

Punished: A Mother's Cruelty A Daughter's Survival A Secret That Couldn't Be Told

Traces the author's experiences as an illegal child immigrant, describing her father's violent alcoholism, her efforts to obtain a higher education, and the inspiration of Latina authors.

ABOUT THE BOOK As a counselor working with women who have been abused as children, I find it useful to read books like Punished: A mother's cruelty. A daughter's survival. A secret that couldn't be told. Such stories give me insight into the factors that scar abused children and impair their adult functioning, and provide information about how coping mechanisms are developed. Since many coping mechanisms used by an abused child actually become dysfunctional behaviors in an adult, this knowledge helps me to be more effective in identifying problem behavior and its source, so we can then explore ways to transform dysfunctional coping into healthy adult behaviors. Before even becoming an adult, Vanessa Steel recognized that her abuse survival strategies had revealed a unique gift. She then managed to transform these coping tactics into resourceful and valuable skills by which she was able not only to help herself, but to actually help others. You don't have to approach this book from a clinical perspective to appreciate its value. The book not only raises awareness of the horrific consequences of child abuse, it is an inspirational testament of inner strength and survival. Vanessa's story motivates my personal resolve to break the silence that allows child abuse to be perpetuated. **MEET THE AUTHOR** The Hyperink Team works hard to bring you high-quality, engaging, fun content. If ever you have any questions about our products, or suggestions for how we can make them better, please don't hesitate to contact us! Happy reading! **EXCERPT FROM THE BOOK** When Vanessa found her abusive mother collapsed on the floor, near death, she knew she didn't have much time left to address her suppressed memories of her traumatic childhood. She began to articulate in writing the important questions about why her mother had abused her so cruelly from the moment of birth. The book then chronicles Vanessa's story of abuse and torture at the hands of her mother. Although there is evidence that the abuse began very early — at 18 months, Vanessa supposedly rolled off the bed and broke her leg — Vanessa's conscious recollections begin at about age two. Her mother was the main perpetrator, but at the age of six, Vanessa's maternal grandfather began to abuse her sexually. The abuse was condoned and aided by her maternal grandmother, and her father remained largely in denial. Vanessa never understood why she was being abused, although when she turned eight she found out she was adopted. The abuse took diverse and extreme forms: scaldings, beatings, starvation, being regularly left outside in the cold, tied up and left to sleep in the pigsty — all subject to her mother's unpredictable fits of rage. The abuse was not just physical; Vanessa's mother called Vanessa the devil's child and explained the punishments as God's revenge. Vanessa's brother, Nigel, also experienced abuse at his mother's hands, although to a lesser degree. When he began to experience seizures and was eventually diagnosed with epilepsy, Vanessa's mother blamed her for turning her brother into a devil's child, and held her responsible for accidents that happened. When Vanessa attempted to tell others about the abuse, they either didn't believe her or accepted her mother's "vivid imagination" explanation. This vulnerable child had no one to protect her, no means of escape, and often lost all hope. Buy a copy to keep reading!

'Daddy's Little Earner' tells the shocking story of a young girl forced into prostitution by her own father, and her painful journey to escape her horrific childhood and build a new life for herself and her sons.

A simple argument guides this book: motherhood is the place in our culture where we lodge, or

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rather bury, the reality of our own conflicts. By making mothers the objects of both licensed idealization and cruelty, we blind ourselves to the world's iniquities and shut down the portals of the heart. Mothers are the ultimate scapegoat for our personal and political failings, for everything that is wrong with the world, which becomes their task (unrealizable, of course) to repair. Moving commandingly between pop cultural references such as Roald Dahl's *Matilda* to insights on motherhood in the ancient world and the contemporary stigmatization of single mothers, Jacqueline Rose delivers a groundbreaking report into something so prevalent we hardly notice. *Mothers* is an incisive, rousing call to action from one of our most important contemporary thinkers.

