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Uncover the sidesplitting life of cucumber scaredy-cats, non-stop pooping hamsters, exploding fish and everything in-between (and some things that have nothing to do with pets but are still ridiculously funny). This hilarious book answers all the big questions, like: do sausage dogs eat sausages? Why has my cat done a poo behind my wardrobe? And how can I persuade my parents to get me a pet? For real-life pet facts, imaginary stories, and a generally laugh-so-hard-snot-comes-out-your-nose read, this is the only pet book you'll ever need! Written by the outstanding children's comedian James Campbell, prepare yourself for *The Funny Life of Pets!* But be WARNED – this IS NOT a normal book...You read a normal book by starting on page one and reading to the end (BORING). You can read this book forwards, backwards, sideways, and in approximately 861,000 different ways in-between. This is a book with outrageous facts, hilarious jokes, insanely funny online videos and brilliant stories all about pets, the author, and all sorts of other things. WARNING: Anything you think you might have learned from this book might not be very accurate so should not be used in a school project or as part of homework. Unless of course, you are made of stardust and are as brave as sunshine.

A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • "A memoir in essays about so many things—growing up in an abusive cult, coming of age as a lesbian in the military, forced out by homophobia, living on the margins as a working class woman and what it 's like to grow into the person you are meant to be. Hough ' s writing will break your heart." —Roxane Gay, author of *Bad*

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Feminist Searing and extremely personal essays, shot through with the darkest elements America can manifest, while discovering light and humor in unexpected corners. As an adult, Lauren Hough has had many identities: an airman in the U.S. Air Force, a cable guy, a bouncer at a gay club. As a child, however, she had none. Growing up as a member of the infamous cult The Children of God, Hough had her own self robbed from her. The cult took her all over the globe—to Germany, Japan, Texas, Chile—but it wasn't until she finally left for good that Lauren understood she could have a life beyond "The Family." Along the way, she's loaded up her car and started over, trading one life for the next. She's taken pilgrimages to the sights of her youth, been kept in solitary confinement, dated a lot of women, dabbled in drugs, and eventually found herself as what she always wanted to be: a writer. Here, as she sweeps through the underbelly of America—relying on friends, family, and strangers alike—she begins to excavate a new identity even as her past continues to trail her and color her world, relationships, and perceptions of self. At once razor-sharp, profoundly brave, and often very, very funny, the essays in *Leaving Isn't the Hardest Thing* interrogate our notions of ecstasy, queerness, and what it means to live freely. Each piece is a reckoning: of survival, identity, and how to reclaim one's past when carving out a future. A VINTAGE ORIGINAL

A must-have guide for actors both young and old.

"Jenny made me laugh so hard I feared for my safety! I think that's how she was able to get past my defenses and make me feel more okay about myself." -Allie Brosh, author of *Hyperbole and a Half* For fans of David Sedaris, Tina Fey, and Mindy Kaling—the new book from Jenny Lawson, author of the #1 New York Times bestseller *LET'S PRETEND THIS NEVER HAPPENED...* In *LET'S PRETEND THIS NEVER HAPPENED*, Jenny Lawson baffled readers with stories

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about growing up the daughter of a taxidermist. In her new book, **FURIOUSLY HAPPY**, Jenny explores her lifelong battle with mental illness. A hysterical, ridiculous book about crippling depression and anxiety? That sounds like a terrible idea. And terrible ideas are what Jenny does best. According to Jenny: "Some people might think that being 'furiously happy' is just an excuse to be stupid and irresponsible and invite a herd of kangaroos over to your house without telling your husband first because you suspect he would say no since he's never particularly liked kangaroos. And that would be ridiculous because no one would invite a herd of kangaroos into their house. Two is the limit. I speak from personal experience. My husband says that none is the new limit. I say he should have been clearer about that before I rented all those kangaroos." "Most of my favorite people are dangerously fucked-up but you'd never guess because we've learned to bare it so honestly that it becomes the new normal. Like John Hughes wrote in *The Breakfast Club*, 'We're all pretty bizarre. Some of us are just better at hiding it.' Except go back and cross out the word 'hiding.'" Jenny's first book, **LET'S PRETEND THIS NEVER HAPPENED**, was ostensibly about family, but deep down it was about celebrating your own weirdness. **FURIOUSLY HAPPY** is a book about mental illness, but under the surface it's about embracing joy in fantastic and outrageous ways-and who doesn't need a bit more of that?

