

The House That Crack Built

Journalist Walls grew up with parents whose ideals and stubborn nonconformity were their curse and their salvation. Rex and Rose Mary and their four children lived like nomads, moving among Southwest desert towns, camping in the mountains. Rex was a charismatic, brilliant man who, when sober, captured his children's imagination, teaching them how to

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embrace life fearlessly. Rose Mary painted and wrote and couldn't stand the responsibility of providing for her family. When the money ran out, the Walls retreated to the dismal West Virginia mining town Rex had tried to escape. As the dysfunction escalated, the children had to fend for themselves, supporting one another as they found the resources and will to leave home. Yet Walls describes her parents with deep affection in this

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tale of unconditional love in a family that, despite its profound flaws, gave her the fiery determination to carve out a successful life. -- From publisher description.

Living in the Philippines, Yvonna Harris is doing her best to escape her serial killer persona with the help of her husband Bricks. But when her daughter, Delilah, begins to show signs of mental illness, she decides to return to America. And so the trouble

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begins. When word gets out that Yvonna's back, many with personal vendettas want her head. But looking over her shoulder is the least of her concerns when her daughter is kidnapped. With the world against her, Yvonna must reach deep to identify clues on which enemy has her flesh and blood. There's one major problem. Gabriella is back!

Contemporary American horror literature for children and young adults has two

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bold messages for readers: adults are untrustworthy, unreliable and often dangerous; and the monster always wins (as it must if there is to be a sequel). Examining the young adult horror series and the religious horror series for children (Left Behind: the Kids) for the first time, and tracing the unstoppable monster to Seuss's Cat in the Hat, the author aims to shed new light on the problematic message produced by the combination of

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marketing and books for contemporary American young readers.

Help your ESL students function comfortably in the classroom, around school, and in their communities with these conversation-based activities! The collaborative lessons encourage second-language students to interact with each other and with English-speaking classmates. Discussion, reading, and writing activities give you opportunities for authentic

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assessment of students' strengths. Topics cover language, literature, social studies, math, science, technology, health, and safety. The book provides teaching notes, objectives, and a student page for each activity.

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All the Frequent Troubles of Our Days

Creating Equitable Classrooms Through

Action Research

A Crack in the Sky

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The Glass Castle

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national political conversation about race”
(Rolling Stone) NAMED ONE OF THE MOST
INFLUENTIAL BOOKS OF THE DECADE BY CNN •
NAMED ONE OF PASTE’S BEST MEMOIRS OF THE
DECADE • NAMED ONE OF THE TEN BEST BOOKS OF
THE YEAR BY The New York Times Book Review •
O: The Oprah Magazine • The Washington Post •
People • Entertainment Weekly • Vogue • Los
Angeles Times • San Francisco Chronicle •
Chicago Tribune • New York • Newsday •
Library Journal • Publishers Weekly In a
profound work that pivots from the biggest
questions about American history and ideals
to the most intimate concerns of a father for

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his son, Ta-Nehisi Coates offers a powerful new framework for understanding our nation's history and current crisis. Americans have built an empire on the idea of "race," a falsehood that damages us all but falls most heavily on the bodies of black women and men—bodies exploited through slavery and segregation, and, today, threatened, locked up, and murdered out of all proportion. What is it like to inhabit a black body and find a way to live within it? And how can we all honestly reckon with this fraught history and free ourselves from its burden? *Between the World and Me* is Ta-Nehisi Coates's attempt to

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answer these questions in a letter to his adolescent son. Coates shares with his son—and readers—the story of his awakening to the truth about his place in the world through a series of revelatory experiences, from Howard University to Civil War battlefields, from the South Side of Chicago to Paris, from his childhood home to the living rooms of mothers whose children's lives were taken as American plunder. Beautifully woven from personal narrative, reimagined history, and fresh, emotionally charged reportage, *Between the World and Me* clearly illuminates the past, bracingly

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confronts our present, and offers a transcendent vision for a way forward. Some extraordinary rats come to the aid of a mouse family in this Newbery Medal Award-winning classic by notable children's author Robert C. O'Brien. Mrs. Frisby, a widowed mouse with four small children, is faced with a terrible problem. She must move her family to their summer quarters immediately, or face almost certain death. But her youngest son, Timothy, lies ill with pneumonia and must not be moved. Fortunately, she encounters the rats of NIMH, an extraordinary breed of highly intelligent

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creatures, who come up with a brilliant solution to her dilemma. And Mrs. Frisby in turn renders them a great service.

