

## Sold One Womans True Account Of Modern Slavery

Lucie Blackman—tall, blond, twenty-one years old—stepped out into the vastness of Tokyo in the summer of 2000, and disappeared forever. The following winter, her dismembered remains were found buried in a seaside cave. Richard Lloyd Parry, an award-winning foreign correspondent, covered Lucie's disappearance and followed the massive search for her, the long investigation, and the even longer trial. Over ten years, he earned the trust of her family and friends, won unique access to the Japanese detectives and Japan's convoluted legal system, and delved deep into the mind of the man accused of the crime, Joji Obara, described by the judge as "unprecedented and extremely evil." The result is a book at once thrilling and revelatory, "In Cold Blood for our times" (Chris Cleave, author of *Incendiary* and *Little Bee*). *The People Who Eat Darkness* is one of Publishers Weekly's Top 10 Best Books of 2012

I was raised in poor neighborhoods with many brothers and sisters. I had an average education. I was well known in high school, made good grades, and achieved a lot of awards. Then I had to face one of my biggest struggles, becoming a teen mother. I eventually had to give up friends and graduated after only 3 years of high school. Kids do not realize the result of the choices that they make may affect the rest of their lives. I am going to take you through a journey of one of the most popular choices teenagers choose. Unprotected sex is one of the most popular choice a teenager would make

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without thinking about the affects it would have. In this story, you would see the difficulties as a teenage mom struggling through the drama of dealing with her daughters father and his family. Losing her faith and finding it again. She turns what could have been the most devastating turning point in her life into her motivation to become someone her daughter could look up to and be proud of. As an adult, she has more insight than a person does her age. Parents I hope this will help you find the strength and courage to talk to your children about safe sex and start at an earlier age than normal. That talk may save you and your child some devastating problems in the end. Teenagers make wiser choices let your parents or someone grown you trust know that you are having those feeling before you go out and do it. If you are going to have sex, always use protection, because it just may save your life in many ways. For almost three decades, renowned baby-seller Georgia Tann ran a children's home in Memphis, Tennessee — selling her charges to wealthy clients nationwide, Joan Crawford among them. Part social history, part detective story, part expose, *The Baby Thief* is a riveting investigative narrative that explores themes that continue to reverberate today.

Based on the New York Times bestselling book and the Academy Award–nominated movie, author Margot Lee Shetterly and Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Award winner Laura Freeman bring the incredibly inspiring true story of four black women who helped NASA launch men into space to picture book readers! Dorothy Vaughan, Mary

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Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Christine Darden were good at math...really good. They participated in some of NASA's greatest successes, like providing the calculations for America's first journeys into space. And they did so during a time when being black and a woman limited what they could do. But they worked hard. They persisted. And they used their genius minds to change the world. In this beautifully illustrated picture book edition, we explore the story of four female African American mathematicians at NASA, known as "colored computers," and how they overcame gender and racial barriers to succeed in a highly challenging STEM-based career. "Finally, the extraordinary lives of four African American women who helped NASA put the first men in space is available for picture book readers," proclaims Brightly in their article "18 Must-Read Picture Books of 2018." "Will inspire girls and boys alike to love math, believe in themselves, and reach for the stars." This nonfiction picture book is an excellent choice to share in the classroom or for homeschooling.

#1 New York Times bestselling author Karen Kingsbury shares a collection of inspiring true stories from women whose faith has sustained them through monumental trials. For mothers, wives, sisters, and friends, this book will uplift the hearts of its readers through accounts of faith proving triumphant over any obstacle.

A mesmerizing tale that exposes the steep price paid by consumers when mortgage servicing errors, inaccurate credit and illegal debt collection practices invade an innocent woman's life for 15 years.

