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[Any Place I Hang My Hat](#) - Susan Isaacs  
No matter which side of the nature/nurture debate you're on, Amy Lincoln's prospects do not look good. Her mother abandoned her when she

was ten months old (just a couple of months after Amy's father went off to serve his first prison term), leaving her in the care of Grandma Lil, who shoplifts dinner on the way home from

her job as a leg waxer to the rich and refined. When Amy is fourteen, she gets a scholarship to a New England boarding school -- her exposure to the moneyed class. After Harvard and the Columbia School of Journalism, Amy becomes a political reporter for the prestigious weekly *In Depth*. While covering a political fund-raiser, Amy meets a college student who claims to be the son of one of the presidential candidates. It's precisely the sort of story that *In Depth* wouldn't deign to cover, but the idea of tracking down a lost parent and demanding recognition intrigues Amy. As she begins a search of her own past as well as the candidate's, she discovers a new and unimpeachable grandmother and a mother who is much more than she bargained for. Most important, she finally comes to understand the stuff she's made of and finds the perfect place to hang her hat in the world. Bold, insightful, witty, and exhilarating, *Any Place I Hang My Hat* is a novel about one extraordinary young woman looking for a place to belong -- by one of the

most compelling and beloved voices in contemporary fiction.

**The Grand Illusion** - Chuck Panozzo 2007  
Panozzos memoir is a no-holds-barred, backstage pass to the journey of one of the worlds most popular bands, and the true story of his struggle to reconcile his public life as a rock star with his private life as a gay man. 16-page photo insert.

*A Grand Illusion: How Progressive Christianity Undermines Biblical Faith* - David Young  
2019-03-12

A GUIDE FOR EMBRACING BIBLICAL FAITH IN THE FACE OF AMERICAN PROGRESSIVISM  
North American Christianity stands at a major crossroads. Hundreds of thousands of believers have begun to lose interest in apostolic Christianity: the faith of the Scriptures, the great witnesses and teachers of the faith, and the major creeds and confessions of Christianity. The challenge? Theological progressivism. *A Grand Illusion* exposes the dangers and

contradictions of theological progressivism, revealing its North American, secular and elitist assumptions. It offers a full throttle defense of authentic Christianity. And it exposes the dim future of progressivism. If you are tempted by progressivism, if your church or family members are starting to lean progressive, or if you simply need reassurance that apostolic faith is the real deal, read this book. DAVID YOUNG is a senior pastor, author, speaker, television host, and a former teacher and visiting professor. He holds advanced degrees in religion, including a Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University. He and his family live near Nashville, Tennessee.

**Beyond the Chains of Illusion** - Erich Fromm  
2013-03-26

Profound insights into Karl Marx and Sigmund Freud from the “prolific and eclectic” social theorist and bestselling author of *Escape from Freedom* (The Washington Post). According to renowned psychoanalyst Erich Fromm, three people shaped the essential character of the

twentieth century: Albert Einstein, Karl Marx, and Sigmund Freud. While the first two figures had a great physical and political impact on the world, Fromm believes that Freud had an even deeper impact, because he changed how we think about ourselves. *Beyond the Chains of Illusion* is one of Fromm’s most autobiographical works, as Fromm not only comments on the ideas of Freud and Marx, but also crystallizes his own theories on social character and unconscious values. The book brilliantly summarizes Fromm’s ideas on how culture and society shape our behavior. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Erich Fromm including rare images and never-before-seen documents from the author’s estate.

**The Grand Illusion** - Chuck Panozzo 2007  
Chuck's personal website receives thousands of hits and he receives tremendous fan support from around-the-world. Though books and movies on rock groups abound, there are not yet any published books on either STYX or Chuck

Panozzo. His is an illuminating story, written by Chuck (one of the two original founders of one of the longest lasting arena bands in the history of rock 'n' roll), and co-author and professional journalist, Michel Skettino. After 25 years of continual success in the music industry, STYX remains an enormously successful rock band, touring the world every year for the last fifteen, and winning new fans around-the-world with each successive appearance.; With four consecutive triple-platinum albums and 25 million in record sales, a natural market exists for this new book title, and with STYX' millions of fans worldwide, along with ongoing concerts being performed constantly in this country and abroad (attracting even greater audiences and younger fans), the telling of this story is both timely and is sure to speak to both gay audiences and adoring fans of rock and roll.

