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**Nicomachean Ethics Aristotle - The Nicomachean Ethics is one of Aristotle's most widely read and influential works. Ideas central to ethics—that happiness is the end of human endeavor, that moral virtue is formed through action and habituation, and that good action requires prudence—found their most**

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**powerful proponent in the person medieval scholars simply called "the Philosopher." Drawing on their intimate knowledge of Aristotle's thought, Robert C. Bartlett and Susan D. Collins have produced here an English-language translation of the Ethics that is as remarkably faithful to the original as it is graceful in its rendering. Aristotle is well known for the precision with which he chooses his words, and in this elegant translation his work has found its ideal match. Bartlett and Collins provide copious notes and a glossary providing context and further explanation for students, as well as an introduction and a substantial interpretive essay that sketch central arguments of the work and the seminal place of**

**Aristotle's Ethics in his political philosophy as a whole. The Nicomachean Ethics has engaged the serious interest of readers across centuries and civilizations—of peoples ancient, medieval, and modern; pagan, Christian, Muslim, and Jewish—and this new edition will take its place as the standard English-language translation.**

**Despite widespread skepticism on the matter, a significant number of people today have stories of religious experience—moments of inexplicable terror or rapturous joy, visions, near-death experiences of the afterlife, encounters with angels, heavenly voices, and premonitions. How should rationally minded people respond? What would your reaction be if**

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**someone told you that, one night while sitting alone, she saw through the window a brilliant light descend from the sky until it was so large that it filled the room—and that it radiated a feeling of “pure love”? And what would you say if a friend confided that one night he woke up and could not move, felt he was being suffocated, and sensed an evil spirit in the room? By default in the secular age we are skeptical about anything mysterious or supernatural. More likely than not, most people would respond to the stories above with embarrassment and concern about the person’s grasp of reality, or they would attempt to explain them away through rational or scientific means. But the truth is that religious experiences**

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**like these are not as uncommon as they seem—although talking about such experiences often is. This is the case even in a faith tradition such as Christianity, despite the Bible's numerous accounts of miraculous and mysterious happenings. In *Encountering Mystery*, noted biblical scholar Dale Allison makes the argument that stories of religious experience are meaningful and not to be marginalized—and that we have a moral prerogative to lovingly engage with such stories regardless of whether we have had similar experiences. Through a close look at phenomena such as moments of inexplicable terror or rapturous joy, visions, near-death experiences of the afterlife, encounters with**

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**angels, heavenly voices, and premonitions, Allison shows how ordinary practices of faith need not be at odds with individual religious experiences. Above all, he enjoins us to be honest about the persistence of religious experience in a secular age and to make space for those who encounter mystery in their lives. "More than a hundred people killed on a bright spring day. The city's most beautiful and iconic landmark in ruins. The man accused of setting the fire is dead, buried in the rubble along with answers to the question, "Why?" As Juni Bruder of the Orlando Herald talks to rescuers and survivors, she can't shake the feeling that something isn't right. The official story doesn't ring true. Her interviews become front-**

**page news. So does her suicide, a year after the blaze. Her brother Peter, a Jesuit priest, finds a clean apartment and a stack of papers sealed in plastic bags. Sifting through his sisters effects, he reads the stories of the dead, from the architect who designed the famous building to the janitor blamed for destroying it. A file on Juni's laptop will reveal the hidden threads that bound the victims together, the seemingly random acts that brought them to a single place and moment in time. In the end, the answers Juni seeks will be the ones she finds. Told through an inspired mix of puzzle pieces-news stories, phone transcripts, press releases-and filled with gallows humor, this is a novel about life, loss and the slippery**

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**nature of truth--Provided by the publisher.**

**Opening Heaven's Door Investigating Stories of Life,  
Death, and What Comes After Atria Books**

**At Heaven's Door**

**Knocking On Heaven's Door**

**Heaven Ride**

**The Case for Heaven**

**A Neurosurgeon's Journey Into the Afterlife**

**And... Never Again**

**Rock Obituaries - Knocking On Heaven's Door**

***This inspiring collection of stories, compiled by  
the well-known author, editor and anthologist  
Rabbi Dov Peretz Elkins, encourages readers to  
reflect on the wonder, meaning and purpose of***