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The astonishing first-person account of Mississippi pioneer woman struggling to survive, protect her family, and make a home in the early American South. Near the end of her life, Mary Mann Hamilton (1866 - c.1936) began recording her experiences in the backwoods of the Mississippi Delta. The result is this astonishing first-person account of a pioneer woman who braved grueling work, profound tragedy, and a pitiless wilderness (she and her family faced floods, tornadoes, fires, bears, panthers, and snakes) to protect her home in the early American South. An early draft of *Trials of the Earth* was submitted to a writers' competition sponsored by Little, Brown in 1933. It didn't win, and we almost lost the chance to bring this raw, vivid narrative to readers. Eighty-three years later, in partnership with Mary Mann Hamilton's descendants, we're proud to share this irreplaceable piece of American history. Written in spare, rich prose, *Trials of the Earth* is a precious record of one woman's extraordinary endurance and courage that will resonate with readers of history and fiction alike.

Three-times author and female business leader Julia McCoy brings multiple genres together in her electrifying, non-fiction true story, guaranteed to have you turning each page. Growing up under a narcissistic cult leader, *Woman Rising* tells the unbelievable true story of one woman's ability to defy the odds and rise up despite a terrible upbringing, build an business empire, and find her complete life path-through recovery and healing, to personal and professional success as a woman CEO. *Woman Rising, A True Story: Cult Survival, Female Leadership, and Entrepreneurial Success* Follow the

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author, Julia McCoy, on an incredible journey from birth to present-day at the age of twenty-eight. This narrative true story is told in two parts: Part 1: Life in a Cult Part 2: The Making of Success In Part 1, experience the painful, tragic story of Julia's upbringing, and how she was born into the house of a cult leader, who hid the truth of her daily environment completely from the public eye. Feel her passion and energy come alive as she pursues bold, money-making ideas at a young age, eventually building a brand while living in her father's house. read about the night she escaped his house, in 2012 at twenty-one years old. In Part 2, Follow Julia on an unbelievable (true) journey of discovering normal life, finding faith and healing, getting married to the man of her dreams; becoming a parent, 3x author, and the creator of four successful brands. Read about her trials, successes, and the reality as she builds not one, not two, but three successful businesses in the next seven years. Her steps to business success are laid out in every detail, including the significant ups and extreme downs. Use the lessons from part two as your own entrepreneurial manual. Julia's nonfiction story is one you will not forget. Her story marries these categories: female leadership books, entrepreneurial advice, and true stories of survival.

How one woman's soul-searching journey led her to the Mormon church and how her discovery of Jesus, helped her leave despite horrific persecution.

The purpose of this book is to help you overcome past pain, abuse, neglect and ill-advised values and habits in order to become a better person with the ability to shape a

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brighter future for yourself and others. It is my hope, as I take you through the dark depths of my past, you'll discover the importance of dealing with your own. Through this book, it is my hope that you will learn how to have a relationship with yourself and God. Most importantly, you will learn how to love yourself just the way that He made you. For you are beautifully and wonderfully made. You are worthy of self-love, ex-actly the way you are. This not an easy task, but it's definitely worth the work. Remember, you are a precious and loved child of God.

The compelling true account of one woman's experience as the other woman in an extra-marital affair: As a little girl, Rebecca dreamed of what she would become when she grew up. She didn't dream of becoming an adulteress, but that's precisely what happened in her early twenties. Words from the Other Woman is Rebecca's honest and cautionary testimony of how she fell from grace – and then was saved by it. In 1918, Rebecca Goldberg—a Jewish immigrant from the Russian Empire living in rural Wilmington, Massachusetts—lost her husband, Nathan, to a railroad accident, a tragedy that left her alone with six children to raise. To support the family after Nathan's death, Rebecca continued work she'd done for years: keeping chickens. Once or twice a week, with a suitcase full of fresh eggs in one hand and a child in the other, she delivered her product to relatives and friends in and around Boston. Then, in 1920—right at the start of Prohibition—one of Rebecca's customers suggested that she start selling alcoholic beverages in addition to her eggs to add to her meagre income. He would

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provide his homemade raw alcohol; Rebecca would turn it into something drinkable and sell it to new customers in Wilmington. Desperate to feed her family and keep them together, and determined to make sure her kids would all graduate from high school, Rebecca agreed—making herself a wary participant in the illegal alcohol trade.

