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The Lemoncholy Life of Annie Aster 2015-08-04 from the winner of the nobel prize in literature and author of the booker prize winning novel the remains of the day comes this stunning work of soaring imagination born in early twentieth century shanghai banks was orphaned at the age of nine after the separate disappearances of his parents now more than twenty years later he is a celebrated figure in london society yet the investigative expertise that has garnered him fame has done little to illuminate the circumstances of his parents alleged kidnappings banks travels to the seething labyrinthine city of his memory in hopes of solving the mystery of his own painful past only to find that war is ravaging shanghai beyond recognition and that his own recollections are proving as difficult to trust as the people around him masterful suspenseful and psychologically acute when we were orphans offers a profound meditation on the shifting quality of memory and the possibility of avenging one's past

A Separate Country 2014-07-02 this is the vivid memoir of a mid nineteenth century girlhood spent mostly on the islands of lake michigan and the onshore communities of manistique charlevoix traverse city and little traverse now harbor springs written by a woman who grew up to be a lighthouse keeper on beaver island and in little traverse williams was brought up catholic by a french speaking mother and an english speaking father who was a ship's carpenter for entrepreneurs engaged in the mercantile trade to and from these rapidly developing settlements williams depicts cordial even intimate relationships between her family and the indians who lived nearby and describes the courtship and arranged marriage of an ottawa chief's daughter who lived with her family for an extended period the major portion of the book however is devoted to her eye witness recollections of james jesse strang's short lived dissident mormon monarchy on

beaver island amplified by stories she heard from disillusioned followers strang was expelled from the church of jesus christ of latter day saints after disputing brigham young's right to succeed joseph smith eventually he and his own loyal followers settled on beaver island and attracted a stream of new converts at their demographic peak the strangites numbered 5 000 strong strang saw himself as a prophet and believed the rules he tried to establish were in accord with divine revelations williams describes the mounting tensions between strang's followers and the gentile residents who fled the island as strang's influence grew incidents connected with strang's assassination by two former followers and the ensuing exodus of most strangites from beaver island she later moved back there with her family as did many of the earlier inhabitants

The Fashion Orphans 2022-02-01 annabelle aster doesn't bow to convention not even that of space and time which makes the 1890s kansas wheat field that has appeared in her modern day san francisco garden easy to accept even more peculiar is elsbeth the truculent schoolmarm who sends annie letters through the mysterious brass mailbox perched on the picket fence that now divides their two worlds annie and elsbeth's search for an explanation to the hiccup in the universe linking their homes leads to an unsettling discovery and potential disaster for both of them together they must solve the mystery of what connects them before one of them is convicted of a murder that has yet to happen and yet somehow already did

A Child of the Sea and Life Among the Mormons 1905 in collaboration with miami's vizcaya museum and gardens a rediscovery of a lost figure of american modernism the early twentieth century american painter born into the astor family whose imagination and patrician clientele provide a fascinating artistic and biographical saga american modernism is populated with a cast of extraordinary characters but few were as exuberant as robert winthrop chanler who made his artistic reputation with exotic and brilliantly colored lacquered screens and architectural interiors whose compositions feature fantastical avian jungle and aquatic creatures many overlaid with iridescent metallic finishes chanler painted what entertained and interested him while attracting wealthy gilded age patrons and earning popular and critical acclaim at numerous exhibitions including the 1905 salon d'automne the show featuring paintings by les fauves with henri matisse as their leader and the legendary international exhibition of modern art in new york city popularly known as the 1913 armory show but despite such a prolific career and a fascinating body of work chanler quickly became an obscure figure after his death in 1930 robert winthrop chanler discovering the fantastic is the first comprehensive examination in more than eighty years of an artist who straddled the divide between fine and decorative art defined notions of originality and authorship during the birth of american modernism and

posthumously challenges twenty first century preservationists through his idiosyncratic techniques and unorthodox material choices co published with vizcaya museum and gardens which preserves chanler's fantastic undersea mural on the swimming pool grotto ceiling of the historic estate the book includes essays that explore major commissions and conservation issues all illustrated with new color photography as well as a chronology and exhibition history making this the definitive study on an indelible american modernist *Wear Your Dreams* 2013-06-18 a new york times book review editors choice selection lucey delivers the goods disclosing the unhappy or colorful lives that sargent sometimes hinted at but didn't spell out boston globe in this seductive multilayered biography based on original letters and diaries donna m lucey illuminates four extraordinary women painted by the iconic high society portraitist john singer sargent with uncanny intuition sargent hinted at the mysteries and passions that unfolded in his subjects lives these women inhabited a rarefied world of wealth and strict conventions yet all of them did something unexpected something shocking to upend society's rules

