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A Complicated Legacy - Robert H. Stucky 2014-05-23

If movies and books like Belle, Twelve Years a Slave, The Butler, The Help, A Time to Kill, and Amistad have moved you, you'll love *A Complicated Legacy*, a novel by Baltimore writer Robert H. Stucky based on the true story of Elijah Willis, a white South Carolina planter, and Amy- the love of his life, the mother of his children, and his slave. Taking place in the decade leading up to the Civil War, it is written with a cinematic eye for atmosphere and setting, a linguist's ear for dialogue, and a historian's grasp of the powerful social forces and momentous events of the time. It is a riveting tale of personal transformation in facing the tide of sweeping social change. Elijah Willis fought family opposition, public opinion, and the law to free his family of choice and leave them his entire inheritance. In so doing, his and Amy's story becomes a microcosm of the human struggles that made the Civil War and the Abolition of Slavery both necessary and inevitable. Set in rural South Carolina, Baltimore, and Cincinnati, this vivid saga weaves history and humanity in a compelling testimony to the power of relationships to shape our destinies, even a century and a half later.

Signing with a Heavy Hand and Heart, Love Mommy - Sondra

Torres 2013-03-13

Words from Ms. Torres: "I take my FAS and turn it in to a teaching tool to help others learn what I go through every day of my life." "If one person listens to what I have to say, then I have done my job. This is what I was born to do. I have won many awards for my work. The awards I've won have been great, but my biggest award is knowing that my message is being delivered and knowing that I might be helping so many people and unborn babies. . If I can prevent one more child from this awful syndrome I will be happy. My ultimate goal is to get the word out there that FAS is 100% preventable. I want everyone to know about the effects of alcohol on the fetus. My advice, my plea, is that you PLEASE, PLEASE do not drink while you are pregnant, even if you plan on giving your baby up for adoption. Let your baby fulfil his or her dreams and live a normal life. For all the fathers to be, you play an important role in this too. You must be encouraging and supportive. Staying away from alcohol yourself would be helpful." What others are saying: Thank you for sending your book to me. I read it all, and I wanted to cry. What a wonderful sacrifice you and your family took on. It is wonderful what you have done and how Chanel has grown and turned out to be a wonderful

young lady. You are certainly a very special person blessed by God from the beginning. I love you very much. Aunt Gloria“Ms. Torres is a true light in a world that needs more education on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and its effects on unborn children. She has opened doors that will never be shut. She has just begun to educate the nation on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.” Deborah Thornton, SEDNET Project Mangement“Ms. Torres is the epitome of self-advocacy and embodies strength, resilience, and determination. She is courageous and tireless in her quest to educate others regarding FAS; and is compassionate and determined in her mission to empower and advocate for other young adults with disabilities.” Barbara Shannon, School PsychologistLast night, I received a copy of Signing with a heavy hand and heart, Love Mommy: A journey through fetal alcohol syndrome by Mrs Sondra A Torres and Miss Chanel E Torres from Ms. Torres. I opened it and couldn't put it down until I was finished. This story of a young woman living with the effects of fetal alcohol syndrome (a birth defect that is 100% preventable-all pregnant women need to do is not drink when pregnant) is moving, sometimes funny and always inspirational. I quickly grew to care about Chanel and her adoptive family. Ms. Torres creates a vivid picture of what it is like to live with and care for children with special needs. In relatively few words, Torres brings her family to life-its struggles and its joys. The feelings of love and joy are powerfully conveyed while not minimizing the challenges presented in raising a child with FAS. As a teacher and parent I laughed and cried and wished I could meet this brave girl and her loving mother. Torres is compassionate towards all, including birth parents, but my heart breaks for the children who struggle with this disability. It is a daily battle for which there are some effective interventions but no cures. I will say that Ms. Torres left me more hopeful for these children than my experience as a teacher had-her powerful home environment is definitely a plus for Chanel."CHANEL TORRES IS AVAILABLE FOR SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS TO BOOK THIS SPEAKER FOR A PRESENTATION, PLEASE GO TO advocatefortheunborn.wordpress.com

He Came in with It - Miriam Feldman 2020-06-23

Miriam Feldman is a celebrated artist in Los Angeles whose idyllic life was uprooted when her son was diagnosed with schizophrenia. In her tireless search for help and answers, she learns about the shocking shortfalls of our mental health system and the destructive impact of mental illness stigma, shame and isolation. He Came In With It reveals how one mother's struggle to help her son created for her a new definition of family, forgiveness, and forging ahead...with no false facades.

