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**Half a Life** *Half a Life* Half a Life **The Queen of Tuesday** **SuperLife** Bobby Darin **Chang and Eng** **More Than It Hurts You** *Olivia Twist: Honor Among Thieves* *Dream Lovers* Writing the Memoir Bobby Darin **Roman Candle** The Queen of Tuesday **Back in the Day** The Network Society *Dog & Hat and the Lost Polka Dots* **Borrowed Time** Half a Life Songs Only You Know **Chimpanzee** *Crooked River Stories* *A Reaper at the Gates* **Animating Principle** **Dodgebomb** *The Empty Cell* **Half a Life** **The Tincture of Time** **My Five Stones** **Noise** **Sightseeing** **Anton Webern** *Gil* *The Sound of Suffering* **Fan-Tan** Henry's Demons **Deaths of Despair and the Future of Capitalism** The Book of Life **The Hearts of Men** **Horned Armadillos and Rafting Monkeys**

The Dickens classic reimaged as a female-centric, dark futuristic fable. To save a boy she barely knows, teenage orphan Olivia Twist joins THE ESTHERS, a rag-tag girl gang of thieves running free in a dangerous future. Olivia's life in this London of internment camps and strange technology gets even more complicated when she discovers that she has more power and wealth than she's ever dreamed of. But it comes with a great cost. This volume collects issues #1-#4 of Darin Strauss, Adam Dalva, and Emma Vieceli's Olivia. Anton Webern: A Research and Information Guide offers

carefully selected and annotated sources regarding Webern from 1975 to present day, including sources on Webern's life, his music, and the interpretation and reception of his music. Along with this comprehensive annotated listing of print and online sources, the book discusses the history of research on Webern and includes a brief chronology of his life. It is a major reference tool for those interested in Webern and his music and valuable for researchers of 20th century music and the Second Viennese School.

What if you could manipulate the life force of every person? What would you do? Suppose you were an awkward teenager previously diagnosed with autism, yet driven to help others? Meet Hunter Miller, a new kind of superhero, in *The Sound of Suffering*. Unemployment has ravaged the U.S. economy. People struggle everywhere, exhausted by the collapse that destroyed their lives. Benjamin Cade is an expert in cognition, and before the flatlined economy caught up to him, he earned his living as a university instructor. Now, without income, he joins the millions defaulting on their loans — in his case, the money he borrowed to finance his degrees. But there are consequences. Using advances in cognitive science and chemical therapy, Ben's debtors can reclaim their property — his education. The government calls the process "Repossession Therapy." The data Ben's repossession will yield is invaluable to those improving the "indexing" technology — a remarkable medical advance that has enabled the effective cure of all mental disorders. By disassembling his mind, doctors will gain the expertise to assist untold millions. But Ben has no intention of losing his mind without a fight, so he begins teaching in the park, distributing his knowledge before it's gone in a race against ignorance. And somewhere in Ben's confusing takedown, Chimpanzee arrives. Its iconography appears spray-painted around town. Young people in rubber chimpanzee masks start massive protests. As Ben slowly loses himself, the Chimpanzee movement seems to grow. And all fingers point to Ben. Set against the unexplained

stroke of the author's newborn daughter, this stunning, unflinchingly honest memoir is a thought-provoking reflection on uncertainty in medicine and in life. Growing up as the daughter of a dedicated surgeon, Elizabeth L. Silver felt an unquestioned faith in medicine. When her six-week-old daughter, Abby, was rushed to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit with sudden seizures, and scans revealed a serious brain bleed, her relationship to medicine began to change. *The Tincture of Time* is Silver's gorgeous and haunting chronicle of Abby's first year. It's a year of unending tests, doctors' opinions, sleepless nights, promising signs and steps backward, and above all, uncertainty: The mysterious circumstances of Abby's hospitalization attract dozens of specialists, none of whom can offer a conclusive answer about what went wrong or what the future holds. As Silver explores what it means to cope with uncertainty as a patient and parent and seeks peace in the reality that Abby's injury may never be fully understood, she looks beyond her own story for comfort, probing literature and religion, examining the practice of medicine throughout history, and reporting the experiences of doctors, patients, and fellow caretakers. The result is a brilliant blend of personal narrative and cultural analysis, at once a poignant snapshot of a parent's struggle and a wise meditation on the reality of uncertainty, in and out of medicine, and the hard-won truth that time is often its only cure. Heart-wrenching, unflinchingly honest, and beautifully written, *The Tincture of Time* is a powerful story of parenthood, an astute examination of the boundaries of medicine, and an inspiring reminder of life's precariousness. In *The Network Society*, Darin Barney provides a compelling examination of the social, political and economic implications of network technologies and their application across a wide range of practices and institutions. Are we in the midst of a digital revolution? Have new information and communication technologies given birth to a new form of society, or do they reinforce and extend existing patterns and relationships? This book provides a clear and engaging

