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Deliverance Mary Fields, First African American Woman Star Route Mail Carrier in the United States HarperCollins

The woman behind the icon known as Elvira, Mistress of the Dark, the undisputed Queen of Halloween, reveals her full story filled with intimate bombshells—told by the bombshell herself. On Good Friday in 1953, at only 18 months old, 25 miles from the nearest hospital in Manhattan, Kansas, Cassandra Peterson reached for a pot on the stove and doused herself in boiling water. Third-degree burns covered 35% of her body, and the prognosis wasn't good. But she survived. Burned and scarred, the impact stayed with her and became an obstacle she was determined to overcome. Feeling like a misfit led to her love of horror. While her sisters played with Barbie dolls, Cassandra built model kits of Frankenstein and Dracula, and idolized Vincent Price. Due to a complicated relationship with her mother, Cassandra left home at 14, and by age 17 she was performing at the famed Dunes Hotel in Las Vegas. Run-ins with the likes of

Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr., and Tom Jones helped her grow up fast. Then a chance encounter with her idol Elvis Presley, changed the course of her life forever, and led her to Europe where she worked in film and traveled Italy as lead singer of an Italian pop band. She eventually made her way to Los Angeles, where she joined the famed comedy improv group, The Groundlings, and worked alongside Phil Hartman and Paul "Pee-wee" Reubens, honing her comedic skills. Nearing age 30, a struggling actress considered past her prime, she auditioned at local LA channel KHJ as hostess for the late night vintage horror movies. Cassandra improvised, made the role her own, and got the job on the spot. Yours Cruelly, Elvira is an unforgettably wild memoir. Cassandra doesn't shy away from revealing exactly who she is and how she overcame seemingly insurmountable odds. Always original and sometimes outrageous, her story is loaded with twists, travails, revelry, and downright shocking experiences. It is the candid, often funny, and sometimes heart-breaking tale of a Midwest farm girl's long strange trip to become the world's sexiest, sassiest Halloween icon. Instant New York Times Bestseller, Los Angeles Times Bestseller, USA Today Bestseller, Publishers Weekly Bestseller A New York Times Best Books to

Give This Season selection

Workin' It! Macmillan

A dazzling, dizzying descent into New York's downtown club scene, where sex, drugs, and murder were part of everyday experience, in one of the most shocking--and fascinating--true-crime books ever written.

Love, Lashes, and Lipstick Penguin

Stonewall Honor Book * A Time Magazine Best YA Book of All Time "A book for warriors, divas, artists, queens, individuals, activists, trend setters, and anyone searching for the courage to be themselves."—Mackenzi Lee, New York Times bestselling author of *The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue* It's 1989 in New York City, and for three teens, the world is changing. Reza is an Iranian boy who has just moved to the city with his mother to live with his stepfather and stepbrother. He's terrified that someone will guess the truth he can barely acknowledge about himself. Reza knows he's gay, but all he knows of gay life are the media's images of men dying of AIDS. Judy is an aspiring fashion designer who worships her uncle Stephen, a gay man with AIDS who devotes his time to activism as a member of ACT UP. Judy has never imagined finding romance...until she falls for Reza and they start dating. Art is Judy's best friend, their school's only out and proud teen. He'll never be who his conservative parents want him to be, so he rebels by documenting the AIDS crisis through his photographs. As Reza and Art grow closer, Reza struggles to find a way out of his deception that won't break Judy's heart—and destroy the most meaningful friendship he's ever known. This is a bighearted, sprawling epic about friendship and love and the revolutionary act of living life to the fullest in the face of impossible odds.

The Diva Rules Springer Science & Business Media

RuPaul's Drag Race UK returns to our screens for Series 3 with an all-new cast ready to slay the runway. Discover the secrets of the Werk Room and get all the gossip backstage in exclusive interviews with the Queens of Series 3. Take on mini challenges, learn the secret to a killer Snatch Game performance, and re-live the most iconic moments of RuPaul's Drag Race UK so far with stories from the Queens of Series 1 and 2. With special features, play-along games, secrets and trivia, this is your perfect companion to the Drag Race extravaganza! Remember kids, reading is fundamental!