True Raiders 2022

The Last Castle 2017-09-26 an intimate portrait of stephen spender's extraordinary life written by matthew spender shifting between memoir and biography with new insights drawn from personal recollections and his father's copious unpublished archives *Pee-Shy* 2013-12-31 gaynor's story of courage and strength will make you believe in the heroic spirit in each of us lisa wingate 1 new york times bestselling author of before we were yours the new york times bestselling author of the girl who came home sets her unforgettable new novel in china during wwii inspired by true events surrounding the japanese army's internment of teachers and children from a british run missionary school their motto was to be prepared but nothing could prepare them for war china december 1941 having left an unhappy life in england for a teaching post at a missionary school in northern china elspeth kent is now anxious to return home to help the war effort but as she prepares to leave china a terrible twist of fate determines a different path for elspeth and those in her charge ten year old nancy plummer has always felt safe at chefoo school protected by her british status but when japan declares war on britain and america japanese forces take control of the school and the security and comforts nancy and her friends are used to are replaced by privation uncertainty and fear now the enemy and separated from their parents the children look to their teachers to miss kent and her new girl guide patrol especially to provide a sense of unity and safety faced with the relentless challenges of oppression the school community must rely on their courage faith and friendships as they pray for liberation but worse is to come when they are sent to a distant

internment camp where even greater uncertainty and danger await inspired by true events when we were young and brave is an unforgettable novel about impossible choices and unimaginable hardship and the life changing bonds formed between a young girl and her teacher in a remote corner of a terrible war

Black Ops 2022-03-01 in new orleans after the civil war john bell hood arguably one of the most controversial generals of the confederate army and one of its most tragic figures struggles with his inability to admit his failures until those who taught him to love and to be loved transformed him

Orphans of the Storm 2021-08-19 beautiful romantic and spirited pannonica known as nica named after her father s favorite moth was born in 1913 to extraordinary eccentric privilege and a storied history the rothschild family had in only five generations risen from the ghetto in frankfurt to stately homes in england as a child nica took her daily walks dressed in white with her two sisters and governess around the parkland of the vast house at tring hertfordshire among kangaroos giant tortoises emus and zebras all part of the exotic menagerie collected by her uncle walter as a debutante she was taught to fly by a saxophonist and introduced to jazz by her brother victor she married baron jules de koenigswarter settled in a château in france and had five children when world war ii broke out nica and her five children narrowly escaped back to england but soon after she set out to find her husband who was fighting with the free french army in africa where she helped the war effort by being a decoder a driver and organizing supplies and equipment in the early 1950s nica heard round midnight by the jazz pianist and composer thelonious monk and as if under a powerful spell abandoned her marriage and moved to new york to find him she devoted herself to helping monk and other musicians she bailed them out of jail paid their bills took them to the hospital even drove them to their gigs and her convertible bentley could always be seen parked outside downtown clubs or up in harlem charlie parker would notoriously die in her apartment in the stanhope hotel but it was monk who was the love of her life and whom she cared for until his death in 1982 hannah rothschild has drawn on archival material and her own interviews in this quest to find out who her great aunt really was and how she fit into a family that although passionate about music and entomology was reactionary in always favoring men over women part musical odyssey part love story the baroness is a fascinating portrait of a modern figure ahead of her time who dared to live as she wanted finally at the very center of new york s jazz scene *When We Were Orphans* 2001-01-16 the explosive national bestseller a memoir by the highest ranking covert warrior to lift the veil of secrecy and offer a glimpse into the shadow wars that america has fought since the vietnam era enrique prado found himself in his first firefight at age seven the son of a middle class cuban family caught in the midst of the castro revolution his family fled their war torn home for the hope of a better life in america fifty years later the cuban refugee retired from the central intelligence agency as the cia equivalent of a two star general black ops is the story of ric s legendary career that spanned two eras the cold war and the age of terrorism operating in

the shadows ric and his fellow cia officers fought a little seen and virtually unknown war to keep usa safe from those who would do it harm after duty stations in central south america and the philippines black ops follows ric into the highest echelons of the cia s headquarters at langley virginia in late 1995 he became deputy chief of station and co founding member of the bin laden task force three years later after serving as head of korean operations ric took on one of the most dangerous missions of his career to re establish a once abandoned cia station inside a hostile nation long since considered a front line of the fight against islamic terrorism he and his team carried out covert operations and developed assets that proved pivotal in the coming war on terror a harrowing memoir of life in the shadowy world of assassins terrorists spies and revolutionaries black ops is a testament to the courage creativity and dedication of the agency s special activities group and its elite shadow warriors