discussion of these and other questions. Using a sophisticated model of the relationship between technology and society, Barney investigates both what has changed, and what has remained the same, in the age of the Internet. Among the issues discussed are debates concerning the emergence of a 'knowledge economy'; digital restructuring of employment and work; globalization and the status of the nation-state; the prospects of digital democracy; the digital divide; new social movements; and culture, community and identity in the age of new media. This book provides an accessible resource for a thoughtful engagement with life in the network society. It will be essential reading for students in sociology and media and communication studies. This will be a valuable textbook for undergraduate students of sociology and media and communication studies. This stunning novel combines fiction with astonishing fact to tell the story of history's most famous conjoined twins. Born in Siam in 1811—on a squalid houseboat on the Mekong River—Chang and Eng Bunker were international celebrities before the age of twenty. Touring the world's stages as a circus act, they settled in the American South just prior to the Civil War. They eventually married two sisters from North Carolina, fathering twenty-one children between them, and lived for more than six decades never more than seven inches apart, attached at the chest by a small band of skin and cartilage. Woven from the fabric of fact, myth, and imagination, Strauss's narrative gives poignant, articulate voice to these legendary brothers, and humanizes the freakish legend that grew up around them. Sweeping from the Far East and the court of the King of Siam to the shared intimacy of their lives in America, Chang and Eng rescues one of the nineteenth century's most fabled human oddities from the sideshow of history, drawing from their extraordinary lives a novel of exceptional power and beauty. A multilayered portrait of this brash, gifted artist, whose restless voice and spirit seem as alive today as ever. A performer who rivaled Sinatra, Bobby Darin rose from

dire poverty to become one of the biggest stars of his generation. Dogged by chronic illness, he knew that time was not on his side, and so, in a career full of dizzying twists and turns, he did it all, moving from teen idol to Vegas song-and-dance man, from hipster to folkie and back. In *Roman Candle*, David Evanier offers a multilayered portrait of this brash, gifted artist, including the dark side of his celebrated marriage to America's sweetheart, Sandra Dee, and the incredible family secret that tore him apart at the end. "Compelling and revealing ... *Roman Candle* gives us the many lives of one of the great entertainers of all time, whose flame was extinguished way too soon." — Kevin Spacey "Informed by scores of interviews with Darin's friends and associates and written in no-nonsense, just-the-facts prose, Evanier's book paints a picture of a ruthlessly ambitious musician.... Sinatra may have had the bragging rights to 'My Way,' but Darin lived out the lyrics." — Publishers Weekly "This biography percolates with cool.... [Evanier has] written a book so charged with intimacy, so heartbreakingly ebullient with life, that you feel that any moment the pages are about to snap their fingers and break into song." — Caroline Leavitt, *The Boston Globe* "Darin has been the subject of several books; most notable is this new examination of the singer's life and work by David Evanier.... Evanier's portrait, true to its title, is one of a bright talent that soared quickly and erupted in a flash of glory." — David Hajdu, *The Atlantic Monthly* "Music fans are liable to be surprised by the Bobby Darin mania sparked by Kevin Spacey's sunny new film biography. For the slightly darker look at Darin, hole up for the holidays with *Roman Candle*, the latest book about Darin's rollercoaster life." — Janet Maslin, "Top Ten list of Books for Gifts" (2004), *The New York Times* Read Darin Strauss's posts on the Penguin Blog Josh Goldin's happy yet unexamined existence is shattered one morning when his wife, Dori, rushes their eight-month-old son to the emergency room in severe distress. Dr. Darlene Stokes, an African-American physician and single mother,

