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Reading is an essential life skill and for a child to learn that early in life, he/she is assured a bright future. This book is an amazingly effective introduction to reading words and understanding them too. Composed of visuals to help children learn through association, this is the book you definitely would want your first grader to have. Buy a copy today!

Great Summer Activity Books 'Summer Reading Journal' This journal includes a variety of fun page layouts and summer journal for kids with prompts for writing, summer beach notebook 2021, scrapbooking, drawing and more! It will keep kids engaged throughout the summer, foster their creativity and help them create a lasting keepsake. ss This summer drawing book details ***** 121 Pages Interior: High Quality White Interior Stock Cover: SOFT, Matte Product Dimension: 6 x 9 inches ***** This Summer journal is perfect for school, home, journals for kids draw and write and much more. * Kids Summer Activity * summer reading journal for kids * summer reading journal for Adults * Home School * Birthday Gifts * Summer journal stickers * summer journaling stickers * kids summer journal * hot girl summer journal * Children Party Favors & Gifts * Stocking Stuffers & Gift Baskets * summer palm tree notebook * my reading journal * summer activity center baby * draw and write books for kids * my summer journal * draw and write for kids * paper for kids to draw and write on * summer writing journals for kids * Best Friend Gifts * reading journals for book tracking * Summer Diary * reading journal for book lovers * A fun kid drawing stylized cover * primary journal draw and write * Primary pages for practicing penmanship and writing over the summer And much more Wishing YOU Joy, Laughter & Love! Hope you'll be happy by cart this journal notebook

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While older sister Alex is trying to orchestrate a perfect first kiss with her heartthrob and younger sister Joey prefers frogs to boys, Stevie Reel wonders if she is ready for a boyfriend while being pursued by a new boy in her class.

HISTORY HAS ITS SECRETS, AND SOMEONE WANTS THEM ALL. Behind six feet of steel, buried under the streets of Manhattan, lies the Black Chamber—a room that once housed a team of codebreakers who would one day help to found the NSA. "Imagine a writer that combines the best aspects of Cussler, Rollins, Berry, and Brown all into one. That's Kevin Tumlinson."—Ernest Dempsey, Author of *The Forbidden Temple* Abducted by a brutish professional killer, two physics professors are left with little food and limited air. Time is running out. Agent Roland Denzel and Dr. Liz Ludlum are led to a government-sealed room by an unseen figure, where they find a century-old manuscript filled with riddles. Is it the key to opening the Black Chamber? What other secrets does it hold? Dan Kotler returns in this codebreaking thriller, filled with enigmas, mysteries, and danger at every turn. Kotler must solve the Stepping Maze before time runs out ... for everyone. *The Stepping Maze* is the sixth full-length novel in the Dan Kotler Archaeological thrillers.

With half a million copies in print, *How to Read a Book* is the best and most successful guide to reading comprehension for the general reader, completely rewritten and updated with new material. A CNN Book of the Week: "Explains not just why we should read books, but how we should read them. It's masterfully done." —Farheed Zakaria Originally published in 1940, this book is a rare phenomenon, a living classic that introduces and elucidates the various levels of reading and how to achieve them—from elementary reading, through systematic skimming and inspectional reading, to speed reading. Readers will learn when and how to "judge a book by

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its cover,” and also how to X-ray it, read critically, and extract the author’s message from the text. Also included is instruction in the different techniques that work best for reading particular genres, such as practical books, imaginative literature, plays, poetry, history, science and mathematics, philosophy and social science works. Finally, the authors offer a recommended reading list and supply reading tests you can use measure your own progress in reading skills, comprehension, and speed.

A developmental psychologist argues that children who are freed to follow their own interests through self-directed play will become better learners and achievers than the way they learn in modern school, which he says shows them that learning is work and not fun. 15,000 first printing.

