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### EDGY CONVERSATIONS

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#### HOW ORDINARY PEOPLE ACHIEVE OUTRAGEOUS SUCCESS

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*Made For Success Publishing* "Everything you think you know about success is wrong! Set Goals. Work Hard. Be Persistent. That's the typical success advice you can probably repeat in your sleep. The type of advice that doesn't seem to work for you -- or anyone you know, for that matter." You work your butt off, but at the end of the day, you're no closer to success than you were yesterday. The ugly truth is that it's not what you're doing that is holding you back. It's who you are. It's the baggage between your ears that keeps you from achieving your dreams and goals. That's why Dan Waldschmidt is changing the conversation about success. It's why you need to have an EDGY conversation. EDGY Conversations is a gut-wrenchingly honest, no-holds-barred discussion about what it takes to be success today. It's based on the stories of 1,000 ordinary people in business, math, politics, sports and science who achieved mind-blowing feats of extraordinary greatness. EDGY is how ordinary people become extraordinary. EDGY is how a master chef, a World War II veteran, a 15-year-old girl, a homeless retired paramedic, an Australian potato farmer and a shoe executive became amazing, did the unthinkable and forever changed their corner of the world. And EDGY is how you can achieve outrageous success, regardless of who or where you are in life right now. You don't need another book on success. You just need to be more EDGY. Let's talk about it.

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## PROFIT HEROES

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*Author House* "Exceptional sales practices have always consisted of both art and science. Profit Heroes delves deeply into sales science as it has evolved since the Great Recession. It is both eye-opening and amazingly powerful. Don't just read it. Study it!" --Tom Hopkins, author of When Buyers Say No "Warning: Everything you know about selling is wrong. Everything you have been taught before today is wrong. This book will upset you. You will have to relearn everything. You will have to learn about a new mindset: a profit mindset." --Todd Schnick, CEO of Dreamland Media "The first two chapters are absolutely riveting. You read about a salesperson who lost the sale and was devastated. You read about the salesperson who won the sale. Anyone who has sold has felt both of these emotions. But Bob Rickert makes those emotions palpable. Once he hooks you emotionally, he provides the roadmap for winning more and bigger deals. If you want to be seen as a peer--a businessperson who happens to sell--instead of "just another salesperson," Profit Heroes belongs at the top of your must-read list." --Chris Lytle, author of The Accidental Salesperson "Now, more than ever, salespeople need to understand finance and profitability if they are to sell effectively to the C-suite. Fortunately, Bob Rickert has written an informative and thoroughly enjoyable book that provides a roadmap for salespeople seeking to become "Profit Heroes." Using realistic examples, Bob paints a picture of how to sell successfully using executive board language, and contrasts it with the unsuccessful strategy of a firm that takes a different approach. I highly recommend this book to anyone in the sales arena." --Dr. Dawn Deeter-Schmelz, professor; director of the National Strategic Selling Institute; J. J. Vanier Distinguished Chair of Relational Selling & Marketing, Kansas State University

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## THE ONLY SALES GUIDE YOU'LL EVER NEED

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*Penguin* The USA Today bestseller by the star sales speaker and author of The Sales Blog that reveals how all salespeople can attain huge sales success through strategies backed by extensive research and experience. Anthony Iannarino never set out to become a salesman, let alone a sales manager, speaker, coach, or writer of the most prominent blog about the art and science of great selling. He fell into his profession by accident, as a day job while pursuing rock-and-roll stardom. Once he realized he'd never become the next Mick Jagger, Iannarino turned his focus to a question that's been debated for at least a century: Why are a small number of salespeople in any field hugely successful, while the rest get mediocre results at best? The answer is simple: it's not about the market, the product, or the competition—it's all about the seller. And consequently, any salesperson can sell more and better, all the time. Over twenty-five years, Iannarino has boiled down everything he's learned and tested into one convenient book that explains what all successful sellers, regardless of industry or organization, share: a mind-set of powerful beliefs and a skill-set of key actions, including... ·Self-discipline: How to keep your commitments to yourself and others. ·Accountability: How to own the outcomes you sell. ·Competitiveness: How to embrace competition rather than let it intimidate you. ·Resourcefulness: How to blend your imagination, experience, and knowledge into unique solutions. ·Storytelling: How to create deeper relationships by presenting a story in which the client is the hero and you're their guide. ·Diagnosing: How to look below the surface to figure out someone else's real challenges and



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## BLACK MILK

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### ON THE CONFLICTING DEMANDS OF WRITING, CREATIVITY, AND MOTHERHOOD

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*Penguin* A thoughtful and incisive meditation on literature, motherhood, and spiritual wellbeing from the author of *The Island of Missing Trees* (a Reese's Book Club Pick) After the birth of her first child, Elif Shafak experienced a profound personal crisis. Plagued by guilt, anxiety, and bewilderment about her new maternal role, the acclaimed novelist stopped writing for the first time in her life. As she plummeted into post-partum depression, Shafak looked to the experiences of other prominent female writers—including Sylvia Plath, Virginia Woolf, Simone de Beauvoir, and Alice Walker—for help navigating the conflict between motherhood and artistic creation in a male-dominated society. Searingly honest, eloquent, and unexpectedly humorous, *Black Milk* will be widely embraced by writers, academics, and anyone who has undergone the identity crisis engendered by being a mother.