Rebecca's business grew slowly and surreptitiously until 1925, when she was caught and summoned to appear before a judge. Fortunately for her, the chief of police was one of her customers, and when he spoke highly of her character before the court, all charges were dropped. Her case made headline news—and she made history.

Peny, the penny-saver, has a passion for protecting endangered animals. When she learns that some of her favorite creatures are going extinct, she struggles to figure out a way to help them. But at 80 years old, what could she do? Peny's age leads her to embark on a journey where her new black purse turns her into local and national hero.

A broad sweeping epic novel of a family torn apart by abuse. Although she turns everywhere for professional help in saving her family through marriage counseling and psychiatric intervention, Kelly Cyr suffers tremendously in the tragedy of losing her family. Illuminating, confessional, at times---filled with deep pain and shame, but at the end, becomes powerful and inspirational. As she shares poignant pieces of her life, she holds nothing back in baring her brutal tale. Unable to let her go, her husband divorces her in his rage and revenge. Nothing solved, he continually abuses her until she is driven to a nervous breakdown. Absorbing, shocking, filled with suspense and surprise,

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this compelling memoir will awaken you to the truth and the aftermath of what really happens when domestic violence occurs. Supreme Love will stand alone as an unforgettable story for all time, a woman's spiritual odyssey and a true testament of God's real presence and His love.

This book is a first-person account of a disaster on a solo hiking trip. Author Amy Racina was hiking in a remote part of King's Canyon National Park in California's Sierra mountains when she lost the trail. With no warning, she suddenly fell sixty feet, breaking both legs on the rocks below. She survived for four days and nights, battling pain, fear and exhaustion, pulling herself along with her hands and refusing to give up. She was miraculously saved, her calls heard by a man who was partially deaf. It describes her dramatic rescue as she was airlifted out, swinging helplessly from two straps, dangling fearfully beneath a helicopter high above the ravine where she had fallen. It is an amazing tale of despair and courage and hope. It speaks of incredible strength and heartbreaking weakness as it details what one woman believed might be the last days of her life. It is a memory of the darkest of times and an affirmation of miracles.

Traces the story of Tania Head, who falsely claimed to be a September 11 survivor, describing her interviews with the co-author and the discovery that she was not in America at the time of the attacks.

A vivid and gripping wartime saga from a real-life heroine who impersonated an Aryan

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Christian and fought the Nazis by smuggling weapons to the underground during World War II. From the smoldering streets to the blackened battlefields of several countries, Games lived a fugitive's life--often a whim away from instant death.

Annamarie Ibrahim has endured the hollowing of her body, spirit, and soul. Beginning with the hollowing of her spirit on October 5, 1977, and concluding with her hollowed soul when her only son, Austin, passed on October 5, 2018, *Hollowed* shares stories spanning forty years of Annamarie's life. In this inspirational and motivational memoir, she reflects on her experiences—from the physical hollowing of her body, to helping her husband battle cancer, to grieving the loss of her only child. Annamarie shares the tools she employed to help her navigate life's journey, manage life's tragedies, and make irreversible life and death decisions for herself and her only child. In *Hollowed*, she grieves the hollowing of her spirit with the drastic changes because of illness. She grieves the loss of her body parts when she became physically hollowed. And, she grieves the physique that was free of scars and medical devices. Through struggle and acceptance, she emerges as a positive example, blazing a trail for others to travel if the situation should arise in their life.

This cutting-edge and comprehensive fourth edition of *Women's Lives: A Psychological Perspective* integrates the most current research and social issues to explore the psychological diversity of girls and women varying in age, ethnicity, social class, nationality, sexual orientation, and ableness. Written in an engaging and accessible manner, its use of vignettes, quotes, and numerous pedagogical tools effectively fosters students' engagement, active learning, critical thinking, and social activism. New information covered includes: neoliberal feminism, standpoint theory, mujerista psychology (Chapter 1) LGBT individuals and

