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FALL FICTION 2023

PRE-APPROVED FOR HAUNTING

AND OTHER STORIES

By Patrick Barb

A COLLECTION OF WEIRD, DARK STORIES AND MILLENNIAL ANXIETIES.

In this new collection, Patrick Barb explores themes of family found and lost, media consumption and the dangers of runaway nostalgia, the supernatural in our lives, and the impact of violence in both the long- and short-term.

- A young couple's reunited with their lost son whose favorite fuzzy bear suit connects him to the ghost of a vengeful mama bear while he's alone in the forest.
- A jaded screenwriter can't escape the haunted screenplay that's ruined his career.
- A man returns to his small hometown, where the people are gone and the trees have taken over.
- A slasher and final girl brother and sister duo match wits and blades against a sentient, dimension-hopping apocalypse at a never-ending summer camp.

From rural backwoods to Park Slope brownstones, Barb's characters face impossible, awful situations, testing their inner strength and understanding of reality. Covering quiet horror, weird fiction, supernatural horror, slasher horror, topical dark fiction, and more, these stories spotlight supposedly familiar terrors and fears in new and unexpected ways.



CATEGORY:

-Fiction/Short Stories -Fiction/Literary -Fiction/Horror

PUB DATE: September 26th, 2023

"Wry, edgy, and satisfyingly dark. Pre-Approved for Haunting deploys modes of traditional horror to hit a very contemporary nerve." —Laird Barron, author of Worse Angels

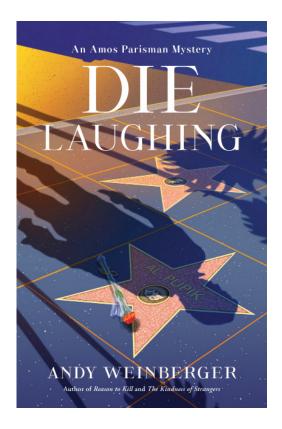
DIE LAUGHING An Amos Parisman Mystery

By Andy Weinberger

L.A.'S OLDEST AND MOST UNCONVENTIONAL JEWISH GUMSHOE IS BACK AND MORE RELENTLESS THAN EVER IN THE HIGHLY ANTICIPATED FOURTH AMOS PARISMAN MYSTERY!

When a legend of late-night comedy is found brutally murdered in his Hollywood home, suspicions immediately fall on his former partner, Benny Wolfe. An unlikely killer, old and frail, Wolfe hasn't made a public appearance in years. But after an impromptu visit from the police takes an unexpected turn—focusing on the elderly comedian's unreliable memory—even Wolfe can't say for sure whether or not he is to blame for his former partner's murder. His paranoia soaring, this once world-renowned actor hires semi-retired detective Amos Parisman to prove his innocence and track down the real murderer. But can Amos be certain that this washed-up comedian can be trusted?

Gripping, enchanting, and witty as ever, Die Laughing shows the comedy business can be as funny as it is deadly.



CATEGORY:

-Fiction/Mystery & Detective/Jewish -Fiction/Mystery & Detectives/Private Investigators

PUB DATE: October 3rd, 2023

"Weinberger's fourth whodunit featuring elderly Jewish P.I. Amos Parisman (after 2022's The Kindness of Strangers) is his best yet....The plot never lags, and Weinberger enriches the proceedings by wringing pathos out of Parisman's love and concern for Loretta. Fans of Roger Simon's Moses Wine series will enjoy themselves." —Publishers Weekly

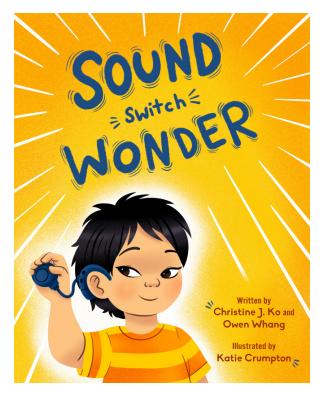
SOUND SWITCH WONDER

By Christine J. Ko and Owen Whang Illustrated by Katie Crumpton

MOST PEOPLE EITHER CAN OR CANNOT HEAR SOUND . . . BUT SOME PEOPLE CAN DO BOTH!

