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The Book of Eli - Solara
Charles Hairston
2016-02-29 "The Book of Eli - Solara: The Verse of Shadow," is the story of Solara and her mission to save her blind mother from Carnegie. This story is a fan-told expansion of the original 2010 movie The Book of Eli starring Denzel Washington (Eli) and Mila Kunis (Solara). Throughout this book, the reader follows Solara as the main character and receives closure to the original story.
This book will appeal to those who enjoy fan fiction. **Really, Really Big Questions** Stephen Law 2009-10-13 Combines philosophical, curious, and sometimes ridiculous questions to suggest thought-provoking answers covering such topics as the origin of the world, the mind and its powers, ethical issues, and knowledge. **Against Everything** Mark Greif 2017-08-08 Over the past eleven years, Greif has been publishing superb, and in some cases already famous, essays in n+1, the high-profile little magazine that he co-founded. These essays address such key topics in the cultural, political, and intellectual life of our time as the tyranny of exercise, the tyranny of nutrition and food snobbery, the sexualization of childhood (and everything else), the philosophical meaning of Radiohead, the rise and fall of the hipster, the impact of the Occupy Wall Street movement, and the crisis of policing. Four of the selections address, directly and unironically, the meaning of life--what might be the right philosophical stance to adopt toward one's self and the world. Each essay in Against Everything is learned, original, highly entertaining, and, from start to finish, dead serious. They are the work of a young intellectual who, with his peers, is reinventing and reinvigorating what intellectuals can be and say and do. Mark Greif manages to reincarnate and revivify the thought and spirit of the greatest of American dissenters, Henry David Thoreau, for our time and historical situation.--Publisher website. **Theory of Knowledge for the IB Diploma** Richard van de Lagemaat 2014-11-20 Written by experienced practitioners this resource for Theory of Knowledge for the IB Diploma offers comprehensive coverage of
and support for the new subject guide. This edition of Theory of Knowledge for the IB Diploma is fully revised for first examination in September 2015. The coursebook is a comprehensive, original and accessible approach to Theory of Knowledge, which covers all aspects of the revised subject guide. A fresh design ensures the content is accessible and user friendly and there is detailed guidance on how to approach the TOK essay and presentation. This edition supports the stronger emphasis on the distinction between personal and shared knowledge and the new areas of knowledge: religion and indigenous knowledge.

Mind Gym Gary Mack
2002-06-24 Praise for Mind Gym
"Believing in yourself is paramount to success for any athlete. Gary's lessons and David's writing provide examples of the importance of the mental game." --Ben Crenshawn, two-time Masters champion and former Ryder Cup captain
"Mind Gym hits a home run. If you want to build mental muscle for the major leagues, read this book." --Ken Griffey Jr., Major League Baseball MVP
"I read Mind Gym on my way to the Sydney Olympics and really got a lot out of it. Gary has important lessons to teach, and you'll find the exercises fun and beneficial." --Jason Kidd, NBA All-Star and Olympic gold-medal winner
In Mind Gym, noted sports psychology consultant Gary Mack explains how your mind influences your performance on the field or on the court as much as your physical skill does, if not more so. Through forty accessible lessons and inspirational anecdotes from prominent athletes--many of whom he has worked with--you will learn the same techniques and exercises Mack uses to help elite athletes build mental "muscle." Mind Gym will
give you the "head edge" over the competition.

**Bad Boy** Walter Dean Myers 2009-10-06 A classic memoir that's gripping, funny, and ultimately unforgettable from the bestselling former National Ambassador of Books for Young People. A strong choice for summer reading—an engaging and powerful autobiographical exploration of growing up a so-called "bad boy" in Harlem in the 1940s. As a boy, Myers was quick-tempered and physically strong, always ready for a fight. He also read voraciously—he would check out books from the library and carry them home, hidden in brown paper bags in order to avoid other boys' teasing. He aspired to be a writer (and he eventually succeeded). But as his hope for a successful future diminished, the values he had been taught at home, in school, and in his community seemed worthless, and he turned to the streets and to his books for comfort. Don’t miss this memoir by New York Times bestselling author Walter Dean Myers, one of the most important voices of our time.

