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A Sudden Light-Garth Stein 2014-09-30 From the author of the million-copy bestselling *The Art of Racing in the Rain* comes the breathtaking and long-awaited new novel. This novel centres on four generations of a once terribly wealthy and influential timber family who have fallen from grace; a mysterious yet majestic mansion, crumbling slowly into the bluff overlooking Puget Sound in Seattle; a love affair so powerful it reaches across the planes of existence; and a young man who simply wants his parents to once again experience the moment they fell in love, hoping that if can feel that emotion again, maybe they won't get divorced after all.

A Sudden Light-Garth Stein 2014-09-30 The New York Times bestselling "witty, atmospheric" (People) story of a once powerful American family, and the price that must be paid by the heirs as they struggle for redemption: "A captivating page-turner" (Star Tribune, Minneapolis). Twenty-three years after the fateful summer of 1990, Trevor Riddell recalls the events surrounding his fourteenth birthday, when he gets his first glimpse of the infamous Riddell House. Built from the spoils of a massive timber fortune, the legendary family mansion is constructed of giant whole trees and is set on a huge estate overlooking Seattle's Puget Sound. Trevor's bankrupt parents have separated, and his father, Jones Riddell, has brought Trevor to Riddell House with a goal: to join forces with Aunt Serena, dispatch the ailing and elderly Grandpa Samuel to a nursing home, sell off the house and property for development, and divide up the profits. But as young Trevor explores the house's hidden stairways and forgotten rooms, he discovers secrets that convince him that the family plan may be at odds with the land's true destiny. Only Trevor's willingness to face the dark past of his forefathers will reveal the key to his family's future. Spellbinding and atmospheric, *A Sudden Light* is rich with vivid characters, poetic scenes of natural beauty, and powerful moments of spiritual transcendence. "Garth Stein is resourceful, cleverly piecing together the family history with dreams, overheard conversations, and reminiscences...a tale well told," (The Seattle Times)—a triumphant work of a master storyteller at the height of his power.

Sudden Light: Donegal's Novel-J. A. Greenleaf 2011-05-10 The English army attacks Donegal Castle in Ireland in 1589. The few defenders fight vaingloriously but they are overwhelmed by the English in numbers, weaponry and surprise. Maire and Uilliam are a young, married couple who try to fight off the invaders but are lost when the castle burns. In 1666, Mary Goode is a young girl indentured to the King's Baker. Smelling fire late one night, she sounds the alarm. It is the start of the Great Fire of London. Maire is reincarnated as Mary, but remembers nothing of her past life in Ireland—that is until she meets—and touches—an English gentleman, realizing this overweight, aged, aristocrat is the embodiment of her Uilliam! Uilliam, however, remembers nothing, with tragic consequences. Throughout the next four hundred years, Uilliam and Maire live many other lives, sometimes near in age, sometimes not, and sometimes of other races. If they meet—and touch—Maire remembers all past lives, and, to her chagrin and great sadness, Uilliam has no recollection of Maire or their lives intertwining over the centuries. Borneo, the French Revolution, a clipper ship around the Horn, the American West, the trenches of World War One, the days before Pearl Harbor, crashing across the ages to the present. Maire, now Marisa, is a high-powered American lawyer and Uilliam—Bill—is an ex-convict, now charged with murder. Can she save him? Will she risk her fortune and her very life to rescue him and spirit him away? Will history repeat itself once again for these star-crossed lovers? Will Uilliam ever recognize Maire? Will they ever find one another—and happiness?

Raven Stole the Moon-Garth Stein 2010-03-02 "Deeply moving, superbly crafted, and highly unconventional." —Washington Times *Raven Stole the Moon* is the stunning first novel from Garth Stein, author of the phenomenal New York Times bestseller *The Art of Racing in the Rain*. A profoundly poignant and unforgettable story of a grieving mother's return to a remote Alaskan town to make peace with the loss of her young son, *Raven Stole the Moon* combines intense emotion with Native American mysticism and a timeless and terrifying mystery, and earned raves for a young writer and his uniquely captivating imagination. According to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, this remarkable novel "serves notice that Stein is a rare talent."

A Sudden, Fearful Death-Anne Perry 2010-09-22 In a London hospital, Prudence Barrymore, a talented nurse who had once been one of Florence

Nightingale's angels of mercy in the Crimean War, meets sudden death by strangulation. Private inquiry agent William Monk is engaged to investigate this horrific crime—which intuition tells him was no random stroke of violence by a madman. Greatly helped by his unconventional friend Hester Latterly, another of Miss Nightingale's nurses, and barrister Oliver Rathbone, Monk assembles a portrait of the remarkable woman. Yet he also discerns the shadow of a tragic evil that darkens every level of society, and a frightening glimmer of his own eclipsed past.