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***life by tapping into the core values, ethics, beliefs, history and emotions of life from a Jewish perspective. Chapters tell about: Simple Goodness? Hope and Endurance? Continuity and Tradition? Lessons Learned? Light Out of the Holocaust? Great Escapes? Words of the Wise? Providence? Israel Personal and profound, this is a book that will send a chill up the spine, bring a tear to the eye, and warm the heart? collected by the co-editor of the New York Times best-selling Chicken Soup for the Jewish Soul.***

***Susie Salmon is just like any other young American girl. She wants to be beautiful, adores***

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***her charm bracelet and has a crush on a boy from school. There's one big difference though - Susie is dead. Add: Now she can only observe while her family manage their grief in their different ways. Susie is desperate to help them and there might be a way of reaching them...***

***Alice Sebold's novel The Lovely Bones is a unique coming-of-age tale that captured the hearts of readers throughout the world. Award-winning playwright Bryony Lavery has adapted it for this unforgettable play about life after loss.***

***People everywhere carry with them extraordinary, deeply comforting experiences***

***that arrived at the moment when they most needed relief: when they lost a loved one. These experiences can include clear messages from beyond, profound and vividly beautiful visions, mysterious connections and spiritual awareness, foreknowledge of a loved one's passing—all of which evade explanation by science and logic. Most people keep these transcendent experiences secret—deathbed experiences, Nearing Death Awareness, and shared death experiences. Individuals and families guard them for fear they will be discounted by hyper-rational scrutiny. Yet these very common occurrences have the power to***

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***console, comfort, and even transform our understanding of life and death. Prompted by her family's surprising, profound experiences around the death of her father and her sister, reporter Patricia Pearson sets out on an open-minded inquiry, a rare journalistic investigation of Nearing Death Awareness. Pearson discovers that roughly half of bereaved people, as well as nurses, hospice workers, soldiers, and others who constantly observe the dying, have had intimations of enduring bonds that can radically help people to process their grief and their fear. Opening Heaven's Door offers deeply affecting stories of messages from the dying***

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***and the dead in a fascinating work of investigative journalism, pointing to new scientific explanations that give these luminous moments the importance felt by those who experience them. Pearson also delves into out-of-body and near-death experiences, examining stories and research to make sense of these related but distinct categories that shed light on Nearing Death Awareness. Countless people experience these coincidences when a loved one dies, while others experience such visions while they are dying themselves. These phenomena point toward a larger spiritual reality, and the reality of life (or something***

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***else) after death, yet are ignored in a cultural framework that dismisses anything that cannot be explained by the physical brain. But by dismissing or discounting these occurrences, we hamper our own healing. Challenging current assumptions about what we know and what we are still unable to explain, Opening Heaven's Door is a groundbreaking, beautifully written exploration that will forever alter your perceptions of the nature of life and death. The greatest haunted house story ever written, the inspiration for a 10-part Netflix series directed by Mike Flanagan and starring Michiel Huisman, Carla Gugino, and Timothy Hutton***

***First published in 1959, Shirley Jackson's The Haunting of Hill House has been hailed as a perfect work of unnerving terror. It is the story of four seekers who arrive at a notoriously unfriendly pile called Hill House: Dr. Montague, an occult scholar looking for solid evidence of a "haunting"; Theodora, his lighthearted assistant; Eleanor, a friendless, fragile young woman well acquainted with poltergeists; and Luke, the future heir of Hill House. At first, their stay seems destined to be merely a spooky encounter with inexplicable phenomena. But Hill House is gathering its powers—and soon it will choose one of them to make its own. For***

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**The Path to a Better Way of Death  
Afterlife Encounters**

**What Cancer Taught Me About Living and Dying**



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## **Encountering Mystery**

### **Opening Heaven's Door**

#### **Earth Abides**

#### **The Five People You Meet in Heaven**

*Michael Chenault, award-winning investigative journalist with the New York Times, is roused in the middle of the night by NYPD detectives and accused of the bizarre murder of a complete stranger. After clearing himself, Chenault finds that Martin Koplanski, the retired history professor he'd been accused of murdering, was likely killed for a mysterious Mormon relic long thought to be just a myth. Twenty-four hours later,*

