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From the comedian, actor, and former host of The Late Late Show comes an irreverent, lyrical memoir in essays featuring his signature wit. Craig Ferguson has defied the odds his entire life. He has failed when he should have succeeded and succeeded when he should have failed. The fact that he is neither dead nor in a locked facility (at the time of printing) is something of a miracle in itself. In Craig's candid and revealing memoir, readers will get a look into the mind and

recollections of the unique and twisted Scottish American who became a national hero for pioneering the world's first TV robot skeleton sidekick and reviving two dudes in a horse show dancing as a form of entertainment. In *Riding the Elephant*, there are some stories that are too graphic for television, too politically incorrect for social media, or too meditative for a stand-up comedy performance. Craig discusses his deep love for his native Scotland, examines his profound psychic change brought on by fatherhood, and looks at aging and mortality from a perspective that he was incapable of as a younger man. His story is strung together in a colorful tapestry that ultimately reveals a complicated man who has learned to process—and enjoy—the unusual trajectory of his life. "Once America's capitalist dream town, Detroit is our country's greatest urban failure, having fallen the longest and the farthest. But the worst crisis yet (and that's saying something) has managed the unthinkable: turn the end of days into a laboratory for the future. Urban planners, land speculators, neo-pastoral agriculturalists, and utopian environmentalists--all have been drawn to Detroit's baroquely decaying, nothing-left-to-lose frontier. With an eye for both the darkly absurd and the radically new, Detroit-area native and *Rolling Stone* writer Mark Binelli has chronicled this convergence. Throughout the city's "museum of neglect"--its swaths of abandoned buildings and its miles of urban prairie--he tracks the signs of blight repurposed, from the school for pregnant teenagers to the ex-con turned street patroller, from the organic farming on empty lots to GM's wager on the Volt electric car and the mayor's realignment plan (the most ambitious on record) to

move residents of half-empty neighborhoods into a viable, re-urban center. Sharp and impassioned, *Detroit City Is the Place to Be* is alive with the sense of possibility that comes when you hit rock bottom. Beyond the usual portrait of crime, poverty, and ruin, we glimpse a future Detroit that is smaller, less segregated, greener, economically diverse, and better functioning--what might just be the first post-industrial city of our new century"-- \* The most-referenced guidebook for Idaho climbers \* Includes the trails, approaches, and access information for Idaho's peaks Whether it's a technical ascent of the great west wall of Elephants Perch or a scramble to the summit of 12,662-foot Mount Borah, here's your key to high adventure in Idaho. At each new printing, Tom Lopez has updated and expanded his encyclopedic guide to more than 100 summits. All the features that made the first edition so popular are here -- detailed route descriptions, difficulty ratings, summit heights, access information to hundreds of roads and trails, extensive sections on history and geology, and much, much more. You won't find a more thorough guide anywhere! Learn more about climbing in Idaho by visiting the author's website: [www.idahoacimbingguide.com](http://www.idahoacimbingguide.com). Examines lithic raw material sources in the Pacific Northwest, the uses and distribution of the toolstones quarried from those sources, the archaeological or anthropological inferences that studies of toolstone geography provide. "As clever and witty a novel as anyone has written in a long time . . . Robbins takes readers on a wild, delightful ride. . . . A delight from beginning to end."—*Buffalo News* Switters is a contradiction for all seasons: an anarchist who works for the government; a pacifist who

carries a gun; a vegetarian who sops up ham gravy; a cyber who hates computers; a man who, though obsessed with the preservation of innocence, is aching to deflower his high-school age stepsister (only to become equally enamored of a nun 10 years his senior). Yet there is nothing remotely wishy-washy about Switters. He doesn't merely pack a pistol. He is a pistol. And as we dog Switters's strangely elevated heels across five continents, in and out of love and danger, discovering in the process the "true" Third Secret of Fatima, we experience Tom Robbins—that fearless storyteller, spiritual renegade, and vaudeville break dancer—at the top of his game. On one level this is a fast-paced CIA adventure story with comic overtones; on another, it's a serious novel of ideas that brings the Big Picture into an unexpected focus; but perhaps more than anything else, *Fierce Invalids Home From Hot Climates* is a sexy celebration of language and life. Praise for *Fierce Invalids Home From Hot Climates* "Superb."—*New York Post* "Dangerous? Wicked? Forbidden? You bet. . . . Pour yourself a bowl of chips and dig in."—*Daily News, New York* "Robbins is a great writer . . . and definitely a provocative rascal."—*The Tennessean* "Whoever said truth is stranger than fiction never read a Tom Robbins novel. . . . Clever, creative, witty, Robbins tosses off impassioned observations like handfuls of flower petals."—*San Diego Union-Tribune* I wish I had loved more. I wish I had been smarter about money. I wish I had thought about God more. We all have regrets about the past. Many of them come from our attempts to fulfill unmet longings. Dave and Jon Ferguson call this back and forth between longing and regret the Sorry Cycle—and they want to help you escape it. In *Starting Over*, Dave and Jon show us how to

