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*Maggie Smith A
Biography*

***A brand-new biography of
Maggie Smith, everyone's
favorite dowager countess.
Who isn't in awe of Vanessa***

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Redgrave? Her career on stage and screen remains vital and her extreme-left political stands are still quite controversial. This is the moment, and this is the biography, to take stock of

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Vanessa Redgrave both as actress and as political activist with a critical, objective study of her life and career. It is also time to account for her unparalleled achievements as an empathetic actress of

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considerable genius. Anyone who has seen Redgrave in her numerous stage and film roles will know why she is the very best we have. The radiant, fearless, daring, perverse and always unpredictable

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Redgrave is the brightest light in the forest of her famous family.

Based on the national bestseller Keep Moving—called “a meditation on kindness and hope” (NPR)—a 52-exercise

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journal about hope and renewal from the award-winning poet. As Maggie Smith navigated loss and upheaval, she wrote to herself each day—forgiving herself for a past mistake, reflecting on

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moments of joy, or looking towards the future, ending each note-to-self with the phrase “keep moving.” In her own words, “I wasn’t offering wisdom from on high; I was talking to myself at the bottom

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of a dark well, trying to climb up into the light, little by little, day by day.” Smith was surprised not only by how uplifting this process was, but also by the outpouring of support and gratitude from

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***thousands of people who
found solace in her words.
Through the healing power of
writing, Keep Moving: The
Journal invites us to find
beauty in the present moment,
embrace change, and create a***

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life we love.

***'She is the cur's cods, the
terrier's testicles, the
business. I will go farther and
declare that Atkins is the
finest actor appearing in the
world right now' - A. A. Gill Will***

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She Do? is the story of a girl from a council estate in Tottenham, born in 1934 to an electric-meter reader and a seamstress, who was determined to be an actress. Candid and witty, this memoir

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takes her from her awkward performances in working-men's clubs at six years of age as dancing 'Baby Eileen', through the war years in London, to her breakthrough at thirty-two on Broadway with

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The Killing of Sister George, for which she received the first of four Tony Award nominations. She co-created Upstairs, Downstairs and wrote the screenplay for Mrs Dalloway (for which she won

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an Evening Standard Award) and at aged eighty-six, this is her first autobiographical work. Characterised by an eye for the absurd, a terrific knack for storytelling and an insistence on honesty, Will She

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Do? is a wonderful raconteur's tale about family, about class, about youthful ambition and big dreams and what really goes on behind the scenes. Made a Dame in 1991, Eileen Atkins has been on American

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and British stage and screen since 1957 and has won an Emmy, a BAFTA and is a three-time Olivier Award winner; her theatre performances include The Height of the Storm, Ellen Terry, All that Fall and she has

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***appeared in television and
films ranging from Doc Martin
to Cranford to The Crown.
Thrive Through Change and
Create a Life You Love
A Biography
My Grandma's Chair***

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The Whole Damn Cheese Our Forgotten Years Maggie Smith

Maggie Smith A Biography St.
Martin's Griffin

A child describes how Dexter the
cat had always been part of the

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family and how much he was loved even after he died.

'Coveney is the only writer who could get under Smith's skin, capturing her steeliness and vulnerability' INDEPENDENT ON SUNDAY From her days as a star

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of West End comedy and revue, Dame Maggie's path has led to international renown and numerous accolades including two Academy Awards. Recently she has been as prominent on our screens as ever, with high-profile roles as

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the formidable Dowager Countess of Grantham in DOWNTON ABBEY, as Professor Minerva McGonagall in the HARRY POTTER movie franchise and as the eccentric Miss Shepherd in the film version of THE LADY IN

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THE VAN by Alan Bennett. Paradoxically she remains an enigmatic figure, rarely appearing in public and carefully guarding her considerable talent. Drawing on personal archives, interviews and encounters with the actress, as

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well as conversations with immediate family and dear friends, Michael Coveney's biography is a captivating portrait of the real Maggie Smith.

I can hardly believe that it is more than half a century since I first

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stepped on to the stage of the Old Vic Theatre and into a way of life that has brought me the most rewarding professional relationships and friendships. I cannot imagine now ever doing anything else with my life except

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acting..." – Judi Dench From London's glittering West End to Broadway's bright lights, from her Academy Award-winning role as Elizabeth I in Shakespeare in Love to "M" in the James Bond films, Judi Dench has treated audiences

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to some of the greatest performances of our time. She made her professional acting debut in 1957 with England's Old Vic theatre company playing Ophelia in Hamlet , Katherine in Henry V (her New York debut), and then, Juliet.