**Grand Illusion of Tomorrow** - Julie S. Ross  
2011-12-31

Grand Illusion of Tomorrow is a story of love and

life. Filled with intrigue, romance and suspense, based on real life events that you can relate to with laughter and tears. This story will deepen your appreciation of the life you now enjoy and increase your determination for more fulfillment. This is about the unforgettable efforts of several individuals striving to find what we are all desperately seek every day, long lasting happiness Our drama begins in a village near Madrid, Spain, where we find our protagonist; Sunita Franco. Sunita is a beautiful young woman, blessed with a kind and gentle nature. She comes from a typical loving family household. During her university studies, Sunita unwittingly meets her Prince Charming-Ronnie Waddell. Ronnie was born in Chicago, USA. He is an extremely handsome man, and an architect by profession, completing his master's degree in Madrid. There; they fall hopeless in love with each other; however, time did not afford them the opportunity to change their previous obligations. Sadly, Ronnie returns to Chicago

and Sunita continues with her career. The separation was longingly painful, and sorrowful. Years later and by incredible coincidence, destiny reunites Sunita and Ronnie. At this time, as before, their love and desire for each other was as passionate as when they first met. Together, they promised with all their hearts, mind and soul to never separate again...but will they be able to keep their promise? Will they be strong enough to fight destiny? The end of the story will leave you with a sense of peace, and joy, making this a literacy adventure well worth your time. The reader will feel a profound difference in their lives, as they will realize that happiness exists, and with a little help... it can be found!

[The Last Illusion](#) - Porochista Khakpour  
2014-05-13

A kaleidoscopic tale inspired by a legend from the medieval Persian epic "Book of Kings" follows the coming-of-age of a feral Middle Eastern youth in New York City on the eve of the

September 11 attacks. By the award-winning author of Sons and Other Flammable Objects. 25,000 first printing.

**The Grand Illusion** - Caralyn Frooman  
Lipschutz 2019-03-01

Fifteen-year-old Alexandra is sent to live with her grandmother in Virginia in 1861 to receive instruction on how to be "a proper lady." The country is already in the grips of Civil War when a battle begins nearby. Eager to observe and not be detected, she borrows a young man's clothes. Hidden behind trees, Alexandra watches as the first Battle of Bull Run unfolds before her. After the devastating clash, Alexandra is drawn onto the field when a Union officer mistakes her for an out-of-uniform soldier. She makes a conscious decision to carry on the charade and joins the fight disguised as Alex, a Union soldier.

Throughout her incredible journey she becomes friends with Clara Barton and meets Mary Todd Lincoln. Disguised as a black man, Alexandra spies for Alan Pinkerton in General Lee's camp.

She meets Harriet Tubman and helps a black family escape through the Underground Railroad.

**The Publishers Weekly** - 2007

**The Spectacle of Illusion** - Matthew Tompkins  
2019-04

In *The Spectacle of Illusion*, professional magician-turned experimental psychologist Dr. Matthew L. Tompkins investigates the arts of deception as practised and popularised by mesmerists, magicians and psychics since the early 18th century. Organised thematically within a broadly chronological trajectory, this compelling book explores how illusions perpetuated by magicians and fraudulent mystics can not only deceive our senses but also teach us about the inner workings of our minds. Indeed, modern scientists are increasingly turning to magic tricks to develop new techniques to examine human perception, memory and belief. Beginning by discussing

mesmerism and spiritualism, the book moves on to consider how professional magicians such as John Nevil Maskelyne and Harry Houdini engaged with these movements - particularly how they set out to challenge and debunk paranormal claims. It also relates the interactions between magicians, mystics and scientists over the past 200 years, and reveals how the researchers who attempted to investigate magical and paranormal phenomena were themselves deceived, and what this can teach us about deception. Highly illustrated throughout with entertaining and bizarre drawings, double-exposure spirit photographs and photographs of spoon-bending from hitherto inaccessible and un-mined archives, including the Wellcome Collection, the Harry Price Library, the Society for Physical Research, and last but not least, the Magic Circle's closely guarded collection, the book also features newly commissioned photography of planchettes, rapping boards, tilting tables, ectoplasm,

automata and illusion boxes. Concluding with a modern-day analysis of the science of magic and illusion, analysing surprisingly weird phenomena such as ideomotor action, sleep paralysis, choice blindness and the psychology of misdirection, this unnerving volume highlights how unreliable our minds can be, and how complicit they can be in the perpetuation of illusions.