recognize specific regrets and then release them to God as we learn to see our regrets as opportunities to start over. Finally, we can see God redeem our regrets as he takes the worst in our lives and uses them for a greater good. Your regrets don't need to keep you from the joy God has for your life. As you apply the recognize-release-redeem process to your financial, relational, and personal regrets, you will find new freedom in living out your God-given dreams. *Fall in Love with Your Regrets* It sounds impossible. How can we learn to love our mistakes and failures? Instead, we go over and over them in our mind. Could they ever bring us—or anyone else—good? Drawing from scientific research and biblical truths, Jon and Dave Ferguson give us tools to redeem our mistakes in five areas: relationships, health, purpose, finances, and spirituality. Along the way, they teach us lifelong skills for getting unstuck when regret threatens to trap us again. We also learn how to help others escape the Sorry Cycle and experience the Start Over Loop. It is possible to learn to love our regrets because through them we see God at work. We see that our weakness does not limit what God can do. Whatever regret is trapping you in the Sorry Cycle, God is big enough to redeem it. What can you do with a life beyond regret? **THE SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER** 'Where do you come from? It's one of the most basic human questions of all. But there is another question which might sound a wee bit similar but is actually very different: What do you come from? And, let me tell you, that question can take you all sorts of strange places...' In *Made in Scotland*, legendary comic and national treasure Billy Connolly returns to his roots, reflecting on his life, his homeland and

what it means – then and now – to be Scottish. Full of Billy distinctive humour, *Made in Scotland* is a hilarious and heartfelt love letter to the place and the people that made it. Meet Roy Cooper, stoic, unassuming “errand runner” for various New York criminals. Roy arrives in Los Angeles to shoot a man named Martin Shine a week after a powerful earthquake has knocked out cell service, buckled the freeway and thrown L.A. into chaos. Roy doesn’t know who Shine is or why he has to die, but he does his job and does it well. Except for one thing: after the hit, Roy can’t find where he parked his car. Wandering the streets of North Hollywood, he stumbles upon a jogger getting mugged and beaten by four young gangbangers. Despite his attempt to simply put his head down and walk away, Roy winds up in the middle of another killing. Things get more complicated when the murdered jogger turns out to be a controversial mayoral candidate. Roy himself is hospitalized twice, in critical condition, and mistaken for a killer when a local resident leaks a video that goes viral. Now meet the rest of the cast of characters, including Kelly Maguire, a disgraced LAPD detective with an anger management problem and strange feelings about L.A.’s newest hero; Science, the teenage gangbanger/shooter, who needs to keep Roy quiet about what he’s seen; Mayor Miguel Santiago, who finds himself facing accusations that he’s just had his opponent whacked; Albert Budin, Roy’s onetime mentor and one of the scariest, creepiest characters in recent crime fiction; and myriad criminals, politicians, and cops who all need Roy to disappear—preferably forever. Finally, meet Scott Frank, who has created not just one of the most entertaining novels of

year but also one of the most surprising. This first novel is and funny as well as moving and textured, nuanced and powerful. Shaker is the debut work of fiction by a major new storyteller. From the author of *A Prayer for Owen Meany* and *The World According to Garp* comes "his most daringly political, sexually transgressive, and moving novel in well over a decade" (*Vanity Fair*). A *New York Times* bestselling novel of desire, secrecy, and sexual identity, *In One Person* is a story of unfulfilled love—tormented, funny, and affecting—and an impassioned embrace of our sexual differences. Billy, the bisexual narrator and main character of *In One Person*, tells the tragicomic story (lasting more than half a century) of his life as a "sexual suspect," a phrase first used by John Irving in 1978 in his landmark novel of "terminal cases," *The World According to Garp*. *In One Person* is a poignant tribute to Billy's friends and lovers—a theatrical cast of characters who defy category and convention. Not least, *In One Person* is an intimate and unforgettable portrait of the solitariness of a bisexual man who is dedicated to making himself "worthwhile."