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In 1961, she joined the Royal Shakespeare Company playing Anya in *The Cherry Orchard* with John Gielgud and Peggy Ashcroft. In 1968, she went beyond the classical stage to become a sensation as Sally Bowles in

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Cabaret, adding musical comedy to her repertoire. Over the years, Dench has given indelible performances in the classics as well as some of the greatest plays and musicals of the twentieth century including Noël Coward's *Hay*

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Fever, Stephen Sondheim's A Little Night Music, Kaufman and Hart's The Royal Family and David Hare's Amy's View (for which she won the Tony Award). Recently, she made a triumphant return to A Midsummer Night's Dream as

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Titania, a role she first played in 1962, now played as a theatre-besotted Queen Elizabeth I. Her film career has been filled with unforgettable performances of some unforgettable women: Queen Victoria in Mrs. Brown, the

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terrifying schoolteacher Barbara Covett in *Notes on a Scandal* and the writer Iris Murdoch in *Iris*. And, for the BBC, Dench created another unforgettable woman when she brought her great comic timing and deeply felt emotions to the role

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of Jean Pargetter in the long-running BBC series *As Time Goes By*. And Furthermore is, however, more than the story of a great actress's career. It is also the story of Judi Dench's life: her early days as a child in a family that was in

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love with the theatre; her marriage to actor Michael Williams; the joy she takes in her daughter, the actress Finty Williams, and her grandson, Sammy. Filled with Dench's impish sense of humor, diamond-sharp intelligence and

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photos from her personal archives,
And Furthermore is the book every
fan of the great Judi Dench will
cherish.

Saints and Sinners
The Autobiography
The Biography

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Will She Do?

Betty Smith: Life of the Author of a
Tree Grows in Brooklyn

That's Another Story

"A rediscovered treasure."

— Maureen Corrigan,

Washington Post From Betty

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Smith, author of the beloved classic *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*, comes a poignant story of love, marriage, poverty, and hope set in 1920s Brooklyn. *Tomorrow Will Be*

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Better tells the story of Margy Shannon, a shy but joyfully optimistic young woman just out of school who lives with her parents and witnesses how a lifetime of hard work,

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poverty, and pain has worn them down. Her mother's resentment toward being a housewife and her father's inability to express his emotions result in a tense home life where Margy has

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no voice. Unable to speak up against her overbearing mother, Margy takes refuge in her dreams of a better life. Her goals are simple—to find a husband, have children, and live in

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a nice home—one where her children will never know the terror of want or the need to hide from quarreling parents. When she meets Frankie Malone, she thinks her dreams

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might be fulfilled, but a devastating loss rattles her to her core and challenges her life-long optimism. As she struggles to come to terms with the unexpected path her life

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has taken, Margy must decide whether to accept things as they are or move firmly in the direction of what she truly wants. Rich with the flavor of its Brooklyn background, and

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filled with the joys and heartbreak of family life, *Tomorrow Will Be Better* is told with a simplicity, tenderness, and warmhearted humor that only Betty Smith could

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write.

Helen Mirren has been an internationally acclaimed actress--and the recipient of many awards, transferring between stage, cinema and

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television--for over 40 years. Known in her youth for a forthright style, a liberated attitude and a bohemian outlook, she has never ceased to be out of the public eye, with

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legions of admiring fans all over the world. This illustrated memoir is an account of an extraordinary talent, and a life well lived. Helen's aristocratic Russian

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grandfather, Pyotr Vasilievich Mironov, a military man, was sent to London by the Czar and found himself stranded and penniless by the Bolshevik revolution, cut off from

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the family estate near Smolensk. He brought with him a trunk of papers and photographs. This delightful memoir starts with the contents of the trunk, with evocative

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pictures of Helen's Russian antecedents. She has kept a rich seam of photo-graphs and memorabilia from her life, and her parents, family life, childhood, teenage

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and early years as an actress living in insalubrious flats are vividly documented.

Helen's many distinguished roles in theatre, cinema and television and the

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illustrious men and women she has encountered are commemorated, as well as her forays into Hollywood and her sub-sequent life in the United States with her husband, film director

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Taylor Hackford. Golden Globe and Oscar ceremonies make their appearance, as do many stunning images of Helen by the world's leading photographers. In the Frame: My Life in

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Words and Pictures is a book to savour, created and written by one of the great personalities of our age.