From Recollection to Recipe - Robert E. Vendetti 2010-09-01

A Real Mother - Denise Malloy 2012-03-01

A humorous description of motherhood.

Fix What You Can - Mindy Greiling 2020-10-06

One mother's fight to support her son and change a broken system In his early twenties, Mindy Greiling's son, Jim, was diagnosed with schizoaffective disorder after experiencing delusions that demanded he kill his mother. At the time, and for more than a decade after, Greiling was a Minnesota state legislator who struggled, along with her husband, to navigate and improve the state's inadequate mental health system. Fix What You Can is an illuminating and frank account of caring for a person with a mental illness, told by a parent and advocate. Greiling describes challenges shared by many families, ranging from the practical (medication compliance, housing, employment) to the heartbreaking—suicide attempts, victimization, and illicit drug use. Greiling confronts the reality that some people with serious mental illness may be dangerous and reminds us that medication works—if taken. The book chronicles her efforts to pass legislation to address problems in the mental health system, including obstacles to parental access to information and insufficient funding for care and research. It also recounts Greiling's painful memories of her grandmother, who was confined in an institution for twenty-three years—recollections that strengthen her determination that Jim's treatment be more humane. Written with her son's cooperation, Fix What You Can offers hard-won perspective, practical advice, and useful resources through a brave and

personal story that takes the long view of what success means when coping with mental illness.

[Voices of Hope for Mental Illness](#) - Jackie Goldstein 2016-02-03

We hear about inadequate mental health care. We ask questions regarding a link between mental illness and violence. We do NOT hear as much about the stigma of mental illness that complicates one's ability to cope with a diagnosis that becomes a label, resulting in "self-stigma," discouraging individuals from seeking and/or complying with treatment. Too often community members only "experience" mental illness through dramatic or dire media stories that fail to inform us about the real world of mental illness. Thus, stigma feeds, and is fed by, myths and misunderstandings leading to a community sense of hopelessness and fear of mental illness. In contrast, Geel, a stigma-free community in Belgium, has a centuries' old history of accepting those with mental illness - even as boarders in their own homes. Geel acknowledges the human needs of those with mental illness and responds to those needs by providing social opportunities and meaningful work, within the community. While the U.S. does not have the same history as Geel, we do have programs that offer a fostering environment, offering hope for those with a diagnosis of mental illness as well as for the communities in which they live. In a language and style that can be understood by anyone and everyone, the author shares what she's learned and experienced regarding tolerance and inclusion - in Geel and in our own country - offering individuals and communities an opportunity to hear the encouraging "voices of hope for mental illness." When the general population is freed of myths and misunderstandings regarding mental illness, we can focus on mental health fostered by community care that thrives in "caring communities."

Once Again - Gina Scott 2016-04-07

Savannah is a young woman set out to make a difference in the world. But she plans to do it alone. With no family to connect with and no man in her life, she is ready, willing and able to face the challenges life has to offer. She is fearless, or so she thinks. She has planned her life out carefully never realizing that the best plans are sometimes altered. This

story is about her journey as her life's plan changes its course.

The Quit Alternative - Ben Fanning 2014-10-26

Here are the top 5 reasons this professional development book is a MUST READ: 1) You can create the job you love without quitting your job and giving up your steady paycheck, 401(k), and insurance. This book shows you how. You won't find this information in traditional career guides. It is 100% possible for you, even if you've been considering how to quit your job or how to snag a job you love. 2) You'll be entertained (and secretly educated). You'll laugh, cry, and maybe even feel compelled to leave a copy on your boss' desk. Stick with me, and you'll discover helpful principles that will make you the talk of the water cooler. This isn't another ho-hum professional development book, and it's not a "how to find a job" guide full of blank forms. You'll learn a new and inspiring perspective through unforgettably entertaining stories, like what I learned the day my shrink fired me, how I negotiated for a toilet seat on the corporate jet, and how I got called out by my masseuse. 3) You'll become empowered, whether you're the mail clerk or CEO or you fall somewhere in between. This book has been endorsed by 5 senior executive leaders of Fortune 1000 companies and 3 mail clerks. 4) You'll discover a return on your investment to earn a car. Invest a few dollars and a little bit of time to read this book, and you'll pick up career development tips that can save you enough to earn a car (page 9). 5) You'll have a "Personal Career Counselor in Your Pocket." It's useful and practical with vivid case studies for how to negotiate with the boss to help pay for your MBA or support a relocation to the city of your dreams. You'll also learn how to deal with an unreasonable boss and even say "No" without getting fired.