Profit and Punishment

A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man

An Essay on Love and Cruelty

Mommie Dearest

My Mother, the Psychopath

Corporal Punishment in U.S. Public Schools

Blaming Mothers

You only get one chance to live your life as a child, but Lily was never given that chance; her childhood was taken from her before it ever begun. From the age of four, when she was first sexually abused, her life changed forever; when she walked through the institution's doors in Ireland, her life continued along the same path that has destroyed her soul. Her emotional pain is as strong today as it was the day it began and will never leave her alone. "When I go to sleep it's in my head and when I wake up I can see it in the mirror and I am only waiting to die." A child abuse story that will stay with you forever and one that you will talk about for many years to come, *The Girl Nobody Wants* is a harrowing true story that will appeal to fans of biographies and fans of Jodi Picoult. It has been compared to Dave Pelzer's *A Child Called It*, *Damaged* by Cathy Glass and *The Kid* by Kevin Lewis.

Advice for parents, supported by the Hadith and Quran, on the upbringing and training of Children.

Lakshmi is a thirteen-year-old girl who lives with her family in a small hut on a mountain in Nepal. Though she is desperately poor, her life is full of simple pleasures, like playing hopscotch with her best friend from school, and having her mother brush her hair by the light of an oil lamp. But when the harsh Himalayan monsoons wash away all that remains of the family's crops, Lakshmi's stepfather says she must leave home and take a job to support her family. He introduces her to a glamorous stranger who tells her she will find her a job as a maid in the city. Glad to be able to help, Lakshmi journeys to India and arrives at "Happiness House" full of hope. But she soon learns the unthinkable truth: she has been sold into prostitution. An old woman named Mumtaz rules the brothel with cruelty and cunning. She tells Lakshmi that she is trapped there until she can pay off her family's debt—then cheats Lakshmi of her meager earnings so that she can never leave. Lakshmi's life becomes a nightmare from which she cannot escape. Still, she lives by her mother's words—Simply to endure is to triumph—and gradually,

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she forms friendships with the other girls that enable her to survive in this terrifying new world. Then the day comes when she must make a decision—will she risk everything for a chance to reclaim her life? Written in spare and evocative vignettes, this powerful novel renders a world that is as unimaginable as it is real, and a girl who not only survives but triumphs.

“Punished” is the inspiring true story of an unusual little girl, Vanessa, whose childhood was devastated by torture and abuse at the hands of her sadistic mother. Vanessa was nearly destroyed until she discovered a secret that ultimately saved her life.

A gripping novel of heartbreaking secrets in a home for unwed mothers

Hidden Cruelty in Child-Rearing and the Roots of Violence

Child Neglect

A Child Called It

How Violence Against a Mother Shapes Children as They Grow

Yellow Wife

The Girls Who Went Away

A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man is semi-autobiographical, following Joyce's fictional alter-ego through his artistic awakening. The young artist Steven Dedelus begins to rebel against the Irish Catholic dogma of his childhood and discover the great philosophers and artists. He follows his artistic calling to the continent.

Every paper bracelet held a mother's heartbreaking secret... The top ten bestseller, inspired by heartrending true events in a home for unwed mothers, set in Ireland, Boston and London, this novel is perfect for readers of Kathryn Hughes, Emily Gunnis and Susan Lewis. * THE LETTER HOME, THE HEARTBREAKING NEW NOVEL FROM RACHAEL ENGLISH, IS AVAILABLE NOW * 'Utterly moving and compelling. That first line...wow! I was hooked' Patricia Scanlan 'Fantastic storytelling looking back at Ireland's dark past' Liz Nugent 'A powerful, important, beautiful book' Sin é ad Crowley 'A true storyteller who keeps you turning the pages' Cathy Kelly 'A compelling read' Sheila O'Flanagan For almost fifty years, Katie Carroll has kept a box tucked away inside her wardrobe. It dates from her time working as a nurse in a west of Ireland home for unwed mothers in the 1970s. The box contains a notebook holding the details of the babies and young women she met there. It also holds many of the babies' identity bracelets. Following the death of her husband, Katie makes a decision. The information she possesses could help reunite adopted people with their birth mothers, and she decides to post a message on an internet forum. Soon the replies are rolling in, and Katie finds herself returning many of the bracelets to their original owners. She encounters success and failure, heartbreak and joy. But is she prepared for old secrets to be uncovered in her own life? Thousands of readers worldwide have lost their hearts to THE PAPER BRACELET: 'Outstanding. I was on the edge of my seat *****' 'It broke my heart. Rachael has managed to tell a truly heartbreaking story beautifully and with real grace and dignity *****' 'Beautifully written and enjoyable *****' 'I loved this book. Despite the subject matter this book is very

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uplifting ***** 'A beautifully written story, uncovering some untold truths
***** 'An addictive read ***** 'Could not put it down. Highly recommend
*****'

Presenting a history of child protection in America, this work analyses reform proposals and introduces innovative policy strategies for reducing abuse and strengthening child protective services.