Dame Maggie Smith stands as a remarkable example of

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the concomitance – in a performer's career – of typecasting and characterisation, that is the ability to impersonate 'against type' infinitely various screen or stage

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characters. This book of appreciation essentially aims at correcting the preconceived image that the general public has of Dame Maggie Smith. Focusing on the last

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twenty-five years, it examines, through the many parts she has played since the early 1990s, her ability to go beyond typecasting and give, thanks to her chameleon

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skills, nuanced and convincing portrays of infinitely diverse characters. From *The Importance of Being Earnest* to *Gosford Park* and *Becoming Jane*, to

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Downton Abbey and Sister Act, to The Last September and the Harry Potter saga, Dame Maggie Smith has had a wide spanning career in TV and Film. Not to mention her theatrical

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work on the stage. Author Caroline Fevrier lives in Paris, France and has a passion for theatre and performing. Caroline holds a PhD in Literature and Humanities and an MA in

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Literature and Drama. She was also trained as a professional performer and has been involved in several stage productions and short movies. Caroline regularly gives lectures

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on theatre and performance to academic audiences and had published several books on literature and humanities, and now focuses closely on the performing arts.

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A collection of essays accompanied by beautiful black-and-white photography from a diverse group of women on the moment they realized they were ready to fight for

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themselves—including Gloria Steinem, Lena Waithe, Joanna Gaines, Brandi Carlile, Beanie Feldstein, Cynthia Erivo, and Billie Jean King, among others. This

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powerful essay collection is a natural extension of the #MeToo movement, revealing the interior experience of women after they've inevitably been underestimated or hurt—the

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epiphany that the world is different than they thought it to be—and how they've used this knowledge to make change. In *My Moment*, Gloria Steinem tells the story of

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how a meeting with writer Terry Southern drew blood. Carol Burnett shares how CBS discouraged her from pursuing *The Carol Burnett Show*, because comedy variety shows were "a

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man's game." Joanna Gaines reveals how coming to New York City as a young woman helped her embrace her Korean heritage after enduring racist bullying as a child. Author Maggie

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Smith details a career crossroads when her boss declined her request to work from home after the birth of her daughter, leading her to quit and never look back. Over and

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over again, when told “no” these women said “yes” to themselves. This hugely inspiring, beautiful book will move people of all ages and make them feel less alone. More than the

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sum of its parts, My
Moment is also a handbook
for young women (or any
woman) making their way
through the world.

Bluets

Maggie Smith 162 Success

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Facts - Everything You
Need to Know about Maggie
Smith

Keep Moving: The Journal
Notes on Loss, Creativity,
and Change
Private Lives

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106 Women on Fighting for Themselves

An excellent Biography of Maggie Smith. This book is your ultimate resource for Maggie Smith. Here you will find the most up-to-date 162 Success Facts, Information, and much more. In easy to read

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chapters, with extensive references and links to get you to know all there is to know about Maggie Smith's Early life, Career and Personal life right away. A quick look inside: A Room with a View (1985 film), Hot Millions - Locations, A Room with a View

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(1986 film) - Cast, 28th Saturn Awards - Best Supporting Actress, Academy Award for Best Actress - Multiple nominations for Best Actress and Best Supporting Actress combined, Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (film) - Cast, Love and Pain and

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the Whole Damn Thing, 1999 in film - R-Z, Lettice and Lovage - Production history, Queen's Theatre - History, Michael Palin - Other work, 1978 in film - Notable films released in 1978, 1990 New Year Honours - Dames Commander (DBE), Child in the

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House - Cast, Tony Award for Best Performance by a Leading Actress in a Play - Nomination total, Academy Award for Best Actress - Superlatives, Hugh Whitemore, The Lonely Passion of Judith Hearne - Reception, Love and Pain and the Whole Damn Thing -

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Plot, Gnomeo and Juliet - Plot, Catherine O'Hara - Celebrities impersonated on SCTV, Satellite Award for Best Supporting Actress - Motion Picture - 2000s, The Merchant of Venice - Film adaptations, Black Comedy (play) - Development, Washington

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Square (film) - Critical reception, Private Lives, Royal Alexandra Theatre - Notable people who have performed at the Royal Alex, Sister Act 2 - Plot, Natasha Richardson - Television, Hook (film) - Plot, 1934 in film - Births, Stuart Bunce - Career, and much

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come out wiser, kinder, and stronger on the other side.” —The Boston Globe “Powerful essays on loss, endurance, and renewal.” —People Cosmopolitan’s “Best Nonfiction Books of 2020” Marie Claire’s “2020 Books You Should Pre-Order Now” Parade’s “25 Self-

