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*To Play Again* TarcherPerigee

A Good Housekeeping Book of the Month This funny and wise new memoir from Harrison Scott Key, winner of the Thurber Prize for American Humor, will inspire laughter and hope for anyone who's ever been possessed by a dream of what they want to be when they grow up. Little-known author Mark Twain once said that the two most important days in your life are the day you were born, and the day you find out why. He's talking about dreams here, the destiny that calls every living soul to some kind of greatness. What Mr. Twain doesn't say is: A dream is also a

monster that wants to eat you. Nobody tells you this part of the American Dream — until now. In this new memoir, *Congratulations Who Are You Again*, readers join Harrison Scott Key on his outrageous journey to becoming a great American writer. As a young boy in Mississippi, Harrison possessed many special gifts, such as the ability to read and complete college applications. And yet, throughout young adulthood, he failed at many vocations, until one day, after drinking perhaps too many beers and dusting off his King James Bible, he stumbled across a passage about a lonely pelican, which burst into flame inside him. In a mad blaze of holy illumination, Harrison realized his dream: to set the world afire with the light inside him. He would write a funny book. This was his dream. With unforgettable wit and tenderness, *Congratulations Who Are You Again* is Harrison's

instructive tale of pursuing his destiny with relentless and often misguided devotion, transforming his life beyond all comprehension: He becomes a signer of autographs, a doer of interviews, a casher of checks that are "worth more money than my father had ever imagined any of us might see, this side of a drug-related felony." On this journey, Harrison finds that as he gains the world, he stands on the precipice of losing everything that means the most: his family, his mind, his soul. Hilarious, honest, and absolutely practical, *Congratulations Who Are You Again* is a no-holds-barred look at the life of every ambitious human creature, whether you want to write books or make music, start a business or start a revolution. This is a book for the dreamers.

*More, Now, Again* HarperCollins

*Hope Is a Bright Star* is the story of a mother's journey from shock and fear at her young daughter's cancer diagnosis to anguish and despair at her death just a year later—and, finally, to peace and acceptance of her new life. When thirteen-year-old Elizabeth is diagnosed with a rare bone cancer, Faith is in awe of her courageous child, who faces her plight straight on and inspires all who meet her. Despite an army of medical professionals who provide innovative care for Elizabeth, she dies, and Faith and her surviving daughter, Olivia, are thrown into a maelstrom of grief. They find unexpected comfort in the arms of their family, friends, and community—but Faith faces another shock when she has her own cancer diagnosis while navigating the uncharted waters of a life she never expected. In time, Faith discovers moments and places of comfort and peace, and she slowly changes from a mother in despair to a woman with hope

for the future. At turns heartbreaking and heartwarming, *Hope Is a Bright Star* reveals how abiding love can heal a family.

**I Cried to Dream Again** Other Press, LLC

There is perhaps no crime more disturbing than the abuse of a child—and no court cases as upsetting as those in which juveniles who have faced abuse are tried for fighting back. In this gripping memoir Sara Kruzan, a survivor of childhood abuse and sex trafficking, tells the honest, disturbing, and ultimately empowering story of her journey from abuse to incarceration without parole for killing her abuser to finally gaining her liberation. "As someone who has worked with trafficking survivors in the developing world, I am struck by how vividly Kruzan's memoir shows us how easily these same atrocities take place, barely noticed, beneath the sophisticated veneer of life in the U.S. A brilliant and illuminating read."—Leymah Gbowee, 2011 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and author of *Mighty Be Our Powers* Sara is currently an advocate for the rights of incarcerated women and children, and the inspiration behind Sara's Law, a bill currently in the House of Representative seeking to protect children of abuse from facing life sentences. "I was eleven when I first met GG. I realized later that he had to have been aware of the chaos that was my life because he played me perfectly. I was walking home after school ... I heard a red Mustang purring like a huge lion behind me as I turned onto my block. When it caught up with me, a man leaned out of the window and motioned for me to come closer. 'Hey, excuse me,' he said. I approached the window and politely and cheerfully replied, 'Yes?' He said, 'I've been noticing you a lot, and I just want to talk to you. I'm gonna go get some ice cream and go to the park. I would love for you to

come and join me. We won't be gone long. Is that okay with you?' Ice cream! I found his offer irresistible. GG leaned over and opened the passenger door, 'What's your name? People call me GG.' 'Sara,' I said shyly.'"—from *I Cried to Dream Again Let's Go (So We Can Get Back)* Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.

