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**My Moment** Jul 02 2020 A collection of essays accompanied by beautiful black-and-white photography from a diverse group of women on the moment they realized they were ready to fight for themselves—including Gloria Steinem, Lena Waithe, Joanna Gaines, Brandi Carlile, Beanie Feldstein, Cynthia Erivo, and Billie Jean King, among others. This powerful essay collection is a natural extension of the #MeToo movement, revealing the interior experience of women after they've inevitably been underestimated or hurt—the epiphany that the world is different than they thought it to be—and how they've used this knowledge to make change. In *My Moment*, Gloria Steinem tells the story of how a meeting with writer Terry Southern drew blood. Carol Burnett shares how CBS discouraged her from pursuing *The Carol Burnett Show*, because comedy variety shows were “a man’s game.” Joanna Gaines reveals how coming to New York City as a young woman helped her embrace her Korean heritage after enduring racist bullying as a child. Author Maggie Smith details a career crossroads when her boss declined her request to work from home after the birth of her daughter, leading her to quit and never look back. Over and over again, when told “no” these women said “yes” to themselves. This hugely inspiring, beautiful book will move people of all ages and make them feel less alone. More than the sum of its parts, *My Moment* is also a handbook for young women (or any woman) making their way through the world.

**The Unravelled Heart** Sep 28 2022 Author Kathy Parker is a lover of beautiful words and wide-open spaces a writer, poet, survivor, warrior, and word alchemist. In this new work, she presents a journey of breaking to mending, surviving to loving, and the courage to rise from our darkest places, undefeated. *The Unravelled Heart*, her first published collection of poems and prose, offers a profoundly honest reflection on trauma, abuse, love, loss, and healing. These verses confront our rawest humanity through powerful words and unveiled

emotion. They move from anguish to a place of quiet resilience and tender hope. Delicate yet empowering, these poems seek to piece together the heart torn by sorrow. *This Is How You Mend Your Broken* And today you picked yourself up from the floor And made it through another day. Never let anyone tell you what your brave should look like. This is how you heal: One hard-fought day at a time. This is how you mend your broken.

[The Hundred Story Home](#) Sep 16 2021 What if you just trusted the whisper of calling placed on your heart? Kathy IZARD was volunteering at Charlotte’s Urban Ministry Center when an unlikely meeting with a homeless man changed the course of her life. She realized that serving at the soup kitchen was feeding her soul, but not actually solving the needs of the homeless population. Rather than brush it off and avoid what she now felt called to take on, she quit her job and took on what seemed like an insurmountable task—building housing for Charlotte’s homeless. Woven together with this uplifting story of social action is Kathy’s personal struggle with faith, forgiveness and fulfillment. In telling her story, Kathy invites you to consider rewriting your own. What’s calling you? As crazy as it seems, it may be crazier not to try. This book will push you to do so much more than you ever thought possible.

[It's Your Funeral!](#) Jul 22 2019 You can’t attend your own funeral. But you can have a blast planning it! *Death is scary—but planning your funeral doesn't have to be!* *It's Your Funeral!* will help demystify death, decrease your anxiety, and put the fun back in funeral, whether that means a drunken bacchanal or a somber reflection on just how great you were. Every stage of the legacy planning process is considered, from a burial outfit to a funeral theme. Practical and cheeky questions alike are answered, including: • What is the most eco-friendly burial method? • Can I write my own obituary? • Can my body be shot into space after I die? • How can I manage my digital legacy? Offering a plethora of curious facts, strange stories, and

inspiration to help you think outside the coffin, *It's Your Funeral!* includes worksheets that will ensure your wishes are recorded for posterity. Planning for death should be the time of your life, so let’s get started!

[The Last Ordinary Hour](#) Jun 01 2020 Whether your world has been shattered by an untimely death, unfair diagnosis or unexpected disaster, this inspirational true story will help you live wholeheartedly even after life breaks your heart. On February 22, 2013, Kathy IZARD's world was shattered when her healthy husband, Charlie, suffered a catastrophic heart attack. Although he was miraculously still alive, there could be no return to normal living after doctors diagnosed the cause to be an incurable disease: Spontaneous Coronary Artery Dissection (SCAD). Living with an exceedingly rare condition and facing the unfathomable prospect of life as a young widow, Kathy had to learn to accept the radical uncertainty that life often brings completely without warning. Through heart-pounding and heart-warming storytelling, Kathy recounts how she and Charlie navigated numerous cardiac crises using wisdom gained from both science and faith. Combining practical medical advice and inspiring spiritual enlightenment with her endearing vulnerability and perceptive insight, Kathy shows you how to find, cling to, and even strengthen your faith in the midst of a crisis that has left you reeling. *The Last Ordinary Hour* is not a book about dying. This is a story about living. What's Inside - Inspirational memoir of living with rare disease - Practical Medical and Spiritual Advice compiled from more than 35 doctors and authors - Bonus Materials: Reader's Discussion Guide for Book Clubs and Study Groups Interview with the Author and Frequently Asked Questions Spiritual Direction Guide written by the Reverend Louise Green SCAD Resource Guide for Patients and Families living with Spontaneous Coronary Artery Dissection *Nourish* Mar 10 2021 Success cannot be defined by the word "busy," but "overwhelmed" can. When the world crowds out our sense of

