

## The Choice Og Mandino

**Takes a fresh look at the theme of Napoleon Hill's Think and Grow Rich and presents a new fable with a young writer setting out to interview business leaders and other influential figures about the importance of persistence.**

**Here are more than 60 of the best articles that have appeared for more than a decade in Success Unlimited magazine. They cover such topics as the power of faith, ideas, love, courage and mind which will help you to discover your hidden potentials and achieve success. Some of most outstanding individuals reveal the way to happiness, health and success through their own experiences and reflections on life or the stories of people they have known and admired. World-renowned clergymen like Preston Bradley, Norman Vincent Peale and Harold Blake Walker describe how you can develop your natural talents, stop worrying and achieve seemingly impossible goals. Mahatma Gandhi tells why he is convinced that organized mind-power is greater than military power. There are many other fascinating articles, including one by W. Clement Stone on his extraordinary career from Chicago newsboy at the age of six to the head of a vast commercial and publishing empire. Of particular interest is the section entitled Sales Unlimited with its practical down-to-earth advice for salesman and would-be sales managers.**

**This amazing volume contains a complete course on how to succeed - taught by fifty world renowned experts - and will advance you, lesson by lesson, into the world of exceptional achievement.**

**"A very special story about life and love and courage." MERLIN OLSEN, SPORTSCASTER John Harding had a high-powered career, a loving wife, and a beautiful son. He's lost it all and has returned to his home town of Boland, New Hampshire, teetering on the brink of suicide. But an old friend asks John to manage his old Little League team, the Angels. Reluctantly, he agrees, and meets a hopeless player who bears a striking resemblance to his dead son--and through their extraordinary relationship, John finds the wisdom in living that he thought had slipped beyond his grasp forever.... AN ALTERNATE SELECTION**

**OF THE LITERARY GUILD**

**Greatest Mystery in the World**

**Turn Your Obstacles Into Opportunities!**

**The Grunch Who Ate the Bottom Line!**

## How to Have Confidence and Power in Dealing with People

### A Novel

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A success book that both motivates and entertains, this is the gripping story of a World War II bombardier who is granted a very special gift--the gift of success--which he now shares with us all.

"A compelling story about a man who finds his voice, transcends adversity, and elevates his life to a whole new level of existence. I highly recommend it for anyone committed to living with purpose and meaning." Dr. Stephen R. Covey, author of *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* and *The 8th Habit* "An inspiring tale that celebrates the power of possibility and human potential." Jan Austin, founding director of Corporate Coach U. training program and author of *What No One Ever Tells You about Leading for Results* "Beautifully illustrates how a person who discovers his soul can bring out the best in everyone around him." Dr. Lance Secretan, award winning columnist, speaker, coach, consultant, and author of *One: The Art and Practice of Conscious Leadership* "Teaches and inspires a new way of being based on authenticity, accountability, honesty, and love." Larry Wilson, founder of Wilson Learning and author of *Play to Win: Choosing Growth over Fear in Work and Life* "Brilliant! I got chills reading it." Alfred T. Zirkle, international speaker and president of IndustryProHal Stratton's life is turned upside down when, without warning, the board of directors of his own company fires him. The event sends Hal into a tailspin and he alienates everyone around him as he struggles desperately to make sense out of what happened and find a way forward. Eventually, the crisis awakens him to a new way of seeing and thinking. But old habits die hard. Gradually and haltingly, Hal opens his heart to the lessons of life and eventually discovers an inner peace, joy, love, and abundance he'd never thought possible. Circumstances have not changed. But life, for Hal, has changed dramatically. The book is a beautiful story of becoming; of learning to handle the challenges of life in new and empowering ways; of coming from a "bigger place" of learning to communicate openly so people can stop seeing one another as adversaries and come to a shared understanding of the challenges they face.

In front of eight million TV viewers, "The Greatest Mystery Writer in the World" bragged he could prove Christ was actually stolen from the tomb and never really rose from the dead . . . if he were given just one week back in ancient Jerusalem. That night author Matt Lawrence got

his wish. A knock-out punch took him right out of this world and landed him in Biblical Judea in 26 A.D., just six years after the execution of Jesus at Golgotha. In relentless pursuit of his investigation, Lawrence walked the same streets Jesus walked, visited the same places . . . and found himself facing the same dangers. Eyewitness reports might lead him to a discovery that would shake the world--but will he live long enough to tell the 30th century that he just solved the greatest mystery of all time?

