

## How I Spent My Summer Vacation Dragonfly Books

The New York Times bestselling author of Predictably Irrational and The Upside of Irrationality returns with thought-provoking work to challenge our preconceptions about dishonesty and urge us to take an honest look at ourselves. Does the chance of getting caught affect how likely we are to cheat? How do companies pave the way for dishonesty? Does collaboration make us more honest or less so? Does religion improve our honesty? Most of us think of ourselves as honest, but, in fact, we all cheat. From Washington to Wall Street, the classroom to the workplace, unethical behavior is everywhere. None of us is immune, whether it's the white lie to head off trouble or padding our expense reports. In The (Honest) Truth About Dishonesty, award-winning, bestselling author Dan Ariely turns his unique insight and innovative research to the question of dishonesty. Generally, we assume that cheating, like most other decisions, is based on a rational cost-benefit analysis. But Ariely argues, and then demonstrates, that it's actually the irrational forces that we don't take into account that often determine whether we behave ethically or not. For every Enron or political bribe, there are countless puffed résumés, hidden commissions, and knockoff purses. In The (Honest) Truth About Dishonesty, Ariely shows why some things are easier to lie about; how getting caught matters less than we think; and how business practices pave the way for unethical behavior, both intentionally and unintentionally. Ariely explores how unethical behavior works in the personal, professional, and political worlds, and how it affects all of us, even as we think of ourselves as having high moral standards. But all is not lost. Ariely also identifies what keeps us honest, pointing the way for achieving higher ethics in our everyday lives. With compelling personal and academic findings, The (Honest) Truth About Dishonesty will change the way we see ourselves, our actions, and others.

Summer days are here again! Here are over forty sidesplitting poems about summer vacation, covering everything from the much-anticipated last day of school to family road trips, wacky days at summer camp, learning how to swim, dizzying roller coaster rides, fun-filled days at the beach, and finally, the dreaded first day of the new school year. These hilarious poems written by Bruce Lansky, Kenn Nesbitt, Robert Pottle, Eric Ode, and Neal Levin, and the rest of the all-star gang of Giggle Poets are sure to make you count the days until summer vacation begins!

A collection of short stories set during the summer after sophomore year at Sunnydale High. When sophomore year ended with Buffy's defeat -- just barely -- of the Master, she headed off to spend the summer with her father in L.A. The theme was R&R, parties, and an occasional shopping spree. But things that go bump in the night don't take vacation. So Buffy's trying desperately to keep a lid on things in L.A. -- and to keep her secret identity from her father. Meanwhile, back in Sunnydale, trouble keeps popping up in the darndest places. Giles wants Willow and Xander to have a "normal" summer, so he and Jenny Calendar, whose budding romance is progressing to full bloom, attempt to stave off the forces of darkness sans Slayer and Slayerettes. And Angel, grappling with Buffy's brush with death, must decide: Does he want to be a more permanent member of the Scooby Gang? Concerts. Picnics. The resurrection of an ancient monster or two. Just your typical fun in the sun. With contributions from Cameron Dokey, Nancy Holder, Yvonne Navarro, Paul Ruditis, and Michelle West!

The Newsweek Study Guide

How We Lie to Everyone--Especially Ourselves

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The Truth About My Unbelievable Summer ...

Traveling to Mississippi during summer vacation was what a little girl who grew up in Michigan who looked forward to summer vacation . She enjoyed seeing her grandparents and took comfort in appreciating the southern life and hospitality. Her comfort came from spending time with family, enjoying home cooked meals and feeding farm animals. It was a time for fun and adventure, however, the life lessons were priceless.

