

# Dirty Thirty A Memoir

An "extraordinary" debut memoir of first love, identity, and self-discovery among a group of friends who became family in a Montauk summer house (Andrew Solomon, National Book Award winner). They call Montauk the end of the world, a spit of land jutting into the Atlantic. The house was a ramshackle split-level set on a hill, and each summer thirty-one people would

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sleep between its thin walls and shag carpets. Against the moonlight the house's octagonal roof resembled a bee's nest. It was dubbed The Hive. In 2013, John Glynn joined the share house. Packing his duffel for that first Memorial Day Weekend, he prayed for clarity. At twenty-seven, he was crippled by an all-encompassing loneliness, a feeling he had carried in his heart for as long as he could remember. John didn't understand the

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loneliness. He just knew it was there. Like the moon gone dark. Out East is the portrait of a summer, of The Hive and the people who lived in it, and John's own reckoning with a half-formed sense of self. From Memorial Day to Labor Day, The Hive was a center of gravity, a port of call, a home. Friendships, conflicts, secrets and epiphanies blossomed within this tightly woven friend group and came to define how they would live out the rest

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of their twenties and beyond. Blending the sand-strewn milieu of George Howe Colt's *The Big House* with the radiant aching of Olivia Liang's *The Lonely City*, *Out East* is a keenly wrought story of love and transformation, longing and escape in our own contemporary moment. "An unforgettable story told with feeling and humor and above all with the razor-sharp skill of a delicate and highly gifted writer."

-- André Aciman, *New York Times*

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bestselling author of Call Me by Your Name "Out East is full of intimacy and hope and frustration and joy, an extraordinary tale of emotional awakening and lacerating ambivalence, a confession of self-doubt that becomes self-knowledge." -- Andrew Solomon, National Book Award winner An Entertainment Weekly Best Book of May 2019A Time magazine Best Book of May 2019Cosmopolitan Best Book of May 2019An O, the Oprah Magazine Best LGBTQ

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Book of 2019

Philosophy, Pussycats, & Porn is a series of essays, blog posts, and stories surveying more than a decade of poignant journalistic accounts from internationally recognized writer, actor, and pornographer Stoya. Stoya provides crucial examinations of systemic biases toward sex workers and how sexuality is reflected in society. Stoya often points her journalistic lens inward, providing us with

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personal, illustriously detailed stories of her life, her collaborators, and how she has built a flourishing media haven in the face of a culture that is still learning how to handle public discourses on sex work

This is the autobiography of Margaret Anderson, who ran a literary magazine called *The Little Review* for 30 years ... from 1899 to 1929.

*Dirty Thirty* By: Billie Proffitt With a plethora of experiences by her late

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twenties, Billie Proffitt still felt overwhelmed by the pressure of deciding what she wanted. Raised that well-being is more valuable than the “should’s” of society, she examined not only the roads less traveled, but also the ones that nobody else saw. Her willingness to forge on even as these were littered with pitfalls, paint these non-chronological stories which make up the thirty most important lessons she learned by thirty. Believing as author



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Natalie Babbitt suggested, that it isn't death to be feared, "but rather the unlived life," this gifted storyteller marks the up's, down's, backward and eventual steps forward in life that span the range of human emotions. Billie is a bright, quirky, honest young woman who captures the beauty of the human condition with passion and humor - insight and determination. Dirty Thirty doesn't evoke wistful regret for life's lost

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opportunities, but instead inspires reaching toward the great days ahead that yet have to be lived.

Imagine being just twenty-one, thirteen thousand miles from home in a strange country where the inhabitants want to kill you! Envision living in mud, eating food packed in 1941, witnessing hostilities from your enemies and among your friends. The Dirty Thirty explains life as it was as a Gun-Bunny, a trucker, a thief and a soldier in the

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jungles and towns of South Vietnam Live as a draftee lived among the diversity of an army of draftees. The odd and endearing characters of The Dirty Thirty and the strict military minds of the Lifers, will give you a glimpse of the real Vietnam experience. Jolt at the realization that the NVA was not an Evil Empire, but a military force with a cause and a heartfelt dedication among its soldiers. Be sad at the plights of individual U.S. soldiers at

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the mercy of the Military Machine. Be proud of the sacrifices made by the men and women of both sides during the 10,000 Day War. The Dirty Thirty gives a day to day account of what life was really like on the fire bases in the jungles and hills of Vietnam and Cambodia in 1969-1970.

