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The Heinemann
Plays series
offers
contemporary
drama and
classic plays
in durable
classroom
editions. Many

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have large casts and an equal mix of boy and girl parts. This play is an adaptation of the humorous diary of a young intellectual, suffering the traumas of

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love, parental
divorce and
spots.

THREE STARRED
REVIEWS "Remark
able."--VOYA "G
enre-defying."-
-Booklist

"Deeply compell
ing."--BCCB "A
beautiful,
moving, and
thoughtful

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story about how far we're willing to go for family."

-Kathleen Glasgow, New York Times bestselling author of *Girl in Pieces* Vera Rivers' life is split in two: before her twin

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sister Ava
disappeared
twelve years
ago and after.
Before was hot
Junes and ice
cream trucks,
dancing in
sprinklers,
loud Christmas
mornings and
pancakes on
Saturdays. The

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after is
everything
else: police
officers,
investigators,
tips, theories,
leads, but
never any
answers. The
case made
headlines,
shocked Vera's
Northern

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California
community, and
turned her
family into
tragic
celebrities.
Now, at
eighteen, Vera
is counting
down the days
until she
starts her new
life at college

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in Portland,
Oregon, far
away from the
dark cloud she
and her family
have lived
under for
twelve years.
But all that
changes when a
girl shows up
at the local
hospital. Her

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name is Ava Rivers and she wants to go home. Ava's return begins to mend the fractures in the Rivers family. Vera and Ava's estranged older brother returns. Vera

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reconnects with
Max, the sweet,
artistic boy
from her
childhood.

Their parents
smile again.

But the
questions
remain: Where
was Ava all
these years?

And who is she

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now? Powerful
and gripping,
The Second Life
of Ava Rivers
is equal parts
thriller,
mystery, and
haunting
meditation on
grief, family,
and
forgiveness.

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Random House
South Africa
'Dare I say it
. . . for the
first time in
my life I feel
like I'm on a
bit of a roll.'
Spud Milton is
in his final
year at
boarding
school. Now a

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prefect and on the cusp of adulthood, he thinks this may be his best year yet. But soon his life is as chaotic as ever as he wages a battle for his room, directs a play in which the

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actors refuse to learn their lines and (most terrifyingly of all) attempts to find a date for the matric dance. For the last time, armed once again with his wits and his diary, Spud

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invites us to
share the
agonies, the
victories and
the sheer
absurdities of
growing up.
Warning: This
book may cause
frequent bouts
of
uncontrollable,
hysterical

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laughter . . .

Memories of a
Sixteenth
Summer

Trainspotting

Spud: Exit,

Pursued by a
Bear

God's Greatest

Gift is Choice

Current

Research on

Picturebooks

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and

Visual/Verbal
Texts for Young
People

*A white girl in
South Africa
finds out how
difficult it is
to be friends
with a black
girl.*

*As Spud Milton
continues his*

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*diabolical
stagger through
adolescence, he
learns one of
life's most
important
lessons: when
dealing with
women and
cretins,
nothing is ever
quite as it
seems. 'I'm*

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practically a man in most areas,' writes Spud confidently on his sixteenth birthday. The year is 1992 and, as always in South Africa, radical change is in the air. The

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country may be on the bumpy road to an uncomfortable redemption, but Spud Milton is hoping for a smooth ride as he returns to boarding school as a senior. Instead, he discovers that

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*his vindictive
arch enemy is
back to taunt
him and that a
garrulous
Malawian has
taken residence
in his
dormitory,
along with the
regular inmates
and misfits he
calls friends.*

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*Spud's world
has never
seemed less
certain. He
attempts to
master
Shakespeare,
wrestles
constantly with
God and the
power of
negative
thinking, and*

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*develops an
aversion to
fried fish
after a
shocking
discovery about
his
grandmother,
Wombat. Spud -
Learning to Fly
transports the
reader on an
authentic*

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*tragicomic
journey, deep
into the
sublime and
ridiculous
world of being
a teenager. It
is the third
and penultimate
instalment in
the series of
Spud Milton's
schoolboy*

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*diaries,
following on
the best-
selling Spud
and Spud - The
Madness
Continues....
Do twins begin
in the womb? Or
in a better
place? Kaeleigh
and Raeanne are
identical down*

