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The Solace of Leaving Early Haven Kimmel 2003 The bestselling author of "A Girl Named Zippy" offers a smart first novel that tells the story of a difficult courtship and the bittersweet wrestlings with grief and faith that surround it.

Glitter and Glue Kelly Corrigan 2014-02-13 'I loved this book, I was moved by this book and now I will share this book with my own mother.' Elizabeth Gilbert, author of Eat, Pray, Love. From the New York Times best-selling author of The Middle Place comes a new memoir that examines the bond between mothers and daughters. Kelly Corrigan's mother summarised the the division of labour in her family as: 'Your father's the glitter, but I'm the glue.' This meant nothing to Kelly, who left her childhood sure that her mum would be nothing more than background for the rest of Kelly's life. After college, she took off see things and Become Interesting. In a matter of months her savings had dwindled and she needed a job. That's how she met John Tanner, a newly widowed Australian father of two looking for a live-in nanny. There, in that small, motherless house her mother's voice was suddenly everywhere. Each day she spent with the Tanner kids was a day she spent reconsidering her relationship with her mother, turning it over in her hands like a shell, trying to hear whatever messages might be trapped in its shadowy spiral. This is a book about who you admire and why, and how that changes over time.

America's Boy Wade Rouse 2006 A journalist remembers his childhood struggles to gain acceptance from the jeans-wearing set, his envy of his admired older brother, his parent's atypical personalities, and the Fourth of July accident that ended his brother's life. 40,000 first printing.

Inside Passage Keema Waterfield 2020-09-15 Keema Waterfield grew up chasing music with her twenty-year-old mother on the Alaskan folk festival circuit, two small siblings in tow. Summers they traveled by ferry and car, sharing the family tent with a guitar, cello, and fiddle. Adrift with a revolving cast of musicians, drunks, stepdads, and one man with a gun, Keema yearned for a place to call home. Preferably with heat and flushing toilets. Trying to understand the absence of her pot-dealing father, she is drawn deeper into her mother's past instead.

She Got Up Off the Couch Haven Kimmel 2007-02-13 A continuation of the memoir "A Girl Named Zippy" follows the story of her mother, Delonda, who reinvents her life by returning to college and losing fifty pounds, while Zippy continues to work out the dynamic of their nuclear family.

A Fireproof Home for the Bride Amy Scheibe 2015-03-10 Emmaline Nelson and her sister Birdie grow up in the hard, cold rural Lutheran world of strict parents, strict milking times, and strict morals. Marriage is preordained, the groom practically predestined. Though it's 1958, southern Minnesota did not see changing

roles for women on the horizon. Caught in a time bubble between a world war and the ferment of the 1960's, Emmy doesn't see that she has any say in her life, any choices at all. Only when Emmy's fiancé shows his true colors and forces himself on her does she find the courage to act—falling instead for a forbidden Catholic boy, a boy whose family seems warm and encouraging after the sere Nelson farm life. Not only moving to town and breaking free from her engagement but getting a job on the local newspaper begins to open Emmy's eyes. She discovers that the KKK is not only active in the Midwest but that her family is involved, and her sense of the firm rules she grew up under—and their effect—changes completely. Amy Scheibe's *A FIREPROOF HOME FOR THE BRIDE* has the charm of detail that will drop readers into its time and place: the home economics class lecture on cuts of meat, the group date to the diner, the small-town movie theater popcorn for a penny. It also has a love story—the wrong love giving way to the right—and most of all the pull of a great main character whose self-discovery sweeps the plot forward.

*A Girl Named Zippy* Haven Kimmel 2004-06-01 When Haven Kimmel was born in 1965, Mooreland, Indiana, was a sleepy little hamlet of three hundred people. Nicknamed "Zippy" for the way she would bolt around the house, this small girl was possessed of big eyes and even bigger ears. In a witty and lovingly told memoir, Kimmel takes readers back to a time when small-town America was caught in the amber of the innocent post-war period.