suspects Munchausen by proxy, a rarely diagnosed and controversial phenomenon where a mother intentionally harms her baby. As each of them is forced to confront a reality that has become a nightmare, Darlene, Dori, and Josh are pushed to their breaking points. Darin Strauss's extraordinary novel is set in a world turned upside down—where doctors try to save babies from their parents, police use the law to tear families apart, and the people you think you know best end up surprising you the most. A practical guide to the craft, the personal challenges, and ethical dilemmas of writing your true stories. One of the finest living writers in the English language, V. S. Naipaul gives us a tale as wholly unexpected as it is affecting, his first novel since the exultantly acclaimed *A Way in the World*, published seven years ago. *Half a Life* is the story of Willie Chandran, whose father, heeding the call of Mahatma Gandhi, turned his back on his brahmin heritage and married a woman of low caste—a disastrous union he would live to regret, as he would the children that issued from it. When Willie reaches manhood, his flight from the travails of his mixed birth takes him from India to London, where, in the shabby haunts of immigrants and literary bohemians of the 1950s, he contrives a new identity. This is what happens as he tries to defeat self-doubt in sexual adventures and in the struggle to become a writer—strivings that bring him to the brink of exhaustion, from which he is rescued, to his amazement, only by the love of a good woman. And this is what happens when he returns with her—carried along, really—to her home in Africa, to live, until the last doomed days of colonialism, yet another life not his own. In a luminous narrative that takes us across three continents, Naipaul explores his great theme of inheritance with an intimacy and directness unsurpassed in his extraordinary body of work. And even as he lays bare the bitter comical ironies of assumed identities, he gives us a poignant spectacle of the enervation peculiar to a borrowed life. In one man's determined refusal of what he has been given to be, Naipaul reveals the way of all our

experience. As Willie comes to see, “Everything goes on a bias. The world should stop, but it goes on.” A masterpiece of economy and emotional nuance, *Half a Life* is an indelible feat of the imagination. 'Half my life ago, I killed a girl.' So begins acclaimed novelist Darin Strauss' *Half a Life*, the true story of how one outing in his father's Oldsmobile resulted in the death of a classmate and the beginning of a different, darker life for the author. The police assured him there was nothing he could have done to avoid hitting Celine's swerving bike, but for half his life Strauss has grappled with desperate feelings of remorse and self-blame. Here he lays bare his history - collision, funeral, the queasy drama of a high-stakes court case - and what starts as a personal tale of a tragic event opens into the story of how to live with a very hard fact: we can try our human best in the crucial moment, and it might not be good enough. *Half a Life* is a nakedly honest, ultimately hopeful examination of guilt, responsibility, and living with the past. 'More than simply brave, it is a searingly self-disciplined work of literature, and of self-examination ... After all that admirable work and all that attentive detail, when he does finally reach a place of cautious hope, the impact is staggering and unforgettable.' — Elizabeth Gilbert, author of *Eat, Pray, Love* 'Precise, elegantly written, fresh, wise, and very sad. Rich and meaningful, the care and thought that have gone into every line of *Half a Life* are indicative not only of a very talented writer, but of a proper human being.' — Nick Hornby 'At the center of this elegant, painful, stunningly honest memoir thrums a question fundamental to what it means to be human: What do we do with what we've been given?' — *New York Times Book Review* 'A mesmerising memoir by a skilled writer.' — *Herald Sun* 'Crisp and understated... This meditation on loss and remorse must have been a nightmare to write but is subtle, moving, and quietly brilliant.' — *The Age* 'Half a Life inspires admiration, sentence by sentence... This artfully and simply presented book could be read in a few hours, but its intensity

