

Millionaire By Halftime

Eighth-grade star quarterback Nate Brodie is frantic to win a million dollars by completing a pass during the halftime of a New England Patriot's game to help his family and his best friend Abby who is going blind.

New York Times Bestseller Now a Major Motion Picture “Brilliantly done . . . grand, intimate, and joyous.” —New York Times Book Review “Mothers, father, sons, and daughters: read this giant-hearted novel.” —MARIA SEMPLE, author of *Where'd You Go, Bernadette* Three minutes and forty-three seconds of intensive warfare with Iraqi insurgents—caught on tape by an embedded Fox News crew—has transformed the eight surviving men of Bravo Squad into America's most sought-after heroes. Now they're on a media-intensive nationwide tour to reinvigorate public support for the war. On this rainy Thanksgiving Day, the Bravos are guests of a Dallas football team, slated to be part of the halftime show. Among the Bravos is nineteen-year-old Specialist Billy Lynn. Surrounded by patriots sporting flag pins on their lapels and support our troops bumper stickers, he is thrust into the company of the team's owner and his coterie of wealthy colleagues; a born-again cheerleader; a veteran Hollywood producer; and supersized players eager for a vicarious taste of war. Over the course of this day, Billy will drink and brawl, yearn for home and mourn those missing, face a heart-wrenching decision and discover pure love and a bitter wisdom far beyond his years. Poignant, riotously funny, and exquisitely heartbreaking, Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk is a searing and powerful novel that has cemented Ben Fountain's reputation as one of the finest writers of his generation.

Twelve friends. Ten-year reunion. One \$50,000,000 lottery ticket. Jackie Dunn knows her hometown is in trouble. If the hospital closes, she'll lose her job, and her side business as a caterer won't pay the bills. But when her old crush returns as the town's new doctor, she thinks she and the town might have a real future. Dr. Doug Little only came home to pay off one last debt from medical school. When he and his former classmates win a fifty-million-dollar lottery jackpot, Doug sees it as their ticket to freedom, but Jackie refuses to give up on their hometown. He must make a hard decision when he realizes leaving means losing the real prize he found in Hopewell.

Since the release of *Halftime* in 1994, more than 150,000 people have purchased that book and begun a journey from success to significance. In a way that no one could have predicted, *Halftime* started a widespread movement viewing midlife as an opportunity rather than a crisis. It helped men and women between the ages of 35 and 50 realize they may have another thirty years of active, vibrant living ahead of them. And, according to author Buford, retirement is not the optimal option. But now, many of the people who began the journey from success to significance have found themselves sidetracked, stuck in the middle of their transition. *Stuck in Halftime* coaches readers how to get past the barriers that

stand in their way to maturity and fulfillment. It outlines eight "myths of halftime" and explains the new set of rules for this second half of life's journey. Combining practical guidance with personal stories of people who have become "unstuck," *Stuck in Halftime* renews the vision and determination of those who heard the "still, small voice of God" calling them to a life of significance.

Flamboyant. Pioneering. Opinionated. These words and dozens more have been used over the years to describe Chet Coppock, a true Chicago sports legend. Now, after decades of talking sports in every corner of the city with everyone from Hall of Famers to average fans, Coppock has written the ultimate guide to the most famous-and infamous-people, places, and moments in Chicago sports history. *Fat Guys Shouldn't be Dancin' at Halftime* is a one-of-a-kind guide through the wild and wacky world of Chicago sports. Fans will get a behind-the-scenes look at some of the city's biggest stars from a man who's seen them all come and go—they'll also be directed to some off-the-beaten-path attractions that every true sports fan should visit.

HOW TO MARRY A MILLIONAIRE Tallia Venables had landed herself a millionaire. Sexy Brad Slinger had all the essentials for a well-heeled happily-ever-after. But Tallia wasn't looking for a husband; what the pretty scientist needed was an investor. And Brad was her man—at least, according to his bankbook. Then she started dating Mr. Tall, Dark and Irresistible. Now the only thing Brad seemed determined to do was kiss her senseless. So Tallia went undercover as a plain Jane to keep the handsome bachelor at bay. Everything was going fine—until Tallia fell in love. Could she tell Brad she wasn't the woman he thought she was—but the wife he was dreaming of?