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*Chenault receives an email with a photo of the recently murdered wife of Presidential candidate, Brockston Ratchford. She too appears to have been ritually killed in the exact manner as Koplanski, right down to having the same cryptic character scrawled in blood across her forehead. With way more than just a hunch to now go on, Chenault heads out to Salt Lake City, the site of the Ratchford murder investigation, to find out what, if any, connection there is between the murders. With the help of a beautiful young reporter he meets along the way, Chenault comes to learn the dark family secrets of a rising*

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*political star, along with the rather strange but true history of the Mormon church. As he pieces the story together of what appears to be an ever-growing conspiracy, Chenault is pursued by The Brothers, two murderous zealots who will stop at nothing to retrieve the Mormon relic Chenault is also trying to find. What Chenault eventually discovers is that what he's uncovered may not only affect the outcome of the next Presidential election, but decide the fate of an entire religion-if he can manage to stay alive. In the tradition of Raymond Khoury, Brad Meltzer, Dan Brown and Steve Berry, The*

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*Moroni Deception is a cleverly conceived, twisting tale of political and religious intrigue by a new master of the conspiracy thriller.*

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Books of 2020 by NPR's Fresh Air \* Publishers  
Weekly \* Marie Claire \* Redbook \* Vogue \*  
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Washington Post \* Publisher's Weekly \* Kirkus  
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*\* Popsugar \* PureWow \* Shondaland Dive into a "tour de force of investigative reporting" (Ron Chernow): a "searching, atmospheric and ultimately entrancing" (Patrick Radden Keefe) true crime narrative of an unsolved 1969 murder at Harvard and an "exhilarating and seductive" (Ariel Levy) narrative of obsession and love for a girl who dreamt of rising among men. You have to remember, he reminded me, that Harvard is older than the U.S. government. You have to remember because Harvard doesn't let you forget. 1969: the height of counterculture and the year universities would seek to curb the unruly*

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*spectacle of student protest; the winter that Harvard University would begin the tumultuous process of merging with Radcliffe, its all-female sister school; and the year that Jane Britton, an ambitious twenty-three-year-old graduate student in Harvard's Anthropology Department and daughter of Radcliffe Vice President J. Boyd Britton, would be found bludgeoned to death in her Cambridge, Massachusetts apartment. Forty years later, Becky Cooper a curious undergrad, will hear the first whispers of the story. In the first telling the body was nameless. The story was this: a Harvard student had had an affair*

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*with her professor, and the professor had murdered her in the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology because she'd threatened to talk about the affair. Though the rumor proves false, the story that unfolds, one that Cooper will follow for ten years, is even more complex: a tale of gender inequality in academia, a 'cowboy culture' among empowered male elites, the silencing effect of institutions, and our compulsion to rewrite the stories of female victims. We Keep the Dead Close is a memoir of mirrors, misogyny, and murder. It is at once a rumination on the violence and oppression*

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*that rules our revered institutions, a ghost story reflecting one young woman's past onto another's present, and a love story for a girl who was lost to history.*

*A groundbreaking, authoritative exploration—rich with powerful personal stories and convincing research—of the many ways the living can and do accompany the dying on their journey into the afterlife. In 2000, end-of-life therapist William Peters was volunteering at the Zen Hospice Project in San Francisco when he had an extraordinary experience as he was reading aloud to a patient: he suddenly felt himself floating in*



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*midair, completely out of his body. The patient, who was also aloft, looked at him and smiled. The next moment, Peters felt himself return to his body...but the patient never regained consciousness and died. Perplexed and stunned by what had happened, Peters began searching for other people who'd shared similar experiences. He would spend the next twenty years gathering and meticulously categorizing their stories to identify key patterns and features of what is now known as the "shared crossing" experience. The similarities, which cut across continents and cultures and include*

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awe-inspiring visual and sensory effects, and powerful emotional after-effects, were impossible to ignore. Long whispered about in the hospice and medical communities, these extraordinary moments of final passage are openly discussed and explained in *At Heaven's Door*. The book is filled with powerful tales of spouses on departing this earth after decades together and bereaved parents who share their children's entry into the afterlife. Applying rigorous research, Peters digs into the effect these shared crossing experiences impart—liberation at the sight of a loved one finding joy, a sense of

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*reconciliation if the relationship was fraught—and explores questions like: What can explain these shared death experiences? How can we increase our likelihood of having one? What do these experiences tell us about what lies beyond? And, most importantly, how can they help take away the sting of death and better prepare us for our own final moments? How can we have both a better life and a better death?*