peace and our handling of priorities, are we face to face with spiritual malnourishment? "I felt so drained and empty and realized just how malnourished every aspect of my life had become," says author Kathy Kendall. What did she do? "I purposefully sat back and slowly filled myself up with truths from God's Word." Kathy chose to explore the word "nourish" in light of the Scriptures. Using Colossians 1: 9-12 as guidelines for bearing fruit, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened, developing patience, and finding joy, she found the enrichment of spiritual nourishment that affected every aspect of her life. This book teaches us to say "No." It guides us to nourish our thoughts, words, time, friendships, children, marriages, bodies, souls, and joy. Do you long to ditch your feeling of drowning in urgent trivialities and to embrace a closer walk with God? This book will help you change your priorities and feed your soul.

Cold, Cold Bones Feb 27 2020 #1 New York Times bestselling author Kathy Reichs returns with her twenty-first novel of suspense featuring forensic anthropologist Temperance Brennan who, after receiving a box with a human eyeball in it, uncovers a series of gruesome killings eerily reenacting the most shocking of her prior cases. Winter has come to North Carolina and, with it, a drop in crime. For a while, temporarily idle forensic anthropologist Tempe Brennan is content to dote on her daughter Katy, finally returned to civilian life from the army. But when mother and daughter meet at Tempe's place one night for dinner, they find a box on the back porch. Inside: a very fresh human eyeball. GPS coordinates etched into the eyeball lead to a Benedictine Monastery where an equally macabre discovery awaits. Soon after, Tempe examines a mummified corpse in a state park, and her anxiety deepens. There seems to be no pattern to these random killings, except that each mimics in some way a killing that a younger Tempe witnessed, analyzed, or barely escaped. Who or what is targeting her, and why? Helping Tempe discover the answers is detective Erskine "Skinny" Slidell, retired but still volunteering with the CMPD cold case unit--and still displaying his gallows humor. As the two penetrate a bizarre survivalist's lair, even Skinny's mood darkens. And then Tempe's daughter Katy disappears. At its core, *Cold, Cold Bones* is a novel of revenge and why revisiting the past may be the only way to rescue the present.

*It's Not About the Gun* Dec 19 2021 After spending more than twenty-years years as a Special Agent with the FBI, Kathy Stearman recounts the global experiences that shaped her life—and the mixed feelings that she now holds about the sacrifices she had to make to survive in a man's world. When former FBI Agent Kathy Stearman read in the New York Times that sixteen women were suing the FBI for discrimination at the training academy, she was surprised to see the women come forward—no one ever had before. But the truth behind their accusations resonated. After a twenty-six-year career in the Bureau, Kathy Stearman knows from personal experience that this type of behavior has been prevalent for decades. Stearman's *It's Not About the Gun* examines the influence of attitude and gender in her journey to becoming FBI Legal Attaché, the most senior FBI representative in a foreign office. When she entered the FBI Academy in 1987,

Stearman was one of about 600 women in a force of 10,000 agents. While there, she evolved into an assertive woman, working her way up the ranks and across the globe to hold positions that very few women have held before. And yet, even at the height of her career, Stearman had to check herself to make sure that she never appeared weak, inferior, or afraid. The accepted attitude for women in power has long been cool, calm, and in control—and sometimes that means coming across as cold and emotionless. Stearman changed for the FBI, but she longs for a different path for future women of the Bureau. If the system changes, then women can remain constant, valuing their female identity and nurturing the people they truly are. In *It's Not About the Gun*, Stearman describes how she was viewed as a woman and an American overseas, and how her perception of her country and the FBI, observed from the optics of distance, has evolved.