"Mr. Hamid reaffirms his place as one of his generation's most inventive and gifted writers." –Michiko Kakutani, *The New York Times* "A globalized version of *The Great Gatsby* . . . [Hamid's] book is nearly that good." –Alan Cheuse, NPR

"Marvelous and moving." –*TIME Magazine* From the internationally bestselling author of *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* and *Exit West*, the boldly imagined tale of a poor boy's quest for wealth and love His first two novels established Mohsin Hamid as a radically inventive storyteller with his finger on the world's pulse. *How to Get Filthy Rich in Rising Asia* meets that reputation—and exceeds it. The astonishing and riveting tale of a man's journey from impoverished rural boy to corporate tycoon, it steals its shape from the business self-help books devoured by ambitious youths all over "rising Asia." It follows its nameless hero to the sprawling metropolis where he begins to amass an empire built on that most fluid, and increasingly scarce, of goods: water. Yet his heart remains set on something else, on the pretty girl whose star rises along with his, their paths crossing and recrossing, a lifelong affair sparked and snuffed and sparked again by the forces that careen their fates along. *How to Get Filthy Rich in Rising Asia* is a striking slice of contemporary life at a time of crushing upheaval. Romantic without being sentimental, political without being didactic, and spiritual without being

religious, it brings an unflinching gaze to the violence and hope it depicts. And it creates two unforgettable characters who find moments of transcendent intimacy in the midst of shattering change.

Michael Parkinson: 'What was the nearest to kick-off that you made love to a woman?' George Best: 'Er- I think it was half-time actually' George Best was the first celebrity footballer and to many the greatest British player ever. In Scoring at Half-Time he gathers together his favourite memories, stories and anecdotes from his experiences in and out of the game over the last forty years. No dressing room door is left unopened, no player's bar tale untold and no secret kept in this fond, humorous look at football's golden era from the man who was usually there when it happened. Inside stories and lurid tales about George, Bobby, Denis, Nobby and Fergie amongst others. Scoring at Half-Time will delight anyone who has ever wanted to spend time in the company of the footballing legend.

A STAND ALONE, Second Chances 'Sweeter' Rom-Com. I, Harper Schubert, am a poorly paid assistant working at Mr. Cupid Matchmaking Agency. How is it possible that I made a love match that resulted in the society marriage of the year? But hey -- who cares? It's Christmastime and I plan on enjoying this gorgeous wedding by drinking too much Champagne and luxuriating in all the luxury. I don't plan on tripping over the gorgeous, tuxedo-clad brick wall of a man. I don't plan on him stopping my fall by grabbing onto my boob and Not. Letting. Go. I most definitely don't plan on this impossibly handsome man being my new CLIENT. Ethan's heir to the Rosseaux Hotel fortune. He's whip smart, ridiculously funny, and oh so delicious. I'm tempted to... good God I want to... but dating clients is a big, fat 'No-No.' Aren't some rules meant to be broken? ___ Ms. Match Meets a Millionaire © 2018 is the 'SWEETER' version of THE CLIENT © 2017. Both books written by Pamela DuMond.

America's leading professional prognosticator and a successful Millionaire Republican himself reveals the eighteen keys to creating wealth in the GOP-dominated era.

THE 1970S - THE LAST DECADE WHEN EVERY FAN OF EVERY CLUB COULD WISH FOR THE STARS. For supporters of provincial lightweights like Derby County, Nottingham Forest and Leeds United, their wishes came true in the seventies when they landed the Division One title. It was the decade of the underdog - when the FA Cup was still football's Holy Grail and teams like Sunderland, Ipswich and Southampton came in from the sticks to produce their own brand of Wembley magic. It is not like that today. It was the decade when every team had its characters: Stan Bowles, Charlie George, Duncan McKenzie, Frank Worthington, Tony Currie, Rodney Marsh. These personalities are gone now, replaced by an influx of anonymous foreign journeymen. This book harks back to a lost era when the game still belonged to the fans; they could identify with the players, recognise their heroes, and believe they all had a shot at glory. It remembers dramatic matches packed with action and controversy; recalls mercurial managers like Shankly, Clough, Revie and the Doc - and asks the question: who was the finest player from football's last great decade?

FOR DISTRIBUTION OUTSIDE THE USA. Halftime. Time to pause, midway in the game of your life, and consider how to make the transition from professional success to significance. Revised and expanded for a new generation of leaders, Bob Buford's bestseller shows how you can make the second half of your life even more rewarding than the first.