A House in St John's Wood: In Search of My Parents 2015-08-27 the text of this large print edition is unabridged

Looking for Anne of Green Gables 2008-07-08 set against the backdrop of the first all female mardi gras krewe at the turn of the century the acclaimed author s mesmerizing historical novel tells of two strangers separated by background but bound by an unexpected secret and of the strength and courage women draw from and inspire in each other an undercurrent of new orleans s dark side propels the story heightening the tension and supplying mcphail with a wealth of evocative details publishers weekly the year 1900 ushers in a new century and the promise of social change and women rise together toward equality yet rules and restrictions remain especially for women like alice butterworth whose husband has abruptly disappeared desperate to make a living for herself and the child she carries alice leaves the bitter cold of chicago far behind offering sewing lessons at a new orleans orphanage constance halstead a young widow reeling with shock under the threat of her late husband s gambling debts has thrown herself into charitable work meeting alice at the orphanage she offers lodging in exchange for alice s help creating a gown for the leap year ball of les mystérieuses the first all female krewe of mardi gras during leap years women have the rare opportunity to take control in their interactions with men and upend social convention piece by piece the breathtaking gown takes shape becoming a symbol of strength for both women reflecting their progress toward greater independence but constance carries a burden that makes it impossible to feel truly free her husband benton whose death remains a dangerous mystery was deep in debt to the black hand the vicious gangsters who controled new orleans notorious storyville district benton s death has not satisfied them and as the mardi gras festivities reach their fruition a secret emerges that will cement the bond between alice and constance even as it threatens the lives they re building

The Second Mrs. Astor 2021-08-31 after losing her husband on the rms titanic madeleine astor who is constantly surrounded by scandal finds her status elevated to that of a virtuous tragic heroine and must decide whether to accept the role assigned to her or carve out her own

extraordinary path

Anna Held and the Birth of Ziegfeld's Broadway 2021-06-29 new york times bestseller from jamie ford author of the beloved hotel on the corner of bitter and sweet comes a much anticipated second novel set against the backdrop of depression era seattle songs of willow frost is a powerful tale of two souls a boy with dreams for his future and a woman escaping her haunted past both seeking love hope and forgiveness look for special features inside join the random house reader s circle for author chats and more twelve year old william eng a chinese american boy has lived at seattle s sacred heart orphanage ever since his mother s listless body was carried away from their small apartment five years ago on his birthday or rather the day the nuns designate as his birthday william and the other orphans are taken to the historical moore theatre where william glimpses an actress on the silver screen who goes by the name of willow frost struck by her features william is convinced that the movie star is his mother liu song determined to find willow and prove that his mother is still alive william escapes from sacred heart with his friend charlotte the pair navigate the streets of seattle where they must not only survive but confront the mysteries of william s past and his connection to the exotic film star the story of willow frost however is far more complicated than the hollywood fantasy william sees onscreen shifting between the great depression and the 1920s songs of willow frost takes readers on an emotional journey of discovery jamie ford s sweeping novel will resonate with anyone who has ever longed for the comforts of family and a place to call home praise for songs of willow frost if you liked hotel on the corner of bitter and sweet you re going to love songs of willow frost tender powerful and deeply satisfying lisa genova a poignant tale of lost and found love tampa bay times arresting with the kind of ending readers always hope for but seldom get the dallas morning news an achingly tender story a tale of nuance and emotion the providence journal ford crafts a beautiful tender tale of love transcending the sins people perpetrate on one another and shows how the strength of our primal relationships is the best part of our human nature great falls tribune remarkable likely to appeal to readers who enjoy the multi generational novels of amy tan bookreporter jamie ford is a first rate novelist and with songs of willow frost he takes a great leap forward and demonstrates the uncanny ability to move me to tears pat conroy with vivid detail jamie ford brings to life seattle s chinatown during the depression and chronicles the high price those desperate times exacted from an orphaned boy and the woman he believes is his mother songs of willow frost is about innocence and the loss of it about longing about the power of remembered love nancy horan author of loving frank ford s boundless compassion for the human spirit in all its strengths and weaknesses makes him one of our most unique and compelling storytellers helen simonson author of major pettigrew s last stand