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*to the dimple.
As daughters of
a district-
court judge
father and a
politician
mother, they
are an all-
American family
-- on the
surface. Behind
the facade each
sister has her*

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*own dark
secret, and
that's where
their
differences
begin. For
Kaeleigh, she's
the misplaced
focus of
Daddy's love,
intended for a
mother whose
presence on the*

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*campaign trail
means absence
at home. All
that Raeanne
sees is Daddy
playing a game
of favorites --
and she is
losing. If she
has to lose,
she will do it
on her own
terms, so she*

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*chooses drugs,
alcohol, and
sex. Secrets
like the ones
the twins are
harboring are
not meant to be
kept -- from
each other or
anyone else.
Pretty soon
it's obvious
that neither*

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*sister can
handle it
alone, and one
sister must
step up to save
the other, but
the question is
-- who?*

*For the first
time in my life
I feel like
there is a
chink of light,*

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another way.

Spook's world

is raw, cut

down to what

matters. He is

the first

person I've met

who seems free.

Grace and her

Cape Town

friends are

renting a house

on the coast -

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after exams

*it's their rite
of passage into
adulthood. Yet
'maturity'*

*means different
things to each
of them. Brett
and Louisa have
plans -*

*university,
travelling -
but Grace is*

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*uncertain of
her future.
Anxiety drives
her to take
control of
whatever she
can, starting
with her own
body, and it is
starting to
worry those
around her.
When Grace*

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*meets Spook -
an older,
nomadic surfer
- their
attraction is
instant and his
relaxed
familiarity and
assured
confidence
catch her off-
guard. Can she
allow herself*

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*to lose
control, and
fall in love?
An evocative, b
eautifully-told
story of
identity,
relationships
and freedom,
set in
contemporary
South Africa.
The Potato*

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*A Year in the
Wild*

Throwaway

Daughter

Winger

Hurricane Song

**A dramatic and
moving YA novel
by Ting-xing Ye,
the
internationally
acclaimed author
of *A Leaf in the***

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Bitter Wind,
working with her
husband, William
Bell, author of
the award-
winning novels
for young adults
Forbidden City,
Zack, and
Stones. .

Throwaway
Daughter tells
the dramatic and
moving story of

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Grace Dong-mei Parker, a typical Canadian teenager until the day she witnesses the Tiananmen massacre on television. Horrified, she sets out to explore her Chinese ancestry, only to

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discover that she was one of the thousands of infant girls abandoned in China since the introduction of the one-child policy, strictly enforced by the Communist government. But Grace was one of the lucky ones,

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**adopted as a
baby by a loving
Canadian couple.
With the
encouragement
of her adoptive
parents, she
studies Chinese
and travels back
to China in
search of her
birth mother.
She manages to
locate the village**

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where she was born, but at first no one is willing to help her. However, Grace never gives up and, finally, she is reunited with her birth mother, discovering through this emotional bond the truth of what happened to her

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**almost twenty
years before.**

**What if God were
a teenaged boy?**

**In the beginning,
Bob created the
heavens and the
earth and the
beasts of the
field and the
creatures of the
sea, and twenty-
five million other
species**

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(including lots of cute girls). But mostly he prefers eating junk food and leaving his dirty clothes in a heap at the side of his bed. Every time he falls in love, Earth erupts in natural disasters, and it's usually Bob's

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**beleaguered
assistant, Mr. B.,
who is left
cleaning up the
mess. So
humankind is
going to be very
sorry indeed that
Bob ever ran into
a beautiful,
completely
irresistible girl
called Lucy . . .
In 1990, thirteen-**

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**year-old John
"Spud" Milton, a
prepubescent
choirboy, keeps
a diary of his
first year at an
elite, boys-only
boarding school
in South Africa,
as he deals with
bizarre
housemates, wild
crushes,
embarrassingly**

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**dysfunctional
parents, and
much more.**

**Relates the story
of a sixteen-year-
old boy who
finds**

**employment as a
migrant laborer
and carnival
worker after
running away
from home.**

There Is No Dog

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**An Anthology of
Potato Poems :
To Benefit
Hunger Relief
The Secret Diary
of Adrian Mole
Aged 13 3/4
A Riotous Novel
Success Mapping
Samuel's parents
and young sister,
innocent
bystanders during**

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**an uprising, are
killed by South
African police.
Samuel is sent to
live with his uncle,
a tribal chief in the
Bantu homeland,
while his brother
vows to join the
African National
Congress armed
struggle and avenge**

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his family's deaths.

