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By Dan Kraus

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By Eugenia Williamson

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Philosophy & Psychology

Exponential Living: Stop Spending 100% of Your Time on 10% of Who You Are, by Sheri Riley

The New Old Me: My Late-Life Reinvention, by Meredith Maran


"Drawing on both written archives and interviews with more than 50 ex-government scientists and psychics, Jacobsen offers a smorgasbord of captivating and often-surprising facts unearthed from more than four decades of secret investigations."

Sensemaking: The Power of the Humanities in the Age of the Algorithm, by Christian Madsbjerg

Social Sciences

Beauty and the Beast: Classic Tales about Animal Brides and Grooms from around the World, edited by Maria Tatar

How May I Help You? An Immigrant’s Journey from MBA to Minimum Wage, by Deepak Singh

"In this earnest memoir, Singh struggles with the double culture shock of moving to a new country and working a new type of job."

It Takes a School: The Extraordinary Story of an American School in the World’s #1 Failed State, by Jonathan Starr

Letter to a Young Farmer: How to Live Richly without Wealth on the New Garden Farm, by Gene Logsdon

The Optimistic Leftist: Why the 21st Century Will Be Better Than You Think, by Ruy Teixeira

The Perils of "Privilege": Why Injustice Can’t Be Solved by Accusing Others of Advantage, by Phoebe Maltz Bovy

Troublemakers: Lessons in Freedom from Young Children at School, by Carla Shalaby

Why I Am Not a Feminist: A Feminist Manifesto, by Jessa Crispin

Business

Fearless and Free: How Smart Women Pivot—and Relaunch Their Careers, by Wendy Sachs


Jobs to Be Done: A Roadmap for Customer-Centered Innovation, by Stephen Wunker and others

Science

Convergence: The Idea at the Heart of Science, by Peter Watson

Gizelle's Bucket List: My Life with a Very Large Dog, by Lauren Fern Watt

Never Out of Season: How Having the Food We Want When We Want It Threatens Our Food Supply and Our Future, by Rob Dunn


"Whether on a quick suborbital jaunt or a long-term expedition to an asteroid or Mars, dealing with the physical and psychological effects of gravity, group dynamics, cosmic radiation, teeth vibration, blood flow, and other unexpected elements is key to surviving the harsh and unforgiving conditions of spaceflight."

Technology
Explore/Create: My Life in Pursuit of New Frontiers, Hidden Worlds, and the Creative Spark, by Richard Garriott and David Fisher

Thinking Machines: The Quest for Artificial Intelligence and Where It's Taking Us Next, by Luke Dormehl

Health & Medicine

The Body Builders: Inside the Science of the Engineered Human, by Adam Piore

The Gene Machine: How Gene Technologies Are Changing the Way We Have Kids—and the Kids We Have, by Bonnie Rochman

"The science itself and the possibilities for 'knowing' the future health of one's fetus are remarkable. However, it's that 'knowing' thing that's the stickler, she explains."


The Naturalista: Nourishing Recipes to Live Well, by Xochi Balfour

Playing the Ponies and Other Medical Mysteries Solved, by Stuart B. Mushlin

Systematic: How Systems Biology Is Transforming Modern Medicine, by James R. Valcourt

Gardening

Garden Flora: The Natural and Cultural History of the Plants in Your Garden, by Noel Kingsbury


Cookery

Buxton Hall Barbecue's Book of Smoke: Wood-Smoked Meat, Sides, and More, by Elliott Moss

⭐ The Chile Pepper Bible; From Sweet to Fiery & Everything in Between, by Judith Finlayson

"Finlayson offers a most comprehensive culinary guide to the world of the chile pepper, whose voyage from American origins to Europe and Asia overran borders more unstoppably than Europeans' imperial ambitions."

Dinner Déjà Vu: Southern Tonight, French Tomorrow, by Jennifer Hill Booker

⭐ The Indian Cooking Course: Techniques, Masterclasses, Ingredients, and Traditional Recipes, by Monisha Bharadwaj

"Developed by well-known chef and author Bharadwaj, this collection truly acts as a how-to for understanding and preparing foodstuffs that might appear on an Indian menu, from basics like rice and flours to proteins, vegetables, street foods, and desserts."
"Undemanding dishes calling for braising of both meats and vegetables lie at the heart of this humble yet thoughtful cuisine."