Are you TIRED of the RAT RACE? Do you wish you had MORE TIME and MORE MONEY? Would you like to NEVER WORK AGAIN? If you answered “YES!”, then you need to look no further than Dan “The Man” Lok(tm)s new book - F.U. MONEY.If you have ever thought to yourself: How come I have to keep back to this DEAD-END JOB? How can I make enough money to afford to STOP WORKING and START HAVING FUN?? When will it be MY TURN to live the GOOD LIFE???Imagine how your life would become if you knew what it really takes to make more money that you have ever dreamed possible.For instance, can you imagine that... All the money stress in your life suddenly vanishes? You get to fire your boss and tell him where to shove it? Take holidays whenever you want and for as long as you want? You are living in the house of your dreams, driving the car of your dreams and also have a boat and a cabin and even a plane if you want? You can afford to give your children the perfect, healthy, fun and fulfilling childhood that you always wanted to give them?In this no-

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nonsense, no-holds-barred guide, international entrepreneur, best-selling author, and self-made multi-millionaire Dan Lok shows you how to live the lifestyle you really want without having to work or rely on anyone else for money.

Instant #1 New York Times Bestseller A People Book of the Week, Book of the Month Club selection, and Best of Fall in Good Housekeeping, PopSugar, The Washington Post, New York Post, Shondaland, CNN, and more! “[A] quirky, big-hearted novel... Wry, wise, and often laugh-out-loud funny, it’s a wholly original story that delivers pure pleasure.” —People From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of A Man Called Ove comes a charming, poignant novel about a crime that never took place, a would-be bank robber who disappears into thin air, and eight extremely anxious strangers who find they have more in common than they ever imagined. Looking at real estate isn’t usually a life-or-death situation, but an apartment open house becomes just that when a failed bank robber bursts in and takes a group of strangers hostage. The captives include a recently retired couple who relentlessly hunt down fixer-uppers to avoid the painful truth that they can’t fix their own marriage. There’s a wealthy bank director who has been too busy to care about anyone else and a young couple who are about to have their first child but can’t seem to agree on anything, from where they want to live to how they met in the first place. Add to the mix an eighty-seven-year-old woman who has lived long enough not to be afraid of someone waving a gun in her face, a flustered but still-ready-to-make-a-deal real estate agent, and a mystery man who has locked himself in the apartment’s only bathroom, and you’ve got the worst group of hostages in the world. Each of them carries a lifetime of grievances, hurts, secrets, and passions that are ready to boil over. None of them is entirely who they appear to be. And all of them—the bank robber included—desperately crave

some sort of rescue. As the authorities and the media surround the premises these reluctant allies will reveal surprising truths about themselves and set in motion a chain of events so unexpected that even they can hardly explain what happens next. Rich with Fredrik Backman's "pitch-perfect dialogue and an unparalleled understanding of human nature" (Shelf Awareness), *Anxious People* is an ingeniously constructed story about the enduring power of friendship, forgiveness, and hope—the things that save us, even in the most anxious times.

I want my kids to be kind and serve others throughout the year, not just when a holiday season approaches. To be more intentional about exploring these character traits, I decided that we would do monthly service projects as a family. *Read, Create & Share: A Year of Growing with Young Children* is a step by step guide how we spent a year reading, creating and sharing with others. The second edition of this best-selling Python book (over 500,000 copies sold!) uses Python 3 to teach even the technically uninclined how to write programs that do in minutes what would take hours to do by hand. There is no prior programming experience required and the book is loved by liberal arts majors and geeks alike. If you've ever spent hours renaming files or updating hundreds of spreadsheet cells, you know how tedious tasks like these can be. But what if you could have your computer do them for you? In this fully revised second edition of the best-selling classic *Automate the Boring Stuff with Python*, you'll

learn how to use Python to write programs that do in minutes what would take you hours to do by hand--no prior programming experience required. You'll learn the basics of Python and explore Python's rich library of modules for performing specific tasks, like scraping data off websites, reading PDF and Word documents, and automating clicking and typing tasks. The second edition of this international fan favorite includes a brand-new chapter on input validation, as well as tutorials on automating Gmail and Google Sheets, plus tips on automatically updating CSV files. You'll learn how to create programs that effortlessly perform useful feats of automation to:

- Search for text in a file or across multiple files
- Create, update, move, and rename files and folders
- Search the Web and download online content
- Update and format data in Excel spreadsheets of any size
- Split, merge, watermark, and encrypt PDFs
- Send email responses and text notifications
- Fill out online forms

Step-by-step instructions walk you through each program, and updated practice projects at the end of each chapter challenge you to improve those programs and use your newfound skills to automate similar tasks. Don't spend your time doing work a well-trained monkey could do. Even if you've never written a line of code, you can make your computer do the grunt work. Learn how in *Automate the Boring Stuff with Python, 2nd Edition*.