The Seamstress of New Orleans 2023-06-27 mystical magical and wildly original if alice hoffman and sara addison allen had a witchy love child she would be paige crutcher do not miss this beautifully realized debut jt ellison new york times bestselling author of her dark

lies on the orphan witch a deeper magic a stronger curse a family lost and found persephone may has been alone her entire life abandoned as an infant and dragged through the foster care system she wants nothing more than to belong somewhere to someone however persephone is as strange as she is lonely unexplainable things happen when she s around changes in weather inanimate objects taking flight and those who seek to bring her into their family quickly cast her out to cope she never gets attached never makes friends and she certainly never dates working odd jobs and always keeping her suitcases half packed persephone is used to moving around leaving one town for another when curiosity over her eccentric behavior inevitably draws unwanted attention after an accidental and very public display of power persephone knows it s time to move on once again it s lucky then when she receives an email from the one friend she s managed to keep inviting her to the elusive wile isle the timing couldn t be more perfect however upon arrival persephone quickly discovers that wile is no ordinary island in fact it just might hold the very things she s been searching for her entire life answers family home and some things she did not want like 100 year old curses and an even older family feud with the clock running out love might be the magic that saves them all

Peter and the Starcatchers 2006 the hilarious script for the Broadway play Peter and the Starcatcher is in the perfect format for performers and theater lovers actors will relish the opportunity to perfect the complex dialogue while fans of the play will delight in the humor and intricacies of the text

The Astor Orphan 2013-04-16 the astor orphan is an unflinching debut memoir by a direct descendant of John Jacob Astor Alexandra Aldrich she brilliantly tells the story of her eccentric fractured family her 1980s childhood of bohemian neglect in the squalid attic of Rokeby the family s Hudson Valley mansion and her brave escape from the clan Aldrich reaches back to the gilded age when the Astor legacy began to come undone leaving the Aldrich branch of the family penniless and squabbling over what was left illustrated with black and white photographs that bring this faded world into focus the Astor Orphan is written with the grit of the Glass Castle and set amid the aristocratic decay of Grey Gardens

When We Were Young & Brave 2020-10-06 joining the newly formed NYPD in 1845 Timothy reluctantly assumes his duties near the notorious Five Points slum where in the middle of the night he hears a little girl s claim that dozens of bodies have been buried in a local forest

Alone Together 2013-09-03 Yona has used her knowledge of the wilderness to help hundreds of Jews escape the Nazis but what happens when a secret from her past emerges and threatens everything after being stolen from her wealthy German parents and raised in the unforgiving wilderness of Eastern Europe a young woman finds herself alone in 1941 after her kidnapper dies her solitary existence is interrupted however when she happens upon a group of Jews fleeing the Nazi terror stunned to learn what s happening in the outside world she vows to teach the group all she can about surviving in the forest and in turn they teach her some surprising lessons about

opening her heart after years of isolation but when she is betrayed and escapes into a German occupied village her past and present come together in a shocking collision that could change everything praise for Kristin Harmel a powerful story of survival and resilience i couldn t put it down Heather Morris a cracking story and characters that zing from the page totally immersive Liz Trenow

The Grit in the Pearl 2020-06-01

Peter and the Starcatcher (Acting Edition) 2014-10-14 Theodora Teddy Getty Gaston now one hundred years old reveals the glamorous yet painful story of her marriage to J. Paul Getty as formidable as Getty was his wife was equally strong minded and flamboyant and their clutches and clashes threw off sparks she knew the vulnerable side of Getty he underwent painful plastic surgery and suffered terrible phobias that few if any saw a vivid love story alone together is also a fascinating glimpse into the twentieth century from the vantage point of one of its most remarkable couples this is how the other half lived dinner dances satin gowns beach houses hotel suites first class cabins on the Queen Mary Teddy s extra ordinary life story moves from the glittering nightclubs of 1930s New York City to Mussolini s Italy where she was imprisoned by the fascist regime to California in the golden postwar years where Paul and Teddy socialized with movie stars and the elite but life with one of the world s richest men wasn t all glitz and glamour though terrifically charismatic in person Getty grew more miserly as his wealth increased worse he often left Teddy and their son Timothy behind for years at a time while he built planes for the war effort in the 1940s or brokered oil deals he was the first American to lease mineral rights in Saudi Arabia which made him at his death the richest man in the world even when Timothy was diagnosed with a brain tumor Getty complained about medical bills and failed to return to the United States to support his wife and son when Timothy died at age twelve the marriage was already falling apart Teddy s unrelenting spirit her valiant friendship and her winning lack of vanity transform what could have been a sob story into a nuanced portrait of a brilliant but stubbornly difficult man and the family he loved but left behind as well as an enchanting view into a bygone era this was a life lived from the heart