Philosophy, Pussycats, & Porn

The Crooked Little Road to Semi-Ever

After

Overcome

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A Porno Memoir

No One Wins Alone

A Memoir of Farming, Food, and Love

***What if Bridget Jones were alive and well and living in Manhattan? Meet Bridget Harrison, a soon-to-be-thirty Brit, newly-on-the-scene reporter for America's most famous tabloid, the New York Post . While her friends back in London are tossing their bridal bouquets, Bridget is chasing down the next big story-and her dream of becoming a topnotch journalist. But just when she's perfected the art of interviewing***

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***complete strangers about ghoulish crimes, finding a mate in the Big Apple proves downright, well, impossible. As Bridget learns (the hard way) the vexing rules of dating in the ultimate singles city, a silver lining appears in her dating cloud: She lands her very own Post column about her quest for love. Each Sunday half a million New Yorkers read about her matchups with urban Romeos, including a man who tells her she'd be "one hot chick if she made a bit more of an effort" (even though she's wearing her Page Six pal's designer cast-offs) and***

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***another who shoves her into a cab before she can say "bugger off." Pursuing love under deadline, however, doesn't make finding it any easier, especially when each week she has to run her copy by the very person she suspects might be the One. Wonderfully funny, poignant, smart, and gossipy, in the best sense, about the New York/Hamptons set, this tale is every woman's story of the quest to have it all: a great job, a true love-and a livable apartment. Which, after all, doesn't seem so bloody much to ask, does it? In the vein of The Glass Castle, Breaking Night is***

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***the stunning memoir of a young woman who at age fifteen was living on the streets, and who eventually made it into Harvard. Liz Murray was born to loving but drug-addicted parents in the Bronx. In school she was taunted for her dirty clothing and lice-infested hair, eventually skipping so many classes that she was put into a girls' home. At age fifteen, Liz found herself on the streets. She learned to scrape by, foraging for food and riding subways all night to have a warm place to sleep. When Liz's mother died of AIDS, she decided to take control of her own***



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***destiny and go back to high school, often completing her assignments in the hallways and subway stations where she slept. Liz squeezed four years of high school into two, while homeless; won a New York Times scholarship; and made it into the Ivy League. Breaking Night is an unforgettable and beautifully written story of one young woman's indomitable spirit to survive and prevail, against all odds. The world knows her as a porn star. . . but it's her way with words that will touch you again and again. Asa Akira's perceptive, funny, and***

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***straightforward writings on love, sex, death, marriage and celebrity come together in a surprising book of essays. Personally revealing as well as universal, Dirty Thirty marks the coming of age of a new literary star.***

***NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • A deeply candid and refreshingly spirited memoir of identity lost and found from the star of the iconic film Dirty Dancing “Jennifer Grey peels back all the artifice, denial, obfuscation, and myriad assumptions and exposes a gorgeous, human portrait of her life.”—Jamie Lee Curtis “We all***

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***know Jennifer Grey as a talented actress, but Out of the Corner introduces us to a gifted writer.”—Michael J. Fox In this beautiful, close-to-the bone account, Jennifer Grey takes readers on a vivid tour of the experiences that have shaped her, from her childhood as the daughter of Broadway and film legend Joel Grey, to the surprise hit with Patrick Swayze that made her America’s sweetheart, to her inspiring season eleven win on ABC’s Dancing with the Stars. Throughout this intimate narrative, Grey richly evokes places and times that were defining for a***

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***generation—from her preteen days in 1970s Malibu and wild child nights in New York's club scene, to her roles in quintessential movies of the 1980s, including The Cotton Club, Red Dawn, and her breakout performance in Ferris Bueller's Day Off. With self-deprecating humor and frankness, she looks back on her unbridled, romantic adventures in Hollywood. And with enormous bravery, she shares the devastating fallout from a plastic surgery procedure that caused the sudden and stunning loss of her professional identity and career. Grey inspires***

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***with her hard-won battle back, reclaiming her sense of self from a culture and business that can impose a narrow and unforgiving definition of female worth. She finds, at last, her own true north and starts a family of her own, just in the nick of time. Distinctive, moving, and powerful, told with generosity and pluck, Out of the Corner is a memoir about a never-ending personal evolution, a coming-of-age story for women of every age.***

***Now you're in for it! Join world famous film star Rebecca Lord as she takes you into the strange***

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***and hilarious world of adult films. Rebecca started in the business when she was a very young woman in France, but soon became well known in the industry and moved to America to further her career. While in the U.S., she became a huge star, and made a lot of friendships with some famous stars on the way, before returning to Europe where she continues to direct movies. This book is full of amazing, sexy and too-funny stories that will have you laughing out loud! Rebecca Lord is a world famous adult film star and a member of the AVN Hall of Fame. Brian***

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***Whitney is the author or co-author of 7 books, including an autobiography of Porsche Lynn and the novel Raping the Gods.***