Has Chicago's "Most Eligible Bachelor" Met His Match? by Hedda Walker That's the question on every single woman's mind since shoppers

witnessed a shocking scene yesterday. Apparently, local gallery manager Ellie Hernandez collided with prominent CEO Garek Wisnewski on an icy sidewalk, tangling them in each other's arms...and on the ground! Witnesses claim the sparks that flew as the two retrieved Ellie's scattered purchases raised the city's temperature. And some sharp eye spotted a package mix-up that might mean some future mingling will also happen. Dare we hope this spirited Latina will thaw the mogul's frozen heart? Since neither party would return this reporter's calls, only time will tell....

The inside story of the clash of two of Wall Street's biggest, richest, toughest, most aggressive players--Carl Icahn and Bill Ackman--and Herbalife, the company caught in the middle With their billions of dollars and their business savvy, activist investors Carl Icahn and Bill Ackman have the ability to move markets with the flick of a wrist. But what happens when they run into the one thing in business they can't control: each other? This fast-paced book tells the story of the clash of these two titans over Herbalife, a nutritional supplement company whose business model Ackman questioned. Icahn decided to vouch for them, and the dispute became a years-long feud, complete with secret backroom deals, public accusations, billions of dollars in stock trades, and one dramatic insult war on live television. Wapner, who hosted that memorable TV show, has gained unprecedented access to all the players and unravels this remarkable war of egos, showing the extreme measures the participants were willing to take. When the Wolves Bite is both a rollicking, entertaining read--a great business story of money and power and pride.

"Think of it as a Texas version of Hillbilly Elegy." — Bryan Burrough, New York Times bestselling author of THE BIG RICH and BARBARIANS AT THE GATE "Bryan Mealer has given us a brilliant, and brilliantly entertaining, portrayal of family, and a bursting-at-the-seams chunk of America in the bargain." — Ben Fountain, bestselling author of Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk A saga of family, fortune, faith in Texas, where blood is bond and oil is king... In 1892, Bryan Mealer's great-grandfather leaves the Georgia mountains and heads west into Texas, looking for wealth and adventure in the raw and open country. But his luck soon runs out. Beset by drought, the family loses their farm just as the dead pastures around them give way to one of the biggest oil booms in American history. They eventually settle in the small town of Big Spring, where fast fortunes are being made from its own reserves of oil. For the next two generations, the Mealers live on the margins of poverty, laboring in the cotton fields and on the drilling rigs that sprout along the flatland, weathering dust and wind, booms and busts, and tragedies that scatter them like tumbleweed. After embracing Pentecostalism during the Great Depression, they rely heavily on their faith to steel them against hardship and despair. But for young Bobby Mealer, the author's father, religion is only an agent for rebellion. In the winter of 1981, when the author is seven years old, Bobby receives a call from an old friend with a simple question, "How'd you like to be a millionaire?" Twenty-six, and with a wife and three kids, Bobby had left his hometown to seek a life removed from the blowing dust and oil fields, and to find spiritual peace. But now Big Spring's streets are flooded again with roughnecks, money, and sin. Boom chasers pour in from the busted factory towns in the north. Drilling rigs rise like timber along the pastures, and poor men become millionaires overnight. Grady Cunningham, Bobby's friend, is one of the newly-minted kings of Big Spring. Loud and flamboyant, with a penchant for floor-length fur coats, Grady pulls Bobby and his young wife into his glamorous orbit. While drilling wells for Grady's oil company, they fly around on private jets and embrace the honky-tonk high life of Texas oilmen. But beneath the Rolexes and Rolls Royce cars is a reality as dark as the crude itself. As Bobby soon discovers, his return to Big Spring is a backslider's journey into a spiritual wilderness, and one that could cost him his life. A masterwork of memoir and narrative history, The Kings of Big Spring is an indelible portrait of fortune and ruin as big as Texas itself. And in telling the story of four generations of his family, Mealer also tells the story of America came to be.