A Treasury of Success Unlimited brings together dozens of the best articles from W. Clement Stone, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, Og Mandino, Napoleon Hill, Ben Sweetland and many other leaders and achievers to share their wisdom and their stories so that you, too, may enjoy success unlimited! "Reading inspirational self-help literature from A Treasury of Success Unlimited helped me get re-ignited and on-fire to work again after a devastating bankruptcy that turned my life inside-out and upside-down. Read this uplifting information and you will see why my desire is to conquer the world with inspiration, starting with you reading this!" -Mark Victor Hansen, Co-author of Chicken Soup for the Soul "The master Napoleon Hill, Dale Carnegie, and Orison Swett Marden are without modern comparisons. The simplicity and the validity of their thought is not just inspirational, it is actionable." -Jeffrey Gitomer, Author of Little Red Book of Selling "You will enjoy these outstanding articles in A Treasury of Success Unlimited. These articles were chosen not only to motivate and inspire you but to show you how to achieve peace of mind, wealth, good health, happiness and success. You will discover the true riches in both your personal and business life when you share the experiences, success secrets, and wise advice of such outstanding individuals as: W. Clement Stone, Napoleon Hill, Norman Vincent Peale, Ben Sweetland and many others." -Don M. Green, Executive Director, The Napoleon Hill Foundation

The Greatest Success in the World

The Christ Commission

The Greatest Salesman in the World

Greenlights

From the Greatest Salesman in the World

The Greatest Self-Help Author in the World Presents the Ultimate Success Book

Simon Potter's new message of hope and courage for a troubled world Nearly twenty years ago in a Chicago parking lot, Og Mandino met a man who changed his life and who inspired millions of readers in the pages of Mandino's classic bestseller The Greatest Miracle in the World. The man's name was Simon Potter and

he called himself a ragpicker—because he had devoted his life to rescuing people who had ended up on life's refuse pile. But just as suddenly and mysteriously as Simon Potter entered Og Mandino's life, so did he leave it—his work apparently done. Three years ago, however, Simon Potter walked back into Mandino's life. Ninety-five years old and going strong, the ragpicker knew his work was not yet finished; the world was still mired in frustration and despair, plagued by drugs, crime, broken families, and broken dreams. And so, he and Og Mandino vowed to deliver a precious new gift to humankind: a life guide to renewed strength, courage, wisdom, and faith for all.

"The text of The God memorandum itself first appeared in The greatest miracle in the world, by Og Mandino copyright 1975, published by Frederick Fell Publishers, Inc."--T.p. verso  
Donated by Tremendous Life Books.

The author presents a journal that combines a record of the events of his daily life in New Hampshire with the secrets of success

The Light of Conscience

The Hero's Choice

Today I Begin a New Life

How a Simple Act Can Change Your Life

Three Feet from Gold

Freelance to Freedom

"For many years I have eagerly read everything Og Mandino has written, always to my profit, and I personally owe him a great debt of gratitude." – Norman Vincent Peale In none of his previous books has Og Mandino ever drawn on his experiences as a flying officer with the Eight Air Force in England during World War II. In this remarkable new novel, set in wartime London, he has fashioned a gripping tale into an inspirational success story that will give new hope and fresh perspective on life to his millions of readers. And within the story is a special gift, "The Seeds of Success," that we all can use to achieve any worthwhile goal and make success and fulfillment our own.

Choice! The key is Choice. You have options. You need not spend your life wallowing in failure, ignorance, grief, poverty, shame, and self-pity. But, hold on! If this is true then why have so many among us apparently elected to live in that manner? The answer is obvious. Those who live in unhappy failure have never exercised their options for a better way of life because they have never been aware that they had any Choices !

A story of hope and encouragement from the bestselling author of The Return of the Ragpicker All

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By reducing the statistical information relating to the United States on a scale of 1 to 100,000, discusses in comprehensibly small numbers the facts about life in this country.

