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From #1 New York Times bestselling author Neil Gaiman, an astonishing collection of short fiction that stretches the boundaries of imagination, probes the depths of human experience, and reveals how the ordinary and the fantastical are intertwined?one of ten classic Gaiman works repackaged with elegant original watercolor art by acclaimed artist Henry Sene Yee The distinctive storytelling genius of Neil Gaiman has continued to open reader's minds, offering them a new perspective from which to view themselves and the world. In this wondrous collection of short fiction, the acclaimed international bestselling author probes deep into the human experience, charting the terrain between life and death, perception and reality, darkness and light. Guaranteed to dazzle the senses, haunt the imagination, and touch the heart, Fragile Things is a gift of wonder from one of the most unique literary artists of our day.

Antifragile is a standalone book in Nassim Nicholas Taleb's landmark Incerto series, an investigation of opacity, luck, uncertainty, probability, human error, risk, and decision-making in a world we don't understand. The other books in the series are Fooled by Randomness, The Black Swan, Skin in the Game, and The Bed of Procrustes. Nassim Nicholas Taleb, the bestselling author of The Black

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Swan and one of the foremost thinkers of our time, reveals how to thrive in an uncertain world. Just as human bones get stronger when subjected to stress and tension, and rumors or riots intensify when someone tries to repress them, many things in life benefit from stress, disorder, volatility, and turmoil. What Taleb has identified and calls “antifragile” is that category of things that not only gain from chaos but need it in order to survive and flourish. In *The Black Swan*, Taleb showed us that highly improbable and unpredictable events underlie almost everything about our world. In *Antifragile*, Taleb stands uncertainty on its head, making it desirable, even necessary, and proposes that things be built in an antifragile manner. The antifragile is beyond the resilient or robust. The resilient resists shocks and stays the same; the antifragile gets better and better. Furthermore, the antifragile is immune to prediction errors and protected from adverse events. Why is the city-state better than the nation-state, why is debt bad for you, and why is what we call “efficient” not efficient at all? Why do government responses and social policies protect the strong and hurt the weak? Why should you write your resignation letter before even starting on the job? How did the sinking of the Titanic save lives? The book spans innovation by trial and error, life decisions, politics, urban planning, war, personal finance, economic systems, and medicine. And throughout, in addition to the street wisdom of Fat

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Tony of Brooklyn, the voices and recipes of ancient wisdom, from Roman, Greek, Semitic, and medieval sources, are loud and clear. Antifragile is a blueprint for living in a Black Swan world. Erudite, witty, and iconoclastic, Taleb's message is revolutionary: The antifragile, and only the antifragile, will make it. Praise for Antifragile "Ambitious and thought-provoking . . . highly entertaining."—The Economist "A bold book explaining how and why we should embrace uncertainty, randomness, and error . . . It may just change our lives."—Newsweek 'Emma has joined an elite club of authors.' Sunday Mail FRAGILE CORD is an emotional rollercoaster charting the psychological meltdown of a mother with a deadly secret. Introducing Salford detectives Kevin Coupland and Alex Moreton as they investigate what appears to be a routine murder-suicide. Tracey Kavanagh was her usual upbeat self; right up until the moment she drowned her son before killing herself and her unborn child. For Alex Moreton, this case couldn't have come at a worse time, battling with her partner over whether to have another child, she is superstitious about pushing their luck - they're happy enough as they are...aren't they? DS Kevin Coupland is dealing with a serious assault outside a wine bar in Swinton. Devoted family man Ricky Wilson is brutally stabbed following an altercation with youths while out with his wife and their children to celebrate her birthday. Coupland and Moreton's cases merge

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when it transpires that Tracey and Ricky were tragically connected. Is it possible that there could be more to these two investigations than pure coincidence? And what was Tracey Kavanagh so frightened of she thought wiping out her family was the answer? As the past collides with the present Coupland uncovers a tragic secret that will destroy Tracey's family, or what's left of it. Coupland must choose whether the truth shall come out - or be taken to the grave. Fans of Mark Billingham and Angela Marsons will be gripped by this exceptional crime fiction series. Watch out for more from D.S. Coupland: Book Two, A PLACE OF SAFETY: A Detective battling personal tragedy, Kevin Coupland will stop at nothing to protect a key witness in a drive-by shooting. Other books in the series include: ONE BAD TURN, ABSENT, FLESH AND BLOOD, STICKS AND STONES, WHEN DARKNESS FALLS. Praise for Emma Salisbury: 'I read the whole series in a week.' 'An author to watch.' Goodreads reviewer 'Love the way this author writes.' What people are saying about Fragile Cord 'A police procedural done right.' 'Keeps you guessing.' 'Tautly written. Would make a brilliant TV series.' 'A page-turner that keeps you guessing right to the final twist.' 'Once started I couldn't put down.' 'Edge of your seat.'