*The Transcriptionist* Amy Rowland 2014-05-13 "Haunting and provocative . . . Rowland's writing is compelling and masterful." —Delia Ephron, author of *The Lion Is In Once*, there were many transcriptionists at the Record, a behemoth New York City newspaper, but new technology has put most of them out of work. So now Lena, the last transcriptionist, sits alone in a room—a human conduit, silently turning reporters' recorded stories into print—until the day she encounters a story so shocking that it shatters the reverie that has become her life. This exquisite novel, written by an author who spent more than a decade as a transcriptionist at the New York Times, asks probing questions about journalism and ethics, about the decline of the newspaper and the failure of language. It is also the story of a woman's effort to establish her place in an increasingly alien and alienating world. "The Transcriptionist is suffused with prescient insight into journalism, ethics, and alienation . . . A thought provoking, original work." —New York Journal of Books "Rowland seems that rare thing, the naturally gifted novelist . . . [She] deftly maps a very specific kind of urban loneliness, the inner ache of the intelligent, damaged soul who prefers the company of ideas and words to that of people . . . That urge—to make words holy—is at the heart of this novel's strange, sad beauty." —The Washington Post "The Transcriptionist holds many pleasures . . . [and] can be read through many lenses . . . Rowland plays with the notions of truth and reliability . . . Sharp and affecting." —The New York Times Book Review "A strange, mesmerizing novel . . . about the decline of newspapers and the subsequent loss of humanity—and yes, these are related." —Booklist, starred review "Ambitious and fascinating . . . Disturbing and powerful." —Library Journal "Entering the city Rowland creates, with its tightly strung dialogue and soulful, lonely citizens, is a memorable experience." —The Boston Globe "Unforgettable. Written with such delight, compassion, and humanity it's newsworthy."—Alex Gilvarry, author of *From the Memoirs of a Non-Enemy Combatant*

*The Orchard* Kristina Gorcheva-Newberry 2022-03-15 Four teenagers grow inseparable in the last days of the Soviet Union—but not all of them will live to see the new world arrive in this powerful debut novel, loosely based on Anton Chekhov's *The Cherry Orchard*. "Spectacular . . . intensely evocative and gorgeously written . . . will fill readers' eyes with tears and wonder."—Minneapolis Star Tribune Coming of age in the USSR in the 1980s, best friends Anya and Milka try to envision a free and joyful future for themselves. They spend their summers at Anya's dacha just outside of Moscow, lazing in the apple orchard, listening to Queen songs, and fantasizing

about trips abroad and the lives of American teenagers. Meanwhile, Anya's parents talk about World War II, the Blockade, and the hardships they have endured. By the time Anya and Milka are fifteen, the Soviet Empire is on the verge of collapse. They pair up with classmates Trifonov and Lopatin, and the four friends share secrets and desires, argue about history and politics, and discuss forbidden books. But the world is changing, and the fleeting time they have together is cut short by a sudden tragedy. Years later, Anya returns to Russia from America, where she has chosen a different kind of life, far from her family and childhood friends. When she meets Lopatin again, he is a smug businessman who wants to buy her parents' dacha and cut down the apple orchard. Haunted by the ghosts of her youth, Anya comes to the stark realization that memory does not fade or disappear; rather, it moves us across time, connecting our past to our future, joys to sorrows. Inspired by Anton Chekhov's *The Cherry Orchard*, Kristina Gorcheva-Newberry's *The Orchard* powerfully captures the lives of four Soviet teenagers who are about to lose their country and one another, and who struggle to survive, to save their friendship, to recover all that has been lost.

*Miss American Pie* Margaret Sartor 2007-05-29 Gives an account of the author's life from age twelve to eighteen, crafted from diaries, notebooks, and letters, and reflects all the joys and sorrows of growing up in the 1970s.

*The Only Girl in the Car* Kathy Dobie 2010-09-29 *The Only Girl in the Car* Bookworm and dreamer, Kathy was a young girl with a tender heart, an adventurer's spirit, and a child's terrible confusion about her proper place in the world. As the oldest daughter in a family of six children, she seemed trapped in her role as Big Sister and Mommy's Helper. Then, one day, teetering on the brink of adolescence, hormones surging, she heard someone call her "cheesecake," and suddenly saw her path. "Cheesecake, jailbait, sex kitten"--the very words seemed to be "doors opening" to a splendid new self. But from the moment she decides to lose her virginity and reels in her prey, a "full-grown man," fourteen-year-old Kathy is headed for trouble. One cold, raw March night some months later, parked in a car with four boys on the outskirts of her small suburban town, she finds it. Though she could never have foreseen the outcome of that night, the "boys in the car could just as well have been Gypsies foretelling my future," she writes. Girls who break the rules in small towns like the one she lived in are expected to pay a very high price for their transgressions--and she did. And yet...this young girl, as scrappy a protagonist as any in our literature, manages to transform her fate. The story of how she came to be in that car, and how she stepped out of it forever altered, to be sure, yet not forever damaged, is the theme of this extraordinary coming-of-age tale.