"Shyt List" and "Raunchy" fans will love this...When Rasha was left to strangers as an infant, she didn't know there was anything to fear in the world. After all, she had been shielded from pain, with the exception of the wrath she experienced from her jealous foster mother. Before long, this torment was enough to force her into silence, vowing never to speak again. But what do you do when you can't speak, and your agony has just begun? Forced to leave home after home, she ends up

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in the worst place to ever shape a young girl's mind. Looked upon as prey, she becomes a game for a dangerous clique. Unable to see the good due to being blinded by the bad, she learns hate, savagery and above all revenge. Learn how to implement a sustainable school or district action research program that promotes educational equity, helps close the achievement gap, and strengthens instructional leadership.

Between the World and Me

What Are the Odds?

Out of My Mind

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Publications Presents)

America and the Great California Earthquake
of 1906

Reggie & Tamika (the Cartel Publications
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LONGLIST • "An instant American classic
and almost certainly the keynote
nonfiction book of the American century
thus far."—Dwight Garner, The New York
Times The Pulitzer Prize-winning,
bestselling author of The Warmth of Other*

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Suns examines the unspoken caste system that has shaped America and shows how our lives today are still defined by a hierarchy of human divisions. NAMED THE #1 NONFICTION BOOK OF THE YEAR BY TIME, ONE OF THE TEN BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY People • The Washington Post • Publishers Weekly AND ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY The New York Times Book Review • O: The Oprah Magazine • NPR • Bloomberg • Christian Science Monitor • New York Post • The New York Public Library • Fortune • Smithsonian Magazine • Marie Claire • Town

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Kirkus Reviews • LibraryReads • PopMatters
Winner of the Los Angeles Times Book Prize
• National Book Critics Circle Award
Finalist • Dayton Literary Peace Prize
Finalist • PEN/John Kenneth Galbraith
Award for Nonfiction Finalist • PEN/Jean
Stein Book Award Longlist* “As we go about
our daily lives, caste is the wordless
usher in a darkened theater, flashlight
cast down in the aisles, guiding us to our
assigned seats for a performance. The
hierarchy of caste is not about feelings

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or morality. It is about power—which groups have it and which do not.” In this brilliant book, Isabel Wilkerson gives us a masterful portrait of an unseen phenomenon in America as she explores, through an immersive, deeply researched narrative and stories about real people, how America today and throughout its history has been shaped by a hidden caste system, a rigid hierarchy of human rankings. Beyond race, class, or other factors, there is a powerful caste system that influences people’s lives and

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behavior and the nation's fate. Linking the caste systems of America, India, and Nazi Germany, Wilkerson explores eight pillars that underlie caste systems across civilizations, including divine will, bloodlines, stigma, and more. Using riveting stories about people—including Martin Luther King, Jr., baseball's Satchel Paige, a single father and his toddler son, Wilkerson herself, and many others—she shows the ways that the insidious undertow of caste is experienced every day. She documents how the Nazis

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studied the racial systems in America to plan their out-cast of the Jews; she discusses why the cruel logic of caste requires that there be a bottom rung for those in the middle to measure themselves against; she writes about the surprising health costs of caste, in depression and life expectancy, and the effects of this hierarchy on our culture and politics. Finally, she points forward to ways America can move beyond the artificial and destructive separations of human divisions, toward hope in our common

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humanity. Beautifully written, original, and revealing, Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents is an eye-opening story of people and history, and a reexamination of what lies under the surface of ordinary lives and of American life today.

Cumulative verses describe the creation, distribution, and destructive effects of crack cocaine.