commands more attention. This is memoir in its finest form, a fully imagined and bittersweet book that transcends a single misstep.' — Chicago Tribune (Editor's Pick) A Rolling Stone Best Book: This memoir of a troubled young man's escape into the Detroit punk scene is "a Kerouac-like saga fueled with energy and ecstasy" (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette). Described by Darin Strauss as "Nick Flynn meets Karl Ove Knausgaard" and "a book of relentless compassion," *Songs Only You Know* is an intense, sprawling memoir, equal parts family tragedy and punk rock road trip. It begins in late 1990s Detroit and spans a decade during which a family fights to hold itself together in the face of insurmountable odds. Sean's father endangers his career at Ford Motor as he cycles from rehab to binge. His heartsick sister spirals into depression, and his mother relies on her Catholic faith and good works to spare what can be spared. Meanwhile, Sean seeks salvation in a community of eccentrics and outsiders. But the closer Sean comes to realizing his musical dream, the further he drifts from his family and himself. In this powerful, unforgettable memoir, acclaimed novelist Darin Strauss examines the far-reaching consequences of the tragic moment that has shadowed his whole life. In his last month of high school, he was behind the wheel of his dad's Oldsmobile, driving with friends, heading off to play mini-golf. Then: a classmate swerved in front of his car. The collision resulted in her death. With piercing insight and stark prose, Darin Strauss leads us on a deeply personal, immediate, and emotional journey—graduating high school, going away to college, starting his writing career, falling in love with his future wife, becoming a father. Along the way, he takes a hard look at loss and guilt, maturity and accountability, hope and, at last, acceptance. The result is a staggering, uplifting tour de force. Look for special features inside, including an interview with Colum McCann. Narrated by both Henry Cockburn and his father Patrick, this is the extraordinary story of the eight years since Henry's descent into schizophrenia- years he has spent almost entirely



in hospitals- and his family's struggle to help him recover. Bobby Darin was a brilliant vocalist, song stylist, six-time Grammy nominee, singer-songwriter, Academy Award-nominated actor, and stage performer who dazzled crowds in Vegas. He was just beginning to savor fame when he died at age 37, of complications from childhood rheumatic fever. To mark the release of *Beyond the Sea*, Kevin Spacey's film about Bobby Darin, Al DiOrion has revised this insightful look at the Darin's life. First published by Running Press in 1981, it now features a new epilogue and catalog of Darin's works in music and film. In the wake of the brutal lynching in 1947 of a young black man named Willie Earle by a mob of cab drivers in Greenville, South Carolina, four people on the periphery of Earle's life find their own lives unexpectedly upended. Against the backdrop of the social and racial strictures of the fifties, each of these characters struggles to find his or her own version of freedom. Each experiences loss, sorrow, and growth, as the South begins its own long march towards racial equality. The son of two of Hollywood's most famous stars, Sandra Dee and Bobby Darin tells the story of his parents. These seemingly perfect all-American idols hid dark secrets including illness, alcoholism, illegitimacy and sexual abuse. Bobby Darin fit a lot into his 37 years. By the age of 22, Darin topped the charts, but soon reinvented himself as a Sinatra-style crooner, winning a Grammy Award, the adulation of millions, a Hollywood contract, and a starlet wife. Bobby Darin examines the entertainer's entire life, from his boyhood in the Bronx to his rise as a musical sensation, his rocky marriage to Sandra Dee, the evolution of his career, and the shocking secret Darin learned later in life. Lucille Ball, Hollywood's first true media mogul, stars in this "bold" (The Boston Globe), "boisterous novel" (The New Yorker) with a thrilling love story at its heart—from the award-winning, bestselling author of *Chang & Eng* and *Half a Life* A WASHINGTON POST BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR • "A gorgeous, Technicolor take on America in the middle of the twentieth century."—Colson