This volume analyses the position of the urban elites of third century Roman Egypt and shows how steep social and economic hierarchy could exist side by

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side with a dynamic pattern of elite renewal.

This book of selected research papers, originally presented at the "Symposium of Fragile Lands of Latin America—The Search for Sustainable Uses," presents some fresh evidence of the viability of a few "non-conventional" strategies for natural resource development and management.

Presents text and photographs from sixty-five countries documenting the hardships of the world's poor, depicting the victims of civil wars, human trafficking, drug wars, famine, disease, and homelessness in Africa, South America, and Asia.

Fragile states are often mired in civil conflict. This volume focuses on the relationship between conflict and state stability and illustrates the causes and effects of fragile states on neighbouring countries and the global community.

‘Stunning’ – Marian Keyes, author of *Grown Ups* ‘Chilling’ – Val McDermid, author of *The Wire in the Blood* *Fragile* is a modern Gothic psychological thriller with a contemporary twist on the classic novel *Rebecca*, from award-winning and critically acclaimed writer Sarah Hilary. Everything she touches breaks . . . Nell Ballard is a runaway. A former foster child with a dark secret she is desperate to keep, all Nell wants is to find a place she can belong. So when a position comes up at Starling Villas, home to the enigmatic Robin Wilder, she seizes the

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opportunity with both hands. But her new lodgings may not be the safe haven she was hoping for. Her employer has secrets of his own and lives by a rigid set of rules she must abide by. But is Nell's arrival at the Villas really the coincidence it seems? After all, she knows more than most how fragile people can be – and how easy they are to break . . . Further praise for Fragile: 'Perfectly plotted, beautifully written modern Gothic. I absolutely loved it' – Erin Kelly, author of He Said/She Said 'Beautifully crafted, smart and unsettling' – Mick Herron, author of Slow Horses 'A dark, mesmeric fever-dream of a book' – Ruth Ware, author of The Woman in Cabin 10 'Ingenious, original and brilliant' – Will Dean, author of Red Snow 'Extraordinary' – Andrew Taylor, author of The American Boy and The Ashes of London 'A modern-day Highsmith' – Steve Cavanagh, author of Thirteen 'A truly outstanding work of modern Gothic' – Eva Dolan, author of Between Two Evils 'Highly original, beautifully written' – Sharon Bolton, author of The Split 'A beautifully written modern Gothic masterpiece' – Liz Nugent, author of Skin Deep 'So elegant, so restrained' – Lucy Atkins, author of Magpie Lane 'A gorgeously written, tense and atmospheric novel' – Gytha Lodge, author of She Lies in Wait

The authors examine two sides of the social covenant: what Canadians expect from their society - fairness, recognition for their contribution to society, trust that others will not take

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advantage of them, and a sense of belonging - and what is expected from them - a sense of indebtedness to society that reflects an appreciation of how they have benefited as members of their society, a sense of obligation to help others, and a willingness to contribute to the functioning of the community and society. Based on this analysis, the authors identify a number of steps that can be taken to strengthen the Canadian social fabric. This study is especially pertinent today given the pervasive market culture that is eroding the civic culture underlying the social covenants in contemporary Western societies. It goes beyond conventional assessments that focus on economic and material dimensions of our society. Redemptive and touching, "Fragile Beasts" is a tender and intelligent novel by beloved "New York Times"-bestselling author O'Dell. The author's observational skills about places and people are sure to immerse readers in the world she has created.

The New York Times best-selling book exploring the counterproductive reactions white people have when their assumptions about race are challenged, and how these reactions maintain racial inequality. In this "vital, necessary, and beautiful book" (Michael Eric Dyson), antiracist educator Robin DiAngelo deftly illuminates the phenomenon of white fragility and "allows us to understand racism as a practice not restricted to 'bad people' (Claudia Rankine). Referring to the defensive moves that white people make when challenged racially, white fragility is characterized by emotions such as anger, fear, and guilt, and by behaviors including argumentation and silence. These behaviors, in turn, function to reinstate white racial equilibrium and prevent any meaningful cross-racial dialogue. In this in-depth exploration, DiAngelo examines how white fragility develops, how it protects racial inequality, and what we can do to engage more constructively.