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Help Books To Get Your 2020 Off On The Right Foot” The Washington Post’s “What to Read in 2020 Based on the Books You Loved in 2019” For fans of Cheryl Strayed and Anne Lamott, a collection of quotes and essays on facing life’s challenges with

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creativity, courage, and resilience. When Maggie Smith, the award-winning author of the viral poem “Good Bones,” started writing inspirational daily Twitter posts in the wake of her divorce, they unexpectedly caught fire. In this deeply moving book of

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quotes and essays, Maggie writes about new beginnings as opportunities for transformation. Like kintsugi, the Japanese art of mending broken ceramics with gold, *Keep Moving* celebrates the beauty and strength on the other side of loss. This is a book for

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anyone who has gone through a difficult time and is wondering: What comes next?

Desperate to reboot her life, Megan Barnes gets her chance when she meets Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Jocelyn Jones. Before long, Megan is pulled into

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the heady world of fame and influence her charismatic new mentor represents.

Een gescheiden echtpaar ontmoet elkaar weer na vijf jaar, terwijl zij beiden op huwelijksreis zijn met hun nieuwe partner.

Nora Ephron

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A German Life

My Life in Words and Pictures

Tomorrow Will Be Better

Rabbit Stew and a Penny or Two

Between Two Kingdoms

***Judi Dench is Britain's
best-loved actress of***

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our time. Her very name encourages a warm and admiring response from the public, whether for Shakespearean performances (most recently the Countess in

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*All's Well That Ends
Well) or in the
contemporary theatre
(plays by David Hare and
Hugh Whitmore among
them), or on TV (the
series A Fine Romance*

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*and As Time Goes By) or
in the cinema (Mrs
Brown, her Oscar-winning
performance in
Shakespeare in Love,
Iris, Shipping News,
Ladies in Lavender, and*

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four James Bond films as 'M'). Now she opens her photograph albums publicly for the first time, contributing substantial memoir and captions to pictures

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from throughout her seventy years. The private albums are augmented by photographs showing her work across 50 years of acting - on stage, film and TV. Here

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*are previously unseen
pictures of Judi's happy
childhood in York before
the second world war,
family holidays,
 schooldays and her first
work as an amateur actor*

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in her teens in York. We see her growing up, drama school and the performance that made her name as Juliet in Franco Zeffereilli's famous and controversial

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*production at the Old
Vic when Judi was in her
early twenties. To these
are added informal shots
back stage and off set,
as well as photographs
of her own family, her*

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*actor husband Michael
Williams, daughter Finty
and grandson Sam.*

*Britain's much loved
Judi Dench as you have
not seen her before.*

Smith's "A Tree Grows in

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Brooklyn" captured the imagination of readers in 1943. In the first published biography of Smith, the real-life stories behind the heroes in her novel are

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told.

*Here in Maggie Smith's
first book we encounter
a voice that is spare,
confident, and precise.
Her images click into
place, and the movement*

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*of each poem is deft,
muscular, taut. These
are poems we trust,
poems that ask hard
questions while at the
same time convincing us
of the magic in the*

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world. Smith's voice is reserved, yet she carries her world forward in her teeth, so to speak. There's wisdom and acceptance in many of the poems, coupled

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*with a willingness to
utter what she does not
understand, a
recognition 'that worse
happens to better than
I.' She embraces the
mystery. There's a*

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*kinship with the Ohio
landscape, but also the
recognition that
'darkness ploughs its
furrows here.' These are
poems that do not flinch
in the face of grief*

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*while at the same time
they do not give into
formulas that either
comfort or accuse. I
admire the courage and
the control, the
gorgeous turns, the*

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*leaps she takes in the
poems while keeping the
center of each poem
intact. These are poems
that do not wobble; the
voice is confident and
secure, the authority*

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*claimed, and the
darkness met head
on--'mealy, and bitter'
but as she writes in
'The Poem Speaks to
Danger': 'I am the
mouth/that can hold more*

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*. . . the globe // of
some new, ready fruit.'
This is a book that
delights, intrigues, and
instructs. A wonderful
debut. --Carol Potter
Nora Ephron was one of*

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*the most popular,
accomplished, and
beloved writers in
American journalism and
film. Nora Ephron: A
Biography is the first
comprehensive portrait*

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*of the Manhattan-born
girl who forged a path
of her own, earning
accolades and adoration
from critics and fans
alike. Author Kristin
Marguerite Doidge*

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*explores the tremendous
successes and
disappointing failures
Ephron sustained in her
career as a popular
essayist turned
screenwriter turned film*

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*director. She redefined
the modern rom-com genre
with bestselling books
such as Heartburn and
hit movies including
When Harry Met Sally,
Sleepless in Seattle,*

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and Julie & Julia.