Whitehead, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Nickel Boys* This indelible romance begins with a daring conceit—that the author’s grandfather may have had an affair with Lucille Ball. Strauss offers a fresh view of a celebrity America loved more than any other. Lucille Ball—the most powerful woman in the history of Hollywood—was part of America’s first high-profile interracial marriage. She owned more movie sets than did any movie studio. She more or less single-handedly created the modern TV business. And yet Lucille’s off-camera life was in disarray. While acting out a happy marriage for millions, she suffered in private. Her partner couldn’t stay faithful. She struggled to balance her fame with the demands of being a mother, a creative genius, an entrepreneur, and, most of all, a symbol. The Queen of Tuesday—Strauss’s follow-up to *Half a Life*, winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award—mixes fact and fiction, memoir and novel, to imagine the provocative story of a woman we thought we knew. Lucille Ball, Hollywood’s first true media mogul, stars in this “bold” (*The Boston Globe*), “boisterous novel” (*The New Yorker*) with a thrilling love story at its heart—from the award-winning, bestselling author of *Chang & Eng* and *Half a Life* A WASHINGTON POST BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR • “A gorgeous, Technicolor take on America in the middle of the twentieth century.”—Colson Whitehead, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Nickel Boys* This indelible romance begins with a daring conceit—that the author’s grandfather may have had an affair with Lucille Ball. Strauss offers a fresh view of a celebrity America loved more than any other. Lucille Ball—the most powerful woman in the history of Hollywood—was part of America’s first high-profile interracial marriage. She owned more movie sets than did any movie studio. She more or less single-handedly created the modern TV business. And yet Lucille’s off-camera life was in disarray. While acting out a happy marriage for millions, she suffered in private. Her partner couldn’t stay faithful. She struggled to balance her fame with the demands of being a mother, a creative genius,

an entrepreneur, and, most of all, a symbol. The Queen of Tuesday—Strauss’s follow-up to *Half a Life*, winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award—mixes fact and fiction, memoir and novel, to imagine the provocative story of a woman we thought we knew. A star during his lifetime, a legend after a bullet killed him at the age of twenty-five, Tupac Shakur was the most influential rap musician of his day—and the most misunderstood. Far from being the insolent “gangsta” that the press put forth, Tupac was a committed and fearless visionary determined to make a difference not only on the music scene but in the black community at large. Darrin Bastfield grew up with Tupac in a rough Baltimore neighborhood, rapped with him, fought with him, and performed by his side. Now in this vivid, highly personal memoir featuring never-before-seen photos of the rap artist, Darrin shows the world what Tupac Shakur was really like as a teenager destined for greatness. In tight, edgy prose, Darrin follows Tupac through the seven years of their friendship. In Roland Park Middle School in the mid-1980s, rap was a kind of underground movement, and the kids with real talent always found each other. Tupac—new in town, a skinny thirteen-year old with shabby clothes and lopsided hair—may have looked uncool, but it soon became clear that he had the gift. When Tupac teamed up with Mouse, king of the beatbox, they blew the school away in their performance as the Eastside Crew. It was the first in a series of increasingly electrifying performances. When Tupac went to the Baltimore School for the Arts, then it really started to happen. A new group called Born Busy, unforgettable performances at the Beaux Arts Balls, an eye-opening backstage encounter with Salt-N-Pepa, their tight friendship with John, known among black kids as “the cool white boy,” a series of love affairs with adoring girls, the wild nights of the 1988 senior prom—Tupac and Darrin lived through it all together, and in this memoir Darrin makes it all come alive again. From the start, Darrin knew Tupac was a marked man, singled out by his charismatic gift. So it came as no surprise