GET BACK UP is a motivational book about my life. At age 15, I suffered a broken neck playing high school football that left me paralyzed from the neck down. I went from athlete to quadriplegic in the blink of an eye. Following surgery and extended rehabilitation, and against all odds, I was fortunate enough to walk again but have gone through life with an extreme disability, including partial paralysis. I've been a practicing trial lawyer for over 25 years. The book gives you a look into trying cases through the eyes of a handicapped lawyer. Actually, the book begins with my most disappointing trial result when I lost a \$140 million verdict. The book has several humorous moments, including how I respond when a total stranger asks me if I have cerebral palsy or multiple sclerosis and how to best handle a "bless your heart." I explain how to fall to minimize injury but more importantly, how and why to keep getting back up. The book's purpose is to motivate and inspire you to put aside life's sometimes devastating twists and turns and stay focused on your quest for an incredible life. I hope you enjoy it.

*Alive Again!* Random House

An epic story of faith, hope, and love. Ray Whipps was an infantryman under General Patton in the trenches of Normandy, Paris, and Belgium; Betty was a field nurse in Cherbourg, France. Both strong Christians, the two bonded over their shared faith, and as Betty nursed Ray back to health after an injury, they fell in

love and vowed to marry after the war. When Ray was captured by German forces and held in Stalag VII, Germany's largest prisoner of war camp, his faith was put to the ultimate test as he endured weeks marked by brutality, malnutrition, back-breaking labor, and near-constant death.

**The Beauty of Living Twice** National Geographic Books

Putting Joy into Practice: Seven Ways to Lift Your Spirit from the Early Church is an invitation to a life of joy. Phoebe Farag Mikhail explains what joy is and how to experience it through seven spiritual practices that cultivate our inner lives and connect us to our communities. These seven practices, which include giving thanks, hospitality, praise, and more, take us on a journey that leads to joy through the giving and receiving of sacrificial love. She describes her own experiences and struggles with joy and offers practical ways to implement these practices to increase joy in our own lives and in the lives of all those around us.

**Trust the Timing** Grand Central Publishing

"A gripping and beautiful book about the power of love in the face of unimaginable loss." --Cheryl Strayed

For readers of *The Bright Hour* and *When Breath Becomes Air*, a moving, transcendent memoir of loss and a stunning exploration of marriage in the wake of unimaginable grief. As the book opens: two-year-old Greta Greene is sitting with her grandmother on a park bench on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. A brick crumbles from a windowsill overhead, striking her unconscious, and she is immediately rushed to the hospital. But although it begins with this event and with the anguish Jayson and his wife, Stacy, confront in the wake of their daughter's trauma and the hours leading up to her death, *Once More We Saw Stars* quickly

becomes a narrative that is as much about hope and healing as it is about grief and loss. Jayson recognizes, even in the midst of his ordeal, that there will be a life for him beyond it--that if only he can continue moving forward, from one moment to the next, he will survive what seems unsurvivable. With raw honesty, deep emotion, and exquisite tenderness, he captures both the fragility of life and absoluteness of death, and most important of all, the unconquerable power of love. This is an unforgettable memoir of courage and transformation--and a book that will change the way you look at the world.

*More, Now, Again* Ballantine Books

Jenny died on the morning of 23rd February 2012. She took her own life. Depression in all its forms had claimed another, an illness that takes no prisoners. *Castles in the Sky* is the story of the aftermath of a suicide, the people left behind as they struggle to come to terms with a life cut tragically short. Told in the form of an ongoing narrative spread over the months after Jenny's death, it highlights the challenges those around someone with depression are confronted with. This is a raw, uncompromising account of those affecting with and those affected by the Black Dog. Told with honesty that leads to a sense of acceptance and understanding as the black clouds start to clear and light begins to shine, this is the story of survival and love and the power of family and friends.