**In the h omeland,
Samuel discovers
he can run faster
than anyone and
before long begins
to train under his
English-educated
uncle. Years later,
after the end of
Apartheid, Samuel
is selected as the**

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**token black South
African athlete to
run in the
Olympics.**

**President Nelson
Mandela is there
when he wins his
gold medal, and
Samuel dedicates it
to 'a very special
man... I was
running for the**

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**President. I was
running for my
country.' This
powerful and
moving story
portrays what it
was like for blacks
growing up in
South Africa
aunder Apartheid
and the different
ways in which they**

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struggled to gain their freedom. For some, like Samuel's brother, it was an armed struggle, but for Samuel it was the opportunity to prove he could run better than any white man.

For thirteen-year-old Kim, travel to

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**South Africa with
her journalist
mother will mark
the end of her
childhood and the
beginning of a
remarkable
journey. Expecting
nothing more than
three months in her
mother's
homeland, Kim**

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**comes to terms
with the country's
diverse and often
shocking history.
The Truth and
Reconciliation
Hearings in post-
apartheid South
Africa open her
eyes to the tragedy
and brutality of its
segregationist**

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policies. Kim's first meeting with her relatives, her contact with schoolmates and cousins, bring her face-to-face with the realization that she is not as removed from this powerful story as she thought. As her

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**mother struggles
with her past, Kim
becomes more and
more determined to
unlock the secret
that has always
kept her from
knowing her father.
Helped by the
young son of a long-
time family
servant, whose own**

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**father was a
casualty of
Apartheid history,
Kim eventually
unlocks her
mystery and brings
her mother and
herself to their own
truth and
reconciliation.
Layered and
complex, this is a**

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**novel that raises
questions and
challenges beliefs.
Mothers and
daughters share a
special bond. . .
why not further
this bond through
reading together?
Book clubs have
been growing in
popularity over the**

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**past ten years,
started by a variety
of people with
various interests
and goals. Mother-
daughter book
clubs offer a great
way for families to
grow and share —
with each other and
with other mother-
daughter pairs. In**

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**Book by Book
Cindy Hudson
offers all the how-
to tips mothers
need to start their
own successful
book clubs. Hudson
offers her own
firsthand
experience as the
founder of two long-
running successful**

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**mother-daughter
book clubs. Hudson
offers suggestions
on books topics,
club guidelines, and
how to keep the
club going as
daughters grow
older. How big
should the club be?
Whom should we
invite? How often**

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should we meet?

**How do we make
sure we actually
read the books?**

**Hudson has all the
answers. With
recommended book
lists (divided by
four age groups),
online resources,
and suggested
recipes for book-**

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**club treats, Book
by Book is a great
resource for
helping moms and
daughters form
new memories and
traditions.**

**Caitlin misses her
brother every day.
Since his death in a
school shooting, she
has no one to**

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**explain the world
to her. And for
Caitlin, the world is
a confusing place.
She hates it when
colours get mixed
up, prefers
everything to be
black-and-white,
and needs to check
her Facial
Expressions Chart**

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to understand emotions. So when Caitlin reads the definition of “closure”, she decides that’s what she needs. And as she struggles to find it, a world of colour begins to enter her black-and-white life...

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Book by Book

A How-To Guide

To Tackling Food

Addiction With

The Humble Spud

Spud - Learning to

Fly

Spud - The

Madness Continues

...

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After an

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**unexpected and
diabolical
farewell
breakfast
conversation
with his father,
Spud Milton
returns to
boarding school
for his 1993
Matric year, his
last as a**

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schoolboy.