The Millionaire Choice inspires and equips anyone with hopes for a better financial future. Tony Bradshaw grew up in a financially challenged home in a lower income area of Nashville, TN. In his mid 20s, he found himself following in his family's footsteps of debt and financial struggle. Then at age 25, he experienced a financial wake-up call that changed his future forever: he decided to break his family's cycle of financial mismanagement and become a millionaire by 40 years old. It's what Tony calls making the millionaire choice. Regardless of circumstance or family background, everyone has the ability to make choices that affect their future positively or negatively. In The Millionaire Choice, Tony shares the principles and actions he applied during his journey to becoming a millionaire to reveal how, with the right financial knowledge and choices, anyone can become a millionaire.

From the remarkable perspective of a man whose extraordinary life and diverse experiences spanned much of the 20th century, ALAN F KAY is in a unique position to expound on the ideals and philosophies that will get us through the first hundred years of the new millennium. From his tenure as an army interpreter in postwar occupied Japan and his years as a mathematician and engineer on Defense Department projects during the early days of the Cold War, Kay garnered lessons in how to conduct military and intelligence operations in a humane, honorable, and scientifically oriented manner. As a "serial entrepreneur" who built his fortune on anticipating the telecommunications revolution of the 1960s and '70s—indeed, in anticipating the Internet itself—Kay discovered how a focused creativity can create entire new markets. As a worker for world peace who joined nuclear-disarmament missions to the Soviet Union in the 1980s, Kay saw how open-mindedness and a willingness to embrace our fellows across our common ground is necessary for long-term accord. Here, in his cheerful but frank autobiography, Kay shares the wisdom of his life as a militarist, millionaire, and peacenik.

Success Is Great. But Significance Is Lasting. You've achieved a measure of success in the first half of life, and it's been a thrill. But deep in your heart, you want your second half to count for something far more. Something bigger than you. Significance. You're not alone; you're in "Halftime." You want to discover where your deepest passions intersect with your greatest abilities and harness them to help change the world. But what does significance look like? How do you attain it? What will it cost you? What if you are not yet financially independent? Who can help you make sense out of this stage of life? Lloyd Reeb knows how it is. He's wrestled with the same questions—and found answers. In From Success to Significance, he unfolds a blueprint that has helped thousands of men and women redefine success and infuse their lives with eternal significance. Adapt Reeb's approach to your circumstances and, with God's help, put it in motion. It works, and it will work for you. Discover God's unique purpose for your life. Your talents, your drives, and everything you are will make sense in a new way and have an impact you've never dreamed of. Go ahead, start dreaming. Because significance is within your reach, and it starts by finding the freedom to dream. "Many people measure their success by wealth, recognition, power, and status. There's nothing wrong with those, but if that's all you're focused on, you're missing the boat. Lloyd Reeb shows that if you focus on significance—using your time and talent to serve others—that's when truly meaningful success can come your way."

Your midlife doesn't have to be a crisis. In fact, the second half of your life can be better than the first. Bob Buford's bestseller shows you how. What do you want to do with the rest of your life? In Halftime, Buford provides the encouragement and insight to propel your life on a new course to true significance—and the best years of your life. Buford focuses on this important time of transition to the second half of your life, leading you to . . . Take stock of your successes and accomplishments thus far Redefine significance and what it means to you Identify your personal goals Develop a mission for serving God in the second half of your life And more This updated and expanded 20th Anniversary edition also includes new questions for reflection or discussion at the end of each chapter, brand new "halftime" stories of men and women

enjoying a second half of significance, specific halftime assignments to guide readers into their second-half mission, and more.

"The Millionaire's Guide To Mix Drinks (Recipes to Heat up the night) A remarkable collection of some of the finest drinks and mixtures of spirits from the bars of the Rich, Affluent and Powerful. Challenge your creativity and partake in the pages of the latest book written by Mr. Kimball Hopson. A Sensual and entertaining twist to the most extensive mixed drink collection ever compiled.