*Doidge also examines the
private life Ephron
tried to keep in balance
with her insatiable
ambition. Based on rare
archival research and*

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*numerous interviews with
some of Ephron's closest
friends, collaborators,
and award-winning
colleagues including
actors Tom Hanks and
Caroline Aaron, comedian*

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*Martin Short, composer
George Fenton, and
lifelong friends from
Wellesley to New York to
Hollywood—as well as
interviews Ephron
herself gave throughout*

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*her career—award-winning
journalist and cultural
critic Doidge has
written a captivating
story of the life of a
creative writer whose
passion for the perfect*

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*one-liner and ferocious
drive to succeed
revolutionized
journalism, comedy, and
film. The first in-depth
biography to explore the
complex themes that ran*

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*through Ephron's work
and to examine why so
many of them still grab
our attention today.*

*Desser the Best Ever Cat
Scenes from My Life
Beach Day*

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*Maggie Smith, Border
Legend*

Behind the Scenes

In the Frame

**“To read Maggie Smith is
to embrace the achingly
precious beauty of the**

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**present moment.” —Time
From the award-winning
poet and bestselling
author of *Keep Moving*
and *Good Bones*, a
stunning poetry
collection that celebrates**

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**the beauty and messiness
of life. With her breakout
bestseller Keep Moving,
Maggie Smith captured
the nation with her
“meditations on kindness
and hope” (NPR). Now,**

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**with Goldenrod, the
award-winning poet
returns with a powerful
collection of poems that
look at parenthood,
solitude, love, and
memory. Pulling objects**

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**from everyday life—a
hallway mirror, a rock
found in her son's pocket,
a field of goldenrods at
the side of the road—she
reveals the magic of the
present moment. Only**

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**Maggie Smith could turn
an autocorrect mistake
into a line of poetry,
musing that her phone
“doesn’t observe / the
high holidays,
autocorrecting / shana**

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**tova to shaman tobacco, /
Rosh Hashanah to rose
has hands.” Slate called
Smith’s “superpower as a
writer” her “ability to find
the perfect concrete
metaphor for inchoate**

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**human emotions and
explore it with empathy
and honesty.” The poems
in Goldenrod celebrate
the contours of daily life,
explore and delight in the
space between thought**

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**and experience, and
remind us that we decide
what is beautiful.**

**From her first theatrical
roles as a teenager in
York to her scene-stealing
performances as 'M' in**

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**the James Bond films,
Dame Judi Dench's
professional life has
consisted of non-stop
acting, leading to
numerous accolades,
including an Academy**

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**Award for her
performance as Queen
Elizabeth I in
Shakespeare in Love.
Behind the Scenes is a
candid blend of
reminiscences and**

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**photos, many of them
never-before-seen from
her personal collection.
It's a uniquely personal
take on her life and
brilliant career, showing
her off-stage as well as**

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on. Looking back, she provides her millions of fans with reflections and remembrances of those who have mattered to her most - her family, fellow actors, directors and

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**writers - communicating
them with the truth and
insight that is the
hallmark of her acting.
Behind the Scenes takes
up where her New York
Times bestselling memoir**

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**and furthermore left off.
Dame Judi looks back on
the last few years to talk
about her role as "M" in
the Bond films, the joy of
ensemble acting in *The
Best Exotic Marigold***

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**Hotel, the chance to tell
the story of the heroic
woman at the center of
Philomena, her joy in
appearing with other
great actresses in the
Materpiece Theatre**

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Cranford and her return to the stage in Peter and Alice. Tireless in her desire to perfect her craft, she says "I simply want to go on acting. I suppose I could always be

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**wheeled on stage if
necessary. The great
thing about acting is that
it never ends."**

**Born on a Somerset pea-
field in 1941, the second
of eight children in a**

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**Romani family, Maggie
Smith-Bendell has lived
through the years of
greatest change in the
travelling community's
long history. As a child,
Maggie rode and slept in**

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**a horse-drawn wagon,
picked hops and flowers,
and sat beside her
father's campfire on
ancient verges, poor but
free to roam. As the
twentieth century**

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progressed, common land was fenced off and the traditional ways disappeared. Eventually Maggie married a house-dweller and tried to settle for bricks and mortar, but

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she never lost the restless spirit, the deep love of the land and the gift for storytelling that were her Romani inheritance.