Resigned to living a sexless, loveless life, Doctor Nathan Tierney knows something is missing. In a rash decision, he leaves his life-consuming job at Mass General Hospital, Boston, to be the small-town doctor in Belfast, Maine. With the job comes a house, and with the house comes a handyman-painter. Trent Jamieson, a nomadic artist, and his dog Bentley, are offered free accommodation for the few weeks he fixes up the hospital-owned house. Nathan is transfixed by this free-spirited, undeniably gorgeous man. Confused but amazed to feel any kind of attraction - much less to a man - Nathan convinces himself to put aside any preconceived ideas, and allows himself to just feel. As their attraction for each other grows, one man learns to live, the other learns to love. But just who is teaching who? ** Second Edition. First Edition released in 2012. No additional content has been added. This book has not been professionally edited**

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This is a story about a little boy who loves to read stories. He loves it so much that he wants to share a story with his family.

Uh oh! Siona's family needs her help! Siona is worried about her mum going back to work at her hair salon while a dangerous virus is on the loose, making so many people sick! Siona decides to do something to help her mum cut hair and stay safe at the same time. She comes up with some creative and ingenious solutions, but will they work? This fully-illustrated children's book serves as a humorous and sensitive way to introduce children to a public health crisis, lockdowns and the pandemic's effects on working families. Siona comes up with clever, compassionate ways to keep her mum safe, all while learning to turn fear and anxiety into positive, constructive action. A perfect book for any family to inspire a conversation about "the new normal" during the pandemic.

An eye-opening look at the latest research findings about the success of free voluntary reading in developing high levels of literacy. * Presents and organizes information in reprints of articles written by Stephen Krashen and published in journals worldwide * Addresses 83 generalizations about research that point to

the success of FVR in developing literacy

An introduction to a broad range of topics in deep learning, covering mathematical and conceptual background, deep learning techniques used in industry, and research perspectives. “Written by three experts in the field, Deep Learning is the only comprehensive book on the subject.” —Elon Musk, cochair of OpenAI; cofounder and CEO of Tesla and SpaceX Deep learning is a form of machine learning that enables computers to learn from experience and understand the world in terms of a hierarchy of concepts. Because the computer gathers knowledge from experience, there is no need for a human computer operator to formally specify all the knowledge that the computer needs. The hierarchy of concepts allows the computer to learn complicated concepts by building them out of simpler ones; a graph of these hierarchies would be many layers deep. This book introduces a broad range of topics in deep learning. The text offers mathematical and conceptual background, covering relevant concepts in linear algebra, probability theory and information theory, numerical computation, and machine learning. It describes deep learning techniques used by practitioners in industry, including deep feedforward networks, regularization, optimization algorithms, convolutional networks, sequence modeling, and practical methodology; and it surveys such applications as natural language

processing, speech recognition, computer vision, online recommendation systems, bioinformatics, and videogames. Finally, the book offers research perspectives, covering such theoretical topics as linear factor models, autoencoders, representation learning, structured probabilistic models, Monte Carlo methods, the partition function, approximate inference, and deep generative models. Deep Learning can be used by undergraduate or graduate students planning careers in either industry or research, and by software engineers who want to begin using deep learning in their products or platforms. A website offers supplementary material for both readers and instructors.