Meet a deaf boy with cochlear implants as he moves about his day. Sometimes he prefers not to hear, but when he wants to connect with the hearing world, he puts on his cochlear implants. How could he explain to his hearing parents what the absence of sound is like? Suddenly he has an idea—the best way he knows how to share this part of him with those he loves.

With whimsical, bright illustrations and lyrical words, Sound Switch Wonder is a sweet and gentle story about sharing and embracing differences.



CATEGORY:

-Juvenile Fiction/Disabilites & Special Needs -Juvenile Fiction/Diversity & Multicultural -Juvenile Fiction/Family/Parents

PUB DATE:

November 21st, 2023

Inspired by the authors' real lives, this picture book shares what sound means for one young deaf boy as he experiences the world with cochlear implants.

DESCENDANTS OF FIRE & WATER

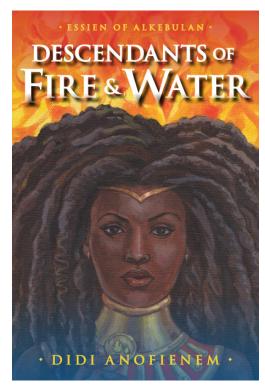
(ESSIEN OF ALKEBULAN, 1)

By Didi Anofienem

WHAT WOULD THE WORLD BE LIKE IF AFRICA HAD NEVER BEEN COLONIZED—AND IF THE TRANSATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE HAD NEVER HAPPENED?

The only daughter among five brothers, Essien was raised in a village where women are bred to tend to their husbands and bear children. One night, after she is led by akukoifo—mythical beings of Alkebulan folklore—to a fabled river, Essien emerges from the waters with superhuman abilities: hands that burn with the flames they contain, and the strength to overpower any of the men around her.

Unsure of what this newfound power means, Essien returns to an unfamiliar world a changed woman. And when militant rebels destroy her father's fields, leaving him crippled for life, Essien is left with no choice but to defy the social conventions of her upbringing and become the first woman to enlist in Alkebulan's formidable military. Without the presence of her family and friends, surrounded by fellow soldiers who want her dead and powerful forces that seek to manipulate Essien's inner magic for evil, Essien must learn to control and harness her new powers, even as she fights her destiny to become her country's long-awaited goddess. But not everything is as it seems. Will Essien step into her destiny as Goddess of Alkebulan, or will she make a decision that will alter the course of Alkebulan history forever?



CATEGORY:

-Young Adult Fiction/Alternate History -Young Adult Fiction/Own Voices -Young Adult Fiction/Fantasy/Historical

PUB DATE: December 5th, 2023

Fueled by ancestral magic and the power of gods on earth, Descendants of Fire & Water is the thrilling first book in the powerful new Essien of Alkebulan series.

ALL THE WAYS WE LIED A NOVEL

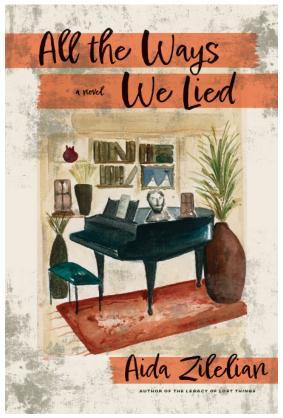
By Aida Zilelian

SET IN QUEENS, NEW YORK, MEET THE MANOUKIANS—A DYSFUNCTIONAL ARMENIAN FAMILY AND THE FRAYING ROPE THAT BINDS THEM.

While a father deteriorates from terminal illness, three sisters contend with one another, their self-destructive pasts, and their indomitable mother as they face the loss of the one person holding their unstable family together.

Kohar, the oldest sister, is happily married, yet grapples with fertility issues and, in turn, her own self-worth. Lucine, the middle child, is trapped in a loveless marriage and haunted by memories of her estranged father. Azad, the beloved youngest child, is burdened by an inescapable cycle of failed relationships.

By turns heartfelt and heart wrenching, All the Ways We Lied introduces a cast of tragically flawed but lovable characters on the brink of unraveling. With humor and compassion, this spellbinding tale explores the fraught and contradictory landscape of sisterhood, introducing four unforgettable women who have nothing in common, and are bound by blood and history.



