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**10 Daily Practices for a Happier Life** Harmony  
 Essays discuss how endorphins may create angelic visions, the role of angels in the afterlife, the power of prayer, angels as inspirers of art, and encounters with angels  
**A Memoir** Expecting Adam A True Story of Birth, Rebirth, and Everyday Magic  
 A brutally honest yet beautiful journey of how one mother learned to bond with her disabled son and gained a new perspective on life.  
**Born with Teeth** Baker Books  
 A life coach columnist for O magazine challenges opinions about will power being a key element in weight loss, introducing an unconventional program that incorporates a series of four-day habit-changing steps that culminate in an overall healthier lifestyle. Reprint.  
**Nottingham** Crown  
 "Mayborn Graduate Institute of Journalism."  
**End Your Diet War and Achieve Thinner Peace** Broadway Books  
 Describes how a mother struggled to cope when her unborn second child, Adam, was diagnosed with Down syndrome, her decision to keep her son, and his magical influence on her life.  
**Expecting Adam** Rodale  
 After a fateful hunting accident sends her on the run from the law, Robyn finds herself deep in the heart of Sherwood Forest. All she really wants to do is provide for her family and stay out of trouble, but when the damnable Sheriff of Nottingham levies the largest tax in the history of England, she's forced to take matters into her own hands. Relying on the help of her merry band of misfits and the Sheriff's intriguing—and off-limits—daughter, Marian, Robyn must find a way to pull off the biggest heist Sherwood has ever seen. With both heart and freedom at stake, just how much is she willing to risk to ensure the safety of the ones she loves?  
 Nottingham is a delightful romp rife with bois bearing bows, transmen wielding quarterstaves, noble ladies loving ladies bawdy bisexual musicians, naughty nonbinary outlaws, and saucy sapphic nuns—in other words, Robyn Hood like you've never seen her before.  
**Leaving the Saints** Simon and Schuster  
 Introduces the author's step-by-step plan for identifying core desires and acting upon them to create successful, satisfying, and more fulfilling lives.  
*100 Things You Don't Wanna Know about Expecting Adam* Piatkus

## Books

Fall in love with one of the bestselling novels of all time -- the legendary love story that became a beloved film starring Clint Eastwood and Meryl Streep. If you've ever experienced the one true love of your life, a love that for some reason could never be, you will understand why readers all over the world are so moved by this small, unknown first novel that they became a publishing phenomenon and #1 bestseller. The story of Robert Kincaid, the photographer and free spirit searching for the covered bridges of Madison County, and Francesca Johnson, the farm wife waiting for the fulfillment of a girlhood dream, *The Bridges of Madison County* gives voice to the longings of men and women everywhere -- and shows us what it is to love and be loved so intensely that life is never the same again.  
**Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will to Survive** Little, Brown  
 Bestselling author Sherman Alexie tells the story of Junior, a budding cartoonist growing up on the Spokane Indian Reservation. Determined to take his future into his own hands, Junior leaves his troubled school on the rez to attend an all-white farm town high school where the only other Indian is the school mascot. Heartbreaking, funny, and beautifully written, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, which is based on the author's own experiences, coupled with poignant drawings by Ellen Forney that reflect the character's art, chronicles the contemporary adolescence of one Native American boy as he attempts to break away from the life he was destined to live. With a forward by Markus Zusak, interviews with Sherman Alexie and Ellen Forney, and four-color interior art throughout, this edition is perfect for fans and collectors alike.  
*Six People Who Faced Adversity and Transformed Their Lives* Feiwel & Friends  
 The #1 New York Times Bestseller: "A hilarious take on that age-old problem: getting the beloved child to go to sleep" (NPR). "Hell no, you can't go to the bathroom. You know where you can go? The f\*\*k to sleep." *Go the Fuck to Sleep* is a book for parents who live in the real world, where a few snoozing kitties and cutesy rhymes don't always send a toddler sailing blissfully off to dreamland. Profane, affectionate, and radically honest, it captures the familiar—and unspoken—tribulations of putting your little angel down for the night. Read by a host of celebrities, from Samuel L. Jackson to Jennifer Garner, this subversively funny bestselling storybook will not actually put your kids to sleep, but it will leave you laughing so hard you won't care.  
**Not a Memoir** Lennex  
 In this exuberant allegory, bestselling memoir and self-help author Martha Beck takes readers into the wild parts of the world and the human psyche. The story of Diana, Herself helps every reader chart a course for awakening to greater joy, adventure,

and purpose.