The Orphan Witch 2021-09-28 warm feisty and intelligent the Delany sisters speak their mind in a book that is at once a vital historical record and a moving portrait of two remarkable women who continued to love laugh and embrace life after over a hundred years of living side by side their sharp memories show us the post reconstruction South and Booker T. Washington Harlem s golden age and Langston Hughes W. E. B. Du Bois and Paul Robeson Bessie breaks barriers to become a dentist Sadie quietly integrates the New York City system as a high school teacher their extraordinary story makes an important contribution to our nation s heritage and an indelible impression on our lives

[The Baroness](#) 2013-03-19 the USA Today bestseller recommended by Oprah Magazine Cosmo Popsugar Shereads Parade and more an epic saga from New York Times bestselling author Stephanie Dray based on the true story of an extraordinary castle in the heart of France and the remarkable women bound by its legacy most castles are protected by

men this one by women a founding mother 1774 gently bred noblewoman Adrienne Lafayette becomes her husband the Marquis de Lafayette s political partner in the fight for American independence but when their idealism sparks revolution in France and the guillotine threatens everything she holds dear Adrienne must renounce the complicated man she loves or risk her life for a legacy that will inspire generations to come a daring visionary 1914 glittering New York socialite Beatrice Chanler is a force of nature daunted by nothing not her humble beginnings her crumbling marriage or the outbreak of war but after witnessing the devastation in France firsthand Beatrice takes on the challenge of a lifetime convincing America to fight for what s right a reluctant resistor 1940 French school teacher and aspiring artist Marthe Simone has an orphan s self reliance and wants nothing to do with war but as the realities of Nazi occupation transform her life in the isolated castle where she came of age she makes a discovery that calls into question who she is and more importantly who she is willing to become intricately woven and powerfully told the women of Chateau Lafayette is a sweeping novel about duty and hope love and courage and the strength we take from those who came before us

The Gods of Gotham 2013-03-05 a personal account of the tattoo artist s journey from humble beginnings in 1960s California through his rise to a lucrative international brand includes coverage of such topics as his artistic endeavors in childhood work with famous period artists and witness to the tattoo renaissance at the end of the 20th century

Sargent's Women: Four Lives Behind the Canvas 2017-08-22 a deeply moving and masterfully written story of human resilience and enduring love the Plum Tree follows a young German woman through the chaos of World War II and its aftermath Bloom where you re planted is the advice Christine B. Lz receives from her beloved Oma but seventeen year old domestic Christine knows there is a whole world waiting beyond her small German village it s a world she s begun to glimpse through music books and through Isaac Bauerman the cultured son of the wealthy Jewish family she works for yet the future she and Isaac dream of sharing faces greater challenges than their difference in stations in the fall of 1938 Germany is changing rapidly under Hitler s regime anti Jewish posters are everywhere dissenting talk is silenced and a new law forbids Christine from returning to her job and from having any relationship with Isaac in the months and years that follow Christine will confront the Gestapo s wrath and the horrors of Dachau desperate to be with the man she loves to survive and finally to speak out Wiseman eschews the genre s usual military conflicts of daily life during wartime lending an intimate and compelling poignancy to this intriguing debut Publishers Weekly Ellen Marie Wiseman weaves a story of intrigue terror and love from a perspective not often seen in Holocaust novels Jewish Book World

The Last Mrs. Astor: A New York Story 2008-05-17 Kiernan s sharp eyed biography brings back a woman who far into her 90s relished the dance of life o the Oprah Magazine this biography based on firsthand knowledge and interviews with Mrs. Astor s friends and the heads of New York s great cultural institutions gives us back the woman so

loved and admired at the age of 51 brooke astor wedded the notoriously ill tempered vincent astor who died in 1959 in a highly publicized courtroom battle she fought off an attempt to break vincent s will which left 67 million to the vincent astor foundation as the foundation s president mrs astor would use this legacy to benefit new york city she would personally visit every grant applicant and charm anyone she met at her hundredth birthday princes and presidents honored her but in 2006 a grandson petitioned the courts to have his father removed as brooke s guardian once again an astor court battle became the stuff of headlines