What do you do when the person you 're meant to trust the most in the world is the one trying to destroy you? ' When people met her they thought how lovely she was, this attractive woman with a beautiful laugh. But she was one person in public and another behind closed doors. Who would she be today? The loving mother? The trusted teacher? The monster destroying my life? ' Olivia has been afraid ever since she can remember. Out of sight, she was subjected to cruelty and humiliation at the hands of the one person who should have loved and protected her at all times – her mother, Josephine. While appearing completely normal to the outside world, Josephine displayed all the signs of being a psychopath – unbeknown to her daughter until adulthood – and Olivia grew up feeling scared, worthless and exploited. Even when she found the courage to cut ties, her mother found new ways to manipulate and deceive, attempting to destroy her life with a vicious campaign of abuse. Now Olivia has come to terms with her past and gives a fascinating, harrowing and deeply unsettling insight into what it ' s like growing up with a psychopathic parent.

Milk Blood Heat

A Memoir

Little Eyes, Little Ears

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A Novel

Principles of Upbringing Children

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The first love in our lives is our mother. Recognizing her face, her voice, the meaning of her moods, and her facial expressions is crucial to survival. Dr. Christine Ann Lawson vividly describes how mothers who suffer from borderline personality disorder produce children who may flounder in life even as adults, futilely struggling to reach the safety of a parental harbor, unable to recognize that their borderline parent lacks a pier, or even a discernible shore. Four character profiles describe different symptom clusters that include the waif mother, the hermit mother, the queen mother, and the witch. Children of borderlines are at risk for developing this complex and devastating personality disorder themselves. Dr. Lawson's recommendations for prevention include empathic understanding of the borderline mother and early intervention with her children to ground them in reality and counteract the often dangerous effects of living with a "make-believe" mother. Some readers may recognize their mothers as well as themselves in this book. They will also find specific suggestions for creating healthier relationships. Addressing the adult children of borderlines and the therapists who work with them, Dr. Lawson shows how to care for the waif without rescuing her, to attend to the hermit without feeding her fear, to love the queen without becoming her subject, and to live with the

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witch without becoming her victim. A Jason Aronson Book

This Brief reviews the past, present, and future use of school corporal punishment in the United States, a practice that remains legal in 19 states as it is constitutionally permitted according to the U.S. Supreme Court. As a result of school corporal punishment, nearly 200,000 children are paddled in schools each year. Most Americans are unaware of this fact or the physical injuries sustained by countless school children who are hit with objects by school personnel in the name of discipline. Therefore, Corporal Punishment in U.S. Public Schools begins by summarizing the legal basis for school corporal punishment and trends in Americans' attitudes about it. It then presents trends in the use of school corporal punishment in the United States over time to establish its past and current prevalence. It then discusses what is known about the effects of school corporal punishment on children, though with so little research on this topic, much of the relevant literature is focused on parents' use of corporal punishment with their children. It also provides results from a policy analysis that examines the effect of state-level school corporal punishment bans on trends in juvenile crime. It concludes by discussing potential legal, policy, and advocacy avenues for abolition of school corporal punishment at the state and federal levels as well as summarizing how school corporal punishment is being used and what its potential implications are for thousands of individual students and for the society at large. As school corporal punishment becomes more and more regulated at the state level, Corporal Punishment in U.S. Public Schools serves an essential guide for policymakers and advocates across the country as well as for researchers, scientist-practitioners, and graduate students.

