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Pulitzer Prize-winning critic Michael Dirda has been hailed as "the best-read person in America" (The Paris Review) and "the best book critic in America" (The New York Observer). His latest volume collects fifty of his witty and wide-

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ranging reflections on a  
life in literature.

Reaching from the  
classics to the post-  
moderns, his allusions  
dance from Samuel  
Johnson, Ralph Waldo  
Emerson and M. F. K.  
Fisher to Marilynne  
Robinson, Hunter S.  
Thompson, and David  
Foster Wallace. Dirda's  
topics are equally  
diverse: literary pets,  
the lost art of cursive  
writing, book  
inscriptions, the  
pleasures of science  
fiction conventions,

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author photographs,  
novelists in old age,  
Oberlin College, a year  
in Marseille, writer's  
block, and much more. As  
admirers of his earlier  
books will expect, there  
are annotated lists  
galore—of perfect book  
titles, great adventure  
novels, favorite words,  
books about books, and  
beloved children's  
classics, as well as a  
revealing peek at the  
titles Michael keeps on  
his own nightstand. Funny  
and erudite, *Browsings*  
is a celebration of the

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reading life, a fan's notes, and the perfect gift for any booklover. Organized thematically, a collection of essays introduces nearly ninety of the world's most entertaining and informative books, covering masterpieces of fantasy and science fiction, horror and adventure, epics, history, philosophy, essays, and children's literature, by authors ranging from Sappho and Petronius to Frederick Douglass, Arthur Conan

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Doyle, and Georgette  
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Describes how, after the  
1979 Soviet invasion of  
Afghanistan, maverick  
Texas congressman  
Charlie Wilson persuaded  
his colleagues to fund  
the CIA's efforts to arm  
the mujahideen and  
recounts the  
repercussions of that  
covert operation.

NEW YORK TIMES

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uncensored history of  
the award-winning The  
Daily Show with Jon  
Stewart, as told by its

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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

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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

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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



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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

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groundbreaking shows.

Notes on Reading and

Life

Home Made

Who Gets In and Why

Outstanding Books for

the College Bound

Extraordinary Theory of

Objects

Agents of Terror

Lost on Purpose

***A Pulitzer Prize-winning  
critic's often surprising  
meditation on those places  
where life and books  
intersect and what might be  
learned from both Once out  
of school, most of us read  
for pleasure. Yet there is***

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*another equally important, though often overlooked, reason that we read: to learn how to live. Though books have always been understood as life-teachers, the exact way in which they instruct, cajole, and convince remains a subject of some mystery. Drawing on sources as diverse as Dr. Seuss and Simone Weil, P. G. Wodehouse and Isaiah Berlin, Pulitzer prize-winning critic Michael Dirda shows how the wit, wisdom, and enchantment of the written word can inform and enrich nearly every aspect*

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**of life, from education and  
work to love and death.**

**Organized by significant life  
events and abounding with  
quotations from great  
writers and thinkers, Book  
by Book showcases Dirda's  
considerable knowledge,  
which he wears lightly.**

**Favoring showing rather  
than telling, Dirda draws the  
reader deeper into the  
classics, as well as lesser-  
known works of literature,  
history, and philosophy,  
always with an eye to what  
is relevant to how we might  
better understand our lives.  
A showcase of one hundred**

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**of the world's most significant books offers the author's introductory essays on such writers as James Boswell, Colette, and Joseph Roth, and includes explorations of a range of genres and specific works. It's *Girl Interrupted* meets *Miranda July*—with a touch of *Joan Didion*—in this captivating collection of original essays revolving around a young American girl's coming of age in Paris. As an adolescent in a foreign country, Stephanie LaCava found an unconventional way to deal**

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***with her social awkwardness and feelings of uncertainty about the future by taking solace from the strange and beautiful objects she came across in her daily life. Filled with beautiful illustrations and providing a retrospective of nineties fashion and culture, An Extraordinary Theory of Objects: A Memoir of an Outsider in Paris is sure to be a collector's item for Francophiles or anyone who has ever found security in the strangest of places. From a Governor General's Award-winning author***

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**comes a heart-rending novel about family, children and the end of life. Over the course of one Saturday night, a man and his half-sister meet at her request to spend the evening preparing for her assisted death. They drink and reminisce fondly, sadly, amusingly about their lives and especially her children, both of whom have led dramatic and profoundly different lives. Extraordinary is a powerful consideration of assisted suicide, but it is also a story about family—about how brothers and sisters turn out so**