What's So Funny?

Sex is a Funny Word

The Early Diaries of Merrill Markoe

Who Stole the Funny?

A Book about Bodies, Feelings, and YOU

Just the Funny Parts

Scarabian Nights

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PICK* Writer and performer on Late Night with Seth Meyers Amber Ruffin writes with her sister Lacey Lamar with humor and heart to share absurd anecdotes about everyday experiences of racism. Now a writer and performer on Late Night with Seth Meyers and host of The Amber Ruffin Show, Amber Ruffin lives in New York, where she is no one's First Black Friend and everyone is, as she puts it, "stark raving normal." But Amber's sister Lacey? She's still living in their home state of Nebraska, and trust us, you'll never believe what happened to Lacey. From racist donut shops to strangers putting their whole hand in her hair, from being mistaken for a prostitute to being mistaken for Harriet Tubman, Lacey is a lightning rod for hilariously ridiculous yet all-too-real anecdotes. She's the perfect mix of polite, beautiful, petite, and Black that apparently makes people think "I can say whatever I want to this woman." And now, Amber and Lacey share these entertainingly horrifying stories through their laugh-out-loud sisterly banter. Painfully relatable or shockingly eye-opening (depending on how often you have personally been followed by security at department stores), this book tackles modern-day racism with the perfect balance of levity and gravity.

Public speaking can be terrifying. For David Nihill, the idea of standing in front of an audience was scarier than cliff jumping into a thorny pit of spiders and mothers-in-law. Without a parachute or advanced weaponry. Something had to change. In what doesn't sound like the best plan ever, David decided to overcome his fears by pretending to be an accomplished comedian called "Irish Dave" for one full year, crashing as many comedy clubs, festivals, and shows as possible. One part of the plan was at least logical: he was already Irish and already called Dave. In one year, David went from being deathly afraid of public speaking to hosting a business conference, regularly performing stand-up comedy and

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winning storytelling competitions in front of packed houses. And he did it by learning from some of the best public speakers in the world: stand-up comedians. *Do You Talk Funny?: 7 Comedy Habits to Become a Better (and Funnier) Public Speaker* shows how the key principles of stand-up comedy can be applied to your speaking engagements and presentations to make you funnier, more interesting, and better looking. (Or at least two of the three.) Whether you are preparing for a business presentation, giving a wedding toast, defending your thesis, raising money from investors, or simply want to take on something you're afraid of, this book will take you from sweaty to stage-ready. You'll learn how to:

- Craft a story and content that your audience will want to listen to
- Find the funniest parts of your material and how to get to them faster
- Deal with stage fright
- Master the two most important parts of your performance: timing and delivery

Ten percent of the author's proceeds from this book will go to Arash Bayatmakou via Help Hope Live until he is fully back on his feet and thereafter to one of the many facing the same challenges after suffering a severe spinal cord injury.

You've almost certainly laughed at Scovell's jokes—you just didn't know it until now. *Just the Funny Parts* is a juicy and scathingly funny insider look at how pop culture gets made. For more than thirty years, writer, producer and director Nell Scovell worked behind the scenes of iconic TV shows, including *The Simpsons*, *Late Night with David Letterman*, *Murphy Brown*, *NCIS*, *The Muppets*, and *Sabrina, the Teenage Witch*, which she created and executive produced. In 2009, Scovell gave up her behind-the-scenes status when the David Letterman sex scandal broke. Only the second woman ever to write for his show, Scovell used the moment to publicly call out the lack of gender diversity in late-night TV writers' rooms. "One of the boys" came out hard for "all of the girls." Her criticisms fueled a cultural debate. Two years later,

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The rollicking memoir from the cardiologist turned legendary scientist and winner of the Nobel Prize that revels in the joy of science and discovery. Like Richard Feynman in the field of physics, Dr. Robert Lefkowitz is also known for being a larger-than-life character: a not-immodest, often self-deprecating, always entertaining raconteur. Indeed, when he received the Nobel Prize, the press corps in Sweden covered him intensively, describing him as "the happiest Laureate." In addition to his time as a physician, from being a "yellow beret" in the public health corps with Dr. Anthony Fauci to his time as a cardiologist, and his extraordinary transition to biochemistry, which would lead to his Nobel Prize win, Dr. Lefkowitz has ignited passion and curiosity as a fabled mentor and teacher. But it's all in a days work, as Lefkowitz reveals in A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Stockholm, which is filled to the brim with anecdotes and

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energy, and gives us a glimpse into the life of one of today's leading scientists.

