Joie Adria 2013-06-02: “A skillful storyteller ... evocatively quieted and witty.” — M. Cottle “Aussie has a great eye, a great ear, and a great talent for drawing out the most extraordinary characters.” — Janis Carter “Joie Adria book. This is one of the best books I’ve read in a long time.” — Lorrie Moore — and Mary— Joie Adria from the highly acclaimed author of The Missing Person and Balloons and Other Stories, is a transcendent read about life, love, and loss.

In the Before, Caroline is, as everyone knows, a wife and mother. In the After, she’s a thirty-two-year-old woman who has taken up the family’s old family business, running a coffee shop in the middle of a small town on the eastern seaboard.

Her mother, the true center of Caroline’s universe, was undermined by the March Madness of WWII, an epic battle between Caroline’s father, a United States Marine, and Jack, a Viet Nam vet and one-semester. Caroline meets Jack’s alcoholic world of shadowy fears and calculating loggers. But there is also Jack’s other side, a man who is a master of surprising kindness and unexpected humor.

In the After, Caroline’s life is one of isolation and confinement. Her mother is dead, her father is gone, and she’s been left with a town that no longer wants anything to do with her. She’s surrounded by people she doesn’t know, who don’t know her. She’s alone.

In the Before, Caroline was the center of her mother’s universe, the true axis of her entire world. Her mother was Caroline’s everything. But now she’s alone, and she’s struggling to find her way.

In this haunting and beautiful novel, Joie Adria explores the beauty and complexity of life, the power of love, and the resilience of the human spirit. It’s a story about loss and recovery, about the power of love to heal and to overcome.

In Case I’m Gone Timelines 2018-10-19 Young is the help of his friend Andy — he finds himself accountable for the minutiae of his late great-grandmother’s household. With no one to turn to for help, Young is forced to confront his own foibles and obsessions of men and of women, compassionate in her humour yet never missing an opportunity to make her characters squirm.

The last. A young nun charged with talking an anorexic out of her religious fanaticism toys with the thin distance between practicality and despair. At the same time, she grows to love this young woman, she feels her bond with this house, she has always meant to be there, to be with this house. But it’s a house where she didn’t know what she was doing, and she didn’t know how to be there.

In the After, Young is left with the task of sorting through his grandmother’s belongings, of trying to make sense of her life and of her death. He’s left with a house full of memories, of stories, of secrets. He’s left with a life that he didn’t know he had.

In this poignant and beautifully written novel, Young explores the complexity of the human heart, the power of love, and the resilience of the human spirit. It’s a story about loss and recovery, about the power of love to heal and to overcome.

The Young Room Lauren B. Davis 2015-03-02 A new and groundbreaking journey to the depths of addiction, from the author of Our Daily Bread. For the Giller Prize. Collar Knocks sprints on quickly, with clear memory of the night before. It’s Monday morning, and he has to be at work. A young man on the move, he’s left behind only his best friend and his mother. When his new wife, daughter, and two other teenage girls are killed, Miley is left questioning all he has been taught. Is her world as she knows it over? And if so, what will come next?

In the After, Miley must come to terms with the death of her family, of her friends, of herself. She must come to terms with the fact that the world she knew is over, and that the world she will live in is unknown. She must come to terms with the fact that she is alone, and that she must find her way.

In this moving and powerful novel, Lauren B. Davis explores the complexity of the human heart, the power of love, and the resilience of the human spirit. It’s a story about loss and recovery, about the power of love to heal and to overcome.
As the mother of hip-hop superstar Kanye West, Donda West has watched her son grow from a shy, reserved little boy to one of the hottest rappers on the music scene. And she has every right to be proud: she raised her son with strong moral values, teaching him right from wrong and helping him become the man he is today.

In Raising Kanye, Donda not only pays homage to her famous son but reflects on all the things she learned about being a mother along the way. Featuring never-before-seen photos and compelling personal anecdotes, Donda is powerful and inspiring memoir reveals everything from the difficulties she faced as a single mother in the African-American community to her times as an assistant to Kanye's manager as he rose to superstardom. Speaking frankly about her son's sexuality as a “Mama’s Boy,” and his memorable public outbursts about gay rights and President George W. Bush, Donda supports her son without exception, and here she shares the invaluable wisdom she has taken away from each experience—passion, tolerance, patience, and above all, always telling the truth. Ultimately, she not only expresses what her famously talented son has meant to her but what he has meant to music and an entire generation.

Eli's Promise

Ronald H. Balson 2020-09-22

A “fixer” in a Polish town during World War II, his betrayal of a Jewish family, and a search for justice—25 years later—by the winner of the National Jewish Book Award, Eli's Promise is a masterful work of historical fiction spanning three eras—Nazi-occupied Poland, the American Zone of post-war Germany, and Chicago at the height of the Vietnam War. Award-winning author Ronald H. Balson explores the human cost of war, the enduring legacy of survival, and the enduring strength of family bonds.

Eli Rosen lives with his wife Esther and their young son in the Polish town of Lublin, where his family owns a construction company. As a consequence of the Nazi occupation, Eli's company is Aryanized, appropriated, and transferred to Maximilian Poleski—an unprincipled profiteer who peddles favors to Lublin's subjugated residents. An uneasy alliance is formed; Poleski will keep the Rosen family safe if Eli will guarantee his son's fate—speeding Eli into a lifetime of guilt. 1945: Eli rents a room in Albany Park, Chicago. Displaced persons camp in Allied-occupied Germany hoping for a visa to America. His wife has been missing since the war. One man is sneaking around the camps selling illegal visas; might he know what has happened to her? 1965: Eli rents a room in Albany Park, Chicago. He is on a mission. With patience, courage, and relentless focus, he navigates unfamiliar streets and dangerous political backrooms, searching for the truth. Powerful and emotional, Ronald H. Balson's Eli's Promise is a rich, rewarding novel of World War II and a husband's quest for justice.

The Grimoire of Kensington Market

Lauren Davis 2018-10-16

The downtown core of Toronto is being consumed by Elysium, a drug that allows its users to slip through the permeable edges of this world and taste sensations that are utterly forbidden by the icy Srebrenka, few have managed to escape the drug and its dealer. But Maggie has. Inspired by Moss Christian Anderson's "The Room Spreads," The Grimoire of Kensington Market is the story of Maggie, a resident of the Grimoire bookstore, which expands and contracts as stories are born... or die. Kensington Market is the story of Maggie, guardian of The Grimoire bookstore, which expands and contracts as stories are born... or die. Leanne Brown launched a Kickstarter campaign to self-publish and fund the buy one/give one model. Hundreds of thousands of viewers watched her video and donated $145,000, and national media are paying attention. Even high-profile chefs and food writers have taken note—like Mark Bittman, who retweeted the link to the campaign; Francis Lam, who called it "Terrific!"; and Michael Pollan, who cited it as a "cool project to watch." Leanne Brown's Good and Cheap is poised to become a cookbook that every food lover with a conscience will embrace. It is the same way that TOMS turned inexpensive, stylish shoes into a larger do-good movement, Good and Cheap is poised to create pantry basics; on mastering certain staples—pizza dough, flour tortillas—and saucy extras that make everything taste better, like spice oil and tzatziki; and how to make fundamentally smart, healthful food choices. The idea for Good and Cheap is already proving itself.