The best-selling bible of the movement to defund the police in an updated edition The massive uprising that followed the police killing of George Floyd in the summer of 2020— by some estimates the largest protests in US history—thrust the argument to defund the police to the forefront of international politics. That case had been put persuasively a few years earlier in *The End of Policing* by Alex Vitale, now a leading figure in the urgent public discussion over policing and racial justice. The central problem, Vitale demonstrates, is the dramatic expansion of the police role over the last forty years. Drawing on firsthand research from across the globe, he shows how the implementation of alternatives to policing—such as drug legalization, regulation, and harm reduction instead of

the policing of drugs—has led to reductions in crime, spending, and injustice. This updated edition includes a new introduction that takes stock of the renewed movement to challenge police impunity and shows how we move forward, evaluating protest, policy, and the political situation.

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Everyone gets 168 hours a week, but it never feels like enough, does it? Work gobbles up the lion's share--many professionals are working as much as 70 hours a week--leaving less and less for rest, exercise, family, and friends. You know, all those things that make life great. Most people think productivity is about finding or saving time. But it's not. It's about making our time work for us. Just imagine having free time again. It's not a pipe dream. In *Free to Focus*, New York Times bestselling author Michael Hyatt reveals to readers nine proven ways to win at work so they are finally free to succeed at the rest of life--their health, relationships, hobbies, and more. He helps readers redefine their goals, evaluate

what's working, cut out the nonessentials, focus on the most important tasks, manage their time and energy, and build momentum for a lifetime of success. Three owl babies whose mother has gone out in the night try to stay calm while she is gone.

A standalone illustrated novella to the #1 New York Times bestselling Witchlands series by Susan Dennard. Secrets long-buried. Dark magic waking. And one young acolyte with the fate of the Witchlands in her hands... Sisters with the gift of Sight—Sightwitches, who can see into the future—are of a rare and ancient order. Raised in a secluded convent, they await the invitation of their goddess to enter the depths of the mountain and receive the sacred gift of foretelling. But for young Ryber Fortiza, that call never comes. As the only sister without Sight, Ryber has devoted herself to the goddess. Surely, if she just works hard enough, she will finally be gifted like everyone else. Until one day, all Sisters who possess the Sight are summoned into the mountain—and never return. Now Ryber, still Sight-less, is the only one left. Can she, who has spent her life feeling like the weakest, be the one to save her Sisters and the ancient power they protect? On her journey underground, she encounters a young captain named Kullen Ikray, who has no memory of who he is or how he got there. Together they trek ever deeper, the mountain tunnels filled with mysteries and horrors. And what they

find at the end will alter the fate of the Witchlands forever. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

This is a book of reflections by A.A. members for A.A. members. It was first published in 1990 to fulfill a long-felt need within the Fellowship for a collection of reflections that moves through the calendar year--one day at a time. Each page contains a reflection on a quotation from A.A. Conference-approved literature, such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, As Bill Sees It and other books. These reflections were submitted by members of the A.A. Fellowship who were not professional writers, nor did they speak for A.A. but only for themselves, from their own experiences in sobriety. Thus the book offers sharing, day by day, from a broad cross section of members, which focuses on the Three Legacies of Alcoholics Anonymous: Recovery, Unity and Service. Daily Reflections has proved to be a popular book that aids individuals in their practice of daily meditation and provides inspiration to group discussions even as it presents an introduction for some to A.A. literature as a whole.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • One million copies sold! Inspired by the life of a real World War II heroine, this remarkable debut novel reveals the power of unsung women to change history in their quest for love, freedom, and second

chances. “Extremely moving and memorable . . . This impressive debut should appeal strongly to historical fiction readers and to book clubs that adored Kristin Hannah’s *The Nightingale* and Anthony Doerr’s *All the Light We Cannot See*.”—Library Journal (starred review) New York socialite Caroline Ferriday has her hands full with her post at the French consulate and a new love on the horizon. But Caroline’s world is forever changed when Hitler’s army invades Poland in September 1939—and then sets its sights on France. An ocean away from Caroline, Kasia Kuzmerick, a Polish teenager, senses her carefree youth disappearing as she is drawn deeper into her role as courier for the underground resistance movement. In a tense atmosphere of watchful eyes and suspecting neighbors, one false move can have dire consequences. For the ambitious young German doctor, Herta Oberheuser, an ad for a government medical position seems her ticket out of a desolate life. Once hired, though, she finds herself trapped in a male-dominated realm of Nazi secrets and power. The lives of these three women are set on a collision course when the unthinkable happens and Kasia is sent to Ravensbrück, the notorious Nazi concentration camp for women. Their stories cross continents—from New York to Paris, Germany, and Poland—as Caroline and Kasia strive to bring justice to those whom history has forgotten.