*Nearing Death Awareness is a phenomenon rarely discussed by those who have experienced it and often dismissed by our culture because it defies science or logic.*

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*Yet roughly half of bereaved people, as well as nurses and others who constantly observe the dying, have stories of coincidental visions at the exact moment of a loved one's death, comforting visits from a departed friend in an hour of need, and observations of the uncanny precision with which the dying predict their own deaths, even when they appear to the trained eye to be on the brink of recovery. These surprisingly common occurrences point toward a larger spiritual reality, and the reality of life (or something else) after death. They also have the power to console and comfort us and to*

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*transform our understanding of mortality. Prompted by her own family's experiences surrounding the deaths of her father and sister, journalist Patricia Pearson examines the scientific and anecdotal evidence to challenge current assumptions regarding what we know and what we are still unable to explain about what happens to us at the threshold of death.--Adapted from publisher description.*

*A Reader*

*Night Comes*

*Wider Than You Ever Believed!*

*The story of a Girl, her big Milwaukee-built*

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*motorcycle, and her brief adventures across  
Vermont and Quebec during an Outlaw Biker  
war...*

*The Haunting of Hill House*

*Religious Experience in a Secular Age*

*Jonathan Livingston Seagull*

***I. The Seer of Patmos, John the Beloved, (Poem).***

***II. The Author of the Revelation. III. The Message***

***to the Churches. IV. The Message to the***

***Churches (Continued). V. A Glimpse of Heaven.***

***VI. Who is Worthy to Open the Book?. VII.***

***History in the Seals. VIII. The Sealing Work. IX.***

***The Trumpets. X. The Beginning of Woes. XI. The***

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***Voice of a Mighty Angel. XII. The Third Woe. XIII.  
The Great Controversy. XIV. The Beast from the  
Sea and the Beast from the Earth. XV. The Three  
Angel's Messages. XVI. Preparation for the  
Plagues. XVII. The Seven Last Plagues. XVIII.  
Babylon, The Great Mystery. XIX. Be Ye  
Separate. XX. The Two Suppers. XXI. The  
Judgment of the Wicked. XXII. The Glories of the  
New Jerusalem. XXIII. The New Earth. XXIV. The  
Sanctuary and Its Service. Questions for Study.  
Index of Marginal References  
Heaven's Doors . . . Exposing a 1,500-Year-Old***

***Myth about Hell! What happens to us after we die? For the first 500 years of Church history, most Christians believed that God would ultimately redeem all of his creation. Hell was real, but it didn't last forever, and it had a positive purpose. Then beliefs changed. For the past 1,500 years we've been told that most of the billions of people who have lived on this earth will remain separated from the love and mercy of God for all eternity. The moms and dads, grandmas and grandpas, sons and daughters, relatives and friends who have not exhibited the***



***"right kind" of faith here in this life will suffer in hell forever. But is that really true? No. The idea of hell as a place of never-ending suffering is not taught in the Bible. It's a myth that was forced on the Christian Church by a power-hungry Roman emperor, was supported by a highly respected but misinformed cleric, and has endured for centuries because it became the status quo. Heaven's Doors exposes that myth. It explains both historically and Biblically how Jesus Christ succeeded in His mission to seek and save the lost. And it shows how the doors to***

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***heaven really are wider than you ever believed! Hundreds of thousands of lives, millions of animals and billions in property are at stake. And... Never Again, is the 3rd in the Michael Grant, PI, mystery/suspense series. Terry Dean Ballard, a young terrorist who killed 19 innocents in Texas before escaping Michael's grasp at the end of Judas Oracle, surfaces in Colorado bent on destruction. Ballard's Christmas day sabotage of area ski slopes and towns kills 67 bringing his death toll to eighty-six. Ballard, a young computer geek, finds he excels as a user,***

***abuser and natural leader. He next focuses his cold careless fury on New Year's Eve. Leading a small gang of eco-terrorists, he plots his next debacle. Above, millions of acre feet of water, Below the dam, a town, a chemical munitions storage facility. Can Michael Grant and his team of 'agency' operatives stop the inevitable? How many more times can Michael Grant say: And... Never Again.***

***When he was 23 years old, Dale Allison almost died in a car accident. That terrifying experience dramatically changed his ideas about death and***