**Go Back to Where You Came From: And Other Helpful Recommendations on How to Become American**

HarperCollins

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This inspiring, exquisitely observed memoir finds hope and

beauty in the face of insurmountable odds as an idealistic young neurosurgeon attempts to answer the question What makes a life worth living? NAMED ONE OF PASTE'S BEST MEMOIRS OF THE DECADE • NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY The New York Times Book Review • People • NPR • The Washington Post • Slate • Harper's Bazaar • Time Out New York • Publishers Weekly • BookPage Finalist for the PEN Center USA Literary Award in Creative Nonfiction and the Books for a Better Life Award in Inspirational Memoir At the age of thirty-six, on the verge of completing a decade's worth of training as a neurosurgeon, Paul Kalanithi was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer. One day he was a doctor treating the dying, and the next he was a patient struggling to live. And just like that, the future he and his wife had imagined evaporated. When *Breath Becomes Air* chronicles Kalanithi's transformation from a naïve medical student "possessed," as he wrote, "by the question of what, given that all organisms die, makes a virtuous and meaningful life" into a neurosurgeon at Stanford working in the brain, the most critical place for human identity, and finally into a patient and new father confronting his own mortality. What makes life worth living in the face of death? What do you do when the future, no longer a ladder toward your goals in life, flattens out into a perpetual present? What does it mean to have a child, to nurture a new life as another fades away? These are some of the questions Kalanithi wrestles with in this profoundly moving, exquisitely observed memoir. Paul Kalanithi died in March 2015, while working on this book, yet his words live on as a guide and a gift to us all. "I began to realize that coming face to face with my own mortality, in a sense, had changed nothing and everything,"

he wrote. “Seven words from Samuel Beckett began to repeat in my head: ‘I can’t go on. I’ll go on.’” When *Breath Becomes Air* is an unforgettable, life-affirming reflection on the challenge of facing death and on the relationship between doctor and patient, from a brilliant writer who became both.

**Without a Map** Penguin

*Twelve Months to Live...Again* chronicles the journey of Karen Dye-Walker, an artistic and vibrant woman whose health and spirit have been challenged by a host of medical issues and other hardships in her life. Inspired by great love for her son, Karen began to record her journey during a one-year program for weight loss, and in doing so found her voice as an author. In this book, Karen opens her heart and shares her day-to-day experiences filled with humor, emotion and brutal honesty. She invites readers into her life to see what it is really like to struggle with obesity, systemic Lupus, and Bipolar Disorder while finding true strength through family and deep faith. Karen would not let her illness dictate who she is as a person, and she hopes her story of personal victory will help her readers find their personal paths to happiness and fulfillment.

When Breath Becomes Air W. W. Norton & Company

“A brave writer of tumultuous beauty.” —Entertainment Weekly  
 “Beautifully rendered.” —Elle “A poignant, unflinchingly assured memoir.” —The Boston Globe This “sobering portrayal” of a pregnant teen exiled from her small New Hampshire community is “a testament to the importance of understanding and even forgiving the people who . . . have made us who we are” (O, The Oprah Magazine) Meredith Hall’s moving but unsentimental memoir begins in 1965, when she becomes pregnant at sixteen.

Shunned by her insular New Hampshire community, she is then kicked out of the house by her mother. Her father and stepmother reluctantly take her in, hiding her before they finally banish her altogether. After giving her baby up for adoption, Hall wanders recklessly through the Middle East, where she survives by selling her possessions and finally her blood. She returns to New England and stitches together a life that encircles her silenced and invisible grief. Her lost son finds her when he is twenty-one. Hall learns that he grew up in gritty poverty with an abusive father—in her own father’s hometown. Their reunion is tender, turbulent, and ultimately redemptive. Hall’s parents never ask for her forgiveness, yet as they age, she offers them her love. What sets *Without a Map* apart is the way in which loss and betrayal evolve into compassion, and compassion into wisdom.