Robert Winthrop Chanler 2016-05-03 the tiktok sensation paper princess the first in the 1 new york times bestselling the royals series now in a new special edition with bonus material from strip clubs and truck stops to southern coast mansions and prep schools one girl tries to stay true to herself these royals will ruin you ella harper is a survivor a pragmatic optimist she s spent her whole life moving from town to town with her flighty mother struggling to make ends meet and believing that someday she ll climb out of the gutter after her mother s death ella is truly alone that is until callum royal appears plucking ella out of poverty and tossing her into his posh mansion among his five sons who all hate her each royal is more magnetic than the last but none is as captivating as reed royal the boy who is determined to send her back to the slums she came from reed doesn t want her he says she doesn t belong with the royals he might be right wealth excess deception it s like nothing ella has ever experienced and if she s going to survive her time in the royal palace she ll need to learn to issue her own royal decrees

Prominent Families of New York 1898 in this marvelous anecdotal history justin kaplan pulitzer prize winning biographer of mark twain vividly brings to life a glittering bygone age endowed with the largest private fortunes of their day cousins john jacob astor iv and william waldorf astor vied for primacy in new york society producing the grandest hotels ever seen in a marriage of ostentation and efficiency that transformed american social behavior kaplan exposes it all in exquisite detail taking readers from the 1890s to the roaring twenties in a combination of biography history architectural appreciation and pure reading pleasure

The Astor Orphans 1999 the sunday times bestseller the story of a mother s quest to find her children against all odds set against the epic backdrop of the sinking of the legendary titanic smashing i was hooked on page one and literally could not put it down i loved all that she wrote about the true story behind this thrilling tale joanna lumley nice france 1911 after three years of marriage young seamstress marcela caretto has finally had enough her husband michael an ambitious tailor has become cruel and controlling and she determines to get a divorce but while awaiting the judges decision on the custody of their two small boys michael receives news that changes everything meanwhile fun loving new york socialite margaret hays is touring europe with some friends restless she resolves to head home aboard the most celebrated steamer in the world rms titanic as the ship sets sail for america carrying two infants bearing false names the paths of

marcela michael and margaret cross and nothing will ever be the same again from the sunday times bestselling author celia imrie orphans of the storm dives into the waters of the past to unearth a sweeping epic tale of the sinking of the titanic that radiates with humanity and hums with life gripping an epic adventure rosie goodwin a gripping read daily mirror summer reads

The Women of Chateau Lafayette 2021-03-30 two estranged sisters find that forgiveness never goes out of style when they inherit their mother s vintage jackets purses and pearls of wisdom estranged half sisters gabrielle winslow and lulu quattro have only two things in common mounds of debt and coils of unresolved enmity toward bette bradford their controlling and imperious recently deceased mother gabrielle the firstborn was raised in relative luxury on manhattan s rarefied upper east side now at fifty five her life as a Broadway costume designer married to a heralded Broadway producer has exploded in divorce lulu who spent half her childhood under the tutelage of her working class brooklyn grandparents is a grieving widow at forty eight with her two sons grown her life feels reduced to her work at the ditmas park bakery owned by her late husband s family the two sisters arrive for the reading of their mother s will expecting to divide a sizable inheritance pay off their debts and then again turn their backs on each other but to their shock what they have been left is their mother s secret walk in closet jammed with high end current and vintage designer clothes and accessories most from chanel contemplating the scale of their mother s self indulgence the sisters can t help but wonder if lauren weisberger had it wrong because it seems in fact that the devil wore chanel but as they begin to explore their mother s collection meet and fall in love with her group of warm wonderful friends and magically find inspiring messages tucked away in her treasures it seems as though their mother is advising lulu and gabrielle from the beyond helping them rediscover themselves and restore their relationship with each other

When the Astors Owned New York 2006-06-01 olivia twist is an innovative reimagining of charles dickens classic tale oliver twist in which olivia was forced to live as a boy for her own safety until she was rescued from the streets now eighteen olivia finds herself at a crossroads revealed secrets threaten to destroy the proper life she has built for herself while newfound feelings for an arrogant young man she shouldn t like could derail her carefully laid plans for the future olivia brownlow is no damsel in distress born in a workhouse and raised as a boy among thieving london street gangs she is as tough and cunning as they come when she is taken in by her uncle after a caper gone wrong her life goes from fighting and stealing on the streets to lavish dinners and soirees as a debutante in high society but she can t seem to escape her past or forget the teeming slums where children just like her still scabble to survive jack maccarron rose from his place in london s east end to become the adopted nephew of a society matron little does society know that maccarron is a false name for a boy once known among london gangs as the artful dodger and that he and his aunt are robbing them blind every chance they get when jack encounters olivia brownlow in places he least expects his

curiosity is piqued why is a society girl helping a bunch of homeless orphan thieves even more intriguing why does she remind him so much of someone he once knew jack finds himself wondering if going legit and risking it all might be worth it for love