that Tupac made it big when rap went mainstream. What stunned Darrin was the violent turn Tupac's life took once he relocated to L.A.—and how swiftly that violence engulfed and destroyed him. Vibrant, gritty, alive with the tension and spontaneity of rap music, this memoir of Tupac's teenage years is a haunting portrait of one of the most important artists of our day. Adventure Time, Nickelodeon, and Don't Hug Me I'm Scared meet in this wonderfully strange and funny adventure of two best friends. With its distinctive, comic strip-like art style and lighthearted, off-the-wall concept, this chapter book is a breath of fresh air for brand-new readers! Dog and Hat are two of the best friends you could ever hope to meet—they are practically inseparable. When the dots on Dog's favorite shirt get lost down a storm drain, it's up to him and Hat to wander through the twisting underbelly of the city to find them. As they navigate a labyrinth of sewers, they encounter a dark but exciting new world, unforeseen dangers, and help in unexpected places. Magic, humor, and curiosities abound in this story of a daringly weird dynamic duo that is sure to have adventurous young readers thrilled to be along for the ride. **TOTALLY UNIQUE:** The illustrations for this book are like nothing you've seen before! The loose, exaggerated style, bright, popping colors, and unconventional character design evoke 1990s cartoons and Sesame Street. Kids will delight in this playfully absurd book that's meant just for them. **A FRIENDSHIP STORY:** Dog and Hat are irresistible, charming characters, but it's the dynamic between them that truly shines. They are refreshingly supportive and affectionate, and they know each other in ways only best friends can. Readers will love getting to know this lovably strange duo as they work together, no matter what life throws at them! **COMIC BOOK APPEAL:** Kids familiar with comic books and graphic novels will feel right at home with this comic book-inspired story! It's bright, graphic, and sure to hold the reader's attention. **IT'S A SERIES:** Get ready for book two! This is just the first Dog and Hat adventure.

Perfect for: • Kids who are fans of comics and graphic novels • New readers looking for a quirky, unique story • Fans of Nickelodeon and/or Adventure Time • Illustration and art fans

From a childhood faith that witnessed snake handlers, to working at Apple Computer, to eventually being a chaplain at a federal prison for women, Susan Pohl's faith journey is one of sorrows, struggles and joys. In being of service to others she finds the courage to face cancer, and accepts the love and peace that have always been with her. This book is a memoir of Susan's life experiences in connecting with God and others and becoming triumphant over her fears. "Half my life ago, I killed a girl". So begins Darin Strauss' *Half a Life*, the true story of how one outing in his father's car resulted in the death of a classmate and the beginning of different, darker life for the author. The reader follows Strauss as he blurs through his startling past - collision, funeral, the queasy drama of a high-stakes court case. What starts as a personal tale of a tragic event opens into the story of how one lives with a very hard fact: that we can try our human best in the crucial moment, but it might never be good enough. *Half a Life* is a nakedly honest and painful, yet ultimately hopeful, examination of guilt, responsibility and living with past actions written in Strauss' beautiful yet stark and sharp prose. This haunting debut from a brilliant new voice is sure to be as captivating as it is controversial, a shocking look at the imminent collapse of American civilization—and what will succeed it. In the aftermath of the switch from analog to digital TV, an anarchic movement known as Salvage hijacks the unused airwaves. Mixed in with the static's random noise are dire warnings of the imminent economic, political, and social collapse of civilization—and cold-blooded lessons on how to survive the fall and prosper in the harsh new order that will inevitably arise from the ashes of the old. Hiram and Levi are two young men, former Scouts and veterans of countless Dungeons & Dragons campaigns. Now, on the blood-drenched battlefields of university campuses, shopping