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### THE LONG-DISTANCE LEADER

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#### RULES FOR REMARKABLE REMOTE LEADERSHIP

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*Berrett-Koehler Publishers* Leadership first, location second As more organizations adopt a remote workforce, the challenges of leading at a distance become more urgent than ever. The cofounders of the Remote Leadership Institute, Kevin Eikenberry and Wayne Turmel, show leaders how to guide their teams by recalling the foundational principles of leadership. The authors' "Three-O" Model refocuses leaders to think about outcomes, others, and ourselves—elements of leadership that remain unchanged, whether employees are down the hall or halfway around the world. By pairing it with the Remote Leadership Model, which emphasizes using technology as a tool and not a distraction, leaders are now able to navigate the terrain of managing teams wherever they are. Filled with exercises that ensure projects stay on track, keep productivity and morale high, and build lasting relationships, this book is the go-to guide for leading, no matter where people work.

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### WHAT WOULD MACGYVER DO?

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#### TRUE STORIES OF IMPROVISED GENIUS IN EVERYDAY LIFE

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*Penguin* A clever collection of true stories celebrating real-life "MacGyverisms". For anyone who's ever wished they could channel 1980s action-adventure icon Angus MacGyver—a secret agent known for relying on his brains, scientific prowess, duct tape, and a Swiss Army knife to save the day—this unique collection commemorates the use of improvised genius in everyday life. The "MacGyverisms" recounted range from the concrete (using Chex Mix to provide traction in an icy parking lot) to the intangible (saving a relationship with the perfect turn of phrase). Divided by theme, the book features over forty true accounts in all—some by well-known writers, including Chuck Klosterman and A. J. Jacobs, most by ordinary people. Edgy, entertaining, and smirk-to-yourself funny, these masterfully told stories reveal that, with a little luck and a lot of ingenuity, you can "MacGyver" yourself out of virtually any predicament.

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### WAKE THE BRIDE

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#### FACING THE LAST DAYS WITH YOUR EYES WIDE OPEN

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*Harvest House Publishers* Jeff Kinley wrote this innovative guide to the book of Revelation for the same reason the apostle John wrote the original—to arouse a sleeping church to prepare for Christ's return. Jesus said, "Wake up and strengthen the things that remain." The apostle Paul shared the same concern. "Wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed." Many people are unaware of the signs of the times. Many others seem consumed by end-times hype. Kinley shows that our primary concern should not be the timing of Christ's return but rather the spirit and character He desires in His bride. You'll find enlightening descriptions of Jesus and His coming, the church and its mission, heaven and judgment, Satan and the antichrist, and other themes of Revelation. Bolster your confidence and conviction with this up-to-date presentation of Christ's clear message to the church.

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### RED MOON

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*Forge Books* It begins in 1964 with the sudden and unexpected death of Sergai Korolev, the man who ran the Soviet Space Program. Young Yuri Ribko, an engineering student working for one of the Korolev's bureaus, is either fortunate or unfortunate to have an uncle who is a high ranking member of State security. Yuri's uncle recruits him to spy within the Bureau, to assist in identifying possible threats to the Space Program. In return, Yuri is set on a fast-track of promotion, from engineering assistant to cosmonaut. From the earliest work on Russia's lunar lander, through a devastating string of exploding launch vehicles and deadly landings, *Red Moon* gives us an insider's view of Russia's gallant but doomed Moon Shot. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

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### ORDINARY

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#### SUSTAINABLE FAITH IN A RADICAL, RESTLESS WORLD

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*Zondervan* Radical. Crazy. Transformative and restless. Every word we read these days seems to suggest there's a "next-best-thing," if only we would change our comfortable, compromising lives. In fact, the greatest fear most Christians have is boredom—the sense that they are missing out on the radical life Jesus promised. One thing is certain. No one wants to be "ordinary." Yet pastor and author Michael Horton believes that our attempts to measure our spiritual growth by our experiences, constantly seeking after the next big breakthrough, have left many Christians disillusioned and disappointed. There's nothing wrong with an energetic faith; the danger is

that we can burn ourselves out on restless anxieties and unrealistic expectations. What's needed is not another program or a fresh approach to spiritual growth; it's a renewed appreciation for the commonplace. Far from a call to low expectations and passivity, Horton invites readers to recover their sense of joy in the ordinary. He provides a guide to a sustainable discipleship that happens over the long haul—not a quick fix that leaves readers empty with unfulfilled promises. Convicting and ultimately empowering, *Ordinary* is not a call to do less; it's an invitation to experience the elusive joy of the ordinary Christian life.