Crazy Rich Asians meets Love & Gelato in this hilarious, quirky novel about a Chinese-American teen who is thrust into the decadent world of Beijing high society when she is sent away to spend the summer in China. Iris Wang is having a bit of a rough start to her summer: Her boyfriend cheated on her, she didn't get into any colleges, and she has no idea who she is or what she wants to do with her life. She's always felt torn about being Chinese-American, feeling neither Chinese nor American enough to claim either identity. She's just a sad pizza combo from Domino's, as far as she's concerned. In an attempt to snap her out of her funk, Iris's parents send her away to visit family in Beijing, with the hopes that Iris would "reconnect with her culture" and "find herself." Iris resents the condescension, but even she admits that this might be a good opportunity to hit the reset button on the apocalyptic disaster that has become her life.

With this trip, Iris expects to eat a few dumplings, meet some family, and visit a tourist hotspot or two. Instead, she gets swept up in the ridiculous, opulent world of Beijing's wealthy elite, leading her to unexpected and extraordinary discoveries about her family, her future, and herself.

A schoolboy tell his class about his summer vacation, during which he joined a group of cowboys and stopped a cattle stampede

My Summer of Love and Misfortune

How to Navigate Clueless Colleagues, Lunch-Stealing Bosses, and the Rest of Your Life at Work

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The Summer We Read Gatsby

Sheila Tubman sometimes wonders who she really is: the outgoing, witty, and capable Sheila the Great, or the secret Sheila, who's afraid of the dark, spiders, swimming, and dogs. When her family spends the summer in Tarrytown, Sheila has to face some of her worst fears. Not only does a dog come with the rented house, but her parents expect Sheila to take swimming lessons! Sheila does her best to pretend she's an expert at everything, but she knows she isn't fooling her new best friend, Mouse Ellis, who happens to be a crackerjack swimmer and a dog lover. What will it take for Sheila to admit to the Tarrytown kids -- and to herself -- that she's only human?

Summertime ... school is out, families are camping, everyone is happily smiling and swimming ... well, not everyone ... one young girl's summer is a sad reality that far too many youth face ... this is her story

Placed under a temporary restraining order for torching her former boyfriend's car, seventeen-year-old Rosie embarks on a cross-country car trip from New Jersey to Arizona while waiting for her court appearance.

Calm Reflections

Troubling Tricksters

Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great

An Amanda Pepper Mystery

What really happened over the summer break? A curious teacher wants to know. The epic explanation? What started out as a day at the beach turned into a globe-spanning treasure hunt with high-flying hijinks, exotic detours, an outrageous cast of characters, and one very mischievous bird! Is this yet another tall tale, or is the truth just waiting to be revealed? From the team behind I Didn't Do My Homework Because ... and A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to School ... comes a fantastical fast-paced, detail-rich illustrated summer adventure that's so unbelievable, it just might be true! Plus, this is the fixed-format version, which looks almost identical to the print edition.

Reeann and her best friend Jared are kidnapped by Torkan aliens and taken to the planet of Freetal to fight Andovian slime worms.

From the creator of the popular website Ask a Manager and New York's work-advice columnist comes a witty, practical guide to 200 difficult professional conversations—featuring all-new advice! There's a reason Alison Green has been called “the Dear Abby of the work world.” Ten years as a workplace-advice columnist have taught her that people avoid awkward conversations in the office because they simply don't know what to say. Thankfully, Green does—and in this incredibly helpful book, she tackles the tough discussions you may need to have during your career. You'll learn what to say when • coworkers push their work on you—then take credit for it • you accidentally trash-talk someone in an email then hit “reply all” • you're being micromanaged—or not being managed at all • you catch a colleague in a lie • your boss seems unhappy with your work • your cubemate's loud speakerphone is making you homicidal • you got drunk at the holiday party Praise for Ask a Manager “A must-read for anyone who works. . . . [Alison Green's] advice boils down to the idea that you should be professional (even when others are not) and that communicating in a straightforward manner with candor and kindness will get you far, no matter where you work.”—Booklist (starred review) “The author's friendly, warm, no-nonsense writing is a pleasure to read, and her advice can be widely applied to relationships in all areas of readers' lives. Ideal for anyone new to the job market or new to management, or anyone hoping to improve their work experience.”—Library Journal (starred review) “I am a huge fan of Alison Green's Ask a Manager column. This book is even better. It teaches us how to deal with many of the most vexing big and little problems in our workplaces—and to do so with grace, confidence, and a sense of humor.”—Robert Sutton, Stanford professor and author of The No Asshole Rule and The Asshole Survival Guide “Ask a Manager is the ultimate playbook for navigating the traditional workforce in a diplomatic but firm way.”—Erin Lowry, author of Broke Millennial: Stop Scraping By and Get Your Financial Life Together