***the hereafter. In Night Comes Allison wrestles with a number of difficult questions concerning the last things -- such questions as What happens to us after we die? and Why does death so often frighten us? Armed with his acknowledged scholarly expertise, Allison offers an engaging, personal exploration of such themes as death and fear, resurrection and judgment, hell and heaven, in light of science, Scripture, and his own experience. As he ponders and creatively imagines -- engaging throughout with biblical texts, church fathers,***

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***rabbinic scholars, poets, and philosophers --  
Allison offers fascinating fare that will captivate  
many a reader's heart and soul.***

***Vol. 5***

***A Journalist Investigates Evidence for Life After  
Death***

***Jewish Stories from Heaven and Earth  
Death, Imagination, and the Last Things  
Under the Banner of Heaven  
A Story of Violent Faith***

"Originally published in paperback by Egmont UK Ltd.,

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London, in 2019."--Title page verso.

Eddie is a wounded war veteran, an old man who has lived, in his mind, an uninspired life. His job is fixing rides at a seaside amusement park. On his 83rd birthday, a tragic accident kills him, as he tries to save a little girl from a falling cart. He awakes in the afterlife, where he learns that heaven is not a destination. It's a place where your life is explained to you by five people, some of whom you knew, others who may have been strangers. One by one, from childhood to soldier to old age, Eddie's five people revisit their connections to him on earth, illuminating the mysteries of his "meaningless" life, and revealing the haunting secret behind the

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eternal question: "Why was I here?"

Outlines a less invasive, more humane approach to end-of-life care, sharing the stories of the author's parents and explaining the political and technological factors that are interfering with patient preferences.

How can anyone feel hopeful after learning she is fatally ill? Sharon Eagle seeks to answer that very question in *Terminal Hope*, which chronicles her experience with stage 4 lung cancer. After receiving her diagnosis, Eagle, a longtime nurse and educator, understands immediately that her cancer will probably kill her. What she can't foresee is the remarkable wisdom she gains from the spiritual and emotional quest that her

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diagnosis sparks. As she navigates the land of cancer, seeking new purpose and meaning, Eagle discovers that her illness has a great deal to teach her. Among many other lessons, cancer inspires her to examine her own faith journey, rebuild relationships, and reconsider patient-caregiver communication and support. Above all, she uncovers compelling evidence for her belief that death is not the end but rather merely a transition to something even better. A moving memoir about the power of positivity, gratitude, and faith, *Terminal Hope* offers a new perspective for people of all belief systems.

The Story of the Seer of Patmos  
Book One: Sojourn of Souls



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The Bible and Popular Culture

What the Dying Are Trying to Say About Where They're  
Going

Ordinary People, Extraordinary Experiences

What the Dying May Be Trying to Tell Us about Where  
They're Going

Drive Gently

**NATIONAL BESTSELLER • From the author of *Into the Wild* and *Into Thin Air*, this extraordinary work of investigative journalism takes readers inside America's isolated Mormon Fundamentalist communities. Defying both civil authorities and the Mormon establishment in Salt Lake City, the renegade leaders of these Taliban-like**

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**theocracies are zealots who answer only to God; some 40,000 people still practice polygamy in these communities. At the core of Krakauer's book are brothers Ron and Dan Lafferty, who insist they received a commandment from God to kill a blameless woman and her baby girl. Beginning with a meticulously researched account of this appalling double murder, Krakauer constructs a multi-layered, bone-chilling narrative of messianic delusion, polygamy, savage violence, and unyielding faith. Along the way he uncovers a shadowy offshoot of America's fastest growing religion, and raises provocative questions about the nature of religious belief.**

**From the award-winning, groundbreaking author of A**

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**Brief History of Anxiety... Yours and Mine comes a touching, exhilarating, challenging exploration of the inexplicable gleamings of another world many of us experience, in life, in grief, and near death. Sparked by extraordinary experiences that occurred in her family when her father and her sister both died in 2008, Patricia Pearson was launched on a journey of investigation into what she calls "a curious sort of modern underground--a world beneath the secular world, inhabited by ordinary human beings having extraordinary experiences that they aren't, on the whole, willing to disclose." Roughly half the bereaved population, about 20% of those near death who recover, and an unreported number of the dying witness or experience a sensed presence, the**

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mystery of near-death awareness, and, if they are not in horrible pain or medicated into unconsciousness, rationally inexplicable feelings of transcendence and grace as they depart on the journey from which none of us return. Pearson brings us effortlessly into her illuminating quest for answers, inspiring us to own up to experiences we may never have shared with anyone. Secular or religious, all of us wonder deeply about these things if we let ourselves, and also about the medical, social and psychological implications of understanding what it means to pass through heaven's door.