USA Today “New and Noteworthy” Book • LibraryReads Top Ten Pick

From the author of *Parallel* comes a high-stakes romantic puzzler set in a near-future where everyone's life is seamlessly orchestrated by personal electronic devices. Imaginative and thrilling, this fast-paced story with two starred reviews is not to be missed. Fast-forward to a time when Apple and Google have been replaced by Gnosis, a monolith corporation that has developed the most life-changing technology to ever hit the market: Lux, an app that flawlessly optimizes decision-making for the best personal results. Just like everyone else, sixteen-year-old Rory Vaughn knows the key to a happy, healthy life is to follow what Lux recommends. When she's accepted to the elite boarding school Theden Academy, her future happiness seems all the more assured. But once on campus, something feels wrong beneath the polished surface of her prestigious dream school. Then she meets North, a handsome townie who doesn't use Lux, and begins to fall for him and his outsider way of life. Soon, Rory is going against Lux's recommendations, listening instead to the inner voice that everyone has been taught to ignore—a choice that leads her to uncover a truth neither she nor the world ever saw coming.

"Everything That Rises Must Converge" (1965) is nine posthumous stories. The introduction is by Robert Fitzgerald.

Damen is a warrior hero to his people, and the rightful heir to the throne of Akielos. But

when his half-brother seizes power, Damien is captured, stripped of his identity and sent to serve the prince of an enemy nation as a pleasure slave. For Damen, there is just one rule: never, ever reveal his true identity. Because the one man Damen needs is the one man who has more reason to hate him than anyone else. Bound to thrill long term online fans of the Captive Prince trilogy, this volume contains the original story in full alongside exclusive bonus short stories.

8 Million students in grades 4-12 cannot comprehend grade level reading material. 440 Thousand students sitting in American classrooms K-12 have a total reading vocabulary of less than fifty words. 3 Thousand students drop out of school each day. 40 Percent of African-American and Latino students will not graduate on time or with a regular high school diploma. 25 Times the likelihood that non-readers and high school students testing below the twentieth percentile will drop out of school. Every day students across the country are being labeled and put into "special" programs. The gap between those students and their peers reading at grade level simply continues to grow until the gap seems too large to overcome. Often these students begin acting out in class because they have learned that it is better to go one on one with the principal versus being embarrassed and frustrated in front of their peers. It is not the fault of the student, teacher, or parent. We must stop looking for the reason to justify the failure and find a way to overcome it. Simply labeling students Dyslexic, Learning Disabled, and Autistic will not offer them a reading solution. These students do not need

remediation; they need an accelerated compensatory approach to mastering language and reading skills. Dr. Joe Lockavitch has been in the trenches with non-readers, their families, and their teachers for over thirty years. Students in the bottom reading percentiles (0-15th %) are slipping through the cracks right before our eyes. Based on his experiences in the classroom with non-readers, Dr. Lockavitch (former college professor, school psychologist, special education director) researched and developed a new reading methodology targeting non-readers of all ages. Highly structured, repetitious, and non-phonetic, The Failure Free Reading Methodology is an accelerated language program designed to give students, parents, and teachers the hope and the results they deserve. Dr. Lockavitch has seen it all. Throughout his career he has given reading demonstrations in places that have ranged from the heart of the Mississippi Delta, inner city schools in Detroit and Chicago, maximum-security prisons in South Carolina, and after school programs in Los Angeles, California. He will only do a demonstration under one condition and make only one claim, "I'll only work with your worst students. If you don't see immediate improvement in their reading ability within 30 minutes, I'll walk out the door." He hasn't walked out yet. Dr. Joseph F. Lockavitch, a former classroom teacher, school psychologist, university professor, special education director, and applied researcher, is the author and developer of: The Failure Free Reading Program, Don't Close the Book on Your Not-Yet Readers, Joseph's Readers Talking Software for Non-Readers, Verbal Master-An Accelerated Vocabulary Program,

