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Beautiful patterns for stained glass work include a tropical sunset, Tuscan vineyard, New England country church, animals, and abstracts — total of 90 motifs, rendered in crisp black and white. A captivating Parisian novel of rich spectacle and royal scandal that spans 15 years in the fateful reign of Marie Antoinette, France's most legendary and notorious queen.

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Tad Friend's family is nothing if not illustrious: his father was president of College, and at Smith his mother came in second in a poetry contest judged by W.H. Auden -- to Sylvia Plath. For centuries, Wasps like his ancestors dominated American life. But then, in the '60s, their fortunes began to fall. As a young man, Tad noticed that his family tree, for all its glories, was full of alcoholics, depressives, and reckless eccentrics. Yet his identity had already been shaped by the family's age-old traditions and expectations. Part memoir, part family history,

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**and part cultural study of the long swoon of the
American Wasp, Cheerful Money is a captivating
examination of a cultural crack-up and a man
trying to escape its wreckage.**

**The adventures of a little boy in the city on a
very snowy day. On board pages.**

The Snowy Day

A Tree a Day

Farewell, My Queen

**A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During
the Blitz**

Confessions of Marie Antoinette

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Me, My Family, and the Last Days of Wasp Splendor

Immerse yourself in the beauty and power of nature with a different tree for every day of the year. Spend every day of the year with one of the world's most fascinating trees. In *A Tree a Day* seasoned nature writer and journalist Amy-Jane Beer shares 365 majestic and memorable trees from around the world. From the strength of Alder trees to the biology behind the autumn colors of New England; from folkloric medicines in tree sap to Shakespeare's Birnam Wood; from the giant

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sequoias of California to Klimt's Birch trees—A Tree a Day explores the botany, poetry, folklore, rich history, and natural beauty of trees. Dip in and out or spend each day exploring a new natural wonder. With award-winning photography, works of art, and detailed illustrations on every page, A Tree a Day illuminates the timeless splendor and power of the world's trees. GORGEOUS ILLUSTRATIONS: Each tree is illustrated with a unique work of art—from classical painting to breathtaking photographs. MEDITATIVE START TO EACH DAY: A Tree a Day is a beautiful reminder to pause each day and appreciate the

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natural world—no matter where you are. Each of the 365 entries offers a seasonal quote, fact, or story about trees to inspire gratitude and wonder. EVERGREEN: Nature lovers will return to this book day after day, year after year—it makes for the perfect bite-sized, bedside reading. AUTHOR EXPERTISE: In addition to being a nature writer for The Guardian, Amy Jane-Beer has written more than 30 books about science and natural history. Perfect for: Tree and Nature Enthusiasts; Gardeners; Hikers, Backpackers, and Campers; Environmentalist; Fans of A Cloud a Day

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#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER * The author of The Devil in the White City and Dead Wake delivers an intimate chronicle of Winston Churchill and London during the Blitz--an inspiring portrait of courage and leadership in a time of unprecedented crisis "One of [Erik Larson's] best books yet . . . perfectly timed for the moment."--Time * "A bravura performance by one of America's greatest storytellers."--NPR NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY The New York Times Book Review * Time * Vogue * NPR * The Washington Post * Chicago Tribune * The Globe & Mail * Fortune * Bloomberg * New York Post

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* The New York Public Library * Kirkus Reviews * LibraryReads * PopMatters On Winston Churchill's first day as prime minister, Adolf Hitler invaded Holland and Belgium. Poland and Czechoslovakia had already fallen, and the Dunkirk evacuation was just two weeks away. For the next twelve months, Hitler would wage a relentless bombing campaign, killing 45,000 Britons. It was up to Churchill to hold his country together and persuade President Franklin Roosevelt that Britain was a worthy ally--and willing to fight to the end. In *The Splendid and the Vile*, Erik Larson shows, in cinematic