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individuals with disabilities in media (Chapter 2) testosterone testing of female athletes, precarious manhood (Chapter 3) raising a gender non-conforming child, impact of social media on body image (Chapter 4) gender differences in narcissism and Big Five personality traits, women video-game designers (Chapter 5) asexuality, transgender individuals, sexual agency, "Viagra for women" controversy (Chapter 6) adoption of frozen embryos controversy (Chapter 7) intensive mothering, integrated motherhood, "living apart together", same-sex marriage (Chapter 8) single-sex schooling controversy (Chapter 9) combat roles opened to U.S. women, managerial derailment (Chapter 10) work-hours dilemmas of low-wage workers (Chapter 11) feminist health care model, health care for transgender individuals, Affordable Care Act (Chapter 12) feminist critique of CDC guidelines on women and drinking (Chapter 13) cyberharassment, gendertrolling, campus sexual assault (Chapter 14) transnational feminism, men and feminism (Chapter 15) *Women's Lives* stands apart from other texts on the psychology of women because it embeds within each topical chapter a lifespan approach and robust coverage of the impact of social, cultural, and economic factors in shaping women's lives around the world. It provides extensive information on women with disabilities, middle-aged and older women, and women in transnational contexts. Its up-to-date coverage reflects current scientific and social developments, including over 2,200 new references. This edition also adds several new boxed features for student engagement. In *The News* boxes present current, often controversial, news items to get students thinking critically about real-life applications of course topics. *Get Involved* boxes encourage students to actively participate in the research process. *What You Can Do* boxes give students applied activities to promote a more egalitarian society. *Learn About the Research* boxes expose students to a variety of

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research methods and highlight the importance of diversity in research samples by including studies of underrepresented groups.

*\*National Bestseller\** New York Times bestselling author Laurence Leamer reveals the complex web of relationships and scandalous true stories behind Truman Capote's never-published final novel, *Answered Prayers*—the dark secrets, tragic glamour, and Capote's ultimate betrayal of the group of female friends he called his "swans." "There are certain women," Truman Capote wrote, "who, though perhaps not born rich, are born to be rich." Barbara "Babe" Paley, Gloria Guinness, Marella Agnelli, Slim Hayward, Pamela Churchill, C. Z. Guest, Lee Radziwill (Jackie Kennedy's sister)—they were the toast of midcentury New York, each beautiful and distinguished in her own way. Capote befriended them, received their deepest confidences, and ingratiated himself into their lives. Then, in one fell swoop, he betrayed them in the most surprising and startling way possible. Bestselling biographer Laurence Leamer delves into the years following the acclaimed publication of *Breakfast at Tiffany's* in 1958 and *In Cold Blood* in 1966, when Capote struggled with a crippling case of writer's block. While enjoying all the fruits of his success, he was struck with an idea for what he was sure would be his most celebrated novel...one based on the remarkable, racy lives of his very, very rich friends. For years, Capote attempted to write *Answered Prayers*, what he believed would have been his magnum opus. But when he eventually published a few chapters in *Esquire*, the thinly fictionalized lives (and scandals) of his closest female confidantes were laid bare for all to see, and he was banished from their high-society world forever. Laurence Leamer re-creates the lives of these fascinating swans, their friendships with Capote and one another, and the doomed quest to write what could have been one of the greatest novels of the

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twentieth century.

NATIONAL BESTSELLER A Goodreads Choice Awards semifinalist Florida Book Awards Silver Medalist Featured in The New York Times, The Atlantic, Time, New York Newsday, and on Today! Best Nonfiction Books to Read in 2019—Woman’s Day The Best Nonfiction Books Coming Out This Year—BookBub “A nonfiction thriller.”—The Wall Street Journal From New York Times and international bestselling author of the “gripping” (Michael Connelly, #1 New York Times bestselling author) *Into the Lion’s Mouth* comes the extraordinary true story of Odette Sansom, the British spy who operated in occupied France and fell in love with her commanding officer during World War II—perfect for fans of *Unbroken*, *The Nightingale*, and *Code Girls*. The year is 1942, and World War II is in full swing. Odette Sansom decides to follow in her war hero father’s footsteps by becoming an SOE agent to aid Britain and her beloved homeland, France. Five failed attempts and one plane crash later, she finally lands in occupied France to begin her mission. It is here that she meets her commanding officer Captain Peter Churchill. As they successfully complete mission after mission, Peter and Odette fall in love. All the while, they are being hunted by the cunning German secret police sergeant, Hugo Bleicher, who finally succeeds in capturing them. They are sent to Paris’s Fresnes prison, and from there to concentration camps in Germany where they are starved, beaten, and tortured. But in the face of despair, they never give up hope, their love for each other, or the whereabouts of their colleagues. In *Code Name: Lise*, Larry Loftis paints a portrait of true courage, patriotism, and love—of two incredibly heroic people who endured unimaginable horrors and degradations. He seamlessly weaves together the touching romance between Odette and Peter and the thrilling cat and mouse game between them and Sergeant Bleicher.