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER** • "Driving, wild and hilarious" (*The Washington Post*), here is the incredible "memoir" of the legendary actor, gambler, raconteur, and *Saturday Night Live* veteran. When Norm Macdonald, one of the greatest stand-up comics of all time, was approached to write a celebrity memoir, he flatly refused, calling the genre "one step below instruction manuals." Norm then promptly took a two-year hiatus from stand-up comedy to live on a farm in northern Canada. When he emerged he had under his arm a manuscript, a genre-smashing book about comedy, tragedy

love, loss, war, and redemption. When asked if this was the celebrity memoir, Norm replied, "Call it anything you damn like." Return to the golden age of adventure with this gorgeously wrought, action-packed, globetrotting tale that combines the bravura storytelling of Kipling with the irresistible, illustrative style of Hergé's *Adventures of Tintin*. Behind the staid public rooms of an old world gentlemen's club operates a more mysterious organization: The Explorers Guild, a clandestine group of adventurers who bravely journey to places in which light gives way to shadow and reason is usurped by myth. The secrets they seek are hidden in mountain ranges and lost in deserts, buried in the ocean floor and lodged deep under polar ice. The aim of The Explorers Guild: to discover the mysteries that lie beyond the boundaries of the known world. This beautifully produced combination graphic novel and adventure tale, set against the backdrop of World War I, concerns the Guild's quest to find the golden city of Buddha, a myth. The search will take them from the Polar North to the Mongolian deserts, through the underground canals of Asia deep inside the Himalayas, before the fabled city finally divulges its secrets and the globe-spanning journey plays out to its startling conclusion. "With its colorful cast, exotic locales, and intertwined fates, the book slowly addicts. A rousing throwback whose spinning plates never stop, even at the end," (Kirkus Reviews), *The Explorers Guild* is perfect for fans of the adventures of J.J. Abrams and C.S. Lewis. Looks at the life of the popular television and film actor, while focusing on the secret gay life that he led while maintaining a heterosexual public persona in order to protect his career. A heartbreaki



and compelling story of a family's experiences of slavery and the American Civil War. From Sam Tadey, the son of a runaway slave, and his fiercely strong wife Polly, to the father and son who witness unspeakable crimes, this is a story in which courage and hope do battle with almost unendurable suffering; where real lives collide with history. A candid account of a married couple's journey after discovery of the husband's pornography addiction. Filled with empathy, biblical insight, and hope for true healing. Junior Bender, Los Angeles burglar and off-the-books detective to the felonious, is reminded that rock and roll will never die (no matter how fervently he wishes some of it would) when Hollywood's most dangerous geriatric mobster, Irwin Dressler, retains Junior's investigative services to solve a rather unharmonious problem. Four of Dressler's old gangster colleagues have put together a national tour of once-popular rock bands they own a piece of: three nights of concerts by guys (and a few gals) who were big back in the 1960s and 1970s, and who are now hoping for more gasp of glory with this nostalgia exhibition. The Rock Ages tour has proved itself to be anything but a love fest: two of the bandmates have been feuding for forty years, and—perhaps unsurprisingly—drugs and bad behavior have created health, wellness, and legal problems for the musicians and managers. Plus there have been two near-fatal accidents, one that might have been attempted murders. But they're not what Irwin Dressler is concerned about. It's that someone—one of his own colleagues—is using the tour as a front to steal Dressler's money. And that simply cannot be allowed. Now the tour has been pulled into LA, and Junior has one weekend to figure out what

to blame—a weekend that begins with his tires being slashed, threatening notes left on his car, and a theatrical backdrop falling on a drummer during the truly terrible first set of the first concert. To make things worse, Junior is saddled for the weekend with his teenage daughter, Rina, who lately has become much, much too interested in how her father earns his living. Can Junior recover Dressler's money, prevent a murder, talk his daughter out of pursuing a life of crime, and somehow survive all that bad music? Awarded the CWA Diamond Dagger – the highest honor in British crime writing