*Plain Heathen Mischief* Martin Clark 2007-12-18 Of *The Many Aspects of Mobile Home Living*, Martin Clark's first novel, the *New York Times Book Review* wrote, "Like Nick Hornby in *High Fidelity* and Thomas McGuane in *Nothing But Blue Skies*, Clark has produced an oddly stirring portrait of a man in existential disarray." Which--noted Malcolm Jones in *Newsweek*--"made me laugh so hard I fell off the sofa." *Plain Heathen Mischief* ups the existential ante, as Joel King, a defrocked Baptist minister, finds life even more bedeviling once he's served six months for a career-ending crime he might not even have committed. Now his incommunicado wife wants a divorce, the teenage vixen of his disgrace is suing him for a cool \$5 million, a fresh start in Montana offers no hope for ex-cons of any religious persuasion, and the refuge provided by his sister turns as nasty as his parole officer. Talk about a crisis of faith. On the upside, a solicitous member of Joel's former congregation invites him into a scam that could yield some desperately needed cash, and soon the down-on-his-luck preacher is involved with a flock of charming con men, crooked lawyers, and conniving youth. In a feat of bravura storytelling, Martin Clark ranges from the cross to the double cross, from Virginia to Las Vegas, from jail cells to trout streams, as he follows his Job-like hero through dubious choices and high-dollar insurance hustles to a redemption that no reader could possibly predict. Wildly

imaginative, at times comic, at times profoundly sobering, and even more audacious than his wonderfully idiosyncratic debut, *Plain Heathen Mischief* is a spiritual revelation of the first order.

My Husband, My Friend Neile McQueen Toffel 2006 MY HUSBAND, MY FRIEND THE REAL STEVE McQUEEN - FROM ABANDONED CHILD TO GLITTERING SUPERSTAR TO HAUNTED MAN.... Now his wife of 15 and a half years, Neile, who rode the dazzling Hollywood roller coaster with him, reveals A Steve McQueen no one knew - his good side, his crazy side, his dark side....

Iodine Haven Kimmel 2008 Living a highly functional if impoverished existence after running away from her abusive home, unconventional college senior Tracey Sue is forced to face her painful past when she falls in love with a much-older man, prompting her to re-experience a traumatic suppressed memory that makes her realize that much of her present life is a carefully constructed illusion. 40,000 first printing.

Notes from a Small Island Bill Bryson 2015 In 1995, before leaving his much-loved home in North Yorkshire to move back to the States for a few years with his family, Bill Bryson insisted on taking one last trip around Britain, a sort of valedictory tour of the green and kindly island that had so long been his home. His aim was to take stock of the nation's public face and private parts (as it were), and to analyse what precisely it was he loved so much about a country that had produced Marmite; a military hero whose dying wish was to be kissed by a fellow named Hardy; place names like Farleigh Wallop, Titsey and Shellow Bowells; people who said 'Mustn't grumble', and 'Ooh lovely' at the sight of a cup of tea and a plate of biscuits; and Gardeners' Question Time. *Notes from a Small Island* was a huge number-one bestseller when it was first published, and has become the nation's most loved book about Britain, going on to sell over two million copies.

Orville Haven Kimmel 2003 Chained alone in a barn by the couple he thought might give him a good home, a very ugly stray dog is miserable until a new neighbor, Sally MacIntosh, moves into the little house across the road and he falls in love. 20,000 first printing.