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Crime and Punishment tells the story of Rodion Raskolnikov, an ex-student who plans to murder a pawnbroker to test his theory of personality. Having accomplished the deed, Raskolnikov struggles with mental anguish while trying to both avoid the consequences and hide his guilt from his friends and family. Dostoevsky's original idea for the novel centered on the Marmeladov family and the impact of alcoholism in Russia, but inspired by a double murder in France he decided to rework it around the new character of Raskolnikov. The novel was first serialized in The Russian Messenger over the course of 1866, where it was an instant success. It was published in a single volume in 1867. Presented here is Constance Garnett's 1914 translation. This book is part of the Standard Ebooks project, which produces free public domain ebooks.

Crime and Punishment

Mothers

Past, Present, and Future

Surviving a Foster Mother's Reign of Terror

New Directions in Child Abuse and Neglect Research

The Book Thief

The Distance Between Us

Each year, child protective services receive reports of child abuse

and neglect involving six million children, and many more go unreported. The long-term human and fiscal consequences of child abuse and neglect are not relegated to the victims themselves -- they also impact their families, future relationships, and society. In 1993, the National Research Council (NRC) issued the report, Understanding Child Abuse and Neglect, which provided an overview of the research on child abuse and neglect. New Directions in Child Abuse and Neglect Research updates the 1993 report and provides new recommendations to respond to this public health challenge. According to this report, while there has been great progress in child abuse and neglect research, a coordinated, national research infrastructure with high-level federal support needs to be established and implemented immediately. New Directions in Child Abuse and Neglect Research recommends an actionable framework to guide and support future child abuse and neglect research. This report calls for a comprehensive, multidisciplinary approach to child abuse and neglect research that examines factors related to both children and adults across physical, mental, and behavioral health domains--including those in child welfare, economic support, criminal justice, education, and health care systems--and assesses the needs of a variety of subpopulations. It should also clarify the causal pathways related to child abuse and neglect and, more importantly, assess efforts to interrupt these pathways. New Directions in Child Abuse and Neglect Research identifies four areas to look to in developing a coordinated research enterprise: a national strategic plan, a national surveillance system, a new generation of researchers, and changes in the federal and state programmatic and policy response.

The story of the tormented and glamorous star, Joan Crawford, struggling to survive in a cutthroat world, succumbing to a rage leading to alcoholism and child abuse.

For Your Own Good, the contemporary classic exploring the serious if not gravely dangerous consequences parental cruelty can bring to bear on children everywhere, is one of the central works by Alice Miller, the celebrated Swiss psychoanalyst. With her typically lucid, strong, and poetic language, Miller investigates the personal stories and case histories of various self-destructive and/or violent individuals to expand on her theories about the long-term affects of abusive child-rearing. Her conclusions—on what sort of parenting can create a drug addict, or a murderer, or a Hitler—offer much insight, and make a good deal of sense, while also straying far from psychoanalytic dogma about human nature, which Miller vehemently rejects. This important study paints a shocking picture of the violent world—indeed, of the ever-more-violent world—that each generation helps to create when traditional upbringing, with its hidden cruelty, is perpetuated. The book also presents readers

with useful solutions in this regard—namely, to resensitize the victimized child who has been trapped within the adult, and to unlock the emotional life that has been frozen in repression. Nicola Barry grew up in well-to-do Murrayfield, Edinburgh. Her father was a hospital consultant, her mother was medically trained, her brothers boarders at public school. But behind the closed doors of their imposing family home, her mother was drinking herself to death. A beautiful, quirky woman, this is the story of how Monica Barry became a prisoner to alcohol and a prisoner in her own home, her addiction slowly sucking the life out of her. And how - with her father at work, and her brothers away at school - Nicola spent a lot of her childhood as her mother's unofficial carer: hauling her from the bath when she was too drunk to function and running errands to buy her booze. Full of harrowing incidents, and warmed by a touching, bleak humour, this is the powerful story of how a mother drank herself to death and how alcohol destroyed a family. And of how Nicola battled with her own alcoholism but, determined to throw off her mother's legacy, came through - a survivor.
The Light In The Window

For Your Own Good

Legal Precedents, Current Practices, and Future Policy

How My Family Created the World's Most Dangerous Man

Quicklet On Vanessa Steel's Punished (A mother's cruelty. A daughter's survival. A secret that couldn't be told.)

An Immigrant Struggle for Socially Just Education

An intimate and inspiring account of immigrant Latina mothers fighting for better schools for their children.