How Evan Broke His Head and Other Secrets-Garth Stein 2008 When his son's mother dies and leaves him a single parent to Dean, a fourteen-year-old boy he has never met, Evan Wallace is forced to confront his music career and his epilepsy.

A Sudden Country-Karen Fisher 2007-12-18 A vivid and revelatory novel based on actual events of the 1847 Oregon migration, *A Sudden Country* follows two characters of remarkable complexity and strength in a journey of survival and redemption. James MacLaren, once a resourceful and ambitious Hudson's Bay Company trader, has renounced his aspirations for a quiet family life in the Bitterroot wilderness. Yet his life is overturned in the winter of 1846, when his Nez Perce wife deserts him and his children die of smallpox. In the grip of a profound sorrow, MacLaren, whose home once spanned a continent, sets out to find his wife. But an act of secret vengeance changes his course, introducing him to a different wife and mother: Lucy Mitchell, journeying westward with her family. Lucy, a remarried widow, careful mother, and reluctant emigrant, is drawn at once to the self-possessed MacLaren. Convinced that he is the key to her family's safe passage, she persuades her husband to employ him. As their hidden stories and obsessions unfold, and pasts and cultures collide, both Lucy and MacLaren must confront the people they have truly been, are, and may become. Alive with incident and insight, presenting with rare scope and intimacy the complex relations among nineteenth-century traders, immigrants, and Native Americans, *A Sudden Country* is, above all, a heroic and unforgettable story of love and loss, sacrifice and understanding. From the Hardcover edition.

A Sudden Glory-Sharon Jaynes 2012-08-21 Do you long for something more in your relationship with God? The good news is that "something more" does not mean "doing more." God is not waiting for you to get your spiritual life "right." He wants to be with you right where you are. The real question is not "What does God want from you?" but "What does God want for you?" Sharon Jaynes understands what it's like to have a "glory ache"—a longing to experience God's presence on a daily basis. She also knows how easily working for God can get in the way of intimacy with God. And she's discovered that we tend to make our faith journey much too hard. In *A Sudden Glory*, Sharon uses Scripture and story to help you erase the line between your "spiritual life" and your "daily life" as you enter the sanctuary of God's presence even in the middle of your busy, messy day. Here you will find your eyes opened to moments of sudden glory in which the Creator assures you of His love as you live and move and have your being in Him. Here you will discover true freedom—the freedom of experiencing God in a deeper and more intimate way than ever before. Includes Bible study and discussion guide.

Sudden Death-Rita Mae Brown 2011-05-04 Outrageous, irrepressible and endlessly entertaining, the bestselling author of *Rubyfruit Jungle* and *Bingo* spins a behind-the-scenes tale of women's professional tennis that dramatically intertwines the heart-stopping excitement of competition and the lingering heartache of intimate human bonds. Carmen Semanan loves three things passionately: tennis, money and professor Harriet Rawls. Just twenty-four, Carmen is at her peak as one of the world's top-seeded tennis champions, determined to win the coveted Grand Slam. She is protected from everything but the grueling demands of her sport by an avicious agent and her devoted gusty Harriet. All the odds are in her favor. But there are weeds growing in her paradise patch. Carmen's vey latin brother, Miguel, parlays her succes into a financial house of cards with deals that include smuggling, forgery, and fraud. Susan Reilly, Carmen's archrival and former lover, leaks word of Carms's relationship with Harriet to the press—and tennis's best-kept secret is blown into a front-page scandal. From the French Open to Wimbledon, jealousies, ambitions and passions are set to explode. Now, with everything she cherishes on the line, Carmen must test the true depths of her feelings—both on and off the court.