Maggie's story is one of hardship and prejudice,

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but also, unforgettably, it recalls the glories of the travelling life, in the absolute safety of a loyal and loving family.

An affecting memoir of life as a boy who didn't

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**know he had Asperger's
syndrome until he
became a man. In 1997,
Tim Page won the
Pulitzer Prize for
Criticism for his work as
the chief classical music**

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**critic of The Washington
Post, work that the
Pulitzer board called
“lucid and illuminating.”
Three years later, at the
age of 45, he was
diagnosed with**

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**Asperger's syndrome-an
autistic disorder
characterized by often
superior intellectual
abilities but also by
obsessive behavior,
ineffective**

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**communication, and
social awkwardness. In a
personal chronicle that is
by turns hilarious and
heartbreaking, Page
revisits his early days
through the prism of**

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**newfound clarity. Here is
the tale of a boy who
could blithely recite the
names and dates of all
the United States'
presidents and their wives
in order (backward upon**

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**request), yet lacked the
coordination to
participate in the
simplest childhood
games. It is the story of a
child who memorized vast
portions of the World**

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Book Encyclopedia simply by skimming through its volumes, but was unable to pass elementary school math and science. And it is the triumphant account of a disadvantaged boy

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who grew into a high-functioning, highly successful adult—perhaps not despite his Asperger's but because of it, as Page believes. For in the end, it was his all-consuming

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love of music that emerged as something around which to construct a life and a prodigious career. In graceful prose, Page recounts the eccentric

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**behavior that withstood
glucose-tolerance tests,
anti-seizure medications,
and sessions with the
school psychiatrist, but
which above all, eluded
his own understanding. A**

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**poignant portrait of a
lifelong search for
answers, Parallel Play
provides a unique
perspective on Asperger's
and the well of creativity
that can spring forth as a**

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result of the condition.

Keep Moving

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My Moment

Robert Downey Jr

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Anecdotes about Maggie Smith abound, but Bill Wright's *The Whole Damn Cheese* is the first book devoted entirely to the woman whose life in Big Bend country has become the stuff of legend. For more than

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twenty years—from 1943 until her death in 1965—Maggie Smith served folks on both sides of the border as doctor, lawyer, midwife, herbalist, banker, self-appointed justice of the peace, and coroner. As

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she put it, she was “the whole damn cheese” in Hot Springs, Texas. She was also an accomplished smuggler with a touch of romance as well as larceny in her heart. Maggie’s family history is virtually a

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history of the Texas frontier,
and her story outlines the
beginnings and early
development of Big Bend
National Park. Her travels
between Boquillas, San
Vicente, Alpine, and Hot

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Springs define Maggie's career and illustrate her unique relationships with the people of the border.

Capturing the rough individualism and warm character of Maggie Smith,

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author Bill Wright
demonstrates why this
remarkable frontier woman
has become an indelible figure
in the history of Texas.
A child loves to spend time in
Grandma's chair.

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No one does glamour, girlish charm or tight-lipped witticism better than Dame Maggie Smith, one of Britain's best-loved actors. This new biography shines a light on the life and career of a truly

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remarkable performer. From her days as a West End star of comedy, Dame Maggie's path crossed with those of the greatest actors of the era, including Richard Burton, Laurence Olivier and Ingmar

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Bergman. Her career is a 'Who's Who' of British theatre in the twentieth century. Despite recent roles in Downton Abbey and Harry Potter, she remains an enigmatic figure. Michael

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Coveney's absorbing biography therefore allows an insight into the real Maggie Smith.

Gives rhyming instructions for dealing with monsters.

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Good Bones

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Goldenrod

*Rhyming text describes a perfect day
at the beach, complete with sandy*

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knees, deviled eggs, and a castle with a moat.