And I Thought... - Wilnona Marie 2016-06-08

Getting money, paying bills, finding your prince charming, finding your happiness it looked so easy when you were young. You thought you had it all figured out. Little did you know life throws you curve balls. And you thought grownups had it easy so did these ladies. Follow their journies while getting lost in the grownup world.

Killian James - T. J. Askren 2013-06-08

A provocative novel about sex, love, friendship, and family Killian James loves all kinds of women, but she doesn't always consider the consequences of giving into her desires. Fearing rejection from her family, Killian hides her sexual orientation and maintains a facade for her colleagues at Ohio Valley General where she works as an emergency nurse. Her best friend, a straight man named Joel, knows everything about her and tries to steady Killian's moral compass by steering her towards women who are more available. Throughout her life, when faced with conflict, Killian sought solace with her grandmother, the only family member who knows her truth. When her beloved grandmother dies, Killian discovers family secrets that make her understand the importance of being true to oneself. Killian James takes you through her erotic and tender journey toward understanding that true love never dies and the importance of friendship and family.

Pirate Journey - Philip Anderson 2013-01-25

Dave Adams is a teenager standing at a crossroads in his life. He's lonely, a bully in need of direction. Through the pages of an ancient, leather-bound journal, Dave makes contact with an ancestor, James Adams, captain of a seventeenth century sailing-ship. Captain Adams is also straddling a fence, and the life of an honest sea-going merchant pales in comparison to the excitement and opportunities available for a captain willing to do what it takes to get ahead. Will the captain's decisions take him and his crew where they want to go? And how will those decisions affect Dave as he makes his way through high school and finds his first summer job? Pirate Journey explores the parallel lives of a scurvy sea captain and a high school bully as they make decisions and face the consequences of their choices, both good and bad.

Crazy - H. R. Stokes, III 2012-07-26

CRAZY A MEMOIR is a humorous, adventuresome romp about weed smuggling in the seventies and eighties. The author chronicles his early life in San Antonio and the influence of the growing drug culture during his teen years. He then comically depicts his required military service as a "tie-dyed hippie in army greens" and his determined attempts to stay out of Viet Nam. Lost and unsure about life following the drug related

deaths of most of his friends, he later hitchhikes around Mexico and ends up attending college in Cholula where he begins his career in weed smuggling. His entrepreneurial efforts in this area are humorously described in great detail. The book captures a slice of time, tying in political and cultural events with the author's concomitant psychological development during the hippie movement as well as his evolving career as a drug smuggler for the Cause.

The Complete Married With Children Book: TV's Dysfunctional Family Phenomenon - Denise Noe 2017-08-13

Married . . . with Children premiered on Fox TV in 1987 and updated the Don Ameche and Frances Langford radio comedy series, The Bickersons, and Jackie Gleason's TV classic, The Honeymooners, with a raunchy, cutting-edge slant that focused on a lovable yet laughable family headed by endearingly flawed Al (Ed O'Neill), his housework-hating wife, sexy daughter, and randy son. For 11 seasons, the brilliant team of talent put the funk in dysfunctional. Rediscover the exhilarating humor and intellectual excitement in Denise Noe's first book. She delves behind-the-scenes with Michael Moye, Ron Leavitt, Ed O'Neill, Katey Sagal, Christina Applegate, David Faustino, David Garrison, Amanda Bearse, E. E. Bell, and Ritch Shydney. You'll be fascinated by the story of how two rogue writers created a deliberately off-the-wall program; how it almost got derailed before production began; how a controversy could have plucked the series off the air but ended up injecting a much needed shot in the arm; how a reality-based show occasionally—and courageously—ventured into comedy with a fantasy, horror, and/or science fiction spin. Order your copy of the collectible First Edition today. Illustrated. Bibliography. Appendix featuring episode synopses.

What's Wrong with Pauly? - B. J House 2013-08

Billy Johnson doesn't give it a second thought when he joins in with his friends making fun of a little girl in a wheelchair. Then Pauly comes into his life, and Billy not only learns a valuable lesson about compassion and acceptance but he gets a new best friend! Grades 3-4