Leaving Isn't the Hardest Thing

I Shouldn't Even Be Doing This!

And Other Things That Strike Me as Funny

Nobody's Girl Friday

A Funny Kind of Paradise

The Essential Companion for the Comedy Screenwriter

Infinite Jest

2016 Winner of the Norma Fleck Award for Canadian Children's

Non-Fiction 2016 ALA Stonewall Book Award, Honor Book 2016

ALA Notable Children's Book A comic book for kids that includes

children and families of all makeups, orientations, and gender

identities, Sex Is a Funny Word is an essential resource about

bodies, gender, and sexuality for children ages 8 to 10 as well as

their parents and caregivers. Much more than the "facts of life" or

"the birds and the bees," Sex Is a Funny Word opens up

conversations between young people and their caregivers in a way

that allows adults to convey their values and beliefs while providing

information about boundaries, safety, and joy. The eagerly

anticipated follow up to Lambda-nominated What Makes a Baby,

from sex educator Cory Silverberg and artist Fiona Smyth, Sex Is a

Funny Word reimagines "sex talk" for the twenty-first century.

From the creator of the popular website Ask a Manager and New

York's work-advice columnist comes a witty, practical guide to 200

difficult professional conversations—featuring all-new advice!

There's a reason Alison Green has been called "the Dear Abby of

the work world." Ten years as a workplace-advice columnist have

taught her that people avoid awkward conversations in the office

because they simply don't know what to say. Thankfully, Green

does—and in this incredibly helpful book, she tackles the tough

discussions you may need to have during your career. You'll learn

what to say when coworkers push their work on you—then take

credit for it — you accidentally trash-talk someone in an email then

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hit reply all you're being micromanaged or not being managed at all you catch a colleague in a lie your boss seems unhappy with your work your cubemate's loud speakerphone is making you homicidal you got drunk at the holiday party Praise for Ask a Manager A must-read for anyone who works . . . [Alison Green's] advice boils down to the idea that you should be professional (even when others are not) and that communicating in a straightforward manner with candor and kindness will get you far, no matter where you work. Booklist (starred review) The author's friendly, warm, no-nonsense writing is a pleasure to read, and her advice can be widely applied to relationships in all areas of readers' lives. Ideal for anyone new to the job market or new to management, or anyone hoping to improve their work experience. Library Journal (starred review) I am a huge fan of Alison Green's Ask a Manager column. This book is even better. It teaches us how to deal with many of the most vexing big and little problems in our workplaces and to do so with grace, confidence, and a sense of humor. Robert Sutton, Stanford professor and author of The No Asshole Rule and The Asshole Survival Guide Ask a Manager is the ultimate playbook for navigating the traditional workforce in a diplomatic but firm way. Erin Lowry, author of Broke Millennial: Stop Scraping By and Get Your Financial Life Together

Catapulted into success after discovering a gimmick that renders him uncomfortable and embarrassed, a stand-up comic suffers the dissolution of his marriage before falling in love unexpectedly and getting arrested for a shooting incident. By the co-author of My First Presidency. Reprint.

---- 'One of those gorgeous books that completely lifts your spirits and restores your faith in humanity' - Ruth Jones, co-creator of Gavin and Stacey and bestselling author of Us Three ---- It was a journey they would always remember . . . for a friend they'd never forget. Norman and Jax are a legendary comedic duo in waiting, with a five-year plan to perform at the Edinburgh Fringe by the time they're fifteen. But when Jax dies before they turn twelve, Norman

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decides a tribute act for his best friend just can't wait, so he rewrites their plan: 1. Look after mum | 2. Find Dad | 3. Get to the Edinburgh Fringe Sadie knows she won't win Mother of the Year and she's not proud she doesn't know who her son's father is. But when she finds Norman's list, all she wants is to see her son smile again... So they set off on a pilgrimage to Edinburgh, making a few stops to find Norman's dad along the way. The Funny Thing about Norman Foreman is an inspiring, feel-good novel about a small boy with a big heart - and even bigger dreams. ---- 'Tender and hilarious... the perfect tonic for our current times' - Katherine Parkinson 'Charming, funny and cheering' Beth Morrey, author of Saving Missy 'He's wheedled his way into my heart, and I suspect I'll have a Norman-shaped hole there forever' - Clare Pooley, author of The Authenticity Project Readers are in love with Norman: ***** 'An amazing book of determination and not giving up when things are difficult' ***** 'Norman is one of the most lovable characters I have ever met' ***** 'This books breaks your heart in one sentence and makes you laugh the next'

Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Comedy

At the Writers' Table with Hollywood's Top Comedy Writers

We Saw Scenery

... And a Few Hard Truths About Sneaking into the Hollywood Boys' Club

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Stockholm

The Funny Man

□ And a Few Hard Truths About Sneaking into the Hollywood Boys□ Club

When her husband left her with a baby, a toddler and a fledgling business, Francesca managed - she wasn't always gentle or patient, but the business thrived and Chris and Angelina had food to eat. At nearly 70, she feels she's earned a peaceful retirement. But when a massive stroke leaves her voiceless, partially paralysed and wholly reliant on the staff of an extended care facility, it seems her

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freedom is lost.

While chasing a dumpling, a little lady is captured by wicked creatures from whom she escapes with the magic for becoming the richest woman in Japan.

Classic comedy routines and individual gags have been around for many hundreds of years, probably thousands; the best of these ribticklers make their merry way through theater, circus, film and television. The challenge to comedians has always been to adapt familiar material in a way that emphasizes their personal style and outlook. The many routines and gags cited in this illustrated history are lovingly deconstructed to show how they have been shaped to suit different eras and performers. These tried and true laugh-provokers are indestructible. Through all the remakes, revivals, recycles and revamps, they have survived robustly to the present day. As these timeless comedy gems are traced to their beginnings and followed through the years, readers are taken on a mirthful journey from Keystone to Zombieland.

From a longtime New Yorker staff cartoonist, an evocative family memoir, a love letter to New York City, and a delightful exploration of the origins of creativity—richly interleaved with the author's witty, beloved cartoons A wry and brilliantly observed portrait of the budding young cartoonist and his Upper West Side Jewish family in the age of JFK and Sputnik. Sipress, a dreamer and obsessive drawer, goes hazy when it comes to the ceaselessly imparted lessons-on-life from his father, the meticulous, upwardly mobile proprietor of Revere Jewelers, and in the face of the angsty expectations of his migraine-prone mother. With self-deprecation, wit, and artistry, Sipress paints his hapless place in his indelibly dysfunctional family, from the time he was tricked by his unreliable older sister into rocketing his pet turtle out his twelfth-floor

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bedroom window, to the moment he walks away from a Harvard PhD program in Russian history to begin his journey as a professional cartoonist. In What's So Funny?—reminiscent of the masterly, humane recall of Roger Angell and the brainy humor of Roz Chast—Sipress's cartoons appear with spot-on precision, inducing delightful Aha moments in answer to the perennial question aimed at cartoonists: Where do you get your ideas?

Show Me the Funny!

Interior Chinatown

Furiously Happy

The Worst Class Trip Ever

The Funny List

The Last Black Unicorn

Abcs of Stand-up Comedy

A gargantuan, mind-altering comedy about the Pursuit of Happiness in America Set in an addicts' halfway house and a tennis academy, and featuring the most endearingly screwed-up family to come along in recent fiction, Infinite Jest explores essential questions about what entertainment is and why it has come to so dominate our lives; about how our desire for entertainment affects our need to connect with other people; and about what the pleasures we choose say about who we are. Equal parts philosophical quest and screwball comedy, Infinite Jest bends every rule of fiction without sacrificing for a moment its own entertainment value. It is an exuberant, uniquely American exploration of the passions that make us human - and one of those rare books that renew the idea of what a novel can do. "The next step in fiction...Edgy, accurate, and darkly witty...Think Beckett, think Pynchon, think Gaddis. Think." --Sven Birkerts, *The Atlantic*

Michael J. Fox abandoned high school to pursue an acting career, but went on to receive honorary degrees from several universities and garner the highest accolades for his acting, as well as for his writing. In his new book, he inspires and motivates graduates to recognize opportunities, maximize their abilities, and roll with the punches--all with his trademark optimism, warmth, and humor. In *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Future*, Michael draws on his own life experiences to make a case that real learning happens when "life goes skidding sideways." He writes of coming to Los Angeles from Canada at age eighteen and attempting to make his way as an actor. Fox offers up a comically skewed take on how, in his own way, he fulfilled the requirements of a college syllabus. He learned Economics as a starving artist; an unexpected turn as a neophyte activist schooled him in Political Science; and his approach to Comparative Literature involved stacking books up against their movie versions. Replete with personal stories and hilarious anecdotes, Michael J. Fox's new book is the perfect gift for graduates.