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detail, how Churchill taught the British people "the art of being fearless." It is a story of political brinkmanship, but it's also an intimate domestic drama, set against the backdrop of Churchill's prime-ministerial country home, Chequers; his wartime retreat, Ditchley, where he and his entourage go when the moon is brightest and the bombing threat is highest; and of course 10 Downing Street in London. Drawing on diaries, original archival documents, and once-secret intelligence reports--some released only recently--Larson provides a new lens on London's darkest year through the day-to-day

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experience of Churchill and his family: his wife, Clementine; their youngest daughter, Mary, who chafes against her parents' wartime protectiveness; their son, Randolph, and his beautiful, unhappy wife, Pamela; Pamela's illicit lover, a dashing American emissary; and the advisers in Churchill's "Secret Circle," to whom he turns in the hardest moments. The Splendid and the Vile takes readers out of today's political dysfunction and back to a time of true leadership, when, in the face of unrelenting horror, Churchill's eloquence, courage, and perseverance bound a country, and a family,

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together.

A captivating novel of rich spectacle and royal scandal, *Days of Splendor, Days of Sorrow* spans fifteen years in the fateful reign of Marie Antoinette, France's most legendary and notorious queen. Paris, 1774.

At the tender age of eighteen, Marie Antoinette ascends to the French throne alongside her husband, Louis XVI. But behind the extravagance of the young queen's elaborate silk gowns and dizzyingly high coiffures, she harbors deeper fears for her future and that of the Bourbon dynasty. From the early growing pains of marriage to the

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joy of conceiving a child, from her passion for Swedish military attaché Axel von Fersen to the devastating Affair of the Diamond Necklace, Marie Antoinette tries to rise above the gossip and rivalries that encircle her. But as revolution blossoms in America, a much larger threat looms beyond the gilded gates of Versailles—one that could sweep away the French monarchy forever.

THE DAYS BETWEEN Christmas and New Year's Eve are dead days, when spirits roam and magic shifts restlessly just beneath the surface of our lives. A magician called Valerian must save his own life within those few days or

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pay the price for the pact he made with evil so many years ago. But alchemy and sorcery are no match against the demonic power pursuing him. Helping him is his servant, Boy, a child with no name and no past. The quick-witted orphan girl, Willow, is with them as they dig in death fields at midnight, and as they are swept into the sprawling blackness of a subterranean city on a journey from which there is no escape. Praise for *The Book of Dead Days*: "Beautifully paced and sometimes blood-soaked. . . . A very tangible sense of evil."—*The Guardian* "Subtle menace and power."—*The Independent* "Packed with

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drama, mystery, and intrigue.”—The Bookseller

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Nature's Splendor Stained Glass Pattern Book

Through Gates of Splendor

Mindful Wandering

120 Days of Sodom

Beautiful Days: A Bright Young Things Novel

Offers an analysis of the British Empire following the death of its longest reigning monarch

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER The complete, uncensored history of the award-winning The Daily Show with Jon Stewart, as

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told by its correspondents, writers, and host. For almost seventeen years, The Daily Show with Jon Stewart brilliantly redefined the borders between television comedy, political satire, and opinionated news coverage. It launched the careers of some of today's most significant comedians, highlighted the hypocrisies of the powerful, and garnered 23 Emmys. Now the show's behind-the-scenes gags, controversies, and camaraderie will be

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chronicled by the players themselves, from legendary host Jon Stewart to the star cast members and writers—including Samantha Bee, Stephen Colbert, John Oliver, and Steve Carell - plus some of The Daily Show's most prominent guests and adversaries: John and Cindy McCain, Glenn Beck, Tucker Carlson, and many more. This oral history takes the reader behind the curtain for all the show's highlights, from its origins as Comedy Central's underdog late-night

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program to Trevor Noah's succession, rising from a scrappy jester in the 24-hour political news cycle to become part of the beating heart of politics—a trusted source for not only comedy but also commentary, with a reputation for calling bullshit and an ability to effect real change in the world.