Sooner Than Tomorrow - Dede Ranahan 2019-04-08

Welcome to my world. My story is written in diary format. I wrote it from

June 16, 2013, to June 15, 2014. What I didn't know, as I was writing, was that I was capturing the last year of my son's life. Pat died, unexpectedly, on July 23, 2014, in a hospital psych ward. Suddenly, my diary morphed into a more poignant record than I'd anticipated, and after he died, I discovered Pat had been making regular posts on Facebook. I decided to add his comments to my own. I like stories where I can extrapolate from the singular to the universal--that is where I can identify with a common denominator in another person's experience. One early reader of my diary said, "Your story is so relatable." That's what I hope other readers will say. You may relate to my story if: You have a child (children) you love more than your own life. You have a child who suffers from serious mental illness. You've lost a child--no matter what age. You're a member of the sandwich generation. You treasure conversations with children--especially when they're your grandchildren. Your cat or your dog is in charge of your household. Your bones are beginning to creak. You wake up each morning with a huge hole in your heart but you know, somehow, some way, you have to get up and put one foot in front of the other. You enjoy reading the other side of history--about ordinary people and their daily lives. You have a sense of humor. You've been thinking of leaving something for your descendants--a letter, story, diary, song, painting, or poem--but you haven't gotten around to it. Maybe my diary will spur you on. More notes about the format: I've added a Before section (Scenes from the Trenches). Going in, I want the reader to know "Yes, Houston, we really do have a problem." I've divided my diary into quarters--Summer, Fall, Winter, Spring. I introduce each with a poem--three of them are Pat's. I end with an After section I didn't see coming. As I was writing, I had no idea, from day to day, what stories were unfolding. I learn, right along with the reader, what will happen next. We're all on a journey. Thank you for going on this journey with me. Dede Dede posted her story in two-week increments at www.soonerthantomorrow.com. The following are readers' responses. Beautiful words with an undertone that has caught me . . . carrying me up and down. Such a good writer that I am grateful to be with you. I can borrow some courage here. --Janet So happy for the readers who will

discover you. --Liz Dede, every one of your blog posts has a portion that I love so much that I take a screenshot and read it over and over. --Stacey Dede, I anxiously await each posting from your blog/book. You write with such skill, and not easy when it's so personal, but your passion sprinkled with humor are the reasons that this is successful. --Joan L. I've done this, the primal scream and the mother animal instinct. There can't be anything more painful, not even death. My son was a normal little boy and a normal young man until schizophrenia came calling. Now I feel so shattered. I love your diary. --J.H.D. I only this was a contrived drama. It's so visceral. You're an artist. --Heidi F.

Hi My Name Is Cj - Willetta J. Davis 2013-12

Hi My Name Is C.J. is an easy to read, fun, interactive children's book. Meet 5 year-old C.J. and learn about all the things he likes and does. Enjoy the interactive pages by writing your own C.J. story and have fun drawing and colorizing the characters. Have fun and use your imagination.

The Time Travel Journals - Marlene Dotterer 2015-03-23

Finding - Kim Fuller 2016-11-10

Two years before adopting seven-year-old Keydell from a group home for young boys, Kim made a vow before the Dalai Lama to become a bodhisattva: one who cultivates an enlightened mind, is free from delusion, and practices kindness and compassion above all else. However, she struggles with this practice as her new son's challenged mind sends him into fits of rage and violence, while seemingly allowing him to feel no remorse for his actions. His behaviors go against everything Kim believes in, but she is determined to keep her chocolate-eyed boy safely in the home she has created with her husband and two biological children. As she tries everything she can to get Keydell the help he needs, she must also learn to accept him exactly as he is: a tiger in the home of elephants. This vulnerable and touching account highlights the interplay between desire and reality, denial and acceptance, struggle and enlightenment. As the minds of this mother and her extraordinary son awaken - Kim's through her Buddhist practice, and

Keydell's through the science of neurofeedback - we witness the power of love and compassion to overcome even the greatest odds."

Flight of Remembrance - Marina Dutzmann Kirsch 2011-12

Now an Award-Winning Finalist in the Non-Fiction: Narrative category of The 2012 USA Best Book Awards, sponsored by USA Book News. Obtain a free 40-page excerpt on www.kirschstonebooks.com. Against the backdrop of World War II tragedy and devastation in Latvia, Poland and Germany and three decades of European history, this true narrative provides a window into the palpating heart of wartime upheaval through the lives of Rolf Dutzmann and Lilo Wassull-two people fatefully positioned "on the other side." In December of 1939, swept along on a tide of dire necessity and circumstance due to the imminent Soviet takeover of his homeland, Rolf, a young Latvian aeronautical engineering student, flees with his family to Germany, a country fully under Hitler's control and already engaged in a brutal war. While the account chronicles Rolf's pursuit of his technical dream against daunting wartime odds, it is first and foremost a poignant love story that plays out against a panorama of worldwide chaos and destruction. It is also a story of the seen and unseen forces that coalesce to keep Rolf and Lilo alive after they meet in 1940 Berlin, leading them through a chain of cataclysmic events including Rolf's draft into the Luftwaffe and his father's assignment as chief inspector of V-2 rocket production; the bombing of Berlin; the destruction of their homes; their numerous desperate, cross-country escapes from the bombing, the advancing Soviet troops from the east, and other Allied forces from the west; the POW camp hardships; and the deprivation of the postwar years. Despite the immeasurable evil, suffering and desolation of World War II, a synchronistic chain of events provides an uplifting reminder that love and hope may take wing even out of the ashes of life's most terrifying adversities.