*Official Book Club Selection* Feb 21 2022 Official Book Club Selection is Kathy Griffin unplugged, uncensored, and unafraid to dish about what really happens on the road, away from the cameras, and at the star party after the show. (It's also her big chance to score that coveted book club endorsement she's always wanted. Are you there, Oprah? It's me, Kathy.) Kathy Griffin has won Emmys for her reality show *Kathy Griffin: My Life on the D-List*, been nominated for a Grammy, worked and walked every red carpet known to man, and rung in the New Year with Anderson Cooper. But the legions of fans who pack Kathy's sold-out comedy shows have heard only part of her remarkable story. Writing with her trademark wit, the feisty comic settles a few old scores, celebrates the friends and mentors who helped her claw her way to the top, and shares insider gossip about celebrity behavior—the good, the bad, and the very ugly. She recounts the crazy ups and downs of her own career and introduces us to some of the supertalented people she encountered before they got famous (or, in some cases, after fame went to their heads). Word to the wise: If you've ever crossed Kathy Griffin at some point in your life, check the index for your name. Along the way, Kathy reveals intimate details about her life before and after she made the big time. She opens up about everything from growing up with a dysfunctional family in suburban Illinois to bombing as a young comedian in L.A., from her well-publicized plastic surgery disasters to her highly publicized divorce, and more. Only in this book will you learn how the dinner table is the best training ground for a career in stand-up, how speaking your mind can bite you on the ass and buy you a house, and which people in Kathy's life have taught her the most valuable lessons—both inside and outside the entertainment industry. And as if all that wasn't enough, there are also dozens of exclusive and somewhat embarrassing photos from Kathy's own collection—featuring the diva of the D List herself, with her old nose as well as her new one, plus celebrity friends, foes, frenemies, and hangers-on for you to gawk at. Refreshingly candid, unflinchingly honest, and full of hilarious "Did she really say that?" moments, Official Book Club Selection will make you laugh until you cry, or just puke up a little bit.

*Queen of Your Own Life* Jan 28 2020 Discover the Seven Best Gifts You Can Give Yourself *Queen of Your Own Life* is a philosophy, a

decision and an invitation to happiness for women who have made the tough but rewarding journey to the midpoint in their lives. Kathy Kinney (best known as Mimi on *The Drew Carey Show*) and Cindy Ratzlaff (marketing genius behind the launch of *The South Beach Diet*) have been best friends for more than thirty years, and have helped each other navigate the ups and downs of their lives with humor and grace. In this entertaining and inspiring book, they share the tried-and-true techniques they call "the seven best gifts a woman can give herself." They reveal how they learned to value themselves just the way they are—women in full bloom, sensual, vibrant, wise and more beautiful than ever—and they'll show you how you can, too. With these seven gifts you'll discover how to:

- Claim your beauty and feel your power
- Clean your mental closet and find your queen voice
- Admire yourself for who you've become
- Build deep, fulfilling friendships with other women
- Establish firm boundaries that will strengthen all your relationships
- Learn the simple trick to finally being happy
- Place the crown firmly on your head

With humor, comfort and inspiration, *Queen of Your Own Life* offers easy step-by-step actions to blast away at the societal tall tale that young is beautiful and old is just old. If you've been feeling that the best part of your life may be behind you, then this book will prove to you just how untrue that is, and that the door to being happy is not only never closed, but just waiting for you to fling it open. Remember, you don't have to be twenty to have your whole life ahead of you. Now is the time to become *Queen of Your Own Life*!

What Survives of Us Nov 06 2020 B.R.A.G. Medallion Honoree and National Indie Excellence Award Winner Naomi sees her first corpse in a Colorado Springs grocery store, but it won't be her last. With devastating speed, a plague sweeps first the city, then the state, then the world, leaving less than 1% of the population to go on. Naomi, a gentle and sheltered housewife, finds herself fighting for survival in a world populated by desperate people, where might-makes-right, and mercy and compassion are in short supply. Fellow survivors Jack, a youth minister from Woodland Park; Grace, a 17-year-old high school student from Limon; and Naomi's daughter Piper, a student at the University of Northern Colorado, all find themselves searching for a safe path forward...because it's not just the world that has changed. The plague that decimates the human race also pushes mankind into evolutionary change. Those who survive are different, profoundly so, in ways they are just beginning to comprehend. As Naomi struggles to protect and reunite what's left of her family, she must also learn to understand and accept the changes in herself. In this strange new world, her survival, and the survival of those she loves, depends on it.

*Jeff Kinney* Mar 22 2022 One of America's bestselling children's book authors cartooned his way to fame. This accessible, easy-to-follow book about *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* author, Jeff Kinney, offers fascinating facts about the creator's life and work. From his time as a cartoonist for his college newspaper to his international fame as an author, Kinney has stayed dedicated to the art of storytelling. Millions of children around the world have enjoyed the antics of Kinney's lovable middle school character, Greg Heffley. It's not just doodling. Kinney's

humorous work has captured the hearts of kids everywhere, and has them reading, too.

**Ta-Da!** Oct 17 2021 What makes a good story? One little girl thinks it's a princess with magical powers that can—ta-da!—overcome any obstacle. Her friend thinks it's—dun dun duh!—a combination of dragons, pirates, and fire that cause total chaos. But as their stories intertwine, these two young storytellers soon learn that a good story needs both conflict—dun dun duh!—and resolution—ta-da! An irresistible celebration of imaginary play, storytelling, and the joys of collaboration, this gorgeous picture book features two strong voices throughout, making it the perfect read-aloud.