Through years of incisive election coverage, passionate debates with President Obama and Hillary Clinton, feuds with Bill O'Reilly and Fox, and

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provocative takes on Wall Street and racism, The Daily Show has been a cultural touchstone. Now, for the first time, the people behind the show's seminal moments come together to share their memories of the last-minute rewrites, improvisations, pranks, romances, blow-ups, and moments of Zen both on and off the set of one of America's most groundbreaking shows. Eleven-year-old Haleigh Adams paints a picture with a mysterious set of paints

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found and now she is stuck in a time loop, but when she realizes her parents have been keeping a secret she and her new best friend Kevin must find the source of the magic paints and the secret of the time loop before it is too late.

A brilliantly conceived novel imagining the little understood lives of Moses de León, the 13th-century Spanish kabbalist thought to have authored the Zohar, the central work of Jewish

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mysticism, and Carlos Castaneda, a 20th-century Peruvian anthropologist who claimed extraordinary experiences in the modern mystical classic, *The Teachings of Don Juan: A Yaqui Way of Knowledge*. In this novel, Alpert matches their visions with his own conjurings of their inner lives. Dreams of strange figures; encounters with kabbalists and curanderos; and studies with unlikely spiritual guides, intertwine across traditions in uncanny

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ways. Praise for The Books of SplendorAn imaginative novel that hyperloops the interior lives of two of the most important authors of world mystical literature: 13th-century Castilian Rabbi Moses de Leon (Zohar) and 20th-century Peruvian and Californian Carlos Castaneda (Don Juan). In creative pre-histories we meet De Leon's adopted son, the Yanuka, and Castaneda's Cajamarcan mentor, a renegade Chabad Hasid who experiments

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with the entheogen ayahuasca. A fascinating literary doppelgänger, if not a soul-impregnation.- Menachem Kallus, author of Pillar of PrayerIf you want to learn the mysteries of Kabbalah in a delightful manner and, at the same time, be enthralled by an amazing tale, then this book is for you. Dive in! ... The author-composing this work pseudonymously, as did the authors of the Zohar-is an esteemed scholar of Jewish spirituality and a

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gifted writer.- Daniel Matt, author of
The Essential Kabbalah, and translator
of the multi-volume annotated, The
Zohar: Pritzker Edition
Nature and Global Travel Through the
Eyes of a Farmgirl Scientist
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The Daily Show (The Book)
The Splendid and the Vile
A Thousand Splendid Suns
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the richness of the last days of the Romanovs, allowing users to experience splendor, majesty, and mystery of lost Russia. Drawing from decades of work, travel, and research in Russia, Robert Alexander has created a stunning coloring book with every detail rooted in the rich, colorful history that was the glory of Imperial Russia. Depicting the grand world of Nicholas and Alexandra Romanov—from their imperial palaces, costume balls and gowns, to

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jewels and Faberge objets d'art, and the magical meadows and forests of their empire—Vanished Splendor is a treat for the eyes and a delight for history buffs. Infused with Robert Alexander's deep knowledge and love of Russian culture and art and detailed by Christopher Bohnet's intricate skills, the coloring book captures in soul and spirit the fascinating era of the Romanovs, where nothing was done until it was overdone. It is a coloring book

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like no other—and all it takes to bring that magical time to life is the stroke of a colored pencil.

Perfect for fans of Philippa Gregory and Alison Weir, *The Virgin's Spy* is award-winning author Laura Andersen's second novel about the next generation of Tudor royals—a mesmerizing historical novel filled with rich period detail, vividly drawn characters, and all the glamour and seduction of the fabled Tudor court.

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Queen Elizabeth I remains sovereign of England and Ireland. For the moment, at least. An Irish rebellion is growing and Catholic Spain, led by the Queen's former husband, King Philip, plans to seize advantage of the turmoil. Stephen Courtenay, eldest son of Dominic and Minuette, Elizabeth's most trusted confidantes, has accepted a command in Ireland to quell the unrest. But the task will prove dangerous in more ways than one. The Princess of Wales,

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Elizabeth's daughter, Anabel, looks to play a greater role in her nation, ever mindful that there is only one Queen of England. But how is Anabel to one day rule a country when she cannot even govern her own heart? Praise for *The Virgin's Spy* "Andersen delivers another dramatic thriller complete with spies, battles, ruthless villains and twists on historical events that draw the reader deeply into the lives of her characters. There is magic here, and