**The High Sierra** Kim Stanley Robinson 2022-05-10 A “sublime” and “radically original” exploration of the Sierra Nevadas, the best mountains on Earth for hiking and camping, from New York Times bestselling novelist Kim Stanley Robinson (Bill McKibben, Gary Snyder). Kim Stanley Robinson first ventured into the Sierra Nevada mountains during the summer of 1973. He returned from that encounter a changed man, awed by a landscape that made him feel as if he were simultaneously strolling through an art museum and scrambling on a jungle gym like an energized child. He has returned to the mountains throughout his
life—more than a hundred trips—and has gathered a vast store of knowledge about them. The High Sierra is his lavish celebration of this exceptional place and an exploration of what makes this span of mountains one of the most compelling places on Earth. Over the course of a vivid and dramatic narrative, Robinson describes the geological forces that shaped the Sierras and the history of its exploration, going back to the indigenous peoples who made it home and whose traces can still be found today. He celebrates the people whose ideas and actions protected the High Sierra for future generations. He describes uniquely beautiful hikes and the trails to be avoided. Robinson’s own life-altering events, defining relationships, and unforgettable adventures form the narrative’s spine. And he illuminates the human communion with the wild and with the sublime, including the personal growth that only seems to come from time spent outdoors. The High Sierra is a gorgeous, absorbing immersion in a place, born out of a desire to understand and share one of the greatest rapture-inducing experiences our planet offers. Packed with maps, gear advice, more than 100 breathtaking photos, and much more, it will inspire veteran hikers, casual walkers, and travel readers to prepare for a magnificent adventure.

Not Fade Away Laurence Shames 2003-09-20 Chronicles the life of the founder of Liberty Media, from his protests against the Vietnam War and his jam sessions with Sha Na Na through his work as a political consultant and businessman and his battle against cancer.

An Invisible Thread Laura Schroff 2012-08-07 Presents the true story of a
friendship that has spanned three decades, recounting how the author, a harried sales executive, befriended an eleven-year-old panhandler, changing both of their lives forever.

What Fresh Hell Is This?
Heather Corinna
2021-06-01

What to Expect When You’re Not Expected to Expect Anything

Did you see the title and flame-filled cover of this book, and did your weary, sweaty, confused, and exasperated soul scream, That one! That is the book for me!!? If so, I’d first like to extend my deepest sympathies, an ice pack, and some of these very helpful edibles. If it’s three in the morning as you’re reading this, as it may well be, you likely want those more than a book. But since I can’t really give you the other stuff, I can at least offer you this book. . . .

Perimenopause and menopause experiences are as unique as all of us who move through them. While there’s no one-size-fits-all, Heather Corinna tells you what can happen and what you can do to take care of yourself, all the while busting pernicious myths, offering real self-care tips—the kind that won’t break the bank or your soul—and running the gamut from hot flashes to hormone therapy. With big-tent, practical, clear information and support, and inclusive of so many who have long been left out of the discussion—people with disabilities; queer, transgender, nonbinary, and other gender-diverse people; BIPOC; working class and other folks—What Fresh Hell Is This? is the cooling pillow and empathetic best friend to help you through the fire.

The Complete Philosophy Files
Stephen Law 2011

Is there a God, should I eat meat, where does the universe come from, could I live for ever as a robot? These are the big questions readers will be wrestling
with in this thoroughly enjoyable book. Dip into any chapter and you will find lively scenarios and dialogues to take you through philosophical puzzles ancient and modern, involving virtual reality, science fiction and a host of characters from this and other planets. The text is interspersed on every page with lively cartoons, and there is a list of philosophical jargon at the end. Stephen Law has a gift for communicating complex ideas. He offers few answers, but his unstuffy, highly personal approach will have the reader thinking and arguing with as much pleasure as he does himself.

The Philosophy Gym
Stephen Law 2003-12-16
A philosophical analysis of some of history's most pressing mental challenges covers a wide range of issues from the existence of God to the ethics of designer babies, illustrating each with a story and then posing arguments for both sides. 15,000 first printing.