**Live Wire** FSG Originals

An instant New York Times bestseller from Kelly Ripa—a sharp, funny, and honest collection of real-life stories showing the many dimensions and crackling wit of the beloved daytime talk show host. In *Live Wire*, her first book, Kelly shows what really makes her tick. As a professional, as a wife, as a daughter and as a mother, she brings a hard-earned wisdom and an eye for the absurdity of life to every minute of every day. It is her relatability in all of these roles that has earned her fans worldwide and millions of followers on social media. Whether recounting how she and Mark really met, the level of chauvinism she experienced on set, how *Jersey Pride* follows her wherever she goes, and many, many moments of utter mortification (whence she proves that you cannot, in fact, die of embarrassment) Kelly always tells it

like it is. Ms. Ripa takes no prisoners. Surprising, at times savage, a little shameless and always with humor... Live Wire shows Kelly as she really is offscreen—a very wise woman who has something to say.

*Between Two Kingdoms* Xlibris Corporation

Samantha Irby meets Bettyville in this darkly funny and poignant memoir about love, loss, Alzheimer's, and reviving her father's pornographic writing career, from writer and Mortified liveproducer Sara Faith Alterman. Twelve-year-old Sara enjoyed an G-rated existence in suburban New England, filled with over-the-top birthday cakes, Revolutionary War reenactments, and nerdy word games invented by her prudish father, Ira. But Sara's world changed for the icky when she discovered that Ira had been shielding her from the truth: that he was a campy sex writer who'd sold millions of books in multiple languages, including the wildly popular *Games You Can Play with Your Pussy*. Which was, to the naïve Sara's horror, not a book about cats. For decades the books remained an unspoken family secret, until Ira developed early onset Alzheimer's disease . . . and announced he'd be reviving his writing career. With Sara's help. In this cringeworthy, hilarious, and moving memoir, Sara shares the profound experience of discovering new facets of her father; once as a child, and again as an adult. *Let's Never Talk About This Again* is a must-read confessional from a woman who spent years trying to find humor in the perverse and optimism in the darkness, and succeeded.

*Will & I* Rod Cate

"A highly personal, deeply affecting account of what it is to be yanked from a happy, well-ordered life and thrust into a sudden,

unimaginable, terrifying darkness. Rikke Schmidt Kjærgaard has done the impossible of putting into words an experience that would seem to be beyond expressing."—from the foreword by Bill Bryson *It Was New Year's Day*. Rikke Schmidt Kjærgaard, a young mother and scientist, was celebrating with family and friends when she was struck down with a sudden fever. Within hours, she'd suffered multiple organ failure and was clinically dead. Then, brought back to the edge of life—trapped in a near-death coma—she was given a 5 percent chance of survival. She awoke to find herself completely paralyzed, with blinking as her sole means of communicating with the outside world. *The Blink of an Eye* is Rikke's gripping account of being locked inside her own body, and what it took to painstakingly relearn every basic life skill—from breathing and swallowing, speaking and walking, to truly living again. Much more than an account of recovery against all odds—this is, at its heart, a celebration of love, family, and every little thing that matters when life hangs in the balance.

**Men We Reaped** Random House

Clay Byars was recovering at home from a near-fatal car crash when he suffered a massive stroke. He was just eighteen years old. He awoke, back in the hospital, and was told he would be paralyzed from the eyes down for the rest of his life. Determined to defy the odds, Clay quickly and miraculously began to recover his mobility but discovered just how different his life would be—a disparity embodied by his identical twin brother, Will. As Will went on to graduate from college, marry, and start a family, Clay carved out a unique existence, doing the seemingly impossible by living on his own on a remote farm in Alabama. With haunting clarity and heartrending honesty, *Will & I* tells the unlikely story

of Clay's life and his coping mechanisms, including weekly singing lessons that not only teach him to use his voice but remind him of his will to exist. In this singular and striking meditation on vulnerability and vitality, we're invited to see how Clay sees the world—and how the world sees him—as he bravely challenges himself and his abilities at every turn.

*Crying in H Mart* FSG Originals

Best Book of the Year – Bloomberg News A resilient Turkish writer's inspiring account of his imprisonment that provides crucial insight into political censorship amidst the global rise of authoritarianism. The destiny I put down in my novel has become mine. I am now under arrest like the hero I created years ago. I await the decision that will determine my future, just as he awaited his. I am unaware of my destiny, which has perhaps already been decided, just as he was unaware of his. I suffer the pathetic torment of profound helplessness, just as he did. Like a cursed oracle, I foresaw my future years ago not knowing that it was my own. Confined in a cell four meters long, imprisoned on absurd, Kafkaesque charges, novelist Ahmet Altan is one of many writers persecuted by Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's oppressive regime. In this extraordinary memoir, written from his prison cell, Altan reflects upon his sentence, on a life whittled down to a courtyard covered by bars, and on the hope and solace a writer's mind can provide, even in the darkest places.