#1 bestselling author Stephenie Meyer makes a triumphant return to the world of *Twilight* with this highly anticipated companion: the iconic love story of Bella and Edward told from the vampire's point of view. When Edward Cullen and Bella Swan met in *Twilight*, an iconic love story was born. But until now, fans have heard only Bella's side of the story. At last, readers can experience Edward's version in the long-awaited companion novel, *Midnight Sun*. This unforgettable tale as told through Edward's eyes takes on a new and decidedly dark twist. Meeting

Bella is both the most unnerving and intriguing event he has experienced in all his years as a vampire. As we learn more fascinating details about Edward's past and the complexity of his inner thoughts, we understand why this is the defining struggle of his life. How can he justify following his heart if it means leading Bella into danger? In *Midnight Sun*, Stephenie Meyer transports us back to a world that has captivated millions of readers and brings us an epic novel about the profound pleasures and devastating consequences of immortal love. An instant #1 New York Times BestsellerAn instant #1 USA Today BestsellerAn instant #1 Wall Street Journal BestsellerAn instant #1 IndieBound BestsellerApple Audiobook August Must-Listens Pick "People do not want to just read Meyer's books; they want to climb inside them and live there." -- Time "A literary phenomenon." -- New York Times

A sharp, funny book about comedy screenwriting from a successful screenwriter that uses recent - as in this century - movies you've actually seen as examples. Greg DePaul (Screenwriter, *Bride Wars*, *Saving Silverman*) has sold scripts to Miramax, Fox, Disney, New Line, Sony, MGM and Village Roadshow. He's worked with comedy stars like Jack Black, Kate Hudson, Jason Biggs and Amanda Peet. Now Greg takes everything he knows about writing comedy and breaking into the biz, tosses it into a blender and serves up this tasty, fat-free smoothie of a book that's easy to read, brutally honest, and straight from the heart ... of Hollywood. *Bring the Funny* is chock full o' tricks, strategies and insider terms used by successful comedy screenwriters, including: *Comic Justice* *Wrylies* *Genre-Bending* *Shadow Characters*

**The BDR's The Two-Hander The Conceit Comedic
Escalation Gapping A.I.C. Fish Outta Water The Idea
Factory Really Important Comedy Screenwriting
Rules Number 99 and 100 If you're looking to write
funnier and better screenplays, you want this book.
But if you're ready to pack up your car, drive out to
L.A., and dive into a career as a comedy screenwriter,
you need this book. Now. Buy it, jam it into your
pocket, and hit the gas. Greg's got your back.**

**7 Comedy Habits to Become a Better (and Funnier)
Public Speaker**

All My Friends Are Dead

Crazy Stories about Racism

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A Lie Someone Told You about Yourself

The Funny Parts

**FUNNY: THE BOOK - EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS
WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT COMEDY**

**If you're a dinosaur, all of your friends are dead.
If you're a pirate, all of your friends have scurvy.
If you're a tree, all of your friends are end tables.
Each page of this laugh-out-loud illustrated
humor book showcases the downside of being
everything from a clown to a cassette tape to a
zombie. Cute and dark all at once, this hilarious
children's book for adults teaches valuable
lessons about life while exploring each cartoon
character's unique grievance and wide-eyed
predicament. From the sock whose only friends
have gone missing to the houseplant whose
friends are being slowly killed by irresponsible
plant owners (like you), All My Friends Are Dead**

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presents a delightful primer for laughing at the inevitable.