Shades of Sydney
Brittney Coon 2016-01-05
Sydney West enjoys sampling summer boys, but this year, one refuses to be a one-night stand... Twenty-one-year-old Sydney doesn't believe in relationships. Her parents' toxic divorce has taught her love is nothing but a sinister fairytale. So every summer she parties, hooks up, abandons her lover before dawn, and repeats. That is until she meets gorgeous local surfer Jason King at the beach... When Jason fails to flirt-or even give her a second glance-she decides something must be wrong with him, and it's safer to stay away. But when Sydney and Jason's best friends hook up and become Malibu's hottest couple, they are forced to spend more time together than either of them cares for. Armed with a sharp tongue, Sydney works to keep Jason at bay... In a moment of
weakness, Sydney lets her guard down and confides in Jason, realizing he's more than just a hot guy—he's also a friend. And when Sydney's need for a summer boy results in her falling into bed with Jason, despite her better judgment, she runs away from him by morning. The problem is, he won't accept being another one-night stand, and will do anything to prove... Love really does exist.

**Power of the Fitness Mind**

Charlie S. Dannelly

2017-03-02 The Ultimate Guide for Improving Every Part of Your Life by Creating a Fitness Mindset

What is Holding You Back in Your Life? Have you tried diet and exercise programs before, only to find you can never stick with anything, or that the weight just won't come off? Or maybe you're physically fit but nothing else in life is quite adding up. You are not alone. Every year people all over the world commit themselves to living a healthier life and shedding their extra weight, and every year most people fail. If this describes you, you need this book. The reason you have failed in your other efforts is because none of those other programs showed you the secret to fitness success. They only gave you part of the puzzle. This book shows you that the real power to get healthy, physically fit, and lose weight is your mindset. Author, and personal trainer, Charlie S. Dannelly II teaches you the secrets to developing a fitness mindset inside his powerful book, Power of the Fitness Mind. Inside you will discover: -What fitness really means -How to lose weight -How to become healthier, stronger, happier, and wealthier -How to improve your spiritual fitness -The relationship between fitness and the power of attraction -How to improve and sustain your fitness focus -How to gain financial fitness -Why fitness makes you smarter -
The secrets of nutritional fitness - How to get fitness minded results - And Much More
If you are tired of failing and want to unlock your full potential in every area of your life, you cannot afford to miss this book. Everything you need to develop the body of your dreams, and the life you have always known you were meant to live, is in this book. There are many fitness and financial gurus out there who will try and sell you some magic formula for getting what you want. But, most of these so-called experts only focus on a small piece of what you need to succeed. The body, mind, and soul must all work together to fully achieve what you are capable of physically, mentally, spiritually, and financially. It's time for you to get in the fitness mindset.

**The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian**

Sherman Alexie

2012-01-10

Bestselling

Author Sherman Alexie tells the story of Junior, a budding cartoonist growing up on the Spokane Indian Reservation. Determined to take his future into his own hands, Junior leaves his troubled school on the rez to attend an all-white farm town high school where the only other Indian is the school mascot. Heartbreaking, funny, and beautifully written, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, which is based on the author's own experiences, coupled with poignant drawings by Ellen Forney that reflect the character's art, chronicles the contemporary adolescence of one Native American boy as he attempts to break away from the life he was destined to live. With a forward by Markus Zusak, interviews with Sherman Alexie and Ellen Forney, and four-color interior art throughout, this edition is perfect for fans and collectors alike.
Sophie's World Jostein Gaarder 2007-03-20

One day Sophie comes home from school to find two questions in her mail: "Who are you?" and "Where does the world come from?"

Before she knows it she is enrolled in a correspondence course with a mysterious philosopher. Thus begins Jostein Gaarder's unique novel, which is not only a mystery, but also a complete and entertaining history of philosophy.

