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Paul "Chuck Norris" Yurkin has never been one to give up. A product of the inner city projects, he pulled himself up by the bootstraps and enlisted in the Marine Corps-serving proudly in Desert Storm before beginning a fifteen-year career with the Myrtle Beach police force. But when he saw the efforts of his policing failing to create any positive change, it wasn't long

before Yurkin became jaded by the system as a whole. Seeking a new life for himself and his daughters, he met up with a private contracting firm and began training for a trip to sunny Afghanistan, where he would work on training the fledgling Afghan National Police. In the midst of two weeks of training in Virginia, he earned the nickname that would stick with him for years to come-and met three best friends that remained by his side through dangerous missions, misadventures, and the frustrations of being stationed abroad. In *Memoirs of a Security Contractor*, Yurkin tells the true

story of his time as a security contractor in Afghanistan in candid detail-in an eye-opening tale of determination, friendship, and never giving up.

But I'm Not Depressed Diamond Cutter
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"It's about time a book came out about one of the most talented and beloved performers in the American theater. Charlotte is the consummate actress, comedienne, entertainer. Her work on stage and screen is always hilarious and somehow also gets you right in the gut. Her story is every bit as brilliant. Read it and smile." -Comedy Legend, Carl Reiner

"To think of Charlotte Rae is to smile. Consequently, when I began to read "The Facts of My Life," I was unprepared for the emotional impact it would have on me. By the time I finished the first chapter, dealing as it does with her severely troubled son Andy, I was in tears. "As an old friend of Charlotte's, I thought I knew her fairly well. But as I read on, I discovered that the 'facts of her life' were constantly surprising (as well as amusing and engrossing)! There is so much that I don't know about Charlotte and so much that I now want to know, when the book is finally completed and published, I'll be first in line to get my copy!" -Sheldon Harnick (Composer, Fiddler on the Roof) Charlotte Rae's career spans more than seventy years, from the golden age of television to Shakespeare in the Park, the New York Cabaret scene of the late 1940's and 50's to her hit series, The Facts of Life and well beyond. Off stage and screen, Charlotte's life has been one of joy and challenge, raising an autistic son, coming to terms with alcoholism, the heartache of a broken marriage, the revelation of a gay husband and the sudden challenge of facing middle-age with financial and emotional

uncertainties-an crisis she ultimately turned into the determination that brought her stardom. The Facts of My Life is the first opportunity for Charlotte fans to explore the fascinating story of her extraordinary life: poignant and hilarious, a story of courage and triumph, one that speaks for a generation of women breaking barriers, taking on challenges, overcoming personal tragedy, and paving the way for others.

[Back to Venice](#) CreateSpace

Journalist Leander Kahney reveals how CEO Tim Cook has led Apple to astronomical success after the death of Steve Jobs in 2011. The death of Steve Jobs left a gaping void at one of the most innovative companies of all time. Jobs wasn't merely Apple's iconic founder and CEO; he was the living embodiment of a global megabrand. It was hard to imagine that anyone could fill his shoes--especially not Tim Cook, the intensely private executive who many thought of as Apple's "operations drone." But seven years later, as journalist Leander Kahney reveals in this definitive book, things at Apple couldn't be better. Its stock has nearly tripled, making it the world's first trillion

dollar company. Under Cook's principled leadership, Apple is pushing hard into renewable energy, labor and environmentally-friendly supply chains, user privacy, and highly-recyclable products. From the massive growth of the iPhone to lesser-known victories like the Apple Watch, Cook is leading Apple to a new era of success. Drawing on access with several Apple insiders, Kahney tells the inspiring story of how one man attempted to replace someone irreplaceable, and--through strong, humane leadership, supply chain savvy, and a commitment to his values--succeeded more than anyone had thought possible.