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In *Fragile World: Ecology and the Church*, scholars and activists from Christian communities as far-flung as Honduras, the Philippines, Colombia, and Kenya present a global angle on the global ecological crisis—in both its material and spiritual senses—and offer Catholic resources for responding to it. This volume explores the deep interconnections, for better and for worse, between the global North and the global South, and analyzes the relationship among the physical environment, human society, culture, theology, and economics—the “integral ecology” described by Pope Francis in *Laudato Si’*. Integral ecology demands that we think deeply about humans and the physical environment, but also about the God who both created the world and sustains it in being. At its root, the ecological crisis is a theological crisis, not only in the way that humans regard creation and their place in it, but in the way that humans think about God. For Pope Francis in *Laudato Si’*, the root of the crisis is that we humans have tried to put ourselves in God’s place. According to Pope Francis, therefore, “A fragile world, entrusted by God to human care, challenges us to devise intelligent ways of directing, developing, and limiting our power.”

Every day human organisations fail. *Building Anti-Fragile Organisations* explores a powerful alternative framework for risk in the design and management of human systems. Anti-Fragility is a new way of thinking about mitigating risk that builds on earlier work on the characteristics of biological systems that, being more than just robust, actually improve their resilience through being stressed. Professor Bendell explains how applying this concept to the development and management of organisations, services and products, allows us to identify the characteristics that will not only mitigate against the realisation of hazards, but enable growth in protection, strength and anti-fragility over time. In this context, anti-fragility also encompasses flexibility,

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agility and the exploitation of opportunities. At the organisational level, anti-fragility (or its absence) is determined by the organisational strategy, structure and systems, its people, relationships and culture. The book focuses on establishing the Anti-Fragile concept of the firm, and explores its application in private and public sector organisations of all types. It identifies characteristics relevant to survival in a turbulent world, and how our approaches to risk and governance need to change in order to create and manage anti-fragile organisations. It provides practical insight into the concept of Anti-Fragility and its deployment within human organisations of all types, and give readers the opportunity to start to make sense to applying the concepts within their own worlds.

Today, I look forward to a future where anorexia's voice will be silenced, where I can simply be Nikki Grahame and not be defined or controlled by my illness.' Say the name Nikki Grahame and most people will remember the bubbly, highly strung and hugely entertaining Big Brother 7 contestant. Since leaving the Big Brother house, she has forged a successful career for herself in presenting and writing. Yet Nikki isn't just another reality television contestant and her life story is not like any other you will ever read. From the age of eight until she was nineteen Nikki battled anorexia nervosa but few cases have been quite as extreme as hers. This compelling book tells the story of her incredible journey and has been revised to include Nikki's ongoing struggle with anorexia. Aged just eight and weighing just under three stone, Nikki was diagnosed as anorexic. For the next eight years, she was in and out of institutions - eleven in total - during which time she attempted suicide twice and had to be sedated up to four times a day so that she could be force-fed. At one point, she was sedated for fourteen days while doctors sewed a tube into her stomach, through which she was fed to get her weight out of the

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critical range. The lengths that she went to in order to avoid eating and find ways to exercise excessively shocked doctors who have worked in the field for years. As Nikki says, 'I've always wanted to be the best at everything I do, so I had to be the best anorexic - and I was.' With searing honesty, Nikki recounts her long and painful road to recovery, how she has had to come to terms with the long-term ramification of her illness, how she uses her new-found fame to promote awareness of eating disorders and to help those who are suffering from similar problems.

"Isobel, you are not thinking clearly. You are not considering all you would be sacrificing, all you would endure! And to be the wife of a stranger..." 1838, Boston Once upon a time Isobel Moore was thought to be one of Boston's most eligible young women. But, after a marriage proposal gone wrong, she is now at threat of being labelled a spinster. And, though her work at a small school for impoverished immigrants brings her great joy, she can't help but wish for more in life. When her dream of finding love fails to come true, she knows--if she's to have the family she dreams of--it will take desperate measures. Her parents wish for nothing more than Isobel to find happiness too. But when she announces she's traveling to Burma to meet and marry a missionary she's never met, they think she must have taken leave of her senses. Isobel believes fate will guide her to a man she could one day love. But the paths we take do not always lead us where we expect... And Isobel's dream of true love may be more fragile than she had ever imagined. An incredible story about bravery, broken hearts and the powerful force of fate, perfect for fans of Colleen McCullough, Laura Frantz and Colleen Coble. Half a million babies are born prematurely in the United States every year. In this gripping medical narrative, Dr. Adam Wolfberg brings readers into the complex world of newborn