***A Memoir of Love, Faith, and Resilience***

***A Memoir of Forgiveness, Survival, and My Journey from Homeless to Harvard***

***A Memoir of Love and Porn***

***My Thirty Years' War***

***Willing Victim***

***Sinner Takes All***

Frank McCourt's glorious childhood memoir, Angela's Ashes, has been loved

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and celebrated by readers everywhere for its spirit, its wit and its profound humanity. A tale of redemption, in which storytelling itself is the source of salvation, it won the National Book Critics Circle Award, the Los Angeles Times Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize. Rarely has a book so swiftly found its place on the literary landscape. And now we have 'Tis, the story of Frank's American journey from impoverished immigrant to



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brilliant teacher and raconteur. Frank lands in New York at age nineteen, in the company of a priest he meets on the boat. He gets a job at the Biltmore Hotel, where he immediately encounters the vivid hierarchies of this "classless country," and then is drafted into the army and is sent to Germany to train dogs and type reports. It is Frank's incomparable voice -- his uncanny humor and his astonishing ear for dialogue -- that renders these

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experiences spellbinding. When Frank returns to America in 1953, he works on the docks, always resisting what everyone tells him, that men and women who have dreamed and toiled for years to get to America should "stick to their own kind" once they arrive. Somehow, Frank knows that he should be getting an education, and though he left school at fourteen, he talks his way into New York University. There, he falls in love with the quintessential

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Yankee, long-legged and blonde, and tries to live his dream. But it is not until he starts to teach -- and to write -- that Frank finds his place in the world. The same vulnerable but invincible spirit that captured the hearts of readers in Angela's Ashes comes of age. As Malcolm Jones said in his Newsweek review of Angela's Ashes, "It is only the best storyteller who can so beguile his readers that he leaves them wanting more when he is

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done...and McCourt proves himself one of the very best." Frank McCourt's 'Tis is one of the most eagerly awaited books of our time, and it is a masterpiece.

\*An Amazon Best Book of the Year optioned for television by Gabrielle Union!\* In a series of personal essays, prominent journalist and LGBTQIA+ activist George M. Johnson explores his childhood, adolescence, and college years in New Jersey and Virginia. From

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the memories of getting his teeth kicked out by bullies at age five, to flea marketing with his loving grandmother, to his first sexual relationships, this young-adult memoir weaves together the trials and triumphs faced by Black queer boys. Both a primer for teens eager to be allies as well as a reassuring testimony for young queer men of color, *All Boys Aren't Blue* covers topics such as gender identity, toxic masculinity,

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brotherhood, family, structural marginalization, consent, and Black joy. Johnson's emotionally frank style of writing will appeal directly to young adults.

Dirty Wedding Dress – The Dirty Past  
By: Audrey Malone “Don’t get drug through the mud to end up at the altar in a dirty wedding dress” I swear, every day of my life, not a day goes by where there isn't a relationship crises that I am pulled into. It doesn't

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matter where I go; someone is talking about relationships and marriages. Hell, love and relationships are the top talking points at my gynecologist office, geesh! Both men and women aspire to attain a traditional “happily ever after” in their relationships/marriages, it seems. However, it's looking more and more as if the tradition of marriage is being discarded and strewn to the wayside in our fast-paced society. Too many

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relationships are plagued with infidelity, abuse, financial woes, and an absence of a spiritual foundation. With that recipe, how can a relationship survive and thrive? After countless lessons in my life and simply observing others, I've witnessed and learned a lot. If marriage or a committed relationship is what you desire, complaining to others will most likely not yield a positive result. There are some things you must never



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forget! Some things are good. Some things are bad. Others are simply a lesson you're meant to learn. You are about to experience an immersive lesson on relationships and what it all means in this real world, and it's guaranteed to be a lesson you will never forget!

“Her white dress and white veil signifies her innocence, which is glowingly visible on her face. Meanwhile, her side smile tells the entire story of her tainted love

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affair.” “Some of our behaviors were quite nefarious. Behind the “good girl” public image, there lived a fun girl to the 100th power!” “But through it all, your father always professed his love for me. He swore he'd never leave me. He said he didn't know why he beat me, but he was so sorry...always sorry.” “I thought if I could just hold on and gain the title of being his wife, all the wrongdoings would somehow instantaneously be made right.” “He

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would come by our house to see my mother for a few hours, here and there. He never once stayed overnight.”