The Ultimate Fan Guide to RuPaul's Drag Race Simon and Schuster

This lively, hands-on guide to meditation, mindfulness, and yoga is a perfect introduction for tweens and teens. Don't just do something, be here. The key to happiness is being able to find comfort in this moment, here and now. When you are completely present and not distracted by regrets, worries, and plans, even for a little while, you begin to feel more confident and can deal more easily with everything you experience. This is mindfulness: paying attention to this very moment, on purpose and without judgment--simply being present with curiosity. This engaging guide, packed with simple exercises and endearing full-color artwork, provides a handy starting point for bringing mindfulness into your daily life. Chapters on meditation, yoga, and mindful breathing explain the benefits of these practices, and you are free to pick and choose what to try. There are quick exercises throughout, and a more extensive tool kit at the end of each chapter. The final chapter offers satisfying five-day challenges that map out ways to pull all of the book's mindfulness techniques together in your day-to-day life. With the appeal of a workbook or guided journal, and full of examples relevant to tweens and teens today, this book will be your trusted companion as you begin the valuable, stress-relieving work of being still with skill.

Greedy: Notes from a Bisexual Who Wants Too Much Ballantine Books

From CIA to CEO is an ops manual for entrepreneurs that reveals how the esoteric techniques of the CIA can help anyone find their voice, discover their potential, and thrive in the world of business. Agent-turned-entrepreneur Rupal Patel shares the unique skills she developed as a woman and as a field agent in the high-octane, alpha-male world of the CIA, and combines those clandestine insights with her experience as a business leader and mentor. She reveals how methods such as Profiling and Situational Awareness help amplify strengths and build resilience. How game-changing new frameworks like Identity Driven Leadership and Personal Energy Mapping instill drive, purpose and conviction. And how the CIA mindset encourages you to remake the rules to find your own path and reach your goals. Full of motivating stories and unique exercises, *From CIA to CEO* will equip you with the all the tools you'll need for achieving Mission Success.

Disco Bloodbath Vintage

'Why London? Why now?': The swinging moment -- The death of the Sixties (1). Soho - Sixties London's erogenous zone -- The death of the Sixties (2): The fall of the House of Biba -- 'Now that Londoners have discovered the delights of the palate': eating out in Sixties and Seventies London -- 'Hot property - it's mine!' The lure and the limits of home ownership -- 'You only have to look at Westway.' The end of the urban motorway in London -- The conservation consensus -- East End Docklands and the death of Poplarism -- The London cabbie and the rise of Essex man -- Protecting the good life. London's suburbs -- Containing racism? The London experience, 1957-1968 -- Unquiet grove. The 1976 Notting Hill carnival riot -- Reshaping the welfare state? Voluntary action and community in London, 1960-1975 -- Strains of labour in the inner city -- Selling swinging London, or coming to terms with the tourist -- Becoming post-Industrial -- Bibliography.

The Essential Fan Guide to RuPaul's Drag Race Open Court Publishing

Timothy Garton Ash was with the strikers in the Lenin Shipyard in Gdansk in August 1980 when the trade union Solidarity was born, in opposition to the Communist government. He witnessed their bravery and defiance and the emergence of an improbable leader and hero in the country's future president, Lech Walesa. This text recreates the ideals and terrors of that time, and exposes the mechanics of oppression of the communist regime.

Legendary Children Open Court Publishing

Prepare for a RuPaul's Drag Race herstory lesson like no other - as this book celebrates all the queens from seasons 1 to 10, plus so much more! Buckle up hunties, as we spill the T on the greatest reality show! This ultimate guide celebrates all the queens that have sashayed the runway from seasons 1 to 10 and All Stars seasons 1 to 3 - all 127 fierce performers are included and all are illustrated by talented artist Paul Borchert! Author John Davis also gives the reader an insider's guide to drag terms, and includes inspiring quotes from RuPaul, and stats and facts on all those sickening lip-sync battles, the mad fashion moments and the feuds and friendships that make this series so exceptional.

Locomotion Penguin

In this inclusive, illustrated history and guide to skin care and beauty, journalist and founder of Very Good Light David Yi teaches us that self-care, wellness, and feeling beautiful transcends time, boundaries, and binaries—and that pretty boys can change the world Chanel and Goop might have seemed ahead of the curve when they launched their men's beauty and wellness lines, but pharaohs were exfoliating, moisturizing, and masking eons earlier. Thousands of years before Harry Styles strutted down the red carpet with multicolored fingernails,