The Sudden Appearance of Hope-Claire North 2016-05-17 The World

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Fantasy Award-winning thriller about a girl no one can remember, from the acclaimed author of *The First Fifteen Lives of Harry August* and *84K*. My name is Hope Arden, and you won't know who I am. But we've met before - a thousand times. It started when I was sixteen years old. A father forgetting to drive me to school. A mother setting the table for three, not four. A friend who looks at me and sees a stranger. No matter what I do, the words I say, the crimes I commit, you will never remember who I am. That makes my life difficult. It also makes me dangerous. The Sudden Appearance of Hope is a riveting and heartbreaking exploration of identity and existence, about a forgotten girl whose story will stay with you forever. More by Claire North: *The Gameshouse* *84K* *The End of the Day* *The Sudden Appearance of Hope* *Touch* *The First Fifteen Lives of Harry August*

*Sudden Death* - Alvaro Enrigue 2017-02-07 A 1599 Roman tennis match between the Italian painter Caravaggio and the Spanish poet Quevedo represents the way the world changed in their times, in a novel that goes from the execution of Anne Boleyn to Mexico after the conquest. A Strong and Sudden Thaw - R. W. Day 2009-01-01 Dragons terrorize a Virginia town, and one young man finds friendship--and love--in unlikely places in this near-future post-apocalyptic romance from Lambda award finalist R.W. Day. 'A Strong and Sudden Thaw' is a current finalist for the Lambda Literary Awards. The Sudden Star - Pamela Sargent 2014-04-01 The appearance of a white star bathing the world in a deadly glare turns Earth into a nightmare of fear and death. Rape and murder are as common as suicide. Medical help is allowed only for certain diseases, and only the most resourceful and corrupt survive. Dr. Simon Negron dares to defy the medical code by giving insulin to a diabetic. His crime makes him a fugitive with only a young prostitute as an ally, a haunted man running for his life in a nightmare world of increasing madness. Published in the UK under the title *The White Death*. The Art of Racing in the Rain - Garth Stein 2009-03-13 Soon to be a major motion picture, this heart-warming and inspirational tale follows Enzo, a loyal family dog, tells the story of his human family, how they nearly fell apart, and what he did to bring them back together.

A Certain Slant of Light - Laura Whitcomb 2005-09-21 In the class of the high school English teacher she has been haunting, Helen feels them: for the first time in 130 years, human eyes are looking at her. They belong to a boy, a boy who has not seemed remarkable until now. And Helen—terrified, but intrigued—is drawn to him. The fact that he is in a body and she is not presents this unlikely couple with their first challenge. But as the lovers struggle to find a way to be together, they begin to discover the secrets of their former lives and of the young people they come to possess.

*Sudden Fiction* - Robert Shapard 1986 Gathers seventy stories by Paley, Hannah, Barthelme, Cheever, Updike, Tallent, Carver, Boyle, Williams, Oates, Hemingway, and Malamud

*The Art of Racing in the Rain* - Garth Stein 2009-03-17 NOW A MAJOR MOTION PICTURE FROM FOX 2000 STARRING MILO VENTIMIGLIA, AMANDA SEYFRIED, AND KEVIN COSTNER MEET THE DOG WHO WILL SHOW THE WORLD HOW TO BE HUMAN The New York Times bestselling novel from Garth Stein—a heart-wrenching but deeply funny and ultimately uplifting story of family, love, loyalty, and hope—a captivating look at the wonders and absurdities of human life . . . as only a dog could tell it. "Splendid." —People "The perfect book for anyone who knows that compassion isn't only for humans, and that the relationship between two souls who are meant for each other never really comes to an end. Every now and then I'm lucky enough to read a novel I can't stop thinking about: this is one of them." —Jodi Picoult "It's impossible not to love Enzo." —Minneapolis Star Tribune "This old soul of a dog has much to teach us about being human. I loved this book." —Sara Gruen

*Light on Snow* - Anita Shreve 2004-10-01 What makes a family? That's what twelve-year-old Nicky Dillon wonders after she and her widowed father discover a wailing abandoned baby in the snow-filled woods near their New Hampshire home. Through the days that follow, the Dillons and an unexpected visitor who soon turns up at their door—a young woman evidently haunted by her own terrible choices—face a thicket of decisions, each seeming to carry equal possibilities of heartbreak and redemption. Writing with all the emotional resonance that has drawn millions of readers around the world to her fiction, Anita Shreve unfolds in *Light on Snow* a tender and surprising novel about love and its consequences.

*Sudden Awakening* - Jaxon-Bear, Eli 2015-08-01 Everybody wants to be happy. Unfortunately, relatively few achieve bliss. Eli Jaxon-Bear explores how it is possible to achieve lives filled with gratitude and love. True happiness and meaning are achieved, he asserts, when we wake up, stop our minds, and open our hearts. It is then that we discover our true selves; our core identity that is part of the ultimate living intelligence of the universe; our true source. Like Gangaji, Jaxon-Bear uses a method of self-investigation called "self-inquiry." In the light of direct self-inquiry, limitations that once seemed to define ourselves are discovered to be more like transparent lines drawn on water. They exist only on the surface of consciousness in one's imagination. When these illusions of mind are clearly exposed, true limitless being reveals itself. This is a book that will appeal to those who are fans of Gangaji, Byron Katie, and Eckart Tolle. It is an articulate and helpful expression of a path to fulfillment for those wrestling

with questions of identity and meaning.