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Winner of the National Book Critics Circle
Award for Biography Winner of the
PEN/Jacqueline Bograd Weld Award Winner of*

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the Chautauqua Prize Finalist for the Los Angeles Times Book Award Finalist for the Plutarch Award A New York Times Notable Book of 2021 A New York Times BookReview Editors' Choice A New York Times Critics' Top Pick of 2021 Wall Street Journal 10 Best Books of 2021 Time Magazine 100 Must-Read Books of 2021 Publishers Weekly Top Ten Books of 2021 An Economist Best Book of the Year A New York Post Best Book of the Year A Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Best Book of the Year Oprah Daily Best New Books of August A New York Public Library

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Book of the Week In this “stunning literary achievement,” Donner chronicles the extraordinary life and brutal death of her great-great-aunt Mildred Harnack, the American leader of one of the largest underground resistance groups in Germany during WWII—“a page-turner story of espionage, love and betrayal” (Kai Bird, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Biography) Born and raised in Milwaukee, Mildred Harnack was twenty-six when she enrolled in a PhD program in Germany and witnessed the meteoric rise of the Nazi

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party. In 1932, she began holding secret meetings in her apartment—a small band of political activists that by 1940 had grown into the largest underground resistance group in Berlin. She recruited working-class Germans into the resistance, helped Jews escape, plotted acts of sabotage, and collaborated in writing leaflets that denounced Hitler and called for revolution. Her coconspirators circulated through Berlin under the cover of night, slipping the leaflets into mailboxes, public restrooms, phone booths. When the

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first shots of the Second World War were fired, she became a spy, couriering top-secret intelligence to the Allies. On the eve of her escape to Sweden, she was ambushed by the Gestapo. At a Nazi military court, a panel of five judges sentenced her to six years at a prison camp, but Hitler overruled the decision and ordered her execution. On February 16, 1943, she was strapped to a guillotine and beheaded. Historians identify Mildred Harnack as the only American in the leadership of the German resistance, yet

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her remarkable story has remained almost unknown until now. Harnack's great-great-niece Rebecca Donner draws on her extensive archival research in Germany, Russia, England, and the U.S. as well as newly uncovered documents in her family archive to produce this astonishing work of narrative nonfiction. Fusing elements of biography, real-life political thriller, and scholarly detective story, Donner brilliantly interweaves letters, diary entries, notes smuggled out of a Berlin prison, survivors' testimony, and a

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trove of declassified intelligence documents into a powerful, epic story, reconstructing the moral courage of an enigmatic woman nearly erased by history. Thinking Through the Arts draws together a number of different approaches to teaching young children that combine the experience of thinking with the act of expression through art. Developed as an inclusive, broad-ranging and user-friendly text, Thinking Through the Arts presents the unique insight of teachers as researchers, and counters the view that art is

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emotionally-based and therefore irrelevant to thinking and learning. The areas covered include drama, dance, music, arts environments, technologies, museums and galleries, literacy, cognition, international influences, curriculum development, research and practice. Early childhood and primary teachers and students alike will find this book is an invaluable source of new insights for their own teaching.

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Shyt List 6 (The Cartel Publications
Presents)*

The House of the Spirits

The Tools That Work for Every Student

In a post-apocalyptic world, thirteen-year-old Eli, part of the most powerful family in the world, keeps noticing problems with the operations of his domed city but his family denies them, while in the surrounding desert, the Outsiders struggle to survive while awaiting a prophesied savior.

Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a

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technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.

Recounts the story of how a notorious gang of MIT blackjack savants devised and received backing for a system for winning at the world's most sophisticated casinos, an endeavor that earned them more than three million dollars. Originally published as Bringing Down the House. Reissue. (A Columbia Pictures film, written by Peter Steinfeld & Allan Loeb, directed by Robert Luketic, releasing March 2008, starring Kevin Spacey, Kate Bosworth, Laurence Fishburne, Jim Sturgess, & others) (Current Affairs)

The drama and violence she experienced while living in a Washington DC apartment follows Pam Hartwell and

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her children; including her rebellious daughter, Amina; when they move into a half burned home in Baltimore, Maryland.

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Behind Closed Doors

Syncing Forward

Russo & Amina (the Cartel Publications Presents)

Teaching Narrative Writing

The True Story of the American Woman at the Heart of the German Resistance to Hitler

Taking refuge in fairy tales after the loss of his mother, twelve-year-old David finds himself violently propelled into an

imaginary land in which the boundaries of fantasy and reality are disturbingly melded. By the author of The Black Angel. 75,000 first printing.

The Trueba family embodies strong feelings. This family saga starts at the beginning of the 20th century and continues through the assassination of Allende in 1973.

Collects favorite stories from the author's family of North Carolina storytellers, including "Uncle Frank

Learns to Speak Polish," "Little Buchanan Outruns the Law," and "Uncle Gudger's First Pet"

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A Crack in the Edge of the World It's Spring!