**The 48 Laws Of Power** - Robert Greene

2010-09-03

THE MILLION COPY INTERNATIONAL

BESTSELLER Drawn from 3,000 years of the history of power, this is the definitive guide to help readers achieve for themselves what Queen Elizabeth I, Henry Kissinger, Louis XIV and Machiavelli learnt the hard way. Law 1: Never outshine the master Law 2: Never put too much trust in friends; learn how to use enemies Law 3: Conceal your intentions Law 4: Always say less than necessary. The text is bold and elegant, laid out in black and red throughout and replete with fables and unique word sculptures. The 48 laws

are illustrated through the tactics, triumphs and failures of great figures from the past who have wielded - or been victimised by - power.

\_\_\_\_\_ (From the Playboy interview with Jay-Z, April 2003)  
PLAYBOY: Rap careers are usually over fast: one or two hits, then styles change and a new guy comes along. Why have you endured while other rappers haven't? JAY-Z: I would say that it's from still being able to relate to people. It's natural to lose yourself when you have success, to start surrounding yourself with fake people. In *The 48 Laws of Power*, it says the worst thing you can do is build a fortress around yourself. I still got the people who grew up with me, my cousin and my childhood friends. This guy right here (gestures to the studio manager), he's my friend, and he told me that one of my records, *Volume Three*, was wack. People set higher standards for me, and I love it.

*Second Star* - Alyssa B. Sheinmel 2014-05-13

A twisty story about love, loss, and lies, this

contemporary oceanside adventure is tinged with a touch of dark magic as it follows seventeen-year-old Wendy Darling on a search for her missing surfer brothers. Wendy's journey leads her to a mysterious hidden cove inhabited by a tribe of young renegade surfers, most of them runaways like her brothers. Wendy is instantly drawn to the cove's charismatic leader, Pete, but her search also points her toward his nemesis, the drug-dealing Jas. Enigmatic, dangerous, and handsome, Jas pulls Wendy in even as she's falling hard for Pete. A radical reinvention of J. M. Barrie's classic tale, *Second Star* is an irresistible summer romance about two young men who have yet to grow up—and the troubled beauty trapped between them.

*The Lying Life of Adults* - Elena Ferrante  
2021-07

From the author of *My Brilliant Friend*, a powerful new novel set in a divided Naples. Soon to be adapted into a NETFLIX original series.

*The Advocate* - 2007

**Mating in Captivity** - Esther Perel 2007-10-30

One of the world's most respected voices on erotic intelligence, Esther Perel offers a bold, provocative new take on intimacy and sex. *Mating in Captivity* invites us to explore the paradoxical union of domesticity and sexual desire, and explains what it takes to bring lust home. Drawing on more than twenty years of experience as a couples therapist, Perel examines the complexities of sustaining desire. Through case studies and lively discussion, Perel demonstrates how more exciting, playful, and even poetic sex is possible in long-term relationships. Wise, witty, and as revelatory as it is straightforward, *Mating in Captivity* is a sensational book that will transform the way you live and love.

*An Illusion of Thieves* - Cate Glass 2019-05-21  
A ragtag crew with forbidden magic must pull off an elaborate heist and stop a civil war in *An Illusion of Thieves*, a fantasy adventure from Cate Glass. In Cantagna, being a sorcerer is a

death sentence. Romy escapes her hardscrabble upbringing when she becomes courtesan to the Shadow Lord, a revolutionary noble who brings laws and comforts once reserved for the wealthy to all. When her brother, Neri, is caught thieving with the aid of magic, Romy's aristocratic influence is the only thing that can spare his life—and the price is her banishment. Now back in Beggar's Ring, she has just her wits and her own long-hidden sorcery to help her and Neri survive. But when a plot to overthrow the Shadow Lord and incite civil war is uncovered, only Romy knows how to stop it. To do so, she'll have to rely on newfound allies—a swordmaster, a silversmith, and her own thieving brother. And they'll need the very thing that could condemn them all: magic. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

[Dancing with Fire](#) - John Amodeo 2013-06-04

Draws upon the science of attachment theory to explain the misunderstood roots of suffering and

how to achieve vibrant relationships by welcoming desire rather than suppressing it.

**Second Place** - Rachel Cusk 2021-05-04

A haunting fable of art, family, and fate from the author of the Outline trilogy. A woman invites a famous artist to use her guesthouse in the remote coastal landscape where she lives with her family. Powerfully drawn to his paintings, she believes his vision might penetrate the mystery at the center of her life. But as a long, dry summer sets in, his provocative presence itself becomes an enigma—and disrupts the calm of her secluded household. *Second Place*, Rachel Cusk's electrifying new novel, is a study of female fate and male privilege, the geometries of human relationships, and the moral questions that animate our lives. It reminds us of art's capacity to uplift—and to destroy.