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***differently; about how little,  
in fact, turns out the way we  
expect. In the end, this is a  
novel about the  
extraordinary business of  
being alive, and it may well  
be David Gilmour's very best  
work of fiction to date.***

***Survivors***

***Can You Believe It !***

***Extraordinary, Ordinary  
People***

***At Home with Handmade  
Books***

***Evermore***

***Air Bound***

***A Practical Guide to  
Discovering and Living Your  
Extraordinary Story***



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*In the Great Terror of 1937-38 more than a million Soviet citizens were arrested or killed for political crimes they didn't commit. What kind of people carried out this violent purge, and what motivated them? This book opens up the world of the Soviet perpetrator for the first time. Focusing on Kuntsevo, the Moscow suburb where Stalin had a dacha, Alexander Vatlin shows how Stalinism rewarded local officials for inventing*

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enemies. Agents of  
Terror reveals stunning,  
detailed evidence from  
archives available for a  
limited time in the  
1990s. Going beyond the  
central figures of the  
terror, Vatlin takes  
readers into the offices  
and interrogation rooms  
of secret police at the  
district level. Spurred  
at times by ambition,  
and at times by fear for  
their own lives, agents  
rushed to fulfill quotas  
for arresting "enemies  
of the people"--even  
when it meant

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*fabricating the evidence. Vatlin pulls back the curtain on a Kafkaesque system, forcing readers to reassess notions of historical agency and moral responsibility in Stalin-era crimes.*

*An Extraordinary Woman*  
A NEW YORK TIMES NOTABLE  
BOOK OF 2020 From award-  
winning higher education  
journalist and New York  
Times bestselling author  
Jeffrey Selinger comes a  
revealing look from  
inside the admissions  
office—one that

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*identifies surprising  
strategies that will aid  
in the college search.*

*Getting into a top-  
ranked college has never  
seemed more impossible,  
with acceptance rates at  
some elite universities  
dipping into the single  
digits. In Who Gets In  
and Why, journalist and  
higher education expert  
Jeffrey Selingo dispels  
entrenched notions of  
how to compete and win  
at the admissions game,  
and reveals that  
teenagers and parents  
have much to gain by*

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*broadening their notion of what qualifies as a “good college.” Hint: it’s not all about the sticker on the car window. Selingo, who was embedded in three different admissions offices—a selective private university, a leading liberal arts college, and a flagship public campus—closely observed gatekeepers as they made their often agonizing and sometimes life-changing decisions. He also followed select students and their*

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parents, and he traveled  
around the country  
meeting with high school  
counselors, marketers,  
behind-the-scenes  
consultants, and college  
rankers. While many have  
long believed that  
admissions is merit-  
based, rewarding the  
best students, *Who Gets  
In and Why* presents a  
more complicated truth,  
showing that “who gets  
in” is frequently more  
about the college’s  
agenda than the  
applicant. In a world  
where thousands of

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equally qualified students vie for a fixed number of spots at elite institutions, admissions officers often make split-second decisions based on a variety of factors—like diversity, money, and, ultimately, whether a student will enroll if accepted. One of the most insightful books ever about “getting in” and what higher education has become, *Who Gets In and Why* not only provides an usually intimate look at how admissions decisions

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get made, but guides  
prospective students on  
how to honestly assess  
their strengths and  
match with the schools  
that will best serve  
their interests.

A novel in colorful  
postcards and letters  
depicts the enigmatic  
relationship between  
British artist Griffin  
Moss and Sabine Strohem,  
a mysterious woman  
living on a Pacific  
island who can see  
Griffin as he works in  
London

A Memoir of Family



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Investigation into the  
Science and History of  
Books Bound in Human  
Skin

Ordinary People -

Extraordinary Stories

10 Unconventional Laws

to Redefine Your Life

and Succeed on Your Own

Terms

Browsings

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Correspondence

**When we're going through  
challenging times, we tend  
to think we're alone. In the  
middle of the bad times,**

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it's difficult to see how  
life could ever be even just  
okay again, never-mind good.  
The purpose of this book is  
to provide encouragement and  
inspiration for those who  
are going through challenges  
from which they can  
currently see no relief.  
Reading stories of ordinary  
people overcoming  
extraordinary challenges  
using a technique you can  
use to achieve the same  
results is one of the most  
empowering gifts you can  
give to yourself. "It's 2  
a.m. I am in Hawaii. And I'm  
dying. The pain comes in my  
body and the voice in my  
mind confirms it. This is  
real. Cancer is real. As I