The third Matthew Shardlake Tudor Mystery by C. J. Sansom, the bestselling author of *Winter in Madrid* and *Dominion*. C. J. Sansom has garnered a wider audience and increased critical praise with each new novel published. His first book in the Matthew Shardlake series, *Dissolution*, was selected by P. D. James in *The Wall Street Journal* as one of her top five all-time favorite books. Now in *Sovereign*, Shardlake faces the most terrifying threat in the age of Tudor England: imprisonment in the Tower of London. Shardlake and his loyal assistant, Jack Barak, find themselves embroiled in royal intrigue when a plot against Henry VIII is uncovered in York and a dangerous conspirator they've been charged with transporting to London is connected to the death of a local glazer. Roddy Murray has something to say. About a life full of mishaps, varied and various. Brushes with death he'd like to recount, truths and untruths he'd like to get off his chest. He's no celebrity, but he has stories to tell. This is a memoir... of sorts. Of primary school corporal punishment, seasickness, sunburn and hungover days on the Isle of Lewis. Of being a Bastard from Hell punk and a

Dreamboy with Peter Capaldi and Craig Ferguson at Glasgow School of Art. Of illegal firearms, vans with vendettas, dodgy boats and a spectacularly good potato peeler. Murray is the embodiment of an essential human survival skill: our ability to laugh in the face of adversity, or even just embarrassment.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER OPRAH'S BOOK CLUB

PICK The unique and deeply moving saga of four generations of African-American women whose journey from slavery to freedom begins on a Creole plantation in Louisiana. Beginning with her great-great-great-great grandmother, a slave owner in a Creole family, Lalita Tademy chronicles four generations of strong, determined black women as they battle injustice to protect their family and forge success on their own terms. They are women whose lives begin in slavery, who weather the Civil War and who grapple with contradictions of emancipation, Jim Crow, and the pre-Civil Rights South. As she peels back layers of racial and cultural attitudes, Tademy paints a remarkable picture of rural Louisiana and the resilient spirit of one unforgettable family. There is Elisabeth, who bears both a proud legacy and the yoke of bondage... her youngest daughter Suzette, who is the first to discover the promise-and heart of freedom... Suzette's strong-willed daughter Philomene, who uses a determination born of tragedy to reunite her family and gain unheard-of economic independence... and Emily, Philomene's spirited daughter, who fights to secure her children's just due and preserve their dignity and future. Meticulously researched and beautifully written, Cane River presents a slice of American history never before seen in so piercing and personal detail. Bawdy, joyous, messy, hysterical

funny, and guaranteed to offend regardless of religion, race, national origin, sexual orientation, or profession. *Between the Bridge and the River* is the debut novel by Craig Ferguson, host of CBS's *The Late Late Show*. Two childhood friends from Scotland and two illegitimate half-brothers from the American South suffer and enjoy all manner of bizarre experiences which, as it turns out, are somehow interconnected and, surprisingly enough, meaningful. An eclectic cast of characters includes Carl Jung, Fatty Arbuckle, Virgil, Marat, Socrates, and Tony Randall. Love, greed, hope, revenge, organized religion, and Hollywood are alternately tickled and throttled. Impossible to summarize and impossible to stop reading, this is a romantic comic odyssey that actually delivers and rewards. Introducing Wyoming's Sheriff Walt Longmire in this riveting novel from the New York Times bestselling author of *Hell Is Empty* and *The Crow Flies*, the first in the Longmire Mystery Series, the basis for *LONGMIRE*, the hit Netflix original drama series. Fans of Ace Atkins, Nevada Barr and Robert B. Parker will love this outstanding first novel, in which New York Times bestselling author Craig Johnson introduces Sheriff Walt Longmire of Wyoming's Absaroka County. Johnson draws on his deep attachment to the American West to produce a literary mystery of stunning authenticity, and full of memorable characters. After twenty-five years as sheriff of Absaroka County, Walt Longmire's hopes of finishing out his tenure in peace are dashed when Cody Pritchard is found dead near the Northern Cheyenne Reservation. Two years earlier, Cody had been one of four high school boys given suspended sentences for raping a local Cheyenne girl. Somebody, it would seem, is