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Andersen's fantastic storytelling will keep readers coming back for more."—RT Book Reviews (4 1/2 stars, Top Pick!) Find your next book club pick, read special features, and more. Join the Random House Reader's Circle. Gossip Girl meets the Gilded Age in this delicious and compelling novel, the fourth and final book in the New York Times bestselling series from author Anna Godbersen. In the dramatic conclusion to the New York Times

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bestselling Luxe series, Manhattan's most dazzling socialites chase dreams, cling to promises, and tempt fate. Only one question remains: Will they fade away or will they shine ever brighter? New beginnings. Shocking revelations. Unexpected endings. This is Manhattan, 1899. As spring turns into summer, Elizabeth relishes her new role as a young wife, while her sister, Diana, searches for adventure abroad. But when a surprising clue about their father's

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death comes to light, the Holland girls wonder at what cost a life of splendor comes. Carolina Broad, society's newest darling fans a flame from her past, oblivious to how it might burn her future. Penelope Schoonmaker is finally Manhattan royalty—but when a real prince visits the city, she covets a title that comes with a crown. Her husband, Henry, bravely went to war, only to discover that his father's rule extends well beyond New York's shores

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and that fighting for love may prove a losing battle. "Mystery, romance, jealousy, betrayal, humor, and gorgeous, historically accurate details. I couldn't put The Luxe down!"
—Cecily von Ziegesar, author of the #1 New York Times bestselling Gossip Girl series

In the 1960s, a young American president helped initiate the civil rights movement, captured the imagination of a nation with the

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establishment of the Peace Corps, launched the space age, nurtured the birth of the computer/digital age, and began the escalation of a war in Southeast Asia that exacted a horrific toll on the lives and emotions of his countrymen. Sheltered by the foothills of the White Mountains from the world events swirling around it, Dartmouth College resplendently approached 1969--the 200th anniversary of its founding as a school for Native

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Americans. As the smallest of the Ivy League schools, it was known for its dedication to a rigorous undergraduate education, its isolation from urban centers, sports prowess, and the intriguing manifestations of its all-male culture. In *Days of Splendor, Hours like Dreams*, author and 1967 Dartmouth College graduate Charles A. (Chuck) Hobbie offers a detailed, frank, and unpretentious memoir. Hobbie remembers the splendor and the fullness

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of his undergraduate days in the last decade of Dartmouth's all-male culture. He recounts the minutiae of his courses; friendships with classmates, his dates, and the faculty; academic, social, musical, and sporting events; the extraordinary beauty of the college's location; and his evolving affection for the remarkable school where hours passed like dreams.

In the Early Times
The Story of My Life

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Paradise Lost

Farewell in Splendor

The Amazing Memoirs of the Man who
Killed Rasputin

Four Years at a Small College in the
Still North (1963-1967)

This compelling book begins on the 2nd of August 1793, the day Marie Antoinette was torn from her family's arms and escorted from the Temple to the Conciergerie, a thick-walled fortress turned prison. It was also known as the "waiting room for the guillotine" because prisoners only spent a day or two here before their conviction and subsequent execution. The ex-queen surely knew her

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days were numbered, but she could never have known that two and a half months would pass before she would finally stand trial and be convicted of the most ungodly charges. Will Bashor traces the final days of the prisoner registered only as Widow Capet, No. 280, a time that was a cruel mixture of grandeur, humiliation, and terror. Marie Antoinette's reign amidst the splendors of the court of Versailles is a familiar story, but her final imprisonment in a fetid, dank dungeon is a little-known coda to a once-charmed life. Her seventy-six days in this terrifying prison can only be described as the darkest and most horrific of the fallen queen's life, vividly recaptured in this richly researched history.

Agathe-Sidonie Laborde, Marie Antoinette's reader,

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recounts her memories of living at Versailles during the final days of the French revolution.