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## THE GATSBY AFFAIR

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### SCOTT, ZELDA, AND THE BETRAYAL THAT SHAPED AN AMERICAN CLASSIC

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*Rowman & Littlefield* The romance between F. Scott Fitzgerald and Zelda Sayre has been celebrated as one of the greatest of the 20th century. From the beginning, their relationship was a tumultuous one, in which the couple's excesses were as widely known as their passion for each other. Despite their love, both Scott and Zelda engaged in flirtations that threatened to tear the couple apart. But none had a more profound impact on the two—and on Scott's writing—as the liaison between Zelda and a French aviator, Edouard Jozan. Though other biographies have written of Jozan as one of Scott's romantic rivals, accounts of the pilot's effect on the couple have been superficial at best. In *The Gatsby Affair: Scott, Zelda, and the Betrayal That Shaped an American Classic*, Kendall Taylor examines the dalliance between the southern belle and the French pilot from a fresh perspective. Drawing on conversations and correspondence with Jozan's daughter, as well as materials from the Jozan family archives, Taylor sheds new light on this romantic triangle. More than just a casual fling, Zelda's tryst with Edouard affected Scott as much as it did his wife—and ultimately influenced the author's most famous creation, *Jay Gatsby*. Were it not for Zelda's affair with the pilot, Scott's novel might be less about betrayal and more about lost illusions. Exploring the private motives of these public figures, Taylor offers new explanations for their behavior. In addition to the love triangle that included Jozan, Taylor also delves into an earlier event in Zelda's life—a sexual assault she suffered as a teenager—one that affected her future relationships. Both a literary study and a probing look at an iconic couple's psychological makeup, *The Gatsby Affair* offers readers a bold interpretation of how one of America's greatest novels was influenced.

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## PLAYS AND PLAYERS

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### ELEANOR OLIPHANT IS COMPLETELY FINE

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#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER A REESE WITHERSPOON x HELLO SUNSHINE BOOK CLUB PICK A PENGUIN BOOK CLUB PICK "Beautifully written and incredibly funny. . . I fell in love with Eleanor; I think you will fall in love, too!" --Reese Witherspoon Smart, warm, uplifting, the story of an out-of-the-ordinary heroine whose deadpan weirdness and unconscious wit make for an irresistible journey as she realizes the only way to survive is to open her heart. No one's ever told Eleanor that life should be better than fine. Meet Eleanor Oliphant: She struggles with appropriate social skills and tends to say exactly what she's thinking. Nothing is missing in her carefully timetabled life of avoiding social interactions, where weekends are punctuated by frozen pizza, vodka, and phone chats with Mummy. But everything changes when Eleanor meets Raymond, the bumbling and deeply unhygienic IT guy from her office. When she and Raymond together save Sammy, an elderly gentleman who has fallen on the sidewalk, the three become the kinds of friends who rescue one another from the lives of isolation they have each been living. And it is Raymond's big heart that will ultimately help Eleanor find the way to repair her own profoundly damaged one.

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## LOVE LIGHTS ON MONTEREY BAY

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### A NOVEL INSPIRED BY ORDINARY PEOPLE IN EXTRAORDINARY SITUATIONS

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*Strategic Book Publishing & Rights Agency* *Love Lights on Monterey Bay* is the final book of an action-packed trilogy. Inspired by true stories interwoven around actual events, readers will experience the intrigue and uncertainty Matthew and Jenny experience while adjusting to civilian life in Monterey, California. He struggles with PTSD and must also battle leukemia, caused by exposure to Agent Orange. Jenny faces many challenges as she tries to keep the Healing Home open, a center assisting children who are victims of abuse, including trafficking. Will Jenny survive another terrifying experience in Africa while trying to adopt Star, the child who was kidnapped at the same time Jenny was? Will their dreams of a family ever come to fruition? Learn what happens to the characters when the Loma Prieta earthquake hits Central California in 1989. While across the Pacific, Matthew's parents Bob and Barbara fight their own battles as they continue to warn people about ID theft, which is becoming more complex in the computer age. Will faith help or hinder the characters when America is hit by terrorists on 9/11? Find out who had an encounter with a possible perpetrator and who was killed in the tragedy.