seeking vengeance, and Longmire might be the only thing standing between the three remaining boys and a Sharps .4 rifle. With lifelong friend Henry Standing Bear, Deputy Victor Moretti, and a cast of characters both tragic and humorous enough to fill in the vast emptiness of the high plains, Walt Longmire attempts to see that revenge, a dish best served never served at all. From the #1 New York Times bestselling authors: Racing to uncover the mystery of several severed feet found floating in the Gulf of Mexico, Agent Pendergast is faced with the most inexplicable challenge of his career. A startling crime with dozens of victims. Appearing out of nowhere to horrify the quiet resort town of Sanibel Island, Florida, dozens of identical, ordinary-looking shoes float in on the tide and washed up on the tropical beach—each one with a crudely severed human foot inside. A ghastly enigma with no apparent solution. Called away from vacation elsewhere in the state, Agent Pendergast reluctantly agrees to visit the crime scene—and, despite himself, is quickly drawn in by the incomprehensible puzzle. An early pathology report only adds to the mystery. With an ocean of possibilities confronting the investigation, no one is sure what happened, why, or from where the feet originated. And they desperately need to know: are the victims still alive? A worthy challenge for a brilliant mind. In short order, Pendergast finds himself facing the most complex and inexplicable challenge of his career: a tangled thread of evidence that spans seas and traverses continents connected to one of the most baffling mysteries in modern medical science. Through shocking twists and turns, all trails lead back to a powerful adversary with a sadistic agenda a

who—in a cruel irony—ultimately sees in Pendergast the ideal subject for their malevolent research. Bill Bryson meets Bruce Lee in this raucously funny story of one scrawny American's quest to become a kung fu master at China's legendary Shaolin Temple. Growing up a ninety-pound weakling tormented by bullies in the schoolyards of Kansas, young Matthew Polly dreamed of one day journeying to the Shaolin Temple in China to become the toughest fighter in the world, like Caine in his favorite 1970s TV series, *Kung Fu*. While in college, Matthew decided the time had come to pursue this quixotic dream but it was too late. Much to the dismay of his parents, he dropped out of Princeton to spend two years training with the legendary sect of monks who invented kung fu and Zen Buddhism. Expecting to find an isolated citadel populated by supernatural ascetics that he'd seen in countless badly dubbed chop-socky flicks, Matthew instead discovered a tacky tourist trap run by Communist party hacks. But the dedicated monks still train in the rigorous age-old fighting forms—some even practicing the "iron kung fu" discipline, in which intensive training can make various body parts virtually indestructible (even the crotch). Matthew grew in his knowledge of China and kung fu skill, would come to represent the Temple in challenge matches and international competitions, and ultimately the monks would accept their new American initiate as close to one of their own as any Westerner had ever become. Laced with humor and illuminated by cultural insight, *American Shaolin* is an unforgettable coming-of-age tale of one young man's journey into the ancient art of kung fu—and a funny and poignant portrait of a rapidly changing China. In the early seventies,

some of us were shot like stars from our parents' homes. This was an act of nature, bigger than ourselves. In the austere beauty and natural reality of Hell's Canyon of Eastern Oregon, one hundred miles from pavement, Pam, unable to identify her parent's world and looking for deeper pathways has a chance encounter with returning Vietnam warrior Skip Royce. Skip, looking for a bridge from survival back to connection, introduces Pam to the vanishing culture of the wandering shepherd and together they embark on a four-year sojourn in the wilderness. From the back of a horse, Pam leads her packstring of readers from overlook to water crossing, down trails two thousand years old, and from the vantages she chooses for us, we feel the edges of our own experiences. This is a memoir of falling in love with a place and a man and the price extracted for that love. Written with deep lyricism, *Temper Creek* is a work of haunting beauty, fresh and irreverent and rooted in the grit and pleasure of daily life. This is Pam's story but the courage and truth in the telling is part of our human experience. Seen through a slower more primary mirror, one not so crowded with objectivity, Pam's memoir, is a kind of home-coming, a family reunion for shooting stars. A truly unprecedented literary achievement by author and editor Lawrence Block, a newly-commissioned anthology of seven superbly-crafted stories inspired by the paintings of Edward Hopper, including Jeffery Deaver, Joyce Carol Oates, Stephen King, Lee Child, and Robert Olen Butler, among many others. "Edward Hopper is surely the greatest American narrative painter. His work bears special resonance for writers and readers, and yet his paintings never tell a story so much as