If you're working harder, but enjoying work less; questioning whether your current level of success is worth the sacrifices you are making; keen to leave a legacy beyond your career achievements, then ENRICHED will speak to you. It will help you move beyond the stresses and demands of the 'work you do for a living' and begin the journey towards working out why you are alive. This compelling autobiography of John Sikkema - a shy Dutch immigrant kid just trying to fit in, who became a self-made millionaire and CEO of one of the most successful financial planning firms in Australia - offers a practical blueprint for identifying changes you want to make in your life, and then provides a method for initiating those changes. Bob Buford, author of the best-selling Halftime, writes in his foreword to ENRICHED: "If you want your life to count for something beyond the value of your portfolio or the title on your business card, you have come to the right place." Filled with inspirational quotes, compelling stories and practical resources, ENRICHED will help you make the changes necessary to become the person you were meant to be. ABOUT THE AUTHOR At 49, JOHN SIKKEMA, as CEO and major shareholder of the financial planning group Garrisons, sold the business to a Packer-backed company for \$40 million. He had transformed the small company he started in Tasmania into a successful franchise business with 65 offices across Australia. Yet it was his personal transformation that remains his most satisfying and rewarding achievement. Today John divides his time between serving on several boards, and his new 'second-half career' as the CEO of Halftime Australia (www.halftime.org.au), an enterprise devoted to helping others enrich their lives through the discovery of their true purpose.

Devin Thorpe has collected over 150 essays on personal and family finance to help you learn how to be happier with your money, to live more frugally and investment more wisely. 925 Ideas... is an easy and readable guide to help your family find financial peace. Author Devin D. Thorpe explains: 1) how you and your spouse can find agreement on money matters, 2) how to teach your kids about money, 3) how to pay for your children's college education, 4) how to live like a millionaire (spoiler alert! Frugally) 5) how to come up with \$25,000 in a crisis 6) how to make ends meet on one income 7) how to get out of debt and stay out of debt 8) why home ownership should be your family's top financial priority 9) how to ask your boss for a raise 10) how to use your finances to do more good in the world. And much more! Devin D. Thorpe is the author of the highly regarded book, Your Mark on the World and is the founder of the Your Mark on the World Organization, championing social good. The Your Mark on the World Organization believes that people, no matter their level of income, can give more and do more to make the world a better place. The empowering lessons of 925 Ideas will enable you to leave your mark on the world.

Bestselling author Sherman Alexie tells the story of Junior, a budding cartoonist growing up on the Spokane Indian Reservation. Determined to take his future into his own hands, Junior leaves his troubled school on the rez to attend an all-white farm town high school where the only other Indian is the school mascot. Heartbreaking, funny, and beautifully written, The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian, which is based on the author's own experiences, coupled with poignant drawings by Ellen Forney that reflect the character's art, chronicles the contemporary adolescence of one Native American boy as he attempts to break away from the life he was destined to live. With a forward by Markus Zusak, interviews with Sherman Alexie and Ellen Forney, and four-color interior art throughout, this edition is perfect for fans and collectors alike.

Trading is a battle between you and the market. And while you might not be a financial professional, that doesn't mean you can't win this

battle. Through interviews with twelve ordinary individuals who have worked hard to transform themselves into extraordinary traders, *Millionaire Traders* reveals how you can beat Wall Street at its own game. Filled with in-depth insights and practical advice, this book introduces you to a dozen successful traders—some who focus on equities, others who deal in futures or foreign exchange—and examines the paths they've taken to capture considerable profits. With this book as your guide, you'll quickly become familiar with a variety of strategies that can be used to make money in today's financial markets. Those that will help you achieve this goal include: Tyrone Ball: trades Nasdaq stocks almost exclusively, and his ability to change with the times has enabled him to prosper during some of the most treacherous market environments in recent history. AShkan Bolour: one of the earliest entrants into the retail forex market, he trades in the direction of the major trend, rather than trying to find reversals. Frank Law: a technician at heart, identifies a trading zone, commits to it, and scales down as long as the zone holds. Paul Willette: has mastered a method that allows him to harvest some profits right away, while ensuring that he can still benefit from an occasional extension run in his favor. Order your copy today and beat the Street.

A noted journalist chronicles three years in the lives of a team of maverick software developers, led by Lotus 1-2-3 creator Mitch Kapor, intent on creating a revolutionary personal information manager to challenge Microsoft Outlook. Reprint. 30,000 first printing.