Ask a Manager

How I Spent My Summer Holidays in 1876

Grown and Flown

A Novel

*This wildly funny twist on the "How I spent my summer vacation" school-essay ritual details one child's imaginary adventures over the summer and is perfect for back-to-school reading! Most kids go to camp over the summer, or to Grandma's house, or maybe they're stuck at home. Not Wallace Bluff. He was supposed to visit his Aunt Fern. Instead, Wallace insists, he was carried off by cowboys and taught the ways of the West--from riding buckin' broncos to roping cattle. Lucky for Aunt Fern, he showed up at her house just in time to divert a stampede from her barbecue party! Perfect for back-to-school read-alouds, here's a western fantasy with sparkling illustrations and enough action to knock kids' boots off!*

*A schoolboy tell his class about his summer vacation, during which he joined a group of cowboys and stopped a cattle stampede.*

*When How I Spent My Summer Holidays was first published in 1981 a Western reviewer wrote: "If Who Has Seen the Wind told the story of a young boy's coming to terms with death, How I Spent My Summer Holidays tells of a young man's attempt to come to terms with his own sexuality and that of the world around him." The twelve-year-old young man is Hugh, and in small-town Saskatchewan it is the hot summer of 1924. When Hugh and his friends dig a secret cave out on the Prairie, they soon find it occupied by an escaped patient from the mental hospital. Defying the adult world, the boys become involved with a former war hero and current rum-runner, King Motherwell, in sheltering and feeding the runaway. When passions aroused by sex explode into murder, Hugh leaves his boyhood behind him for ever.*

*Penguin Modern Classics Edition*

*I Spent My Summer Vacation Kidnapped Into Space*

*On the First Day of Summer Vacation*

When two estranged sisters inherit a Hamptons beach house, they search for fortune but find love instead. Cassie and Peck are half sisters with little in common beyond a shared last name—that is, until their beloved aunt Lydia bequeaths them equal shares of her ramshackle old cottage in the Hamptons with instructions to “seek the thing of utmost value” within it. Cassie and Peck fantasize about discovering a lost Jackson Pollock, or a first edition of F. Scott Fitzgerald’s *The Great Gatsby*, as they revel in one last summer of fabulous parties and nostalgia. From the author of *Lulu Meets God* and *Doubts Him*, Danielle Gane’s *The Summer We Read Gatsby*, a perfect beach read, captures the spirit of New York’s most glamorous resort town, and will captivate readers with its spellbinding blend of romance, mystery, and charmingly eccentric characters.

PARENTING NEVER ENDS. From the founders of the #1 site for parents of teens and young adults comes an essential guide for building strong relationships with your teens and preparing them to successfully launch into adulthood The high school and college years: an extended roller coaster of academics, friends, first loves, first break-ups, driver’s ed, jobs, and everything in between. Kids are constantly changing and how we parent them must change, too. But how do we stay close as a family as our lives move apart? Enter the co-founders of Grown and Flown, Lisa Heffernan and Mary Dell Harrington. In the midst of guiding their own kids through this transition, they launched what has become the largest website and online community for parents of fifteen to twenty-five year olds. Now they’ve compiled new takeaways and fresh insights from all that they’ve learned into this handy, must-have guide. Grown and Flown is a one-stop resource for parenting teenagers, leading up to land through high school and those first years of independence. It covers everything from the monumental (how to let your kids go) to the mundane (how to shop for a dorm room). Organized by topic: such as academics, anxiety and mental health, college life: it features a combination of stories, advice from professionals, and practical sidebars. Consider this your parenting lifeline: an easy-to-use manual that offers support and perspective. Grown and Flown is required reading for anyone looking to raise an adult with whom you have an enduring, profound connection.