Babylonian army officials had their own personal manicure sets. And BTS might have become an international sensation for their smoky eyes and perfect pouts, but the Korean Hwarang warriors who put on a full face before battle preceded them by centuries. Pretty Boys unearths diverse and surprising beauty icons who have redefined what masculinity and gender expression look like throughout history, to empower us to live and look our truths. Whether you're brand new to beauty, or you already have a ten-step routine, Pretty Boys will inspire and teach you how to find your best self through tutorials, beauty secrets, and advice from the biggest names in the beauty industry, Hollywood, and social media. From Frank Ocean's skin-care routine to Clark Gable's perfectly styled hair, Rami Malek's subtle eyeliner to a face beat to the gods à la Boy George or Kimchi the drag queen, K-Beauty to clean beauty, Pretty Boys will completely change the way we all see gender expression and identity.

Profit and Pleasure U of Nebraska Press

A hilarious and whip-smart collection of essays, offering an intimate look at bisexuality, gender, and, of course, sex. Perfect for fans of Lindy West, Samantha Irby, and Rebecca Solnit—and anyone who wants, and deserves, to be seen. If Jen Winston knows one thing for sure, it's that she's bisexual. Or wait—maybe she isn't? Actually, she definitely is. Unless...she's not? Jen's provocative, laugh-out-loud debut takes us inside her journey of self-discovery, leading us through stories of a childhood "girl crush," an onerous quest to have a threesome, and an enduring fear of being bad at sex. Greedy follows Jen's attempts to make sense of herself as she explores the role of the male gaze, what it means to be "queer enough," and how to overcome bi stereotypes when you're the posterchild for all of them: greedy, slutty, and constantly confused. With her clever voice and clear-eyed insight, Jen draws on personal experiences with sexism and biphobia to understand how we all can and must do better. She sheds light on the reasons women, queer people, and other marginalized groups tend to make ourselves smaller, provoking the question: What would happen if we suddenly stopped? Greedy shows us that being bisexual is about so much more than who you're sleeping with—it's about finding stability in a state of flux and defining yourself on your own terms. This book inspires us to rethink the world as we know it, reminding us that Greedy was a superpower all along.

Hip-Hop Revolution in the Flesh Cambridge University Press

A definitive deep-dive into queer history and culture with hit reality show RuPaul's Drag Race as a touchstone, by the creators of the pop culture blog Tom and Lorenzo NPR's Best Books of the Year 2020 pick A New York Times New & Noteworthy book One of Logo/NewNowNext's "11 Queer Books We Can't Wait to Read This Spring" From the singular voices behind Tom and Lorenzo comes the ultimate guide to all-things RuPaul's Drag Race and its influence on modern LGBTQ culture. Legendary Children centers itself around the idea that not only is RuPaul's Drag Race the queerest show in the history of television, but that RuPaul and company devised a show that serves as an actual museum of queer cultural and social history, drawing on queer traditions and the work of legendary figures going back nearly a century. In doing so, Drag Race became not only a repository of queer history and culture, but also an examination and illustration of queer life in the modern age. It is a snapshot of how LGBTQ folks live, struggle, work, and reach out to one another—and how they always have—and every bit of it is tied directly to Drag Race. Each chapter is an examination of a specific aspect of the show—the Werk Room, the Library, the Pit Crew, the runway, the Untucked lounge, the Snatch Game—that ties to a specific aspect of queer cultural history and/or the work of certain legendary figures in queer cultural history.

Man Enough to Be a Woman Rizzoli Publications

Collects essays that look at J.D. Salinger's "The Catcher in the Rye" through a philosophical approach.

The Knockout Queen Penguin

In this "dangerously hilarious" novel (Los Angeles Times), a trans woman reenters life on the outside after more than twenty years in a men's prison, over one consequential Fourth of July weekend—from the author of the PEN/Faulkner Award winner Delicious Foods. Carlotta Mercedes has been misunderstood her entire life. When she was pulled into a robbery gone wrong, she still went by the name she'd grown up with in Fort Greene, Brooklyn—before it gentrified. But not long after her conviction, she took the name Carlotta and began to live as a woman, an embrace of selfhood that prison authorities rejected, keeping Carlotta trapped in an all-male cell block, abused by both inmates and guards, and often placed in solitary. In her fifth appearance before the parole board, Carlotta is at last granted conditional freedom and returns to a much-changed New York City. Over a whirlwind Fourth of July weekend, she struggles to reconcile with the son she left behind, to reunite with a family reluctant to accept her true identity, and to avoid any minor parole infraction that might get her consigned back to lockup. Written with the same astonishing verve of Delicious Foods, which dazzled critics and readers alike, Didn't Nobody Give a Shit What Happened to Carlotta sweeps the reader through seemingly every street of Brooklyn, much as Joyce's Ulysses does through Dublin. The novel sings with brio and ambition, delivering a fantastically entertaining read and a cast of unforgettable characters even as it challenges us to confront the glaring injustices of a prison system that continues to punish people long after their time has been served.