## Reclaim Your True Nature to Create the Life You Want

Random House  
 Adam Grant, the bestselling author of *Give and Take*, teams with his wife, Allison, to share the lighthearted tale of a gift in search of a giver--a classic in the making and the perfect conversation starter about thoughtfulness. This delightful book--one of Amazon's 2019 Holiday Gift Picks and Most Anticipated Books--is designed to start conversations with kids about generosity. In the tradition of *Goodnight Gorilla*, the words are intentionally spare. The book is meant to be read interactively, with adults posing questions so kids can guess what's happening (and why). Praised by both parents and teachers for sparking imagination and eliciting discussion, the story can be interpreted differently in every family, by every child, and reinterpreted many times over. Give the gift of this clever, earnest book about generosity--a new and nourishing fable for every child's library (and one that includes a delightfully innovative cover approach that requires the reader to unfasten the Velcroed cover for a fun unboxing effect!). It's a gift that keeps on giving. "Truly phenomenal . . . Kristen [Bell]'s favorite book we've read to the kids in a year." --Dax Shepard of the podcast "Armchair Expert"  
*A Story of Down Syndrome, Motherhood, and Self-Discovery* Simon and Schuster  
 In 2008, Simon Fitzmaurice was diagnosed with Motor Neuron Disease (mnd). He was given four years to live. In 2010, in a state of lung-function collapse, Simon knew with crystal clarity that now was not his time to die. Against all prevailing medical opinion, he chose to ventilate in order to stay alive. Here, the young filmmaker, a husband and father of five small children draws us deeply into his inner world. Told in simply expressed and beautifully stark prose - in the vein of such memoirs as Jean-Dominique Bauby's *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly* - the result is an astonishing journey into a life which, though brutally compromised, is lived more fully and in the moment than most, revealing at its core the power of love its most potent. Written using an eye-gaze computer, *It's Not Yet Dark* is an unforgettable book about relationships and family, about what connects and separates us as people and, ultimately, about what it means to be alive.  
**Go the F\*\*k to Sleep** Penguin  
 "I know. I know. No one says it but I know..." —from *Signs of Life*  
 Twenty-four-year-old Natalie Taylor was leading a charmed life. At the age of twenty four, she had a fulfilling job as a high school English teacher, a wonderful husband, a new house and a baby on the way. Then, while visiting her sister, she gets the news that Josh has died in a freak accident. Four months before the birth of her son, Natalie is leveled by loss. What follows is an incredibly

powerful emotional journey, as Natalie calls upon resources she didn't even know she had in order to re-imagine and re-build a life for her and her son. In vivid and immediate detail, Natalie documents her life from the day of Josh's death through the birth their son, Kai, as she struggles in her role as a new mother where everyone is watching her for signs of impending collapse. With honesty, raw pain, and most surprising, a wicked sense of humor, Natalie recounts the agonies and unexpected joys of her new life. There is the frustration of holidays, navigating the relationship with her in-laws, the comfort she finds and unlikely friendship she forges in support groups and the utterly breathtaking, but often overwhelming new motherhood. When she returns to the classroom, she finds that little is more healing than the honesty and egocentricity of teenagers. Drawing on lessons from beloved books like *The Color Purple* and *The Catcher in the Rye* and the talk shows she suddenly can't get enough of, from the strength of her family and friends, and from a rich fantasy life—including a saucy fairy godmother who guides her grieving—Natalie embarks on the ultimate journey of self-discovery and realizes you can sometimes find the best in yourself during the worst life has to offer. And she delivers these lessons, in way that feels like she's right beside you in her bathrobe and with a glass of wine—the cool, funny girlfriend you love to stay up all night with. Unforgettable and utterly absorbing, *Signs of Life* features a powerful, wholly original debut voice that will have you crying and laughing to the very last page.

[Tales of Wisdom From an Unconventional Woman](#) University of North Texas Press

"This book will make you cry, think, and then cry some more."

