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Imperial Bedrooms Candlewick
 A lush historical novel set in Victorian England, *When It Rained at Hembry Castle* is the story of an aristocratic family, secrets that dare not be told, and the wonder of falling in love. When the 8th Earl of Staton dies, his eldest son, the unreliable Richard, inherits the title and the family's home—Hembry Castle. The Earl's niece, the American-born Daphne, is intrigued by Edward Ellis, a rising author with a first-hand knowledge of Hembry Castle—from the servants' hall. Can Richard come to terms with his title before bringing ruin on his family? Will Edward and Daphne find their way to each other despite the obstacles of life at Hembry

Castle? *When It Rained at Hembry Castle* is a page-turning, romantic novel with vivid characters and an engrossing story that will keep you guessing until the end.

American Creation Simon & Schuster
 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • The inspiring true story of transgender actor and activist Nicole Maines, whose identical twin brother, Jonas, and ordinary American family join her on an extraordinary journey to understand, nurture, and celebrate the uniqueness in us all. Nicole appears as TV's first transgender superhero on CW's *Supergirl* When Wayne and Kelly Maines adopted identical twin boys, they thought their lives were complete. But by the time Jonas and Wyatt were toddlers, confusion over Wyatt's insistence that he was female began to tear the family apart. In the years that followed, the Maineses came to question their long-held views on gender

and identity, to accept Wyatt's transition to Nicole, and to undergo a wrenching transformation of their own, the effects of which would reverberate through their entire community. Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Amy Ellis Nutt spent almost four years reporting this story and tells it with unflinching honesty, intimacy, and empathy. In her hands, *Becoming Nicole* is more than an account of a courageous girl and her extraordinary family. It's a powerful portrait of a slowly but surely changing nation, and one that will inspire all of us to see the world with a little more humanity and understanding. Named One of the Ten Best Books of the Year by *People* • One of the Best Books of the Year by The New York Times Book Review and *Men's Journal* • A Stonewall Honor Book in Nonfiction • Finalist for the Lambda Literary Award for Transgender Nonfiction

“Fascinating and enlightening.”—Cheryl Strayed “If you aren’t moved by *Becoming Nicole*, I’d suggest there’s a lump of dark matter where your heart should be.”—The New York Times “Exceptional . . . ‘Stories move the walls that need to be moved,’ Nicole told her father last year. In telling Nicole’s story and those of her brother and parents luminously, and with great compassion and intelligence, that is exactly what Amy Ellis Nutt has done here.”—The Washington Post “A profoundly moving true story about one remarkable family’s evolution.”—People “*Becoming Nicole* is a miracle. It’s the story of a family struggling with—and embracing—a transgender child. But more than that, it’s about accepting one another, and ourselves, in all our messy, contradictory glory.”—Jennifer Finney Boylan, former co-chair of GLAAD and author of *She’s Not There: A Life in Two Genders*

[Hail to the Chief](#) Simon and Schuster If You... series.

What Was Ellis Island? Faber & Faber Ellis the Elephant is back and ready for another adventure in American history! In *From Sea to Shining Sea*, the fourth installment of Callista Gingrich’s New York Times bestselling series, Ellis explores the early years of the United States and heads west into uncharted territory with Lewis and Clark. In previous books, *Sweet Land of Liberty*, *Land of the Pilgrims’ Pride*, and *Yankee Doodle Dandy*, Ellis learned about pivotal moments that have shaped America. Now, in *From Sea to Shining Sea*, America’s favorite time-traveling pachyderm discovers a new and growing nation along with George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, Sacagawea and others. Authored by Callista Gingrich and illustrated by Susan Arciero, *From Sea to Shining Sea* will delight those who want to know how brave Americans forged a growing nation and spread freedom from coast to coast.

Christmas in America Troll Communications

From 1892 to 1954, Ellis Island was the gateway to a new life in the United States for millions of immigrants. In later years, the island was deserted, the buildings decaying. Ellis Island was not restored until the 1980s, when Americans from all over the country donated more than \$150 million. It opened to the public once again in 1990 as a museum. Learn more about America’s history, and perhaps even your own, through the story of one of the most popular landmarks in the country.