and The Test of Lateral Awareness and Directionality. Dr. Lockavitch is also the author of numerous published research articles. Dr. Lockavitch has spent the past thirty years training thousands of teachers, parents and administrators across the nation on how to meet the unique needs of America's non-readers. Featured on the PBS NewsHour with Jim Lehrer and mentioned on national radio shows such as: Tom Joyner, Dr. Laura, Mike Gallagher, and Michael Medved, Dr. Lockavitch holds a Doctorate of Education from Boston University and a Master of Science in Special Education from Southern Connecticut State. In addition, Failure Free Reading is one of the nation's most approved Supplemental Educational Service providers - directly serving over ten thousand students and clocking close to three hundred thousand tutoring hours. Connecting deeply with our kids can be difficult in our busy, technology-driven lives. Reading aloud offers us a chance to be fully present with our children. It also increases our kids' academic success, inspires compassion, and fortifies them with the inner strength they need to face life's challenges. As Sarah Mackenzie has found with her own six children, reading aloud long after kids are able to read to themselves can deepen relationships in a powerful way. Founder of the immensely popular Read-Aloud Revival podcast, Sarah knows first-hand how reading can change a child's life. In The Read-Aloud Family, she offers the inspiration and age-appropriate book lists you need to start a read-aloud movement in your own home. From a toddler's wonder to a teenager's resistance, Sarah details practical strategies to make reading aloud a

meaningful family ritual. Reading aloud not only has the power to change a family—it has the power to change the world.

New York Times bestselling author Kelly Yang is back with another heartwarming and inspiring story of Mia and friends! Mia Tang is going for her dreams! After years of hard work, Mia Tang finally gets to go on vacation with her family -- to China! A total dream come true! Mia can't wait to see all her cousins and grandparents again, especially her cousin Shen. As she roams around Beijing, witnessing some of the big changes China's going through, Mia thinks about the changes in her own life, like . . . 1. Lupe's taking classes at the high school! And Mia's own plans to be a big writer are . . . stuck. 2. Something happened with Jason and Mia has no idea what to do about it. 3. New buildings are popping up all around the motel, and small businesses are disappearing. Can the Calivista survive? Buckle up! Mia is more determined than ever to get through the turbulence, now that she finally has . . . room to dream!

From the winner of the Roald Dahl Funny Prize, the Red House Children's Book Award, the Waterstones Children's Book Prize and the Blue Peter Best Story Book Award 2013 comes the third, highly illustrated, ebook in the Tom Gates series.

Do you love to read? Do you want to get your books free? Do you have a Kindle, Nook, ipad, laptop, or a desktop computer? You can get access too and read thousands of books any any of these devices. Amazon has a free app you can download and read for free. There are thousands of books for free on Amazon every day that can access.

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This Handbook provides a comprehensive and international representation of state-of-the-art research, theory, and practice related to principal areas in which significant developments are occurring in the study of literacy and technology. It offers a glimpse of the commonalities faced by literacy educators around the world, together with specific challenges raised by unique circumstances. Volume I of this Handbook endeavored to lay essential groundwork for the study of literacy and technology; it retains an explanatory value that will not weaken over time. Volume II differs considerably in conception. It assumes for the most part a higher level of expertise on