The Weight of Him Ethel Rohan 2017-02-14 How do you carry on, when you lose someone you love? Big Billy Brennan has suffered the greatest tragedy a parent can know - he has just lost his son. His family is reeling, and his marriage is a partnership in name alone. Billy is also obese: at nearly 30 stone, he can barely walk down the street without breaking a sweat. In his small Irish town, he can't escape his notoriety. So Billy decides to take on the two things weighing him down - his grief, and his fat - and in doing so he's going to try to stop the terrible plague of suicide that is haunting the youth of Ireland. *The Weight of Him* is an unforgettable, big-hearted novel about loss and recovery, and what can be achieved when an everyday hero finds the courage to transform his life.

The Used World Haven Kimmel 2008-06-03 Spending their days at a sprawling Indiana antique mart surrounded by dusty furniture and cast-off clothing, Hazel, Claudia, and Rebekah find their circumstances revitalized by three romances and the unexpected arrival of two babies. By the author of *A Girl Named Zippy*. Reprint. 40,000 first printing.

Iodine Haven Kimmel 2009-08-18 #1 New York Times bestselling author Haven Kimmel makes an exhilarating foray into psychological gothic territory with the electrifying story of a young woman emerging from layers of delusion, fantasy, and lies. With her astounding intelligence, fierce independence, and otherworldly lavender eyes, college senior Trace Pennington makes an indelible impression even as questions about her past and her true identity hover over every page. From her earliest years, Trace turned away from her abusive mother toward her loving father. Within the twisty logic of abuse, her desperate love for him took on a romantic cast that persists to this day, though she's had no contact with her family since she ran away from home years ago. She's eked out an impoverished but functional existence,

living in an abandoned house, putting herself through college—and leading a double life: at school she is lanthe Covington, a young woman with no past. Trace's solitary life is upended when she and her literature professor fall in love. As it becomes apparent that he has his own dark secrets, she's forced to face herself and her past. After recovering a horrific, long-suppressed memory, Trace finally copes with the fallout from her brutal childhood. This unique portrait of the psychological effects of trauma is tantalizing, shocking, and ultimately hopeful.

A Girl Named Zippy Haven Kimmel 2002 The author offers a chronicle of growing up in a small town in America's heartland, offering portraits of her family and her encounters with the complexities of the adult world, romance, and small-town life during the 1960s and 1970s.

A Tender Struggle Krista Bremer 2014-04-22 A Western woman finds love and struggle with her Libyan husband in a memoir of marriage across a cultural divide: "A sweet and rewarding journey of a book" (Kirkus Reviews). Fifteen years ago, Krista Bremer, a California-bred feminist, surfer, and aspiring journalist, met and fell in love with a man from a very different world. Ismail Suayah was sincere, passionate, kind, and one of eight siblings born in an impoverished fishing village in Libya. Raised a Muslim, Ismail's faith informed his life. When Krista and Ismail made the decision to become a family, she embarked on a journey she never could have imagined: a quest for spiritual and intellectual growth that would open her mind and, more important, her heart. "A bold piece of writing (and thinking) by an incredibly brave woman." —Elizabeth Gilbert, author of *Eat Pray Love* "Utterly absorbing . . . A beautiful book." —Cheryl Strayed, *New York Times*–bestselling author of *Wild*

Last Day Blues Julie Danneberg 2013-01-07 Fans of *First Day Jitters* will love spending the last day of school in Mrs. Hartwell classroom. What do teachers do for summer vacation? Mrs. Hartwell's students worry that their teacher will miss them while they are gone for the summer. The class comes up with a way to make sure Mrs. Hartwell won't be too sad. But Mrs. Hartwell and the other teachers have some plans of their own. Once again Julie Danneberg and Judy Love bring to life the crazy antics of Mrs. Hartwell and her class and show that teachers and students are more alike than we sometimes think.

Gossip from the Forest Sara Maitland 2012-11-01 Fairytales are one of our earliest and most vital cultural forms, and forests one of our most ancient landscapes. Both evoke a similar sensation in us - we find them beautiful and magical, but also spooky, sometimes horrifying. In this fascinating book, Maitland argues that the two forms are intimately connected: the mysterious secrets and silences, gifts and perils of the forests were both the background and the source of the fairytales made famous by the Grimms and Hans Christian Andersen. Yet both forests and fairy stories are at risk and their loss deprives us of our cultural lifeblood. Maitland visits forests through the seasons, from the exquisite green of a beechwood in spring, to the muffled stillness of a snowy pine wood in winter. She camps with her son Adam, whose beautiful photographs are included in the book; she takes a barefoot walk through Epping Forest with Robert Macfarlane; she walks with a mushroom expert through an oak wood, and with a miner through the Forest of Dean. Maitland ends each chapter with a unique, imaginative re-telling of a fairytale. Written with Maitland's wonderful clarity and conversational grace, *Gossip from the Forest* is a magical and unique blend of nature writing, history and imaginative fiction.