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intensive care, where brilliant but imperfect doctors do all they can to coax life into their tiny, injured patients. As a specialist in high-risk obstetrics and the father of a child born prematurely, Wolfberg explores the profound questions raised by such fragile beginnings, both from the front lines of the NICU and from his daughter's bedside. His daughter Larissa was born weighing under two pounds, and he describes the precipitous birth at six months that left her tenuously hanging on to life in an incubator. Ultrasound had diagnosed a devastating hemorrhage in her brain that doctors reasoned would give her only a 50 percent chance of having a normal IQ. Through Larissa's early hospital course, Wolfberg examines the limitations of newborn intensive care medicine, the science of "neuroplasticity," and the dilemmas that surround decision making at the beginning of life. Wolfberg also takes us into the lab where researchers are working to improve the futures of children born too soon. He follows a young scientist, Jason Carmel, who was inspired to study how the brain adapts to injury when his twin brother was paralyzed in an accident. Through lucid medical reporting, Wolfberg details current scientific practices and discoveries, and explores the profound emotional and ethical issues raised by the advancing technology that allows us to save the lives of increasingly undeveloped preemies. As they make decisions about life-saving care in the first hours of a premature infant's life, doctors and parents must grapple with profound moral and medical questions: How aggressively should doctors try to save the life of a premature baby, who will be severely neurologically and physically impaired? What might that child's quality of life be like after millions of dollars are spent on her care? Wolfberg traces the fits and starts of the physicians, government policy makers, and lawyers who have struggled over the years to find the best way to make these wrenching decisions. Written from Adam

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Wolfberg's unique experience as a reporter, as a medical specialist and researcher, and as the father of a prematurely born daughter, *Fragile Beginnings* lays bare the struggles, discoveries, and triumphs of the newborn intensive care unit.

Fragile states are a menace. Their lawless environments spread instability across borders, provide havens for terrorists, threaten access to natural resources, and consign millions of people to poverty. But Western attempts to reform these benighted places have rarely made things better. Kaplan argues that to avoid revisiting the carnage and catastrophes seen in places like Iraq, Bosnia, and the Congo, the West needs to rethink its ideas on fragile states and start helping their peoples build governments and states that actually fit the local landscape. *Fixing Fragile States* lays bare the fatal flaws in current policies and explains why the only way to give these places a chance at peace and prosperity is to rethink how development really works. Flawed governance systems, not corrupt bureaucrats or armed militias, are the cancers that devour weak states. The cure, therefore, is not to send more aid or more peacekeepers but to redesign political, economic, and legal structures—to refashion them so they can leverage local traditions, overcome political fragmentation, expand governance capacities, and catalyze corporate investment. After dissecting the reasons why some states prosper and others sink into poverty and violence, *Fixing Fragile States* visits seven deeply dysfunctional places—including Pakistan, Bolivia, West Africa, and Syria—and explains how even the most desperate of them can be transformed.

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This report looks at ways in which the implementation of the Fragile States Principles does and does not work, based on evidence from the ground across six countries – Afghanistan, the Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Haiti, Sierra Leone and Timor-Leste.

When her rebellious teenage son's girlfriend goes missing under suspicious circumstances, Maggie becomes increasingly fearful about unsettling ties between the investigation and an unsolved missing-person case from 20 years earlier that involved her police officer husband. Reprint.