A Little History of Philosophy Nigel Warburton 2011-10-25

Philosophy begins with questions about the nature of reality and how we should live. These were the concerns of Socrates, who spent his days in the ancient Athenian marketplace asking awkward questions, disconcerting the people he met by showing them how little they genuinely understood. This engaging book introduces the great thinkers in Western philosophy and explores their most compelling ideas about the world and how best to live in it. In forty brief chapters, Nigel Warburton guides us on a chronological tour of the major ideas in the history of philosophy. He provides interesting and often quirky stories of the lives and deaths of thought-provoking philosophers from Socrates, who chose to die by hemlock poisoning rather than live on without the freedom to think for himself, to Peter Singer, who asks the disquieting philosophical and ethical questions that haunt our own times. Warburton not only makes philosophy accessible, he offers inspiration to think, argue, reason, and ask in the tradition of Socrates. A Little History of Philosophy presents the grand sweep of humanity's search for philosophical understanding and invites all to join in the discussion.

The Handmaid's Tale

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Margaret Atwood 2011-09-06 In this multi-award-winning, bestselling novel, Margaret Atwood has created a stunning Orwellian vision of the near future. This is the story of Offred, one of the unfortunate "Handmaids" under the new social order who have only one purpose: to breed. In Gilead, where women are prohibited from holding jobs, reading, and forming friendships, Offred's persistent memories of life in the "time before" and her will to survive are acts of rebellion. Provocative, startling, prophetic, and with Margaret Atwood's devastating irony, wit, and acute perceptive powers in full force, "The Handmaid's Tale" is at once a mordant satire and a dire warning. "From the Hardcover edition."

Wererat Jonathan Brazee 2013-05-12 Rafe comes from a long line of shifters. His father is a werewolf, and his mother is a weretiger. As he reaches puberty, he eagerly awaits his First Shift and finding out just what is his animal form. What powerful animal will complete him? Much to his disappointment, after going through the agony of his First Shift, Rafe discovers that he is not a wolf, tiger, or bear. He is not even a coyote or raptor, forms considered perhaps less prestigious in the tribe, but still acceptable. No, Rafe is a wererat, the only wererat in anyone's memory. Events work out to drive Rafe away from the tribe, to live out in the world at large. When he finally comes back for a visit, the tribe comes under attack from a group dedicated to eradicate all shifters from the face of the earth. The question is whether there is anything Rafe can do to help his tribe survive. Does he have value in a tribe of powerful shifters, or is exile the proper place for a genetic regression such as him?
Discipline and Punish
Michel Foucault 2012-04-18
In this brilliant work, the most influential philosopher since Sartre suggests that such vaunted reforms as the abolition of torture and the emergence of the modern penitentiary have merely shifted the focus of punishment from the prisoner's body to his soul.

How I Became a Quant
Richard R. Lindsey 2011-01-11
Praise for How I Became a Quant "Led by two top-notch quants, Richard R. Lindsey and Barry Schachter, How I Became a Quant details the quirky world of quantitative analysis through stories told by some of today's most successful quants. For anyone who might have thought otherwise, there are engaging personalities behind all that number crunching!" --Ira Kawaller, Kawaller & Co. and the Kawaller Fund "A fun and fascinating read. This book tells the story of how academics, physicists, mathematicians, and other scientists became professional investors managing billions." --David A. Krell, President and CEO, International Securities Exchange "How I Became a Quant should be must reading for all students with a quantitative aptitude. It provides fascinating examples of the dynamic career opportunities potentially open to anyone with the skills and passion for quantitative analysis." --Roy D. Henriksson, Chief Investment Officer, Advanced Portfolio Management "Quants"--those who design and implement mathematical models for the pricing of derivatives, assessment of risk, or prediction of market movements--are the backbone of today's investment industry. As the greater volatility of current financial markets has driven investors to seek shelter from increasing uncertainty, the quant revolution has given people the
opportunity to avoid unwanted financial risk by literally trading it away, or more specifically, paying someone else to take on the unwanted risk. How I Became a Quant reveals the faces behind the quant revolution, offering you the chance to learn firsthand what it's like to be a quant today. In this fascinating collection of Wall Street war stories, more than two dozen quants detail their roots, roles, and contributions, explaining what they do and how they do it, as well as outlining the sometimes unexpected paths they have followed from the halls of academia to the front lines of an investment revolution.

_Brave Little Monster_ Ken Baker 2001-08-21 Albert the little monster has trouble falling asleep one night because he fears little boys and girls are hiding under his bed and in his closet, so when his mother tells him that there are no such things as boys and girls, Albert must summon up all of his courage to get rid of them by himself.