The Arts

Bad Singer: The Surprising Science of Tone Deafness and How We Hear Music, by Tim Falconer

Earl Scruggs: Banjo Icon, by Gordon Castelnero and David L. Russell

Marilyn in Manhattan: Her Year of Joy, by Elizabeth Winder

Mustache Shenanigans: Making Super Troopers and Other Adventures in Comedy, by Jay Chandrasekhar

Super Freak: The Life of Rick James, by Peter Benjaminson

Crafts & Hobbies

100 Little Christmas Gifts to Make, by Search Press Designers

Sports & Recreation

The Champion Mindset: An Athlete's Guide to Mental Toughness, by Joanna Zeiger


"As much a look back at Robinson's skill on the field, this also focuses on his life off the field, long after his career in baseball was finished."

Literature

Hazard: A Sister's Flight from Family and a Broken Boy, by Margaret Combs

The Invention of Angela Carter, by Edmund Gordon

Manderley Forever: A Biography of Daphne du Maurier, by Tatiana De Rosnay

Writing Hard Stories: Celebrated Memoirists Who Shaped Art from Trauma, by Melanie Brooks

Poetry

Coming in to Land: Selected Poems 1975-2015, by Andrew Motion

"Though Motion uses direct language which embodies his signature clear-water aesthetic, readers can see the murkier depths of the poems, that rich themes fester and bloom."
Geography & Travel

**At Home in the World: Reflections on Belonging while Wandering the Globe**, by Tsh Oxenreider

**Mountain Lines: A Journey through the French Alps**, by Jonathan Arlan

History


**The Lost Eleven: The Forgotten Story of Black American Soldiers Brutally Massacred in World War II**, by Denise George and Robert Child

**The Original Black Elite: Daniel Murray and the Story of a Forgotten Era**, by Elizabeth Dowling Taylor

"Historian Taylor details the lives of Murray and other black elites who sustained themselves through government appointments, private investments, and professions as doctors, lawyers, and barbers even as they struggled with intraracial tensions."


**Yitzhak Rabin: Soldier, Leader, Statesman**, by Itamar Rabinovich

Adult - Fiction

General Fiction

**All Back Full**, by Robert Lopez

**Best Worst American**, by Juan Martinez

"Martinez parleys this odd sense of estrangement and tension into subtle, absurd humor."

**Big Lonesome**, by Joseph Scapellato

**Camanchaca**, by Diego Zuniga

**Eveningland**, by Michael Knight

**Ghachar Ghochar**, by Vivek Shanbhag

**God Bless Cambodia**, by Randy Ross

**Lucky You**, by Erika Carter
Missing People, by Brandon S. Graham

On Second Thought, by Kristan Higgins

Our Marriage Counselor, by Carl Tiktin

"The novel is simultaneously serious and funny, gentle and raw, subtle and over the top. A satisfying take on modern relationships and, overall, quite a lot of fun."

Rabbit Cake, by Annie Hartnett

Swimmer among the Stars, by Kanishk Tharoor

Ties, by Domenico Starnone

What to Do about the Solomons, by Bethany Ball

Wives, Fiancées, and Side-Chicks of Hotlanta, by Shereé Whitfield

Crime Fiction

Bone Box, by Faye Kellerman

Cut to the Bone, by Alex Caan

A Darkness Absolute, by Kelley Armstrong

The Darkness of Evil, by Alan Jacobson

Death and the Naked Lady/The Lady and the Cheetah, by John Flagg

Duplicity, by Jane Haseldine

Follow Me into the Dark, by Felicia C. Sullivan

The Gates of Evangeline, by Hester Young

Gumshoe for Two, by Rob Leininger

Heartbreak Hotel, by Jonathan Kellerman

The Hell of It All, by Bob Kroll

The House of Fame, by Oliver Harris

Last Rites, by John Humphries

"This is a story that could have failed at any number of points, starting with the mysteriously ringing phone, but Humphries makes it work, believably and dramatically. An unusual and engaging thriller."

The Painted Gun, by Bradley Spinelli

Pendulum, by Adam Hamdy

Purgatory Road, by Samuel Parker

The Road to Ithaca, by Ben Pastor

Unreliable, by Lee Irby
Without Mercy, by David Hunt and R. J. Pineiro

An Almond for a Parrot, by Wray Delaney

A Bridge across the Ocean, by Susan Meissner

Bright Air Black, by David Vann

Their Finest, by Lissa Evans

Windy City Blues, by Renee Rosen

Historical Fiction

Westerns

The Rusted Sun, by Michael Zimmer

Romance

The English Duke, by Karen Ranney

Havoc, by Jamie Shaw

One More Kiss, by Samantha Chase

★ The Perils of Paulie, by Katie MacAlister

"After all, what's not to love about a madcap romp across the globe that turns out to be a race for love?"