A glimpse into the inner lives of psychiatrist Dr Ahmed's patients in the melting pot of outer Sydney. The stories vary from closet gay Muslims, to health food fundamentalists. It is an account of the modern condition viewed through the microcosm of the consulting room. Funny, insightful, heartbreaking and inspiring, this gripping book will entertain and challenge. _____

A terrific book here full of insight, information and highly interesting people...gives the book a warm and beating heart. This is a very important book...an insight into the fantastic variety of human responses to adversity. -- Gabrielle Lord, best-selling author Society is stretching the definition of mental health. As Tanveer notes, mental health has been equated with emotional distress. We are changing our view of trauma, seeking counsellors for all occasions. What's going on? Tanveer's case studies illuminate these trends. But readers will find them interesting for their own sake, stories of humanity. His

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book is nothing less than an account of how we live now: from Mujahideen to McMansions. -- Bob Carr, former NSW Premier Tanveer Ahmed's *Fragile Nation* comes as revelation to me. I have followed his writing for many years and have always been impressed by his knowledge, valuable insights and willingness to express unpopular truths. But I was riveted by his stories of the people he cares for as a psychiatrist working in Western Sydney: angry white men, alienated youth seduced by Islam, damaged refugees, the children of tiger mothers. Amazing people revealed with sensitivity and candour, blessedly free of the ideological claptrap that often captures the saintly souls who work in the helping professions. Here's to Tanveer Ahmed - Australia's Theodore Dalrymple. -- Bettina Arndt, author and clinical psychologist. Dr Ahmed argues clearly and forcefully for a less mechanistic and bureaucratic psychiatry, which harms our culture and society as well as individuals. His book will be unwelcome in the very circles where it is most needed. --Theodore Dalrymple, UK Psychiatrist and Author This is a fantastic read. *Fragile Nation* offers a compelling account of the way that culture, morality and psychology intersect and influence individual behaviour in a transnational world. -- Frank Furedi, author and emeritus professor of sociology at the University of Kent, United Kingdom

The complete history of Northern Ireland from the Irish Civil War to Brexit "A wonderful book, beautifully written. . . . Informative and incisive."--Irish Times After two decades of relative peace following the Good Friday Agreement of 1998, the Brexit referendum in

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2016 reopened the Northern Ireland question. In this thoughtful and engaging book, Feargal Cochrane considers the region's troubled history from the struggle for Irish independence in the nineteenth century to the present. New chapters explain the reasons for the suspension of devolved government at Stormont in 2017 and its restoration in 2020 as well as the consequences for Northern Ireland of Britain's decision to leave the European Union. Providing a complete account of the province's hundred-year history, this book is essential reading to understand the present dimensions of the Northern Irish conflict.

The haunting story of a family of dreamers and tale-tellers looking for home in an unwelcoming world. This exquisite and unusual magic realist debut, told in intensely lyrical prose by an award winning author, traces one girl's migration from war to peace, loss to loss, home to home. Firuzeh and her brother Nour are children of fire, born in an Afghanistan fractured by war. When their parents, their Atay and Abay, decide to leave, they spin fairy tales of their destination, the mythical land and opportunities of Australia. As the family journeys from Pakistan to Indonesia to Nauru, heading toward a hope of home, they must rely on fragile and temporary shelters, strangers both mercenary and kind, and friends who vanish as quickly as they're found. When they arrive in Australia, what seemed like a stable shore gives way to treacherous currents. Neighbors, classmates, and the government seek their own ends, indifferent to the family's fate. For Firuzeh, her fantasy worlds provide some relief, but as her family and home

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splinter, she must surface from these imaginings and find a new way.

What is Fragile X? The most common inherited cause of learning difficulties, affecting a child's ability to tackle key areas such as literacy and numeracy, and causing behaviour problems and social anxiety. What can teachers do to help children with Fragile X become more effective learners? This definitive text will provide essential support and information for teachers with the expertise of an international field of researchers, whose variety of perspectives contribute to a unique, multi-professional approach. Each chapter of the book suggests practical intervention strategies, based on sound educational principles expressed in clear non-specific terms. A range of important topics are considered, including: * the physical and behavioural characteristics of Fragile X * the effects of Fragile X on learning * medication and therapy * related conditions such as autism and attention deficit disorders. Breaking down the barriers of professional practice, this book establishes the groundwork for successful and valuable multi-professional teamwork. By providing immediate access to a body of empirical knowledge and advice from other disciplines, it will encourage teachers to incorporate this approach into their own practice. Everyone responsible for the education of a child with Fragile X syndrome should read this book.