**Virals** Aug 15 2021 Adventure is in Tory Brennan's blood. After all, she's the grandniece of world-famous forensic anthropologist Temperance Brennan. Always up for a challenge, Tory and her science-geek friends spend their time exploring the marshlands of Loggerhead Island, home to the very off-limits Loggerhead Island Research Institute, where something strange is going on. After rescuing a stray wolfdog pup from a top-secret lab, Tory and her friends are exposed to a rare strain of canine parvovirus, changing them—and their DNA—forever. Now they are more than friends. They are a pack. They are Virals. And they're dangerous to the core. But are they unstoppable enough to catch a cold-blooded murderer?

*The Journey is the Destination* Sep 04 2020 Photographs and text excerpted from the late Reuters photographer's seventeen journals document his travels through war-ravaged countries

[A Companion for the Earl](#) Feb 09 2021 A rake and a vicar's daughter searching for pleasure. Lord Laurence, the Earl of Sherborne, thinks love is a fairytale and marriage a curse. He is a rake who lives for pleasure and has been disillusioned by women. But when Anne Calverley, the vicar's daughter, runs away from home the day before she is supposed to marry her father's protégé and finds herself at Dalen Court as his mother's companion, he finds it difficult to keep up his rakish nonchalance. At Dalen Court, Anne is plunged into a world of pleasure and delight far removed from the bleak existence she knew at the vicarage. The earl teaches her to embrace the joys of life and she soon discovers that love is the greatest pleasure. However, her fiancé is furious that she has disappeared and is determined to get her back. Is love strong enough to overcome the past and set the earl and Anne free from the things that bind them? Publisher's Note: This steamy historical romance contains a theme of power exchange.

**A Conspiracy of Bones** Oct 05 2020 #1 New York Times bestselling author Kathy Reichs returns with her nineteenth riveting novel featuring forensic anthropologist Temperance Brennan, who must use all her tradecraft to discover the identity of a faceless corpse, its connection to a decade-old missing child case, and why the dead man had her cellphone number. It's sweltering in Charlotte, North Carolina, and Temperance Brennan, still recovering from neurosurgery following an aneurysm, is battling nightmares, migraines, and what she thinks might be hallucinations when she receives a series of mysterious text messages, each containing a new picture of a corpse that is missing its face and hands. Immediately,

she's anxious to know who the dead man is, and why the images were sent to her. An identified corpse soon turns up, only partly answering her questions. To win answers to the others, including the man's identity, she must go rogue, working mostly outside the system. That's because Tempe's new boss holds a fierce grudge against her and is determined to keep her out of the case. Tempe bulls forward anyway, even as she begins questioning her instincts. But the clues she discovers are disturbing and confusing. Was the faceless man a spy? A trafficker? A target for assassination by the government? And why was he carrying the name of a child missing for almost a decade? With help from a number of law enforcement associates including her Montreal beau Andrew Ryan and the always-ready-with-a-smart-quip, ex-homicide investigator Skinny Slidell, and utilizing new cutting-edge forensic methods, Tempe draws closer to the astonishing truth. But the more she uncovers, the darker and more twisted the picture becomes...

[Kathy Griffin's Celebrity Run-Ins](#) Jan 20 2022 From #1 New York Times bestselling author Kathy Griffin, an A-Z compendium of her celebrity run-ins, and the jaw-dropping, charming, and sometimes bizarre anecdotes only she can tell about them. Kathy Griffin's *Celebrity Run-Ins* is Kathy's funny, juicy index of all of the celebrities she has met during her many years in show business, bursting with never-before-told stories. Starting with Woody Allen and ending with Warren Zevon, Kathy Griffin's *Celebrity Run-Ins* is a who's who of pop culture: Leonardo DiCaprio, Nick Jonas, Kendall Jenner, Anna Kendrick, Lily Tomlin, Suge Knight, Barbra Streisand, Ashton Kutcher, Queen Latifah, Maria Shriver, Jared Leto, Selena Gomez, Meghan Trainor, Macklemore, Bruno Mars, Aaron Paul, Pink, Pitbull, Sia, Britney Spears, Taylor Swift, Christina Aguilera, and many more. Who would imagine that Kathy was an extra in a Michael Jackson commercial (guess which one)? That she and Salman Rushdie trade celebrity stories? That Donald Trump once drove Kathy and Liza Minelli around on a golf cart? That Sidney Poitier has a wicked sense of humor? That Demi Lovato has none? That David Letterman is still scared of Cher? That Channing Tatum is as polite as they come, and Tom Hanks might have the best perspective on fame of anyone? Kathy, that's who. Kathy has met everyone, and after reading this book, you will feel as if you have, too. Kathy Griffin has seen it all. Shocking and sidesplitting, *Kathy Griffin's Celebrity Run-Ins* is an indispensable guide to the stars from one of our most beloved comedians. Can you handle it?