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## IMPERFECT SPIRITUALITY

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### EXTRAORDINARY ENLIGHTENMENT FOR ORDINARY PEOPLE

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*Simon and Schuster* Pulling a raisin out of a two-year-old's nose probably wasn't on Buddha's path toward enlightenment, but it was one of the obstacles for author Polly Campbell. For many, stuck raisins and other real-life moments provide sometimes the only opportunity for spiritual growth in a day. *Imperfect Spirituality* shows readers how to integrate those every-day moments with traditional spiritual techniques to experience personal growth and greater well-being all in the course of your regular routine. Any activity can be transformed into a spiritual practice. Don't have a half-hour to meditate? Can't drop everything ala Elizabeth Gilbert and trek to Italy or India? Do a mini-meditation while stopped at a red light. Working to be mindful and present? Start by brushing your teeth. *Imperfect Spirituality* is filled with practical tips and dozens of examples like these, as well as anecdotes from real people who are striving to grow both spiritually and personally. Each chapter features fascinating research about how the mind body spirit connection really works as well as illuminating quotes, and informative, easy-to-do takeaways from leading-edge academic and spiritual experts who both study and practice the techniques explored in the book. Popular blogger and workshopper Polly Campbell, a

favorite journalist for Daily Om and Psychology Today, emerges here as a fresh and important new voice in spirituality who offers a path to enlightenment for "the rest of us."

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## LEGENDBORN

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*Simon and Schuster* An Instant New York Times Bestseller! Winner of the Coretta Scott King - John Steptoe for New Talent Author Award Filled with mystery and an intriguingly rich magic system, Tracy Deonn's YA contemporary fantasy reinvents the King Arthur legend and "braids together Southern folk traditions and Black Girl Magic into a searing modern tale of grief, power, and self-discovery" (Dhonielle Clayton, New York Times bestselling author of *The Belles*). After her mother dies in an accident, sixteen-year-old Bree Matthews wants nothing to do with her family memories or childhood home. A residential program for bright high schoolers at UNC-Chapel Hill seems like the perfect escape—until Bree witnesses a magical attack her very first night on campus. A flying demon feeding on human energies. A secret society of so called "Legendborn" students that hunt the creatures down. And a mysterious teenage mage who calls himself a "Merlin" and who attempts—and fails—to wipe Bree's memory of everything she saw. The mage's failure unlocks Bree's own unique magic and a buried memory with a hidden connection: the night her mother died, another Merlin was at the hospital. Now that Bree knows there's more to her mother's death than what's on the police report, she'll do whatever it takes to find out the truth, even if that means infiltrating the Legendborn as one of their initiates. She recruits Nick, a self-exiled Legendborn with his own grudge against the group, and their reluctant partnership pulls them deeper into the society's secrets—and closer to each other. But when the Legendborn reveal themselves as the descendants of King Arthur's knights and explain that a magical war is coming, Bree has to decide how far she'll go for the truth and whether she should use her magic to take the society down—or join the fight. This paperback edition of *Legendborn* contains a teaser to the thrilling sequel, *Bloodmarked*, as well as an exclusive short story from Selwyn Kane's perspective!

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## BY NIGHTFALL

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### A NOVEL

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*Farrar, Straus and Giroux* Peter and Rebecca Harris: mid-forties denizens of Manhattan's SoHo, nearing the apogee of committed careers in the arts—he a dealer, she an editor. With a spacious loft, a college-age daughter in Boston, and lively friends, they are admirable, enviable contemporary urbanites with every reason, it seems, to be happy. Then Rebecca's much younger look-alike brother, Ethan (known in the family as Mizzy, "the mistake"), shows up for a visit. A beautiful, beguiling twenty-three-year-old with a history of drug problems, Mizzy is wayward, at loose ends, looking for direction. And in his presence, Peter finds himself questioning his artists, their work, his career—the entire world he has so carefully constructed. Like his legendary, Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *The Hours*, Michael Cunningham's masterly new novel is a heartbreaking look at the way we live now. Full of shocks and aftershocks, it makes us think and feel deeply about the uses and meaning of beauty and the place of love in our lives.

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## PATIENTS, THE PUBLIC AND PRIORITIES IN HEALTHCARE

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*CRC Press* Sharing the costs of ill health is the mark of a civilised society. However, every society has limited healthcare resources, and must therefore make finely balanced decisions on how best to allocate them. The National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) has been responsible for the UK's health resource allocation for a decade. To inform its decisions, a Citizens Council of 30 members of the general public was established by NICE to gauge the underlying values of the society it serves. A number of national and international organisations and governments have asked NICE to share its experiences in establishing and running the Citizens Council, and encouraging and supporting patient involvement. As part of NICE's response, this book provides an up to date 'position statement' on the Citizens Council, an exploration of how patients interact with NICE and how their views are taken into account, and a national and international perspective on new issues facing the interaction between patients, the public and healthcare provision. 'Reading this volume will enable you, the reader, to assess how well NICE is acting as a means of fostering responsible public choice. I hope you profit from its chapters as much as I have.' - Albert Weale in his Foreword

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## THE SPARE ROOM

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### DEFINE YOUR SOCIAL LEGACY TO LIVE A MORE INTENTIONAL LIFE AND LEAD WITH AUTHENTIC PURPOSE