The Spider Who Saved Christmas Copperfield Press

The inspiration for the Emmy-nominated

film and its companion *Angela’s Christmas Wish*, now streaming on Netflix! Pulitzer Prize recipient Frank McCourt shares the story of his mother’s childhood Christmas in this tender and heartwarming picture book, previously published as *Angela and the Baby Jesus*. Angela is six-years-old and worries for the baby Jesus on the altar of St. Joseph’s church in Limerick. December nights are damp and cold, and the church is dark at night. How can the baby Jesus’ mother leave him in the manger without even a blanket to cover him? The baby Jesus surely needs Angela’s help, even if she is not allowed to go on the altar, especially by herself. Filled with the characters, incident, and detail that have made Frank McCourt internationally renowned and beloved, *Angela’s Christmas* is a timeless story of real life—in all of its joy, innocence, and incongruity. A story for all generations to enjoy and cherish.

[Dreaming of America](#) Simon and Schuster Ellis the Elephant dives back into history!

In *Yankee Doodle Dandy*, the third installment of this New York Times bestselling series, America’s favorite time traveling pachyderm is back, teaching kids (and parents!) about the American Revolution. In *Sweet Land of Liberty* and *Land of the Pilgrims’ Pride*, Ellis the Elephant explored pivotal moments that shaped American history. Now Ellis is back, and eager to learn about America’s most beloved patriots and their courageous fight for independence. Traveling through time, Ellis the Elephant encounters the Sons of Liberty, Patrick Henry, Paul Revere, the Founding Fathers, Betsy Ross, and more. Authored by Callista Gingrich and illustrated by Susan Arciero, *Yankee Doodle Dandy* educates and entertains as Ellis the Elephant experiences the American Revolution. With beautiful illustrations and charming rhymes, *Yankee Doodle Dandy* is a must read for young and old alike who want to know how America became a free and independent nation.

[Angela’s Christmas](#) Penguin

NATIONAL BESTSELLER • “A raucous, whip-smart collection of stories featuring retro-feminist ladies who lunch.” —Elle Meet the women of *American Housewife*. They wear lipstick, pearls, and sunscreen, even when it’s cloudy. They casserole. They pinwheel. And then they kill a party crasher, carefully stepping around the body to pull cookies from the oven. Taking us from a haunted pre-war Manhattan apartment building to the unique initiation ritual of a book club, these twelve delightfully demented stories are a refreshing and wicked answer to the

question: “What do housewives do all day?”

[The Christmas Angel](#) Perfection Learning A book to challenge the status quo, spark a debate, and get people talking about the issues and questions we face as a country! [When It Rained at Hembry Castle](#) Harvest House Publishers

An instant holiday classic. A happy little Christmas miracle. Even after more than 20 years after his death, pop culture icon, painter, host, and teacher Bob Ross has never been more heralded than he is today. His memorable quotes, friendly face, and signature hairstyle grace merchandise and memes around the world. But what makes Bob as beloved as he is are ultimately his core values, and his peaceful, joyful demeanor that encouraged his students and viewers to not only appreciate their natural talents but to appreciate the natural world around them. Bob was, in many respects, the embodiment of the classic holiday spirit which encourages peace on Earth and good will toward men. Now, for the first time, inspired by the classic Clement C. Moore’s story, this fully-authorized tale of a painter (and his little squirrel friend) on a cold winter night pairs Bob Ross’s most beautiful wintertime landscapes with a meditation on embracing not only your inner creativity, but the beauty of nature, and the feelings of peace, friendship, and harmony that blankets the entire holiday season like a happy little snowfall. Perfect for families, fans, and painters of all ages, Bob Ross’s *Happy Little Night Before Christmas* is the perfect addition to any holiday tradition.

[American Dialogue](#) Samuel French, Inc.

In this seasonal treasure, Newbery Medalist Susan Cooper’s beloved poem heralds the winter solstice, illuminated by Caldecott Honoree Carson Ellis’s strikingly resonant illustrations. So the shortest day came, and the year died . . . As the sun set on the shortest day of the year, early people would gather to prepare for the long night ahead. They built fires and lit candles. They played music, bringing their own light to the darkness, while wondering if the sun would ever rise again. Written for a theatrical production that has become a ritual in itself, Susan Cooper’s poem “The Shortest Day” captures the magic behind the returning of the light, the yearning for traditions that connect us with generations that have gone before — and the hope for peace that we carry into the future. Richly illustrated by Carson Ellis with a universality that spans the centuries, this beautiful book evokes the joy and community found in the ongoing mystery of life when we celebrate light,

thankfulness, and festivity at a time of rebirth. Welcome Yule!