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With this amazing testament to the human spirit, Loftis proves once again that he is adept at writing “nonfiction that reads like a page-turning novel” (Parade).

Based upon her own words, this is the story of a unique individual whose deep love for her native country was overshadowed only by her compelling love for freedom. Born with a pedigree of royalty reaching back to the Byzantine Empire, and riches comparable to the American Rockefellers, this princess seemed destined to a life of pampered luxury and perhaps a noble charity. Life, however, doesn't always follow the script especially someone with Catherine's character. In *Love With Freedom*, a sweeping story of one woman's remarkable lifetime of triumph and tragedy in the kaleidoscope of the twentieth century. The story begins with a toddler snatched from her mother's bosom by her evil father and hidden for thirteen years in a series of orphanages, a pawn in a high stakes game of ransom and revenge. The plucky, fearless, and resourceful child at last escapes and crosses Europe, eventually arriving in Romania on the Orient Express and is declared a princess but that is only the beginning of her journey. Catherine learns to be a princess, wife, and mother through World War I, the Depression, and epidemics. Yet it is World War II that is her defining moment. Learn how this woman of less than five feet of stature stands up to the despicable Gestapo and the mighty Nazi Armies; earns the moniker the Angel of Ploesti from the 1400 American POWs that are torn from the angry skies of Hitler's most heavily protected resource Romanias, Catherine's oil fields; and then survives the starvation, pogroms, and death of the Soviet liberation of Eastern Europe. What can she do to escape the barbarism? What can she do to help her country and all those oppressed by the horrors of Communism and dictatorships? The answers are truly amazing and inspiring.

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She was hired to nurse them back to health...instead, she took their lives. For months, the DaVita Dialysis Center in Lufkin, Texas had been baffled by the rising number of deaths and injuries occurring in their clinic. In April alone, they'd rushed thirty-four patients to the hospital. But no one expected such a horrific cause to be behind it all. Kimberly Clark Saenz was a well-liked licensed vocational nurse at the center. The East Texas nurse was a mother of two, and known for her smiles and the stories she told to help patients pass the time. But on April 28, 2008, witnesses came forward to say that instead of lifesaving medication, they'd seen Saenz adding toxic bleach to IV ports. Turns out, it wasn't the first time. Once caught, the shocking story of Saenz's murderous practices began to unravel... INCLUDES PHOTOS

She is sold as a child-bride at 5 and forced to bind her feet and marry. She is faced with ferocious 15 bandits without getting raped and killed. She gives birth to 15 children, only 4 survived. She makes a life time friend with a rich concubine. She is the 1st mother to send her son to school in the whole village back then. She survived during the hunger time. She has never been to a hospital, but lived until 96 years old. It's a woman's (historical) fiction, wise, voice-driven novel including highly original astounding family dramas, domestic violence, suspense stories, and events with surprising bents and twists. Gripping, heart-touching and heartbreaking, ultimately uplifting and enlightening, A Child Bride's True Story proves that no obstacle is too difficult to conquer and with perseverance and faith, anything is possible. From the creator and director of Transparent and Emmy nominated writer for Six Feet Under comes a hilarious and unforgettable memoir. When Jill Soloway was just thirteen, she and her best friend donned the tightest satin pants they could find, poufed up their hair and squeezed into Candies heels, then headed to downtown Chicago in search of their one-and-only true