invite viewers to find for themselves the untold stories with  
So says Lawrence Sanders, who has invited seventeen outstanding  
writers to join him in an unprecedented anthology of brand  
stories: *In Sunlight or In Shadow*. The results are remarkable  
and range across all genres, wedding literary excellence to  
storytelling savvy. Contributors include Stephen King, Joyce  
Carol Oates, Robert Olen Butler, Michael Connelly, Megan  
Abbott, Craig Ferguson, Nicholas Christopher, Jill D. Block,  
Joe R. Lansdale, Justin Scott, Kris Nelscott, Warren Moore,  
Jonathan Santlofer, Jeffery Deaver, Lee Child, and Lawrence  
Block himself. Even Gail Levin, Hopper's biographer and  
compiler of his catalogue raisonné, appears with her own  
work of fiction, providing a true account of art theft on a  
scale and told in the voice of the country preacher who  
perpetrated the crime. In a beautifully produced anthology  
befits such a collection of acclaimed authors, each story is  
illustrated with a quality full-color reproduction of the painting  
that inspired it. In *American on Purpose*, Craig Ferguson  
delivers a moving and achingly funny memoir of living the  
American dream as he journeys from the mean streets of  
Glasgow, Scotland, to the comedic promised land of Hollywood.  
Along the way he stumbles through several attempts to make  
mark—as a punk rock musician, a construction worker, a  
bouncer, and, tragically, a modern dancer. To numb the pain of  
failure, Ferguson found comfort in drugs and alcohol,  
addictions that eventually led to an aborted suicide attempt.  
He forgot to do it when someone offered him a glass of sherry.  
His story has a happy ending: success on the hit sitcom *The  
Drew Carey Show*, and later as the host of CBS's *Late Late*



Show. By far Ferguson's greatest triumph was his decision to become a U.S. citizen, a milestone he achieved in early 2000.

American on Purpose, Craig Ferguson talks a red, white, and blue streak about everything our Founding Fathers feared. In his memoir American on Purpose, Craig Ferguson, host of TBS' Late, Late Show, traces his journey from working-class Glasgow to the comedic limelight of Hollywood and American citizenship. Moving and achingly funny, American on Purpose moves from Ferguson's early life as an alcoholic to his stint on The Drew Carey Show to his decision to become a U.S. citizen in its unique and honest look at his version of the American dream. In his first full-length autobiography, comedy legend and national treasure Billy Connolly reveals the truth behind his windswept and interesting life. Born in a tenement flat in Glasgow in 1942, orphaned by the age of 4, and a survivor of appalling abuse at the hands of his own family, Billy's life is a remarkable story of success against all the odds. Billy found escape first as an apprentice welder in the shipyards of the Clyde. Later he became a folk musician - a 'rambling man' - with a genuine talent for playing the banjo. But it was his ability to spin stories, tell jokes and hold an audience in the palm of his hand that truly set him apart. As a young comedian Billy broke all the rules. He was fearless and outspoken - willing to call out hypocrisy wherever he saw it. But his stand-up was full of warmth, humility and silliness too. His startling, hairy 'glam-rock' stage appearance - wearing leotards, scissor suits and banana boots - only added to his appeal. It was an appearance on Michael Parkinson's chat show in 1975 - and one outrageous story in particular - that catapulted Billy from obscurity to fame.

hero to national star. TV shows, documentaries, international fame and award-winning Hollywood movies followed. Billy's pitch-perfect stand-up comedy kept coming too - for over 30 years, in fact - until a double diagnosis of cancer and Parkinson's Disease brought his remarkable live performance to an end. Since then he has continued making TV shows, creating extraordinary drawings... and writing. Windswept and Interesting is Billy's story in his own words. It is joyfully funny, stuffed full of hard-earned wisdom as well as countless digressions on fishing, farting and the joys of dancing naked. It is an unforgettable, life-affirming story of a true comedy legend. 'I didn't know I was Windswept and Interesting until someone told me. It was a friend who was startlingly exotic himself. He just came back from Kashmir and was all billowy shirt and Indian beads. I had long hair and a beard and was swishing around in electric blue flairs. He said: "Look at you - all windswept and interesting!" I just said: "Exactly!" After that I simply had to maintain my reputation...' This eye-opening novel from the New York Times bestselling author of The Orphan Collector delivers "a spot-on portrayal of a dark time in American history" (Historical Novel Society, Editor's Choice). Ellen Marie Wiseman draws readers into the Pennsylvania mining operations of the early 20th century—where children had no choice but to work in deadly conditions . . . or face starvation. As a child, Emma Malloy left isolated Coal River, Pennsylvania, vowing never to return. Now, orphaned and penniless at nineteen, she accepts a train ticket from her aunt and uncle and travels back to the rough-hewn community. Treated like a servant by her relatives, Emma works for free