the part of readers, and the projects and applications described by the contributors are characterized by greater sophistication. The scope of technology use is broader, and the challenges that have emerged are in sharper focus. A powerful feature of this volume is the addition of commentaries from experts across the field on the potential of technology in key dimensions of literacy. The title of Volume II has changed slightly to reflect the inclusion of contributions on a broad geographic basis. It is now a truly international Handbook, with chapter authors from six countries and five continents. The International Handbook of Literacy and Technology: Volume II is organized in five sections: *The Role of Technology in the New Literacies; *Technology Applications with Specific Populations; *Literacy Software and the Internet; *Teacher Education and Professional Development; and *The Potential of Technology in Key Dimensions of Literacy. The effects of technology on literate activity have been both sweeping and subtle, marked by an increasing variety of changes that are difficult to evaluate and project. Perhaps the only prediction that can be offered with certainty is that the impact of technology is irreversible. Specific changes may come and go, but literacy and technology seem inextricably linked. This Handbook is dedicated to that linkage and to examining the intricacies that define it. International Handbook of Literacy and Technology: Volume II is an essential reference for researchers, professionals, and students in reading/literacy education, literacy and technology, educational technology, and related areas, and will serve well as a text for upper-level and graduate courses on

these topics.

"Extraordinary." --Stephen King "This book is not simply the great American novel; it's the great novel of las Americas. It's the great world novel! This is the international story of our times. Masterful." --Sandra Cisneros También de este lado hay sueños. On this side too, there are dreams. Lydia Quixano Pérez lives in the Mexican city of Acapulco. She runs a bookstore. She has a son, Luca, the love of her life, and a wonderful husband who is a journalist. And while there are cracks beginning to show in Acapulco because of the drug cartels, her life is, by and large, fairly comfortable. Even though she knows they'll never sell, Lydia stocks some of her all-time favorite books in her store. And then one day a man enters the shop to browse and comes up to the register with a few books he would like to buy--two of them her favorites. Javier is erudite. He is charming. And, unbeknownst to Lydia, he is the jefe of the newest drug cartel that has gruesomely taken over the city. When Lydia's husband's tell-all profile of Javier is published, none of their lives will ever be the same. Forced to flee, Lydia and eight-year-old Luca soon find themselves miles and worlds away from their comfortable middle-class existence. Instantly transformed into migrants, Lydia and Luca ride la bestia--trains that make their way north toward the United States, which is the only place Javier's reach doesn't extend. As they join the countless people trying to reach el norte, Lydia soon sees that everyone is running from something. But what exactly are they running to? American Dirt will leave readers utterly changed. It is a literary achievement filled with poignancy, drama, and humanity on every page. It is one of the most important books for our times. Already being hailed as "a Grapes of Wrath for our times" and "a new American classic," Jeanine Cummins's American Dirt is a rare exploration into the inner hearts of people willing to sacrifice everything for a

glimmer of hope.

No one remembered the books but her. Alistair Mead only remembers one thing from the year she went missing as a child: A series of books that don't exist. After years of searching, she stumbles on a clue that proves the books were real but were somehow erased from existence. Desperate for answers, Alistair is drawn into an ancient literary underworld whose members believe she might be the key to unraveling the books, and the altered history of the world. Ben Kriminger hasn't written in a year. Traumatized by the fanatical reaction to his novel about unsolved disappearances, Ben is still trying to undo the bloody damage caused by his writing and the unhinged reader who couldn't tell fiction from fact. When book pages about a young woman named Alistair begin showing up on Ben's doorstep, he finds that her story mirrors events in his own ill-fated novel. Still unsure if what he's reading is fiction, Ben can't help but act when the pages depict the same people who destroyed his life turning their twisted attention on Alistair. As their parallel paths spiral toward an impossible revelation, Ben and Alistair learn that seeing this story through may damn the world to darkness before the final page is turned. *The Book of Briars* is a reality-smashing tale of fiction and fate, a story that explores what happens when the lines that separate memory, magic, and the mundane world are shattered beyond repair.

In difficult times, what children really need is hope. This collection, packed with short stories, poems, essays and pictures from the very best children's authors and illustrators, aims to provide just that. Within its pages you'll find animal friends from insects to elephants, high-flying grandmas, a homesick sprite, the tooth fairy, and even extra-terrestrial life. This new edition has 133 contributions from children's authors and illustrators, including Lauren Child,

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