*This perfect gift book for fans of
Downton Abbey will take them behind
the scenes of the Grand Dame who
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charm or tight-lipped witticism better than Dame Maggie Smith. Michael Coveney's biography shines a light on the life and career of a truly remarkable performer, one whose stage and screen career spans six decades. From her days as a West End

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star of comedy and revue, Dame Maggie's path would cross with those of the greatest actors, playwrights and directors of the era. Whether stealing scenes from Richard Burton, answering back to Laurence Olivier, or playing opposite Judi Dench in Breath

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of Life, her career can be seen as a 'Who's Who' of British theatre. Her film and television career has been just as starry. From the title character in The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie and the meddling chaperone in A Room With a View to the Harry Potter films

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*in which she played Minerva
McGonagall (as she put it 'Miss Jean
Brodie in a wizard's hat') and the Best
Exotic Marigold Hotel films in which
she played the wise Muriel Donnelly,
Smith has thrilled, engaged and made
audiences laugh. As Violet Crawley,*

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the formidable Dowager Countess of Downton Abbey she conquered millions more. Paradoxically she remains an enigmatic figure, rarely appearing in public. Michael Coveney's absorbing biography, written with the actress's blessing and

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drawing on personal archives, as well as interviews with immediate family and close friends, is a portrait of one of the greatest actors of our time.

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"Official Poem of 2016" by Public Radio International. Maggie Smith writes out of the experience of motherhood, inspired by watching her own children read the world like a book they've just opened, knowing nothing of the characters or plot.

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These poems stare down darkness while cultivating and sustaining possibility and addressing a larger world.

From his first role as a cherubic five-year old through Iron Man 2 and the films yet to come, a look at the life

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and career one of Hollywood's most surprising leading men Robert Downey Jr. has become one of Hollywood's most shining, distinctive stars thanks to scene-stealing roles in films like Iron Man, Zodiac, and Sherlock Holmes. This book takes an in-depth,

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insightful look at his work in front of the camera as well as his life behind the spotlight. It reveals details of his film debut at age five playing a puppy in his father's underground cult film, his attempt at becoming a comedian during an ill-fated stint as a Saturday

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Night Live cast member, how he burst onto the scene with his moving performance in Less than Zero, and how he charmed Hollywood with his Oscar-nominated turn as troubled funny man Charlie Chaplin. With a life that has had more twist and turns

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*than the plots of some of his
acclaimed movies, Robert Downey Jr.'s
journey from hellraiser to Hollywood
royalty is shocking, moving, funny,
and inspirational.*

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Poems

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And Furthermore

A Gypsy Woman's Life on the Road

A View From The Stalls

Vanessa

**I had no idea what was
going on. Or very
little. No more than**

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**most people. So you
can't make me feel
guilty. Brunhilde
Pomsel's life spanned
the twentieth century.
She struggled to make
ends meet as a secretary**

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**in Berlin during the
1930s, her many
employers including a
Jewish insurance broker,
the German Broadcasting
Corporation and,
eventually, Joseph**

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Goebbels. Christopher Hampton's play is based on the testimony she gave when she finally broke her silence to a group of Austrian filmmakers, shortly

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**before she died in 2016.
Maggie Smith, alone on
stage, plays Brunhilde
Pomsel. Christopher
Hampton's play is drawn
from the testimony
Pomsel gave when she**

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**finally broke her
silence shortly before
she died to a group of
Austrian filmmakers, and
from their documentary A
German Life (Christian
Krönes, Olaf Müller,**

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**Roland Schrotthofer and
Florian Weigensamer,
produced by Blackbox
Film & Media
Productions).**

**Suppose I were to begin
by saying that I had**

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**fallen in love with a
color . . . A lyrical,
philosophical, and often
explicit exploration of
personal suffering and
the limitations of
vision and love, as**

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**refracted through the
color blue. With Bluets,
Maggie Nelson has
entered the pantheon of
brilliant lyric
essayists. Maggie Nelson
is the author of**

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**numerous books of poetry
and nonfiction,
including Something
Bright, Then Holes (Soft
Skull Press, 2007) and
Women, the New York
School, and Other True**

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**Abstractions (University
of Iowa Press, 2007).**

**She lives in Los Angeles
and teaches at the
California Institute of
the Arts.**

Maggie Smith-Bendell was

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**born on the edge of a
pea field near
Bridgwater in Somerset
in 1941. She and her
family are Romani
Gypsies and as she grew
up Maggie learned the**

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**old crafts and customs
of the Gypsies'
traditional way of life.
Her family travelled the
length and breadth of
the countryside, eking a
living from the woods**

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and hedgerows, catching rabbits, pheasants, and wild duck. They did all manner of fieldwork for farmers including picking peas, beans, and hops; and as soon as

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Maggie was old enough she contributed to the family's labour. Ever since they arrived in Europe centuries ago, the Gypsies have been persecuted for their

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**outsider status, but the
last sixty years or so
have perhaps seen the
greatest threats to
their culture, to the
extent that their
traditional way of life**