A fictionalized account of the final days of Marie Antoinette bring to life not only a country in turmoil, but the deeply human story of a wife and mother who became one of the most fascinating women of her time. From a New York Times bestselling author: a second chances, enemies-while-lovers reunion romance where nothing is as it first appears, and everyone's motives are suspect... Olive Harper's family has been feuding with the Westons for decades. The Westons' stud farm is the biggest, but the Harpers' is the most famous... and she's the sole heiress. Or was, until her father brokers a truce by offering the Weston heir the Harper farm. The only

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way to get it back is to marry the knave who kissed her and humiliated her, twice—or prove to her father that some rifts can never be healed. Scholar and botanist Elijah Weston is dreadful at feuding. For one, he prefers horticulture to horses. For two, he's been desperately in love with his mortal enemy ever since he kissed her—and, yes, publicly destroyed her—all those years ago. When he's given ten days to win Olive's heart, he arrives with marriage license in hand. But where lies and double-crosses abound, how can lifelong rivals learn to trust their hearts? The 12 Dukes of Christmas is a series of heartwarming Regency romps nestled in a picturesque snow-covered village. Twelve delightful romances... and plenty of delicious dukes!

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The Splendor of Ordinary Days

The Many Lives & Secret Sorrows of Josephine B

The Virgin's Spy

The First Last Day

The Court of Queen Victoria During Her Diamond Jubilee Year

Thoughts and Perspectives on the Special Days that Adorn the Jewish Calendar

For the bright young things of 1929, the beautiful days seem endless, filled with romance and heartbreak, adventure and intrigue, friendship and rivalry. After a month in New York, Cordelia Grey and Letty Larkspur are small-

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town girls no longer. They spend their afternoons with Astrid Donal at the Greys' lush Long Island estate and their nights in Manhattan's bustling metropolis. But Letty's not content to be a mere socialite. She is ready at last to chase her Broadway dreams—no matter the cost. Cordelia is still reeling from the death of her father at the hands of Thom Hale, the man she thought she loved. Now she is set to honor Darius Grey's legacy . . . and take her revenge. Promised to Cordelia's half brother, Astrid is caught up in a world of dazzling jewels and glittering nights—and the sparkle is blinding.

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Charlie Grey is a gangster playing a dangerous game; and for Astrid, Cordelia, and Letty, the stakes could be deadly. From the New York Times bestselling author of The Luxe comes the second book in an epic series set in the dizzying last summer of the Jazz Age.

A riveting novel of suspense, adventure, and survival, A Bullet Between The Eyes tells the story of Sana, a young brave woman living in the perilous Middle East. When the Middle East's most feared terrorist gang is hired to pin down Sana into giving up her inheritance to her husband's family, she is held at bay and must

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choose between rolling the dice on her unknown fate or succumbing to the bloody fate the terrorists impose on her. A Bullet Between The Eyes is a fascinating and moving tale of the triumph of love and wit, where one woman is determined to create a good life for herself and her children in a land where the rule of law is frail and the law of the clan is paramount.

A journey inside the court of Britain's longest reigning monarch begins with the queen's 1897 Diamond Jubilee and moves back in time to chronicle her long reign, family relationships, daily life, social and political duties, and more.

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American Wasp, Cheerful Money is a captivating examination of a cultural crack-up and a man trying to escape its wreckage.

Splendor

The Passing of Queen Victoria and Her Age

The Book of Dead Days

A Regency Holiday Romance

A Novel

Cheerful Money

"Dave Hickey gets it exactly right in his preface to this collection of journalism, poetry, fiction and memoir: Lewis, who died in 1997, was indeed 'the most stone wonderful writer that nobody ever heard of.' Writing

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for Rolling Stone in the early '70s, he almost singlehandedly invented the movie set piece, and no one's ever improved on his flint-eyed profiles of Sam Peckinpah and the Allman Brothers. But the best piece here is his searing memoir of his white-trash Texas parents, who died in what was ruled a double suicide. Etched in acid and heart's blood, it is a terse masterpiece." —Malcolm Jones, Newsweek "The least known of the New Journalism's founding fathers, Grover Lewis has long been a legend among nonfiction writers, and this overdue collection shows us why. A beautiful stylist blessed with a blistering honesty, Grover saw it all and wrote it like nobody else could.