Rescue Me, by Susan May Warren

★ Starting Over on Blackberry Lane, by Sheila Roberts

"All three friends hope Grant will be the solution to their home-repair problems, never realizing that one of them might turn out to be the solution to Grant’s problem of whom he can come home to at the end of a long working day."

SF/Fantasy

Binti Home, by Nnedi Okorafor

A Conversation in Blood, by Paul S. Kemp

Dusk or Dark or Dawn or Day, by Seanan McGuire

The Immortal Throne, by Stella Gemmell

★ Magic for Unlucky Girls, by A. A. Balaskovits

"Some of the stories will sound familiar to most, borrowing and twisting the tragic fables we already know so well, but many turn the Brothers Grimm formula on its head by conceiving of a fantasy world where women and girls fill the key roles."
The Mountains of Parnassus, by Czeslaw Milosz

Star's End, by Cassandra Rose Clarke

The Turn, by Kim Harrison

The Weight of the World, by Tom Toner

Wraath, by John Gwynne

The Wrong Dead Guy, by Richard Kadrey

Horror

Black Feathers: Dark Avian Tales, by Ellen Datlow

The Lovecraft Squad, by John Llewellyn Probert and Stephen Jones

Graphic Novels

Young Adult

A Perfect View, written and illustrated by Cori Doerrfeld

Youth - Nonfiction

Social Science

Stay Silent: A Refugee's Escape from Colombia, by Natalie Hyde

"Left with no choice but to leave Colombia, she fled to New York City and learned about refugee rights in Canada, where she was eventually granted entrance."

Science

Fun Science: A Guide to Life, the Universe and Why Science Is So Awesome, by Charlie McDonnell and illustrated by Fran Meneses

Technology

Engineering: The Riveting World of Buildings and Machines, by Simon Basher and Tom Jackson and illustrated by Simon Basher

Arts

Modern Art Mayhem: Create Your Own Adventure and Save the Gallery from Disaster!, by Susie Hodge and illustrated by Zoe Persico

Sports & Recreation

Alexandra the Great: The Story of the Record-Breaking Filly Who Ruled the Racetrack, by Deb Aronson

Courage to Soar: A Body in Motion, a Life in Balance, by Simone Biles and Michelle Burford

"This inspiring and humorous memoir details how Simone, with the help and support of her family, coaches, faith, and friends, succeeded in winning five Olympic medals in 2016, four gold and a bronze."
The Golden Girls of Rio, written and illustrated by Nikkolas Smith

Hidden Figures, by Margot Lee Shetterly

People That Changed the Course of History: The Story of John Quincy Adams 250 Years after His Birth, by Edward Cody Huddleston

A Soldier’s Sketchbook: The Illustrated First World War Diary of R. H. Rabjohn, by John Wilson and illustrated by R. H. Rabjohn

History

Youth - Fiction

Are You Seeing Me?, by Darren Groth

Blood Family, by Anne Fine

Bloom, by Deborah Diesen and illustrated by Mary Lundquist

Bob, Not Bob!, by Liz Garton Scanlon and Audrey Vernick and illustrated by Matthew Cordell

Capricious, by Gabrielle Prendergast

The Cat Book, written and illustrated by Silvia Borando

Chester and Gus, by Cammie McGovern

Color Blind, by Sheila Sobel

"Sobel combines voodoo and New Orleans' history and culture into a mysterious and colorful story of trying to find one's footing when everything seems insurmountable."

Effie Starr Zook Has One More Question, by Martha Freeman

The Further Adventures of the Owl and the Pussy-Cat, by Julia Donaldson and illustrated by Charlotte Voake

Good Morning, Superman, by Michael Dahl and illustrated by Omar Lozano

The Guy, the Girl, the Artist and His Ex, by Gabrielle Williams

Hello, Mr. Dodol, by Nicholas John Frith

The Hole Story, by Paul Bright and illustrated by Bruce Ingman

Home and Dry, written and illustrated by Sarah L. Smith

I Just Want to Say Good Night, written and illustrated by Rachel Isadora

"The African setting is harmoniously rendered in oils and ink, and, as night falls, the scenes become even richer."