Too Long Ago: David Pietrusza 2020-11-11 A sardonic expedition into a small-town ethnic childhood and post-World War II America—and how to survive Rust Belt hard times. At last . . . a memoir finally worthy of comparison to the uproariously funny fiction of the great Jean Shepherd, author and narrator of the beloved *A Christmas Story*. Only . . . it's all true. Sometimes . . . sadly true. Award-winning presidential historian and baseball scholar David Pietrusza's witty and wise tale of growing up in the 1950s and 60s, *Too Long Ago* is no *Leave It to Beaver* or *Father Knows Best* episode. It's a unique glimpse into an unjustly ignored and forgotten

immigrant experience—Eastern European and devoutly pre-Vatican II Catholic. A tale of a tight-knit Polish community, transplanted from tiny, impoverished Hapsburg-ruled villages to a hardscrabble, hardworking, hard-drinking Upstate New York mill town. It's how the first rust corroded the Rust Belt, sidetracking dreams but not hope. It's a lively saga of secrets and hard times, of insanity, of manslaughter and murder, of war and postwar, Depression and Recession, racetracks and religions, books and bar rooms, unforgettable personalities and vastly unpronounceable names, of characters and character, of homelessness, of immigration—first to America and then from Rust Belt to Sun Belt—of vices and virtues, and how a sickly, bookwormish boy who loved history and the presidents finally discovered a national pastime and made it his own. Meet Too Long Ago's mesmerizing cast of characters: Depression-ravaged Felix and Agnes Marek, Corporal Danny Pietrusza and his wartime adventures, Uncle Tony Lenczewski and his raided saloon, brutal serial-killer Lemuel Smith, the high-kicking weather-prophet "Cousin George" Casabonne, carpet heiress and OSS operative Gertie Sanford, caught behind-enemy-lines Mary Zaklukiewicz, and the homeless (but not hopeless) Uncle Leo Zack. Alternately sharp-edged and warm-hearted—sometimes shocking and always surprising—Too Long Ago is a poignant tour-de-force, a no-stopping-for-breath, coming-of-age narrative, akin to cross-breeding Jean Shepherd's boisterous *A Christmas Story* with Pulitzer Prize-winner Richard Russo's gritty semi-autobiographical novel *Mohawk* (set mere miles from Too Long Ago) and presenting the genre-bending result in the mesmerizing form of a decidedly non-WASPY rendition of an epic Spalding Gray monolog.

**Any Bitter Thing** Monica Wood 2017-03-23 ANY BITTER THING is a novel about how much we can and should forgive, by Monica Wood, the acclaimed author of THE ONE-IN-A-MILLION BOY. The perfect read for fans of Gail Honeyman's ELEANOR OLIPHANT IS COMPLETELY FINE and Joanna Cannon's THREE THINGS ABOUT ELSIE. 'If you liked THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES, try ANY BITTER THING' Glamour After surviving a near-fatal accident, thirty-year-old Lizzy Mitchell faces a long road to recovery. She remembers little about the days she spent in and out of consciousness, save for one thing: she saw her beloved deceased uncle, Father Mike, the man who raised her until she was nine, when she was abruptly sent away. Though her troubled marriage and broken body need tending, Lizzy knows she must uncover the details of her accident - and delve into the events of twenty years ago, when whispers and accusations forced a good man to give up the only family he had. What readers are saying about ANY BITTER THING: 'Another great story with wonderful characters' 'This writer, with her exquisite prose, weaves a gripping and grace-filled story of redemption. I will go back to this amazing book again and again. It shines' 'A beautiful story. The characters take on a life of their own. Pure human emotion, well written, very touching'