[The Family Manager Takes Charge](#) Aug 03 2020 Being a mom means more than being a wife and parent—it also means being the household accountant, building manager, cook, gardener, housekeeper, and personal shopper—just to name a few of the roles that come with the territory! As America's "Family Manager," bestselling author Kathy Peel has shown millions of moms that running a household is like operating a business. Like any good C.E.O., every mother must know her goals, determine her strategies, and manage her human resources. Delegate-Motivate-Organize...Relax! Every smart manager knows that success depends on teamwork. Kathy shows readers how to get kids

and spouses to help around the house—with lots of practical advice and encouragement to get them motivated and keep them going. Save Time, Money, and Your Sanity With hundreds of time-saving, money-saving, and stress-reducing ideas, this indispensable handbook also shows readers how to take charge of running the home—without running themselves into the ground.

*Now You See Me* Jan 08 2021 On April 19, 1995, Kathy Sanders' life was changed forever when a bomb exploded and destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah building in Oklahoma City, killing her two grandsons Chase and Colton. For months, Kathy struggled with coping and wondered if the God she'd worshipped all her life even existed. After battling bitterness and contemplating suicide, she turned to the Lord and asked what He'd have her do. The answer was clear: Forgive your enemies. Thus Kathy forged a friendship with Terry Nichols, one of the men convicted in the bombing, via phone conversations, letters, and even face-to-face meetings. She also began searching for answers about what happened that fateful day in April and found opportunities to cultivate relationships with Nichols' children, mother, sister, wife, and ex-wife in separate turns. She demonstrated the same type of warmth to family members of Timothy McVeigh, the second man convicted of orchestrating the bombing. Her courageous efforts of extending compassion and grace gave her peace and removed the bitterness from her life. With photos, interviews, and actual letters exchanged between Kathy and Terry Nichols, *NOW YOU SEE ME* tells the story of one woman who walked the road less traveled and forgave the unforgivable.

**Impostor Syndrome** Dec 27 2019 A Good Morning America Buzz Pick \* Named A Best Book of Summer by Entertainment Weekly, New York Post, BuzzFeed, TheSkimm, PopSugar, Bustle, HelloGiggles, Ms. Magazine, Oprah Daily, USA Today, Philadelphia Inquirer, Lit Hub \* Named A Most Anticipated Book of 2021 by The Millions, Harper's Bazaar, Marie Claire, Crimereads A sharp and prescient novel about women in the workplace, the power of Big Tech, and the looming threat of foreign espionage from Kathy Wang, "a skilled satirist of the northern California dream" (Harper's Bazaar) In 2006 Julia Lerner is living in Moscow, a recent university graduate in computer science, when she's recruited by Russia's largest intelligence agency. By 2018 she's in Silicon Valley as COO of Tangerine, one of America's most famous technology companies. In between her executive management (make offers to promising startups, crush them and copy their features if they refuse); self promotion (check out her latest op-ed in the WSJ, on Work/Life Balance 2.0); and work in gender equality (transfer the most annoying females from her team), she funnels intelligence back to the motherland. But now Russia's asking for more, and Julia's getting nervous. Alice Lu is a first generation Chinese American whose parents are delighted she's working at Tangerine (such a successful company!). Too bad she's slogging away in the lower echelons, recently dumped, and now sharing her expensive two-bedroom apartment with her cousin Cheri, a perennial "founder's girlfriend". One afternoon, while performing a server check, Alice discovers some unusual activity, and now she's burdened with two powerful but

distressing suspicions: Tangerine's privacy settings aren't as rigorous as the company claims they are, and the person abusing this loophole might be Julia Lerner herself. The closer Alice gets to Julia, the more Julia questions her own loyalties. Russia may have placed her in the Valley, but she's the one who built her career; isn't she entitled to protect the lifestyle she's earned? Part page-turning cat-and-mouse chase, part sharp and hilarious satire, Impostor Syndrome is a shrewdly-observed examination of women in tech, Silicon Valley hubris, and the rarely fulfilled but ever-attractive promise of the American Dream.

**A Higher Bid** Aug 23 2019 Transform fundraising events into long-term revenue with expert auction advice A Higher Bid is the nonprofit school and organization guide to planning and executing more exciting, more lucrative special event fundraisers. In this book, award-winning consultant, fundraiser, speaker, and professional auctioneer Kathy Kingston shares her proprietary and proven approaches to audience development, board empowerment, leadership succession, guest cultivation and engagement, and donor development. You'll learn how live auctions, special appeals, innovative icebreakers, silent auctions, and new technologies can help increase revenue, and how to execute these events in a way that translates to a stronger donor base for long-term giving. Kingston describes how to match the guest list and catalog for better results, and reveals the strategies professional auctioneers use to curate the right auction items and discover the right people to generate optimum revenue and engage donors. This book offers a fresh approach to fundraising, showing you how charity benefit auctions can be made a centerpiece of fundraising special events to drive both short- and long-term fundraising goals while providing a fun and inspiring opportunity to generate awareness and keep supporters excited about the mission. Using Kingston's proven framework, you'll learn effective ways to: Strategically increase high-profit revenue streams Increase your organization's donor base Empower the board toward efficiency and productivity Engage supporters more deeply and keep them invested Donors are the lifeblood of any nonprofit organization, and sustainable revenue depends upon their high engagement and willingness to give. Well-executed benefit and charity auctions have proven to be effective fundraisers for nonprofits, associations, and schools of all types, and A Higher Bid is the expert guide to optimizing these special events for maximum impact.