_The War for Children's Minds_ Stephen Law 2006-10-01 First Published in 2007. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.

_Philosophy_ Nigel Warburton 2005 Nigel Warburton brings philosophy to life with an imaginative selection of philosophical writings on key topics. Philosophy: Basic Readings is the ideal introduction to some of the most accessible and thought-provoking pieces in philosophy, both contemporary and classic. The second edition of Philosophy: Basic Readings has been expanded to include new pieces in each major area of philosophy: · What is philosophy? · God · Right and wrong · The external world · Science · Mind · Art The readings in Philosophy: Basic Readings complement the chapters in Philosophy: The Basics (4th
The Philosophy of Christopher Nolan

Jason T. Eberl 2017-06-20

As a director, writer, and producer, Christopher Nolan has substantially impacted contemporary cinema through avant garde films, such as Following and Memento, and his contribution to wider pop culture with his Dark Knight trilogy. His latest film, Interstellar, delivered the same visual qualities and complex, thought-provoking plotlines his audience anticipates. The Philosophy of Christopher Nolan collects sixteen essays, written by professional philosophers and film theorists, discussing themes such as self-identity and self-destruction, moral choice and moral doubt, the nature of truth and its value, whether we can trust our perceptions of what’s “real,” the political psychology of heroes and villains, and what it means to be a “viewer” of Nolan’s films. Whether his protagonists are squashing themselves like a bug, struggling to create an identity and moral purpose for themselves, suffering from their own duplicitous plots, donning a mask that both strikes fear and reveals their true nature, or having to weigh the lives of those they love against the greater good, there are no simple solutions to the questions Nolan’s films provoke; exploring these questions yields its own reward.

Fitness Confidential

Vinnie Tortorich 2013

"For decades, Vinnie Tortorich has been Hollywood's go-to guy for celebrities and athletes looking to get fit fast. Now, in this hilarious, R-rated memoir, Hollywood's most outrageous personal trainer exposes the fitness world while getting you into shape." --P. [4] of cover.

The Erg Book

Short and Coxswains 2016-06-14

It doesn't matter if you are
rowing for fitness, competition, as part of a training program for on-the-water rowing, or just dipping a toe into the world of indoor rowing, we've got you covered. Written by three long-time rowing coaches, we tell it like it is with a dash of humor. This book includes more than 375 of the best indoor rowing workouts of all time, designed and organized by skill level, fitness training goals, time and difficulty. We make it simple to find a workout that fits your specific needs on any given day. The Erg Book helps you maximize your training time with easy to follow 14-week indoor rowing training plans, with great tips for improving indoor rowing technique, whether you're just starting out or have been rowing for years. We've also included lots of fun and effective team workouts designed for fitness classes and juniors, college and masters rowing teams training in the off-season, along with the best body circuit exercises designed to help you build flexibility, balance and core strength for rowing. Whether you're a serious rower or rowing coach, or you've just had your eye on the dusty erg in the corner of your gym, we'll give you the tools you need to make the erg your new best friend. 

**Einstein vs. Bergson**

Alessandra Campo  
2021-11-08 This book brings together papers from a conference that took place in the city of L'Aquila, 4–6 April 2019, to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the earthquake that struck on 6 April 2009. Philosophers and scientists from diverse fields of research debated the problem that, on 6 April 1922, divided Einstein and Bergson: the nature of time. For Einstein, scientific time is the only time that matters and the only time we can rely on. Bergson, however, believes that scientific time
is derived by abstraction, even in the sense of extraction, from a more fundamental time. The plurality of times envisaged by the theory of Relativity does not, for him, contradict the philosophical intuition of the existence of a single time. But how do things stand today? What can we say about the relationship between the quantitative and qualitative dimensions of time in the light of contemporary science? What do quantum mechanics, biology and neuroscience teach us about the nature of time? The essays collected here take up the question that pitted Einstein against Bergson, science against philosophy, in an attempt to reverse the outcome of their monologue in two voices, with a multilogue in several voices.