malls, and gated communities, they will find themselves taking on new identities and new moralities as they lead a ragtag band of hackers and misfits to an all-but-mythical place called Amaranth, where a fragile future waits to be born. The national bestseller by the award-winning Thai-American author. "A brilliant collection . . . brimming with sharp-clawed survival lessons" (Los Angeles Times). Set in contemporary Thailand, these are generous, radiant tales of family bonds, youthful romance, generational conflicts and cultural shiftings beneath the glossy surface of a warm, Edenic setting. Written with exceptional acuity, grace and sophistication, the stories present a nation far removed from its exoticized stereotypes. In the prize-winning opening story "Farangs," the son of a beachside motel owner commits the cardinal sin of falling for a pretty American tourist. In the novella, "Cockfighter," a young girl witnesses her proud father's valiant but foolhardy battle against a local delinquent whose family has a vicious stranglehold on the villagers. Through his vivid assemblage of parents and children, natives and transients, ardent lovers and sworn enemies, Lapcharoensap dares us to look with new eyes at the circumstances that shape our views and the prejudices that form our blind spots. Gorgeous and lush, painful and candid, Sightseeing is an extraordinary reading experience, one that powerfully reveals that when it comes to how we respond to pain, anger, hurt, and love, no place is too far from home. "Lapcharoensap is a commanding, animated tour guide, and a lot more than that—he can write with the bait and the hook of genuine talent . . . [He] has a gift for the detail that catches not only his Thai milieu but teenage life everywhere." —Darin Strauss, *The New York Times Book Review* Camp Chippewa, 1962. Nelson Doughty, age thirteen, social outcast and overachiever, is the Bugler, sounding the reveille proudly each morning. Yet this particular summer marks the beginning of an uncertain and tenuous friendship with a popular boy named Jonathan. Over the years, Nelson, irrevocably scarred from the Vietnam War, becomes Scoutmaster

of Camp Chippewa, while Jonathan marries, divorces, and turns his father's business into a highly profitable company. And when something unthinkable happens at a camp get-together with Nelson as Scoutmaster and Jonathan's teenage grandson and daughter-in-law as campers, the aftermath demonstrates the depths—and the limits—of Nelson's selflessness and bravery. *The Hearts of Men* is a sweeping, panoramic novel about the slippery definitions of good and evil, family and fidelity, the challenges and rewards of lifelong friendships, the bounds of morality—and redemption. During the height of the Global War on Terrorism, Lieutenant Eddie Fitzgerald is sent straight from school to Iraq as a casualty replacement. Immediately thrown into combat, he must quickly overcome his naivety and earn the trust of his unit in order to survive. However, if hunting Al Qaeda wasn't enough, he's quickly pulled into Arab tribal politics and Army officer rivalries that threaten to spoil any work that he accomplishes. When the latest advice from your favorite self-help book, Ted Talk, and life coach can no longer help you push through your most recent challenges enter *Crooked River Stories*. Inspired by Missouri's little known Gasconade River (deemed one of the crooked-est rivers in the world) *Crooked River Stories* takes you on a wild river ride to places you've never been before but will be glad for having visited. Each chapter in this 'never give up' narrative provides heart-warming, belly-laughing, and often gut-wrenching moments addressing the problems and pain common to the human experience. If you've ever or are currently struggling through poverty, pain, the tragic loss of a loved one, foreboding evil, depression, low self-esteem, lack of motivation, or doubts about your faith, jump in the boat for an incredible and winding journey with those who have navigated similar waters and disembarked on the shores with a newly discovered confidence, purpose for living, and hope for the future. Twenty years before, high school coach Gil Gilbert gave up his dream to play professional baseball so he could marry his pregnant girlfriend, Keri. When he

miraculously discovers that he can pitch with deadly accuracy and speed, he must choose between his successful career and comfortable family life. A thrilling guide to the Cenozoic mammals of South America, featuring seventy-five life reconstructions of extinct species, plus photos of specimens and sites. South America is home to some of the most distinctive mammals on Earth—giant armadillos, tiny anteaters, the world’s largest rodent, and its smallest deer. But the continent once supported a variety of other equally intriguing mammals that have no close living relatives: armored mammals with tail clubs, saber-toothed marsupials, and even a swimming sloth. We know of the existence of these peculiar species thanks to South America’s rich fossil record, which provides many glimpses of prehistoric mammals and the ecosystems in which they lived. Organized as a “walk through time” and featuring species from fifteen important fossil sites, this book is the most extensive and richly illustrated volume devoted exclusively to the Cenozoic mammals of South America. The text is supported by seventy-five life reconstructions of extinct species in their native habitats, as well as photographs of fossil specimens and the sites highlighted in the book. An annotated bibliography is included for those interested in delving into the scientific literature. “Well-written and easy for the nonspecialist to understand, this is also a most needed updating of this subject, much in the line of classic works such as Simpson’s *The Beginning of the Age of Mammals in South America* and Patterson and Pascual’s *The Fossil Mammal Fauna of South America*.” —Richard Fariña, coauthor *Megafauna: Giant Beasts of Pleistocene South America* “This handsome book, written by a leading expert in South American paleontology, is profusely illustrated with maps, time charts, color photographs of fossils, and exquisite life reconstructions. The book . . . will appeal to any individual, young and old alike, interested in the fossil record, as well as to students and scholars of paleontology who work in other parts of the globe.” —Choice My book questions whether or not the