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loves forever: the members of whichever rock band was touring through town. Never mind that both girls still had braces, coke-bottle-thick glasses and had only just bought their first bras...they were fabulous, they felt beautiful, they were tiny ladies in shiny pants. Now that Jill is all grown up and a successful writer and producer, she can look back on her tiny self and share her shiny tales with fondness, absurdity, and obsessive-compulsive attention to even the most embarrassing details. From the highly personal (conflating her own loss of virginity and the Kobe Bryant accusations), to the political (what she has in common with Monica and Chandra), to the outrageously Los Angelean (why women wear huge diamonds and what they must do to get them), *Tiny Ladies in Shiny Pants* is a genre-defying combination of personal essay and memoir, or a hilarious, unruly and unapologetic evaluation of society, religion, sex, love, and—best of all—Jill.

In the mountains of Guanajuato, Mexico sits a picturesque community favored by artists and tourists. But for American-born Jayne Valseca and her husband Eduardo, son of a legendary Mexican newspaper publisher, it became a hell on earth when Eduardo was ambushed by strangers and kidnapped in the summer of 2007. Jayne knew that in Mexico kidnapping was a pervasive and lucrative business—a burgeoning criminal industry with few happy endings. This time the merchandise was her husband. Sealed in a dark seven-by-six, two-foot-wide box, Eduardo lived for seven months on little more than eggshells and chicken bones. He was subjected to the most cruel and humiliating mental and physical torture imaginable. He had no reason to believe he'd ever be found alive. As the ransom escalated, so did the stakes. But Jayne refused to be a pawn in the kidnappers' sick game. She decided to become a player. If she was to get her husband back alive, she'd have to be more cunning than the kidnappers

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and be cool, calculated and determined...

Sleeping with a monster At first, Linda Bergstrom's marriage to her husband James was idyllic. They were young and in love; he was about to enter the Navy and she was eager to start a family. But it wasn't long before the dream exploded. James became abusive and violent, prone to sudden bursts of anger, long silences, and unexplained disappearances. But Linda vowed to hold on, despite the pain and fear . . . and her disturbing suspicions about her husband's secret life. Then, not long after their move to Houston, Texas, she made a terrifying discovery: James's hidden cache containing duct tape, a ski mask, and handcuffs. No longer could Linda Bergstrom deny the hideous truth. The man she lived with, the man she married for love, was a dangerous psychopath. And there was no escape and nowhere to run. Because no one—not her friends, the Navy, or the police—would believe her.

Retells the story of Wonder Woman, from her birth as Princess Diana, the Amazon champion, to her defeat of Ares

On Christmas Eve 1971, the packed LANSA flight 508 from Lima to Pucallpa was struck by lightning and went down in dense jungle hundreds of miles from civilization. Of its 93 passengers, only one survived. Juliane Koepcke, the seventeen-year-old child of famous German zoologists. She'd been thrown from the plane two miles above the forest canopy, but had sustained only a broken collarbone and a cut on her leg. With incredible courage, instinct and ingenuity, she survived three weeks in the "green hell" of the Amazon - using the skills she'd learned in assisting her parents on their research trips into the jungle - before coming across a loggers hut, and, with it, safety. Now she tells her fascinating story for the first time, and in doing so tells us about her 'Gerald Durrell' childhood - with a menagerie of wild, exotic

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and sometimes dangerous pets - about how she learned to survive at her parents ecological station deep in the rainforest and about her present-day commitment to this wildlife as a biologist and dedicated environmentalist.

Brenda Berkman was often told that she couldn't do certain things because she was a girl. When she grew up, she longed for a job that was challenging, different every day, and required physical and mental strength. In 1977 when the New York City Fire Department finally complied with the Civil Rights Act (from 1964) by allowing women to take the FDNY exam, Brenda jumped at the chance. But the FDNY changed the rules of the exam so women wouldn't be able to pass it. Even a lot of men couldn't pass this new exam. So Brenda Berkman took the FDNY to court. In 1982, they finally made a fair test, and Brenda and 41 other women passed. Brenda went on to serve in the FDNY for 25 years, reaching the positions of Lieutenant and Captain, and was a first responder during the attacks on the Twin Towers on 9/11. After her retirement, Brenda founded the United Women Firefighters, an organization that helps train and prepare women to be firefighters. *Send a Girl!* is Brenda Berkman's inspiring story.