CATEGORY:

-Fiction/Family Life/Marriage & Divorce -Fiction/Cultural Heritage -Fiction/Literary

PUB DATE: January 9th, 2024

"All the Ways We Lied is an exquisitely-told family story, a jewel box filled with unique prismatic characters, luminescent in its exploration of love and betrayal among three Armenian American sisters and their cataclysmic mother." —Nancy Agabian, The Fear of Large and Small Nations

THE THREAT A NOVEL

By Nathaniel Stein

MELVIN LEVIN IS DISSATISFIED—WITH HIS JOB, WITH LIFE, WITH IT ALL.

He's too polite and too boring, and the monotony of his days is only broken when he has to clean up after his neighbor's frequently vomiting cat. That is, until he receives a mysterious death threat in the mail. Under the thrill of potentially getting murdered, Melvin begins to feel truly alive again. The threat gives Melvin a sense of self-importance—someone wants him dead—and, ironically, a new lease on life. However, soon, Melvin becomes obsessed with the threat, increasingly forming the basis of his new, unstable identity. The greatest danger to Melvin might not be his threatener but his own deranged mind.

Dripping with voice, *The Threat* is a hilariously relatable story of self-doubt, aging, and frustration. Literary yet accessible, Stein's story explores what happens when the only way you can live is by feeling like you might die.



CATEGORY:

-Fiction/Family Life/Marriage & Divorce -Fiction/Cultural Heritage -Fiction/Literary

PUB DATE:

January 16th, 2024

"A comic masterpiece." —Andy Borowitz, New York Timesbestselling author of Profiles in Ignorance

YOU, ME, AND ULYSSES S. GRANT

A HISTORICAL BIOGRAPHY

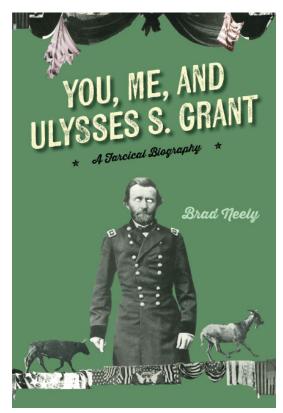
By Brad Neely

A COMICALLY UNORTHODOX "BIOGRAPHY"

Spanning from the birth of Ulysses S. Grant until his victory over the Confederacy, You, Me, and Ulysses S. Grant gives us an honest portrait of an American hero who struggled to balance love, soldiering, and the attainment of the American Dream—all relatable struggles for readers today, if not for the soldiering part...

Taking the accessible, pop history of Coe's You Never Forget Your First and adding more of the nerdy, punk humor of Rainn Wilson or Judd Apatow, You, Me, and Ulysses S. Grant is for both history and humor readers alike. Examining the validity of biography by hilariously breaking all the form's rules, this book removes the pomp to deliver a hopeful message of human potential: that the heroes we now venerate were also flawed, flesh and blood individuals and that we, too, are never too small to achieve great things.

In bringing Grant to life, Brad Neely may have created his greatest cult classic yet.



CATEGORY:

-Fiction/Humorous/Black Humor -Fiction/Literary -Fiction/Historical/Civil War Era

PUB DATE:

January 23rd, 2024

"It took someone as wizard-brained as Neely to crack the code on making literature as spastically gleeful as watching your favorite cartoon. This book doesn't just make every other Grant biography obsolete, it renders History Itself an outmoded relic of the past." —Vernon Chatman, writer and producer of South Park and The Shivering Truth

LITTLE NARWHAL LOST

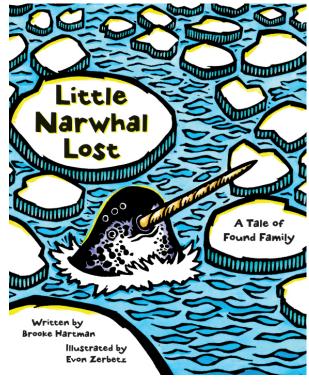
A TALE OF FOUND FAMILY

By Brooke Hartman Illustrated by Evan Zerbetz

LITTLE NARWHAL IS LOST!