*A Sudden Sunlight* - Laurey Bright 1989-01-01

*Ancient Light* - John Banville 2012-10-02 The Man Booker Prize-winning author of *The Sea* gives us a brilliant, profoundly moving new novel about an actor in the twilight of his life and his career: a meditation on love and loss, and on the inscrutable immediacy of the past in our present lives. Is there any difference between memory and invention? That is the question that fuels this stunning novel, written with the depth of character, the clarifying lyricism and the sly humor that have marked all of John Banville's extraordinary works. And it is the question that haunts Alexander Cleave, an actor in the twilight of his career and of his life, as he plumbs the memories of his first—and perhaps only—love (he, fifteen years old, the woman more than twice his age, the mother of his best friend; the situation impossible, thrilling, devouring and finally devastating) . . . and of his daughter, lost to a kind of madness of mind and heart that Cleave can only fail to understand. When his dormant acting career is suddenly, inexplicably revived with a movie role portraying a man who may not be who he says he is, his young leading lady—famous and fragile—unwittingly gives him the opportunity to see with aching clarity the "chasm that yawns between the doing of a thing and the recollection of what was done." *Ancient Light* is a profoundly moving meditation on love and loss, on the inscrutable immediacy of the past in our present lives, on how invention shapes memory and memory shapes the man. It is a book of spellbinding power and pathos from one of the greatest masters of prose at work today. This eBook edition includes a Reading Group Guide.

*Hotel Angeline* - Seattle7Writers 2011-05-03 Thirty-six of the most interesting writers in the Pacific Northwest came together for a week-long marathon of writing live on stage. The result? *Hotel Angeline*, a truly inventive novel that surprises at every turn of the page. Something is amiss at the Hotel Angeline, a rickety former mortuary perched atop Capitol Hill in rain-soaked Seattle. Fourteen-year-old Alexis Austin is fixing the plumbing, the tea, and all the problems of the world, it seems, in her landlady mother's absence. The quirky tenants—a hilarious mix of misfits and rabble-rousers from days gone by—rely on Alexis all the more when they discover a plot to sell the Hotel. Can Alexis save their home? Find her real father? Deal with her surrogate dad's dicey past? Find true love? Perhaps only their feisty pet crow, Habib, truly knows. Provoking interesting questions about the creative process, this novel is by turns funny, scary, witty, suspenseful, beautiful, thrilling, and unexpected.

*Singularity Sky* - Charles Stross 2004 In a world transformed by the Eschaton, a sentient artificial intelligence, the colony of New Republic, founded by people who wanted no part of the technological revolution, is threatened by an information plague of advanced technology. Reprint.

*A Sudden Crush* - Camilla Isley 2017-08-30 Joanna Price is a city girl with the perfect life. She loves her job as a book editor, she just married Liam, high profile bestselling author and the man of her dreams, and she's headed to the Caribbean to enjoy two weeks of paradise for her luxurious honeymoon. Connor Duffield is a gruff, grumpy rancher from the Midwest. He is a country boy who has a no-nonsense approach to life, more scars than he'd like to admit, and he hates city girls. So it's just a misfortune they have to sit next to each other for a six hour plane ride. Even more so when their flight is caught in the perfect storm and Joanna wakes up stranded on a desert island with Connor, the very man she hoped she would never have to see again. Why are they alone on this forsaken island? What happened to Joanna's husband? When her dream honeymoon turns into a hilarious tropical nightmare, Joanna's first thought is survival. However, she and Connor will quickly discover just how boring paradise can be. As the days turn to weeks, and then months, this mismatched pair will have to learn how to coexist and how to resist the sparkles of an attraction they weren't prepared to feel. When they are finally rescued will Joanna's marriage be saved as well, or will the life she knew and loved be in ruins? Get stranded on a deserted island with a stranger, fall in love, and find a Happy Ending all in one book. Have fun all summer long. *A Sudden Crush* is a contemporary romantic comedy filled with humor and adventure that will make you laugh out loud. It's a modern day fairy tale, like a cross between Cinderella and Robison Crusoe. A fun chick lit beach read perfect for summer reading but also for a winter escape. Wonderful if you like a love hate relationship. A hilarious read perfect for fans of Lindsey Kelk, Sophie Kinsella and Sally Thorne. PRAISE FOR A SUDDEN CRUSH \* A Disney movie for grownups... Aimee - Hello Chick Lit \* It was hard to explain to everybody the reason for laughing hysterically staring at my phone. Ria - Lilac Diaries \* The kind of book that you pick up, immediately enjoy and don't want to put down. Becky - Ink Eaters \* It took me away from the real world... Stacey - Whispering Stories \* Light and fun read! *A Sudden Crush* is just the book you need when you're stuck in an island (pun very much intended). It was an easy read that will get you hooked from very first page down to the last. If you loved *The Hating Game* by Sally Thorne you'll definitely enjoy this one as well. It had the perfect amount of drama, romance and depth. Eunice - Nerdy Talks Book Blog \* 'A Sudden Crush' is a great escapist novel to make you forget about the cold winter days... a fast-paced, fun and light-hearted read; a read chick lit fans will enjoy... Jody - A Spoonful of Happy Endings \* This is pure escapist, fairy-tale fluff. If you're