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look down the barrel of my  
own emotional gun, my mind  
flashes back to  
conversations with another  
practitioner when I recall  
saying to her of her  
Fibromyalgia recovery  
account - "It's alright for  
you - You've got a story! I  
don't have one! " Well, be  
careful what you ask for -  
because you just might get  
it. I'll rephrase that. Be  
careful what you ask for  
-you will definitely get it.  
I definitely had a story  
now. The question was would  
I live to tell it?" Foreword  
by Robert G. Smith (Founder  
of FasterEFT)

The memoirs of a Pulitzer  
Prize-winning literary

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*journalist and critic discusses his childhood and education in small-town Ohio, his colorful family and friends, and his voracious appetite for reading. Reprint. 10,000 first printing.*

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anthology is a treat for all  
the family. Be shocked and  
amazed by these incredible  
real-life stories of extreme  
survival, including . . .  
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from a Shark, a sailor who  
survived for 133 days on a  
raft in the Atlantic when  
his ship was torpedoed,  
using shark's blood in place  
of fresh water. The Girl Who  
Fell From the Sky, a  
teenager who fell 2 miles  
from an aeroplane and  
trekked through the Amazon  
jungle to safety. The Woman  
Who Froze to Death - Yet  
Lived, a woman who was  
trapped under freezing water  
for so long her heart  
stopped. Four hours later,*

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medics managed to warm her blood enough to revive her. Combining classic tales such as Ernest Shackleton's Antarctic voyage, as well as more modern exploits such as the adventurer who inspired the movie 127 Hours, these astonishing stories will be retold by young readers to all of their friends. 'A gorgeously presented hardback book, full of incredible real-life stories of extreme survival . . . Ultimately an inspirational book, beautifully illustrated.' Angels and Urchins 'True-story fans will love this.' Inis Children's Books Ireland 'A wonderful mixture of the

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*scariness of peril and the  
glorious uplift of survival.*

*It's insightful,  
inspirational and all  
absolutely true.'* Bookbag

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and Repurposed Materials*

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*Associated Advertising*

*Two Navy SEALs, the Medal of  
Honor, and a Story of  
Extraordinary Courage*

*Titles and Programs for a  
New Generation*

**When he's sent to Latham House,  
a boarding school for sick teens,  
Lane thinks his life may as well be  
over. But when he meets Sadie**

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**and her friends - a group of  
eccentric troublemakers - he  
realises that maybe getting sick is  
just the beginning. That illness  
doesn't have to define you, and  
that falling in love is its own cure.  
Extraordinary Means is a darkly  
funny story about true  
friendships, ill-fated love and the  
rare miracle of second chances.  
Everyone is raving about  
SEVERED HEADS, BROKEN  
HEARTS! 'I couldn't help but  
think of John Green's novels - I  
think his fans will eat this up.'  
Publishers Weekly  
'Heartbreaking and hilarious. I  
have no doubt that girls  
everywhere are going to fall**



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**madly, deeply, hopelessly in love  
with Ezra Faulkner.' Sarah  
Mlynowski, NYT bestselling  
author. 'Maybe it's time to expand  
your list of literary crushes to  
include someone other than  
Augustus Waters.' MTV.com 'Up  
there with John Green - and it's a  
delight to read... the ending  
absolutely blew me away, being  
unpredictable, powerful, and  
altogether fantastic.' The Bookbag  
'fun, touching and absolutely  
hilarious' Sugarscape 'original  
and radiant' Daisy Chain Book  
Reviews**

**The essential, “richly  
researched”\* biography of  
Harriet Tubman, revealing a**

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**complex woman who “led a remarkable life, one that her race, her sex, and her origins make all the more extraordinary” (\*The New York Times Book Review). Harriet Tubman is one of the giants of American history—a fearless visionary who led scores of her fellow slaves to freedom and battled courageously behind enemy lines during the Civil War. Now, in this magnificent biography, historian Kate Clifford Larson gives us a powerful, intimate, meticulously detailed portrait of Tubman and her times. Drawing from a trove of new documents and sources as well as extensive genealogical**