“Barely able to speak, she said, “I can't do this anymore.” COMING SOON  
Dirty Wedding Dress “The Dirty Cheater”  
The Novel “The Day I Met Oprah”

“An inspiring, intimate memoir about faith, resilience and the tenacity of love.”—People “In this emotional tale, a young couple see their lives changed in the blink of an eye—and learn to

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find love again.”—US Weekly Five months pregnant, on a flight to their “babymoon,” Allison Pataki turned to her husband when he asked if his eye looked strange and watched him suddenly lose consciousness. After an emergency landing, she discovered that Dave—a healthy thirty-year-old athlete and surgical resident—had suffered a rare and life-threatening stroke. Next thing Allison knew, she was sitting alone in the ER in Fargo, North Dakota, waiting

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to hear if her husband would survive the night. When Dave woke up, he could not carry memories from hour to hour, much less from one day to the next. Allison had lost the Dave she knew and loved when he lost consciousness on the plane. Within a few months, she found herself caring for both a newborn and a sick husband, struggling with the fear of what was to come. As a way to make sense of the pain and chaos of their new reality, Allison started to write

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daily letters to Dave. Not only would she work to make sense of the unfathomable experiences unfolding around her, but her letters would provide Dave with the memories he could not make on his own. She was writing to preserve their past, protect their present, and fight for their future. Those letters became the foundation of this beautiful, intimate memoir. And in the process, she fell in love with her husband all over again. This is a

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manifesto for living, an ultimately uplifting story about the transformative power of faith and resilience. It's a tale of a man's turbulent road to recovery, the shifting nature of marriage, and the struggle of loving through pain and finding joy in the broken places. Praise for Beauty in the Broken Places "Bold and commendable . . . A strength of this memoir is [Allison Pataki's] scrupulous honesty."—USA Today "A

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memoir about . . . determination and gratitude, and the value of putting one foot in front of another during a crisis.”—The Washington Post “Heart-wrenching.”—Women’s Health “Powerful and immersive . . . Pataki delivers an insightful look at how two people faced a life-altering test as a team ‘fighting to make the dreams of our future possible.’”—Publishers Weekly (starred review)

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The Dirty Thirty  
A Year of Not Sleeping  
Dirty Wedding Dress  
Tabloid Love  
Insatiable  
Dirty Thirty

*Samantha Irby meets Bettyville in this darkly funny and poignant memoir about love, loss, Alzheimer's, and reviving her father's pornographic writing career, from writer and Mortified liveproducer Sara Faith Alterman. Twelve-year-old Sara enjoyed an G-rated existence in suburban New England, filled with over-the-top birthday*

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*cakes, Revolutionary War reenactments, and nerdy word games invented by her prudish father, Ira. But Sara's world changed for the icky when she discovered that Ira had been shielding her from the truth: that he was a campy sex writer who'd sold millions of books in multiple languages, including the wildly popular Games You Can Play with Your Pussy. Which was, to the naïve Sara's horror, not a book about cats. For decades the books remained an unspoken family secret, until Ira developed early onset Alzheimer's disease . . . and announced he'd be reviving his writing career. With Sara's help. In this cringeworthy, hilarious, and moving*

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*memoir, Sara shares the profound experience of discovering new facets of her father; once as a child, and again as an adult. Let's Never Talk About This Again is a must-read confessional from a woman who spent years trying to find humor in the perverse and optimism in the darkness, and succeeded.*

*For the past couple years Laurel's been coasting, hiding in the backseat while her life drifts off course. Then one summer afternoon a tall, built bruiser named Flynn strides in and steers her straight into an infatuation she never saw coming. Flynn introduces Laurel to things she's never imagined before-to the violent but exciting*

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*realm of the underground boxing circuit, to rough sex and even rougher role-playing, and to an attraction she craves even as it intimidates her. As Flynn invites her deeper into his world and his life, Laurel has to make a choice-let fear keep her holed up where it's safe, or take a chance and fight for the man who makes her feel more alive than she'd dreamed possible.*

*How does a girl go from being a shy, awkward bookworm to the biggest porn star in the world? In *Sinner Takes All*, Tera Patrick reveals all, including: her career as an international model; losing her virginity at fourteen to a thirtysomething photographer;*

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*learning oral sex techniques backstage at a Guns N' Roses concert; having an orgy with a team of firefighters; her unglamorous job in a nursing home; her first forays into the adult movie business; and how, with her husband's help, she launched her own multimillion-dollar empire. Along the way, she dishes on the emotional side of being Tera Patrick, writing candidly about her battles with depression and anxiety. She also discusses finding true love and building a healthy marriage, achievements that many consider to be impossible in the world of porn. Featuring hundreds of photos, plus diary pages and scintillating sidebars,*

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*Sinner Takes All takes the tell-all to raunchy new heights.*

*Chronicles the lives of the handful of residents of a dying Nevada mining town, focusing on the comings and goings at the town general store that make the town seem like a more vibrant place than many small cities.*

*Reprint. 10,000 first printing.*

*Based on a True Story of the Largest Police Corruption Scandal in New York City's History - The Dirty Thirty*  
*The 3-0 is a thrilling, cat and mouse story that's based on the true story of the largest police corruption scandal in the history of the New York City Police Department -*