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Put Splendor in the Short Grass up on the shelf with the best of Tom Wolfe, Hunter Thompson and Gay Talese. It belongs there." —Kenneth Turan, film critic for the Los Angeles Times and National Public Radio's Morning Edition "Grover Lewis, the most literary of journalists, did things his way, simultaneously inventing a genre and setting the standard. These days ambitious feature writers, whether they know it or not, all strive to do it Grover's way. But, as this long overdue collection shows, not only did Grover do it first, he did it best." —Tim Cahill, author of Lost in My Own Backyard and Hold the Enlightenment "Grover Lewis was a gift to American letters. He had a hard

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eye, a sharp eye for hidden reality, and the unique ability to raise a popular journalism piece to the level of a universal truth. Plus he wrote like an angel. This collection, *Splendor in the Short Grass*, is not just a terrific read, it's an important work. I loved every page of it." —James Crumley, author of the hardboiled mysteries *Dancing Bear*, *The Last Good Kiss*, and *The Final Country* "Your gonzo journalism library isn't complete without him." —Ruminator "Grover was, after all, the most stone wonderful writer that nobody ever heard of....His job was to hammer the detritus of fugitive cultural encounters into elegant sentences, lapidary paragraphs, and knowable truth; and, in

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truth, the loveliness and lucidity of Grover's writing always rose to the triviality of the occasion." —Dave Hickey, from the foreword Grover Lewis was one of the defining voices of the New Journalism of the 1960s and 1970s. His wry, acutely observed, fluently written essays for Rolling Stone and the Village Voice set a standard for other writers of the time, including Hunter S. Thompson, Joe Eszterhas, Timothy Ferris, Chet Flippo, and Tim Cahill, who said of Lewis, "He was the best of us." Pioneering the "on location" reportage that has become a fixture of features about moviemaking and live music, Lewis cut through the celebrity hype and captured the real spirit of the

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counterculture, including its artificiality and surprising banality. Even today, his articles on Woody Guthrie, the Allman Brothers, the Rolling Stones concert at Altamont, directors Sam Peckinpah and John Huston, and the filming of *The Last Picture Show* and *One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest* remain some of the finest writing ever done on popular culture. To introduce Grover Lewis to a new generation of readers and collect his best work under one cover, this anthology contains articles he wrote for *Rolling Stone*, *Village Voice*, *Playboy*, *Texas Monthly*, and *New West*, as well as excerpts from his unfinished novel *The Code of the West* and his incomplete memoir *Goodbye If You Call*

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That Gone and poems from the volume I'll Be There in the Morning If I Live. Jan Reid and W. K. Stratton have selected and arranged the material around themes that preoccupied Lewis throughout his life—movies, music, and loss. The editors' biographical introduction, the foreword by Dave Hickey, and a remembrance by Robert Draper discuss how Lewis's early struggles to escape his working-class, anti-intellectual Texas roots for the world of ideas in books and movies made him a natural proponent of the counterculture that he chronicled so brilliantly. They also pay tribute to Lewis's groundbreaking talent as a stylist, whose unique voice deserves to be more widely known by

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today's readers.

In this first of three books inspired by the life of Josephine Bonaparte, Sandra Gulland has created a novel of immense and magical proportions. We meet Josephine in the exotic and lush Martinico, where an old island woman predicts that one day she will be queen. The journey from the remote village of her birth to the height of European elegance is long, but Josephine's fortune proves to be true. By way of fictionalized diary entries, we traverse her early years as she marries her one true love, bears his children, and is left betrayed, widowed, and penniless. It is Josephine's extraordinary charm, cunning, and will to

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survive that catapults her to the heart of society, where she meets Napoleon, whose destiny will prove to be irrevocably intertwined with hers.