A gripping explanation of the biases that lead to the blaming of pregnant women and mothers. Are mothers truly a danger to their children's health? In 2004, a mentally disabled young woman in Utah was charged by prosecutors with murder after she declined to have a Caesarian section and subsequently delivered a stillborn child. In 2010, a pregnant woman who attempted suicide when the baby's father abandoned her was charged with murder and attempted feticide after the daughter she delivered prematurely died. These are just two of the many cases that portray mothers as the major source of health risk for their children. The American legal system is deeply shaped by unconscious risk perception that distorts core legal principles to punish mothers who "fail to protect" their children. In Blaming Mothers, Professor Fentiman explores how mothers became legal targets. She explains the psychological processes we use to confront tragic events and the unconscious race, class, and gender

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biases that affect our perceptions and influence the decisions of prosecutors, judges, and jurors. Fentiman examines legal actions taken against pregnant women in the name of "fetal protection" including court ordered C-sections and maintaining brain-dead pregnant women on life support to gestate a fetus, as well as charges brought against mothers who fail to protect their children from an abusive male partner. She considers the claims of physicians and policymakers that refusing to breastfeed is risky to children's health. And she explores the legal treatment of lead-poisoned children, in which landlords and lead paint manufacturers are not held responsible for exposing children to high levels of lead, while mothers are blamed for their children's injuries. Blaming Mothers is a powerful call to reexamine who - and what - we consider risky to children's health. Fentiman offers an important framework for evaluating childhood risk that, rather than scapegoating mothers, provides concrete solutions that promote the health of all of America's children. Read a piece by Linda Fentiman on shaming and blaming mothers under the law on The Gender Policy Report.

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • ONE OF TIME MAGAZINE'S 100 BEST YA BOOKS OF ALL TIME The extraordinary, beloved novel about the ability of books to feed the soul even in the darkest of times. When Death has a story to tell, you listen. It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will become busier still. Liesel Meminger is a foster girl living outside of Munich, who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist—books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement. In superbly crafted writing that burns with intensity, award-winning author Markus Zusak, author of *I Am the Messenger*, has given us one of the most enduring stories of our time. "The kind of book that can be life-changing." —*The New York Times* "Deserves a place on the same shelf with *The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank." —*USA Today* **DON'T MISS BRIDGE OF CLAY, MARKUS ZUSAK'S FIRST NOVEL SINCE THE BOOK THIEF.**

When the fingerprints of an executed killer are found at a new crime scene, Dr. Kay Scarpetta takes on her most

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terrifying case yet. By the author of All That Remains.

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The Hidden History of Women Who Surrendered Children for Adoption in the Decades Before Roe v. Wade

Cruel and Unusual

The Paper Bracelet

A Guide for Prevention, Assessment, and Intervention

The Mother's Book

Too Much and Never Enough

A Girl Returned

Punished: A mother's cruelty. A daughter's survival. A secret that couldn't be told. HarperCollins UK

"One of the best Italian novels of the year" in a pitch-perfect rendering in English by Ann Goldstein, Elena Ferrante's translator (Huffington Post, Italy). Winner of the Campiello A 2019 Best Book of the Year (The Washington Post Kirkus Reviews Dallas Morning News) Told with an immediacy and a rare expressive intensity that has earned it countless ad readers and one of Italy's most prestigious literary prizes, *A Girl Returned* is a powerful rendered with sensitivity and verve by Ann Goldstein, translator of the works of Elena Set against the stark, beautiful landscape of Abruzzo in central Italy, this is a compelling about mothers and daughters, about responsibility, siblings, and caregiving. Without w explanation, an unnamed thirteen-year-old girl is sent away from the family she has al thought of as hers to live with her birth family: a large, chaotic assortment of individu she has never met and who seem anything but welcoming. Thus begins a new life, one struggle, tension, and conflict, especially between the young girl and her mother. But i relationship with Adriana and Vincenzo, two of her newly acquired siblings, she will find strength to start again and to build a new and enduring sense of self. "An achingly bea book, and an utterly devastating one." —Minneapolis Star Tribune "Di Pietrantonio [has] lively way with a phrase (the translator, Ann Goldstein, shows the same sensitivity she Elena Ferrante) [and] a fine instinct for detail." —The Washington Post "A gripping, dee moving coming-of-age novel; immensely readable, beautifully written, and highly recommended." —Kirkus Reviews (starred review) "Captivating." —The Economist In *Profit and Punishment*, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist exposes the tragedy of mo day debtors prisons, and how they destroy the lives of poor Americans swept up in a designed to penalize the most impoverished. "Intimate, raw, and utterly scathing" — He Ann Thompson, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Blood in the Water* "Crucial evidence th justice system is broken and has to be fixed. Please read this book." —James Patterson York Times bestselling author As a columnist for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Tony Mes has spent years in county and municipal courthouses documenting how poor American convicted of minor crimes and then saddled with exorbitant fines and fees. If they are pay, they are often sent to prison, where they are then charged a pay-to-stay bill, in a soon creates a mountain of debt that can take years to pay off. These insidious penal used to raise money for broken local and state budgets, often overseen by for-profit c and it is one of the central issues of the criminal justice reform movement. In the trac *Evicted* and *The New Jim Crow*, Messenger has written a call to arms, shining a light o tiered system invisible to most Americans. He introduces readers to three single moth