A timely true tale for the 2008 presidential election In 1884, when men were the only people allowed to vote in national elections, Belva Lockwood took a bold but legal step: She ran for president! Women did not have the same rights as men, but Belva went on undeterred—and she got votes! Her run for office was based on experience and merit: Unlike many women of the time, she went to college, then to law school, and even argued cases before the Supreme Court. Though her campaign was difficult, Belva never wavered in her commitment to equality, earning the respect of many fellow citizens. A little-known but richly deserving American

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historical figure, Belva is an inspiration for modern-day readers. Despite all the changes in society since Belva's time, there is still a lot to fight for, and Belva shows the way. The book also includes a glossary and a timeline of women's suffrage events. F&P level: Q

One of New York Times' Twelve Books for Feminist Boys and Girls! This is the story of a woman who dared to dive, defy, discover, and inspire. This is the story of Shark Lady. One of the best science picture books for children, Shark Lady is a must for both teachers and parents alike! An Amazon Best Book of the Month Named a Best Children's Book of 2017 by Parents magazine Eugenie Clark fell in love with sharks from the first moment she saw them at the aquarium. She couldn't imagine anything more exciting than studying these graceful creatures. But Eugenie quickly discovered that many people believed sharks to be ugly and scary—and they didn't think women should be scientists. Determined to prove them wrong, Eugenie devoted her life to learning about sharks. After earning several college degrees and making countless discoveries, Eugenie wrote herself into the history of science, earning the nickname "Shark Lady." Through her accomplishments, she taught the world that sharks were to be admired rather than feared and that women can do anything they set their minds to. An inspiring story by critically acclaimed zoologist Jess Keating about finding the strength to discover truths that others aren't daring enough to see. Includes a timeline of Eugenie's life and many fin-tastic shark facts! The perfect choice for parents looking for: Books about sharks Inspiring nonfiction narrative books Role model books for girls and boys Kids STEM books **NATIONAL BESTSELLER NPR Best Book of 2017** "Not all superheroes wear capes, and Elizebeth Smith Friedman should be the subject of a future Wonder

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Woman movie.” — The New York Times

Joining the ranks of *Hidden Figures* and *In the Garden of Beasts*, the incredible true story of the greatest codebreaking duo that ever lived, an American woman and her husband who invented the modern science of cryptology together and used it to confront the evils of their time, solving puzzles that unmasked Nazi spies and helped win World War II. In 1916, at the height of World War I, brilliant Shakespeare expert Elizebeth Smith went to work for an eccentric tycoon on his estate outside Chicago. The tycoon had close ties to the U.S. government, and he soon asked Elizebeth to apply her language skills to an exciting new venture: code-breaking. There she met the man who would become her husband, groundbreaking cryptologist William Friedman. Though she and Friedman are in many ways the "Adam and Eve" of the NSA, Elizebeth's story, incredibly, has never been told. In *The Woman Who Smashed Codes*, Jason Fagone chronicles the life of this extraordinary woman, who played an integral role in our nation's history for forty years. After World War I, Smith used her talents to catch gangsters and smugglers during Prohibition, then accepted a covert mission to discover and expose Nazi spy rings that were spreading like wildfire across South America, advancing ever closer to the United States. As World War II raged, Elizebeth fought a highly classified battle of wits against Hitler's Reich, cracking multiple versions of the Enigma machine used by

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German spies. Meanwhile, inside an Army vault in Washington, William worked furiously to break Purple, the Japanese version of Enigma—and eventually succeeded, at a terrible cost to his personal life. Fagone unveils America's code-breaking history through the prism of Smith's life, bringing into focus the unforgettable events and colorful personalities that would help shape modern intelligence. Blending the lively pace and compelling detail that are the hallmarks of Erik Larson's bestsellers with the atmosphere and intensity of *The Imitation Game*, *The Woman Who Smashed Codes* is page-turning popular history at its finest.