**Something Rising** Haven Kimmel 2010-05-11 In her first two books, Haven Kimmel claimed her spot on the literary scene- surprising readers with her memoir, *A Girl Named Zippy*, and winning an outpouring of critical acclaim for her first novel, *The Solace of Leaving Early*. Now, in her second novel, she brings to the page a heroine's tireless quest for truth, love, justice, and the perfect game of 9-ball. Cassie Claiborne's world is riddled with problems beyond her control: her hard-living, pool-shooting father has another wife; her stoic, long-suffering mother is incapable of moving herself mentally away from the kitchen window; her sister Belle is a tempest of fragility and brilliance; her closest friends, Puck and Emmy, are adolescent harbingers of their own doomed futures. Frustrated by her inability to care deeply enough for so many troubled souls, Cassie finds in the local pool hall an oasis of green felt where she can master objects and restrain her emotions. As Cassie grows from a quietly complex girl into a headstrong young woman, she takes on the thankless role of family provider by working odd jobs and hustling pool. All the while, she keeps her eye on the ultimate prize: wringing suitable justice out of past wrongs and freeing herself from the inertia that is her life. In this

ultimately uplifting story, Haven Kimmel reaches deep into the hamstrung souls of her fictional corner of Indiana. Remarkable for its tough tenderness, *Something Rising* (Light and Swift) is an astonishing work of pure heartbreak.

*Wallflower at the Orgy* Nora Ephron 2012-12-20 'Nora Ephron can write about anything better than anybody else can write about anything' New York Times A biting funny, provocative and revealing look at our foibles, passions and pastimes - from the much-missed, bestselling author of *I Feel Bad About My Neck* and *I Remember Nothing*. From her Academy Award-nominated screenplays (*When Harry Met Sally*, *Sleepless in Seattle*, *Julie & Julia*) to her bestselling fiction and essays, Nora Ephron was one of the most gifted, prolific and versatile writers of our time. In this classic collection of magazine articles, Ephron does what she does best: embrace culture with love, cynicism and unmatched wit. From tracking down the beginnings of the self-help movement, to dressing down the fashion world's most powerful publication, to capturing a glimpse of a legendary movie in the making, these timeless pieces tap into our enduring obsessions with celebrity, food, romance, clothes, entertainment and sex. Whether casting her ingenious eye on public figures or herself, Ephron deftly weaves her journalistic skill with the intimate style of an essayist and the incomparable talent of a great storyteller.

*Rescuing Patty Hearst* Virginia Holman 2007-11-01 In 1975, one year after Patty Hearst and her captors robbed Hibernia National Bank, a second kidnapping took place far from the glare of the headlines. Virginia Holman's mother, in the thrall of psychosis, spirited her two daughters to a cottage on the Virginia Peninsula, painted the windows black, and set up the house as a MASH unit for a secret war. A war that never came. The family -- captive to her mother's schizophrenia and a legal system that refused to intervene -- remained there for more than three years. "What sets this book apart," the Hartford Courant observed, "is Virginia's voice...brave, smart, tough." Reviewers nationwide have praised Holman's "riveting," "endearing," and "wryly humorous" story of a young girl caught in the whirlwind of madness -- a girl who chooses a brainwashed heiress as her role model. Holman's memoir vividly and brilliantly evokes the interior worlds of the sane and the insane and the delicate membrane in between. An essential exploration of identity, captivity, and love, *Rescuing Patty Hearst* will inspire readers' faith in the resilience of one family's spirit to survive and thrive even in the direst of circumstances.

*Running With Scissors* Augusten Burroughs 2004-02-01 The #1 New York Times Bestseller An Entertainment Weekly Top Ten Book of the Year Now a Major Motion Picture This is the true story of a boy who wanted to grow up with the Brady Bunch, but ended up living with the Addams Family. Augusten Burroughs's mother gave him away to be raised by her psychiatrist, a dead ringer for Santa Claus and a certifiable lunatic into the bargain. The doctor's bizarre family, a few patients and a sinister man living in the garden shed completed the tableau. In the perfect squalor of their dilapidated Victorian house, there were no rules and there was no school. The Christmas tree stayed up until summer and Valium was chomped down like sweets. And when things got a bit slow, there was always the ancient electroshock therapy machine under the stairs... 'This is the Brady Bunch on Viagra... it is impossible not to laugh at all the jokes; to admire the sardonic, fetid tone; to wonder, slack-jawed and agog, at the sheer looniness of the vista he conjures up' -- Rachel Cooke, Observer