After a big storm hits, he wanders the ocean alone, in search of a community to belong to. Eventually he finds other whales . . . but these whales don't look like him at all! Will they welcome him into their family?

From the same team behind the bestselling book *Dream Flights* on *Arctic Nights*, this story is told in lyrical text accompanied by gorgeously colored linocut art. Also included at the back are facts about narwhals, including the real story about the narwhal who is adopted by beluga whales.



CATEGORY:

-Juvenile Fiction/Animals/Mammals -Juvenile Fiction/Family/Adoption -Juvenile Fiction/Animals/Marine Life

PUB DATE: January 30th, 2024

Inspired by a true story of how a young narwhal finds himself a new family to love and accept him—a pod of beluga whales!

FALL NONFICTION 2023

TACOS A TO Z:

A DELICIOUS GUIDE TO NON-TRADITIONAL TACOS

By Ivy Manning

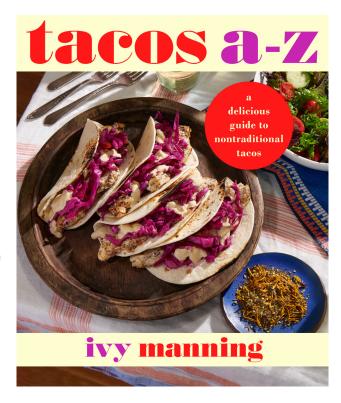
EXPAND YOUR TACO REPERTOIRE IN NEW AND EXCITING WAYS!

Like all genius ideas, tacos have inspired chefs all over the world to come up with their own spin on this traditional tortilla-wrapped handheld delicacy. There are many ways to fill a taco—so many, in fact, that you could easily create a taco for every letter in the alphabet, which is exactly what Ivy Manning has done!

Tacos A to Z is your one-stop taco shop for non-traditional tacos. Here, you will find a creative approach to tacos that will fill your table with meals inspired by cooking from all over the place, from Chaing Mai to Chattanooga. Learn how to build your own puffy, bendy, delicious corn and flour tortillas with detailed instructions that will convince you that homemade tortillas are worth making from scratch.

Among the recipes, you'll find:

- Mole Chicken Tacos
- English Breakfast Tacos
- Korean Kalbi Tacos
- Buffalo Chicken Tacos
- Vindaloo Pork Tacos
- Jerk Salmon Tacos
- Chocolate Dipped Ice Cream Tacos



CATEGORY:

-Cooking/Regional & Ethnic-Cooking/Courses & Dishes-Cooking/Comfort Food

PUB DATE:

September 12th, 2023

With recipes that are as diverse as they are delicious, Tacos A to Z is your ticket to making every day Taco Tuesday!

SEVEN AGAINST THEBES

THE QUEST OF THE ORIGINAL MAGNIFICENT SEVEN

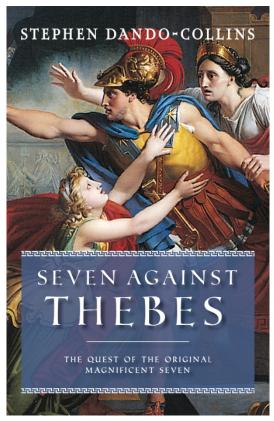
By Stephen Dando-Collins

AN EXPLORATION OF MYTH, LEGEND, AND ORIGIN STORIES PASSED FROM GENERATION.

In the thirteenth century BC, a quarter of a century before the Trojan War, seven Greek warrior heroes went against the Greek city of Thebes to restore one of their number to the throne of his father, the famous King Oedipus. Several children of those seven heroes would later take part in the siege of Troy.

This adventure was equal in the minds of Greeks and Romans with the siege of Troy as told in Homer's epic *The Iliad*, an event which it predated by a generation. And while the story contains mythical elements, there are no factual, historical, or archaeological reasons to suggest that the military campaign did not take place much as described.

Initially sung in verse and later committed to written form via histories, ancient poems, and plays, Seven Against Thebes is a historical narrative concerning one of the greatest military adventures of all time.