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*Post Hill Press* Emily Chang is a seasoned executive who has worked with some of the world's most renowned companies like Procter & Gamble, Apple, and Starbucks. Over the last twenty-one years, her job has brought her and her family to eight different homes across the U.S and China. And everywhere she's lived, Emily has found herself at the unique intersection of her Offer and Offense. Life has served up young people who have been abused, neglected or marginalized, to find sanctuary in her spare room. Among her deeply personal accounts, Emily shares heart-wrenching stories of an emotionally abused child bride, a dying eighteen-month old boy born with hydrocephalus, and the abused daughter of a local prostitute. With the sixteen young people she and her family have cared for, Emily has found that living into her Social Legacy has not only deeply enriched her home life, it has also enabled her to become a more authentic and relatable leader in the workplace. Each time she opened the door to her spare room, Emily found herself in a front row seat, witnessing one of life's incredible stories unfold. Integrating work and life, she introduced her spare room kids to colleagues and encourages her team members to invest in their own Social Legacies. Now more than ever, social purpose has become an urgent leadership imperative. *The Spare Room* will help you identify your Social Legacy to live a more intentional life and lead with authentic purpose.

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## THE SECRETS OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS

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### HIDDEN CLUES TO FUTURE ECONOMIC TRENDS AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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*FT Press* For years, investors, business strategists, and policymakers worldwide have turned to one book to help them translate the

massive flow of economic data into knowledge for intelligent decision-making. The Wall Street Journal called this book "...the real deal," saying it "miraculously breathes life into economic indicators and statistics." That book is Bernie Baumohl's classic best-seller *The Secrets of Economic Indicators*. Now, in a brand-new Third Edition, Baumohl has thoroughly updated his classic to reflect the latest US and foreign economic indicators, and brand-new insights into what all of today's leading indicators mean. Baumohl introduces dozens of new, forward-looking economic markers, including those that monitor small business plans, freight traffic shifts, web searches, and even gambling. He also presents several real-time foreign indicators for anticipating swings in European and Asian economies. He explains what's happened to the global and domestic U.S. economy in recent years, showing how financial crises impact investments, strategy, and economic indicators. New graphics more clearly illuminate how key indicators impact interest rates, bond and stock prices, and currency values; and hundreds of websites containing US and global economic indicators have been updated. This classic book has long been considered an invaluable resource by professionals who need to understand the true meaning of the latest economic trends. With this new edition, Bernie Baumohl has made it even more useful.

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## THE DOGS OF ROME

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### A COMMISSARIO ALEC BLUME NOVEL

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*Bloomsbury Publishing USA* On a hot summer morning, Arturo Clemente is murdered in his Roman apartment by a mysterious slasher. Though the murder appears amateurish, even random, Clemente is no ordinary victim. An animal rights activist campaigning against dogfighting, he is married to a prominent politician and sleeping with Manuela Fusco, the daughter of a dangerous crime boss. Police inspector Alec Blume has a favorite suspect, but the investigation is already being manipulated by both the Senate and the Fusco crime ring. Blume soon realizes he is being watched from on high and that solving this crime may be the least of his worries. Angry, sleep-deprived, and unsure who to trust, Blume is losing control of his investigation. As the mob tightens its grip on the city, and with the killer still at large, Blume's struggle for justice may cost more innocent lives.

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## NEED TO KNOW

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### A NOVEL

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*Ballantine Books* NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • FINALIST FOR THE ITW THRILLER AWARD • Perfect husband. Perfect father. Perfect liar? "Terrific."—John Grisham "Superb."—Lee Child "Breathtaking, heart-pounding."—Louise Penny "A fast-paced, relentlessly gripping read."—Chris Pavone Vivian Miller. High-powered CIA analyst, happily married to a man she adores, mother of four beautiful children. Until the moment she makes a shocking discovery that makes her question everything she believes. She thought she knew her husband inside and out. But now she wonders if it was all a lie. How far will she go to learn the truth? And does she really . . . . . NEED TO KNOW? Film rights sold to Universal Pictures for Charlize Theron • Rights sold in more than 20 markets "Shaping up to be one of the year's biggest new thrillers."—Entertainment Weekly "So timely . . . Think of the perfect mix of *Homeland* and *The Americans*. . . . Need to Know needs to be read by all who relish spy novels. As entertaining as it is informative and as irresistible as it is impossible to put down."—Providence Journal "Pulse-pounding."—O: The Oprah Magazine "Accomplished . . . a nonstop thriller tapping into a hot mix of contemporary digital counterintelligence, old-school spying and ageless family drama."—Shelf Awareness "An early contender for next year's *Gone Girl*."—GQ (UK) "The Russia page-turner that should be on everyone's list."—New York Post

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## VANTAGE POINTS ON LEARNING AND LIFE