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before daybreak, igniting a devouring inferno. Lives are lost, lives are shattered, but some rise from the ashes forever changed. Sophie Whalen is a young Irish immigrant so desperate to get out of a New York tenement that she answers a mail-order bride ad and agrees to marry a man she knows nothing about. San Francisco widower Martin Hocking proves to be as aloof as he is mesmerizingly handsome. Sophie quickly develops deep affection for Kat, Martin's silent five-year-old daughter, but Martin's odd behavior leaves her with the uneasy feeling that something about her newfound situation isn't right. Then one early-spring evening, a stranger at the door sets in motion a transforming chain of events. Sophie discovers hidden ties to two other women. The first, pretty and pregnant, is standing on her doorstep. The second is hundreds of miles away in the American Southwest, grieving the loss of everything she once loved. The fates of these three women intertwine on the eve of the devastating earthquake, thrusting them onto a perilous journey that will test their resiliency and resolve and, ultimately, their belief that love can overcome fear. From the acclaimed author of *The Last Year of the War* and *As Bright as Heaven* comes a gripping novel about the bonds of friendship and mother love, and the power of female solidarity.

Nowhere is the need to generate employment more urgent than in the fragile states of Sub-Saharan Africa. In this region, where the majority of the labor force still works in agriculture, the potential of agricultural value chain development has been underexploited. Because value chain development lends itself to a flexible and

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incremental approach, it appears to be feasible in the absence of well-functioning government institutions. As value chain development involves building and strengthening relationships along the chain of productive and value-adding activities, it also has the potential to restore social relationships eroded by conflict. *Creating Jobs in Africa's Fragile States* considers how fragility has affected economic development and job creation in Sub-Saharan Africa and how the World Bank and other donors have addressed job creation in fragile and conflict-affected environments. It examines value chain projects that have proved successful in Sub-Saharan Africa and other fragile environments. This book is primarily addressed to donors, nongovernmental organizations and policy makers, all of whom have a unique role to play in nurturing value chains. For the World Bank, increased collaboration across the institution, rather than a strictly sectoral approach, has the potential to catalyze value chain development and expand job opportunities in Africa.

In 2002 the Bush Administration unveiled a U.S. National Security Strategy that identified fragile states as a major security threat. It held that the weakness of certain states left power vacuums that could be exploited by transnational terrorist and/or criminal networks. Al-Qaeda's use of the Afghan countryside, to train and command those who attacked U.S. targets in September 2001, was framed as symptomatic of a larger problem. The War on Terror, pre-emptive defense, regime change and the integration of defence and development - became pillars of the U.S. response.

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Fragile Settlements compares the processes by which British colonial authority was asserted over Indigenous peoples in south-west Australia and Prairie Canada from the 1830s to the early twentieth century. At the start of this period, in a humanitarian response to settlers' increased demand for land, Britain's Colonial Office moved to protect Indigenous peoples by making them subjects under British law. This book highlights the parallels and divergences between these connected British frontiers by examining how colonial actors and institutions interpreted and applied the principle of law in their interaction with Indigenous peoples "on the ground."

A revealing exploration of people whose wealth, fame, beauty, and social status grant them immense power. Celebrity culture drives us to aspire to be like the few who seem to have figured out how to have it all. But is it possible that they simultaneously have everything and nothing at all? Having treated some of the world's most successful people, psychotherapist "Dr. Paul" sets out to answer why so many people who have everything end up feeling like their achievements are never enough—as well as what that pattern can reveal about ourselves and the society in which we live. The exclusivity of living behind the velvet rope or the gilded gate doesn't guarantee happiness for the rich, famous, and powerful; there are downsides to attainment as well. We all—including people who seem protected by their privileged lives—can experience the self-destructive behaviors common to modern life, including chronic stress, addiction, anxiety, imposter syndrome, infidelity, negative body image, and narcissism. Division marks our era.

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There's a growing separation between the haves and have nots, men and women, as well as the empowered and the disenfranchised. At the same time, our culture is defined by celebrities, and the powerful, affluent people we put on a pedestal to idolize and emulate. Too often, we think our lives would be better if we could have what they have or be more like them. It's time to realize that even the most admired people can go through life feeling unloved and unable to escape their problems. From the therapist's chair, we learn how feelings of shame, insecurity, abandonment, and emotional pain are all part of the human condition. With empathy, we can overcome our sense of isolation by realizing that we all crave—and deserve—understanding, intimacy, and real connection.