“Merrill Markoe got all the talent. In addition to being an Emmy-award winning comedy writer, she's also a top-notch artist. We Saw Scenery is revealing, sad, funny, and, above all, relatable. Merrill captures the experience of a young woman finding—and holding onto—her own voice. And we're all lucky she did.” —Nell Scovell, author of Just the Funny Parts In her first-ever graphic memoir, four-time Emmy-winning comedy writer Merrill Markoe unearths her treasured diaries, long kept under lock and key, to illustrate the hilarious story of her preteen and teen years and how she came to realize that her secret power was her humor. Wielding her layered and comically absurd style, Markoe takes readers back through her time as a Girl Scout, where she learned that “scouting” was really more about learning housewifery skills, to her earliest crushes on uniquely awful boys and her growing obsession with television. Much has changed in our world since Markoe wrote in her diaries, or has it? Climate change wasn't yet a rallying call, but the growing hole in the ozone preoccupied Markoe's young mind. No one was flocking to the desert for Burning Man, but Markoe readily partook in the Ken Kesey Acid Test. As she charts the divide between her adolescence and adulthood, Markoe questions and berates her younger self, revealing how

much is opaque to us in those young years. Perfect for fans of Roz Chast, Allie Brosh, and Lynda Barry, *We Saw Scenery* is a laugh-out-loud story of a girl growing up, told from the perspective of the woman she became, and it will speak to all who wanted to understand themselves in the midst of their own maturing. *Just the Funny Parts* is a juicy and scathingly funny insider look at how pop culture gets made. For more than thirty years, writer, producer and director Nell Scovell worked behind the scenes of iconic TV shows, including *The Simpsons*, *Late Night with David Letterman*, *Murphy Brown*, *NCIS*, *The Muppets*, and *Sabrina, the Teenage Witch*, which she created and executive produced. In 2009, Scovell gave up her behind-the-scenes status when the David Letterman sex scandal broke. Only the second woman ever to write for his show, Scovell used the moment to publicly call out the lack of gender diversity in late-night TV writers' rooms. "One of the boys" came out hard for "all of the girls." Her criticisms fueled a cultural debate. Two years later, Scovell was collaborating with Sheryl Sandberg on speeches and later on *Lean In*, which resulted in a worldwide movement. Now Scovell is opening up with this fun, honest, and often shocking account. Scovell knows what it's like to put words in the mouths of President Barack Obama, Mark Harmon, Candice Bergen, Bob Newhart, Conan O'Brien, Alyssa Milano, and

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Do You Talk Funny?

Funny Girl

Funny: The Book

Essays

A Cartoonist's Memoir

My Hilarious Life

The Funny Thing about Norman Foreman

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER “ An inspiring story that manages to be painful, honest, shocking, bawdy and hilarious. ” —The New York Times Book Review From stand-up comedian, actress, and breakout star of *Girls Trip*, Tiffany Haddish, comes *The Last Black Unicorn*, a sidesplitting, hysterical, edgy, and unflinching collection of (extremely) personal essays, as fearless as the author herself. Growing up in one of the poorest neighborhoods of South Central Los Angeles, Tiffany learned to survive

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by making people laugh. If she could do that, then her classmates would let her copy their homework, the other foster kids she lived with wouldn't beat her up, and she might even get a boyfriend. Or at least she could make enough money—as the paid school mascot and in-demand Bar Mitzvah hype woman—to get her hair and nails done, so then she might get a boyfriend. None of that worked (and she's still single), but it allowed Tiffany to imagine a place for herself where she could do something she loved for a living: comedy. Tiffany can't avoid being funny—it's just who she is, whether she's plotting shocking, jaw-dropping revenge on an ex-boyfriend or learning how to handle her newfound fame despite still having a broke person's mind-set. Finally poised to become a household name, she recounts with heart and humor how she came from nothing and nowhere to achieve her dreams by owning, sharing, and using her pain to heal others. By turns hilarious, filthy, and brutally honest, *The Last Black Unicorn* shows the world who Tiffany Haddish really is—humble, grateful, down-to-earth, and funny as hell. And now, she's ready to inspire others through the power of laughter.

Enjoy a unique glimpse into the intelligent and quirky inner workings of the comedic mind! *Show Me the Funny!* presents 28 top comedy screenwriters from the revered figures of television's "Golden Age" to today's favorite movie jokesters. Authors Desberg and Davis put an innovative spin on the traditional interview: each writer was given the same loosely structured comedic premise and asked to develop it in any way he or she

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wanted-no rules, no boundaries, no limits! The result is a hilarious and illuminating look at the comic process.

INCLUDES: o Leonard Stern (co-creator of Get Smart) o Sherwood Schwartz (Gilligan's Island, The Brady Bunch) o Peter Casey (co-creator of The Jeffersons, Cheers, Wings, Frasier) o Phil Rosenthal (co-creator of Everybody Loves Raymond) o Ed Decter (co-writer of There's Something About Mary) o and many more!