When Quietness Came - Erin L. Hawkes 2012

"With an introduction by Dr. Richard O'Reilly"--Cover.

How Being Consistent Changed Everything - Jason DeZurik
2013-02-26

Having left his job in 2007 and not knowing where the Lord would take

him, the author and his family began a journey of spiritual growth and insight they had never expected or experienced before.

The Little Blue Jar - Ashley Kaufman 2017-06-07

The family saga behind favorite cold remedy Vicks VapoRub, the book reveals the story of an unlikely American Dream born in North Carolina.

Turning This Thing Around - Keith Maginn 2012-12-22

Turning This Thing Around is an inspiring memoir of overcoming personal struggles. This brutally honest, deeply personal account of redemption takes readers on a moving spiritual journey. Confronted with a myriad of obstacles—a debilitating arthritic disease, narcolepsy, anxiety and depression—the author was outwardly happy, but inwardly miserable. Pushed to the lowest point of his life, Maginn shares how he gradually turned things around and used his experiences to grow as a person. Supplemented by heartfelt poetry by the author and with quotes from Gandhi to Dr. Wayne Dyer to Eckhart Tolle, Turning This Thing Around has universal themes that speak to nearly everyone, as we all must face challenges as part of being human. It is a self-help memoir of sorts: the author discusses not only what he overcame, but also how he did so—and how others can, too. Unlike many popular memoirs on the market, this is a story that more people can relate to. Maginn was not raised in an eccentric family (Jeannette Walls in *The Glass Castle*, memoirs by Augusten Burroughs), nor did he travel to Italy, India and Indonesia, as Elizabeth Gilbert did in *Eat, Pray, Love*. Rather, Turning This Thing Around is a story of a normal young man's resiliency when battling extraordinary circumstances.

Pulse - Diane Guernsey 2011-10-17

Every Friday, Pulse--voices from the heart of medicine (www.pulsemagazine.org) sends its readers a compelling first-person story or poem about health care. These intimate and authentic voices of health professionals, patients and students have earned Pulse an enthusiastic and growing international readership. This volume includes every story and poem from Pulse's first year of publication. "All of the stories in this book...are told with a kind of urgency; these encounters change lives and mark memories. This collection is in some sense about

writing for one's life..." Perri Klass, JAMA
But I'm Not Depressed - Lia Rees 2017-03-28

Brain injury plunged Lia into a world of distortion and chaos, where her own thoughts and senses could no longer be trusted. Searching for medical help, she found doubt and manipulation instead. But I'm Not Depressed is a bleak but ultimately hopeful tale, and a slap in the face to the culture of psychobabble.

The Seeds of New Earth (the Silent Earth, Book 2) - Mark R. Healy 2014-12-17

The Earth is in ruins. Cities and nations destroyed. Mankind is extinct. Brant and Arsha are synthetics, machines made in the image of people. They dream of bringing humans back into the world and have the technology to succeed, but the obstacles in their way are mounting. Not only are their own conflicting ideals creating a rift between them, but now the sinister Marauders are closing in as they seek revenge on Brant. Out in the wasteland, strange lights and mysterious objects in the sky herald the arrival of new factions that seek to control the region. Even in the once quiet streets of their own city, malevolent forces are beginning to unfurl that threaten the sanctity of everything they hold dear, jeopardising the future that is within their grasp. The Silent Earth Series Book 1 - After the Winter: [amazon.com/dp/B00P02FBPM](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B00P02FBPM)

One Voice Raised - Jennifer Wheatley-Wolf 2011-11

2013 ELit Bronze Medal Winner-True Crime One Voice Raised: A Triumph Over Rape "Look at me and I'll kill you " Early in the morning of August 21, 1988, an unknown assailant climbed onto the balcony to the open door of Jennifer Wheatley's home, crept down the stairs, entered her first floor bedroom, and waited for her in the dark. As he grabbed her and pulled something tight around her throat, Jennifer was sure her life was over. Assaulted and raped, Jennifer lived through every woman's worst nightmare. Having never seen her assailant's face, she was sure he would never be caught. She spent two decades wondering who and where he was, and when he would strike again. Twenty years after the attack, through the dedication and tireless efforts of an investigator who refused to let her case go cold, a suspect was found. Jennifer writes

about her ordeal and the years of waiting for justice with the candor and fortitude that helped her survive, and Chief Investigator David Cordle illuminates the process of assembling the puzzle pieces that led to the prosecution of one of his longest open cases. -----