Ask The Streets For Mercy (The Cartel Publications Presents)

Crinkle, Crackle, CRACK

61 Cooperative Learning Activities in ESL The Messages of Horror Literature for

Children

When the Los Angeles riots break out in the streets of their neighborhood, a young boy and his mother learn the values of getting along with others no matter what their background or nationality. A Caldecott Medal winner. Reprint. 50,000 first printing.

In just a decade and half Jack Ma, a man who rose from humble beginnings and started his career as an English teacher, founded and built Alibaba into the second largest Internet company in the world. The

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company's \$25 billion IPO in 2014 was the world's largest, valuing the company more than Facebook or Coca Cola. Alibaba today runs the e-commerce services that hundreds of millions of Chinese consumers depend on every day, providing employment and income for tens of millions more. A Rockefeller of his age, Jack has become an icon for the country's booming private sector, and as the face of the new, consumerist China is courted by heads of state and CEOs from around the world. Granted unprecedented access to a wealth of new material

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including exclusive interviews, Clark draws on his own first-hand experience of key figures integral to Alibaba's rise to create an authoritative, compelling narrative account of how Alibaba and its charismatic creator have transformed the way that Chinese exercise their new found economic freedom, inspiring entrepreneurs around the world and infuriating others, turning the tables on the Silicon Valley giants who have tried to stand in his way. Duncan explores vital questions about the company's past, present, and future: How,

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from such unremarkable origins, did Jack Ma build Alibaba? What explains his relentless drive and his ability to outsmart his competitors? With over 80% of China's e-commerce market, how long can the company hope to maintain its dominance? As the company sets its sights on the country's financial and media markets, are there limits to Alibaba's ambitions, or will the Chinese government act to curtail them? And as it set up shop from LA and San Francisco to Seattle, how will Alibaba grow its presence and

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investments in the US and other international markets? Clark tells Alibaba's tale within the wider story of China's economic explosion—the rise of the private sector and the expansion of Internet usage—that have powered the country's rise to become the world's second largest economy and largest Internet population, twice the size of the United States. He also explores the political and social context for these momentous changes. An expert insider with unrivaled connections, Clark has a deep

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understanding of Chinese business mindset. He illuminates an unlikely corporate titan as never before, and examines the key role his company has played in transforming China while increasing its power and presence worldwide.

After seeing the dark side of addiction, Tamika desperately tries to stay clean with the help of her suspicious acting husband. Expecting Reggie to save her soul she quickly learns that he has his own dangerous demons that may threaten his life and the sanctity of their marriage.

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Amina is still fuming from the revelation of Russo's paralyzing shooting and makes sure he pays for his deceit dearly. Completely helpless Russo discovers that the devil you know is the best option when he seeks help from a vengeful relative. For better or worse is truly tested in these marriages...will the couples survive life and death? Or meet Mrs. Karma?

THE INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES AND USA TODAY BESTSELLING DEBUT PSYCHOLOGICAL THRILLER YOU CAN'T MISS! The perfect marriage? Or the perfect lie? "A hair-raising debut,

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both unsettling and addictive...A chilling thriller that will keep you reading long into the night.” –Mary Kubica, New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of The Good Girl “This is one readers won’t be able to put down.” –Booklist (starred review) “A can’t-put-down psychological thriller.” –Library Journal (starred review) “This debut is guaranteed to haunt you...Warning: brace yourself.” –Bustle (10 New Thrillers to Read This Summer) “The sense of believably and terror that engulfs Behind Closed Doors doesn’t

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waver.” –The Associated Press, picked up by The Washington Post “This was one of the best and most terrifying psychological thrillers I have ever read.” –San Francisco Book Review Everyone knows a couple like Jack and Grace. He has looks and wealth; she has charm and elegance. He’s a dedicated attorney who has never lost a case; she is a flawless homemaker, a masterful gardener and cook, and dotes on her disabled younger sister. Though they are still newlyweds, they seem to have it all. You might not want to like

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them, but you do. You're hopelessly charmed by the ease and comfort of their home, by the graciousness of the dinner parties they throw. You'd like to get to know Grace better. But it's difficult, because you realize Jack and Grace are inseparable. Some might call this true love. Others might wonder why Grace never answers the phone. Or why she can never meet for coffee, even though she doesn't work. How she can cook such elaborate meals but remain so slim. Or why she never seems to take anything with her when she

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leaves the house, not even a pen. Or why there are such high-security metal shutters on all the downstairs windows. Some might wonder what's really going on once the dinner party is over, and the front door has closed. From bestselling author B. A. Paris comes the gripping thriller and international phenomenon Behind Closed Doors.