*The Bourbon Street Musicians* Aug 27 2022 A Cajun retelling of the classic tale of four animals, past their prime, who set out together to become musicians.

**Deadly Illusion** Oct 29 2022 Fairytales aren't supposed to end in murder She's hiding a dangerous secret. He'll stop at nothing to keep her safe...but can he stop himself from killing her? An emotional, tension-filled forbidden romance that will keep you on the edge of your seat until the very last page... Jenna wasn't going to let the darkness of her past prevent her from building the life she's always wanted, so she put herself through college and moved to the magnificent city of Chicago. But just when she thought all her dreams were coming true,

a shocking incident shattered her fairy-tale life and now, she's hiding a terrible secret-a secret that could cost her everything. Damian is as gorgeous as he is mysterious, keeping his own dark secrets from everyone he meets. He never thought he'd care about anything again...until he meets Jenna. He knows letting her get close to him will put her in danger, but when he suspects Jenna's in trouble, there's only one thing that matters: protecting her at all costs. Thrust into a terrifying nightmare where a threat looms in every shadow, Jenna and Damian find themselves in a race for survival. Soon, everyone Jenna loves is in peril, and only the ultimate sacrifice can save them... This book contains sensitive subject matter.

**Stolen Angels** Mar 30 2020 In October 1996, thirty Ugandan schoolgirls were abducted by the Lord's Resistance Army and disappeared into the bush of Northern Uganda. The girls were raped and tortured before being forced to become child soldiers and sex slaves. This was only one out of thousands of child kidnappings by merciless madman and rebel leader Joseph Kony. But for the battered civilians terrorized by rebel warfare and neglected by corrupt government, this was the breaking point. Something had to be done—the world needed to know and their girls needed to be brought home. Kathy Cook's one-on-one interviews with the surviving girls and their mothers make their fear, frustration, and suffering overwhelmingly real. With exceptional insight gained from on-location research, Cook gives us an authoritative account of how concerned parents, interfaith groups, politicians from Canada and the United States, and NGOs banded together in a struggle to rescue the girls and to mobilize a people, their country, and a global community. An emotionally charged retelling of a heartbreaking true story, *Stolen Angels* reminds us of the importance of faith, strength, and determination in the face of adversity.

*Drug Tested for Being Happy* Sep 23 2019 Kathy Thorson Gruhn grew up in the small town of Blooming Prairie in southern Minnesota. She moved to the South with her husband in the late seventies and currently lives on a horse farm in Tryon, North Carolina. She has two grown daughters and two grandchildren. Before becoming a writer, she was a speech pathologist for 35 years, working primarily with children ages birth to seven, which prompted her to create the My Baby Compass program. My Baby Compass is a program for parents and caregivers of children Birth to Seven that promotes the early identification of developmental delays. She recently entered in a joint venture to get My Baby Compass evidence-based and into an App that will be available worldwide. For more information, visit [www.mybabycompass.com](http://www.mybabycompass.com). She is a bestselling author with the first edition, *Soul for Success*, and she also received the Editor's choice award. She has been telling funny stories for many years and was finally prompted by Jack Canfield, the Chicken Soup of the Soul creator, to gather them in a book after he learned that writing them down was one way she handled the grief of losing her husband of forty-three years. Her greatest gift is making people laugh through her stories and jokes. Follow her at: [kathryngruhn.com](http://kathryngruhn.com) for more books and stories.

**The Runaway Shirt** Jul 26 2022 In *The Runaway Shirt*, a mother and child transform the chore of laundry into a afternoon of laughter and imagination.

**Come Go with Me** Nov 25 2019 God is about people, and this has been the case since the beginning of time when God created man and woman in the beautiful Garden of Eden. He established from the very beginning that he wanted fellowship with us, so what better way for us to know God than to know him through the Holy Bible, prayer, and fellowship prayer with God's people? In *Come Go with Me*, author Kathy Carpenter offers us a way to discover fellowship with believers through their own personal and inspiring true stories of experiencing God in their daily lives. From Southern Georgia and Colorado to Africa, Israel, and Hawaii, these stories will speak to real and breathtaking encounters with God and his Holy Spirit. The stories will bring the inspiration for an adventure of a lifetime--because when God shows up, your life is changed forever! Prayer is about getting close to God and realizing that when you know our blessed Father, you will have the comfort of the Holy Spirit now and forever. If you seek God for comfort from sickness, a troubled marriage, and death, or if you look to him for guidance in supernatural and joyous moments, then *Come Go with Me*--all aboard the spiritual soul train!