Paper Princess 2023-09-19 in june 1908 a red haired orphan appeared on to the streets of boston and a modern legend was born that little girl was anne shirley better known as anne of green gables and her first appearance was in a book that has sold more than 50 million copies worldwide and been translated into more than 35 languages including braille the author who created her was lucy maud montgomery a writer who revealed very little of herself and her method of crafting a story on the centenary of its publication irene gammel tells the braided story of both anne and maud and in so doing shows how a literary classic was born montgomery s own life began in the rural cavendish family farmhouse on prince edward island the place that became the inspiration for green gables mailmen brought the world to the farmhouse s kitchen door in the form of american mass market periodicals sparking the young maud s imagination from the vantage point of her small world montgomery pored over these magazines gleaning bits of information about how to dress how to behave and how a proper young lady should grow she began to write learning how to craft marketable stories from the magazines popular fiction at the same time the fashion photos inspired her visual imagination one photo that especially intrigued her was that of a young woman named evelyn nesbit the model for painters and photographers and lover of stanford white that photo was the spark for what became anne shirley blending biography with cultural history looking for anne of green gables is a gold mine for fans of the novels and answers a trunk load of questions where did anne get the e at the end of her name how did montgomery decide to give her red hair how did montgomery s courtship and marriage to reverend ewan macdonald affect the story irene gammel s dual biography of anne shirley and the woman who created her will delight the millions who have loved the red haired orphan ever since she took her first step inside the gate of green gables farm in avonlea

Archie and Amelie 2007-06-26 in this prequel to the classic tale of peter pan an orphan boy named peter and his mysterious new friend molly overcome bands of pirates and thieves in their quest to keep a fantastic secret safe and save the world from evil

The Forest of Vanishing Stars 2022-08-04 the shocking true story behind a very british scandal starring claire foy and paul bettany margaret duchess of argyll s life was one of complexity and controversy born ethel margaret whigham the only child of a scottish self made millionaire and a beautiful high society woman her childhood was rich and splendid but empty she was a daddy s girl with an absent father living with a jealous mother who sought to remind margaret of her every shortcoming as she grew up her name was a byword for class and beauty she was the debutante of her coming out year and her marriage to charles sweeny literally stopped traffic but it was not to last margaret needed more what followed was a story of tragedy scandal and heartbreak as margaret swung from lover to lover

society to society this culminated in her notorious divorce case of 1963 where her soon to be ex husband produced his pie ce de résistance a polaroid of her in a compromising position with two other men in the grit in the pearl lyndsy spence takes a look at a woman who was ahead of her time using previously unpublished sources and personal transcripts this is the story of a fragile woman who was to come up against the very highest echelons of english high society and lose **Olivia Twist** 2018-03-06 in his stunningly honest and poignant memoir frank spinelli recounts a childhood marked by trauma and of finding the courage that ultimately transformed his life frank spinelli grew up on staten island in the 1970s to italian born parents who viewed cops and priests as second only to the pope in infallibility his mother concerned that her son was being bullied at school for being different signed frank up for boy scouts when he turned eleven for the next two years frank s life had two realities one lived in full view of his family and the other a secret he shared with his scoutmaster that he couldn t confess to anybody eventually frank went to college established a thriving medical practice and found a home in manhattan but the emotional and physical effects of his past continued to shadow every aspect of his life then a shocking discovery gave frank the opportunity to overturn thirty years of confusion and self blame for himself and for other boys like him pee shy is a remarkable story of overcoming the unimaginable to choose resilience over darkness and love over loss a devastatingly heartbreaking look at life after childhood abuse with wit and piercing insight that can only come from a place of brutal honesty josh kilmer purcell this is a memoir about a grown up boy s generous and healing heart kevin sessums this is one of those horrific true stories that dr spinelli so courageously reveals with raw honesty he makes us understand that monsters do exist and a child s innocence is precious his story is one of too many but maybe this one will help open our eyes a little more and shine a light on a taboo subject that many chose not to see or believe whoopi goldberg **The Plum Tree** 2020-01-28 filled with glamour mystery and madness archie and amélie is the true story chronicling a tumultuous love affair in the gilded age john armstrong archie chanler was an heir to the astor fortune an eccentric dashing and handsome millionaire amélie rives southern belle and the goddaughter of robert e lee was a daring author a stunning temptress and a woman ahead of her time archie and amélie seemed made for each other both were passionate intense and driven by emotion but the very things that brought them together would soon tear them apart their marriage began with a secret wedding that found its way onto the front page of the new york times to the dismay of archie s relatives and amélie s many gentleman friends to the world the couple appeared charmed rich and famous they moved in social circles that included oscar wilde teddy roosevelt and stanford white but although their love was undeniable they tormented each other and their private life was troubled from the start they were the f scott and zelda fitzgerald of their day a celebrated couple too dramatic and unconventional to last but their tumultuous story has largely been forgotten now donna m lucey vividly brings to life these extraordinary lovers and their sweeping tragic romance in