*Once Upon a Time in a Dark and Scary Book
How to Gain Wealth with Just One Word
From Crack Addict to CEO
The House That Jack Ma Built*

The Inside Story of Six M.I.T. Students Who Took Vegas for Millions The Origins of Our Discontents

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best option when he seeks help from a vengeful relative. For better or worse is truly tested in these marriages...will the couples survive life and death? Or meet Mrs. Karma?

And they all lived happily ever after...Or do they? Real life is not always a fairy tale and Amina quickly finds out as she tries to keep her family together. Newlywed mother to a beautiful little girl and a college student, she does all she can to keep things running smoothly. But when her husband and child are involved in a violent crime that threatens their safety, everything falls apart. Following in her sister's footsteps, Tamika

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is also a newlywed to Reggie, her knight and shining thug. Her marriage seems to be a dream until Gina, Reggie's long lost mother, returns with her secrets, habits and drama. Although Tamika can see right through Gina's lies, her husband is not so smart when it comes to his mother and is easily manipulated. Before long, he's forced to choose and his choices cause more drama than not. "The House That Crack Built 2" is the knock out follow up to its predecessor and a guaranteed treat for THTCB fans!

NATIONAL BESTSELLER • WINNER OF THE
PULITZER PRIZE • A searing, post-apocalyptic

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novel about a father and son's fight to survive, this "tale of survival and the miracle of goodness only adds to McCarthy's stature as a living master. It's gripping, frightening and, ultimately, beautiful" (San Francisco Chronicle). A father and his son walk alone through burned America. Nothing moves in the ravaged landscape save the ash on the wind. It is cold enough to crack stones, and when the snow falls it is gray. The sky is dark. Their destination is the coast, although they don't know what, if anything, awaits them there. They have nothing; just a pistol to defend themselves against the lawless bands that stalk the road, the

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clothes they are wearing, a cart of scavenged food—an each other. The Road is the profoundly moving story of a journey. It boldly imagines a future in which no hope remains, but in which the father and his son, "each the other's world entire," are sustained by love. Awesome in the totality of its vision, it is an unflinching meditation on the worst and the best that we are capable of: ultimate destructiveness, desperate tenacity, and the tenderness that keeps two people alive in the face of total devastation.

Reggie and Amina should feel riddled with guilt about creeping behind their spouse's backs but they play this

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secret close. And even though Russo and Tamika have their suspicions that they're cheating, they haven't let the cat out the bag. Eventually all will be revealed but not before Tamika decides she wants a little payback and sets out to devise a devious plan. Russo assists her financially, but he makes clear that he wants nothing to do with her actions and decides to remove himself and his daughter from the equation. However, that doesn't stop all hell from breaking loose. With the explosive drama surrounding them, will Reggie and Amina keep up their forbidden affair or will it prove to be more trouble than its worth? 'The House That

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Crack Built 4' delivers the drama and craziness that THTCB fans have grown to love!

Miss Don't Touch Me

Smoky Night

This Is the House That Jack Built

Caste (Oprah's Book Club)

Barking at a Fox-Fur Coat

Rap, bap, tap. Late one winter night, a child awakes to peculiar noises in the backyard- a bear! They journey together through the snowy forest as other animals eagerly join in, creating a

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parade to welcome the spring. This is a perfect seasonal read aloud to bridge Winter and Spring. In this mysterious picture book, sounds build anticipation as the ground thaws, and the icy pond breaks. Trees begin to bud and more animals join the fray, until... CRACK! Spring bursts from a gigantic egg full of gorgeous flowers and birds.

The classic children's rhyme is retold with a hilarious new twist as Jack builds a house and fills it with cheese from around the world, which attracts the rat that stirs up the cat, and so and

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so forth! Reprint.

Money, money, money! It makes the world go round and round so it seems. You can either think about it or not, but you cannot escape it!

How To Gain Wealth With Just One Word is a short and sweet ebook alternative. The author shares his personal experiences on receiving wealth and how his experiences will help you.

This ebook discusses the power of thought, the subconscious and how to receive the best results on receiving wealth.