A Black Choice

A Treasury of Success Unlimited

The Ten Ancient Scrolls for Success

U.S. in a Nutshell

Think and Grow Rich

The Greatest Secret in the World

***Start today to transform your dreams into wonderful reality. . . . Simon Potter was a "ragpicker" and salvager of human lives. When this wise and humble man departed from life, he left author Og Mandino a precious legacy: the distilled wisdom of his unique collection of the greatest books about self-motivation and success--books he called "hand of God" books because they seemed to have been written with God's hand guiding the author's own. In this tender and inspiring book, Og shares with his millions of readers his old friend's bequest. It is nothing less than a blueprint for success, telling us in plain language exactly what we must do to mount the seven rungs of life's ladder--from material achievement and worldly success to the highest spiritual development. Whatever your most cherished dream may be, Og and his good angel Simon will show you the way to bring it within reach.***

***The Choice, revised edition, by Eliyahu M. Goldratt and Efrat Goldratt-Ashlag Goldratt presents his thought provoking approach, this time through a conversation with his daughter Efrat, as he explains to her his fundamental system of beliefs. The revised edition includes Efrat's own notes and maps (charts) she made during her conversations with her father, helping the reader determine the true essence of the book. From the original publication: TOC has been successfully applied in almost every area of human endeavor, from industry to healthcare to education. And while Eli Goldratt is indeed a scientist, an educator and a business leader, he is first and foremost a philosopher; some say a genius. He is a thinker who provokes others to do the same. Often characterized as unconventional, and always stimulating a slayer of sacred cows Dr. Goldratt exhorts his readers to examine and reassess***

***their lives and business practices by cultivating a different perspective and a clear new vision. Vincent and his wife were stuck in dead end newspaper photography jobs, in debt, stressed, with a baby on the way while making \$15 an hour. After winning the highest award in his field, Vincent was offered a 3 percent raise. He knew at that moment he needed a monumental change. One month away from their baby being born, Vincent and Elizabeth started a side photography business out of desperation. In less than four years, they grew their business to pay off all of their debt, including their home, and left their jobs for a life of freedom. With the world moving rapidly towards a freelance model, Freelance to Freedom is not only timely and necessary, but it's also entertaining, engaging and paints a picture for anyone looking for a life of freedom with money, time and location.***

***Taking a brass tacks approach to communication, How to Have Confidence and Power in Dealing With People explains how to interact with others as they really are, not as you would like them to be. The goal is to get what you want from them successfully - be it cooperation, goodwill, love or security. Les Giblin, a recognized expert in the field of human relations, has devised a method for dealing with people that can be used when relating with anyone - parents, teachers, bosses, employees, friends, acquaintances, even strangers. Giblin shows step by step how to get what you want at any time and in ways that leave you feeling good about yourself. Moreover, the people who have given you what you want wind up feeling good about themselves, too. The result? Nobody gets shortchanged. It's a win-win situation. Each chapter includes a handy summary, so there's absolutely no chance of missing the book's key points. You can also use these recaps to refresh your memory after you've finished the book. Instead of feeling miserable about your interpersonal skills, read this best-selling guide and learn to succeed with people in every area of your life.***

***The Gift of Acabar***

***An Official Publication of The Napoleon Hill Foundation***

***A Better Way to Live***

***Spellbinder's Gift***

***Twelfth Angel***

**#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • Discover the life-changing memoir that has inspired millions of readers through the Academy Award® – winning actor 's unflinching honesty, unconventional wisdom, and lessons learned the hard way about living with greater satisfaction. NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY THE GUARDIAN “ McConaughey ' s book invites us to grapple with the lessons of his life as he did—and to see that the point was never to win, but to understand. ” —Mark Manson, author of The Subtle Art of Not Giving a F\*ck I ' ve been in this life**

for fifty years, been trying to work out its riddle for forty-two, and been keeping diaries of clues to that riddle for the last thirty-five. Notes about successes and failures, joys and sorrows, things that made me marvel, and things that made me laugh out loud. How to be fair. How to have less stress. How to have fun. How to hurt people less. How to get hurt less. How to be a good man. How to have meaning in life. How to be more me. Recently, I worked up the courage to sit down with those diaries. I found stories I experienced, lessons I learned and forgot, poems, prayers, prescriptions, beliefs about what matters, some great photographs, and a whole bunch of bumper stickers. I found a reliable theme, an approach to living that gave me more satisfaction, at the time, and still: If you know how, and when, to deal with life ' s challenges—how to get relative with the inevitable—you can enjoy a state of success I call “ catching greenlights. ” So I took a one-way ticket to the desert and wrote this book: an album, a record, a story of my life so far. This is fifty years of my sights and seens, felts and figured-outs, cools and shamefuls. Graces, truths, and beauties of brutality. Getting away withs, getting caughts, and getting wets while trying to dance between the raindrops. Hopefully, it ' s medicine that tastes good, a couple of aspirin instead of the infirmary, a spaceship to Mars without needing your pilot ' s license, going to church without having to be born again, and laughing through the tears. It ' s a love letter. To life. It ' s also a guide to catching more greenlights—and to realizing that the yellows and reds eventually turn green too. Good luck.