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up in this system: living in poverty in Missouri, Oklahoma, and South Carolina, whose lives depended when minor offenses become monumental financial and personal catastrophes. These women struggle to clear their debt and move on with their lives, readers meet the civil rights advocates and lawmakers fighting by their side to create a more equitable court of justice. In this remarkable feat of reporting, Tony Messenger exposes injustice, agonizing and infuriating in its mundane cruelty, as he champions the rights and dignity of the most vulnerable Americans.

'I promised that I would one day write a book and tell the world about the home for unmarried mothers. I have at last kept my promise.' In Ireland, 1951, the young June Goulding took her position as midwife in a home for unmarried mothers run by the Sacred Heart nuns. What she witnessed there was to haunt her for the next fifty years. It was a place of secrets, isolation, and cruelty. A place where women picked grass by hand and tarred roads whilst heavily pregnant. Where they were denied any contact with the outside world; denied basic medical treatment; abused for their 'sins'; where, after the birth, they were forced into hard labour in the fields for three years. But worst of all was that the young women were expected to raise their children during these three years so that they could then be sold - given up for adoption in exchange for a donation to the nuns. Shocked by the nuns' inhumane treatment of the frightened young women, June risked her job to bring some light into their dark lives. June's memoir tells the stories of twelve women's experiences in this home and of the hardships they endured, but also of the kindness she offered them, and the hope she was able to bring.

Helping Her Children Transcend the Intense, Unpredictable, and Volatile Relationship
Discipline and Punish

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Curious Punishments of Bygone Days

Understanding the Borderline Mother

The Birth of the Prison

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A special 75th anniversary edition of Richard Wright's powerful and unforgettable memoir, with a new foreword by John Edgar Wideman and an afterword by Malcolm Wright, the author's grandson. When it exploded onto the literary scene in 1945, *Black Boy* was both praised and condemned. Orville Prescott of the *New York Times* wrote that "if enough such books are written, if enough millions of people read them maybe, someday, in the fullness of time, there will be a greater understanding and a more true democracy." Yet from 1975 to 1978, *Black Boy* was banned in schools throughout the United States for "obscenity" and "instigating hatred between the races." Wright's once controversial, now celebrated autobiography measures the raw brutality of the Jim Crow South against the sheer desperate will it took to survive as a Black boy. Enduring poverty, hunger, fear, abuse, and hatred while growing up in the woods of Mississippi, Wright lied, stole, and raged at those around him—whites indifferent, pitying, or cruel and Blacks resentful of anyone trying to rise above their circumstances. Desperate for a different way of life, he headed north, eventually