**A Treacherous Mix** Dec 07 2020 "When twenty-four-year-old Hawk Cummings wakes up by Beaver Lake at sunset, all he remembers is a dream about a spider that spewed venom. Then he realizes that Kennedy--the young woman he broke every vow to have an affair with--is gone. He rushes to her house only to find it empty. No furniture. No pictures. No sign that anyone lived there. Ashamed and confused, Hawk decides not to report anything to the sheriff. Then Hawk realizes that someone else in town knows what happened to his lover. He begins to fear for Kennedy's life--and his own."--ONIX annotation.

*Deja Dead* Apr 30 2020 The first Temperance Brennan novel in the "cleverly plotted and expertly maintained series" (The New York Times Book Review) from the #1 internationally bestselling thriller writer Kathy Reichs. Her life is devoted to justice—even for those she never knew. In the year since Temperance Brennan left behind a shaky marriage in North Carolina, work has often preempted her weekend plans to explore Québec. When a female corpse is discovered meticulously dismembered and stashed in trash bags, Temperance detects an alarming pattern—and she plunges into a harrowing search for a killer. But her investigation is about to place those closest to her—her best friend and her own daughter—in mortal danger... "A genius at building suspense" (Daily News, New York), Kathy Reichs's Temperance Brennan books are both "accomplished and chilling" (People) and "ripe with intricate settings and memorable characters" (Milwaukee Journal Sentinel).

*Kathy Griffin's Celebrity Run-Ins* Oct 25 2019 An A-Z compendium of the celebrities comedian and TV personality Kathy Griffin has met over the years and the anecdotes only she can tell about them.

*In the Heart of Life* Jun 20 2019 A Mother Loses Almost Everything Before She Discovers True Joy In 1977, Kathy Eldon moved with her husband and two children from England to Kenya, where she found

freedom as she had never known it before and was ready to push back from her old, restrictive life. Diving into this tumultuous new world as a journalist and writer, she embraced the energy and creativity of Kenyans, both black and white. But her world collapsed when her twenty-two-year-old son, Dan—an artist and photojournalist on assignment for Reuters—was stoned to death by an angry mob in Somalia, killed by the very people he was trying to help. Kathy's journey through this tragic loss was deeply spiritual as she discovered that, in many ways, Dan was still ever-present in her life. This gripping international saga includes a passionate love, a dangerous coup in Kenya, and a compelling glimpse into a woman on the brink of self-discovery. After her son's murder, Kathy began to publish his art, which gained popularity worldwide and—together with her daughter, Amy—launched a global foundation celebrating Dan's work as a creative activist. Throughout Kathy's exploration of profound tragedy, we find the secrets to not only surviving, but being truly, gloriously alive.

**How to Survive a Human Attack** May 12 2021 Did you know human attacks account for a staggering 100 percent of premature deaths for witches, swamp monsters, cyborgs, and other supernatural, mutant, and exceptionally large beings? The past millennia or so has seen not only an uptick in human attacks, but also increasingly indiscriminate victim selection. It is understandable to feel overwhelmed. From renowned preternaturalist K. E. Flann, *How to Survive a Human Attack* provides critical information at a critical time with chapters specifically tailored to their target audience, including: · A Zombie's Guide to Filling the Emptiness and Moving Forward · First-Time Haunter's Guide for Ghosts, Spirits, Poltergeists, Specters, and Wraiths · Self-Training 101 for Werewolves: Sit, Don't Speak, Stay Alive! · What's Happening to My Body?: Radioactive Mutants and the Safety of the Nuclear Family

*What's New, Harper Drew?* Jun 13 2021 "Fizzing with fun. From friendship dramas to family catastrophes, it's a perfect choice for fans of funny!" - Jen Carney, author of *The Accidental Diary of B.U.G* Welcome to the hilarious WORLD of Harper Drew... there's a whole lot of DRAMA, but luckily she has tried and tested methods to deal with it! Perfect for fans of *Dork Diaries*. My name is Harper Drew. I'm using my new journal to take note of all the totally ridiculous things that seem to go on around me with my family and friends. I seem to be the ONLY ONE who sees this all of this stuff for what it is. Completely BEYOND normal. Recently I've been logging Drew Dial Ratings for all the mayhem. On a scale of 0 to 10, how likely is someone to SAY or DO something that would be less sensible than (for example) ... a demented camel? First up is the annual Drew trip to France... and while there might not be camels, there are BATS and Llamas - and my brother Troy who is so obsessed with his hairstyle, he won't even go swimming... that's a whole lot of ratings. I'm just hoping I land an

invite to Maisie Felix's party when I'm back to distract me from the Drews... for one whole evening! The start of a relatable new illustrated series, all about embracing your family, and finding unique ways to deal with life's dramas.