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*Dog Ear Publishing* Each day brings us the chance to laugh, love and learn. this book will inspire you to do all three! "Kevin Eikenberry's essays reveal him as a keen observer and an intense participant in life. He communicates his ideas passionately and vividly." -Martin C. Jischke, President, Purdue University "Lifelong learning is for everyone. Kevin's lessons have two purposes. One-for you to learn from his journey. Two-to inspire you to reflect on, and learn from, your own. Read this book for yourself, and create your own success." -Jeffrey Gitomer, author *The Little Red Book of Selling* and *The Sales Bible* ..Kevin has shared a collection of stories that are profound in what they can individually mean to each reader. Start reading as soon as you can, and learn about the person you are meant to be... for you will never look at the everyday bliss of life in the same way again." -Rosa Say, author of *Managing with Aloha* "Wow - reading this is like 'sitting at the foot of a master' and learning about the meaning of life. Thank you, Kevin, for an absolutely terrific book." -Bob Burg, author *Endless Referrals: Network Your Everyday Contacts into Sales* Kevin has been a serious student of the learning process for the past 15 years. He has applied what he has learned by helping organizations of all kinds including small companies, governmental agencies, universities and Fortune 500 companies. His writing has been read by people in over 30 countries from all walks of life.

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## THE 5AM CLUB

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### OWN YOUR MORNING. ELEVATE YOUR LIFE.

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*HarperCollins* Legendary leadership and elite performance expert Robin Sharma introduced The 5am Club concept over twenty years ago, based on a revolutionary morning routine that has helped his clients maximize their productivity, activate their best health and bulletproof their serenity in this age of overwhelming complexity. Now, in this life-changing book, handcrafted by the author over a rigorous four-year period, you will discover the early-rising habit that has helped so many accomplish epic results while upgrading their happiness, helpfulness and feelings of aliveness. Through an enchanting—and often amusing—story about two struggling strangers who meet an eccentric tycoon who becomes their secret mentor, The 5am Club will walk you through: How great geniuses, business titans and the world's wisest people start their mornings to produce astonishing achievements A little-known formula you can use instantly to wake up early feeling inspired, focused and flooded with a fiery drive to get the most out of each day A step-by-step method to protect the quietest hours of daybreak so you have time for exercise, self-renewal and personal growth A neuroscience-based practice proven to help make it easy to rise while most people are sleeping, giving you precious time for yourself to think,

express your creativity and begin the day peacefully instead of being rushed “Insider-only” tactics to defend your gifts, talents and dreams against digital distraction and trivial diversions so you enjoy fortune, influence and a magnificent impact on the world Part manifesto for mastery, part playbook for genius-grade productivity and part companion for a life lived beautifully, *The 5am Club* is a work that will transform your life. Forever.

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## ROBERTSON DAVIES

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### A PORTRAIT IN MOSAIC

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*Douglas Gibson Books* National bestseller and a Globe and Mail Best Book A fascinating, larger-than-life character, Davies left a treasure trove of stories about him when he died in 1995 — expertly arranged here into a revealing portrait. From his student days onward, Robertson Davies made a huge impression on those around him. He was so clearly bound for a glorious future that some young friends even carefully preserved his letters. And everyone remembered their encounters with him. Later in life, as a world-famous writer, perhaps Canada’s pre-eminent man of letters (who “looked like Jehovah”), he attracted people eager to meet him, who also vividly remembered their meetings. So when Val Ross set out in search of people’s memories, she was faced with a wonderful embarrassment of riches. The one hundred or so contributors here range very widely. There are family memories, of course, and memories from colleagues in the academic world who knew him as a professor and the founding master of Massey College at the University of Toronto. Predictably, there are other major writers like Margaret Atwood and John Irving. Less predictably, there are people from the world of Hollywood, such as Norman Jewison and David Cronenberg (who remembers Davies on-set, peering through a camera lens as he researched his newest novel). And we even hear from his barber, and from his gardener, Theo Henkenhaf. Some speakers contribute just a lively paragraph; others several pages. Yet all of them, through the magic of Val Ross’s art, help to create an intriguing, full-colour portrait of a complex man beloved by millions of readers around the world.

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### THE MERITOCRACY QUARTET

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*Haus Publishing* Acclaimed writer Jeffrey Lewis is known for his deft portrayals of relatable figures from all walks of life. In *The Meritocracy Quartet*, his four interlinking novels—*Meritocracy: A Love Story*, *The Conference of the Birds*, *Theme Song for an Old Show*, and *Adam the King*—have been brought together for the first time into a single volume. Set against the backdrop of the changing American landscape over four decades, *The Meritocracy Quartet* is a testament to the country’s evolving personality. The quartet follows Louie, a Yale graduate from a modest background with a gift for forging connections in high and low places. Beginning in the 1960s, as he documents a going-away party for a fellow Yale on his way to Vietnam, and continuing through his spiritual encounters with a 1970s group of city misfits, his turn to television writing in the 1980s, and a tragic love story between two of his close friends in the 1990s, Louie chronicles not only his own personal struggles—his silent love for his best friend’s girl, his delicate relationship with an at-times absent father—but also the attitudes, events, and people that marked his generation. From the Vietnam War to George W. Bush, from television trends to the divide between the haves and have-nots, *The Meritocracy Quartet* is a moving witness to everything America had to offer in the latter portion of the twentieth century.