CATEGORY:

-History/Ancient/Greek -History/Military/Ancient -History/Wars & Conflict/General

PUB DATE:

September 26th, 2023

"Yet another scorching and enthralling epic from the pen of Stephen Dando-Collins, the modern age's foremost dramatizer of ancient Greek and Roman history. Enough turmoil, blood, and tears for six books!" —Robin Hawdon, British playwright and author of Almost Famous and The Land, the Land

PUZZLER'S GUIDE TO OREGON

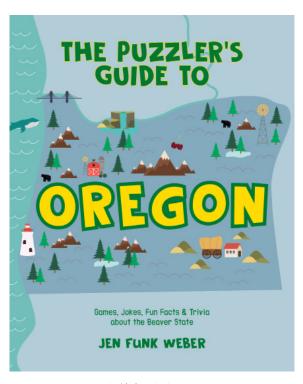
GAMES, JOKES, FUN FACTS & TRIVIA ABOUT THE BEAVER STATE

By Jen Funk Weber

WITH SEVERAL TYPES OF PUZZLES
TO DELIGHT CURIOUS MINDS, THE
PUZZLER'S GUIDE TO OREGON IS ONE
PART PUZZLE BOOK, ONE PART NATURAL
HISTORY GUIDE—AND LOTS AND LOTS
OF FUN!

Visit the beautiful green state of Oregon! Grab a pencil as you play all kinds of puzzles and games while the local animal residents tell jokes and share trivia. Learn about the official state symbols, its biggest features, the animals that live here, and much more.

The puzzles mix a variety of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, math) challenges to exercise different parts of the brain, including mazes, tessellations, logic and math reasoning, crosswords, word searches, and language codes. When solved, the puzzles' answers (at the back of the book) reveal facts about Oregon's flora, fauna, history, and culture.



CATEGORY:

-Juvenile Nonfiction/History/United States/State & Local -Juvenile Nonfiction/Activity Books/General -Juvenile Nonfiction/Games & Activities/Puzzles

PUB DATE: October 17th, 2023

Perfect for long drives, plane rides, meals, and other slow times, The Puzzler's Guide to Oregon keeps young puzzlers ages 8 and up occupied and engaged. Get ready to travel to Oregon, the true puzzler's way!

SPRING FICTION 2024

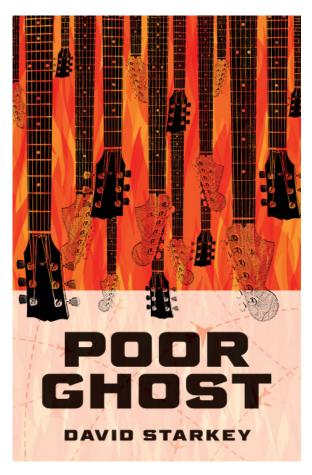
POOR GHOST

By David Starkey

THE NEXT GREAT ROCK AND ROLL NOVEL

On a September afternoon in Santa Barbara, a private jet carrying the members of Poor Ghost—one of America's most storied rock bands—plunges into the backyard of Caleb Crane, a retired insurance salesman. Still mourning his wife's death from Covid, Caleb finds himself navigating trauma, grief, and loss, all while his quiet neighborhood is invaded by pushy reporters and rabid Poor Ghost fans.

For fans of Taylor Jenkins Reid's Daisy Jones & the Six and its fictional documentary structure, Poor Ghost moves back and forth between the impact of the plane crash on Caleb's life and an oral history of Poor Ghost—from its beginnings as a working-class punk band to rock icons. As the twisting and turning strands of the plot converge, readers are shown what happens when different worlds (literally) collide with one another, and how we view, negotiate, argue with, and aid those who are unlike us.



CATEGORY:

-Fiction/Literary

-Fiction/Sagas

-Fiction/Satire

-Fiction/Performing Arts/Music

PUB DATE:

March 19th, 2024

"From its riveting opening through the wonderfully imaginative unfolding of its narrative, Poor Ghost is a lively hopscotch of a novel, compelling, deep and powerful." —T.C. Boyle, author of Blue Skies

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

A NOVEL

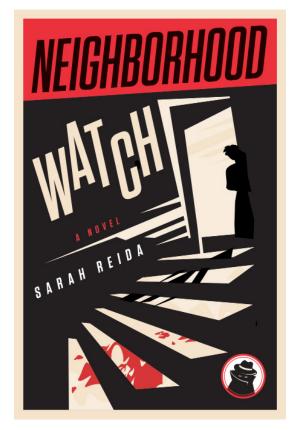
By Sarah Reida

A KILLER TERRORIZES THE MORALLY BANKRUPT RESIDENTS OF AN UPSCALE NEIGHBORHOOD, LEADING THEM TO TURN TO—AND ON—ONE ANOTHER TO SURVIVE.