Philosophy

Stephen Law
2008-07-01

Examine the ideas and traditions of Western and Eastern thought ‘Packed with all the information, advice and tips you’ll need to get on your way.’ Good times July/Aug

"Eyewitness Companions offer an essential reference library, perfect for novices or anyone who hust wants to know more about their favourite pastime." Heyday

A demystifying guide to a misunderstood subject. Learn to understand the major issues, theories and problems at the heart of philosophy and watch hard-to-grasp concepts come to life. Discover philosophers answers to the ‘big questions’ Where do we come from? What is the perfect model for society? What is the meaning of life? Discover who's who and know all the major thinkers, from Aristotle to Zeno. Use the ‘toolkit’ to exercise your mind, learn to talk the talk and construct and communicate philosophical arguments. Start reading, start thinking.

School, Family, and Community Partnerships

Joyce L. Epstein 2018-07-19

Strengthen family and
community engagement to promote equity and increase student success! When schools, families, and communities collaborate and share responsibility for students' education, more students succeed in school. Based on 30 years of research and fieldwork, this fourth edition of a bestseller provides tools and guidelines to use to develop more effective and equitable programs of family and community engagement. Written by a team of well-known experts, this foundational text demonstrates a proven approach to implement and sustain inclusive, goal-oriented programs. Readers will find: Many examples and vignettes Rubrics and checklists for implementation of plans CD-ROM complete with slides and notes for workshop presentations

The Philosophy of Social Ecology Murray Bookchin 2022-03-09 What is nature? And what is the relationship of society to the natural world? In an era of ecological breakdown, answering these questions has become of momentous importance for our everyday lives and for the future that we and other life-forms face. In the essays of The Philosophy of Social Ecology, Murray Bookchin confronts these questions head on: invoking the ideas of mutualism, self-organization, and unity in diversity, in the service of ever expanding freedom. Refreshingly polemical and deeply philosophical, they take issue with technocratic and mechanistic ways of understanding and relating to, and within, nature. More importantly, they develop a solid, historically and politically based ethical foundation for social ecology, the field that Bookchin himself created and that offers us hope in the midst of our climate catastrophe.

Philosophy Rocks! Stephen
Law 2002 Introduces the provocative questions and the arguments that philosophers throughout history have offered, from Plato to the twentieth century, including such issues as reality, ethics, and the existence of God. **What Am I Doing with My Life?** Stephen Law 2019-08-08 Life philosophy based on Google searches Have I found 'the one'? Am I a psychopath? Should I be allowed to say whatever I want? Millions of people ask Google all sorts of questions, everything from the big and small. Responding to the biggest, existential questions asked online and using the wisdom of Plato, Kant, Kierkegaard and other philosophical greats philosopher, academic, and all-round polymath, Stephen Law, undertakes the challenge and explores our modern-day concerns with tongue-in-cheek sagacity. No matter what you've googled in a midnight moment of existential despair, this book will answer all your burning questions. **The Xmas Files** Stephen Law 2011-12-15 A philosophical but fun look at the meanings of Christmas myths and rituals, from carving the turkey to why Santa wears red. Picture the scene: Aunt Gertrude has just given you the most appalling Christmas tie, complete with snow-flecked kittens in a bowler hat. Do you smile, nod, and confine it to the bottom drawer? Or do you tell the truth and spare yourself future ties from hell? Kant would say that we must, at all costs, tell the truth - whilst Mill would insist that we should think of the consequences. **THE XMAS FILES** is a philosophical meander through the myths and rituals of Christmas today, asking such important questions as does Santa exist? What's wrong with Christmas kitsch? Is it all just a commercial racket? What was Augustine's
attitude to 'peace on earth'? And what would David Hume have to say about the virgin birth? For underneath all the festive fun, the way we celebrate Christmas does raise serious questions about the beliefs that sustain us, and the ways in which we still value ritual and tradition as a means of coming together.

The Great Philosophers: The Lives and Ideas of History's Greatest Thinkers

Stephen Law
2014-09-09
Since the beginning of time mankind has struggled with the big questions surrounding our existence. Whilst most people have heard of Socrates, Machiavelli and Nietzsche, many are less clear on their theories and key concepts. In The Great Philosophers, bestselling author Stephen Law condenses and deciphers their fundamental ideas. Avoiding the technical jargon and complex logic associated with most books on philosophy, Law brings the thoughts of these great thinkers, from Confucius and Buddha to Wittgenstein and Sartre, to life.