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### UNDER YOUR SKIN

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#### A NOVEL

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*Simon and Schuster* If you loved *Gone Girl*, then make this page-turning debut next on your reading list: “Sabine Durrant offers more twists than a rollercoaster in her thriller *Under Your Skin*, which proves you can trust no one” (*Good Housekeeping*). Gaby Mortimer is the woman who has it all. But everything changes when she finds a body near her home. She’s shaken and haunted by the image of the lifeless young woman, and frightened that the killer, still at large, could strike again. Before long, the police have a lead. The evidence points to a very clear suspect. One Gaby never saw coming... Full of brilliant twists and turns, *Under Your Skin* is a dark and suspenseful psychological thriller that will make you second guess everything. Because you can never be too sure about anything, especially when it comes to murder.

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### TELL ME MORE

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#### STORIES ABOUT THE 12 HARDEST THINGS I'M LEARNING TO SAY

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*Random House Trade Paperbacks* NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • A story-driven collection of essays on the twelve powerful phrases we use to sustain our relationships, from the bestselling author of *Glitter and Glue* and *The Middle Place* “Kelly Corrigan takes on all the big, difficult questions here, with great warmth and courage.”—Glennon Doyle NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY REAL SIMPLE AND BUSTLE It’s a crazy idea: trying to name the phrases that make love and connection possible. But that’s just what Kelly Corrigan has set out to do here. In her New York Times bestselling memoirs, Corrigan distilled our core relationships to their essences, showcasing a warm, easy storytelling style. Now, in *Tell Me More*, she’s back with a deeply personal, unfailingly honest, and often hilarious examination of the essential phrases that turn the wheel of life. In “I Don’t Know,” Corrigan wrestles to make peace with uncertainty, whether it’s over invitations that never came or a friend’s agonizing infertility. In “No,” she admires her mother’s ability to set boundaries and her liberating willingness to be unpopular. In “Tell Me More,” a facialist named Tish teaches her something important about listening. And in “I Was Wrong,” she comes clean about her disastrous role in a family fight—and explains why saying sorry may not be enough. With refreshing candor, a deep well of empathy, and her signature desire to understand “the thing behind the thing,” Corrigan swings between meditations on life with a preoccupied husband and two mercurial teenage daughters to profound observations on love and loss. With the streetwise, ever-relatable voice that defines Corrigan’s work, *Tell Me More* is a moving and meaningful take on the power of the right words at the right moment to change everything. Praise for *Tell Me More* “It is such a comfort just knowing that Kelly Corrigan exists: she is somehow both wise and self-deprecating; funny but unafraid of pain; frank but gentle. She is the sister/mother/best friend we all wish we could have—and because of this big-hearted book, we all

get to.”—Ariel Levy, author of *The Rules Do Not Apply* “With full-bodied humor and radical sensitivity, Kelly Corrigan transforms the mundane pain of life into a necessary spiritual text of sorts, one that reminds us that we have the right to grieve but the obligation to be grateful. This book will remind you that you are human—and of the fragile loveliness of being so.”—Lena Dunham

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## **MASTERING THE CORE TEACHINGS OF THE BUDDHA**

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### **AN UNUSUALLY HARDCORE DHARMA BOOK - REVISED AND EXPANDED EDITION**

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*Aeon Books* The very idea that the teachings can be mastered will arouse controversy within Buddhist circles. Even so, Ingram insists that enlightenment is an attainable goal, once our fanciful notions of it are stripped away, and we have learned to use meditation as a method for examining reality rather than an opportunity to wallow in self-absorbed mind-noise. Ingram sets out concisely the difference between concentration-based and insight (vipassana) meditation; he provides example practices; and most importantly he presents detailed maps of the states of mind we are likely to encounter, and the stages we must negotiate as we move through clearly-defined cycles of insight. Its easy to feel overawed, at first, by Ingram's assurance and ease in the higher levels of consciousness, but consistently he writes as a down-to-earth and compassionate guide, and to the practitioner willing to commit themselves this is a glittering gift of a book. In this new edition of the bestselling book, the author rearranges, revises and expands upon the original material, as well as adding new sections that bring further clarity to his ideas.

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## **THE ORDINARY TRUTH**

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*Torrey House Press* "With tough women and sensitive men, desert-dry humor, hot-springs sensuality, heartbreaking secrets, escalating suspense, and a 360-degree perspective on the battle over water, Richman's twenty-first-century western is riveting, wise, and compassionate." —BOOKLIST, starred review When Nell Jorgensen buried her husband, she buried a piece of herself—and more than one secret. Now, thirty-six years later, the rift between Nell and her daughter Kate threatens to implode as Kate, now forty-six and a water manager for the Nevada Water Authority, plans to pipe water from a huge aquifer that lies beneath the family ranch to thirsty Las Vegas. Meanwhile, Nell's twenty-one-year-old granddaughter Cassie intends to unearth those old secrets and repair the resentments that grew in their place. Throughout the novel, sparse and beautiful landscapes surround an emotional wilderness of love, loss, and family. Jana Richman is the award-winning author of *The Last Cowgirl*, which won the 2009 Willa Award for Contemporary Fiction. A sixth-generation Utahn, Jana was born and raised in Utah's west desert, the daughter of a small-time rancher and a hand-wringing Mormon mother. With the exception of a few misguided years spent in New York City trying to make a fortune on Wall Street, she has lived her entire life west of the hundredth meridian. She writes about issues that threaten to destroy the essence of the West—and about passion, beauty, and love. Jana lives in Escalante, Utah.