*The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio* Terry Ryan 2005-09-02 *The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio* introduces Evelyn Ryan, an enterprising woman who kept poverty at bay with wit, poetry, and perfect prose during the "contest era" of the 1950s and 1960s. Stepping back into a time when fledgling advertising agencies were active partners with consumers, and everyday people saw possibility in every coupon, Terry Ryan tells how her mother kept the family afloat by writing jingles and contest entries. Mom's winning ways defied the Church, her alcoholic husband, and antiquated views of housewives. To her, flouting convention was a small price to pay when it came to

securing a happy home for her six sons and four daughters. Evelyn, who would surely be a Madison Avenue executive if she were working today, composed her jingles not in the boardroom, but at the ironing board. By entering contests wherever she found them -- TV, radio, newspapers, direct-mail ads -- Evelyn Ryan was able to win every appliance her family ever owned, not to mention cars, television sets, bicycles, watches, a jukebox, and even trips to New York, Dallas, and Switzerland. But it wasn't just the winning that was miraculous; it was the timing. If a toaster died, one was sure to arrive in the mail from a forgotten contest. Days after the bank called in the second mortgage on the house, a call came from the Dr Pepper company: Evelyn was the grand-prize winner in its national contest -- and had won enough to pay the bank. Graced with a rare appreciation for life's inherent hilarity, Evelyn turned every financial challenge into an opportunity for fun and profit. From her frenetic supermarket shopping spree -- worth \$3,000 today -- to her clever entries worthy of Erma Bombeck, Dorothy Parker, and Ogden Nash, the story of this irrepressible woman whose talents reached far beyond her formidable verbal skills is told in *The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio* with an infectious joy that shows how a winning spirit will triumph over the poverty of circumstance.

*Something Rising* (light and Swift) Haven Kimmel 2004 When her rakish, gambling father abandons the family, pool hustler Cassie Claiborne must abandon her own dreams to take care of her distant mother and fragile older sister, until she comes up with a way to redeem her life.

*Where the Heart Is* Billie Letts 2001-04-15 Talk about unlucky sevens. An hour ago, seventeen-year-old, seven months pregnant Novalee Nation was heading for California with her boyfriend. Now she finds herself stranded at a Wal-Mart in Sequoyah, Oklahoma, with just \$7.77 in change. But Novalee is about to discover hidden treasures in this small Southwest town--a group of down-to-earth, deeply caring people willing to help a homeless, jobless girl living secretly in a Wal-Mart. From Bible-thumping blue-haired Sister Thelma Husband to eccentric librarian Forney Hull who loves Novalee more than she loves herself, they are about to take her--and you, too--on a moving, funny, and unforgettable journey to . . . *Where the Heart Is*.

*Because You're Mine* Colleen Coble 2017-01-10 Amid the beauty of Charleston, not all is as it seems. When her husband Liam is killed by a car bomb while their Celtic band is on tour in Charleston, singer and Irish beauty Alanna doesn't quite know where to turn. Her father-in-law is threatening to take custody of the baby she carries, but Alanna knows she can't lose the only piece of Liam she has left. Alanna's manager offers her a marriage of convenience to obtain U.S. citizenship and allow her to escape her father-in-law's control. It seems like the perfect solution until she arrives at the family home of her new husband—a decaying mansion with more questions than answers. Strange things begin happening that threaten Alanna's life and the life of her child. Are they merely coincidences? Or is something more sinister at work? A mysterious painting, a haunting melody, and a love stronger than death leave Alanna questioning where darkness ends and light begins.