Includes: Greatest Salesman, Greatest Miracle, Greatest Secret.

The miraculous story of a loving couple, their never-to-be-forgotten friend, a little girl, and a very special teddy bear.... Retired from his long, successful career as an agent to many of the most famous and dynamic motivational speakers in the world, Bart Manning was happily enjoying his newfound freedom with his lovely wife, Mary. So why, one morning, did he find himself headed back to the little office that he had never given up? He didn't know. But as he sat at his dusty desk, he decided to go back into business. If God had sent him there, Bart told himself, he would wait for His plan to unfold. Then, at a crowded convention, he found his answer in the person of a handsome young man named Patrick Donne, whose deep, commanding voice spoke words of profound wisdom that electrified the audience. With the thrill of discovery, Bart recognized Donne's short speech as the best inspirational talk he had ever heard. Bart was soon caught up in the extraordinary realm that was Patrick's ordinary world, where even tragedy and sorrow became transforming experiences and remarkable things happened.

The Choice A Surprising New Message of Hope Bantam

The Choice

A New YA Science Fiction Book

Now is Your Time to Win

Secrets for Success and Happiness

A Warm and Shining Message of Inspiration

A Guide to Personal and Professional Self-management

"A great story has again come from the genius of Og Mandino"--Dr. Norman Vincent Peale. All Tulo had wanted was some light and warmth to sustain him and his tiny sister through the terrible storm. But the star which he caught in the folds of his red kite promised far from more than that. Here is the shining, joyful message meant not only for the boy but for all those who dream of changing their lives for the better.

AN INSPIRATIONAL MEDITATION ON THE POWER OF CONSCIENCE—HOW A SIMPLE ACT, A MOMENT OF PURPOSE, CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE, YOUR COMMUNITY, EVEN THE WORLD We all struggle at times to know what to do to seek and

abide our conscience—when right and wrong are not black and white, when heart and head speak with different voices, when our intentions and interests are not aligned. If you believe that the outcome of these struggles affects the course of your life, and the lives around you, then this book is for you. If you believe that there are times and places when the choice an individual makes to speak or be silent, to eat or fast, to remain seated or to stand up in a crowd, to stare and remember or to walk on by and forget, can be as powerful as a president's command, a congressional appropriation, or a military incursion, then this book is for you. This book is for you if your profession is rewarding financially but not spiritually, or if you're ever worried that your career and conscience conflict. This book is for you if you are a parent whose love of your children never wavers with the anxiety they cause you but sometimes leaves you wondering whether they will grow up to do the right thing even if no one is watching. This book is for you if you question whether the countless small decisions you make each day add up to a larger judgment about your life's meaning. Finally, this book is for you if you believe that quiet, often solitary acts of conscience have echoes louder than the original sound; that individual acts have the potential to trigger large public consequences and continue to inspire others from generation to generation; that such acts bring rewards to the individual, that unforeseen benefits accrue, that one gains more than was sacrificed, and that there is a transformative power and richness to a life so lived.

For the millions who have embraced Og Mandino's classic, *The Greatest Salesman in the World*, here is his new book, which contains the amazing Memorandum from God . . . to you. A great inspirational writer tells his greatest story—an amazing narrative that will hold you spellbound . . . as it reveals exciting new secrets for your personal happiness and success. Here is a simple but powerful story that will affect your thoughts and actions long after the final sentence has touched your heart. You will never forget:

- The four simple rules that can help you perform a miracle in your life
- The glass geranium that will break your heart
- The dingy parking lot where Mandino's life, and yours, begins again
- The ragpicker who rescues humans after they quit on themselves
- The secret of regaining the self-esteem you have lost

“A work that will lift the mind and heart of every reader!”—Norman Vincent Peale

Argues that one can take control of one's life by assuming responsibility for all one's choices, and explains how to improve business, marital, and family relationships

Mission: Success

The God Memorandum

A Surprising New Message of Hope

The Roadmap for Creating a Side Business to Achieve Financial, Time and Life Freedom