*Half a Life* Skyhorse Publishing, Inc.

"The lesson of love can never be taught simply by words . . .

Rather, it is taught by truly giving yourself and communicating the love and longing for Christ to those you serve. . . . How awesome and dignified is Christian service! And how good is the

trustworthy and loyal servant who can say along with Christ, 'Learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart' (Matt. 11:29)." (from the Introduction) This book is essential and inspiring reading for all who would devote their lives to the service of Christ and His Church. Originally published in Arabic as *El-khedma* by the Monastery of St. Macarius the Great, Wadi el-Natrun (Egypt), 1980. Translation published by permission. *Reasons to Stay Alive* Little, Brown Books for Young Readers Linda Olson and her husband, Dave Hodgens, were young doctors whose story had all the makings of a fairy tale. But then, while they were vacationing in Germany, a train hit their van, shattering their lives—and Linda's body. When Linda saw Dave for the first time after losing her right arm and both of her legs, she told him she would understand if he left. His response: "I didn't marry your arms or your legs. If you can do it, I can do it." In order to protect their loved ones, they decided to hide the truth about what really happened on those train tracks, and they kept their secret for thirty-five years. As a triple amputee, Linda learned to walk with prostheses and change diapers and insert IVs with one hand. She finished her residency while pregnant and living on her own. And she and Dave went on to pursue their dream careers, raise two children, and travel the world. Inspiring and deeply moving, *Gone* asks readers to find not only courage but also laughter in the unexpected challenges we all face. The day of the accident, no one envied Linda and Dave. Today, many do.

**Hope Is a Bright Star** She Writes Press

'...And then we heard the rain falling, and that was the drops of blood falling; and when we came to get the crops, it was dead



men that we reaped.' Harriet Tubman In five years, Jesmyn Ward lost five men in her life, to drugs, accidents, suicide, and the bad luck that can follow people who live in poverty, particularly black men. Dealing with these losses, one after another, made Jesmyn ask the question: why? And as she began to write about the experience of living through all the dying, she realized the truth--and it took her breath away. Her brother and her friends all died because of who they were and where they were from, because they lived with a history of racism and economic struggle that fostered drug addiction and the dissolution of family and relationships. Jesmyn says the answer was so obvious she felt stupid for not seeing it. But it nagged at her until she knew she had to write about her community, to write their stories and her own. Jesmyn grew up in poverty in rural Mississippi. She writes powerfully about the pressures this brings, on the men who can do no right and the women who stand in for family in a society where the men are often absent. She bravely tells her story, revisiting the agonizing losses of her only brother and her friends. As the sole member of her family to leave home and pursue high education, she writes about this parallel American universe with the objectivity distance provides and the intimacy of utter familiarity.

**Putting Joy Into Practice** Paraclete Press

"I am most grateful for two things: that I was born in North Korea, and that I escaped from North Korea." - Yeonmi Park "One of the most harrowing stories I have ever heard - and one of the most inspiring." - The Bookseller "Park's remarkable and inspiring story shines a light on a country whose inhabitants live in misery beyond comprehension. Park's important memoir showcases the strength of the human spirit and one young woman's incredible determination to never be hungry again." —Publishers Weekly In *In Order to Live*, Yeonmi Park shines a light not just into the darkest corners of life in North Korea, describing the deprivation and deception she endured and which millions of North Korean people continue to endure to this day, but also onto her own most painful and difficult memories. She tells with bravery and dignity for the first time the story of how she and her mother were betrayed and sold into sexual slavery in China and forced to suffer terrible psychological and physical hardship before they finally made their way to Seoul, South Korea—and to freedom. Park confronts her past with a startling resilience. In spite of everything, she has never stopped being proud of where she is from, and never stopped striving for a better life. Indeed, today she is a human rights activist working determinedly to bring attention to the oppression taking place in her home country. Park's testimony is heartbreaking and unimaginable, but never without hope. This is the human spirit at its most indomitable.