**The Grand Ellipse** - Paula Volsky 2011-03-02

Paula Volsky, author of *The White Tribunal*, returns with a spectacular saga of adventure and intrigue, romance and rebellion — beginning

with a wondrous discovery that could forever alter the fate of the free world.... In the modern, civilized republic of Vonahr, the need for magic seems a thing of the past. But soon the Vonahrish will find that magic is their only hope — for an imperialistic race of fanatics, intent on conquering the world, now masses on Vonahr’s borders. Vonahr’s slim chance for salvation lies in a nearby neutral kingdom, where a brilliant savant has conjured up the ultimate weapon: Sentient Fire, a miraculous flame that responds to the command of its maker. Low Hetz’s mad, flamboyant king refuses to relinquish the secret — so the desperate government of Vonahr sends the exquisitely beautiful adventurer Luzelle Devaire to turn his head and change his mind. But to gain an audience, Luzelle must win the Grand Ellipse, a test of endurance, ingenuity, and valor....

**Fragile Lies** - Laura Elliot 2015-02-13

His name is Michael Carmody. He is a writer and a father. His son is lying in a coma, fighting for

his life. Her name is Lorraine Cheevers. She is an artist and mother. An illicit affair has destroyed her marriage. Michael is desperate to find the couple who left his son for dead, a victim of a hit and run. Lorraine is desperate to start a new life for her and her daughter. Michael and Lorraine are about to cross paths – damaged souls, drawn to one another. They don’t know that their lives are already connected. They don’t know the web of lies surrounding them. They are each searching for the truth. But when they find it, it could destroy them both. *Fragile Lies* is a gripping tale of love and betrayal, which will entice fans of Liane Moriarty, Lucie Whitehouse and Jane Shemilt’s *Daughter*. Note: previously published as ‘Deceptions.’ Read what everyone is saying about *Fragile Lies* ‘*Fragile Lies* has a little bit of everything, love, tragedy, infidelity, lies and secrets...The characters are quite complex and I think this added a real edge to the book; they felt very well thought out and I loved how the

author weaved their separate stories together. Excellent plot, interesting characters and plenty of intrigue.' Dot Scribbles 'The reader is immersed into a story that tells of decades of love, betrayal, deceit and frailty with a dark undertone, all of which makes for a truly riveting read...I can promise that it is a book that will not disappoint...I for one was hooked into it and savoured the delicious twists and ending with relish and satisfaction.' 5/5 Book Addicted Housewife 'A wonderful story incredibly well told, full of secrets, love and illusion, lies and revenge, which will keep you gripped well into the early hours...' Being Anne Reading 'Dealing with passion, adultery, deception and tragedy, and how the past has a way of creeping up on you...a really intriguing page-turner with a surprising twist.' Evening Echo 'This page-turner is gripping, all the more because it presents the dilemmas of betrayal with brutal honesty.' Irish Independent 'This well-crafted and compelling story traces the deceits which

begin unnoticed but end in the destruction of friendships and lives.' The Irish Times 'A gripping tale of adultery and illusion.' Evening Herald

The Palace of Illusions - Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni 2009-02-10

Taking us back to a time that is half history, half myth and wholly magical, bestselling author Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni gives voice to Panchaali, the fire-born heroine of the Mahabharata, as she weaves a vibrant retelling of an ancient epic saga. Married to five royal husbands who have been cheated out of their father's kingdom, Panchaali aids their quest to reclaim their birthright, remaining at their side through years of exile and a terrible civil war. But she cannot deny her complicated friendship with the enigmatic Krishna—or her secret attraction to the mysterious man who is her husbands' most dangerous enemy—as she is caught up in the ever-manipulating hands of fate.

**Great Illusion** - Norman Angell 2019

*Library Journal* - Melvil Dewey 2007

Includes, beginning Sept. 15, 1954 (and on the 15th of each month, Sept.-May) a special section: School library journal, ISSN 0000-0035, (called Junior libraries, 1954-May 1961). Also issued separately.

**The Grand Delusion** - Steve Hagen 2020-10-13

This is a fun, unique book that goes deep into the great mysteries of knowing—and makes it enjoyable. In *The Grand Delusion*, bestselling author Steve Hagen drills deeply into the most basic assumptions, strengths, and limitations of religion and belief, philosophy and inquiry, science and technology. In doing so, he shines new light on the great existential questions—Why is there Something rather than Nothing? What does it mean to exist? What is consciousness? What is the nature of truth?—and does so from an entirely unexpected direction. Ultimately, this book reveals how all of

our fundamental questions stem from a single error, a single unwarranted belief—a single Grand Delusion.