The Ghost of Christmas Past Tyndale Kids
In the New York Times bestseller, *Sweet Land of Liberty*, Ellis the Elephant learned why America is the greatest country on Earth. Now Ellis is back and ready to learn about the birth of our great nation in Ellis and the 13 Colonies. Written and illustrated by Callista Gingrich and Susan Arciero, Ellis once again educates and entertains kids as he goes back to the library to learn about the original thirteen colonies. Starting with Jamestown, Ellis journeys through each colony and learns about the different founders, each colony's unique characteristics, and more! From the Pilgrims and the Indians to New Amsterdam and New Netherlands, kids will discover well-known and little-known facts about America and her first settlers. Perfect for children ages 5-8 years old, Ellis and the 13 Colonies will delight young and adult readers alike while teaching kids about America's roots and early history.

Holly Hills Christmas St. Martin's Press
THE TIMES TOP 10 BESTSELLER
GUARDIAN, TELEGRAPH, THE TIMES, IRISH TIMES, ROUGH TRADE, MOJO, CLASH, ROLLING STONE, UNCUT BOOK OF THE YEAR
From award-winning musician and composer Warren Ellis comes the unexpected and inspiring story of a piece of chewing gum. FEATURING AN INTRODUCTION BY NICK CAVE
Warren has turned this memento, snatched from his idol's piano in a moment of rapture, into a genuine religious artefact. NICK CAVE
Such a mad, happy book about art and music and obsession. I'm so glad I got to read it. It made the world feel lighter. NEIL GAIMAN
In praise of meaning-rich relics and magical things. Totally heartwarming project. MAX PORTER
A unique study of a fan's devotion, of transcendence and of the artistic vocation - it's got depth and great warmth. It's a beautiful piece of work. KEVIN BARRY
I hadn't opened the towel that contained her gum since 2013. The last person to touch it was Nina Simone, her saliva and fingerprints unsullied. The idea that it was still in her towel was something I had drawn strength from. I thought each time I opened it some of Nina Simone's spirit would vanish. In many ways that thought was more important than the gum itself. On Thursday 1 July, 1999, Dr Nina Simone gave a rare performance as part of Nick Cave's Meltdown Festival. After the show, in a state of awe, Warren Ellis crept onto the stage, took Dr Simone's piece of chewed gum from the piano, wrapped it in her stage towel and put it in a Tower Records bag. The gum remained with him for

twenty years; a sacred totem, his creative muse, a conduit that would eventually take Ellis back to his childhood and his relationship with found objects, growing in significance with every passing year. Nina Simone's Gum is about how something so small can form beautiful connections between people. It is a story about the meaning we place on things, on experiences, and how they become imbued with spirituality. It is a celebration of artistic process, friendship, understanding and love. 'This is such a beautiful f*@king book. Thank you, Warren. I highly recommend this motherf*@ker.' FLEA
A beautifully written book about the power of music and objects. I powered through it in two days. COURTNEY BARNETT
A moving, inspiration insight into a beautiful mind. JIM JARMUSCH
The year's most eccentric and joyful musical memoir. DAILY TELEGRAPH (Books of the year)
[Nina Simone's Gum] is a metaphor for [Ellis'] creativity - the blossoming of a small idea into something bigger and bolder - but also a journey inside the impulsive, improvisatory mind of Warren Ellis, his passions, obsessions and superstitions. OBSERVER
[A] beautiful, strikingly idiosyncratic book - part memoir, part essay, part conceptual art project, all testament to humans at their strangest and best . . . [Ellis] sees signifiacnce where others might not. MOJO
A glorious piece of object fetishism . . . Marvel as Ellis' collection of eccentric personal mementos morphs into a celebration of the intangible wonder of music. UNCUT
Wonderful. THE TIMES
The most peculiar book I've ever read. CRAIG BROWN, MAIL ON SUNDAY
Delightful . . . A joy from start to finish. BIG ISSUE
A joyous work full of love, connection, creativity and gratitude. THE SPECTATOR
Completely charming and joyful . . . glorious. LA REVIEW OF BOOKS
Beautiful . . . remarkable. NEW EUROPEAN
Valley Forge Random House
From the first shots fired at Lexington to the signing of the Declaration of Independence to the negotiations for the Louisiana Purchase, Joseph J. Ellis guides us through the decisive issues of the nation's founding, and illuminates the emerging philosophies, shifting alliances, and personal and political foibles of our now iconic leaders—Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Hamilton, and Adams. He casts an incisive eye on the founders' achievements, arguing that the American Revolution was, paradoxically, an evolution—and that part of what made it so extraordinary was the gradual pace at which it occurred. He explains how the