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*Kaline Klattermaster's Tree House* Haven Kimmel 2010-04-06 Kaline Klattermaster LOVES his mom. ADORES his mom. But his mom can be, well, a bit forgetful sometimes. A bit lax. A bit...CRAZY. For instance, she's a bit crazy when she leaves him in the tub for THREE HOURS. Or gives him a chicken leg for breakfast...or forgets that he needs to go to school. AND he's not completely sure his mother understands how time works. She's been even a bit MORE CRAZY since his dad left. So it's a very good thing that the folks in Kaline's tree house are not so crazy. They understand him. They don't mind that he sometimes HAS to play his pretend bugle, and, of course,

they are FULL of good advice on how to handle bullies. His mom hints that the tree house is imaginary. Kaline is UNCONVINCED. The New York Times bestselling author of A Girl Named Zippy is delighted to introduce Kaline Klattermaster, a little boy who understands the importance of a few good friends -- make-believe OR otherwise.

Icy Sparks Gwyn Hyman Rubio 2001-03-08 A New York Times Notable Book and the March 2001 selection of Oprah's Book Club® ! Icy Sparks is the sad, funny and transcendent tale of a young girl growing up in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky during the 1950's. Gwyn Hyman Rubio's beautifully written first novel revolves around Icy Sparks, an unforgettable heroine in the tradition of Scout in To Kill a Mockingbird or Will Treed in Cold Sassy Tree. At the age of ten, Icy, a bright, curious child orphaned as a baby but raised by adoring grandparents, begins to have strange experiences. Try as she might, her "secrets"—verbal croaks, groans, and physical spasms—keep afflicting her. As an adult, she will find out she has Tourette's Syndrome, a rare neurological disorder, but for years her behavior is the source of mystery, confusion, and deep humiliation. Narrated by a grown up Icy, the book chronicles a difficult, but ultimately hilarious and heartwarming journey, from her first spasms to her self-acceptance as a young woman. Curious about life beyond the hills, talented, and energetic, Icy learns to cut through all barriers—physical, mental, and spiritual—in order to find community and acceptance. Along her journey, Icy faces the jeers of her classmates as well as the malevolence of her often-ignorant teachers—including Mrs. Stilton, one of the most evil fourth grade teachers ever created by a writer. Called willful by her teachers and "Frog Child" by her schoolmates, she is exiled from the schoolroom and sent to a children's asylum where it is hoped that the roots of her mysterious behavior can be discovered. Here Icy learns about difference—her own and those who are even more scarred than she. Yet, it isn't until Icy returns home that she really begins to flower, especially through her friendship with the eccentric and obese Miss Emily, who knows first-hand how it feels to be an outcast in this tightly knit Appalachian community. Under Miss Emily's tutelage, Icy learns about life's struggles and rewards, survives her first comical and heartbreaking misadventure with romance, discovers the healing power of her voice when she sings, and ultimately—takes her first steps back into the world. Gwyn Hyman Rubio's Icy Sparks is a fresh, original, and completely redeeming novel about learning to overcome others' ignorance and celebrate the differences that make each of us unique.

Breaking Night Liz Murray 2011-01-20 \_\_\_\_\_ Liz Murray never really had a chance in life. Born to a drug-addicted father who was in and out of prison, and an equally dependent mother who was in and out of mental institutions, she seemed destined to become just another tragic statistic; another life wasted on the brutal streets of New York. By the age of 15, Liz found herself homeless with nowhere to turn but the tough streets, riding subways all night for a warm place to sleep and foraging through dumpsters for food. But when her mother died of AIDS a year later, Liz's life changed for ever. With no education, with no chance at a job or a home, she realised that only the most astonishing of turnarounds could stop her heading all the way down the same path her parents took. And so she set her mind to overcoming what seemed like impossible odds - and in the process, achieved something extraordinary. Told with astounding sincerity, Breaking Night is the breathtaking and inspirational story of how a young women, born into a world without hope, used every ounce of strength and determination to steer herself towards a brighter future. Beautifully written, it is a poignant, evocative and stirring portrait of struggle, desperation, forgiveness and survival.

A Girl Named Digit Annabel Monaghan 2012 After identifying a terrorist plot, a brilliant seventeen-year-old girl from Santa Monica, California, gets involved with the young FBI agent who is trying to ensure her safety.

Split Suzanne Finamore 2009-04 The best-selling author of Otherwise Engaged and The Zygote Chronicles describes the story of her marriage, her husband's shattering

declaration of his intent to leave, and her struggles through the mechanics of divorce and rebuilding her life. Reprint.

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