A novel for fans of Philippa Gregory and Michelle Moran, *Confessions of Marie Antoinette* blends rich historical detail with searing drama, bringing to life the first years of the French Revolution and the final days of the legendary French queen. Versailles, 1789. As the burgeoning rebellion reaches the palace gates, Marie Antoinette finds her privileged and peaceful life swiftly upended by violence. Once her loyal subjects, the people of France now seek to overthrow the crown, placing the heirs of the Bourbon dynasty in

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mortal peril. Displaced to the Tuileries Palace in Paris, the royal family is propelled into the heart of the Revolution. There, despite a few staunch allies, they are surrounded by cunning spies and vicious enemies. Yet despite the political and personal threats against her, Marie Antoinette remains, above all, a devoted wife and mother, standing steadfastly by her husband, Louis XVI, and protecting their young son and daughter. And though the queen secretly attempts to arrange her family's rescue from the clutches of the rebels, she finds that they can neither outrun the dangers encircling them nor escape their shocking fate. Advance praise for Confessions of Marie

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enslave 24 mostly teenaged victims and sexually torture them while listening to stories told by old prostitutes. The book was written while Sade was imprisoned in the Bastille and the manuscript was lost during the storming of the Bastille. Sade wrote that he "wept tears of blood" over the manuscript's loss. Many consider this to be Sade crowing achievement.

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the Russian Revolution, and married to the niece of Czar Nicholas II, Prince Felix Youssouppoff observed at close range the rampant corruption and intrigues of the imperial court, which culminated in the rise to power of the sinister monk Rasputin. In 1916, Prince Felix and several aristocratic cohorts killed Rasputin, which more than any other single event brought about the cataclysmic upheaval of Tsarist Russia.

In this "dazzling" (John Irving) memoir, acclaimed New Yorker staff writer Tad

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Friend reflects on the pressures of middle age, exploring his relationship with his dying father as he raises two children of his own. "How often does a memoir build to a stomach-churning, I-can't-breathe climax in its final pages? . . . Brilliant, intensely moving."—William Finnegan, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Barbarian Days* Almost everyone yearns to know their parents more thoroughly before they die, to solve some of those lifelong mysteries. Maybe, just maybe, those answers will help you live your own life. But life doesn't

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stop to wait. In his fifties, New Yorker writer Tad Friend is grappling with being a husband and a father as he tries to grasp who he is as a son. Torn between two families, he careens between two stages in life. On some days he feels vigorous, on the brink of greatness when he plays tournament squash. On others, he feels distinctly weary, troubled by his distance from millennial sensibilities or by his own face in the mirror, by a grimace that's so like his father's. His father, an erudite historian and the former

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president of Swarthmore College, has long been gregarious and charming with strangers yet cerebral with his children. Tad writes that "trying to reach him always felt like ice fishing." Yet now Tad's father, known to his family as Day, seems concerned chiefly with the flavor of ice cream in his bowl and, when pushed, interested only in reconsidering his view of Franklin Roosevelt. Then Tad finds his father's journal, a trove of passionate confessions that reveals a man entirely different from the exasperatingly logical

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father Day was so determined to be. It turns out that Tad has been self-destructing in the same way Day has—a secret each has kept from everyone, even themselves. These discoveries make Tad reconsider his own role, as a father, as a husband, and as a son. But is it too late for both of them? Witty, searching, and profound, *In the Early Times* is an enduring meditation on the shifting tides of memory and the unsteady pillars on which every family rests.

In each section of Michael Cunningham's

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bold new novel, his first since *The Hours*, we encounter the same group of characters: a young boy, an older man, and a young woman. "In the Machine" is a ghost story that takes place at the height of the industrial revolution, as human beings confront the alienating realities of the new machine age. "The Children's Crusade," set in the early twenty-first century, plays with the conventions of the noir thriller as it tracks the pursuit of a terrorist band that is detonating bombs, seemingly at random, around the city. The

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third part, "Like Beauty," evokes a New York 150 years into the future, when the city is all but overwhelmed by refugees from the first inhabited planet to be contacted by the people of Earth. Presiding over each episode of this interrelated whole is the prophetic figure of the poet Walt Whitman, who promised his future readers, "It avails not, neither time or place . . . I am with you, and know how it is." Specimen Days is a genre-bending, haunting, and transformative ode to life in our greatest city and a

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meditation on the direction and meaning of America's destiny. It is a work of surpassing power and beauty by one of the most original and daring writers at work today.