1st Place Gold Award in the 2015 Feathered Quill

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Book Program for Science Fiction/Fantasy!
Finalist in the 2014 Book Pipeline Contest! Travel to the future - it will only cost you everyone you love. Attacked and injected with a drug which slows his metabolism to a fraction of normal, Martin James becomes an unwilling time traveler who hurtles through the years. His children grow up, his wife grows older, and his only hope is finding the people who injected him in the first place- not an easy task when one day for Martin lasts four years. And while Martin James strives to find a cure before everyone he loves is gone,

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others are uncertain if his journey can be stopped at all. W. Lawrence weaves a dystopian future filled with the best and worst of humanity, highlights the blessings and curses of technology, and pushes the limits of faith and hopelessness. Above all, Syncing Forward is a tale of one man's love for his family, and their devotion to saving him from being lost forever.

The Road

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Thinking Through the Arts

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The House that Jack Built Reggie & Amina (the Cartel Publications Presents)

With a beat reminiscent of hip hop or rap music, a well known nursery rhyme is brilliantly transformed into a powerful poem about the tragic problem of illegal drugs and its victims. From the harvesting of the coca plants to dealers and gangs to the innocent crack babies born everyday, cocaine's journey is starkly traced from beginning to end. The rhythmic text, which

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is realistic but not moralizing, will appeal to teenagers and adults. But it is also accessible for even very young children, making this a valuable resource for parents, teachers, librarians, caregivers, and everyone else who is looking for a way to broach this difficult subject. A list of organizations is provided for those seeking help for a loved one or a way out for themselves. A foreword by children's advocate Michael Pritchard teaches us that we are all victims of this debilitating drug but

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reminds us that we also have the ability to change our world.

The international bestselling author of *The Professor and the Madman* and *Krakatoa* vividly brings to life the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake that leveled a city symbolic of America's relentless western expansion. Simon Winchester has also fashioned an enthralling and informative look at the tumultuous subterranean world that produces earthquakes, the planet's most sudden and destructive force. In the early morning

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hours of April 18, 1906, San Francisco and a string of towns to its north-northwest and the south-southeast were overcome by an enormous shaking that was compounded by the violent shocks of an earthquake, registering 8.25 on the Richter scale. The quake resulted from a rupture in a part of the San Andreas fault, which lies underneath the earth's surface along the northern coast of California. Lasting little more than a minute, the earthquake wrecked 490 blocks, toppled a total of 25,000 buildings, broke open gas mains,

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cut off electric power lines throughout the Bay area, and effectively destroyed the gold rush capital that had stood there for a half century. Perhaps more significant than the tremors and rumbling, which affected a swatch of California more than 200 miles long, were the fires that took over the city for three days, leaving chaos and horror in its wake. The human tragedy included the deaths of upwards of 700 people, with more than 250,000 left homeless. It was perhaps the worst natural disaster in the history of the United

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States. Simon Winchester brings his inimitable storytelling abilities -- as well as his unique understanding of geology -- to this extraordinary event, exploring not only what happened in northern California in 1906 but what we have learned since about the geological underpinnings that caused the earthquake in the first place. But his achievement is even greater: he positions the quake's significance along the earth's geological timeline and shows the effect it had on the rest of twentieth-century California

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and American history. *A Crack in the Edge of the World* is the definitive account of the San Francisco earthquake. It is also a fascinating exploration of a legendary event that changed the way we look at the planet on which we live.

Students can write organized, compelling fiction and nonfiction narrative when they have the right tools. The engaging writing lessons and student reproducibles in this book give kids the scaffolding they need to keep their stories on track. Includes creative planning forms, charts and maps,

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revision checklists, peer conference guidelines, rubrics and more. Lessons by a master teacher and writer include posing main dramatic questions, identifying story ingredients, and writing in the content areas. For use with Grades 4-8.

In 1930s Paris, the &“Butcher of the Dances&” is on the prowl for young, loose women, and local dominatrix Agatha suddenly turns up dead. Everyone assumes it was suicide, but her sister Blanche is convinced that the Butcher is responsible. She decides to take matters into her own

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hands, and in her pursuit, she ends up hired into a luxury house of call-girls. She soon becomes adept at certain practices, but she does not lose sight of her ultimate goal—to find her sister's killer. A suspenseful spicy tale as only the French could so lightly get away with, this work is deceptive in its depth and realism.

The Book of Lost Things

A Novel

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh

A Memoir

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