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**is in danger of
disappearing altogether:
changes in the law,
changes in agriculture,
many things have
undermined the Gypsies'
freedom to live as they**

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wish. In this wonderful memoir, full of the language and lore of the Gypsies, Maggie Smith-Bendell gives us a true insight into a way of life that has more or

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**less vanished: driven by
the seasons, with an
extraordinary closeness
to nature, she and her
family faced numerous
hardships including the
deaths of beloved family**

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**members. As well as
telling the story of her
family's ups and downs
in the course of their
yearly journeys to the
pea-fields of Somerset
and the hop-gardens of**

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**Herefordshire, Maggie
recounts her own journey
to become a prominent
campaigner for Gypsy
rights. An autobiography
told straight from the
heart, Our Forgotten**

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**Years is both moving and
inspiring.**

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**BESTSELLER • A searing,
deeply moving memoir of
illness and recovery
that traces one young**

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woman's journey from
diagnosis to remission
to re-entry into
"normal" life—from the
author of the *Life*,
Interrupted column in
The New York Times ONE

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**OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE
YEAR: The New York Times
Book Review, The
Washington Post,
Bloomberg, The Rumpus,
She Reads, Library
Journal, Booklist • “I**

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**was immersed for the
whole ride and would
follow Jaouad anywhere.
. . . Her writing
restores the moon,
lights the way as we
learn to endure the**

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**unknown.”—Chanel Miller,
The New York Times Book
Review “Beautifully
crafted . . . affecting
. . . a transformative
read . . . Jaouad’s
insights about the self,**

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**connectedness,
uncertainty and time
speak to all of us.”—The
Washington Post In the
summer after graduating
from college, Suleika
Jaouad was preparing, as**

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they say in commencement speeches, to enter “the real world.” She had fallen in love and moved to Paris to pursue her dream of becoming a war correspondent. The real

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**world she found,
however, would take her
into a very different
kind of conflict zone.
It started with an
itch—first on her feet,
then up her legs, like a**

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**thousand invisible
mosquito bites. Next
came the exhaustion, and
the six-hour naps that
only deepened her
fatigue. Then a trip to
the doctor and, a few**

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weeks shy of her twenty-third birthday, a diagnosis: leukemia, with a 35 percent chance of survival. Just like that, the life she had imagined for herself had

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gone up in flames. By the time Jaouad flew home to New York, she had lost her job, her apartment, and her independence. She would spend much of the next

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**four years in a hospital
bed, fighting for her
life and chronicling the
saga in a column for The
New York Times. When
Jaouad finally walked
out of the cancer**

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**ward—after countless
rounds of chemo, a
clinical trial, and a
bone marrow
transplant—she was,
according to the
doctors, cured. But as**

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**she would soon learn, a
cure is not where the
work of healing ends;
it's where it begins.
She had spent the past
1,500 days in desperate
pursuit of one goal—to**

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survive. And now that she'd done so, she realized that she had no idea how to live. How would she reenter the world and live again? How could she reclaim

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**what had been lost?
Jaouad embarked—with her
new best friend, Oscar,
a scruffy terrier
mutt—on a 100-day,
15,000-mile road trip
across the country. She**

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**set out to meet some of
the strangers who had
written to her during
her years in the
hospital: a teenage girl
in Florida also
recovering from cancer;**

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**a teacher in California
grieving the death of
her son; a death-row
inmate in Texas who'd
spent his own years
confined to a room. What
she learned on this trip**

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**is that the divide
between sick and well is
porous, that the vast
majority of us will
travel back and forth
between these realms
throughout our lives.**

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Between Two Kingdoms is a profound chronicle of survivorship and a fierce, tender, and inspiring exploration of what it means to begin again.

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Monster Says Boo?**

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Growing Up with Undiagnosed Asperger's Lamp of the Body

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well written - has moments of Alan
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'This is a humorous and, at times, moving read from this much-loved actress' WOMAN AND HOME 'I was enthralled by her memoirs ... a celebrity memoir which is actually worth reading as a work of literature' AN Wilson, READER'S DIGEST Her mum wanted her to be

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a nurse so that is what Julie did. But in her heart she had always wanted to be an actress and soon she was on stage at the local theatre in Liverpool. Her career snowballed with highlights that include Educating Rita, Billy Elliot, Harry Potter, Acorn Antiques,

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Dinner Ladies and Mamma Mia! She has been nominated for two Oscars, been awarded multiple BAFTAs and a Golden Globe, plus been honoured with a DBE. This is the heart-warming and funny story of that journey.