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*The Dirty Thirty - It's also a story of bringing a divided community together. The actual events led to the arrest of 33 police officers. The story is set in the 1990's in the 30th Precinct in Harlem. But the story of "The 3-0" is not just about police corruption. It's the story of what happens when the social order collapses under the weight of politics, race, fear, drug cartels, illegal immigration, the rights of citizens, and the role of law enforcement to protect and serve. Because of this the NYPD responded by creating a new specialized unit that revolved around a decorated cop, Sergeant Liborio Lungaro and his team of beat officers. This story sheds*

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*light on the riveting back story of Lungaro's character and how he's taken on a journey that will change his life forever. It's a story of twist and turns. Who's good and who's dirty. This story will keep you on the edge of your seat.*

*Happiness: A Memoir*

*The Time of My Life*

*Mountain City*

*Laptop from Hell*

*A Memoir*

*How Porn Liberated Me from Hollywood*

**A memoir from the former porn star and**



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**addict Jennie Ketcham, whose stage name was Penny Flame.**

**The legendary Hall of Fame hockey player and six-time Stanley Cup champion tells his complete story for the first time, sharing the lessons about leadership and teamwork that defined his career, in this “inspirational memoir that transcends sports” (David Grann, #1 New York Times bestselling author). Mark Messier is one of the most accomplished athletes in the history of professional sports. He was a fierce**

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**competitor with a well-earned reputation as a winner. But few people know his real story, not only of the astonishing journey he took to making NHL history, but of the deep understanding of leadership and respect for the power of teamwork he gained. Messier tells of his early years with his tight-knit family, learning especially from his father, Doug—a hockey player, coach, and teacher. He describes what it was like entering the NHL as a teenager with a wild side, and growing close with teammates Wayne**

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**Gretzky, Kevin Lowe, Paul Coffey, Glenn Anderson, and others during their high-flying dynasty years with the Edmonton Oilers. He chronicles summers spent looking for inspiration and renewed energy on trips to exotic destinations around the world. And he recounts the highs, lows, and hard work that brought the New York Rangers to the ultimate moment for a hockey club: lifting the Stanley Cup. Throughout, Messier shares insights about success, winning cultures, and how leaders can help teams overcome**

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**challenges. Told with heart and sincerity, No One Wins Alone “is about much more than just hockey. It has lessons anyone can use—be it in sports, business, or life” (Jack Nicklaus, PGA Major Championship winner and author of My Golden Lessons).**

**An empowering, sex-positive, behind-the-scenes look at both Hollywood and the porn industry in this celebrity memoir unlike any other. Perfect for fans of Pleasure Activism and How to Make Love Like a Porn Star.**

**Maitland Ward got her start in acting as a**

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**teenager when she was cast in *The Bold and the Beautiful*, but it wasn't until she joined the later seasons of the sitcom *Boy Meets World* that she got her first taste of fame. As the loveable, sexy (but not too sexy) co-ed Rachel McGuire, Ward soon found herself being typecast as the good girl next door and was repeatedly denied darker, more intriguing roles. So she made a career change—one that required her to turn away from the Disney universe—and eventually established herself as one of the most-**

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**respected actresses in the porn industry today. Now, Ward reveals the ups and downs of her fascinating career, including personal stories from her time on one of the most beloved shows of the 1990s, in this anything but a run-of-the-mill memoir. By showing Hollywood and triple-X stardom in a whole new light, she offers a fresh and stirring perspective on the sex industry. Ultimately a story of hope and triumph, Rated X is a sharp and provocative look at a former Disney princess who found her fairy tale in porn.**

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**A New York Times bestselling, riotously funny collection of boozy misadventures from the creator of the YouTube series, “You Deserve a Drink.” Mamrie Hart is a drinking star with a Youtube problem. With over a million subscribers to her cult-hit video series “You Deserve a Drink,” Hart has been entertaining viewers with a combination of tasty libations and raunchy puns since 2011. Hart also co-wrote/co-starred in Dirty Thirty and Camp Takota with Grace Helbig and Hannah Hart. Finally, Hart has compiled her best drinking**

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**stories—and worst hangovers—into one hilarious volume. From the spring break where she and her girlfriends avoided tan lines by staying at an all-male gay nudist resort, to the bachelorette party where she accidentally hired a sixty-year-old meth head to teach the group pole dancing (not to mention the time she lit herself on fire during a Flaming Lips concert), Hart accompanies each story with an original cocktail recipe, ensuring that *You Deserve a Drink* is as educational as it is entertaining. With cameos**



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**from familiar friends from the YouTube scene and a foreword by Grace Helbig, this glimpse into Hart's life brings warmth and humor to the woman fans know and love. And for readers who haven't met Mamrie yet—take a warm-up shot and break out the cocktail shaker: you're going to need a drink. "Hart is a pull-no-punches comedian with a talent for self-deprecation in the guise of self-aggrandizement, a winning formula."—The New York Times**