the virginia hunt country just outside of charlottesville where i live the older people still tell stories of a strange couple who died some two generations ago the stories involve ghosts the mysterious burning of a church a murder at a millionaire s house a sensational lunacy trial and a beautiful scantily clad young woman prowling her gardens at night as if she were searching for something or someone or trying to walk off the effects of the morphine that was deranging her i was inclined to dismiss all of this as tall tales virginians love to spin out but when i looked into these yarns i found proof that they were true donna m lucey on archie and amélie **Songs of Willow Frost** 2013-09-10 a new york times bestseller with an engaging narrative and array of detail the wall street journal the intimate and sweeping raleigh news observer untold true story behind the biltmore estate the largest grandest private residence in north america which has seen more than 120 years of history pass by its front door the story of biltmore spans world wars the jazz age the depression and generations of the famous vanderbilt family and features a captivating cast of real life characters including f scott fitzgerald thomas wolfe teddy roosevelt john singer sargent james whistler henry james and edith wharton orphaned at a young age edith stuyvesant dresser claimed lineage from one of new york s best known families she grew up in newport and paris and her engagement and marriage to george vanderbilt was one of the most watched events of gilded age society but none of this prepared her to be mistress of biltmore house before their marriage the wealthy and bookish vanderbilt had dedicated his life to creating a spectacular european style estate on 125 000 acres of north carolina wilderness he summoned the famous landscape architect frederick law olmsted to tame the grounds collaborated with celebrated architect richard morris hunt to build a 175 000 square foot chateau filled it with priceless art and antiques and erected a charming village beyond the gates newlywed edith was now mistress of an estate nearly three times the size of washington dc and benefactress of the village and surrounding rural area when fortunes shifted and changing times threatened her family her home and her community it was up to edith to save biltmore and secure the future of the region and her husband s legacy this is the fascinating soaring and gorgeous karen abbott story of how the largest house in america flourished faltered and ultimately endured to this day **The Last Foundling** 2014-03-13 anna held was america s most popular musical comedy star during the two decades preceding world war i in the colorful world of new york theater during la belle Époque she epitomized everything that was glamorous and provocative about turn of the century Broadway overcoming an impoverished life as an orphan to become a music hall star in paris held rocketed to fame in america from 1896 to 1910 she starred in hit after hit and quickly replaced lillian russell as the darling of the theatrical world the first wife of legendary producer florenz ziegfeld jr held was the brains and inspiration behind his follies together they brought the paris scene to new york complete with lavish costumes and sets and a chorus of stunningly beautiful women dubbed the anna held girls while held was

known for a champagne giggle as well as for her million dollar bank account there was a darker side to her life she concealed her jewish background and her daughter from a previous marriage she suffered through her two husbands gambling problems and ziegfeld s conspicuous affairs with showgirls with the outbreak of fighting in europe held returned to france to support the war effort she entertained troops and delivered medical supplies and was once briefly captured by the german army anna held and the birth of ziegfeld s Broadway reveals one of the most remarkable women in the history of theater with access to previously unseen family records and photographs eve golden has uncovered the details of an extraordinary woman s life in 1900s new york **Having Our Say** 2023-01-03 when she fell pregnant in london in 1938 jean knew that she couldn t keep her baby the unmarried daughter of an elder in the church of scotland she would shame her family if she returned to the north in such a condition scared and alone in a city on the brink of war she begged the foundling hospital to give her baby the start in life that she could not the institution which had been providing care for deserted infants since the eighteenth century allowed jean to nurse her son for nine weeks leaving her heartbroken when the time came to let him go but little tom knew nothing of her love as he grew up in the foundling hospital which during years of the second world war was more like a prison than a children s home locked in and subject to public canings and the sadistic whims of the older boys there was no one to give him a hug no one to wipe away his tears a true story of desertion and neglect this is also a moving account of survival from one of the very last foundlings it stands as a testament to the love that ultimately led a family back together

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