**data, Larson presents Harriet Tubman as a complete human being—brilliant, shrewd, deeply religious, and passionate in her pursuit of freedom. A true American hero, Tubman was also a woman who loved, suffered, and sacrificed. Praise for Bound for the Promised Land “[Bound for the Promised Land] appropriately reads like fiction, for Tubman’s exploits required such intelligence, physical stamina and pure fearlessness that only a very few would have even contemplated the feats that she actually undertook. . . . Larson captures Tubman’s determination and seeming imperviousness to**

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**pain and suffering, coupled with an extraordinary selflessness and caring for others.”—The Seattle Times “Essential for those interested in Tubman and her causes . . . Larson does an especially thorough job of . . . uncovering relevant documents, some of them long hidden by history and neglect.”—The Plain Dealer “Larson has captured Harriet Tubman’s clandestine nature . . . reading Ms. Larson made me wonder if Tubman is not, in fact, the greatest spy this country has ever produced.”—The New York Sun**

**Notes from a bibliophile on the lure of rare and first editions, the**

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**beauty of dust jackets, the thrill of browsing in antiquarian bookshops, the bibliomania of book thieves, movies about books, and the inner life of a reader. The Groaning Shelf is not so much a book about books as a book about books about books. These little essays capture the drama of bookish obsession, the joys and snares of the bookish life and the pleasures of bibliophily.**

**#1 New York Times bestselling author Christine Feehan returns to the mysterious coastal town of Sea Haven where a woman is stalked by her inescapable past in the fourth novel in the Sisters of the Heart series. On the shores of**

**Sea Haven, six women touched by great loss have come together in a sisterhood strengthened by the elements—a bond each will need as new love and danger enter their lives... After escaping from a cult, Lexi found refuge with her sisters on the farm that more than sustained her body—it nurtured her soul as well. But she never forgot the terror she left behind or the always present fear that the cult would find her again, and claim her. Then her nightmare came true. Lexi was discovered and threatened—only to be suddenly saved by a stranger. He is Gavriil Prakenskii, and he’s awestruck by the woman he’s**

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**rescued. She is destined for him.  
He can feel it in his soul. But how  
can Lexi find happiness with a  
man steeped in secrets and  
shadows, one intimately  
acquainted with violence, and  
whose very love could be the death  
of them?**

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**Entertainments**

**A Story of Grief, Groceries,  
Showing Up--and What We Make  
When We Make Dinner**

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Comeback of an Ace Fighter Pilot**

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*THESE HABITS WILL MAKE YOU EXTRAORDINARY. Twenty years ago, author Brendon Burchard became obsessed with answering three questions: 1. Why do some individuals and teams succeed more quickly than others and sustain that success over the long term? 2. Of those who pull it off, why are some miserable and others consistently happy on their journey? 3. What motivates people to reach for higher levels of success in the first place, and what practices help them improve the most After extensive original research and a decade as the world's leading high performance coach, Burchard found the answers. It turns out that just six deliberate habits give you the edge. Anyone can practice these habits and, when they*



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*do, extraordinary things happen in their lives, relationships, and careers. Which habits can help you achieve long-term success and vibrant well-being no matter your age, career, strengths, or personality? To become a high performer, you must seek clarity, generate energy, raise necessity, increase productivity, develop influence, and demonstrate courage. The art and science of how to do all this is what this book is about. Whether you want to get more done, lead others better, develop skill faster, or dramatically increase your sense of joy and confidence, the habits in this book will help you achieve it faster. Each of the six habits is illustrated by powerful vignettes, cutting-edge science, thought-provoking exercises, and real-world daily practices you can*

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*implement right now. If you've ever wanted a science-backed, heart-centered plan to living a better quality of life, it's in your hands. Best of all, you can measure your progress. A link to a free professional assessment is included in the book. Making your own books is easier than you might think, and Erin Zamrzla shows you how, using Japanese methods to produce a range of delightful projects: from easy-to-fold accordion pamphlets to books using the intricate and distinctive Japanese stab stitch bindings. Traditional bookbinding techniques are applied to creative and contemporary projects that will interest a broad range of beginning crafters, DIYers, and book artists. Zamrzla makes all the techniques accessible and completely nonintimidating by*

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*providing clear, step-by-step  
instructions for even the more*

*complicated stitches. Information on  
the basics of bookbinding, including  
book terminology, tools, and  
techniques are included, and many of  
the projects encourage the creative  
use of recycled materials. Each  
project is featured in a full-color  
photograph presenting it in a real-life  
setting. Additional photos and  
computer-drawn instructional  
illustrations offer step-by-step details  
of construction. Projects include:  
Unfolding Flower Notes: An accordion  
book that opens into a string of  
flowers. Tiny Souvenir Book: An  
accordion book with envelopes for  
pages so you can collect memories  
on the go. Return-to-Sender Mail  
Book: Made using a four-hole stab  
binding in the hemp-leaf pattern, the*