Og Mandino's University of Success

Og Mandino

***The amazing new book that unlocks a world of personal happiness and extraordinary achievement! One of the world's most influential writers shares one of the world's greatest secrets for your personal and financial success . . . in his dynamic sequel to***

*The Greatest Salesman in the World, Og Mandino's Spellbinding Bestseller. Featuring your own Success Recorder Diary With The Ten Great Scrolls For Success. "This tremendously challenging book will inspire the reader to realize his moral, spiritual, and financial goals!"—Wallace E. Johnson, Vice Chairman, Holiday Inns, Inc. "It's inspiring. It's terrific! It motivates the reader."—W. Clement Stone, Chairman and CEO, Combined Insurance Company of America "Tremendous! Og Mandino has created another living classic that will touch the lives of millions."—Charles "T." Jones, President, Life Management Services, Inc.*

*"Bernie Palmatier's Grunch and other fabulous characters have performed a miracle. They have wrestled with some difficult principles of life and success, and simplified them so that anyone can understand them...and use them. Wise men have been trying to do the same for centuries." — Og Mandino, Author/Lecturer Og Mandino's inspired book "The Greatest Salesman in the World" and the benefits of the Ten Scrolls contained therein not only changed my life, I have often stated they may, indeed, have SAVED my life. As a life-long manic-depressive I had lived with three different "moods" -- normalcy, depression and mania -- one of which resulted in the occasional and then intense flirtation with suicide. It was only with the benefit of the 20/20 vision of hindsight that I came to realize what it was that kept me going, kept me persisting with my life. Given that realization I determined that I should "systematize" what it was that Og Mandino had formulated and shared in his wonderful book. That system became what I now call "Attitude Control" I determined that if that self-help system could stabilize a diagnosed bi-polar then it would likely be beneficial to "normal" people. Needless to say, due to the stigma surrounding mental illness, one of the most difficult aspects of creating my book was the fact that I would likely be required to confess something I had kept secret for many years -- my own battle with manic-depression. It was only as I drove toward one of my very first radio talk show appearances that the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson motivated me to mention my illness: "Show me a man who was saved from nothing and I'll show you a man who wasn't saved." It was only then that I was able to speak openly of my affliction. Since the first 2000 copies of the original hardcover print version of my first saw the*

light of day one of the primary comments I get closely approximates what Mr. Mandino said, "Your book, "The Grunch Who Ate The Bottom Line!", is one of the simplest and yet most powerful ways of getting a self-help message across." Therefore, it is now my hope that through the advent of this exciting new medium for sharing the written word that my story and my system might be a positive influence on all people who have attitude challenges. So whether I impact my readers with the elements of "Attitude Control" or simply inspire people to become more aware of and involved in Self-help, Inspirational, Motivational Psychology then I will consider my goal achieved. For I believe that seeing one's glass as half-full or half-empty is a choice. Seeing one's life and the world as heavenly or as a hell is also a choice. The choice as to which will derive the greatest happiness, peace of mind and spirit and ultimately the greatest good for humanity is, to me, obvious. Creating a mindset that makes that choice relatively automatic will take time and effort. However, a great book says: "The beginning of wisdom is fear (awe) of the Lord". It is my contention that the beginning of the commitment necessary to get control over our attitudes is fear of experiencing what can happen when our attitudes are out of control. At my seminars and speeches and interviews I have stated that what I suggest may not work for you; but, if so, then find something that will. It can mean all the difference to your life and the lives of those you love the most.

Mandino is the most widely read inspirational and self-help author in the world. Author of 18 books with total sales of more than 36 million copies sold in 22 languages. The greatest success authorities in the world share their most treasured success secrets. Each powerful lesson will bring you closer to your life's goals: • How to conquer the ten most common causes of failure • How to make the most of your abilities • How to find the courage to take risks • How to stop putting things off • How to build your financial nest egg • How to look like a winner • How to take charge of your life • And much more in fifty memorable presentations by the greatest success authorities. Dean of this unique University of Success is Og Mandino, the most acclaimed self-help writer of this generation. The faculty he has assembled includes such celebrities as Dr. Wayne W. Dyer, Dale Carnegie, W. Clement Stone, Napoleon Hill, George S. Clason, Nena and George O'Neil,

*Dr. Joyce Brothers, Michael Korda, Lord Beaverbrook, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, and many more winners in life.*