**Armed with a
prefect's tie and
a raging libido,
Spud soon
discovers that
being a
large(ish) fish in
a small pond has
its fair share of
challenges. He
finds himself**

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**embroiled in
fighting for his
own room,
directing a
house play
where both lead
actors refuse to
learn their lines,
and assisting
Vern
Blackadder's
dramatic return**

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**from the dead
with nothing
more than a drip
cord and a pair
of oven gloves.
Amid mounting
pressure in the
classroom and
on the cricket
field, Spud
prepares to face
down the most**

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**feared and
dreaded
challenge of
them all -
finding a date
for the Matric
dance. In this
hilarious final
instalment of
the Spud series
John van de Ruit
brings to a close**

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**his savagely
funny blow by
blow account of
the agonies of
growing up. The
embarrassments
, the thrills, the
defeats, and the
sheer absurdity
of daily life are
wittily recorded
in Spud's unique**

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**voice as he
prepares to
make his own
exit, pursued by
a bear.**

**The Spud Fit
Cookbook is far
more than just a
book of meals -
it is a primer for
long term,
successful and**

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**sustainable
lifestyle change.
With
contributions
from more than
80 of the world's
foremost leaders
in the plant
based
movement,
you'll learn
everything you**

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**need to know to
take control of
your
relationship
with food and
your life. Gain
boundless
energy and
health, look and
feel younger -
all while eating
as much as you**

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**want! In 2016
the story of
Andrew's quest
to eat nothing
but potatoes for
the entire year
went viral. Over
the course of
that year he
regained his
health, lost
55kgs (121lbs),**

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**cured his
chronic
depression and -
most
importantly -
dealt with his
lifelong
debilitating
addiction to
food. He has
since inspired
countless others**

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**to take control
of their health
and their lives,
all with help
from the humble
spud. The Spud
Fit Challenge
was borne out of
Andrew's desire
to remove
addictive foods
from his life**

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**once and for all;
if an alcoholic
should quit
alcohol then
maybe a food
addict should
quit food? He
continues to
avoid addictive
foods by
enjoying a wide
variety of**

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delicious, whole foods in all their forms, without any need to count calories, analyse portion size, measure or weigh food (or yourself!), restrict intake or overthink anything at all.

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The simplicity of this concept is key to the Spud Fit philosophy and forms the basis of this book. The king of comfort foods remains at the centre of his diet. In The Spud Fit

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**Cookbook you'll
find over 100
Whole Food
Spud Based
recipes with
contributions
from some of
the most
knowledgeable
and influential
people in the
plant based**

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**world, people
who are leading
from the front
in all walks of
professional life
from Olympians
to nutrition
scientists. This
book will show
you the magic of
potatoes and
everything they**

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**can do for you.
Two brothers
leave home
looking for their
father, and find
themselves
hitching a ride
with a violent
killer - here is a
road trip from
hell. Jonah and
his younger**

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**brother, Simon,
are on their
own. They set
out to find
what's left of
their family,
carrying
between them
ten dollars, a
backpack full of
dirty clothes, a
notebook, and a**

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**stack of letters
from their
brother, who is
serving a tour in
Vietnam. And
soon into their
journey, they
have a ride.**

**With a man and
a beautiful girl
who may be in
love with Jonah.**

**Or Simon. Or
both of them.
The man is
crazy. The girl is
desperate. This
violent ride is
only just
beginning. And
it will leave the
brothers taking
cover from hard
truths about**

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loyalty, love, and survival that crash into their lives. One more thing: The brothers have a gun. They're going to need it. Is 'quitting food' the key to losing weight, beating depression and

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**anxiety and
discovering the
best mental and
physical health
of your life?**

**Featuring twelve
simple recipes
and a variety of
mindfulness
techniques to
help you reset
your body and**

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**mind, the
message here is
clear: great
health is way
more simple
than we've been
led to believe.**

**Burger Wuss
A Whole Food
Potato-Based
Guide to Eating
and Living**

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**Identical
The Beet Fields
The Complete
Guide to
Creating Mother-
Daughter Book
Clubs**

**Traditionally, the
American Dream
has included
owning a house,
and until recently**

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**that meant the
bigger the better.
McMansions have
flourished in
suburbs across
the country, and
as houses got
bigger we filled
them with more
stuff. Kerri
Fivecoat-Campbell
had been
subconsciously**

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**trying to live up to
this American
Dream when
circumstances
forced her and her
husband into a
480-square foot
house in the
woods. What was
supposed to be a
writing cabin and
guest house
became their full-**

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**time abode and
they quickly
discovered that
they had
serendipitously
discovered a
better way of life.
They realized that
by living smaller,
they were in fact,
Living Large. They
were not spending
extra time cleaning**

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and maintaining the house, but had the freedom to pursue their hobbies; they did not waste money on things they didn't need; and they grew emotionally (as well as physically) closer. Kerri and her husband