the company store. There, miners and their impoverished families must pay inflated prices for food, clothing, and tools while those who owe money are turned away to starve. Most heartrending of all are the breaker boys Emma sees around the village—young children who toil all day sorting coal amid treacherous machinery. Their soot-stained faces remind Emma of the little brother she lost long ago, and she begins leaving stolen food on families' doorsteps, and marking the miners' bills as paid. Though Emma's actions draw ire from the mine owner and police captain, they lead to an alliance with a charismatic miner who offers to help her expose the truth. As the lines blur between what is legal and what is just, Emma must risk everything to follow her conscience.

“Wiseman offers heart-breaking and historically accurate depictions of the dangerous mines, the hopeless workers, and their improbable fight for justice.” —Publishers Weekly “[So] good I wish I’d written it. The poetic and bloody ground of west Texas has birth to a powerful new voice in contemporary western crime fiction.”—Craig Johnson, New York Times bestselling author of the Walt Longmire series

In this gritty crime debut set in the stark Texas borderlands, an unearthed skeleton will throw a small town into violent turmoil. Seventeen-year-old Caleb Ross is adrift in the wake of the sudden disappearance of his mother more than a year ago, and is struggling to find his way out of the small Texas border town of Murfee. Chris Cherry is a newly minted sheriff's deputy, a high school football hero who has reluctantly returned to his hometown. When skeletal remains are discovered in the surrounding badlands, the two are inexorably drawn together as their efforts to uncover Murfee

darkest secrets lead them to the same terrifying suspect: the father and Chris's boss, the charismatic and feared Sheriff Stanford "Judge" Ross. Dark, elegiac, and violent, *The Far Empty* is a modern Western, a story of loss and escape set on the sharp edge of the Texas border. Told by a longtime federal agent who knows the region, it's a debut novel you won't soon forget. The third novel starring Montana's fly fisherman-cum-detective Sean Stranahan, for fans of C. J. Box and Craig Johnson *Wolves howl* as a riderless horse returns at sunset to the Culpepper Dude Ranch in the Madison Valley. The missing woman, Nanika Martinelli, is better known as the Fly Fishing Venus, a red-haired river guide who lures clients the way do flies draw trout. As Sheriff Martha Ettinger follows hoof tracks in the snow, she finds one of the men who has fallen under a temptress's spell impaled on the antler tine of a giant bull skull kill that's been claimed by a wolf pack. An accident? If not, the killer human or animal? With painter, fly fisherman, and sometimes private detective Sean Stranahan's help, Ettinger will follow clues that point to an animal rights group called the Clan of the Three-Clawed Wolf and to their svengali master whose eyes blaze with pagan fire. In their most dangerous adventure yet, Stranahan and Ettinger find themselves in the crossfire of wolf lovers, wolf haters, and a sister bent on revenge, and on the trail of an alpha male gone terribly wrong. *Wild Swans* meets *Educated* in this riveting true story spanning four generations 'Revelatory and remarkable' - TRENT DALTON 'Memorable and vivid' - RICHARD GLOVER 'Lands with a thump in your heart' - LISA MILLAR 'Heartbreaking and uplifting' - MEAGHAN WILSON ANASTASIOS 'An

heroic saga' - MIKE MUNRO The dragon circles and swoops a tiger running alone in the night ... Mimi Kwa ignored the letter for days. When she finally opened it, the news was so shocking her hair turned grey. Why would a father sue his daughter? The collision was over the estate of Mimi's beloved Aunt Theresa, but its seed had been sown long ago. In an attempt to understand how it had come to this, Mimi unspools her rich family history in House of Kwa. One of a wealthy merchant's 32 children, Mimi's father, Francis, was just a little boy when the Kwa family became caught up in the brutal and devastating Japanese occupation of Hong Kong during World War II. Years later, he was sent to study in Australia by his independent and successful older sister Theresa. There he met and married Mimi's mother, a nineteen-year-old with an undiagnosed, chronic mental illness. Soon after, 'tiger' Mimi arrived, and her struggle with the past - and the dragon - began ... Riveting, colourful and often darkly humorous, House of Kwa is an epic family drama spanning four generations, and an unforgettable story about how one woman finds the courage to stand up for her freedom and independence, squaring off against the ghosts of the past and finally putting them to rest. Throughout, her inspiration is Francis's late older sister, the free-spirited Aunt Theresa, whose extraordinary life is a beacon of hope in the darkness. PRAISE FOR HOUSE OF KWA 'House of Kwa enchants and enthralls like the best kind of sweeping, dynastic fiction, but it rattles the bones and breaks your heart with the pure facts of Mimi Kwa's extraordinary story. Revelatory and remarkable storytelling.' Trent Dalton 'An astonishing true tale that leaps across centuries and cultures.'