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arriving in Chicago, where he forged a new path and began his career as a writer. At the end of *Black Boy*, Wright sits poised with pencil in hand, determined to "hurl words into this darkness and wait for an echo." Seventy-five years later, his words continue to reverberate. "To read *Black Boy* is to stare into the heart of darkness," John Edgar Wideman writes in his foreword. "Not the dark heart Conrad searched for in Congo jungles but the beating heart I bear." One of the great American memoirs, Wright's account is a poignant record of struggle and endurance—a seminal literary work that illuminates our own time. A Best Book of the Year by NPR and Christian Science Monitor Called "wholly engrossing" by New York Times bestselling author Kathleen Grissom, this "fully immersive" (Lisa Wingate, #1 bestselling author of *Before We Were Yours*) story follows an enslaved woman forced to barter love and freedom while living in the most infamous slave jail in Virginia. Born on a plantation in Charles City, Virginia, Pheby Delores Brown has lived a relatively sheltered life. Shielded by her mother's position as the estate's medicine woman and cherished by the Master's sister, she is set apart from the others on the plantation, belonging to neither world. She'd been promised freedom on her eighteenth birthday, but instead of the idyllic life she imagined with her true love, Essex Henry, Pheby is forced to leave the only home she has ever known. She unexpectedly finds herself thrust into the bowels of slavery at the infamous Devil's Half Acre, a jail in Richmond, Virginia, where the enslaved are broken, tortured, and sold every day. There, Pheby is exposed not just to her Jailer's cruelty but also to his contradictions. To survive, Pheby will have to outwit him, and she soon faces the ultimate sacrifice.

In this revelatory, authoritative portrait of Donald J. Trump and the toxic family that made him, Mary L. Trump, a trained clinical psychologist and Donald's only niece, shines a bright light on the dark history of their family in order to explain how her uncle became the man who now threatens the world's health, economic security, and social fabric. Mary Trump spent much of her childhood in her grandparents' large, imposing house in the heart of Queens, New York, where Donald and his four siblings grew up. She describes a nightmare of traumas, destructive relationships, and a tragic combination of neglect and abuse. She explains how specific events and general family patterns created the damaged man who currently occupies the Oval Office, including the strange and harmful relationship between Fred Trump and his two oldest sons, Fred Jr. and Donald. A firsthand witness to countless holiday meals and interactions, Mary brings an incisive wit and unexpected humor to sometimes

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grim, often confounding family events. She recounts in unsparing detail everything from her uncle Donald's place in the family spotlight and Ivana's penchant for regifting to her grandmother's frequent injuries and illnesses and the appalling way Donald, Fred Trump's favorite son, dismissed and derided him when he began to succumb to Alzheimer's. Numerous pundits, armchair psychologists, and journalists have sought to parse Donald J. Trump's lethal flaws. Mary L. Trump has the education, insight, and intimate familiarity needed to reveal what makes Donald, and the rest of her clan, tick. She alone can recount this fascinating, unnerving saga, not just because of her insider's perspective but also because she is the only Trump willing to tell the truth about one of the world's most powerful and dysfunctional families.

"A remarkably well-researched and accomplished book." —The New York Times Book Review "A wrenching, riveting book." —Chicago Tribune In this deeply moving and myth-shattering work, Ann Fessler brings out into the open for the first time the astonishing untold history of the million and a half women who surrendered children for adoption due to enormous family and social pressure in the decades before Roe v. Wade. An adoptee who was herself surrendered during those years and recently made contact with her mother, Ann Fessler brilliantly brings to life the voices of more than a hundred women, as well as the spirit of those times, allowing the women to tell their stories in gripping and intimate detail.

A Shocking True Story of Child Abuse in Ireland

Mother's Ruin

A Heartbreaking True Story of a Brave Little Girl's Escape from Violence

Mothers United

Daddy's Little Earner

How Moon Fuentes Fell in Love with the Universe

Sold

In this brilliant work, the most influential philosopher since Sartre suggests that such vaunted reforms as the abolition of torture and the emergence of the modern penitentiary have merely shifted the focus of punishment from the prisoner's body to his soul.