craving that type of read, give it a go! Kathleen - Literary Quicksand \* A great book to read on the beach while lying in the sun...an easy read and a sweet story. Great beach read... Rebecca - Rebecca Book Review \* What begins as another fairytale romance - an enemies to lovers romantic comedy (with a cute baby monkey side kick), doesn't play out quite as I expected. The story doesn't remain in fairytale land, making us face the reality of what happens after they are rescued from this deserted island. Renee - Hey Said Renee \* If you love romance and comedy books than I know you will love this book as much as I did. Margaret - The World As I See It

Together in a Sudden Strangeness-Alice Quinn 2020-11-17 In this urgent outpouring of American voices, our poets speak to us as they shelter in place, addressing our collective fear, grief, and hope from eloquent and diverse individual perspectives. As the novel coronavirus and its devastating effects began to spread in the United States and around the world, Alice Quinn reached out to poets across the country to see if, and what, they were writing under quarantine. Moved and galvanized by the response, the onetime New Yorker poetry editor and recent former director of the Poetry Society of America began collecting the poems arriving in her inbox, assembling this various, intimate, and intricate portrait of our suddenly altered reality. In these pages, we find poets grieving for relatives they are separated from or recovering from illness themselves, attending to suddenly complicated household tasks or turning to literature for strength, considering the bravery of medical workers or working their own shifts at the hospital, and, as the Black Lives Matter movement has swept the globe, reflecting on the inequities in our society that amplify sorrow and demand our engagement. From fierce and resilient to wistful, darkly humorous, and emblematically reverent about the earth and the vulnerability of human beings in frightening times, the poems in this collection find the words to describe what can feel unspeakably difficult and strange, providing wisdom, companionship, and depths of feeling that enliven our spirits.

Racing in the Rain-Garth Stein 2011-05-03 Soon to be a family friendly major motion picture from Fox 2000 Studios—featuring Milo Ventimiglia, Amanda Seyfried, and Kevin Costner as the voice of Enzo the dog! In this young readers' edition of the New York Times bestselling adult novel *The Art of Racing in the Rain*, meet one funny mutt—Enzo, the lovable dog who tells this story. Enzo knows he is different from other dogs. Most dogs love to chase cars, but Enzo longs to race them. He learns about racing and the world around him by watching TV and by listening to the words of his best friend, Denny, an up-and-coming race car driver, and Denny's daughter, Zoë, his constant companion. Enzo finds that life is just like being on the racetrack—it isn't simply about going fast. Applying the rules of racing to his world, Enzo takes on his family's challenges and emerges a hero. In the end, Enzo holds in his heart the dream that Denny will go on to be a racing champion with his daughter by his side. For theirs is an extraordinary friendship—one that reminds us all to celebrate the triumph of the human (and canine) spirit.

The End of October-Lawrence Wright 2020 "In this propulsive medical thriller—from the Pulitzer Prize winner and best-selling author—Dr. Henry Parsons, an unlikely but appealing hero, races to find the origins and cure of a mysterious new killer virus as it brings the world to its knees. At an internment camp in Indonesia, within one week, forty-seven people are pronounced dead with acute hemorrhagic fever. When the microbiologist and epidemiologist Henry Parsons travels there on behalf of the World Health Organization to investigate, what he finds will soon have staggering repercussions across the globe: an infected man is on his way to join the millions of worshippers in the annual Hajj to Mecca. Now, Henry joins forces with a Saudi doctor and prince in an attempt to quarantine the entire host of pilgrims in the holy city. Matilda Nachinsky, deputy director of U. S. Homeland Security, scrambles to mount a response to what may be an act of biowarfare already-fraying global relations begin to snap, one by one, in the face of a pandemic. Henry's wife Jill and their children face diminishing odds of survival in Atlanta and the disease slashes across the United States, dismantling institutions—scientific, religious, governmental—and decimating the population. As packed with suspense as it is with the riveting history of viral diseases, Lawrence Wright has given us a full-tilt, electrifying, one-of-a-kind thriller"--