**The inside story of the laptop that exposed**

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**the president's dirtiest secret. When a drug-addled Hunter Biden abandoned his waterlogged computer at a Mac repair shop in Delaware in the spring of 2019, just six days before his father announced his candidacy for the United States presidency, it became the ticking time bomb in the shadows of Joe Biden's campaign. The dirty secrets contained in Hunter's laptop almost derailed his father's presidential campaign and ignited one of the greatest media coverups in American history. This is the unvarnished**

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**story of what's really inside the laptop and what China knows about the Bidens, by the New York Post journalist who brought it into the open. It exposes the coordinated censorship operation by Big Tech, the media establishment, and former intelligence operatives to stifle the New York Post's coverage, in a chilling exercise of raw political power three weeks before the 2020 election. A treasure trove of corporate documents, emails, text messages, photographs, and voice recordings, spanning**

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**a decade, the laptop provided the first evidence that President Joe Biden was involved in his son's ventures in China, Ukraine, and beyond, despite his repeated denials. This intimate insight into Hunter's dissolute lifestyle shows he was incapable of holding down a job, let alone being paid tens of millions of dollars in high-powered international business deals by foreign interests, unless he had something else of value to sell—which of course he did. He was the son of the vice president who would go**

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**on to become the leader of the free world.**

**A Memoir-Manifesto**

**Let's Never Talk About This Again**

**The Dirty Life**

**Boozy Misadventures and Tales of**

**Debauchery**

**The 3-0**

**Beauty in the Broken Places**

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • We all have dreams—things we fantasize about doing and generally never get around to. This is the story of Azar Nafisi's dream and of the

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nightmare that made it come true. For two years before she left Iran in 1997, Nafisi gathered seven young women at her house every Thursday morning to read and discuss forbidden works of Western literature. They were all former students whom she had taught at university. Some came from conservative and religious families, others were progressive and secular; several had spent time in jail. They were shy and uncomfortable at first, unaccustomed to being asked to speak their minds, but soon they began to open up and to speak more freely, not only about the novels they were reading but also

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about themselves, their dreams and disappointments. Their stories intertwined with those they were reading—Pride and Prejudice, Washington Square, Daisy Miller and Lolita—their Lolita, as they imagined her in Tehran. Nafisi's account flashes back to the early days of the revolution, when she first started teaching at the University of Tehran amid the swirl of protests and demonstrations. In those frenetic days, the students took control of the university, expelled faculty members and purged the curriculum. When a radical Islamist in Nafisi's class questioned her decision to

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teach *The Great Gatsby*, which he saw as an immoral work that preached falsehoods of “the Great Satan,” she decided to let him put *Gatsby* on trial and stood as the sole witness for the defense. Azar Nafisi’s luminous tale offers a fascinating portrait of the Iran-Iraq war viewed from Tehran and gives us a rare glimpse, from the inside, of women’s lives in revolutionary Iran. It is a work of great passion and poetic beauty, written with a startlingly original voice. Praise for *Reading Lolita in Tehran* “Anyone who has ever belonged to a book group must read this book. Azar Nafisi takes us into the vivid lives of



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eight women who must meet in secret to explore the forbidden fiction of the West. It is at once a celebration of the power of the novel and a cry of outrage at the reality in which these women are trapped. The ayatollahs don't know it, but Nafisi is one of the heroes of the Islamic Republic."—Geraldine Brooks, author of *Nine Parts of Desire*

Documents the first year spent by the Harvard-graduate author with her new husband on their sustainable farm in the Adirondacks, describing how she withdrew from big-city life to be married in their barn loft, the difficult obstacles they faced attempting to

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provide a whole diet for one hundred locals, and the rewards of a physical-labor lifestyle.

A “hauntingly beautiful memoir about family and identity” (NPR) and a young woman's journey to understanding her complicated parents—her mother an Okinawan war bride, her father a Vietnam veteran—and her own, fraught cultural heritage. Elizabeth's mother was working as a nightclub hostess on U.S.-occupied Okinawa when she met the American soldier who would become her husband. The language barrier and power imbalance that defined their early

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relationship followed them to the predominantly white, upstate New York suburb where they moved to raise their only daughter. There, Elizabeth grew up with the trappings of a typical American childhood and adolescence. Yet even though she felt almost no connection to her mother's distant home, she also felt out of place among her peers. Decades later, Elizabeth comes to recognize the shame and self-loathing that haunt both her and her mother, and attempts a form of reconciliation, not only to come to terms with the embattled dynamics of her family but also to reckon with the injustices that

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reverberate throughout the history of Okinawa and its people. Clear-eyed and profoundly humane, *Speak, Okinawa* is a startling accomplishment—a heartfelt exploration of identity, inheritance, forgiveness, and what it means to be an American.