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*The Power of Choice*

*The Return of the Ragpicker*

*Og Mandino's Own Personal Story of Success Featuring 17 Rules to Live By*

*Og Mandino's Great Trilogy*

*Christ Commission*

A guide to success covers issues such as prejudice and poverty, and includes the success stories of Oprah Winfrey, Don King, and John Johnson, founder of "Ebony" magazine

The author recounts his descent into despair and his discovery of spiritual nourishment in the works of Aristotle, Emerson, Ben Franklin, and Plato, and enumerates the seventeen rules that helped transform his life. Og Mandino was one of the leading inspirational authors in the world. But once, he was a thirty-five-year-old derelict who nearly spent his last few dollars on a suicide gun. In *A Better Way to Live*, he describes the joyously redemptive process that turned a down-and-out alcoholic into a millionaire and a happy man within ten years. Og Mandino is the only person who could tell this heartwarming tale of personal triumph—because it is his own true story. And it can profoundly influence your life. Here are the principles that turned Og Mandino's life around: his seventeen "Rules to Live By." These simple, easy-to-follow rules comprise a sound, wise prescription for inner growth and for a fulfilling everyday life that will work for you—just as it worked for Og Mandino. You can avoid spending even one more day feeling failure, grief, poverty, shame, or self-pity. Here is a better way to live: a way that literally saved Og Mandino's life, a way that can help make your dreams come true.

The runaway bestseller with more than four million copies in print! You too can change your life with the priceless wisdom of ten ancient scrolls handed down for thousands of years. "Every sales manager should read *The Greatest Salesman in the World*. It is a book to keep at the bedside, or on the living room table—a book to dip into as needed, to browse in now and then, to enjoy in small stimulating portions. It is a book for the hours and for the years, a book to turn to over and over again, as to a friend, a book of moral, spiritual and ethical guidance, an unfailing source of comfort and inspiration." —Lester J. Bradshaw, Jr., Former Dean, Dale Carnegie Institute of Effective Speaking & Human Relations "I have read almost every book that has ever been written on salesmanship, but I think Og Mandino has captured all of them in *The Greatest Salesman in the World*. No one who follows these principles will ever fail as a salesman, and no one will ever be truly great without them; but, the author has done more than present the principles—he has woven them into the fabric of one of the most fascinating stories I have ever read." —Paul J. Meyer, President of Success Motivation Institute, Inc. "I was overwhelmed by *The Greatest Salesman in the*

World. It is, without doubt, the greatest and the most touching story I have ever read. It is so good that there are two musts that I would attach to it: First, you must not lay it down until you have finished it; and secondly, every individual who sells anything, and that includes us all, must read it. ” —Robert B. Hensley, President, Life Insurance Co. of Kentucky

A surprising new message for Og Mandino ' s millions of readers—the priceless legacy of the commandments of success.

Through the deeply inspirational story of one extraordinary man who lived in the time of Christ—you, too, can learn to shed failure, overcome frustration and heartbreak to achieve a rich, satisfying life of peace and well-being. Now, with Og Mandino ' s help and guidance, you can play the game of life fearlessly—and win. Accept his precious gift of wisdom and know the true rewards of limitless personal success

A Breathtaking Personal Message of Hope and Happiness for a Successful Life

Success Unlimited

Mission: Success!

The Greatest Miracle in the World

*In a world where every word and gesture is copyrighted, patented or trademarked, one girl elects to remain silent rather than pay to speak, and her defiant and unexpected silence threatens to unravel the very fabric of society. Speth Jime is anxious to deliver her Last Day speech and celebrate her transition into adulthood. The moment she turns fifteen, Speth must pay for every word she speaks (“Sorry” is a flat ten dollars and a legal admission of guilt), for every nod (\$0.99/sec), for every scream (\$0.99/sec) and even every gesture of affection. She’s been raised to know the consequences of falling into debt, and can’t begin to imagine the pain of having her eyes shocked for speaking words that she’s unable to afford. But when Speth’s friend Beecher commits suicide rather than work off his family’s crippling debt, she can’t express her shock and dismay without breaking her Last Day contract and sending her family into Collection. Backed into a corner, Speth finds a loophole: rather than read her speech—rather than say anything at all—she closes her mouth and vows never to speak again. Speth’s unexpected defiance of tradition sparks a media frenzy, inspiring others to follow in her footsteps, and threatens to destroy her, her family and the entire city around them.*