The Light of the World-Elizabeth Alexander 2015-04-21 A deeply resonant memoir for anyone who has loved and lost, from acclaimed poet and Pulitzer Prize finalist Elizabeth Alexander. In *The Light of the World*, Elizabeth Alexander finds herself at an existential crossroads after the sudden death of her husband. Channeling her poetic sensibilities into a rich, lucid prose, Alexander tells a love story that is, itself, a story of loss. As she reflects on the beauty of her married life, the trauma resulting from her husband's death, and the solace found in caring for her two teenage sons, Alexander universalizes a very personal quest for meaning and acceptance in the wake of loss. *The Light of the World* is at once an endlessly compelling memoir and a deeply felt meditation on the blessings of love, family, art, and community. It is also a lyrical celebration of a life well-lived and a paean to the priceless gift of human companionship. For those who have loved and lost, or for anyone who cares what matters most, *The Light of the World* is required reading.

Life in the Fat Lane-Cherie Bennett 2011 Sixteen-year-old Lara, winner of

beauty pageants and Homecoming Queen, is distressed and bewildered when she starts gaining weight and becomes a fat girl.

Sudden Rain-Maritta Wolff 2012-12-11 In 1972, in the suburbs around L.A., traditional housewives in their 30s and 40s are starting to ask whether they are satisfied by their everyday lives; meanwhile, a young woman in her early 20s feels paralyzed by her options. The story centers around five middle-class L.A. couples of three different generations and the ways in which their relationships and home lives are affected by the trends (specifically the rise in divorce and feminism) of the time. Maritta Wolff's moving, compelling novel takes place in one stormy L.A. weekend, as a literal fog of unrest blows into town, and alters these marriages forever.

Nothing to See Here-Kevin Wilson 2019-10-29 A New York Times Bestseller • A Read with Jenna Today Show Book Club Pick! Named a Best Book of the Year by The New York Times Book Review, The Washington Post, People, Entertainment Weekly, USA Today, TIME, The A.V. Club, BuzzFeed, and PopSugar "I can't believe how good this book is.... It's wholly original. It's also perfect.... Wilson writes with such a light touch.... The brilliance of the novel [is] that it distracts you with these weirdo characters and mesmerizing and funny sentences and then hits you in a way you didn't see coming. You're laughing so hard you don't even realize that you've suddenly caught fire." —Taffy Brodesser-Akner, author of *Fleishman is in Trouble*, New York Times Book Review From the New York Times bestselling author of *The Family Fang*, a moving and uproarious novel about a woman who finds meaning in her life when she begins caring for two children with a remarkable ability. Lillian and Madison were unlikely roommates and yet inseparable friends at their elite boarding school. But then Lillian had to leave the school unexpectedly in the wake of a scandal and they've barely spoken since. Until now, when Lillian gets a letter from Madison pleading for her help. Madison's twin stepkids are moving in with her family and she wants Lillian to be their caretaker. However, there's a catch: the twins spontaneously combust when they get agitated, flames igniting from their skin in a startling but beautiful way. Lillian is convinced Madison is pulling her leg, but it's the truth. Thinking of her dead-end life at home, the life that has consistently disappointed her, Lillian figures she has nothing to lose. Over the course of one humid, demanding summer, Lillian and the twins learn to trust each other—and stay cool—while also staying out of the way of Madison's buttoned-up politician husband. Surprised by her own ingenuity yet unused to the intense feelings of protectiveness she feels for them, Lillian ultimately begins to accept that she needs these strange children as much as they need her—urgently and fiercely. Couldn't this be the start of the amazing life she'd always hoped for? With white-hot wit and a big, tender heart, Kevin Wilson has written his best book yet—a most unusual story of parental love.

A Sudden Death in Cyprus-Michael Grant 2019-09-05 David Mitre has a very unusual set of skills, skills he has acquired over a long criminal career. Skills that make him an irritant for people like the FBI. Hiding among the ex-pat community of the Greek islands, his cover is blown when he is witness to a stabbing on a Cyprus beach. The FBI want answers and David is given an ultimatum; solve the murder or face imprisonment for his own crimes. Coerced into playing detective, David unwittingly uncovers a criminal enterprise far worse than anything he could have imagined.