**Surviving Dirty John** - Debra Newell

2021-08-31

NATIONAL INDIE EXCELLENCE AWARDS

WINNER — TRUE CRIME Now that articles, podcasts, newsmagazines, and miniseries have had their sensationalistic say, Debra Newell, the one woman who truly knows what it was like to survive “Dirty John” Meehan shares the full story—the reality—with the world for the first time. Debra Newell is nothing if not a survivor. By the time she met John Michael Meehan online, she lived through a near-fatal childhood illness, an attempted rape in her 20s, the traumatic death of her sister at the hands of her brother-in-law, four failed marriages, and a litany of dating disasters. But despite those tragedies, she seemed to have it all: adoring children, a successful business, a fabulous penthouse apartment. But there was something

missing: the blinding, all-consuming love she first read about to occupy her time in her childhood sickbed. And she thought she found it with John Meehan. More than a tabloid-ready true-crime expose, Debra's story is one of trauma, denial, and deception. But it is also a relatable, inspirational, and hopeful story of forgiveness and, most of all, love. The lengths to which a woman will go to find—and keep—love; the boundaries children and parents cross to protect and save the people they love; the love one must find for oneself; and the ways the illusion of love can be used to manipulate and hurt. Told in Debra's words with the help of New York Times bestselling author M. William Phelps, this book is filled with exclusive stories about Debra and her family, previously unpublished photos, and the unvarnished, unapologetic, and unbelievable reality of Surviving Dirty John.

*Tower of Lies* - Barbara a Res 2020-10-20

**Paper Towns** - John Green 2013

Quentin Jacobson has spent a lifetime loving Margo Roth Spiegelman from afar. So when she cracks open a window and climbs into his life - dressed like a ninja and summoning him for an ingenious campaign of revenge - he follows. After their all-nighter ends, Q arrives at school to discover that Margo has disappeared. *Lies She Told* - Cate Holahan 2017-09-12  
A BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB SELECTION  
From the USA Today-bestselling author of *The Widower's Wife* comes an electrifying psychological thriller of love and deceit, where the truth can be darker than fiction Liza Cole, a once-successful novelist whose career has seen better days, has one month to write the thriller that could land her back on the bestseller list. Meanwhile, she's struggling to start a family, but her husband is distracted by the disappearance of his best friend, Nick. As stresses weigh her down in her professional and personal lives, Liza escapes into writing the chilling exploits of her latest heroine, Beth. Beth, a new mother,

suspects her husband is cheating on her while she's home caring for their newborn. Angry and betrayed, she aims to catch him in the act and make him pay for shattering the illusion of their perfect life. But before she realizes what she's doing, she's tossing the body of her husband's mistress into the East River. Then, the lines between Liza's fiction and her reality eerily blur. Nick's body is dragged from the East River, and Liza's husband is arrested for his murder. Before her deadline is up, Liza will have to face up to the truths about the people around her, including her own. If she doesn't, the end of her heroine's story could be the end of her own. "Recommended for anyone who enjoys Paula Hawkins or Gillian Flynn, primarily because it's better." —Library Journal

*Crown of Lies* - Pepper Winters 2017-01-31

From New York Times Bestseller, Pepper Winters, comes a delicious sinful hero. "I met the man I wanted. But then he vanished, and a new man claimed me instead. My father

approved, my colleagues congratulated, and behind closed doors, I was bedded by a stranger." Noelle Charlston lives a fairy-tale life: a doting father, a powerful job, and a future blessed with financial security. However, two meetings with two men changes her happy existence forever. First, she meets the man who makes her heart sing. Three years later, she meets the man who makes her blood quiver. Broken-hearted from a teenage romance, Noelle's freedom is no longer hers. It belongs to the stranger her father believes is her perfect match. The stranger who pulls his lies over everyone he touches. Including her. Seduced and manipulated, Noelle gives into the mysterious Penn Everett. The lies he spins, the truth he hides, the mystery he weaves—it's all enough to slowly erode the woman she is and turn her into something else. Until her past collides with her present. And it's her turn to lie. To everyone...including herself. Advance Reviews: "Crown of Lies takes sensual and