- Since publication of One Voice Raised, 2 more victims have been linked through DNA to serial rapist, William Joseph Trice. *May 31, 1987 in Montgomery County, Maryland. *August, 1988 in Silver Springs, Maryland "It brings peace of mind to Trice's victims to know their attacker has been caught and convicted. The importance of entering cold-case evidence into the national data-base can not be stressed enough."

Don't go there. It's not safe. You'll die. And other more >> rational advice for overlanding Mexico & Central America - 2012

Your complete guide for overlanding in Mexico and Central America. This book provides detailed and up-to-date information by country. It also includes 11 chapters of information for planning and preparing your trip and 9 chapters on what to expect while driving through Mexico and Central America. Completed by the authors of LifeRemotely.com this is the most comprehensive guide for driving the Pan American yet!

Ben Behind His Voices - Randye Kaye 2011-10-16

When readers first meet Ben, he is a sweet, intelligent, seemingly well-adjusted youngster. Fast forward to his teenage years, though, and Ben's life has spun out of control. Ben is swept along by an illness over which he has no control—one that results in runaway episodes, periods of homelessness, seven psychotic breaks, seven hospitalizations, and finally a diagnosis and treatment plan that begins to work. Schizophrenia strikes an estimated one in a hundred people worldwide by some estimates, and yet understanding of the illness is lacking. Through Ben's experiences, and those of his mother and sister, who supported Ben through every stage of his illness and treatment, readers gain a better understanding of schizophrenia, as well as mental illness in general, and the way it affects individuals and families. Here, Kaye encourages families to stay together and find strength while accepting the reality of a loved one's illness; she illustrates, through her experiences as Ben's

mother, the delicate balance between letting go and staying involved. She honors the courage of anyone who suffers with mental illness and is trying to improve his life and participate in his own recovery. Ben Behind His Voices also reminds professionals in the psychiatric field that every patient who comes through their doors has a life, one that he has lost through no fault of his own. It shows what goes right when professionals treat the family as part of the recovery process and help them find support, education, and acceptance. And it reminds readers that those who suffer from mental illness, and their families, deserve respect, concern, and dignity.

Embraced - Jordan Jantz 2016-02-08

REVISED THIRD EDITION ALL PROCEEDS GO TO CHARITY - THE CHRISTMAS BOX HOUSE INTERNATIONAL. We are all writing the story of our life. We want to know what it's about. What are its themes and which theme is on the rise? People want to know where this book is taking them and where they are headed. Not to spoil our heat-embracing ending, but I want to ensure that when the ending comes, it won't be shallow; I will have done something life-transforming for others through this book. This book is about that life-transformation we all want for ourselves. I began this book because I hit that point in my life. I became intrigued by people who had unearthed their true calling...or those people who were willing to try. In this book, *Embraced*, nothing seems braver to me than facing up to one's own identity and filtering out the chatter that tells us to be something we're not. In this book I hit on an incredible well-spring of honesty. Complete strangers opened their lives and their homes to me, confessing honesty and events that had never been revealed to ordinary people. By that I mean they did not have resources of character traits available to them to give them an uncommon advantage in pursuing a better life. I'm not an expert of any sort. I have not one credential and nothing to speak about in the academic department, just what you all read about in the book produced by author and owner of Jewel of the West Publishing, Jewel Adams, *Out of the Closet, Into the Light*, and the live video produced by the President of North Star International and Voice(s) of Hope, Ty Mansfield. These are

the only things that I did that ever can be considered helpful additions to the world we share. I did learn from working on this book, *Embraced*, that it is the hard times that change the course of our lives. In this book I reveal these moments to show my own fallibility. This book is far different from what I originally envisioned. It reflects what I've found not what I predicted. This book does not follow a conventional outline because as you know, real life is not conventional. Each experience can become embraced in our life. So this book is to unearth the psychological secrets that haunt us. It is not organized by industry or personality type. It is not a travelogue. It is about misconceptions and fears. When people heard this book's title, the most common question I got asked was, "So is your book about your life, or about careers?" and I'd laugh and warn them not to get trapped by semantics. I answered, "It is about people who've dared to be honest with themselves." When reading it, I know you will become embraced.