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*pages of this notebook are contained within an envelope cover so you can simply fill the pages, seal the end, and mail it to a friend, who can then add to the pages and send it back to you. Pillowcase Dream Book: Made using a Yamato binding—a simple two-hole stab binding—the cover of this book is sewn from a pillowcase. Tea Bag Tracing Book: The pages of this book are created from tea bags that are bound in a traditional account-book style.*

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*lives... For as far back as she can remember, Airiana Ridell has always been aware of her extraordinary gift. She can intuit revealing and illuminating "patterns" in the air around her, an ability which led to her placement in a secret government training facility when she was a child. But everything changed after her mother was murdered... Airiana fled the program, but she couldn't outrun the desperate members of a shadowy cabal who want her, who need her, who will kill to get her. Kidnapped and held aboard a ship bound for dangerous seas, her only chance for rescue is Maxim Prakenskii. He has his reasons for helping her, but he isn't about to reveal them to Airiana. Not yet. Not as the two are drawn together as moth to flame. Not when there are so many secrets yet untold*

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that could shatter the quaint  
community of Sea Haven and all who  
reside there.

*Everything we know about the world today follows an invisible set of rules—how we work, love, parent, spend our money, and define success. But what if we could remove these outdated ideas and start anew? What would our lives look like if we could redefine the meaning of happiness, purpose, and success? The Code of the Extraordinary Mind blends computational thinking, integral theory, modern spirituality, evolutionary biology, and a little bit of humor to provide a revolutionary framework for re-coding ourselves with new, empowering beliefs and behaviors so we can live extraordinary lives. Throughout, Vishen Lakhiani shares*

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transformative insights from legendary thinkers including Elon Musk, Richard Branson, and Arianna Huffington, among others, helping us to think like the greatest creative minds of our era-questioning, challenging, and creating new rules for our lives. Lakhiani's 10 laws help us retrain our minds to grow and achieve more than we ever thought was possible, showing us that we do not need to follow convention and can succeed on our own terms no matter where we are starting from.

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*Times Book Review*) tender and vivid memoir about the radical grace we discover when we consider ourselves bound together in community, and a moving account of one woman's attempt to answer the essential question Who are we to one another? "Your heart will be altered by this book."—Gregory Boyle, S.J., *New York Times* bestselling author of *Tattoos on the Heart* Liz Hauck and her dad had a plan to start a weekly cooking program in a residential home for teenage boys in state care, which was run by the human services agency he co-directed. When her father died before they had a chance to get the project started, Liz decided she would try it without him. She didn't know what to expect from volunteering with court-involved youth, but as a high school teacher she knew that teenagers are drawn to food-related activities, and as a daughter, she believed

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*that if she and the kids made even a single dinner together she could check one box off her father's long, unfinished to-do list. This is the story of what happened around the table, and how one dinner became one hundred dinners. "The kids picked the menus, I bought the groceries," Liz writes, "and we cooked and ate dinner together for two hours a week for nearly three years. Sometimes improvisation in kitchens is disastrous. But sometimes, a combination of elements produces something spectacularly unexpected. I think that's why, when we don't know what else to do, we feed our neighbors." Capturing the clumsy choreography of cooking with other people, this is a sharply observed story about the ways we behave when we are hungry and the conversations that happen at the intersections of flavor and memory, vulnerability and strength, grief and*

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*which slows his metabolism to a fraction*

*of normal, Martin James becomes an*

*unwilling time traveler who hurtles*

*through the years. His children grow up,*

*his wife grows older, and his only hope is*

*finding the people who injected him in the*

*first place- not an easy task when one day*

*for Martin lasts four years. And while*

*Martin James strives to find a cure before*

*everyone he loves is gone, others are*

*uncertain if his journey can be stopped at*

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*future filled with the best and worst of*

*humanity, highlights the blessings and*

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*curse of technology, and pushes the limits  
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In April of 1972, SEAL  
Lieutenant Tom Norris risked  
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American airmen who were  
shot down behind enemy  
lines in North Vietnam, a feat