The Physical Educator's Big Book of Sport Lead-up Games
Guy Bailey 2004
A comprehensive resource of physical education games designed to help children in grades K-8 develop the skills important to performing a wide variety of team and lifetime sports.

Into the Wild
Jon Krakauer 2009-09-22
Krakauer’s page-turning bestseller explores a famed missing person mystery while unraveling the larger riddles it holds: the profound pull of the American wilderness on our imagination; the allure of high-risk activities to young men of a certain cast of mind; the complex, charged bond between fathers and sons. "Terrifying... Eloquent... A heart-rending drama of human yearning."
—New York Times
In April 1992 a young man from a well-to-do family hitchhiked
to Alaska and walked alone into the wilderness north of Mt. McKinley. He had given $25,000 in savings to charity, abandoned his car and most of his possessions, burned all the cash in his wallet, and invented a new life for himself. Four months later, his decomposed body was found by a moose hunter. How Christopher Johnson McCandless came to die is the unforgettable story of Into the Wild. Immediately after graduating from college in 1991, McCandless had roamed through the West and Southwest on a vision quest like those made by his heroes Jack London and John Muir. In the Mojave Desert he abandoned his car, stripped it of its license plates, and burned all of his cash. He would give himself a new name, Alexander Supertramp, and, unencumbered by money and belongings, he would be free to wallow in the raw, unfiltered experiences that nature presented. Craving a blank spot on the map, McCandless simply threw the maps away. Leaving behind his desperate parents and sister, he vanished into the wild. Jon Krakauer constructs a clarifying prism through which he reassembles the disquieting facts of McCandless's short life. Admitting an interest that borders on obsession, he searches for the clues to the drives and desires that propelled McCandless. When McCandless's innocent mistakes turn out to be irreversible and fatal, he becomes the stuff of tabloid headlines and is dismissed for his naiveté, pretensions, and hubris. He is said to have had a death wish but wanting to die is a very different thing from being compelled to look over the edge. Krakauer brings McCandless's uncompromising pilgrimage out of the shadows, and the peril, adversity, and renunciation sought by this enigmatic young man are
illuminated with a rare understanding—and not an ounce of sentimentality. Mesmerizing, heartbreaking, Into the Wild is a tour de force. The power and luminosity of Jon Krakauer's storytelling blaze through every page.

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
Mark Twain 2021-02-07
Adventures of Huckleberry Finn (often shortened to Huck Finn) is a novel written by American humorist Mark Twain. It is commonly used and accounted as one of the first Great American Novels. It is also one of the first major American novels written using Local Color Regionalism, or vernacular, told in the first person by the eponymous Huckleberry "Huck" Finn, best friend of Tom Sawyer and hero of three other Mark Twain books. The book is noted for its colorful description of people and places along the Mississippi River. By satirizing Southern antebellum society that was already a quarter-century in the past by the time of publication, the book is an often scathing look at entrenched attitudes, particularly racism. The drifting journey of Huck and his friend Jim, a runaway slave, down the Mississippi River on their raft may be one of the most enduring images of escape and freedom in all of American literature.

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The Glass Castle
Jeannette Walls 2006-01-02
Journalist Walls grew up with parents whose ideals and stubborn nonconformity were their curse and their salvation. Rex and Rose Mary and
their four children lived like nomads, moving among Southwest desert towns, camping in the mountains. Rex was a charismatic, brilliant man who, when sober, captured his children's imagination, teaching them how to embrace life fearlessly. Rose Mary painted and wrote and couldn't stand the responsibility of providing for her family. When the money ran out, the Walls retreated to the dismal West Virginia mining town Rex had tried to escape. As the dysfunction escalated, the children had to fend for themselves, supporting one another as they found the resources and will to leave home. Yet Walls describes her parents with deep affection in this tale of unconditional love in a family that, despite its profound flaws, gave her the fiery determination to carve out a successful life. -- From publisher description.