gripping to the next level in a masterfully written tangled web that will keep you furiously turning pages. Pepper Winters has outdone herself. Penn Everett will be your new obsession." --USA Today bestselling author Meghan March "Thrilling and mysterious, this book has left me with a major hangover!!!!" -- Lina's Reviews "Crown of Lies is my first top 2017 read so far and it's a MUST read, one-click worthy book." -- Punch Drunk Library "Pepper does a great job of delivering, yet again, one of the hottest alphas cloaked in mystery out there." --Dee, Goodreads "The chemistry between them is scorchingly hot and the banter is perfect."-- Vickie Goodreads "WOW Pepper has done it again. I really wish I could give this book so much more than 5 stars it is brilliant" --We've Licked That Book Blog

**My Mother's Daughter** - Perdita Felicien

2021-03-30

NATIONAL BESTSELLER "A phenomenal, human story. . . . I could not put this book

down." —CLARA HUGHES An instant national bestseller, this raw and affecting memoir is the story of a mother and daughter who beat the odds together. Decades before Perdita Felicien became a World Champion hurdler running the biggest race of her life at the 2004 Olympics, she carried more than a nation's hopes—she carried her mother Catherine's dreams. In 1974, Catherine is determined and tenacious, but she's also pregnant with her second child and just scraping by in St. Lucia. When she meets a wealthy white Canadian family vacationing on the island, she knows it's her chance. They ask her to come to Canada to be their nanny—and she accepts. This was the beginning of Catherine's new life: a life of opportunity, but also suffering. Within a few years, she would find herself pregnant a third time—this time in her new country with no family to support her, and this time, with Perdita. Together, in the years to come, mother and daughter would experience racism, domestic abuse, and even

homelessness, but Catherine's will would always pull them through. As Perdita grew and began to discover her preternatural athletic gifts, she was edged onward by her mother's love, grit, and faith. Facing literal and figurative hurdles, she learned to leap and pick herself back up when she stumbled. This book is a daughter's memoir—a book about the power of a parent's love to transform their child's life.

**OK2BG** - Jack Dunsmoor 2015-05-20

OK2BG is narrative nonfiction, a Memoir about a guy who wants to be a Mentor preferably to a teenager, so they can have a decent & meaningful conversation about stuff & preferably with a kid at-risk, or just otherwise lost, in order to help both the teenager as well as the determined subject of this story realize their unique potential & find or reinforce their place in the world. Overall, a chronicle about the author's attempt over several years to understand the question of 'why do I want to be a Mentor' which eventually helps him become a

more insightful person. Subsequently in September, 2010 after a plague of teen suicides, Jack turns his attention to researching gay biographies into optimistically appropriate groups of books for gay kids at-risk, from bullying. After 5 years Jack has categorized 2,000+ books in the form of Memoirs, Biographies & Autobiographies written by or about 1,000+ allegedly gay men. The primary message in OK2BG is to read & reassess before you run asunder!

**All But My Life** - Gerda Weissmann Klein  
1995-03-31

All But My Life is the unforgettable story of Gerda Weissmann Klein's six-year ordeal as a victim of Nazi cruelty. From her comfortable home in Bielitz (present-day Bielsko) in Poland to her miraculous survival and her liberation by American troops—including the man who was to become her husband—in Volary, Czechoslovakia, in 1945, Gerda takes the reader on a terrifying journey. Gerda's serene and idyllic childhood is

shattered when Nazis march into Poland on September 3, 1939. Although the Weissmanns were permitted to live for a while in the basement of their home, they were eventually separated and sent to German labor camps. Over the next few years Gerda experienced the slow, inexorable stripping away of "all but her life." By the end of the war she had lost her parents, brother, home, possessions, and community; even the dear friends she made in the labor camps, with whom she had shared so many hardships, were dead. Despite her horrifying experiences, Klein conveys great strength of spirit and faith in humanity. In the darkness of the camps, Gerda and her young friends manage to create a community of friendship and love. Although stripped of the essence of life, they were able to survive the barbarity of their captors. Gerda's beautifully written story gives an invaluable message to everyone. It introduces them to last century's terrible history of devastation and prejudice, yet offers them hope

that the effects of hatred can be overcome.