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realized that Living Large is less about square footage and more about a state of mind. As Kerri relates the story of her transformation to a “Living Larger,” she also profiles more than a dozen other families living tiny house

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**lives and offers
practical advice for
how you can too.**

The book will:

***walk you through
the financial**

**advantages of
small space living**

***help you define
and find the right**

**size house *teach
you to scale down**

to the essentials to

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**be surrounded
only by things you
love *show you
how to make use
of outdoor space
*give tips on how
to decorate
judiciously and
much more.**

**Whether readers
are inspired to join
the tiny house
movement or not,**

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**they are sure to be
inspired to Live
Large with less.**

**A teen at boarding
school grapples
with life, love, and
rugby in this
unforgettable
novel that is**

**“alternately
hilarious and
painful, awkward
and enlightening”**

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(Publishers Weekly, starred review). Ryan Dean West is a fourteen-year-old junior at a boarding school for rich kids. He's living in Opportunity Hall, the dorm for troublemakers, and rooming with

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**the biggest bully
on the rugby team.
And he's madly in
love with his best
friend Annie, who
thinks of him as a
little boy. Ryan
Dean manages to
survive life's
complications with
the help of his
sense of humor,
rugby buddies,**

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and his penchant for doodling comics. But when the unthinkable happens, he has to figure out how to hold on to what's important, even when it feels like everything has fallen apart. Filled with hand-drawn infographics and

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**illustrations and
told in a pitch-
perfect voice, this
realistic depiction
of a teen's
experience strikes
an exceptional
balance of
hilarious and
heartbreaking.
With innovative
techniques derived
from proven**

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**corporate
performance tools,
Success Mapping
will help everyone,
from students to
CEOs, plan for
lasting and
meaningful
success. Filled
with inspiring
anecdotes and
focused on actual
achievement,**

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**Success Mapping
cuts through
doubt and
confusion with
simple yet
rigorous actions.
Success Mapping
describes how to
identify the eight
success blockers
that are keeping
you from
achieving all you**

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can. As you head toward a career or life goal, your Success Map engages you with motivational exercises and checkpoints to mark your progress. As you develop your Success Map, you will learn how to: *

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**Focus energies on
what matters most**

*** Seize goal-**

relevant

opportunities *

Leverage your

personal strengths

*** Transform**

stumbling blocks

into stepping

stones * Ask and

get the support

you need * Make

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**wise decisions and
take actions with
no regret * Manage
change to prevent
self-sabotage *
Measure, track,
and celebrate your
success Success
Mapping ensures
that you take the
necessary steps to
create your own
life strategy and**

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follow it through to success. No more excuses. Believe in yourself and get started. Success Mapping will guide you, step by step! The year is 1991, and Spud Milton's long walk to manhood is still creeping along at an unnervingly

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slow pace.

**Approaching the
ripe old age of
fifteen and still
with no signs of
the much
anticipated ball-
drop, Spud is
coming to terms
with the fact that
he may well be a
freak of nature.
With a mother hell-**

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**bent on
emigrating, a
father making a
killing out of
selling homemade
moonshine, and a
demented
grandmother
called Wombat, the
new year seems to
offer little except
extreme
embarrassment**

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and more

**mortifying Milton
madness. But
Spud is returning
to a boarding
school where he is
no longer the
youngest or the
smallest. His
dormitory mates,
known as the
Crazy Eight, have
an unusual new**

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member and his house has a new clutch of first years (the Normal Seven). If Spud thinks his second year will be a breeze, however, he is seriously mistaken. He is soon beset with women trouble, coerced into

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**misguided late-
night adventures,
and finds his
dreams of a
famous career on
the stage in tatters
after landing the
part of the Dove of
Peace in a
disastrous house
play production of
Noah's Ark.**

Hilarious, bitter-

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**sweet, tragic and
real, join Spud as
he takes another
tentative step
forward while all
around him the
madness
continues ... This
is the second book
in the record-
breaking Spud
series and the
sequel to Spud.**

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**The third title is
Spud - Learning to
Fly.**

**How the Humble
Spud Rescued the
Western World
Henry Tumour
Mockingbird**

**More Words about
Pictures**

Three adolescent
boys with a single

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goal: see a real live naked girl. The result? Razor-sharp, rapid-fire, and raunchy, of course. And beyond hilarious. Fifteen-year-old Matt Gratton and his two best friends, Coop and Sean, always set themselves a summertime goal.