If Your Monster Won’t Go to Bed, by Denise Vega and illustrated by Zachariah OHora
I'm Big Now!, by Anthea Simmons and Georgie Birkett

In Plain Sight, by Laura Langston

Kamik Joins the Pack, by Darryl Baker and illustrated by Qin Leng

A Letter to My Teacher, by Deborah Hopkinson and illustrated by Nancy Carpenter

Meg & Linus, by Hanna Nowinski

Mighty Truck: Muddymanial, by Chris Barton and illustrated by Troy Cummings

Pig and Goose and the First Day of Spring, written and illustrated by Rebecca Bond

Plant the Tiny Seed, written and illustrated by Christie Matheson

Sad Perfect, by Stephanie Elliot

Saying Good-bye to London, by Julie Burtonshaw

Spring for Sophie, by Yael Werber and Jen Hill

Stanley's Store, by William Bee

Vigilante, by Kady Cross

Action/Adventure

Enemy Exposure, by Meghan Rogers

Seven Stitches, by Ruth Tenzer Feldman

Mystery

Curiosity House: The Fearsome Firebird, by Lauren Oliver and H. C. Chester and illustrated by Benjamin Lacombe

Detective Gordon: A Case in Any Case, by Ulf Nilsson and illustrated by Gitte Spee

Double Trouble in Bugland, by William Kotzwinkle and illustrated by Joe Servello

First Class Murder, by Robin Stevens

"Once again Stevens does a superb job twisting her mysteries, and offers a more than credible take on the Agatha Christie original (a book Daisy happens to be reading)."

It's a Mystery, Pig Face!, by Wendy McLeod MacKnight

Overturned, by Lamar Giles

Ruby Redfort: Pick Your Poison, by Lauren Child

The X-Files Origins: Devil's Advocate, by Jonathan Mayberry

Historical Fiction

Ming's Adventure in the Mogao Caves, written and illustrated by Li Jian

Patrick and the President, by Ryan Tubridy and illustrated by P. J. Lynch

SF/Fantasy

Black Moon, by Romina Russell
Cavern of Secrets, by Linda Sue Park and illustrated by Jim Madsen

Disruptor, by Arwen Elys Dayton

Dragon Captives, by Lisa McMann

Dreamweaver, by C. S. Friedman

Empress of a Thousand Skies, by Rhoda Belleza

Legendtopia: The Battle for Urth, by Lee Bacon

Pip Bartlett’s Guide to Unicorn Training, by Jackson Pearce and illustrated by Maggie Stiefvater

Pyromantic, by Lish McBride

"Readers will especially appreciate McBride's dark wit and the veritable zoo of mythological creatures, such as perytons, kelpies, and afancs."

Shadowcaster, by Cinda Williams Chima

The Storm Dragon, by Paula Harrison and illustrated by Sophy Williams

The Tundra Trials, by Monica Tesler

The Width of the World, by David Baldacci

Witch Switch, by Sibéal Pounder and illustrated by Laura Ellen Anderson

You Don't Want a Unicorn!, by Ame Dyckman and illustrated by Liz Climo

Audio

Adult

★ Another Brooklyn, by Jacqueline Woodson and read by Robin Miles

"Miles inhabits the complex, introspective, and vividly described August in this first-person narrative and makes listeners privy to her memories, good and bad, of friends, of growing up without her mother, and of coming-of-age in this distinct neighborhood."

The Assistants, by Camille Perri and read by Jorjeana Marie

Dancing with the Tiger, by Lili Wright and read by Tim Andres Pabon

Fellside, by M. R. Carey and read by Finty Williams

Jerusalem, by Alan Moore and read by Simon Vance

A Most Novel Revenge, by Ashley Weaver and read by Alison Larkin

Order to Kill, by Vince Flynn and read by George Guidall

★ The Secrets of Wishtide, by Kate Saunders and read by Anna Bentinck

"Bentinck's assured pacing and inflection animate the characters, enlivening Letty's calm and caring demeanor; her aging landlady's no-nonsense attitude; and her brother's enthusiasm, humor, and flares of anger."
Seduced, by Randy Wayne White and read by Renée Raudman

★★ Small Great Things, by Jodi Picoult and read by Ari Fliakos

"The real bonus here is that each actor is able to voice the other characters just as distinctly when needed, so that the drama continues to build no matter who is at the mike."

This Is Not My Beautiful Life, by Victoria Fedden and read by Jorjeana Marie

★★ Today Will Be Different, by Maria Semple and read by Kathleen Wilhoite

"Wilhoite skillfully delineates Eleanor's first-person narration from third-person flashbacks that uncover family secrets and draws the listener into an existential crisis that evokes both out-loud laughter and heartfelt compassion."

Youth

Every Hidden Thing, by Kenneth Oppel and read by Whitney Dykhouse

A Torch against the Night, by Sabaa Tahir and read by Fiona Hardingham

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