Gender & Pop Culture Heligo Books

Michelle Visage is not your average diva. Powerful, positive, and polished, this diva's not only glamorous, she's a savvy businesswoman with serious credentials who works her tail off. From her days voguing in the downtown Manhattan clubs in the '90s to her successful career in radio and her ultimate cult status as a judge on RuPaul's Drag Race, Michelle has achieved her dreams and then some! In The Diva Rules, Visage shares her rules and advice for living life to the fullest and finding success no matter the hand you're dealt. With her no-nonsense style and super sassy voice, Michelle tells readers to Keep Your Shit Together

From CIA to CEO Springer

"The Essential Fan Guide to RuPaul's Drag Race celebrates all the queens that have sashayed the runway from seasons 1 to 9 and All Stars, as well as memorable drag terms, inspiring quotes from RuPaul, and stats and facts on all those sickening lip-sync battles"--Back cover.

Miss Vera's Cross-Dress for Success MIT Press

Finalist for the National Book Award When Lonnie was seven years old, his parents died in a fire. Now he's eleven, and he still misses them terribly. And he misses his little sister, Lili, who was put into a different foster home because "not a lot of people want boys-not foster boys that ain't babies." But Lonnie hasn't given up. His foster mother, Miss Edna, is growing on him. She's already raised two sons and she seems to know what makes them tick. And his teacher, Ms. Marcus, is showing him ways to put his jumbled feelings on paper. Told entirely through Lonnie's poetry, we see his heartbreak over his lost family, his thoughtful perspective on the world around him, and most of all his love for Lili and his determination to one day put at least half of their family back together. Jacqueline Woodson's poignant story of love, loss, and hope is lyrically written and enormously accessible.

Cleopatra Hachette Books

Learn about the legendary queen who ruled ancient Egypt for nineteen years. As the last pharaoh of ancient Egypt, I ruled alone without the help of my husband. I was a powerful and courageous leader, and I passionately loved my people. Much has been written of my beauty, but I was also known for my composure, wit, and strength. I was a queen who was worshipped as a god. I am Cleopatra. To this day, Cleopatra remains a popular figure in Western culture, with books, plays, and movies devoted to her story. This biography follows her journey from its illustrious beginning to its tragic end, with: illustrations throughout a timeline an introduction to the other people you'll meet in the book, such as Julius Caesar and Alexander the Great maps sidebars a top ten list of important things to know, and more

This Moment Is Your Life (and So Is This One) AK Press

Veronica Vera, creator and founder of the world's first cross-dressing academy, knows that a host of goods and services for the girl with something extra are just a mouse click away. But who wants to spend hours surfing the Net? Fear no more: Miss Vera has done the legwork, combing the Internet for irresistible and fun fashions, friendly social groups, and time-tested beauty tips for cross-dressers and trannies of every stripe. Whether

you're dressing up for Halloween or choosing a new lifestyle, let Miss Vera be your guide. Looking for an open-nipple bullet bra or a sexy peignoir? Some tips on hair removal or makeup? Miss Vera will point you in the right direction. A handy guide at the back of this book tells you where to go for comprehensive information on: Accessories Bridal gowns Counselors and therapists Drag performers Fetish and exotic wear Hair removal Legal aid Lingerie Makeup and cosmetics Medical websites Sex education Shoes Social and support groups Wigs And much more!

No Logo Routledge

This Companion provides a guide to queer inquiry in literary and cultural studies. The essays represent new and emerging areas, including transgender studies, indigenous studies, disability studies, queer of color critique, performance studies, and studies of digital culture. Rather than being organized around a set of literary texts defined by a particular theme, literary movement, or demographic, this volume foregrounds a queer critical approach that moves across a wide array of literary traditions, genres, historical periods, national contexts, and media. This book traces the intellectual and political emergence of queer studies, addresses relevant critical debates in the field, provides an overview of queer approaches to genres, and explains how queer approaches have transformed understandings of key concepts in multiple fields.