This book investigates the emergence, the dissemination and the reception of the notion of 'state fragility'. It analyses the process of conceptualisation, examining how the 'fragile states' concept was framed by policy makers to describe reality in accordance with their priorities in the fields of development and security. Contributors investigate the instrumental use of the 'state fragility' label in the legitimisation of Western policy interventions in countries facing violence and profound poverty. They also emphasise the agency of actors 'on the receiving end', describing how the elites and governments in so-called 'fragile states' have incorporated and reinterpreted the concept to fit their own political agendas. A first set of articles examines the role played by the World Bank, the OECD, the European Union and the G7+ in the transnational

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diffusion of the concept, which is understood as a critical element in the new discourse on international aid and security. A second set of papers employs three case studies (Sudan, Indonesia and Uganda) to explore the processes of appropriation, reinterpretation and the strategic use of the 'fragile state' concept. This book was originally published as a special issue of Third World Quarterly.

7-session study by Angela Thomas-Pharr teaches that God is stronger than every struggle you will ever face.

Sunday Times No. 1 bestselling author Neil Gaiman's collection of extraordinary short stories featuring How to Talk to Girls at Parties, soon to be a major film release starring Nicole Kidman, Elle Fanning and Alex Sharp. From the author American Gods, now a major TV series for Amazon Prime Video, Fragile Things shows one of the world's most gifted storytellers at the height of his powers. Let me tell you stories of the months of the year, of ghosts and heartbreak, of dread and desire. Or after-hours drinking and unanswered phones, of good deeds and bad days, of trusting wolves and how to talk to girls at parties. There are stories within stories, whispered in the quiet of the night, shouted above the roar of the day, and played out between lovers and enemies, strangers and friends. But all, all are fragile things made of just 26 letters arranged and rearranged to form tales and imaginings which will dazzle your senses, haunt your imagination and move you to the very depths of your soul.

Aid agencies increasingly consider anti-corruption activities important for economic

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development and poverty reduction in developing countries. In the first major comparative study of work by the World Bank, the European Commission and the UNDP to help governments in fragile states counter corruption, Jesper Johnsn finds significant variance in strategic direction and common failures in implementation. In a refreshing departure from existing literature on corruption, *Anti-Corruption Strategies in Fragile States* takes a public administration perspective, studying the role of organisational factors in the success of anti-corruption strategies. It is widely acknowledged that governance and anti-corruption interventions play a crucial role in reducing fragility and building legitimate and resilient institutions. Policy makers have re-framed development goals for fragile states to achieve stability by addressing their special characteristics: weak institutions and governance; low capacity and legitimacy in government; and vulnerability to violence. This book shows how anti-corruption and state-building policies are often disconnected or incoherent, and how executional challenges prevent strategies from translating into results. This book will be of interest to researchers and students studying (anti-)corruption, aid, international organisations or fragile states. It will be an invaluable resource for staff in aid agencies and non-governmental organisations in the fields of governance, accountability and transparency.

A classic collection of the New Yorker's most urgent and groundbreaking reporting from the front lines of the climate emergency In 1989, just one year after climatologist James Hansen

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first came before a Senate committee and testified that the earth was now warmer than it had ever been in recorded history, thanks to humankind's heedless consumption of fossil fuels, New Yorker writer Bill McKibben published a deeply reported and considered piece on climate change and what it could mean for the planet. At the time, the piece was to some speculative to the point of alarmist; read now, McKibben's work is heroically prescient. Since then, the New Yorker has devoted enormous attention to climate change, describing the causes of the crisis, the political and ecological conditions we now find ourselves in, and the scenarios and solutions we face. The Fragile Earth tells the story of climate change - its past, present, and future - taking readers from Greenland to the Great Plains, and into both laboratories and rain forests. It features some of the best writing on global warming from the last three decades, including Bill McKibben's seminal essay 'The End of Nature,' the first piece to popularize both the science and politics of climate change for a general audience, and the Pulitzer Prize-winning work of Elizabeth Kolbert, as well as Kathryn Schulz, Dexter Filkins, Jonathan Franzen, Ian Frazier, Eric Klinenberg, and others. The result, in its range, depth, and passion, promises to bring light, and sometimes heat, to the great emergency of our age.

The problems of fragile statehood and poor government performance rank high on the international agenda for action. In many affected countries, the population receives not even the most basic of social services and human rights are violated in many ways. The government is generally unable to perform its core duties. The capacities required are not in place or there is no genuine political will to undertake the necessary reforms. The consequences of poor governance hit poor and disadvantaged sections of the population disproportionately hard. The United Nations sees these states as the single most serious risk to peace and security at

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global and regional level. The OECD states and international organizations have undertaken to step up their commitment in fragile states. Now the international community faces the major challenge of helping to shape transition processes by means of suitable development strategies and instruments. In this compilation, experts express their views on this issue. The book analyses highlight the potentials of, and limitations to, development policy engagement in fragile states. Above all, it demonstrates how development cooperation can help support transition processes even in exceptionally unfavorable environments.