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for which he would be awarded the Medal of Honor--an award that represents the pinnacle of heroism and courage. Just six months later, Norris was sent on a dangerous special reconnaissance mission that would take his team deep into enemy territory. On that mission, they engaged a vastly superior force. In the running gun battle that ensued, Lieutenant Norris was severely wounded; a bullet entered his left eye and exited the left side of his head. SEAL Petty Officer Mike Thornton, under heavy

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fire, fought his way back onto a North Vietnamese beach to rescue his officer. This was the first time Tom and Mike had been on a combat mission together. Mike's act of courage and loyalty marks the only time in modern history that the Medal of Honor has been awarded in a combat action where one recipient received the Medal for saving the life of another. *By Honor Bound* is the story of Tom Norris and Mike Thornton, two living American heroes who grew up very differently, entered military service and



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the Navy SEAL teams for vastly different reasons, and were thrown together for a single combat mission--a mission that would define their lives from that day forward.

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Imagination. When a nearby museum-goer snapped a photo of a mesmerized Parker, it became an internet sensation. Inspired by this visit, Parker, and her mother, Jessica Curry, tell the story of a young girl and her family, whose trip to a museum becomes an extraordinary moment, in a moving picture book. Parker Looks Up follows Parker, along with her baby sister and her mother, and her best friend Gia and Gia's mother, as they walk the halls of a museum, seeing paintings of everyone and everything

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from George Washington Carver to Frida Kahlo, exotic flowers to graceful ballerinas. Then, Parker walks by Sherald's portrait of Michelle Obama...and almost passes it. But she stops...and looks up! Parker saw the possibility and promise, the hopes and dreams of herself in this powerful painting of Michelle Obama. An everyday moment became an extraordinary one...that continues to resonate its power, inspiration, and indelible impact. Because, as Jessica Curry said, "anything is possible regardless of

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Scotsman is rather bold for a  
respectable suffragist, but when  
he happens to be one's  
unexpected husband, what else is  
an unwilling bride to do? London  
banking heiress Hattie Greenfield  
wanted just three things in life: 1.  
Acclaim as an artist. 2. A noble  
cause. 3. Marriage to a young lord  
who puts the gentle in gentleman.  
Why then does this Oxford scholar  
find herself at the altar with the  
darkly attractive financier Lucian  
Blackstone, whose murky past and  
ruthless business practices strike  
fear in the hearts of Britain's  
peerage? Trust Hattie to take an  
invigorating little adventure too

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far. Now she's stuck with a churlish Scot who just might be the end of her ambitions.... When the daughter of his business rival all but falls into his lap, Lucian sees opportunity. As a self-made man, he has vast wealth but holds little power, and Hattie might be the key to finally setting long-harbored political plans in motion. Driven by an old desire for revenge, he has no room for his new wife's apprehensions or romantic notions, bewitching as he finds her. But a sudden journey to Scotland paints everything in a different light. Hattie slowly sees the real Lucian and realizes she could win everything--as long as she is prepared to lose her heart.

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lieutenant he shot down five MiGs  
during the Six Day War of 1967.  
Fourteen months later over the  
Nile Delta, an Egyptian missile  
exploded beneath the tail of his

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Mirage IIIC. Within moments Romm found himself hanging by the straps of his parachute, with a broken arm and a leg shattered in a dozen places, looking down from 10,000 feet. Streams of farmers and field workers converged below onto the spot toward which his chute was descending, with the intention, he was certain, of hacking him to death as soon as his feet touched the earth. No other Israeli pilot had survived capture in Egypt or in any other Arab state. Solitary is Romm's story of his imprisonment, torture, interrogation, release, and return to service. Solitary is not a "war book." It's not a tale of heroism, though if anyone ever qualified for

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that distinction, it is this story's author. Solitary is not even, in its deepest parts, about captivity or imprisonment. Solitary is about Romm's inner war. It's the story, in his phrase, "of a fall from a great height," not only literally but metaphorically. Romm could not tell his captors the truth about who he was or what he had done. He had to invent an entire fictional biography and keep it straight in his head through months of beatings and interrogations, all the while being held in solitary confinement with his body sheathed from chest to toe in a plaster cast. Solitary is not a grim book. It's full of wry humor, keen self-observations and revelations.

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An ordeal such as Romm endured is a sojourn in hell, but it is also a passage. Romm fell, and he came back. Solitary is his indelible account of confronting, as few of us ever will, his own fears and limitations, and discovering, ultimately, his capacity to survive and to prevail. —From the Introduction by Steven Pressfield  
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freak at her new high  
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changes when she meets  
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