“Sleeplessness gets the Susan Sontag illness-as-metaphor treatment in this pensive, compact, lyrical inquiry into the author’s nighttime demons.” —Kirkus Reviews In 2016, Samantha Harvey began to lose sleep. She tried everything to appease her wakefulness: from medication to therapy, changes in her diet to changes in her living arrangements.

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Nothing seemed to help. *The Shapeless Unease* is Harvey's darkly funny and deeply intelligent anatomy of her insomnia, an immersive interior monologue of a year without one of the most basic human needs. Original and profound, and narrated with a lucid breathlessness, this is a startlingly insightful exploration of memory, writing and influence, death and the will to survive, from "this generation's Virginia Woolf" (Telegraph). "Captures the essence of fractious emotions—*anxiety, fear, grief, rage*—in prose so elegant, so luminous, it practically shines from the page. Harvey is a

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hugely talented writer, and this is a book to relish.” —Sarah Waters, New York

Times–bestselling author “Harvey writes with hypnotic power and poetic precision about—well, about everything: grief, pain, memory, family, the night sky, a lake at sunset, what it means to dream and what it means to suffer and survive . . . The big surprise is that this book about ‘shapeless unease’ is, in the end, a glittering, playful and, yes, joyful celebration of that glorious gift of glorious life.” —Daily Mail “What a spectacularly good book. It is so controlled and yet so wild . . . easily one of the

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truest and best books I've read about what it's like to be alive now, in this country."

—Max Porter, award-winning author of *Lanny*  
From the author of the #1 New York Times bestselling series *The Clique* comes Lisi Harrison's debut adult novel about four modern-day strangers who inherit a dirty book club that was started in the 1960s. M.J. Stark's life is picture-perfect—she has a dream job as a magazine editor, a sexy doctor boyfriend, and a glamorous life in Manhattan. But behind her success, she can't shake a deep sense of loneliness, so when her boyfriend offers her a completely new life in

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California, she decides to give it a try. Once there, M.J. is left to fend for herself in a small California beach town, with only the company of her elderly neighbor, Gloria. One day M.J. receives a mysterious invitation and a copy of *Prim: A Modern Woman's Guide to Manners*. She recognizes the book as an outdated classic, but when she opens it, she discovers that it's actually a copy of *Fear of Flying* by Erica Jong and the invitation is to join Gloria's secret book club—one that only reads erotic books. Out of curiosity, M.J. goes to the meeting at a local bookstore, and discovers three other women



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who have also been selected by the club's original members—who have suddenly left the country to honor a fifty-year-old pact. As these unlikely friends bond over naughty bestsellers, each woman shares not only the intimate details of her own sex life, but all areas of her life. Inspired by the characters in the novels they read—and the notes passed down by the club's original members—the new members of The Dirty Book Club help each other find the courage to rewrite their own stories and risk it all for a happy ending.

You Deserve a Drink

To My Dear Civilians, with Love

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A Memoir in Books

The Dirty Past

A Memoir of Abuse, Addiction, Sex Work, and  
Recovery

Out East

**“Nietfeld’s gifts for capturing the fury of living at the mercy of bad circumstances, for critiquing the hero’s journey even while she tells it, make *Acceptance* a remarkable memoir.” —The New York Times Book Review** A luminous, generation-defining memoir of foster care and homelessness, Harvard and Big Tech, examining society’s fixation with resilience—and its

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**cost As a homeless teenager writing college essays in her rusty Toyota Corolla, Emi Nietfeld was convinced that the Ivy League was the only escape from her dysfunctional childhood. But upward mobility required crafting the perfect resilience narrative. She had to prove that she was an “overcomer,” made stronger by all that she had endured. The truth was more complicated. Emi’s mom was a charming hoarder who had her put on antipsychotics but believed in her daughter’s brilliance—unlike the Minnesotan foster family who banned her “pornographic” art history flash cards (of**

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**Michelangelo's David). Emi's other parent vanished shortly after coming out as trans, a situation few understood in the mid-2000s. Her own past was filled with secrets: mental health struggles, Adderall addiction, and the unbecoming desperation of a teenager fending for herself. And though Emi would go on to graduate from Harvard and become a software engineer at Google, she found that success didn't necessarily mean safety. Both a chronicle of the American Dream and an indictment of it, this searing debut exposes the price of trading a troubled past for the promise of a bright future. Told with a ribbon of**

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**dark humor, Acceptance challenges our ideas of what it means to overcome—and find contentment on your own terms.**

**Journalist Walls grew up with parents whose ideals and stubborn nonconformity were their curse and their salvation. Rex and Rose Mary and their four children lived like nomads, moving among Southwest desert towns, camping in the mountains. Rex was a charismatic, brilliant man who, when sober, captured his children's imagination, teaching them how to embrace life fearlessly. Rose Mary painted and wrote and couldn't stand the responsibility of providing for**