The neighborhood of Oleander Court is the poster child for suburban bliss. The residents compare lawns beautified by hired help. They monitor home values. They toss perfect furniture because they wanted tapioca, not beige.

But when a string of murders rips through the neighborhood, suspicions abound as new secrets come to light. And as more and more bodies are taken away, it becomes clear that the killer is strategically selecting each and every victim, picking off the shallowest, most wasteful of the lot in spectacular fashion and leaving everyone in the neighborhood to wonder: Who's next?

While most of their neighbors scatter like well-dressed cockroaches, a small group of the neighborhood ladies team up to solve their local mystery and restore their once-peaceful lives. But is this ragtag collection of amateur sleuths truly a united front? With reputations, freedom, and personal sanity on the line, the ladies must unmask the killer . . . even if the killer is among them.



CATEGORY:

-Fiction/Humorous/Black Humor -Fiction/Mystery & Detective/Women Sleuths -Fiction/Mystery & Detective/Amateur Sleuth

PUB DATE:

April 2nd, 2024

"Fast-paced, compassionate, and hilarious, this [adult] debut from Sarah Reida grips from the first page and keeps the reader invested with every new chapter and every new character. A sharply written dissection of secrets, wealth and murder in the suburbs, its cast of compelling characters give the story its heart." —Amy Tector, author of the Dominion Archives Mysteries

HONOR THE DEAD

A DOMINION ARCHIVES MYSTERY

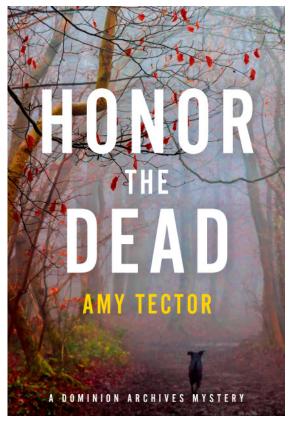
By Amy Tector

DR. CATE SPENCER IS BACK IN THIS HIGHLY-ANTICIPATED THIRD INSTALLMENT OF THE DOMINION ARCHIVES MYSTERIES.

It's been a few months since the events of Speak for the Dead and Dr. Cate Spencer is seeking a temporary reprieve in the bucolic Eastern Townships of Quebec where she can come to terms with her brother's death, find inner peace, build new relationships, and await a decision about her future. But when a man at a neighboring farm is shot through the eye with deadly accuracy, a metal detector lying next to him, Cate can't help but investigate.

As she delves deeper into the mystery, Cate uncovers a world of drugs, lies, and violence hidden beneath the picturesque town, all of which threaten the tenuous peace she's built for herself. As long-buried secrets and a centuries-old mystery become exposed, what will Cate lose to find the answers she seeks?

A gripping new mystery, Honor the Dead is a must-read for new and old Dominion Archives fans alike!



CATEGORY:

-Fiction/Mystery & Detective/Amateur Sleuth -Fiction/Mystery & Detective/Traditional -Fiction/Mystery & Detective/Women Sleuth

PUB DATE: April 16th, 2024

"A literary joyride." —Louise Penny, New York Times bestselling author of the Chief Inspector Gamache novels

LIFT:The Rise of Mathe-Lingua-Musica

By Ray Anderson

WITH EARTH ON THE BRINK OF TOTAL ANNIHILATION, CAN A NEW UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE UNITE THE WORLD ENOUGH TO SAVE IT?

It's 2422 and the world's governing mathematicians have calculated that society's struggles with rampant war and homicide have put humanity on a crash-course with extinction. With an estimated fifteen months left until humankind's total annihilation, the World Council of Mathematicians (WCM) determine the only way out of the crisis is to create the optimum language for humans, creating common understanding across all cultures and allowing them to work together for their joint salvation.