In December 1919, Ambrose Small, the mercurial owner of the Grand Opera House in Toronto, closed a deal to sell his network of Ontario theatres, deposited a million-dollar cheque in his bank account, and was never seen again. As weeks turned to years, the disappearance became the most "extraordinary unsolved mystery" of its time. Everything about the sensational case would be called into question in the decades to come, including the motivations of his inner circle, his enemies, and the police who followed the trail across the continent, looking for answers in asylums, theatres, and the Pacific Northwest. In *The Missing Millionaire*, Katie Daubs tells the story of the Small mystery, weaving together a gripping narrative with the social and cultural history of a city undergoing immense change. Daubs examines the characters who were connected to the case as the century carried on: Ambrose's religious wife, Theresa; his long-time secretary, Jack Doughty; his two unmarried sisters, Florence and Gertrude; Patrick Sullivan, a lawless ex-policeman; and Austin Mitchell, an overwhelmed detective. A series of trials exposed Small's tumultuous business and personal relationships, while allegations and confessions swirled. But as the main players in the Small mystery died, they took their secrets to the grave, and Ambrose Small would be forever missing. Drawing on extensive research, newly discovered archival material, and her own interviews with the descendants of key figures, Katie Daubs offers a rich portrait of life in an evolving city in the early twentieth century. Delving into a crime story about the power of the elite, she vividly recounts the page-turning tale of a cold case that is truly stranger than fiction.

As a business leader himself, John Sikkema understands the stress and demands placed on high achieving leaders. In *Enriched* he shares his experience, strategies and advice to help others successfully traverse this often treacherous journey of business and life.

Financial Planning For The Not-Yet Millionaire focuses your energies on key financial components that will lay the foundation for exponential net worth growth. You can confidently take the offensive in managing your money for yourself, your family, and your

company. This is your first step towards making and keeping millions. Below are a few answers that are inside: What is the IRA waiting period between rollovers and the exception? What are 529 plans? What are the tax consequences if you inherit an IRA? When can you convert and reconvert an amount from a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA? Can IRA distributions be delivered outside the United States? If you pledge your IRA as security for a loan, is it considered a distribution and be included in your gross income? How do I figure the cost basis when the stocks I'm selling were purchased at various times and at different prices? Do I need to pay taxes on that portion of a stock I gained as a result of a split? Go to www.DonPBaker.com for CD's, DVD's, individual consultation and seminars information. We are always hiring and motivating the best financial professionals.

Describes the qualities that enabled individuals to become millionaires, and looks at their childhood, education, and choice of vocation

Quito, Ecuador. In this obscure Andean capital, ladled along the ledge of a volcano, an eruption is taking place. After centuries of oppression, the workers are on strike against their banana plantation masters. If Ecuador, the largest banana exporter in the world and the bargain basement of the industry, raises its prices, so will the others. Remarkably, Jay Streets, American pro-football star, is called on to arbitrate and set a final wage for the workers. Having no interest in the matter, he is expected to be impartial. The U.S. government, however, with U.S. consumers in mind, would rather that Streets be partial. It has ordered the embassy's CIA chief to ensure it. Set against the emerald majesty of the Andes, *City on the Ledge* witnesses the machinations of politicians, spies, diplomats and lovers as they strive to pull off a revolution - or kill it before it can bloom.

In *Multiple Streams of Income*, bestselling author Robert Allen presents ten revolutionary new methods for generating over \$100,000 a year—on a part-time basis, working from your home, using little or none of your own money. For this book, Allen researched hundreds of income-producing opportunities and narrowed them down to ten surefire moneymakers anyone can profit from. This revised edition includes a new chapter on a cutting-edge investing technique.

In "A God-Made Millionaire," Steve Main writes about and helps people of all ages understand what money truly is and how to increase wealth.

Thousands of readers have found an exciting new vision for the second half of life in the best-selling book, *Halftime*. Bob Buford showed us that we aren't experiencing a midlife crisis that's winding us down to our retirement years, but a break in the game that can prepare us for the most exciting half of life. In *Game Plan*, Buford gives you a practical way to move from success to significance and create an individual strategy that can get you where you want to be five . . . ten . . . twenty . . . thirty . . . or more years from now. If you sense it's time for a positive change in your life, *Game Plan* gives you the tools to uncover your best self, aim for your highest dreams, and make your career and personal life more meaningful and fulfilling than ever.