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**her family. When the money ran out, the Walls retreated to the dismal West Virginia mining town Rex had tried to escape. As the dysfunction escalated, the children had to fend for themselves, supporting one another as they found the resources and will to leave home. Yet Walls describes her parents with deep affection in this tale of unconditional love in a family that, despite its profound flaws, gave her the fiery determination to carve out a successful life. -- From publisher description.**

**“[An] often beautiful jewel of a book . . . Black’s power as a writer means she can take us with her to**

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**places that normally our minds would refuse to go.”—The New York Times Book Review (Editors’ Choice) From the New York Times bestselling author of *The Still Point of the Turning World* comes an incisive memoir about how she came to question and redefine the concept of resilience after the trauma of her first child’s death. “Congratulations on the resurrection of your life,” a colleague wrote to Emily Rapp Black when she announced the birth of her second child. The line made Rapp Black pause. Her first child, a boy named Ronan, had died from Tay-Sachs disease before he turned three years old, an**

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**experience she wrote about in her second book, *The Still Point of the Turning World*. Since that time, her life had changed utterly: She left the marriage that fractured under the terrible weight of her son's illness, got remarried to a man who she fell in love with while her son was dying, had a flourishing career, and gave birth to a healthy baby girl. But she rejected the idea that she was leaving her old life behind—that she had, in the manner of the mythical phoenix, risen from the ashes and been reborn into a new story, when she still carried so much of her old story with her. More to the point, she wanted to carry it with her. Everyone she**



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**met told her she was resilient, strong, courageous in ways they didn't think they could be. But what did those words mean, really? This book is an attempt to unpack the various notions of resilience that we carry as a culture. Drawing on contemporary psychology, neurology, etymology, literature, art, and self-help, Emily Rapp Black shows how we need a more complex understanding of this concept when applied to stories of loss and healing and overcoming the odds, knowing that we may be asked to rebuild and reimagine our lives at any moment, and often when we least expect it. Interwoven with lyrical, unforgettable personal**

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**vignettes from her life as a mother, wife, daughter, friend, and teacher, Rapp Black creates a stunning tapestry that is full of wisdom and insight.**

**With humor, alacrity, and profound insight, adult film star van de Bunt (known as Karmen Karma) reveals her deepest, darkest secrets and pulls no punches--least of all with herself.self.**

**In January 2008, movie star Patrick Swayze was given the worst news of his life. What he hoped was just a stomach ache was actually stage four pancreatic cancer, a diagnosis that is fatal within a year for 79% of the people to whom it is given. Remarkably, Patrick**

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**is not just alive a year later but continuing his treatment, and responding well. But this book isn't just the story of Patrick's fight against cancer. In the public eye from the early 1980s, this is the story of a remarkable life and career. Intended as a low budget, straight-to-video production, Dirty Dancing became a cult hit and remains one of the most enduring films of the 80s. Ghost cemented Patrick as a hugely bankable star, in a role that has had a considerable cultural impact. Most recently Patrick has returned to the public's adoring arms in TV's The Beast. This book will chronicle Patrick's personal life as well --**

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**including his treatment for alcoholism following the death of his father and sister's sudden death. What has remained a constant in Patrick's life is his marriage and Patrick and Lisa's love story is inspiring, honest, heartfelt and transcends the typical celebrity marriage. This is a book that anyone who has faced cancer or a terminal illness can turn to: Lisa and Patrick have shown the world that cancer isn't just a diagnosis given to one individual, but a disease that can bring a household together or pull a family apart. Bold, honest and inspiring, Patrick Swayze's memoir is the story of a remarkable man's life and career and of**

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**his refusal to give in.**

**Girlvert**

**The Glass Castle**

**Breaking Night**

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**Reading Lolita in Tehran**

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**society, she examined not only the roads less traveled, but also the ones that nobody else saw. Her willingness to forge on even as these were littered with pitfalls, paint these non-chronological stories which make up the thirty most important lessons she learned by thirty. Believing as author Natalie Babbitt suggested, that it isn't death to be feared, "but rather the unlived life," this gifted storyteller marks the up's, down's, backward and eventual steps forward in life that span the range of human emotions. Billie is a bright, quirky, honest young**

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**woman who captures the beauty of the human condition with passion and humor - insight and determination. Dirty Thirty doesn't evoke wistful regret for life's lost opportunities, but instead inspires reaching toward the great days ahead that yet have to be lived.**

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**big apron, big heart and thick accent. BEING ITALIAN: A MEMOIR** will have you reminiscing about childhood memories, no matter where your immigrant family came from. Younger generations learn about their past, because by telling the story of one family and their struggles to become Americans, Marino Amoruso, in a larger sense, tells the tale of millions of people who came to this nation seeking a better life. Known for his imaginative, expressive writing and dry wit, Amoruso touches us with both laughter and tears. **INCLUDED** in this memoir is



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*Out of the Corner*

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