[Lilly Noble & Actual Magic Crown](#)

What is an authentic purpose of a man's life today? What does manhood have to do with purpose? How does a man discern the call of purpose? This is a book about the psychospiritual path to a meaningful, healthy and fulfilling manhood. It is written for any man who is starting to question his life's purpose. It is written for the man who, as he is climbing the ladder of success, is starting to realize that the ladder is on the wrong wall. Toward

Manhood is about the inevitable crisis of meaning and life direction that most men in modern culture will ultimately face. This book is based on psychological and spiritual principles lost in the modern Western world that still endure after thousands of years. Using archetypal puberty initiation rituals that have always led toward a purposeful life *Toward Manhood* translates this indigenous practice into a modern understanding of healthy psychological and spiritual maturity. The old and the new come together in this book to create a modern model of manhood that is worthy of the inner pain and struggle it takes to brave the wilderness of the soul's identity.

What's Wrong with Pauly? Createspace Independent Pub

Imagine what it would be like to go back in time to the 15th century Venice. And imagine what it would be like to meet your lifelong hero, Michelangelo. And imagine what it would be like if, on first meeting, you spill a tray of pasta and wine on that very same hero. Well, that's what happens to serious young artist Mark Breen. As the result of a drunken bet, Mark knocks out a painting of a toilet bowl. Much to his

amazement, he sells it. In short order he's hailed as the new Andy Warhol and becomes an overnight sensation-and a very wealthy man. Soon, images of his toilet bowls are on more t-shirts, mugs, and calendars than Edvard Munch's *The Scream*. His friend and mentor, Hugh Connelly, afraid that Mark is in danger of losing his "artistic soul," advises him to go back to Italy and acquaint himself with the "old masters." In Venice, Mark falls in love with Alexandra, a beautiful art restorer, but it's a one-sided affair. One night, hoping to win her over, he climbs up on a roof to find out who painted her favorite fresco. He falls off the roof and wakes up in 15th century Venice where he meets an innkeeper named Francesca, who looks exactly like Alexandra. And it gets curiously and curiously from there. During his stay-which is sometimes zany and sometimes frightening-he meets his hero, Michelangelo, who teaches him the true meaning of art.

Monk's Monster House Createspace Independent Pub

To pursue your dreams and maximize your achievements, it takes strategy, a plan, To pursue your dreams and maximize your

achievements, it takes strategy, a plan, determination, and resilience. *Find A Tree in a Nutshell* is an abridged version of the acclaimed book *How to Live Your Dreams* by dream coach and motivational speaker, Daniel Armstrong. Every segment of this booklet provides a guide to self-awareness, confidence-building, and accomplishing your goals. With a concise, practical approach, Armstrong provides a step-by-step blueprint to help dreamers become doers. Whether you are looking to change careers, further your education, start a creative endeavor, or have a more meaningful life, *Find A Tree in a Nutshell* will give you the tools you need to get into motion and make it happen.

China Love You Harper Collins

After the collision claimed her mother's life and left her with a memory full of holes, Lilly Noble is sent away to boarding school on the gloomy island of Raven's Landing, Maine. Though feeling exiled and abandoned by her father, she is determined to fill in the blanks the accident left in her mind. When she meets the hypnotically charming and strangely intense Murosky Skaggs, his unnatural curiosity and careful attentions toward her

raise her suspicions. His stories don't add up. Lilly's search for the truth beneath his lies causes her life to take a thrilling and terrifying twist. What she doesn't realize is the closer she gets to revealing his dark secret, the closer she comes to regaining her memory and unmasking her mother's murderer. But something else, something far more sinister is lurking just off the coast. It's been there, waiting for her. Lilly's quest for answers puts her and those around her in mortal danger, and once she starts down that path, there is no turning away from her destiny, if she can survive. Young Adult Paranormal
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The Lettuce Diaries is a revealing and humorous memoir of being an entrepreneur in China, doubling as a primer for all seeking to do business there. *Diary of the Lost Teenage* Harmony Publishers