Management consultant and Christian life coach Jeff Spadafora provides a blueprint for building a life of greater joy and

delivers a plan for frustrated believers to become joyful followers. An increasing number of adult American Christians are frustrated. Even as they read their Bibles, listen to sermons, and hang out with other Christians, they become painfully aware that something is missing: joy. As a result, many have given up on their faith being a source of joy, and instead they seek meaning, purpose, and joy through their work, relationships, hobbies, possessions, or even more destructive and hollow substitutes. In *The Joy Model*, Jeff Spadafora offers a better way, showing readers that joy comes from balancing the practical and spiritual sides of our lives—from the “Doing” and the “Being” of the Christian life. On the spiritual side, he reveals tried and true disciplines that move readers from knowing about God to actually experiencing him. On the practical side, he shows how to transform relationships, attitudes, finances, and work in ways that result in significant increases in joy. Weaving together his own spiritual journey, stories from his experience coaching others, and down-to-earth principles and practices, Spadafora helps readers find the joy in a life that is more vibrant and real than any they have experienced before.

Set against the backdrop of depression-era politics, 1934 was an *annus mirabilis* for English sport. Within just a few days of each other, Hedley Verity, Henry Cotton and Fred Perry all triumphed in their field. To a sporting audience still groaning through the quagmire left by the Great Depression, greedy for inspiring distractions, these heroic events made for a heady spectacle. England's Ashes Test victory at Lord's (later known as Verity's match) saw Australia seeking revenge after the Bodyline series of 1932-33, but Verity bowled England to a famous innings victory, taking 15 wickets - 14 in one day! That same day, Cotton set out on the first qualifying round of the British Open. He went on to set a new Open record with a game so sparkling the *Daily Express* called it "the best round of golf ever played". And within a fortnight, Perry had beaten Australia's Jack Crawford in the Wimbledon final. England had an extraordinary national hatrick. Together, these three contests and these three singular life stories weave a vivid portrait of an England that has faded from view. *Half-Time* celebrates a time of intense and rapid social and cultural change, a time that was both the last hurrah of the ancien regime and the stirring of something new. And moving through it, famous actors on a grand stage, are three very English heroes.

Wanda Sykes reduces people to tears -- tears of laughter. She's done so as a stand-up comic, a sitcom star, and a sports commentator for years now, and in the process she's gained a huge fan base nationwide. Now that she's conquered television, she's applying her genius to her first book, *Yeah, I Said It*. Here, Wanda presents hilarious and uncensored commentary on sex, family, politics, celebrities, and much more than she could ever say in a sound bite. But then again, she's a genius with a sound bite too. Here's what she says about men and football. "I used to think that football took place in this overbearing male-only environment that bled masculine domination. But the more I attend, the

more I realize these football fans could actually be experiencing the straight man's gay pride parade. You see men painting each other's faces in bright colors. You see men proud to wear another man's last name on their shirt. You see some men wear no shirt at all....Hot wieners on every corner as you walk up to the main competition. Men open the back of their trunks for a little tailgating." Here's what she says about women: "Women are taking stripper classes in hopes their men will stop going to strip clubs....You can't compete with those strippers....You gotta have...the stripper mentality. In other words, the ability to lie like a dog for a measly buck. A stripper will tell your man anything for a dollar. 'Oow, I thought you were Brad Pitt.' " An uproarious and irreverent collection from one of today's foremost comedic talents, Yeah, I Said It is Wanda Sykes at her uncensored best. Here, she channels her sharp wit into funny bits on the truth as she sees it from the halls of government in Washington, D.C., to the red carpets and boardrooms of Hollywood. Imbued with her razor-sharp voice, these essays showcase Sykes's sidesplitting candor and her trademark brand of comedy. "Without rules, these fake fiancés might accidentally fall for each other in this romantic comedy by the author of The Marriage Game. Daisy Patel is a software engineer who understands lists and logic better than bosses and boyfriends. Ever the obedient daughter, she always follows the rules, but the one thing she can't give her family is the marriage they expect. With few options left to her, and desperate to escape a parade of unwanted suitors, she asks her childhood crush to be her decoy fiancé. Liam Murphy is a venture capitalist with something to prove. When he learns that his inheritance is contingent on being married, he realizes his best friend's little sister has the perfect solution to his problem. A marriage of convenience will get Daisy's matchmaking relatives off her back and fulfill the terms of his late grandmother's will. If only her brother hadn't warned him away... Sparks fly when Daisy and Liam go on a series of dates to legitimize their fake relationship. Too late, they realize that very little is convenient about their arrangement. History and chemistry aren't about to follow the rules of this engagement"--

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