Amanda Pepper’s friend Sasha has a photography assignment in Atlantic City, and she invites her broke schoolteacher friend to come along for a free mini-vacation. But the two quickly discover there’s more to lose than money at the shore when Sasha finds a stranger bludgeoned to death in her bed. When a witness identifies Sasha as having been at the scene, she Goes Directly To Jail and does not pass “Go.” Under the boardwalk and between the slot machines, and sometimes with the help of a motley crew of gamblers, Amanda works to unearth the truth and free her friend.

How I Survived My Summer Vacation

The Art of Rivalry

Four Friendships, Betrayals, and Breakthroughs in Modern Art

Death In Space, or How I Spent My Summer Vacation

**BEFORE THE BEGINNING...** *On his 15th birthday, BILL MAGELLAN is getting his first voyage into space when his family moves to Space Colony Lagrange 5 for the summer. But no sooner has he arrived when he's teamed up with the strangest little kid he's ever met. A brilliant twelve-year-old who doesn't know how to talk to anyone his own age because he grew up on a space station with adults. And just as they're bonding, a stranger enters the picture who may kill everyone. So what happens when the only people who know there's danger around are the kids? And what happens when the kids are very resourceful and know the station better than anyone else? Well, those answers and a fun mini-dictionary, are inside, so get going and then maybe you too can save the galaxy*

**Pulitzer Prize-winning art critic Sebastian Smee tells the fascinating story of four pairs of artists—Manet and Degas, Picasso and Matisse, Pollock and de Kooning, Freud and Bacon—whose fraught, competitive friendships spurred them to new creative heights. Rivalry is at the heart of some of the most famous and fruitful relationships in history. The Art of Rivalry follows eight celebrated artists, each linked to a counterpart by friendship, admiration, envy, and ambition. All eight are household names today. But to achieve what they did, each needed the influence of a contemporary—one who was equally ambitious but possessed sharply contrasting strengths and weaknesses. Edouard Manet and Edgar Degas were close associates whose personal bond frayed after Degas painted a portrait of Manet and his wife. Henri Matisse and Pablo Picasso swapped paintings, ideas, and influences as they jostled for the support of collectors like Leo and Gertrude Stein and vied for the leadership of a new avant-garde. Jackson Pollock's uninhibited style of “action painting” triggered a breakthrough in the work of his older rival, Willem de Kooning. After Pollock's sudden death in a car crash, de Kooning assumed Pollock's mantle and became romantically involved with his late friend's mistress. Lucian Freud and Francis Bacon met in the early 1950s, when Bacon was being hailed as Britain's most exciting new painter and Freud was working in relative obscurity. Their intense but asymmetrical friendship came to a head when Freud painted a portrait of Bacon, which was later stolen. Each of these relationships culminated in an early flashpoint, a rupture in a budding intimacy that was both a betrayal and a trigger for great innovation. Writing with the same exuberant wit and psychological insight that earned him a Pulitzer Prize for art criticism, Sebastian Smee explores here the way that coming into one's own as an artist—finding one's voice—almost always involves willfully breaking away from some intimate's expectations of who you are or ought to be. Praise for The Art of Rivalry “Gripping . . . Mr. Smee's skills as a critic are evident throughout. He is persuasive and vivid. . . . You leave this book both nourished and hungry for more about the art, its creators and patrons, and the relationships that seed the ground for moments spent at the canvases.”—The New York Times “With novella-like detail and incisiveness [Sebastian Smee] opens up the worlds of four pairs of renowned artists. . . . Each of his portraits is a biographical gem. . . . The Art of Rivalry is a pure, informative delight, written with canny authority.”—The Boston Globe**