The Almost Moon-Alice Sebold 2007-10-16 A woman steps over the line into the unthinkable in this brilliant, powerful, and unforgettable new novel by the author of *The Lovely Bones* and *Lucky*. For years Helen Knightly has given her life to others: to her haunted mother, to her enigmatic father, to her husband and now grown children. When she finally crosses a terrible boundary, her life comes rushing in at her in a way she never could have imagined. Unfolding over the next twenty-four hours, this searing, fast-paced novel explores the complex ties between mothers and daughters, wives and lovers, the meaning of devotion, and the line between love and hate. It is a challenging, moving, gripping story, written with the fluidity and strength of voice that only Alice Sebold can bring to the page.

Travel Light, Move Fast-Alexandra Fuller 2019-08-06 From bestselling author Alexandra Fuller, the utterly original story of her father, Tim Fuller, and a deeply felt tribute to a life well lived Six months before he died in Budapest, Tim Fuller turned to his daughter: "Let me tell you the secret to life right now, in case I suddenly give up the ghost." Then he lit his pipe and stroked his dog Harry's head. Harry put his paw on Dad's lap and they sat there, the two of them, one man and his dog, keepers to the secret of life. "Well?" she said. "Nothing comes to mind, quite honestly, Bobo," he said, with some surprise. "Now that I think about it, maybe there isn't a secret to life. It's just what it is, right under your nose. What do you think, Harry?" Harry gave Dad a look of utter agreement. He was a very superior dog. "Well, there you have it," Dad said. After her father's sudden death, Alexandra Fuller realizes that if she is going to weather his loss, she will need to become the parts of him she misses most. So begins *Travel Light, Move Fast*, the unforgettable story of Tim Fuller, a self-exiled black sheep who moved to Africa to fight in the Rhodesian Bush War before settling as a banana farmer in Zambia. A man who preferred chaos to predictability, to revel in promise rather than wallow in regret, and who was more afraid of becoming bored than of getting lost, he taught his daughters to live as if everything needed to happen all together, all at once—or not at all. Now, in

the wake of his death, Fuller internalizes his lessons with clear eyes and celebrates a man who swallowed life whole. A master of time and memory, Fuller moves seamlessly between the days and months following her father's death, as she and her mother return to his farm with his ashes and contend with his overwhelming absence, and her childhood spent running after him in southern and central Africa. Writing with reverent irreverence of the rollicking grand misadventures of her mother and father, bursting with pandemonium and tragedy, Fuller takes their insatiable appetite for life to heart. Here, in Fuller's Africa, is a story of joy, resilience, and vitality, from one of our finest writers.

**Sudden Courage**-Ronald C. Rosbottom 2019-08-13 The author of *When Paris Went Dark* returns to World War II to tell the remarkable story of the youngest members of the French Resistance and their war against the German occupiers and their collaborators. On June 14, 1940, German tanks entered a nearly deserted Paris. Eight days later, France accepted a humiliating defeat and foreign occupation. Many adapted to the situation—even allied themselves with their new overlords. Yet amid increasing Nazi ruthlessness, shortages and arbitrary curfews, a resistance arose—a shadow army of workers, intellectuals, shop owners, police officers, Jews, immigrants, and communists. Among this army were a remarkable number of adolescents and young men and women; it was estimated by one underground leader that “four-fifths of the members of the resistance were under the age of thirty.” Months earlier, they would have been spending their evenings studying for exams, sneaking out to dates, and finding their footing at first jobs. Now they learned the art of sabotage, the ways of disguise and deception, how to stealthily avoid patrols, steal secrets, and eliminate the enemy—sometimes violently. Nevertheless, in most histories of the French Resistance, the substantial contributions of the young have been minimized or, at worst, ignored. *Sudden Courage* remedies that amnesia. Amid heart-stopping accounts of subterfuge, narrow escapes, and deadly consequences, we meet blind Jacques Lusseyran, who created one of the most influential underground networks in Paris; Guy Môquet, whose execution at the hands of Germans became a cornerstone of rebellion; Maroussia Naïtchenko, a young communist uncannily adept at escaping Gestapo traps; André Kirschen, who at fifteen had to become an assassin; Anise Postel-Vinay, captured and sent to a concentration camp; and bands of other young rebels who chose to risk their lives for a better tomorrow. But *Sudden Courage* is more than an inspiring account of youthful daring and determination. It is also a riveting investigation of what it means to come of age under the threat of rising nativism and authoritarianism—one with a deep bearing on our own time.