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • NATIONAL BOOK AWARD WINNER •

From the infinitely inventive author of How to Live Safely in a Science Fictional Universe, a deeply personal novel about race, pop culture, immigration, assimilation, and escaping the roles we are forced to play. "One of the funniest books of the year....

A delicious, ambitious Hollywood satire." —The

Washington Post Willis Wu doesn't perceive himself as the protagonist in his own life: he's merely Generic Asian Man.

Sometimes he gets to be Background Oriental Making a Weird Face or even Disgraced Son,

but always he is relegated to a prop. Yet every day, he leaves his tiny room in a Chinatown SRO and enters the Golden Palace restaurant, where Black and White, a

procedural cop show, is in perpetual production. He's a bit player here, too, but he dreams of being Kung Fu Guy—the most respected role that anyone who looks

like him can attain. Or is it? After stumbling into the spotlight, Willis finds himself launched into a wider

world than he's ever known, discovering not only the secret history of Chinatown, but the buried legacy of his

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immigration—Interior Chinatown is Charles Yu ' s most moving, daring, and masterful novel yet.

When a souvenir that Sabrina's Aunt Vesta brings back from Egypt transports Sabrina, Salem, and Valerie back in time to ancient Egypt, the Cat Goddess of Bast puts a love spell on Salem and banishes Sabrina and Valerie to the maze of the Great Pyramid.

Midnight Sun

Discovering the Clown, Or the Funny Book of Good Acting

A Novel

The Adrenaline Fueled Adventures of an Accidental Scientist

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Future

The Women Who Ran Hollywood

The Funny Little Woman

In this hilarious novel, written in the voice of eighth-grader Wyatt Palmer, Dave Barry takes us on a class trip to Washington, DC. Wyatt, his best friend, Matt, and a few kids from Culver Middle School find themselves in a heap of trouble—not just with their teachers, who have long lost patience with them -- but from several mysterious men they first meet on their flight to the nation's capital. In a fast-paced adventure with the monuments as a backdrop, the kids try to stay out of danger and out of the doghouse while trying to save the president from attack—or maybe not.

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Looking back on her career in 1977, Bette Davis remembered with pride, "Women owned Hollywood for twenty years." She had a point. Between 1930 and 1950, over 40% of film industry employees were women, 25% of all screenwriters were female, one woman ran MGM behind the scenes, over a dozen women worked as producers, a woman headed the Screen Writers Guild three times, and press claimed Hollywood was a generation or two ahead of the rest of the country in terms of gender equality and employment. The first comprehensive history of Hollywood's high-flying career women during the studio era, Nobody's Girl Friday covers the impact of the executives, producers, editors, writers, agents, designers, directors, and actresses who shaped Hollywood film production and style, led their unions, climbed to the top during the war, and fought the blacklist. Based on a decade of archival research, author J.E. Smyth uncovers a formidable generation working within the American film industry and brings their voices back into the history of Hollywood. Their achievements, struggles, and perspectives fundamentally challenge popular ideas about director-based auteurism, male dominance, and female disempowerment in the years between First and Second Wave Feminism. Nobody's Girl Friday is a revisionist history, but it's also a deeply personal, collective account of hundreds of working women, the studios they worked for,

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and the films they helped to make. For many years, historians and critics have insisted that both American feminism and the power of women in Hollywood declined and virtually disappeared from the 1920s through the 1960s. But Smyth vindicates Bette Davis's claim. The story of the women who called the shots in studio-era Hollywood has never fully been told—until now.

Like many ambitious New York City teenagers, Craig Gilner sees entry into Manhattan's Executive Pre-Professional High School as the ticket to his future. Determined to succeed at life—which means getting into the right high school to get into the right college to get the right job—Craig studies night and day to ace the entrance exam, and does. That's when things start to get crazy. At his new school, Craig realizes that he isn't brilliant compared to the other kids; he's just average, and maybe not even that. He soon sees his once-perfect future crumbling away.