Nine Year Pregnancy - Delana Stewart 2012-01-09

In her narrative, *Nine-Year Pregnancy*, Delana H. Stewart reveals a journey of having a dream, experiencing the death of that vision, and seeing God fulfill it in His time. If you are waiting on God to answer a prayer or feel like God will never answer your prayer-for a child, for a mate, for some other need or desire or dream-then this book will show you how one family trusted God to walk with them through the dark, scary, unknown valleys as they waited on Him. If you are anywhere in the adoption process-from thinking about it to preparing to go pick up your child to dealing with attachment disorder-then this book will offer you insights, faith, and peace for the journey. If you are trying to get pregnant or have experienced a miscarriage, then this book may give you hope and encourage you to hang on. "For the vision is yet for the appointed time; It hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; For it will certainly come, it will not delay" (Habakkuk 2:3 NASB).

Free Roll - Brandt Tobler 2017-05-22

Have you ever wondered: What it's like to daily bet hundreds of thousands of dollars working for some of the largest professional

gamblers in Las Vegas? ... How to spend a summer house sitting one of the biggest stars in the world's 11,000 square-foot mansion - without an invitation from it's celebrity owner ... Whether the life of crime - specifically, running a shoplifting ring in a middle American mall - pays? ... What causes a son to finally say enough is enough ... and decide "Today is the day I am going to kill my dad." Comedian Brandt Tobler has the answers in this funny, touching and sometimes downright unbelievable memoir of a small town Wyoming-kid turned "mall-fia" don, turned nationally touring comic. Brand tells his life story with candor, detailing the many pit stops, wrong turns, crazy connections and lucky breaks he experienced along the way to his comedy career, all while trying to balance a toxic relationship with his unreliable jailbird dad. In these pages Brandt will make you laugh (he better - it's his job!) and believe as he does that, when it comes to defining family, blood isn't always thicker than water. -- back cover.

Carlita's Way - Carlita Hodges 1914-07-12

In Carlita's Way: Out of the Dark Into the Light (My Journey), Carlita Hodges, the ex-wife of former NBA player Craig Hodges, bares all, and provides readers with a rare glimpse into her life as a celebrity wife, and the struggles she faced with abuse, lies, and infidelity. According to Carlita, "I didn't expect to be mistreated, and cheated on; or to become a single parent. I didn't expect him to fall out of love with me, and I also didn't expect him to put women or anyone before his family." Divulging shocking details of her personal childhood battles and revealing secrets of her past relationship with R.Kelly, Carlita discusses the pitfalls of being a celebrity wife, and shares her innermost feelings about raising her two sons as a single mother, family issues, losing custody of her sons, her criminal indictment, and how she was able to move past the pain and live an empowered life. A captivating, must-read memoir, Carlita's Way: Out of the Dark into the Light (My Journey), provides essential lessons for both men and women who want to break the cycle of trauma, self-destruction, and abuse.

Road of Ash and Dust - E.L. Cyrs 2016-10-05

naware that hunger, sickness and deprivation were awaiting him, a

young idealist leaves the United States and embarks on a spiritual journey to West Africa. Repeatedly challenged by a world beyond his understanding and thrown into harsh, critical self-reflections, he is repulsed by the image of himself that Africa forces him to confront. Road of Ash and Dust: Awakening of a Soul in Africa is a deeply intimate and, somewhat, voyeuristic unveiling of aspects of The African-American Experience rarely committed to print. ROAD allows you access to one of the most universal rites of passage, the discovery of self. Author E.L. Cyrs channels voices from a distant and muted past, guiding us into understanding that many of the answers to our most troubling questions do, truly, come from within.

Baby Bumps - Amy Sprenger 2012-06-29

From the author of the award-winning blog Snarky Mommy comes a book that will make every woman who has ever been pregnant pee with laughter (not that that's hard). Wearing her highest heels and hottest pregnancy jeans, Amy Sprenger marches into her doctor's office, beverage in hand, ready to finally see whether her baby is a boy or a girl. Sure, sure, this appointment is supposed to be about checking the health of the baby, but everyone who's ever been there knows it's really about looking for what lays, or doesn't lay, between the legs. So when the doctor tells her she has an incompetent cervix, Amy becomes immediately offended on behalf of her reproductive organs. Is that just a politically correct way of saying her cervix sucks? Unfortunately, as she's soon to learn, it's a lot more than that. The only way to keep that baby from falling out on the sidewalk (probably in front of Starbucks) is for her doctor to stitch her cervix closed and for Amy to stay in bed for the next four months. Four months that are carefully detailed in this "memoir." A memoir that, while basically true, has been embellished with Amy's signature brand of humor and hilarity. With more time off than a castoff contestant on "The Bachelor," Amy takes pen to paper and settles in for the ride. But instead of sitting around eating bonbons, she's popping hypertension drugs to stave off preterm labor. And complications? Oh, she's got your complications. She's gut-rehabbing her house. Her mother moves in to care for her. Her husband takes a