**A Northern Light**-Jennifer Donnelly 2019-05-07 In 1906, sixteen-year-old Mattie, determined to attend college and be a writer against the wishes of her father and fiancé, takes a job at a summer inn where she discovers the truth about the death of a guest. Based on a true story.

**Sudden Death**-David Rosenfelt 2009-07-29 Following the success of *Bury the Lead*, David Rosenfelt delivers a “wise cracking legal thriller” featuring Defense Attorney Andy Carpenter (Publishers Weekly). Kenny Schilling is the new star running back for the New York Giants. Troy Preston was a wide receiver for the Jets, until his recent murder. Could rivalry have turned Kenny Schilling into a cold-blooded killer? The police say yes. And now the football hero needs a good lawyer-quick. Still basking in the glow of his last successful case, Andy Carpenter is called to defend Kenny's innocence.

Then it's revealed that Troy wasn't the only murdered player Kenny was in contact with. Now, amid a collapsing personal life and death threats from a drug king—who may or may not have a hand in things—Andy must keep his eye on the ball during what could become the media trial of the century.

**The Book of Anna**-Carmen Boullosa 2020-04-14 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.

Late in the Day-Tessa Hadley 2019-01-15 “With each new book by Tessa Hadley, I grow more convinced that she's one of the greatest stylists alive.”—Ron Charles, Washington Post New York Times Book Review Editors' Choice | A Parnassus First Editions Club Pick | Powell's Indispensable Book Club Pick | A Washington Post Notable Book | A Slate Best Book of the Year | A Bookpage Best Book of the Year The lives of two close-knit couples are irrevocably changed by an untimely death in the latest from Tessa Hadley, the acclaimed novelist and short story master who “recruits admirers with each book” (Hilary Mantel). Alexandr and Christine and Zachary and Lydia have been friends since they first met in their twenties. Thirty years later, Alex and Christine are spending a leisurely summer's evening at home when they receive a call from a distraught Lydia: she is at the hospital. Zach is dead. In the wake of this profound loss, the three friends find themselves unmoored; all agree that Zach, with his generous, grounded spirit, was the irreplaceable one they couldn't afford to lose. Inconsolable, Lydia moves in with Alex and Christine. But instead of loss bringing them closer, the three of them find over the following months that it warps their relationships, as old entanglements and grievances rise from the past, and love and sorrow give way to anger and bitterness. *Late in the Day* explores the complex webs at the center of our most intimate relationships, to expose how, beneath the seemingly dependable arrangements we make for our lives, lie infinite alternate configurations. Ingeniously moving between past and present and through the intricacies of her characters' thoughts and interactions, Tessa Hadley once again “crystallizes the atmosphere of ordinary life in prose somehow miraculous and natural” (Washington Post).

**The Leftovers**-Tom Perrotta 2011-08-30 A New York Times Notable Book for 2011 A Washington Post Notable Fiction Book for 2011 A USA Today 10 Books We Loved Reading in 2011 Title One of NPR's 10 Best Novels of 2011 What if—whoosh, right now, with no explanation—a number of us simply vanished? Would some of us collapse? Would others of us go on, one foot in front of the other, as we did before the world turned upside down? That's what the bewildered citizens of Mapleton, who lost many of their neighbors, friends and lovers in the event known as the Sudden Departure, have to figure out. Because nothing has been the same since it happened—not marriages, not friendships, not even the relationships between parents and children. Kevin Garvey, Mapleton's new mayor, wants to speed up the healing process, to bring a sense of renewed hope and purpose to his traumatized community. Kevin's own family has fallen apart in the wake of the disaster: his wife, Laurie, has left to join the Guilty Remnant, a homegrown cult whose members take a vow of silence; his son, Tom, is gone, too, dropping out of college to follow a sketchy prophet named Holy Wayne. Only Kevin's teenaged daughter, Jill, remains, and she's definitely not the sweet “A” student she used to be. Kevin wants to help her, but he's distracted by his growing relationship with Nora Durst, a woman who lost her entire family on October 14th and is still reeling from the tragedy, even as she struggles to move beyond it and make a new start. With heart, intelligence and a rare ability to illuminate the struggles inherent in ordinary lives, Tom Perrotta's *The Leftovers* is a startling, thought-provoking novel about love, connection and loss.

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