The WCM and Charles De Costa, a brilliant mathematics student, must rely on LIFT, a scientific breakthrough that allows them to enlist the aid of the greatest minds in history, to create this new world language based on mathematics, linguistics, and music. Can the great minds of the past help lead humanity to a better future? Can this new language be created in time? Or will society's continued evil and miscommunication lead the world to an inevitable end?



CATEGORY:

-Fiction/Dystopian
-Fiction/Science Fiction/Action & Adventure
-Fiction/Science Fiction/Apocalyptic & PostApocalyptic

PUB DATE: May 7th, 2024

"A fascinating and highly original story, crackling with energy, played out against a nonstop kaleidoscope of ideas.... Lift is a must read for all fans of smart science-based thrillers, and for those justly anxious over the prospects for our human race." —Scott Britz-Cunningham, author of Interface

FOREIGN SEED

A NOVEL

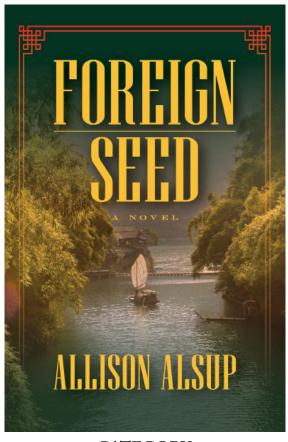
By Allison Alsup

EQUAL PARTS MYSTERY AND EPIC NOVEL INSPIRED BY HISTORICAL EVENTS, FOREIGN SEED PLUNGES READERS INTO THE SEARCH FOR A MAN WHO SEEMS TO VANISH OUT OF THIN AIR.

China, June 1918.

When the explorer Frank Meyer suddenly disappears from a ferry on the Yangtze River, American Vice-Consul Samuel Sokobin is tasked with finding the missing man. By the time Sokobin receives the case, four days have passed since Meyer was last seen on the vast river. With no clues to guide his search and fearing failure in his new post as a man of rank, Sokobin heads upriver with Mr. Lin, a Chinese interpreter he's never met. The investigation soon turns deeply personal for Sokobin, who can't help but conflate Meyer's fate with that of his own daring younger brother—a fighter pilot gone MIA in the world war. As Sokobin continues to search for answers, this mental connection threatens to break him, and he's forced to contend with the biggest question of all: what do we do when the answers we most desperately seek are the very ones that elude us?

A sweeping tale of loss and grief, Foreign Seed is a moving testament to friendship, faith, and the resilience of the human spirit. Allison Alsup's exquisitely-researched debut novel will stay in readers' hearts and minds long after they've turned the last page.



CATEGORY:

-Fiction/Mystery & Detective/Historical -Fiction/Literary -Fiction/Historical/20th Century/World War!

PUB DATE: June 4th, 2024

"Foreign Seed, with its subtle, subterranean Heart of Darkness rumblings, is one of the most satisfying novels I've read in a long time. I got completely and gratefully lost in its rich setting and memorable characters. You will, too." —Richard Russo, author of Somebody's Fool

SPRING NONFICTION 2024

CAESAR VERSUS POMPEY

DETERMINING ROME'S GREATEST GENERAL, STATESMAN & NATION-BUILDER

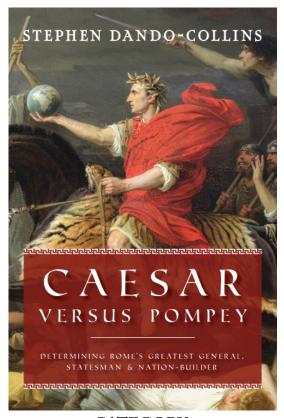
By Stephen Dando-Collins

WHO WAS ROME'S GREATEST GENERAL, STATESMAN, AND NATION-BUILDER: CAESAR OR POMPEY?

Few people have had as many words written about them down through the centuries than Julius Caesar—the brilliant general who made Queen Cleopatra of Egypt his mistress. He has captured the imagination of playwrights, historians, soldiers, and emperors.