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## **THE DREAM GIVER**

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### **FOLLOWING YOUR GOD-GIVEN DESTINY**

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*Multnomah* Bestselling author Bruce Wilkinson shows how to identify and overcome the obstacles that keep millions from living the life they were created for. He begins with a compelling modern-day parable about Ordinary, who dares to leave the Land of Familiar to pursue his Big Dream. With the help of the Dream Giver, Ordinary begins the hardest and most rewarding journey of his life. Wilkinson gives readers practical, biblical keys to fulfilling their own dream, revealing that there's no limit to what God can accomplish when we choose to pursue the dreams He gives us for His honor. Are you living your dream— or just living your life? Welcome to a little story about a very big idea. This compelling modern-day parable tells the story of Ordinary, who dares to leave the Land of Familiar to pursue his Big Dream. You, too, have been given a Big Dream. One that can change your life. One that the Dream Giver wants you to achieve. Does your Big Dream seem hopelessly out of reach? Are you waiting for something or someone to make your dream happen? Then you're ready for *The Dream Giver*. Let Bruce Wilkinson show you how to rise above the ordinary, conquer your fears, and overcome the obstacles that keep you from living your Big Dream. You were made for this. Now it's time to begin your journey.

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## **EVERYDAY CHURCH**

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### **GOSPEL COMMUNITIES ON MISSION**

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*Crossway* HOW DOES THE CHURCH REACH THE UNCHURCHED? We live in an increasingly post-Christian culture. More and more we find ourselves on the margins as less and less people have any intention of ever attending church. What used to work doesn't work anymore and we need to adapt. Helping us to see the way forward, this book offers practical ideas and personal stories for engaging with Western society. Find out how to effectively reach people in the context of everyday life and take hold of the opportunity to develop missional communities focused on Jesus.

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## **ASK**

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### **THE COUNTERINTUITIVE ONLINE METHOD TO DISCOVER EXACTLY WHAT YOUR CUSTOMERS WANT TO BUY . . . CREATE A MASS OF RAVING FANS . . . AND TAKE ANY BUSINESS TO THE NEX**

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*Hay House, Inc* The go-to guide for small-business owners and entrepreneurs to discover exactly what consumers want to buy and how to get it to them. As a small-business owner, entrepreneur, or marketer, are you absolutely certain that you know what your customer wants? And even if you know what your customer wants, are you sure that you are able to clearly communicate that you offer the exact thing that they are seeking? In this best-selling book, Ryan Levesque lays out his proven, repeatable, yet slightly counterintuitive, methodology for understanding the core wants and motivations of your customer. Levesque's Ask Method provides a way to discover what customers want to buy by guiding them through a series of questions and customizing a solution from them so they are more likely to purchase from you. And all through a completely automated process that does not require one-on-one

conversations with every single customer. The Ask method has generated over \$100 million in online sales across 23 different industries and counting. Now it is your turn to use it to create a funnel, skyrocket your online income, and create a mass of dedicated fans for you and your company in the process.

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## **TEXT MESSAGING**

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### **A CONVERSATION ON PREACHING**

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*Clements Publishing Group* "Doug Webster's " Text Messaging " is one of the most compelling statements I have read on preaching the Gospel faithfully in a culture of change. Alive to the challenges every preacher faces in a world of evanescent meaning, Webster reminds us that the proclamation of the Word-what the world calls folly-is the wisdom of God. A book to be read and re-read by every pastor and every student of preaching." -- Timothy George, founding dean of Beeson Divinity School of Samford University and a senior editor of " Christianity Today " Douglas D. Webster (Ph.D., University of St. Michael's College) mentors future pastors at Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham, Alabama. Before coming to Beeson, he served as pastor of First Presbyterian Church of San Diego for fourteen years. He and his wife Virginia have three grown children. His other books include "Soulcraft: How God Shapes Us Through Relationships " and "Under the Radar: A Conversation on Spiritual Leadership."

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## **LONDON TUBE**

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### **7 STATIONS, 7 STORIES**

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*AKAKIA Publications* London Tube: Seven different stations take part into seven different stories. Seven stations that play a significant role to the lives of different passengers. A trip from the beginning of London tube till nowadays.

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## **JOURNAL OF RESEARCH IN RURAL EDUCATION**

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