Mr. China Harper Collins

The God Portal Find a Tree

Now an Award-Winning Finalist in the Non-Fiction: Narrative category of The 2012 USA Best Book Awards, sponsored by USA Book News. Obtain a free 40-page excerpt on www.kirschstonebooks.com. Against

the backdrop of World War II tragedy and devastation in Latvia, Poland and Germany and three decades of European history, this true narrative provides a window into the palpating heart of wartime upheaval through the lives of Rolf Dutzmann and Lilo Wassull—two people fatefully positioned "on the other side." In December of 1939, swept along on a tide of dire necessity and circumstance due to the imminent Soviet takeover of his homeland, Rolf, a young Latvian aeronautical engineering student, flees with his family to Germany, a country fully under Hitler's control and already engaged in a brutal war. While the account chronicles Rolf's pursuit of his technical dream against daunting wartime odds, it is first and foremost a poignant love story that plays out against a panorama of worldwide chaos and destruction. It is also a story of the seen and unseen forces that coalesce to keep Rolf and Lilo alive after they meet in 1940 Berlin, leading them through a chain of cataclysmic events including Rolf's draft into the Luftwaffe and his father's assignment as chief inspector of V-2 rocket production; the bombing of Berlin; the destruction of their

homes; their numerous desperate, cross-country escapes from the bombing, the advancing Soviet troops from the east, and other Allied forces from the west; the POW camp hardships; and the deprivation of the postwar years. Despite the immeasurable evil, suffering and desolation of World War II, a synchronistic chain of events provides an uplifting reminder that love and hope may take wing even out of the ashes of life's most terrifying adversities.

The Facts of My Life Anchor Books

A candid memoir of growing up during the Chinese Cultural Revolution that is sure to inspire. Da Chen grew up as an outcast in Communist China. His family's legacy had been one of privilege prior to the revolution, but now in the Chairman Mao era, they are treated with scorn. For Da Chen, that means that all of his successes and academic achievements are nullified when one teacher tells him that, because of his "family's crimes," he can never be more than a poor farmer. Feeling his fate is hopeless, Da responds by dropping out. Da's life takes a dark turn, and he soon begins hanging out with a gang. However, all is not lost. After Chairman Mao's death,

Da realizes that an education and college might be possible. He begins to study—all day and into the night. His entire family rallies to help him succeed, working long hours in the rice fields and going into debt to ensure that Da has an education. Their struggle would not be in vain. When the final exam results are posted, Da has one of the highest scores in the region, earning him a place at the prestigious Beijing University and a future free from the scars of his past. This inspiring memoir, adapted for young readers from *Colors of the Mountain*, is one that will rally readers to defy the odds. Praise for *China's Son* "Humor and unflinching honesty inform the narrative, which is shot through with lyrical descriptions."—Publishers Weekly "Da Chen's narrative moves smoothly, communicating setting and character with an immediacy that will draw young readers in."—Kirkus Reviews *Flight of Remembrance* Createspace Independent Publishing Platform An outrageous adventure story of snot slinging disaster and tear fetch laughter. Based on a true story about a crew of misfits; who become birds at will, launching into the wild blue yonder,

soaring eye to eye with golden eagles, circling around white mountain peaks and over dark green jungles. After landing and losing their minds, they take you to places your mom told you not to go. The books recipe including a full bottle of "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas" and a squeeze of "Top Gun." Meet men addicted to what the rest of the world considers crazy; yet in the end enticing the world to follow. From soccer moms to fighter pilots, the dream of flying like Icarus has been floated from the dreamer's pillow to be powerfully published upon parchment. For a first chapter reading go to <http://Eaglesintheflesh.com> *Toward Manhood* Createspace Independent Pub The story of a young guy who used to struggle with making money from home. After years of struggling, he then learned a simple skill on how to make money with ANY network marketing opportunity and has helped thousands of people earn income all from the comfort of home! *Interrupted* Createspace Independent Publishing Platform #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • ONE OF ESSENCE'S 50 MOST IMPACTFUL BLACK

BOOKS OF THE PAST 50 YEARS In this iconic memoir of his early days, Barack Obama "guides us straight to the intersection of the most serious questions of identity, class, and race" (The Washington Post Book World). "Quite extraordinary."—Toni Morrison In this lyrical, unsentimental, and compelling memoir, the son of a black African father and a white American mother searches for a workable meaning to his life as a black American. It begins in New York, where Barack Obama learns that his father—a figure he knows more as a myth than as a man—has been killed in a car accident. This sudden death inspires an emotional odyssey—first to a small town in Kansas, from which he retraces the migration of his mother's family to Hawaii, and then to Kenya, where he meets the African side of his family, confronts the bitter truth of his father's life, and at last reconciles his divided inheritance. Praise for *Dreams from My Father* "Beautifully crafted . . . moving and candid . . . This book belongs on the shelf beside works like James McBride's *The Color of Water* and Gregory Howard Williams's *Life on the Color Line* as a tale of living astride America's racial

