engaging mathematical tales, Orlin shows us that calculus is simply another language to express the very things we humans grapple with every day -- love, risk, time, and most importantly, change. Divided into two parts, "Moments" and "Eternities," and drawing on everyone from Sherlock Holmes to Mark Twain to David Foster Wallace, *Change is the Only Constant* unearths connections between calculus, art, literature, and a beloved dog named Elvis. This is not just math for math's sake; it's math for the sake of becoming a wiser and more thoughtful human. In the glorious, boozy party after the first World War, a new being burst defiantly onto the world stage: the so-called flapper. Young, impetuous, and flirtatious, she was an alluring, controversial figure, celebrated in movies, fiction, plays, and the pages of fashion magazines. But, as this book argues, she didn't appear out of nowhere. This spirited, beautifully illustrated history presents a fresh look at the reality of young women's experiences in America and Britain from the 1890s to the 1920s, when the "modern" girl emerged. Linda Simon shows us how this modern girl bravely created a culture, a look, and a future of her own. *Lost Girls* is an illuminating history of the iconic flapper as she evolved from a problem to a temptation, and finally, in the 1920s and beyond, to an aspiration. One of *The New Yorker's* favorite nonfiction book of 2019 | *A New York Times Book Review Editors' Choice* Named one of *Vogue's* "17 Books We Can't Wait to Read This Fall" "Compulsively readable . . . ravenously consuming . . . manna from heaven . . . If ever someone knew how to put a genuinely irresistible book together, it's Jacobs in *Still Here*." —Jeff Simon, *The Buffalo News* *Still Here* is the first full telling of Elaine Stritch's life. Rollicking but intimate, it tracks one of Broadway's great personalities from her upbringing in Detroit during the Great Depression to her fateful move to New York City, where she studied alongside Marlon Brando, Bea Arthur, and Harry Belafonte. We accompany Elaine through her jagged rise to fame, to Hollywood and London, and across her later years, when she enjoyed a stunning renaissance, punctuated by a turn on the popular television show *30 Rock*. We explore the influential—and often fraught—collaborations she developed with Noël Coward, Tennessee Williams, and above all Stephen Sondheim, as well as her courageous yet flawed attempts to control a serious drinking problem. And we see the entertainer triumphing over personal turmoil with the development of her Tony Award-winning one-woman show, *Elaine Stritch at Liberty*, which established her as an emblem of spiky independence and Manhattan life for an entirely new

generation of admirers. In *Still Here*, Alexandra Jacobs conveys the full force of Stritch's sardonic wit and brassy charm while acknowledging her many dark complexities. Following years of meticulous research and interviews, this is a portrait of a powerful, vulnerable, honest, and humorous figure who continues to reverberate in the public consciousness. Reminiscent of the edgy, offbeat humor of Chris Moore and Matt Ruff, the first entry in a whimsical, fast-paced supernatural series from the New York Times bestselling author of the Sandman Slim novels—a dark and humorous story involving a doomsday gizmo, a horde of baddies determined to possess its power, and a clever thief who must steal it back . . . again and again. 22000 B.C. A beautiful, ambitious angel stands on a mountaintop, surveying the world and its little inhabitants below. He smiles because soon, the last of humanity who survived the great flood will meet its end, too. And he should know. He's going to play a big part in it. Our angel usually doesn't get to do field work, and if he does well, he's certain he'll get a big promotion. And now it's time The angel reaches into his pocket for the instrument of humanity's doom. Must be in the other pocket. Then he frantically begins to pat himself down. Dejected, he realizes he has lost the object. Looking over the Earth at all that could have been, the majestic angel utters a single word. "Crap." 2015. A thief named Coop—a specialist in purloining magic objects—steals and delivers a small box to the mysterious client who engaged his services. Coop doesn't know that his latest job could be the end of him—and the rest of the world. Suddenly he finds himself in the company of The Department of Peculiar Science, a fearsome enforcement agency that polices the odd and strange. The box isn't just a supernatural heirloom with quaint powers, they tell him. It's a doomsday device. They think . . . And suddenly, everyone is out to get it. The masked woman called herself Madame Madcap, and she gathered a gang of cutthroats determined to loot high society of all its riches...starting with the notorious womanizer Hamilton Brone. She worked her criminal magic...and grew rich, as millionaires swooned at her feet. Members of her gang worshipped her. She could do no wrong. And yet a curious pattern began to emerge, and a strange vengeance took shape—not just against the men of high society, but against the men of her own brave band of criminals! A thrilling crime novel from the classic pulp writer who created Zorro!

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