**Stuart Glassman learns that his summer camp is run by Gregory Stevens, who makes horror films and plans to test new special effects on the campers.**

**How I Spent My Summer Holidays**

**Revisoning Critical Conversations**

**List #4**

**How I Spent My Summer Vacation (a Themed Issue)**

Born in Bangalore, Pratheek Praveen Kumar is now studying for his ISC examination at Bishop Cotton Boys School, Bangalore. Brilliant as he is in studies, he uniformly excelled in school performances and was recognized for his oratory skills. He is also a recipient of a prize in the Information Technology Competition in his school. An ardent player of cricket and football, he was honoured by the principal of the school with a special prize in open assembly for his poetry skills. Stemming from varied facets of his lively far-ranging interests that have impelled him to write on diverse subjects in poetry, these poems make interesting and refreshing reading by their simple themes and simple treatment. The topics on which he wrote were all topics on which he felt rather strongly about or topics which he felt important. They are his thoughts, impressions and feelings on various events or people or actions. He has written all of these poems with a great deal of care and feeling and hopes that they are enjoyed and appreciated by all those who read them.

Troubling Tricksters is a collection of theoretical essays, creative pieces, and critical ruminations that provides a re-visioning of trickster criticism in light of recent backlash against it. The complaints of some Indigenous writers, the critique from Indigenous nationalist critics, and the changing of academic fashion have resulted in few new studies on the trickster. For example, The Cambridge Companion to Native American Literature (2005), includes only a brief mention of the trickster, with skeptical commentary. And, in 2007, Anishinaabe scholar Niigonwedom Sinclair (a contributor to this volume) called for a moratorium on studies of the trickster irrelevant to the specific experiences and interests of Indigenous nations. One of the objectives of this anthology is, then, to encourage scholarship that is mindful of the critic's responsibility to communities, and to focus discussions on incarnations of tricksters in their particular national contexts. The contribution of Troubling Tricksters, therefore, is twofold: to offer a timely counterbalance to this growing critical lacuna, and to propose new approaches to trickster studies, approaches that have been clearly influenced by the nationalists' call for cultural and historical specificity.

Fed up with the small town day to day in Farber, Texas, high school graduates, L and her best friend, Leah, have made a vow to make this summer the best summer of their lives. With little direction and no real plan, the summer, unfortunately, seems to be shaping up like any other. That is until their favorite band of all time, Brick Party Sundae, announces the Texas leg of their tour. L and Leah decide there couldn't be a more epic way to spend the summer than by following BPS around Texas. As they search for the best time of their lives, they find much more than they bargained for along the way. Join L and Leah on their journey as they take a walk on the wild side, discover life outside of Farber, learn about themselves, and meet new sides of each other they've never seen before. Can their friendship withstand the most epic summer of all time? No matter what happens, they'll never forget how they spent their summer vacation.

Kids' Favorite Funny Summer Vacation Poems

What I Did on My Summer Vacation

The Honest Truth About Dishonesty

Summer Vacation at My Grandparent's House

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*When Hope left for college, she thought she was free of the life she had left behind. She no longer had to deal with the drama and heartbreak that had filled her last few months at home. However one simple writing assignment forces her to confront all of the thoughts and feelings she is trying so desperately to avoid. Riley. It was all Riley's fault. Why couldn't he have just left well enough alone? They weren't supposed to fall in love. It was supposed to just be fun. Hope learned quickly that life doesn't always give us the fairy tale we imagine we will have. However, we all have a story to tell and Hope finds that her's leaves her confronted with a choice. Hold on or let go? "Contains underage drinking and sexual situations.*

*How My Summer Went Up in Flames*

*How to Support Your Teen, Stay Close as a Family, and Raise Independent Adults*