**God...the Grand Illusion** - Dr. Ronald Pleune  
2022-08-29

The question is this, what do we accept as the truth of what we believe in? We take many things by mere faith, but is faith the right path in putting our trust in a matter just because someone says so? Do we dig into a matter with an open mind rather than prejudice and influences from others as we were growing up? Does our relationship with others influence our perception of what is truth and what is not the truth? Do we tend to accept something as truth because we don't have time or resources to check it out? Or is it because of an emphatic speech by a cleric that proclaims the Bible is "without error" when in fact outside sources point to errors in dates, events, and even interpretation, yet we close our eyes and ears because we ask, "How can this be?" Many times the excuse is made that if so many people believe in a particular biblical statement or

condition, then it can't be wrong! Or can it? Debate on biblical issues end up boggling the general populous, and many just walk away from it with disgust, won't deal with it, or dogmatically hold a position of biblical inerrancy. This brings us down to getting into the trenches of discovering the truth, as ugly and contentious it may seem. This is especially true when ufology is brought into the picture, especially when the topic of God or a God is introduced and examined in the light of various scientific disciplines.

*The Daily Show (The Book)* - Chris Smith

2016-11-22

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER The complete, uncensored history of the award-winning The Daily Show with Jon Stewart, as told by its correspondents, writers, and host. For almost seventeen years, The Daily Show with Jon Stewart brilliantly redefined the borders between television comedy, political satire, and opinionated news coverage. It launched the

careers of some of today's most significant comedians, highlighted the hypocrisies of the powerful, and garnered 23 Emmys. Now the show's behind-the-scenes gags, controversies, and camaraderie will be chronicled by the players themselves, from legendary host Jon Stewart to the star cast members and writers-including Samantha Bee, Stephen Colbert, John Oliver, and Steve Carell - plus some of The Daily Show's most prominent guests and adversaries: John and Cindy McCain, Glenn Beck, Tucker Carlson, and many more. This oral history takes the reader behind the curtain for all the show's highlights, from its origins as Comedy Central's underdog late-night program to Trevor Noah's succession, rising from a scrappy jester in the 24-hour political news cycle to become part of the beating heart of politics-a trusted source for not only comedy but also commentary, with a reputation for calling bullshit and an ability to effect real change in the world. Through years of incisive election coverage, passionate debates

with President Obama and Hillary Clinton, feuds with Bill O'Reilly and Fox, and provocative takes on Wall Street and racism, *The Daily Show* has been a cultural touchstone. Now, for the first time, the people behind the show's seminal moments come together to share their memories of the last-minute rewrites, improvisations, pranks, romances, blow-ups, and moments of Zen both on and off the set of one of America's most groundbreaking shows.

*Useful Delusions: The Power and Paradox of the Self-Deceiving Brain* - Shankar Vedantam  
2021-03-02

From the New York Times best-selling author and host of *Hidden Brain* comes a thought-provoking look at the role of self-deception in human flourishing. Self-deception does terrible harm to us, to our communities, and to the planet. But if it is so bad for us, why is it ubiquitous? In *Useful Delusions*, Shankar Vedantam and Bill Mesler argue that, paradoxically, self-deception can also play a vital

role in our success and well-being. The lies we tell ourselves sustain our daily interactions with friends, lovers, and coworkers. They can explain why some people live longer than others, why some couples remain in love and others don't, why some nations hold together while others splinter. Filled with powerful personal stories and drawing on new insights in psychology, neuroscience, and philosophy, *Useful Delusions* offers a fascinating tour of what it really means to be human.

**The Widow of Wall Street** - Randy Susan Meyers  
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The seemingly blind love of a wife for her husband as he conquers Wall Street, and her extraordinary, perhaps foolish, loyalty during his precipitous fall, is expertly explored in this "ripped-from-the-headlines story about love, ambition, and forgiveness" (PopSugar)—perfect for fans of the TV show *Billions*. Phoebe recognizes fire in Jake Pierce's belly from the moment they meet as teenagers. After they

marry and he creates a financial dynasty, she trusts him without hesitation—unaware his hunger for success hides a dark talent for deception. But when Phoebe learns her husband's triumph and vast reach rests on an elaborate Ponzi scheme, her world unravels. While Jake is trapped in the web of his deceit, Phoebe is caught facing an unbearable choice. Her children refuse to see her if she remains at their father's side, but abandoning him feels cruel and impossible. From penthouse to prison, with tragic consequences rippling well beyond Wall Street, Randy Susan Meyers's latest novel exposes a woman struggling to survive and then redefine her life as her world crumbles. "An engrossing emotional journey" (Kirkus Reviews) and USA TODAY bestselling author Diane Chamberlain raves, "With all the suspense of a thriller, *The Widow of Wall Street* quickly pulled me into the story and didn't let me go until the last page."