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This year's? To see a real-live naked girl for the first time -- quite a challenge, given that none of the guys has the nerve to even ask a girl out on a date. But catching a girl in the buff starts to look easy compared to Matt's other summertime

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aspiration: to swim the 100-yard butterfly (the hardest stroke known to God or man) as a way to impress Kelly West, the sizzling new star of the swim team. In the spirit of Hollywood 's blockbuster comedies, screenwr

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iter-turned-YA-
novelist Don
Calame unleashes a
true ode to the
adolescent male:
characters who are
side-splittingly
funny, sometimes
crude, yet always
full of heart.

Ferris Bueller meets
La Femme Nikita in
this funny, action-

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packed young adult novel. Its prom night and Perry just wants to stick to his own plan and finally play a much anticipated gig with his band in the Big Apple. But when his mother makes him take Gobija

Zaksauskaster

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quiet, geeky
Lithuanian
exchange student to
the prom, he never
expects that his
ordinary high
school guy life will
soon turn on its
head. Perry finds
that Gobi is on a
mission, and Perry
has no other choice
but to go along for

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a reckless ride
through
Manhattans
concrete grid with a
trained assassin in
Dads red
Jag. Infused with
capers, car chases,
heists, hits,
henchmen, and
even a bear fight,
this story mixes
romance, comedy,

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and tragedy in a true teen coming-of-age adventure and its not over until its au revoir. This ebook includes a sample chapter of PERRY'S KILLER PLAYLIST.

This volume represents the current state of research on picture

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books and other adjacent hybrid forms of visual/verbal texts such as comics, graphic novels, and book apps, with a particular focus on texts produced for and about young people. When Perry Nodelman ' s Words about

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Pictures: the
Narrative Art of
Children ' s Picture
Books was
published almost
three decades ago,
it was greeted as an
important
contribution to
studies in
children ' s picture
books and
illustration

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internationally; and based substantially on it, Nodelman has recently been named the 2015 recipient of the International Grimm Award for children ' s literature criticism. In the years since Words About Pictures appeared,

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scholars have built on Nodelman ' s groundbreaking text and have developed a range of other approaches, both to picture books and to newer forms of visual/verbal texts that have entered the marketplace and become

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popular with young people. The essays in this book offer 'more words' about established and emerging forms of picture books, providing an overview of the current state of studies in visual/verbal texts and gathering in

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one place the work
being produced at
various locations
and across
disciplines. Essays
exploring areas
such as
semiological and
structural aspects of
conventional
picture books,
graphic narratives
and new media

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forms, and the material and performative cultures of picture books represent current work not only from literary studies but also media studies, art history, ecology, Middle Eastern Studies, library and information studies,

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and educational research. In addition to work by international scholars including William Moebius, Erica Hateley, Nathalie op de Beeck, and Nina Christensen that carries on and challenges the conclusions of

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Words about
Pictures, the
collection also
includes a wide-
ranging reflection
by Perry Nodelman
on continuities and
changes in the
current
interdisciplinary
field of study of
visual/verbal texts
for young readers.

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Providing a look
back over the
history of picture
books and the
development of
picture book
scholarship, More
Words About
Pictures also offers
an overview of our
current
understanding of
these intriguing

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texts.

When Miles's mother remarries, Miles decides to move to New Orleans to be with his father. But he and his father are very different—Miles's dad lives for jazz, while Miles's first love is football.

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Then Hurricane Katrina hits, and the two must seek refuge in the Superdome. What would normally be a dream come true for a football fan, this safe haven turns into a nightmare when the power fails and gangs take over.

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And when his father
decides to rebel,
Miles must make a
choice that will
alter their
relationship—and
their lives—forever.

Thriving in 480
Square Feet with
Six Dogs, a
Husband, and One
Remote--Plus More
Stories of How You

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Can Too

Afrika

Awesome South

Africa

Spud Songs

Swim the Fly

It's South

Africa 1990.

Two major

events are

about to

happen: the

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*release of
Nelson Mandela
and, more
importantly,
it's Spud
Milton's first
year at an
elite boys
only private
school. Cursed
with parents
from well*

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*beyond the
lunatic
fringe, a
senile granny,
and a
dormitory full
of strange
characters,
Spud has his
hands full
trying to
adapt to his*

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new home.