“mancation” while she’s stuck in the hospital. And every time she has a contraction, she’s convinced it’s The Big One. Living by the adage that laughter is the best medicine, Amy fumbles her way through a series of sometimes serious and usually embarrassing situations. And just to be clear, using a bedpan qualifies as both serious and embarrassing. "Amy Sprenger's foray into factual fiction is a hilarious (and sometimes poignant) look at high-risk pregnancy from her view at the end of the bed. Sprenger offers a fresh and funny voice that readers will love!" -- New York Times bestselling author Jen Lancaster

In Due Time - Jen Noonan 2015-09-11

In this raw and honest memoir, Jen Noonan authentically shares her journey to start and complete a family. Leading readers on a roller coaster of triumphs and losses, she richly details her experience working with the Colorado Center for Reproductive Medicine, one of the nation's leading reproductive endocrinology clinics. Readers walk away with a deeper understanding of the physical and emotional process of trying to build a family through medication, Intrauterine Inseminations, and In Vitro Fertilization. *In Due Time* strikes a chord with millions of men and women worldwide attempting to build a family. It is a must read for anyone who has struggled to conceive a child, is currently struggling to conceive, has experienced a miscarriage, wants to support a loved one, or wishes to gain knowledge about infertility.

Knightingale - Stephanie Laws 2012-09-14

Evil has plagued this world since the dawn of creation seeking to gain control. One family was given supernatural abilities with the sole purpose of protecting the things in this world that evil must never take possession of. Samantha Nelson knew she was cursed. She didn't know that her unnatural ability of forcing the truth out of people was just the beginning of her curse until her family is murdered in a horrific home explosion. Six months later she finds herself face to face with a Knight Protector and her life is turned into utter chaos. When David received his assignment on his twentieth birthday he was told that his destiny would be entwined with a woman soon to be born and that his aging would be halted. Since the moment Samantha was born, David protected her from

her enemies. As every Knight before him, he does so in the shadows. But David must face the facts that something even deadlier than her enemies is occurring. No matter how much he denies it, he is falling in love with her. When her enemies begin to discover ways around his protection and murder her family he is forced to make a decision of what is more important to him; his family or his assignment. All it takes is one warning sign of danger to convince him that he simply cannot live without Samantha and he takes a leap that will change their lives forever. Their only chance of survival is to discover what Samantha's destiny is and the journey leads them straight to the heart of the Knight family where they discover evil has infiltrated and it is up to them to stop the evil before it destroys the family and gains control of the very thing that God created the family to protect.

Daddy's Briefcase - Ashley Murphy 2010-12

Son of Sedonia - Ben Chaney 2012-12

Imagine growing up in the largest slum on the planet in the year 2080AD. Twenty million people are your neighbors, huddled together in an ocean of rusted dwellings made from whatever Sedonia City, the towering metropolis in the distance, decides to throw away. Gang members, known as the T99s, are the heads of your community: smuggling tech, trafficking drugs, and fighting a constant guerilla war against the City's bio-augmented EXO police force. There is little hope for survival. None for escape to a better life beyond the half-mile high Border between city and slum. This is Matteo's world. A bright kid, but sick and weak since childhood, he is painfully dependent on Jogun: loving older brother, and hardened soldier for the T99s. When a luxury transport from Sedonia's aerial traffic crash-lands in Rasalla, it threatens to change Matteo and Jogun's fate forever. And all fates are connected. The Dwellers of Rasalla, bound by family in the scrap, ashes, and dirt. The Citizens of Sedonia, oblivious to danger in the buzzing twilight of the Neuro-Social Revolution. The EXOs, placing themselves in harm's way to perform their duty to protect their homes and fellow officers. And the Ruling Elite, whose long-buried secrets and desperate plans could spell

the end of civilization...or a new beginning. Son of Sedonia is an action-filled science fiction epic with a soul and a clear message. Its characters

live, breathe, suffer, and love in their different worlds, each brought to the brink as the Third-World collides with the First. Their future could well be ours.