"Includes the rediscovered part four"--Cover.

What happens when we die? We, the living, don't know, of course, but people have been guessing since humans

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first began to think. Spirituality and religion provided the answers in the past, but in the age of science we're thrown back into the dark. If science cannot 'prove' there is life - or something - after death, then it doesn't exist. And yet ordinary people continue to experience unexplained phenomena when a friend or family member dies. These are normal people, even sceptics like Patricia Pearson. Prompted by her family's surprising experiences around the deaths of her father and her sister, Pearson set out on an open-minded journey of inquiry as a journalist. She discovered that far more people were having uncanny and transcendent experiences than generally let on: roughly half the bereaved population, plus all those who observe the

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dying (nurses, hospice workers, soldiers, etc.). With many years of examination into current grief research under her belt, she concludes that we cannot simply deprive people the legitimacy of these experiences until there is more solid evidence that 'we inhabit a purely material and mechanistic universe'. Pearson points to new scientific explanations around how dying is experienced and how science is moving closer, giving these luminous moments credence and understanding. As she says, 'The dying may finally be able to convey to us what they are feeling, and where they glimpse themselves to be going.' Opening Heaven's Door recounts deeply affecting stories of messages from the dying and the dead in a fascinating work of

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**investigative journalism, pointing to new scientific explanations that give these luminous moments the importance felt by those who experience them. This riveting and intelligent work will be welcomed by the thousands of readers of Proof of Heaven and Heaven Is for Real.**

**Investigating Stories of Life, Death, and What Comes After**

**The Story of a Girl, Her Big Milwaukee-Built Motorcycle, and Her Brief Adventures Around Vermont and Quebec During an Outlaw Biker War**

**The Moroni Deception**

**From the Black Book Investigations of Michael Grant and Associates**

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**Knockin' on Heaven's Door**

**Inspiring Tales to Nourish the Heart and Soul**

**What Shared Journeys to the Afterlife Teach About Dying Well and Living Better**

*"A heart-stopping tale of good versus evil" - InD'Tale Magazine gives this Noir Crime Fiction novel FOUR STARS! Readers say: "A six-hour reading marathon... I couldn't put it down!" and "It's dark... so DARK!" Inspired by actual events and presenting a well-imagined, carefully-spun plot and richly-detailed characters woven into and against the backdrop of a very*



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real gang war that occurred in Quebec in the 1990's, this debut novel is where Historical Fiction meets Crime Fiction - and the result is a Thriller! Heaven's Door, a Novel, by J. Kilburn, is the first book in an upcoming series about the fictional "Topdogs" motorcycle club, its members and victims, the state trooper who goes undercover to try to infiltrate and investigate the club, and those who wait for him to come home. Throughout this dark and gritty first novel, these characters perpetuate and suffer the effects of

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violence and victimization in raw, brutal, genuine, horrifying detail. InD'Tale calls Heaven's Door, a Novel by J. Kilburn "An interesting, albeit violent, tale" and "not for the faint of heart." Be warned: the violence in Chapter One is called "grotesque." It's a murder - what else would it be? Heaven's Door, a Novel by J. Kilburn, is hard-hitting crime fiction illustrating how small decisions and minor events can snowball to become life-threatening situations. Inspired by actual events that occurred in Vermont, Upstate

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*New York, and Quebec, and set in the Biker War that flashed across Quebec in the 1990's, this thrilling story is informative, entertaining, and cautionary. The characters ride through a world of mistrust, violence, adventure, and fear as they follow a plot that weaves across a richly-detailed landscape. The story starts with the murder of an undercover police officer, and follows those present at the killing as they run from - and navigate through - the fallout of this act. Using a unique style and crafting a*

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*carefully-constructed vernacular for each individual's dialogue and thoughts, the author brings multiple characters to life in a riveting tale about a fictional Outlaw Motorcycle Club and its members and victims. A few well-placed and professional pen-and-ink illustrations add enhancement, flavor and a pulp-fiction feel to the pages of this well-researched book about another world - the Underworld that exists around, among, and even sometimes within each of us. (approx. 135 pages, 9 illustrations) About Heaven's*