Four Years at a Small College in the Still North (1963-1967)

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Ten Days with a Duke

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Marie Antoinette's Darkest Days

Imagines the early life of the doomed eighteenth-century queen, who at a young age learns from her mother, the ambitious Empress of Austria, that she must leave her coddled life in the Austrian court to marry the dauphin of France. Readers of Jan Karon's Mitford series and Patrick Taylor's Irish Country series will fall in love with Jeff High's funny, heartfelt Watervalley series. The pastoral charm of small-town Watervalley, Tennessee, can be deceptive, as young Dr. Luke Bradford discovers when he's caught in the fallout of a decades-old conflict... After a rocky start as Watervalley's only doctor, Luke Bradford has decided to stay in town, honoring the three-year commitment he made to pay off his medical

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school debts. But even as his friendships with the quirky townsfolk deepen, and he pursues a romance with lovely schoolteacher Christine Chambers, several military veterans' emotional wounds trigger anger and unrest in Watervalley. At the center of the clash is the curmudgeonly publisher of the local newspaper, Luther Whitmore. Luther grew up in Watervalley, but he returned from combat in Vietnam a changed man. He fenced in beautiful Moon Lake, posting "Keep Out" notices at the beloved spot, and provokes the townspeople with his incendiary newspaper. As Luke struggles to understand Luther's past, and restore harmony in Watervalley, an unforeseen crisis shatters a relationship he values dearly. Suddenly Luke must answer life's toughest

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questions about service, courage, love, and sacrifice.

CONVERSATION GUIDE INCLUDED

Mindful Wandering is an inspiring blend of memoir, travelogue, and environmental manifesto. As a translational ecologist, Rebecca Romsdahl is trained to ask critical questions about how we can improve our human relationships with the natural world for a sustainable, resilient future. As a farmgirl, she learned how to observe nature and life through the changing seasons. In this collection of essays spanning two decades, Romsdahl weaves these ideas together as she travels our changing world. From a Minnesota farm to the mountains of Peru and the edge of the Sahara Desert, she explores strategies for sustainability and resilience, and advocates that

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we (especially those of us privileged enough to travel) must expand our mindful considerations to include all the other inhabitants of this beautiful Earth. Romsdahl practices, and preaches, mindful wandering to reduce her impacts on the natural environment, and to encourage us all to be better global citizens. She implores us, through the eyes of a farmgirl scientist, to ask soul-searching questions: How do we reconnect with the local, seasonal rhythms of life, while learning how to care about the whole Earth as our home? In the 1960s, a young American president helped initiate the civil rights movement, captured the imagination of a nation with the establishment of the Peace Corps, launched the space age, nurtured the birth of the computer/digital age, and began

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the escalation of a war in Southeast Asia that exacted a horrific toll on the lives and emotions of his countrymen. Sheltered by the foothills of the White Mountains from the world events swirling around it, Dartmouth College resplendently approached 1969—the 200th anniversary of its founding as a school for Native Americans. As the smallest of the Ivy League schools, it was known for its dedication to a rigorous undergraduate education, its isolation from urban centers and sports prowess, and the intriguing manifestations of its all-male culture. In Days of Splendor, Hours like Dreams, author and 1967 Dartmouth College graduate Charles “Chuck” A. Hobbie offers a detailed, frank, and unpretentious memoir. Hobbie remembers the splendor and

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the fullness of his undergraduate days in the last decade of Dartmouth's all-male culture. He recounts the minutiae of his courses; friendships with classmates; his dates; and the faculty; academic, social, musical, and sporting events; the extraordinary beauty of the college's location; and his evolving affection for the remarkable school where hours passed like dreams.

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Becoming Marie Antoinette

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