Little has been written about his ally, son-in-law, and eventual enemy Pompey the Great, who crashed onto the Roman scene as a victorious twenty-three-year-old general and who, at the height of his career, was arguably more famous, more popular, and more successful than Caesar.

Caesar Versus Pompey tells the parallel life stories of Julius Caesar and Pompey the Great, as their lives and loves became intertwined and interdependent, as they grew from rivals to partners, then from joint rulers to warring foes. One strove to preserve the Roman Republic, the other destroyed it.



CATEGORY:

-History/Military/Ancient -History/Wars & Conflict/General -History/Ancient/Rome

PUB DATE:

April 9th, 2024

"A triumph! In Caesar Versus Pompey, Stephen Dando-Collins invites Pompey to step out of the shadows and stand in the light, shoulder to shoulder with Caesar. The story of these two titans is dramatic, full of twists and turns, partnerships and betrayals." —Phillip Barlag, author of Evil Roman Emperors, and host of The Greats of History podcast

MADE IN CALIFORNIA VOLUME 2:

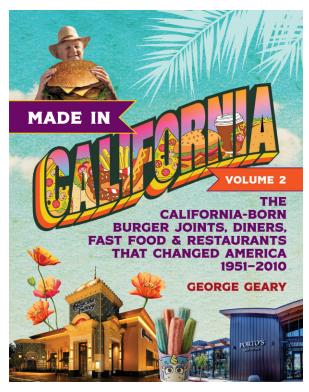
THE CALIFORNIA-BORN BURGER JOINTS, DINERS, RESTAURANTS & FAST FOOD THAT CHANGED AMERICA, 1951-2010

By George Geary

BELOVED FOOD HISTORIAN AND CHEF GEORGE GEARY IS BACK WITH EVEN MORE REMARKABLE STORIES OF THE COUNTLESS INTERNATIONAL CHAINS THAT STARTED IN THE GOLDEN STATE.

Ruby's Diner. Panda Express. Yogurtland. Wetzel's Pretzels. The Cheesecake Factory. California Pizza Kitchen. These and many more iconic American culinary establishments have their roots in California.

Focusing on the years 1951 to 2010, the second volume of Made in California highlights fifty more food startups that have captured America's hearts and stomachs, from the Claim Jumper to the Green Burrito, Chuck E. Cheese to Mrs. Fields Cookies, Jamba Juice to Bubba Gump Shrimp Company. Brimming with captivating historical detail and more than 200 dazzling full-color photos, George Geary's newest journey into California's culinary history is sure to awaken every reader's inner foodie.



CATEGORY:

-Tavel/Food,Lodging & Transportation/ Resturants -Business & Economics/Industries/Food Industry

PUB DATE: May 14th, 2024

"George Geary has chronicled California's place in the legacy of American eating." —The New York Times

SEX, GOD, AND THE BRAIN:

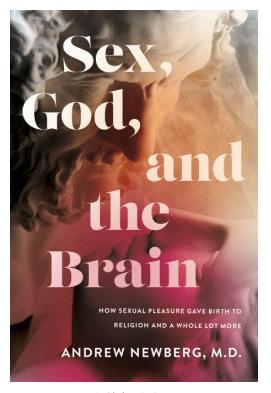
HOW SEXUAL PLEASURE GAVE BIRTH TO RELIGION AND A WHOLE LOT MORE

By Andrew Newberg, M.D.

FOR THE MODERN WORLD, IT SEEMS AS IF SEXUALITY AND SPIRITUALITY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN AT ODDS. BUT WHAT IF THE TWO ARE ACTUALLY DEEPLY CONNECTED? AND WHAT IF SCIENCE COULD PROVE THIS CONNECTION?

From neuroscientist Andrew Newberg, Sex, God, and the Brain argues that our religious and spiritual experiences derive directly from our sexual being.

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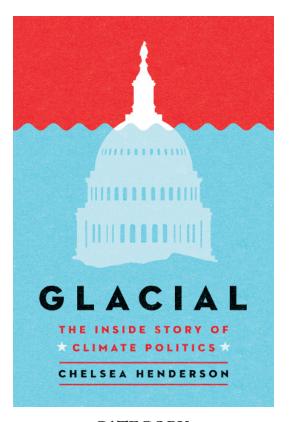
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