LONGLISTED FOR THE PEN JEAN STEIN AND ROBERT W. BINGHAM AWARDS A NATIONAL BOOK FOUNDATION 5 UNDER 35 "A gorgeous debut" (Lauren Groff) from Dantiel W. Moniz, one of the most exciting discoveries in today's literary landscape, Milk Blood Heat depicts the sultry lives of Floridians in intergenerational tales that contemplate human connection, race, womanhood, inheritance, and the elemental darkness in us all. A livewire debut from Dantiel W. Moniz, one of the most exciting discoveries in today's literary landscape, Milk Blood Heat depicts the sultry lives of Floridians in intergenerational tales that

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contemplate human connection, race, womanhood, inheritance, and the elemental darkness in us all. Set among the cities and suburbs of Florida, each story delves into the ordinary worlds of young girls, women, and men who find themselves confronted by extraordinary moments of violent personal reckoning. These intimate portraits of people and relationships scour and soothe and blast a light on the nature of family, faith, forgiveness, consumption, and what we may, or may not, owe one another. A thirteen-year-old meditates on her sadness and the difference between herself and her white best friend when an unexpected tragedy occurs; a woman recovering from a miscarriage finds herself unable to let go of her daughter—whose body parts she sees throughout her daily life; a teenager resists her family's church and is accused of courting the devil; servers at a supper club cater to the insatiable cravings of their wealthy clientele; and two estranged siblings take a road-trip with their father's ashes and are forced to face the troubling reality of how he continues to shape them. Wise and subversive, spiritual and seductive, Milk Blood Heat forms an ouroboros of stories that bewitch with their truth, announcing the arrival of a bright new literary star.

"Breathlessly atmospheric...A gorgeous, hopeful book." —Rachel Lynn Solomon, author of Today Tonight Tomorrow The Hating Game meets I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter in this Pura Belpré Award-winning novel that's an irresistible romance starring a Mexican American teen who discovers love and profound truths about the universe when she spends her summer on a road trip across the country. When her twin sister reaches social media stardom, Moon Fuentes accepts her fate as the ugly, unwanted sister hidden in the background, destined to be nothing more than her sister's camerawoman. But this summer, Moon also takes a job as the "merch girl" on a tour bus full of beautiful influencers and her fate begins to shift in the best way possible. Most notable is her bunkmate and new nemesis, Santiago Phillips, who is grumpy, combative, and also the hottest guy Moon has ever seen. Moon is certain she hates Santiago and that he hates her back. But as chance and destiny (and maybe, probably, close proximity) bring the two of them in each other's perpetual paths, Moon starts to wonder if that's really true. She even starts to question her destiny as the unnoticed, unloved wallflower she always thought she was. Could this summer change Moon's life as she knows it?

In April 2007, 62-year-old Eunice Spry was sentenced to 14 years in prison for the systematic wounding, cruelty and assault of the vulnerable children whose welfare had been entrusted to her. Her Gloucestershire home should have been a refuge. Instead it became a prison where, over the course of 20 years, her charges were routinely abused and tortured. To the outside world, Jehovah's Witness Spry presented herself as a pillar of the community. Behind closed doors she was a sadistic tyrant who beat the children with metal bars, forced wooden sticks down their throats and made them eat lard, bleach, vomit and faeces. The details of the trial horrified the nation, and attracted considerable press attention. Now, for the first time, one of the victims – known in the case as 'Child C' and now 19

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years old - tells the full, shocking story of what went on in Eunice Spry's house of evil. Child C is a gripping, heartbreaking story of enforced isolation, psychological and physical abuse and a childhood denied. Despite all he has been through, Christopher Spry is a survivor with a zest for life. With his former foster mother in prison, he can finally tell the story of his suffering and what it is like to grow up brutalised and abandoned with no one to hear your plight.

American Law and the Risks to Children's Health

The Girl Nobody Wants

One Child's Courage to Survive

Child Protection in America

Black Boy [Seventy-fifth Anniversary Edition]

Growing up in the shadow of a monster

How America Criminalizes the Poor in the Name of Justice

This book chronicles the unforgettable account of one of the most severe child abuse cases in California history. It is the story of Dave Pelzer, who was brutally beaten and starved by his emotionally unstable, alcoholic mother: a mother who played tortuous, unpredictable games--games that left him nearly dead. He had to learn how to play his mother's games in order to survive because she no longer considered him a son, but a slave; and no longer a boy, but an "it." Dave's bed was an old army cot in the basement, and his clothes were torn and raunchy. When his mother allowed him the luxury of food, it was nothing more than spoiled scraps that even the dogs refused to eat. The outside world knew nothing of his living nightmare. He had nothing or no one to turn to, but his dreams kept him alive--dreams of someone taking care of him, loving him and calling him their son.