SOMEWHERE AT THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD, THERE IS LOVE - AND I FOUND IT. BUT ALONG WITH IT, THERE IS PARTING - AND IT HAPPENED. MY LOVE IS NOT FRAGILE - The TRILOGY Book of Apology consists of three books - LOVE, LOSS and PAIN. The Book of LOVE is a mesmerizing and butterfly-filled story. It captures enthralling moments showing how romantic love appears in a way we can't conceptualize. The Book of LOSS is a discovering story of feelings and emotions we tend to come across. It is a book about a battle that we choose to fight, and coming to terms with the reality of fear. The Book of PAIN is an inspiring story of survival and triumph amidst the presence of internal wounds, and finding a perfect place in the greater scheme of things by moving forward. MY LOVE IS NOT FRAGILE expresses a delicate heart's voice about understanding, acceptance and forgiveness brought by the love of God.

There is broad recognition that countries in fragile situations face unique challenges. While fragility may afflict countries at different levels of income and capacity, common features of fragile states are institutions that are seen to be weak and lack legitimacy, as well as a fractious political setting, which in turn elevates the risk of violence. Fragilities impose large

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costs and hardships on local populations that can spill over to neighboring countries—directly through conflict, crime, and disease, but also through economic linkages. Considering these unique challenges, the international community is developing forms of engagement that stress peacebuilding, social cohesion, and statebuilding. They incorporate recognition of the need for sustained engagement, a willingness to take calculated risks in uncertain environments, fuller attention to the political economy of reforms and capacity constraints, and coordination of donor efforts.

"Why are banking systems unstable in so many countries--but not in others? The United States has had twelve systemic banking crises since 1840, while Canada has had none. The banking systems of Mexico and Brazil have not only been crisis prone but have provided miniscule amounts of credit to business enterprises and households. Analyzing the political and banking history of the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Brazil through several centuries, *Fragile by Design* demonstrates that chronic banking crises and scarce credit are not accidents due to unforeseen circumstances. Rather, these fluctuations result from the complex bargains made between politicians, bankers, bank shareholders, depositors, debtors, and taxpayers. The well-being of banking systems depends on the abilities of political institutions to balance and limit how coalitions of these various groups influence government regulations. *Fragile by Design* is a revealing exploration of the ways that politics inevitably intrudes into bank regulation. Charles Calomiris and Stephen Haber combine political history and economics to examine how coalitions of politicians, bankers, and other interest groups form, why some endure while others are undermined, and how they generate policies that determine who gets to be a banker, who has access to credit, and who pays for bank bailouts

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and rescues."--Publisher's description.

Obsessive self-promotion, an aggressive triggering response, and retaliatory rants. "Both sensitive and incisive, beautifully capturing the paradoxical dynamic of narcissism—that the grandiosity and surrounding bravado belies an underlying fragility and brittleness." —Kenneth N. Levy, PhD, Associate Professor, Penn State University; Senior Fellow, Personality Disorders Institute, Cornell University Even before Donald Trump entered America's highest office, an international survey revealed that narcissism is part of the assumed "national character" of Americans. While only a small number actually meet the criteria for Narcissistic Personality Disorder, those exploitive few have a way of gaining center stage in our culture. *Fragile Bully: Understanding Our Destructive Affair With Narcissism in the Age of Trump* looks beyond the sound bites of self-aggrandizing celebrities and selfish tweets to the real problem of narcissism. We see past the solo act to the vicious circles that arise in relationships with a fragile bully, and how patterns like this generate both power and self-destruction. We also look at the problem of Echo, how so many of us get hooked by the narcissist, and how variations on the destructive affair leave both partners dehumanized and diminished. Once we recognize the steps in each dance, we can break the cycle and allow and the possibility of true engagement.

BATTLE SCARRED Six years after trading in his combat gear for hospital scrubs, Luke Rafferty still hasn't found what he's been searching for: a normal life. At his job, Luke is faced with things just as heartbreaking as those on the battlefield, none more so than the abused children brought in by a pretty red-headed social worker.

HEARTBROKEN For Devon Manning, being a social worker is a rewarding job, but also a constant reminder of her own troubled youth. Devon takes everything one day at a time—unable to form a relationship with

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