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*Door, a Novel, from the Illustrator: I am impressed that Kilburn innately understands the Post-Modernist idea of truth. There are a dozen "true stories" in Heaven's Door, as each character has their own truth. Kilburn empathetically steps into each character's mind, and the third-person omniscient narration seamlessly melds each character's thoughts into the story. The parallels that weave and depart from each other emphasize foil and mirror characters, not just for literary purposes, but because they reflect life.*

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*Nothing is morally black-and-white in these stories. Kilburn demonstrates that individual perception really is a person's reality, and the structure and style of the narrative reflect this idea. The author uses an unorthodox, but effective style to accomplish all this and does what a fashion designer does with sewing: they both manipulate the material to meet their purposes and are not afraid to experiment... I look forward to reading more and more.- Ardelia Huntress, M.A. Ed. Knockin' On Heaven's Door offers a*

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*critically sophisticated and truly interdisciplinary analysis of the relationship between biblical studies and contemporary culture. Specific biblical texts are examined in the light of cultural criticism and areas of popular culture including pornography, heavy metal music and McDonald's hamburgers in the light of biblical criticism.*

*Never-before-released research proves the dead communicate with us As a former hospice worker and director of the Elisabeth Kübler-Ross Center, Dianne*

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Arcangel was certain that visitations from beyond death provided comfort and hope for loved ones still grappling with their loss. As a researcher, however, she was unable to find specific data to measure that comfort and hope. To remedy this lack of information, she created the Afterlife Encounters Survey, a five-year, international survival study. Afterlife Encounters reveals the results of this landmark study and, for the first-time, offers a systematic categorization of such encounters, explaining when these



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encounters are most likely to occur and what type of apparition is likely to appear. *Afterlife Encounters* presents not only the data, but also the stories beyond the numbers, as friends and family members relate their visitation experiences in their own words. Included are amazing stories of the dead returning to tell loved ones that they had been murdered and who it was that killed them; apparitions revealing where family treasure was buried; even one spirit who provided a remarkable account of the tragedies of

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*9/11—weeks before those events occurred. The stats and stories that Arcangel shares are certain to stay with you for a long time, as will her eye-opening conclusion: afterlife encounters provide real, lasting comfort and hope to an astounding 97 percent of those loved ones who experience them.*

*My father's suspicious death, perhaps at the hands of a small town sheriff's department, forced my mother to flee our hometown--Idamay, West Virginia--a few days after he died in 1954. She was told*

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that he'd hung himself in a jail cell in Fairmont, West Virginia, where he was being held for driving while intoxicated. She was afraid they would do something to her and leave us kids orphaned. Though we left Idamay, that town and our devastating loss followed us. My father's absence, though seldom spoken about, was "present" everywhere we turned. My mother never looked back. But when she died forty-two years later, his death came back to me in full force. I felt compelled to investigate further. I'd heard conflicting

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*stories all my life. This book documents an investigation that yields more questions than answers for the seven-year-old survivor who has an insatiable need to know. This book is about this seven-year-old whose entire life was indelibly marked by this tragic loss that she experienced when she had just reached what is often called the age of reason. Her quest for the truth takes her to places she'd never dreamed she could go. Because there is so much she doesn't know, she finds herself leaning heavily on her imagination to help*

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*her to navigate this mysterious and  
fatherless world.*

*Heaven's Door, a Novel*

*The Complete Edition*

*What the Dying Tell Us About Where They're  
Going*

*Nicomachean Ethics*

*A Novel*

*Fahrenheit 451*

*The Men Who Stare at Goats*

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bad guys" in books about heroes, victims, and undercover

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poised on the edge of discovery in particle physics (the study of the smallest objects we know of) and cosmology (the study of the largest), and when these breakthroughs come, they will revolutionise what we think we know about the universe, and the modern world. Lisa Randall guides us through the latest ideas, charting the thrilling progress we have made in understanding the universe – from Galileo and Newton to Einstein and the Large Hadron Collider and the search for the Higgs boson. Yet it's about more than just physics - Randall explains how we decide what questions to ask; how risk, beauty, creativity and truth play a role in scientific thinking; and how answering the big questions will ultimately tell us who we are and where we came from.