land with a thump in your heart.' Lisa Millar 'A startling tale of the past, its terrible grip on the present, and the battle to free yourself free. Full of scenes that hover between tragedy and farce, House of Kwa is one of the most compelling stories I've read this year. Memorable and vividly told, this is a book for anybody forced to survive their own parents.' Richard Glover 'From the back streets of China to war-torn Hong Kong to suburban Australia, this is an heroic saga that reveals just some of the stories behind the multi-cultural nation we are today.' Mike Munro AO 'This is a charming and compelling story, an insight into a deeply traditional Chinese family in times when China was undergoing internally and externally induced upheaval.' South China Morning Post 'A rich and riveting read which heralds a new chapter in Kwa's life as a writer. The spirited tiger, full of life and driven to achieve, has many stories to tell yet.' The Weekend Australian 'House of Kwa answers the question of how one should write about one's family with generosity and love - to read it is to experience Kwa's won the strength and resilience of her family, as well as the intimacy of her relationships with them. Traversing the boundaries of traditional memoir, House of Kwa is the biography of a family that explores the way our lives are shaped by the past we cannot and cannot remember. Kill Your Darlings 'A rare work of non-fiction which balances page turning prose with lyrical depth. Give yourself and everyone you know a favour and dive in!' Megan Rogers An utterly captivating, gripping and inspirational tale of one woman's triumph over adversity. In this extraordinary multi-generational memoir, Kwa fearlessly grapples with questions of love, loyalty, and the power of the human spirit. Intimate and

revelatory, House of Kwa is the most heart-breaking and uplifting book I have read in years and announces the arrival of an exciting writer. Meaghan Wilson Anastasios 'If you're a fan of the book Educated by Tara Westover, as I am, and most readers I know are, then you have to read this.' Joan McKee Joan's Picks, Whitcoulls 'Mimi's narrative about their family life is heart-breaking, hilarious, and often unbelievable.' Mag talk FM 'An exotic journey that takes readers through the contributions Chinese immigrants have made to multicultural Australia.' ABC Nightlife 'Kwa is an engaging storyteller.' Asian Review of Books 'Extraordinary - I couldn't put it down. Wonderfully written, this intriguing family story reads like a page-turning novel. The journey of the Kwa dynasty and its legacy is told in such rich, colourful detail, you feel like you're there. I loved it. Sue Smethurst 'I laughed, I grieved, I was intrigued. It took enormous strength to write this story of trauma, abuse, mental health, dislocation, racism and reinvention. Above all it is a story of love and kindness. It will resonate with so many people.' Kirsty Manning John Darnielle describes Master of Reality in the voice of a fifteen-year-old being held in an adolescent psychiatric center in southern California in 1985. The narrator explains Black Sabbath like an emissary from an alien race describing his culture to his captors: passionately, patiently, and lovingly. Whether he's sprinting across Wrigley Field mid-game as a college student with cops in pursuit, chasing down Hank Aaron on the field in an interview after Aaron broke Babe Ruth's home run record, running with the bulls in Pamplona, or hunkering down to face the daunting physical challenges of fighting leukemia, Sager

always ready to defy expectations, embrace life, and live it fullest. Here he shares incredible stories from his remarkable career-- and chronicles his heroic battle with acute myeloid leukemia (AML). "Christopher Moore is a very sick man, in the very best sense of that word." —Carl Hiassen

A magnificent "Comedy d'Art" from the author of *Lamb*, *Fool*, and *Bite Me*, Moore's *Sacré Bleu* is part mystery, part history (sort of), part love story, and wholly hilarious as it follows a young baker-painter as he joins the dapper Henri Toulouse-Lautrec on a quest to unravel the mystery behind the supposed "suicide" of Vincent van Gogh. It is the color of the Virgin Mary's cloak, a dazzling pigment desired by artists, an exquisite hue infused with danger, adventure, and perhaps even the supernatural.

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