idea of a strong federal government was eventually embraced by the American people, and details the emergence of the two-party system, which stands as the founders' most enduring legacy. Ellis is equally incisive about their failures, and he makes clear how their inability to abolish slavery and to reach a just settlement with the Native Americans has played an equally important role in shaping our national character. With eloquence and insight, Ellis strips the mythic veneer of the revolutionary generation to reveal men both human and inspired, possessed of both brilliance and blindness. American Creation is an audiobook that delineates an era of flawed greatness, at a time when understanding our origins is more important than ever.

Remember the Ladies Vintage

Radiating the wondrous spirit of the season, *The Spider Who Saved Christmas* rekindles an ancient legend, casting new light on the story we thought we knew. Created by New York Times Bestselling Author Raymond Arroyo, *The Spider Who Saved Christmas* spins the enchanting faith-filled tale of Nephila, a cave-dwelling spider who plays a pivotal role central to the Christmas story. This instant classic reveals the origin of Christmas tinsel and reminds us that hope can always be found even in dark places where we least expect it.

Holidays on Ice Vintage Crime/Black Lizard
Annie Moore cares for her two younger brothers on board the ship sailing from Ireland to America where she becomes the first immigrant processed through Ellis Island, January 1, 1892, her fifteenth birthday.

Yankee Doodle Dandy Little, Brown
The award-winning author of *Founding Brothers* and *The Quartet* now gives us a deeply insightful examination of the relevance of the views of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and John Adams to some of the most divisive issues in America today. The story of history is a ceaseless conversation between past and present, and in *American Dialogue* Joseph J. Ellis focuses the conversation on the often-asked question "What would the Founding Fathers think?" He examines four of our most seminal historical figures through the prism of particular topics, using the perspective of the present to shed light on their views and, in turn, to make clear how their now centuries-old ideas illuminate the disturbing impasse of today's political conflicts. He discusses Jefferson and the issue of racism, Adams and the specter of economic inequality, Washington and American imperialism, Madison and the

doctrine of original intent. Through these juxtapositions--and in his hallmark dramatic and compelling narrative voice--Ellis illuminates the obstacles and pitfalls paralyzing contemporary discussions of these fundamentally important issues. The Shortest Day Simon and Schuster Sweet Land of Liberty is Thomas J. Sugrue's epic account of the abiding quest for racial equality in states from Illinois to New York, and of how the intense northern struggle differed from and was inspired by the fight down South. Sugrue's panoramic view sweeps from the 1920s to the present--more than eighty of the most decisive years in American history. He uncovers the forgotten stories of battles to open up lunch counters, beaches, and movie theaters in the North; the untold history of struggles against Jim Crow schools in northern towns; the dramatic

story of racial conflict in northern cities and suburbs; and the long and tangled histories of integration and black power. Filled with unforgettable characters and riveting incidents, and making use of information and accounts both public and private, such as the writings of obscure African American journalists and the records of civil rights and black power groups, Sweet Land of Liberty creates an indelible history.

Bob Ross' Happy Little Night Before Christmas Troll Communications
The experiences of people coming to the United States from many different lands are conveyed in the words of a contemporary young girl visiting Ellis Island and of a girl who immigrated in about 1910, as well as by quotes from early twentieth century immigrants and Ellis Island officials.

Ellis Island Christmas Angie Fox

David Sedaris's beloved holiday collection is new again with six more pieces, including a never before published story. Along with such favorites as the diaries of a Macy's elf and the annals of two very competitive families, are Sedaris's tales of tardy trick-or-treaters ("Us and Them"); the difficulties of explaining the Easter Bunny to the French ("Jesus Shaves"); what to do when you've been locked out in a snowstorm ("Let It Snow"); the puzzling Christmas traditions of other nations ("Six to Eight Black Men"); what Halloween at the medical examiner's looks like ("The Monster Mash"); and a barnyard secret Santa scheme gone awry ("Cow and Turkey"). No matter what your favorite holiday, you won't want to miss celebrating it with the author who has been called "one of the funniest writers alive" (Economist).

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