How to Navigate Clueless Colleagues, Lunch-Stealing Bosses, and the Rest of Your Life at Work

A Funny Book About Horrible Things

A History of Film Comedy Routines and Gags You'll Never Believe What Happened to Lacey

A Novel of Hollywood

Twists and Turns and Lessons Learned

The Book with No Pictures

Six-time Emmy Award-winning funny man Tim

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Conway, best known for his roles on The Carol Burnett Show, offers a straight-shooting and hilarious memoir about his life on stage and off as an actor and comedian. In the annals of TV history, few entertainers have captured as many hearts, tickled as many funny bones, and brought as many families together in living rooms across America as Tim Conway. In *What 's So Funny?* he brings his hilarious hijinks from the screen to the page. Conway 's often-improvised humor, razor-sharp timing, and hilarious characters have made him one of the funniest and most authentic performers to grace the stage and studio. As Carol Burnett has said, "there 's no one funnier " than Tim Conway. Now, Conway takes us on a seventy-year, rags-to-riches journey that is touchingly comical and ultimately inspiring, from his pranks in small Ohio classrooms during the Great Depression to his pitch-perfect performances on national TV and in major motion pictures. Along the way, Conway shares hilarious and often moving accounts of the glory days of The Carol Burnett Show; his famous partnerships with entertainment greats like Harvey Korman, Don Knotts, and Dick Van Dyke; and his friendships with stars like Betty White, Bob Newhart, and, of course, Carol Burnett, who also provides an intimate foreword to the book. As Conway continues to tour the country giving live comedy performances that enchant his always

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eager audiences, What ' s So Funny? brings his warmth, humor, and heart to delight and inspire fans everywhere.

A Hollywood insider draws from his four decades of experience to create a scathingly brilliant and caustically comedic bird's-eye view behind the scenes of comedy television. A wickedly delicious roman-a-clef about the making of a sitcom called My Urban Buddies, this satirical romp of a novel portrays life on the other side of the television lens, hilariously sending up self-serious Hollywood stereotypes across the board. Programmed-for-success director J. T. Baker has to bring an up-and-coming sitcom to fruition after its initial director shoots himself in the head with a nail gun.

Comically annotated with helpful and enlightening Hollywood glossary terms ("Creative-type director: One who has no hope of working in this town again"; "Eccentric: Affecting a style of dress, coiffure, speech, mannerisms, etc., carefully calculated to give the impression of creative credibility"), Benson creates an exaggerated world of crazy writers; backstabbing executives, agents, and producers; foul-mouthed everyone-elses; and hardcore cynics—and the ridiculous inner monologues behind them.

A brilliant novel from the bestselling author of High Fidelity, About a Boy, and A Long Way Down. Set in 1960's London, Funny Girl is a lively account of the

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adventures of the intrepid young Sophie Straw as she navigates her transformation from provincial ingénue to television starlet amid a constellation of delightful characters. Insightful and humorous, Nick Hornby's latest does what he does best: endears us to a cast of characters who are funny if flawed, and forces us to examine ourselves in the process.

"In this book with no pictures, the reader has to say every silly word, no matter what"--

Bring the Funny

The Funny Guy

Ask a Manager

The Funny Life of Pets

Go Zero to Funny in One Book!

The first book ever from an icon of American comedy--a hilarious combination of stories from his career and observations about life That stammer.

Those basset-hound eyes. That bone-dry wit.

There has never been another comedian like Bob Newhart. His comedy albums, movies, and two hit television series have made him a national treasure and placed him firmly in the pantheon of comedy legends.

Who else has a drinking game named after him And now, at last, Newhart puts his brilliant and hysterical world view on paper. Never a punch-line comic, always more of a storyteller, he tells

anecdotes from throughout his life and career,

including his beginnings as an accountant and the

groundbreaking success of his comedy albums and

The Bob Newhart Show and Newhart, which gave

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him fifteen years on primetime television. And he also gives his wry, comedic twist to a multitude of topics, including golf, drinking, and family holidays. Today, Newhart appears on *Desperate Housewives*, in hit movies such as *Elf*, and in theaters around the country. Reruns of his shows air constantly on Nick at Nite--have recently been released with great success for the first time ever on DVD. With this book, Bob Newhart gives his millions of fans a first ever opportunity to sample his unique brand of humor--including excerpts from some of his classic routines--on the printed page. Go from zero to funny in one book with *ABC's of Stand-up Comedy*. This quick-hitting guide is essential to any person interested in a career in stand-up comedy.

When does sorrow turn to shame? When does love become labor? When does chance become choice? And when does fact become fiction?