categories.”—Scott Turow “Provocative . . . Persuasively describes the phenomenon of belonging to two different worlds, and thus belonging to neither.”—The New York Times Book Review “Obama’s writing is incisive yet forgiving. This is a book worth savoring.”—Alex Kotlowitz, author of *There Are No Children Here* “One of the most powerful books of self-discovery I’ve ever read, all the more so for its illuminating insights into the problems not only of race, class, and color, but of culture and ethnicity. It is also beautifully written, skillfully layered, and paced like a good novel.”—Charlayne Hunter-Gault, author of *In My Place* “Dreams from My Father is an exquisite, sensitive study of this wonderful young author’s journey into adulthood, his search for community and his place in it, his quest for an understanding of his roots, and his discovery of the poetry of human life. Perceptive and wise, this book will tell you something about yourself whether you are black or white.”—Marian Wright Edelman

The Geography of You and Me Penguin
Brain injury plunged Lia into a world of distortion and chaos, where her own thoughts and senses could no longer be

trusted. Searching for medical help, she found doubt and manipulation instead. But *I’m Not Depressed* is a bleak but ultimately hopeful tale, and a slap in the face to the culture of psychobabble. *I Don’t Want to Eat Bugs* Harlequin Books
From the author of the acclaimed *Mr. China* comes another rollicking adventure story—part memoir, part history, part business imbroglio—that offers valuable lessons to help Westerners win in China. In the twenty-first century, the world has tilted eastwards in its orbit; China grows confident while the West seems mired in doubt. Having lived and worked in China for more than two decades, Tim Clissold explains the secrets that Westerners can use to navigate through its cultural and political maze. Picking up where he left off in the international bestseller *Mr. China*, *Chinese Rules* chronicles his most recent exploits, with assorted Chinese bureaucrats, factory owners, and local characters building a climate change business in China. Of course, all does not go as planned as he finds himself caught between the world’s largest carbon emitter and the world’s richest man. Clissold offers entertaining and

enlightening anecdotes of the absurdities, gaffes, and mysteries he encountered along the way. Sprinkled amid surreal scenes of cultural confusion and near misses, are smart myth-busting insights and practical lessons Westerners can use to succeed in China. Exploring key episodes in that nation’s long political, military, and cultural history, Clissold outlines five Chinese Rules, which anyone can deploy in on-the-ground situations with modern Chinese counterparts. These Chinese rules will enable foreigners not only to cooperate with China but also to compete with it on its own terms.

Cage of Night Crown

Bugs are for the birds! Lisbon is hungry and it’s hard to wait for dinner. When her animal friends try to help her find something tasty to eat, the real the problems begin! Join Lisbon on her funny misadventures. Each beautiful illustration is designed to inspire the imaginations of children. An activity page at the end of the book allows for more fun as they search for special items in the illustrations. This version of *I Don’t Want to Eat Bugs* has been designed specifically for ebook with a fixed layout and larger text for easy

reading. While this is a great read-aloud book for parents, teachers, and other adults to share with children, we have chosen fonts that are similar to the way children form letters for easy recognition as they begin to read on their own. The print book is also available in 8.5" x 11" format. Author's Note: I Don't Want to Eat Bugs was written for my daughter, who was two when I wrote this story and didn't like salad, but now she's four and a half and loves it—if I give her plenty of salad dressing! (But don't worry—this isn't a book about eating salad.) Of course birds, cats, and dogs have a very different idea of what's good to eat, but through this fun adventure, Lisbon learns there is also food meant just for her—and it's good, especially compared with all the offerings from her animal friends. My daughter and I privately call this book the "Ice Cream Story" (she LOVES ice cream so there had to be ice cream involved), and now whenever something funny happens, she says, "We should write a new ice cream story about that." And we have! I Don't Want to Eat Bugs is the first book in a planned series called Lisbon's Misadventures. I've written the next three

books in the series, and Tim Petersen is hard at work creating the illustrations. Tim is obviously a fabulous artist, and I'm excited to be working with him. You can sign up on my website to learn when the next book comes out (<http://teylarachelbranton.com/>). Thank you and enjoy!