Zana Muhsen, born and bred in Birmingham, is of Yemeni origin. When her father told her she was to spend a holiday with relatives in North Yemen, she jumped at the chance. Aged 15 and 13 respectively, Zana and her sister discovered that they had been literally sold into marriage, and that on their arrival they were virtually prisoners. They had to adapt to a completely alien way of life, with no running water, dung-plastered walls, frequent beatings, and the ordeal of childbirth on bare floors with only old women in attendance. After eight years of misery and humiliation Zana succeeded in escaping, but her sister is still there, and it seems likely that she will now never leave the country where she has spent more than half her life. This is an updated edition of Zana's account of her

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experiences.

In 2013, Diane Thaler was a healthy, active woman who enjoyed a successful career and a happy life with her family and friends. And then one morning while preparing to leave on vacation, without any warning, she suffered a near-fatal heart attack. That moment, and the unexpected medical complications that followed, would change her life forever. In *Baby Steps*, the author recounts in heartbreaking detail, the ups and downs of a personal year-long battle that took her through the dangers of open-heart surgery, the horror of two amputations, and the seemingly endless months of painful rehabilitation. And in the end, despite the incredible hardship, she attained a level of recovery and that could only be described as miraculous and inspiring.

*No Fourth River* is gripping, harrowing, uplifting and inspiring; an incredible true story about survival, courage and triumph. A story that asks: How do you find the strength, when you suffer almost unbearable abuse and are broken beyond repair, to pick up the pieces of a shattered life?

Unearth the true story of green-thumbed pioneer and activist Kate Sessions, who helped San Diego grow from a dry desert town into a lush, leafy city known for its gorgeous parks and gardens. Katherine Olivia Sessions never thought she'd live in a place without trees. After all, Kate grew up among the towering pines and

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redwoods of Northern California. But after becoming the first woman to graduate from the University of California with a degree in science, she took a job as a teacher far south in the dry desert town of San Diego. Where there were almost no trees. Kate decided that San Diego needed trees more than anything else. So this trailblazing young woman singlehandedly started a massive movement that transformed the town into the green, garden-filled oasis it is today. Now, more than 100 years after Kate first arrived in San Diego, her gorgeous gardens and parks can be found all over the city. Part fascinating biography, part inspirational story, this moving picture book about following your dreams, using your talents, and staying strong in the face of adversity is sure to resonate with readers young and old.

Inside Heaven's Door is an extraordinary story- the remarkable and inspirational journey of an average American housewife and mother, whose life and that of her family are catapulted into paranormal and spiritual experiences that challenges the very beliefs they had built their life on. Her journey from self-denial to self-discovery almost cost her everything: her marriage, her children, even her sanity. This is a true story about miracles, healings and a spiritual awakening where she, her family and a community, are affected by a series of bizarre experiences, which forces her to fight for her truth; a choice that reveals her ultimate betrayal.

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Journey with her in finding that we are greater than what we think ourselves to be; that we have an incredible power which resides within us and that we too, can prevail over adversity.

Following the life and doings of Mama Zipporah, a modern day saint, Mother to the Motherless is the memoir of an incredible woman's inspiring true story of rising from the depths of abuse and poverty to found one of the most successful children's shelters in Kenya. The beginnings of Mama Zipporah's life were filled with violence and hardship, as the challenges of an abusive father and an uncaring society left Mama and her mother virtually without options. Without the support of the local church in those early days, Mama's life could have continued down this dark path; as it was, she and her mother had barely enough to get by. Mama grew to despise poverty and everything that it represented: the selfishness and greed of the wealthy, and the shocking effects it had on the poor. Devoting her life to eradicating poverty while refusing to accept it as simply a fact of life, Mama would come to establish the Huruma Children's Home in Kenya, a children's shelter that continues to perform the same function as the church did in Mama's youth: protecting the helpless children and teaching them to make the world a better place.

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