**Sword and Verse** Jul 14 2021 In a sweeping fantasy that award-winning author Franny Billingsley calls "fascinating and unique," debut author Kathy MacMillan weaves palace intrigue and epic world-building to craft a tale for fans of Rae Carson and Megan Whalen Turner. Raisa was just a child when she was sold into slavery in the kingdom of Qilara. Before she was taken away, her father had been adamant that she learn to read and write. But where she now lives, literacy is a capital offense for all but the nobility. The written language is closely protected, and only the King, Prince, Tutor, and Tutor-in-training are allowed to learn its very highest form. So when she is plucked from her menial labor and selected to replace the last Tutor-in-training who was executed, Raisa knows that betraying any hint of her past could mean death. Keeping her secret guarded is hard enough, but the romance that's been blossoming between her and Prince Mati isn't helping matters. Then Raisa is approached by the Resistance—an underground rebel army—to help liberate the city's slaves. She wants to free her people, but that would mean aiding a war against Mati. As Raisa struggles with what to do, she discovers a secret that the Qilarites have been hiding for centuries—one that, if uncovered, could bring the kingdom to its knees.

**The Book of Polly** Apr 11 2021 For readers of *Saving CeeCee* Honeycutt, *Joshilyn Jackson*, and *Fannie Flagg*, with a touch of *Terms of Endearment* A laugh-out-loud funny yet poignant novel about a daughter determined not only to keep her mother among the living but to find out the secrets of her long-buried past Willow Havens is ten years old and obsessed with the fear that her mother will die. Her mother, Polly, is a cantankerous, take-no-prisoners Southern woman who lives to shoot varmints, drink margaritas, and antagonize the neighbors--and she sticks out like a sore thumb among the young, modern mothers of their small conventional Texas town. She was in her late fifties when Willow was born, so Willow knows she's here by accident, a late-life afterthought. Willow's father died before she was born, her much older brother and sister are long grown and gone and failing elsewhere: it's just her and her bigger-than-life mom, Polly. Willow is desperately hungry for clues to the family life that preceded her, and Polly has her own secrets that she won't reveal. Why did she leave her hometown of Bethel, Louisiana, fifty years ago and vow never to return after a mysterious and terrible incident? Who is Garland Jones, her long-ago suitor who possibly killed a man? And will Polly be able to outrun The Bear, the illness that finally puts her on a collision course with her closely guarded past and a final trip back to Bethel that will end with them, like Huck Finn, riding a river raft back home? **THE BOOK OF POLLY** has a kick like the best hot sauce, and a

great blend of humor and sadness, pathos and hilarity. This is a bittersweet novel about the grip of love in a truly quirky family and you'll come to know one of the most unforgettable mother-daughter duos you've ever met.

**Soul Catcher** May 24 2022 *Soul Catcher* takes you on a self-guided journey along a spiritual path forged from the realization of your own dreams and wishes, and the utilization of the wisdom of your own inner voice. This beautiful journal will help you find ways to break through the barriers that stand in your way and offer support as you shape and define your true values and goals so you can live life to its fullest.

**The Road to Mercy** Jun 25 2022 Josh Harrison and Bethany, his pregnant wife, decide against having an abortion even though the pregnancy is putting Bethany's life in danger, as secrets from her past continue to haunt Bethany.

**Desperate Choices** Apr 23 2022 When New Orleans police declare private investigator Max Lamoreaux's missing godson a runaway, he reaches out to former flame Theresa Crawford for help. Her specialized skills have proven key to unlocking past investigations. Time hasn't diminished their powerful chemistry, but Theresa's secrets drove them apart once before. As they work together, will shadows from her past destroy their last chance at happiness? **NOTE:** This book was previously published. It has been re-edited and additional content added. "Kathy Ivan's books are addictive, you can't read just one." Susan Stoker, NYT Bestselling Author "Kathy Ivan has crafted warm, engaging characters that will steal your heart and a mystery that will keep you reading to the very last page." Barb Han, USA TODAY and Publisher's Weekly Bestselling Author "This is the first I have read from Kathy Ivan and it won't be the last." Night Owl Reviews "I highly recommend *Desperate Choices*. Readers can't go wrong here!" Melissa, Joyfully Reviewed

**The Writer's Lexicon** Nov 18 2021 You just read your manuscript and discovered that your characters nod like marionettes in every chapter. When they're not nodding, they roll their eyes. Time to slash the Pinocchio strings and turn them into real people. Award-winning author Kathy Steinemann provides the tools. She cuts through the so-called rules and offers simple solutions. Too many repetitions of "little"? There's a cure for that. Do you rely on "very" too often? There's a cure for that too. You'll find the remedies in this book's dispensary. Should you ever use anything other than "said" to attribute dialogue? Are exclamation points taboo? The answers might surprise you. Learn how to harness body language, purge hackneyed adjectives, and draw on the environment for ambience. No more wooden characters. You'll transform them into believable personalities that your readers will learn to love. Or hate. Get in the driver's seat, relax, and enjoy your journey-with Kathy Steinemann's book as your GPS.