—Nicola Yoon, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Everything, Everything* From the New York Times bestselling author of *More Happy Than Not* comes an explosive examination of grief, mental illness, and the devastating consequences of refusing to let go of the past. When Griffin's first love and ex-boyfriend, Theo, dies in a drowning accident, his universe implodes. Even though Theo had moved to California for college and started seeing Jackson, Griffin never doubted Theo would come back to him when the time was right. But now, the future he's been imagining for himself has gone far off course. To make things worse, the only person who truly understands his heartache is Jackson. But no matter how much they open up to

each other, Griffin's downward spiral continues. He's losing himself in his obsessive compulsions and destructive choices, and the secrets he's been keeping are tearing him apart. If Griffin is ever to rebuild his future, he must first confront his history, every last heartbreaking piece in the puzzle of his life.

**How I Lost the Mormons and Found My Faith** Soho Press  
An Honest, Hopeful Look at Unexpected Challenges Challenging surprises often lead to unexpected joy. Amy Julia opens eyes and softens hearts as she brings readers into her own story of disappointment turned to blessing. This is a journey of discovering strength through weakness, and the author learns to embrace the face that we are all dependent on God and one another. This books will inspire readers who appreciate beautiful writing coupled with deep insights about life and faith. "Amy Julia Becker has the courage and grace to tell the truth. Whether you are a parent or not, whether the children in your life are 'typical' or not, this story will shake you, change you, and encourage you."--Andy Crouch, author, *Culture Making*  
**Her Mother's Daughter** Little, Brown Books for Young Readers  
"He says you'll never be hurt as much by being open as you have been by remaining closed." The messenger is a school janitor with a master's in art history who claims to be channeling "from both sides of the veil." "He" is Adam, a three-year-old who has never spoken an intelligible word. And the message is intended for Martha Beck, Adam's mother, who doesn't know whether to make a mad dash for the door to escape a raving lunatic (after all, how many conversations like this one can you have before you stop getting dinner party invitations and start pushing a mop yourself?) or accept another in a series of life lessons from an impeccable but mysterious source. From the moment Martha and her husband, John, accidentally conceived their second child, all hell broke loose. They were a couple obsessed with success. After years of matching IQs and test scores with less driven peers, they had two Harvard degrees apiece and were gunning for more. They'd plotted out a future in the most vaunted ivory tower of academe. But the dream had begun to disintegrate. Then, when their unborn son, Adam, was diagnosed with Down syndrome, doctors, advisers, and friends in the Harvard community warned them that if they decided to keep the baby, they would lose all hope of achieving their carefully crafted goals. Fortunately, that's

exactly what happened. Expecting Adam is a poignant, challenging, and achingly funny chronicle of the extraordinary nine months of Martha's pregnancy. By the time Adam was born, Martha and John were propelled into a world in which they were forced to redefine everything of value to them, put all their faith in miracles, and trust that they could fly without a net. And it worked. Martha's riveting, beautifully written memoir captures the abject terror and exhilarating freedom of facing impending parenthood, being forced to question one's deepest beliefs, and rewriting life's rules. It is an unforgettable celebration of the everyday magic that connects human souls to each other.

**The True Story of My Fairy Godparent, Who Almost Killed Me, and Certainly Never Made Me a Princess** Penguin  
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • "Driving, wild and hilarious" (The Washington Post), here is the incredible "memoir" of the legendary actor, gambler, raconteur, and Saturday Night Live veteran. When Norm Macdonald, one of the greatest stand-up comics of all time, was approached to write a celebrity memoir, he flatly refused, calling the genre "one step below instruction manuals." Norm then promptly took a two-year hiatus from stand-up comedy to live on a farm in northern Canada. When he emerged he had under his arm a manuscript, a genre-smashing book about comedy, tragedy, love, loss, war, and redemption. When asked if this was the celebrity memoir, Norm replied, "Call it anything you damn like."

**The Joy Diet** Harmony

In this book, we have hand-picked the most sophisticated, unanticipated, absorbing (if not at times crackpot!), original and musing book reviews of "Expecting Adam: A True Story of Birth, Rebirth, and Everyday Magic." Don't say we didn't warn you: these reviews are known to shock with their unconventionality or intimacy. Some may be startled by their biting sincerity; others may be spellbound by their unbridled flights of fantasy. Don't buy this book if: 1. You don't have nerves of steel. 2. You expect to get pregnant in the next five minutes. 3. You've heard it all.

**The Gift Inside the Box** Grand Central Publishing

Shares the stories of six people who experienced traumatic events, from a woman who became a health advocate after losing 340 pounds to a hero who saved a burn victim on September 11th, only to discover that two family members had died in the tragedy.

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