main character, Jim, can sin against what he believes in and still pass into heaven's gates. Wealthy yet sad through his entire life, Jim has his whole life stolen from him as he loses his loved one. He asks, "will revenge somehow make my life better? Will killing another human being who may or may not be guilty show how I am happy exploring the vastness of heaven?" The book covers a range of topics - dreams, desires, law, and order. What should we do with criminals? Individual changes and culture can influence how a person feels. Pure love is growing with Jim and Aliccia, and because of that, they change. This is the story of their entire lives, how their future and pasts altered. A New York Times Bestseller A Wall Street Journal Bestseller A New York Times Notable Book of 2020 A New York Times Book Review Editors' Choice Shortlisted for the Financial Times and McKinsey Business Book of the Year A New Statesman Book to Read From economist Anne Case and Nobel Prize winner Angus Deaton, a groundbreaking account of how the flaws in capitalism are fatal for America's working class Deaths of despair from suicide, drug overdose, and alcoholism are rising dramatically in the United States, claiming hundreds of thousands of American lives. Anne Case and Angus Deaton explain the overwhelming surge in these deaths and shed light on the social and economic forces that are making life harder for the working class. As the college educated become healthier and wealthier, adults without a degree are literally dying from pain and despair. Case and Deaton tie the crisis to the weakening position of labor, the growing power of corporations, and a rapacious health-care sector that redistributes working-class wages into the pockets of the wealthy. This critically important book paints a troubling portrait of the American dream in decline, and provides solutions that can rein in capitalism's excesses and make it work for everyone. BOOK THREE IN THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING SERIES "Thrilling and hard to put down, readers will absolutely devour Tahir's latest." --BuzzFeed An Entertainment Weekly Summer Reads pick!

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friends, heading off to play mini-golf. Then: a classmate swerved in front of his car. The collision resulted in her death. With piercing insight and stark prose, Darin Strauss leads us on a deeply personal, immediate, and emotional journey—graduating high school, going away to college, starting his writing career, falling in love with his future wife, becoming a father. Along the way, he takes a hard look at loss and guilt, maturity and accountability, hope and, at last, acceptance. The result is a staggering, uplifting tour de force. Look for special features inside, including an interview with Colum McCann. Traces the film and recording career of the singer and songwriter whose life was cut short by heart disease

In this groundbreaking health and lifestyle guide, Darin Olien—superfoods expert, nutritionist, creator of Shakeology, and co-host of the Netflix docuseries *Down to Earth* with Zac Efron—provides the key to understanding and utilizing five life forces, the sole factors that determine whether or not we will be healthy, fit, and free of illness. In *Superlife*, Darin Olien provides us with an entirely new way of thinking about health and wellbeing by identifying what he calls the life forces: Quality Nutrition, Hydration, Detoxification, Oxygenation, and Alkalinization. Olien demonstrates in great detail how to maintain these processes, thereby allowing our bodies to do the rest. He tells us how we can maintain healthy weight, prevent even the most serious of diseases, and feel great. He explains that all of this is possible without any of the restrictive or gimmicky diet plans that never work in the long term. Olien has traveled the world, exploring the health properties of foods that have sustained indigenous cultures for centuries. Putting his research into practice, he has created a unique and proven formula for maximizing our bodies' potential. He also includes a "How-to-eat" user's guide with a shopping list, advice on "what to throw away," a guide to creating a healthy, balanced diet plan, and advice on how to use supplements effectively. Written in Olien's engaging conversational style, *Superlife* is a one-of-a-kind comprehensive look at

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