*Surrounded by
names such as
Gecko, Rambo,
Rain Man and
Mad Dog, Spud
takes his
first
tentative
steps along
the path to
manhood. (The*

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*path, it
seems, could
be a rather
long road.)
Armed with
only his wits
and his diary,
Spud takes us
from illegal
night swimming
to the red-hot
furnace of the*

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cricket pitch,

from

ghostbusting

to a

catastrophic

family

vacation. He

also invites

us into the

mind of a boy

struggling to

come to terms

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*with a strange
new world; a
boy whose eyes
are being
opened to
love,
friendship and
complete
insanity.*

*After a brush
with the law,
Ben, a dyed-in-*

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*the-wool
worrier, must
take up a new
hobby and
chooses
knitting, an
activity at
which he
excels but
must try to
keep secret
from his*

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friends,

enemies, and s

ports-obsessed

father.

Fourteen-year-

old Hector,

suffering from

severe

headaches, is

diagnosed with

a brain tumor

which speaks

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*in his head,
calling itself
Jack Tumor and
making an
effort to
improve
Hector's home
life, increase
his
popularity,
and win him a
girlfriend*

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*before the
operation that
will mean the
end of one or
both of them.
This book
describes the
historical
importance of
potato
(Solanum
tuberosum*

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*L.), potato
genetic
resources and
stocks
(including S.
tuberosum
group Phureja
DM1-3 516 R44,
a unique
doubled
monoploid
homozygous*

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*line) used for
potato genome
sequencing. It
also discusses
strategies and
tools for high-
throughput
sequencing,
sequence
assembly,
annotation,
analysis,*

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repetitive

*sequences and
genotyping-by-
sequencing
approaches.*

Potato

(Solanum

tuberosum L.;

2n = 4x = 48)

*is the fourth
most important
food crop of*

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*the world
after rice,
wheat and
maize and
holds great
potential to
ensure both
food and
nutritional
security. It
is an
autotetraploid*

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*crop with
complex
genetics,
acute
inbreeding
depression and
a highly
heterozygous
nature.*

*Further, the
book examines
the recent*

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*discovery of
whole genome
sequencing of
a few wild
potato species
genomes,
genomics in
management and
genetic
enhancement of
Solanum
species, new*

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*strategies
towards
durable potato
late blight
resistance,
structural
analysis of
resistance
genes,
genomics
resources for
abiotic stress*

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management, as

well as

somatic cell

genetics and

modern

approaches in

true-potato-

seed

technology.

The complete

genome

sequence

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*provides a
better
understanding
of potato
biology,
underpinning
evolutionary
process,
genetics,
breeding and
molecular
efforts to*

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improve

various

important

traits

involved in

potato growth

and

development.

The DIY Spud

Fit Challenge

Blood Runner

Almost Grace

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The Second

Life of Ava

Rivers

Au Revoir,

Crazy European

Chick

*Explains the pivotal
role that potatoes
have played in
Western history
from the sixteenth
through the
twentieth centuries*

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"The best book ever written by man or woman...deserves to sell more copies than the Bible."—Rebel, Inc. Hoping to ditch his loser image, Anthony plans revenge on a bully which results in a war between two competing fast

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*food restaurants.
Will Anthony's
"plan" satisfy his
hunger for
revenge? And more
importantly, will he
ever prove he's not
a wuss?
It's 1990. Apartheid
is crumbling,
Nelson Mandela
has just been
released from
prison and thirteen-*

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year-old Spud Milton is about to start his first year at an elite boys-only boarding school. Cursed with embarrassingly dysfunctional parents, a nutty granny and a dormitory full of strange characters, Spud has his hands full trying to adapt

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*to his new home.
With only his wits
and his diary, he
takes readers on a
rowdy boarding
school romp full of
illegal midnight
swims,
catastrophic cricket
matches,
ghostbusting
escapades, girls
and disastrous
holidays. South*

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*African comedian
John van de Ruit
invites the reader
into the mind of a
young boy whose
eyes are being
opened to love,
friendship and
complete insanity!
Go Well, Stay Well
Spud - Exit,
Pursued by a Bear
A Postcolonial
Reading of John*

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*Van de Ruit's Spud
Spud Fit
Boys Don't Knit (In
Public)*