[Losing Your Job and Finding Yourself](#) Mr. China

Max Opposite
What do you do when you can't control what you do,
When your brain behaves in mysterious ways,
When you're only 13,
And discover your life is a lie?
What do you do,
When your search for the truth,
Plunges you into a nightmare?
"Max has it all: action, adventure, international settings, a touch of romance and a sci-fi tilt. Great read for all ages." – A. H. (Auckland, New Zealand)
"Rachel, do you dream?"
"Of course I do. Everyone does."
"Do you always have the same dream?"
"Ah, no, that'd be pretty weird."
"I thought so."
"So what's this about, Max?"
"I have the same dream every single night. Always have, for as long as I can remember."
"That's definitely not normal. Even recurring dreams don't stay forever."
"Fast moving with a clever plot.

Max kept me completely involved. Thoroughly enjoyable...waiting for the next episode." – J. G. (Sydney, Australia)
"Max makes Harry Potter look wimpy! Great characters and an absolutely fantastic story." – P. L. (South Carolina, U.S.A.)
Max Opposite
Every morning, thirteen year old Max wakes from the same dream, scans his bedroom and waits for his memories to return. Every morning, when they do, he takes a deep breath and prepares for another day of humiliating events: Nicknamed 'Opposite' at school, Max is known for bizarre and inexplicable behaviour. Tired of being the fool, Max begins to question his purpose in life. What is wrong with him? Why does his mother keep secrets from him? Where does she secretly go at night?
With the help of Rachel, his only friend, Max sets out to find the answers, and is quickly drawn into a world of danger far beyond any of the problems faced at school. Soon he and Rachel find themselves at odds with one of the most ruthless and wealthy criminal masterminds the world has ever known.
In an international battle for survival, Max is forced to face the truth about himself, and

soon realises that it's not easy being thirteen and discovering that your whole life has been a lie. It's not easy being Max Opposite.

China's Son Laurel Leaf

"We must religiously observe our engagements with China, but I fear that Hong Kong is a sorry possession and Chusan is a magnificent island admirably placed for our purposes." So wrote the home secretary Sir James Graham to the prime minister Sir Robert Peel, as British diplomats prepared to return the island of Chusan to Chinese rule during the winter of 1845. For years, this now little-known island off the coast of Zhejiang province had been home to thousands of men, women and children of all classes and backgrounds, of all races and religions, from across the British Empire and beyond. Before the Union Jack ever flew over Hong Kong, it had been raised on Chusan. From a wealth of primary

archives, Liam D'Arcy-Brown pieces together the forgotten story of how the British wrested Chusan from the Qing dynasty, only to hand it back for the sake of Queen Victoria's honour and Britain's national prestige. At a time when the Chinese Communist Party is inspiring a new brand of patriotism by revisiting the shame inflicted during the Opium Wars, here is a book that puts Britain's incursions into nineteenth-century China in a fascinating and revealing new light.

Max Opposite Harper Collins

Kathrine Lee...has an amazing ability to cheer people on to become who God designed them to be by communicating life changing stories wrapped in God's truth.-Lysa TerKeurst, President of Proverbs 31 Ministries and New York Times best-selling author The world can be full of challenges. Often, we must fight to see the good in the world. Kathrine Lee refuses to

give up the fight. She believes there is good in the world, despite the pain and challenges we face. Learn how she found the spiritual strength and courage to stand up to disappointments and pain and find her path forward. A path that leads to joy, hope, and adventure. Lee left the church at a young age and wandered through dark valleys until she found her way back to the light. Once there, she became a passionate crusader for love and justice. In *Interrupted*, Lee discusses how she made the decisions that have given her such a fulfilling, satisfying spiritual and emotional existence. She shares her concern for anyone-but especially women-who has not felt the transformative power of God's grace. As Lee writes, that pain can be turned into an amazing purpose! Proceeds of her book will help her continue her work with Pure Hope Foundation, her nonprofit that assists in the restoration of those victimized by sex trafficking. "

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