"Acts as a concise introduction to the study of both



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contemporary and historical stardom and celebrity. Collecting together in one source companion an easily accessible range of readings surrounding stardom and celebrity culture, this book is a worthwhile addition to any library." - Kerry Gough, Birmingham City University "Absolutely wonderful. The inclusion of seminal works and more recent works makes this a very valuable read." - Beschara Karam, University of South Africa "An engaging and often insightful book." - Media International Australia This book brings together some of the seminal interventions which have structured the development of stardom and celebrity studies, while crucially combining and situating these within the context of new essays which address the contemporary, cross-media and international landscape of today's fame culture. From Max Weber, Walter

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Benjamin and Roland Barthes to Catherine Lumby, Chris Rojek and Graeme Turner. At the core of the collection is a desire to map out a unique historical trajectory - both in terms of the development of fame, as well as the historical development of the field.

The Lovely Bones

Proof of Heaven

The Arsonist's Last Words

Terminal Hope

Egypt's Place in Universal History: an Historical Investigation  
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Awareness—similar to Near-Death Experience—this

“ fascinating ” (Kirkus Reviews) exploration brings “ humor, sympathy, and keen critical intelligence to a topic that is all too often off-limits ” (Ptolemy Tompkins, collaborator with Eben Alexander on Proof of Heaven). People everywhere carry with them extraordinary, deeply comforting experiences that arrived at the moment when they most needed relief: when they lost a loved one. These experiences can include clear messages from beyond, profound and vividly beautiful visions, mysterious connections and spiritual awareness, foreknowledge of a loved one ’ s passing—all of which evade explanation by science and logic. Most people keep these transcendent experiences secret for fear they will be discounted by hyperrational scrutiny. Yet these very common occurrences have the power to console, comfort, and even

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transform our understanding of life and death. Prompted by her family ' s surprising, profound experiences around the death of her father and her sister, reporter Patricia Pearson sets out on an open-minded inquiry, a rare journalistic investigation of Nearing Death Awareness, which Anne Rice praises as “ substantive, eloquent, and worthwhile. ” Opening Heaven ' s Door offers deeply affecting stories of messages from the dying and the dead in a fascinating work of investigative journalism, pointing to new scientific explanations that give these luminous moments the importance felt by those who experience them. Pearson also delves into out-of-body and near-death experiences, examining stories and research to make sense of these related but distinct categories. Challenging current assumptions about what we know and what we are still unable to explain, Opening Heaven ' s Door will forever alter your

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perceptions of the nature of life and death.

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songwriters, record company founders A&R men and even critics, puts all the information at your finger tips. Nick Talevski has spent a decade researching this comprehensive and authoritative reference book and it will be an indispensable and practical addition to every music library, full of irresistible and intriguing information.

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gruesome accident as a child, JW's extra-curricular studies of sudden traumatic death lead to the astonishing discovery of the human soul. When David and JW merge these devices, they stumble upon the highway to heaven. Each of them falls in love as their miraculous invention takes the world by storm. Millions make the trip. As Heaven Ride prospers, its repercussions ripple throughout society. Protests, bombs and kidnappings threaten to shut it down, posing risks to David, JW, their friends and families. Long after Heaven Ride becomes a household word, startling revelations put David and JW in the crosshairs of dangerous men

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third century, humans like Clare and Jon live in utopia, hunting and gathering in small tribal bands, engaged in daily art and ritual, reunited with old friends like the shaggy mammoth and giant ground sloth. Even better, they still have solar- powered laptops and can communicate with each other around the world. The understanding of physics has also advanced. When scientists first cloned extinct species from the Pleistocene, they discovered that many of them were telepathic—that consciousness travels in waves. For most people, animism has become the preferred religion, a panpsychism compatible with the laws of a fractal holographic

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universe. As Clare tells one of her students, the return to an older, Paleolithic lifestyle is “one of humanity’s greatest achievements.” It’s too bad that utopia had to come at such a cost: a genetically engineered super-virus that wiped out most of earth’s human population. Humanity was shaken by that event, and humanity vowed to change. Now, on the 150th anniversary of that catastrophe, a small group of men and women—as well as a smarter-than-average dire wolf and saber-toothed cat—are suddenly faced with decisions in which the stakes are higher than ever before. Will earth repeat the cycle of unbridled hubris? Or is humanity’s destiny

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