**From the Inside** - Russ DiBella 2011-03-03

In 1978, when music found its way into Russ DiBella's life largely by way of external circumstances, a natural progression of sorts began to unfold which would eventually marry his affection for words with a nascent interest in drumming and lyric writing. What began as a teenage rite of passage his first rock concert would spawn a lifelong passion for all things music, manifesting itself in ways both deliberate and unanticipated. Part memoir and part backstage pass, *From the Inside* is actually written from the perspective of an outsider looking in although very often and surreptitiously from within. With a detailed history of how music became such an actively integral part of his life (even before an awareness of his parents' unintended influence) and an in-depth, behind-the-scenes look at several concerts (to include a respectable gathering of drumsticks along the way), DiBella recounts with enthusiasm and occasional humility more than thirty years of experiences as

admirer, accomplice and collector. Less a narrative about unofficial access to rock stars, *From the Inside* sneaks a peek behind the proverbial curtain to discover some of the inner workings of live concerts. Meeting drum techs, guitar techs and other assorted crew and band members and observing load-ins, soundchecks and even a few shows from the other side of the stage offers an intimate look at activities otherwise inaccessible to the typical concert-goer. Not wanting for moments of rockroll flash, encounters with rockers Mick Jagger, Eddie Van Halen and Neil Peart as well as country artists Brad Paisley and Montgomery Gentry among many others provide additional insight and add elements of celebrity to this otherwise personal account. Clearly written with an appreciation both for music and those artists who've inspired, *From the Inside* is the story of a life examined through the lens of music.

**Fragile Illusion** - Lainey Davis 2018-09-03  
It started with a lie. A story to clean up his bad-

boy reputation. But he never bargained on falling for the girl. Thatcher Stag doesn't give a sh\*t what his family thinks. He works hard, sells his art for a f\*ck-ton of money, and celebrates with the ladies. But his brothers just won't ease up, so he blurts out the first thing that comes to mind. It seemed like such a small deception to get his family off his back. Only now, he needs to find a fake fiancé. Emma Cheswick would do anything to get ahead in her newspaper job...except maybe spend time alone with notorious womanizer Thatcher Stag. When Thatcher makes a pass, she tries to turn down the assignment, but her boss gives her an ultimatum: interview Thatcher, or find someplace else to work. They strike a dangerous deal: Emma plays the part and Thatcher gives her the scoop she needs to keep her job. The illusion seems shatter-proof until Thatcher shows Emma the cracks in his inked-up armor, and she reveals a secret about her health. Can she stick to the rules or does he have a new plan

in mind? *Fragile Illusion* is a stand-alone contemporary romance with scorching heat and a guaranteed happily ever after. The third installment of the Stag Brothers series by USA Today bestselling author Lainey Davis brings all the fake fiance energy you crave with a slow burn, hilarious antics, and disability representation. Fans of Samantha Christy, Melanie Harlow, TL Swan, and Olivia Hayle will swoon for this series.

**The Gates of Twilight** - Paula Volsky

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In a fragile alliance, the natives are stirring uneasily under their foreign rulers. Rebellion is brewing, and at the heart of the conflict lies the bloody and powerful cult of the god Aoun, whose followers will stop at nothing to rid their land of alien domination. So civil servant Renille vo Chaumelle, scion of a proud, conquering line mingled with native blood, is conscripted as a spy and ordered to penetrate the fortress-temple known as the Fastness of the Gods. There he is

to discover the secrets of the priests of Aoun and - if the chance presents itself - assassinate the lead priest, named in legend as the god's own son. But in the holiest depths of the temple, Renille finds there is more to the cult than his superiors suspect - far more than they will ever believe. What he learns leads him to the beautiful princess Jathondi, daughter of the native ruler, who is fated to be the crux of a violent confrontation between the fanatic followers of a flesh-hungry god and their arrogant overlords. Together, Jathondi and Renille must brave a whirlwind of revolution and apocalyptic magic that could shatter a nation, and open the long-sealed portal between heaven and earth.

**The Book of Lies** - Aleister Crowley 2018-01-23

Aleister Crowley's *The Book of Lies* is an important and complex work of occultism. Deciphering its many layers of hidden meaning requires a little patience and more than a beginner's knowledge of Thelema. For those

interested in passing beyond the initiate stage, the reward offered by a deeper understanding of this challenging text is well worth the effort.

This new 2018 edition of The Book of Lies from Kismet Publishing restores all of Crowley's original text, including the important keys, sigils and diagrams often omitted from reprints.