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Die Laughing - William Novak 2016-10-25  
From the cocreator of the celebrated Big Book of Jewish Humor comes a "funny...geezer-licious" (Jack Handey, author of Deep Thoughts) collection of jokes about growing older that makes fun of memory loss, marriages, medicine, sex, the afterlife, and much more—a perfect gift for almost anyone who was born before you were. Growing older can be unsettling and surprising. (How on

earth did this happen? Where did the years go?) So what better way to deal with this new stage of life than to laugh about your new reality? Die Laughing includes more than enough jokes (not to mention cartoons!) to let that laughter burst out. Whether it's dealing with doctors, dating in one's seventies, or unexpected bodily changes (not to mention funny noises), some things are easier to face with a smile of recognition. That's why

Die Laughing is the perfect gift for your parents, anyone celebrating a significant birthday, or any boomer with a sense of humor whose age begins with a six or higher.

*Citizens of London* - Lynne Olson 2011-05-03  
The acclaimed author of *Troublesome Young Men* reveals the behind-the-scenes story of how the United States forged its wartime alliance with Britain, told from the perspective of three key American players in London: Edward R. Murrow, the handsome, chain-smoking head of CBS News in Europe; Averell Harriman, the hard-driving millionaire who ran FDR's Lend-Lease program in London; and John Gilbert Winant, the shy, idealistic U.S. ambassador to Britain. Each man formed close ties with Winston Churchill—so much so that all became romantically involved with members of the prime minister's family. Drawing from a variety of primary sources,

Lynne Olson skillfully depicts the dramatic personal journeys of these men who, determined to save Britain from Hitler, helped convince a cautious Franklin Roosevelt and reluctant American public to back the British at a critical time. Deeply human, brilliantly researched, and beautifully written, *Citizens of London* is a new triumph from an author swiftly becoming one of the finest in her field.

**Nine Inches** - Tom Perrotta 2013-09-10  
A collection of stories focuses on suburban nuclear families, including "Senior Season," "Nine Inches" and "The Smile on Happy Chang's Face."

**Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me? (And Other Concerns)** - Mindy Kaling 2011-11-01  
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • In this hilarious instant classic, the creator of *The Mindy Project* and *Never Have I Ever* invites readers on a

tour of her life and her unscientific observations on romance, friendship, and Hollywood. “[Kaling is] like Tina Fey’s cool little sister. Or perhaps . . . the next Nora Ephron.”—The New York Times Mindy Kaling has lived many lives: the obedient child of immigrant professionals, a timid chubster afraid of her own bike, a Ben Affleck-impersonating Off-Broadway performer and playwright, and, finally, a comedy writer and actress prone to starting fights with her friends and coworkers with the sentence “Can I just say one last thing about this, and then I swear I’ll shut up about it?” Perhaps you want to know what Mindy thinks makes a great best friend (someone who will fill your prescription in the middle of the night), or what makes a great guy (one who is aware of all elderly people in any room at any time and acts accordingly), or what is the perfect amount of fame (so famous you can

never get convicted of murder in a court of law), or how to maintain a trim figure (you will not find that information in these pages). If so, you’ve come to the right book, mostly! With several conveniently placed stopping points for you to run errands and make phone calls, *Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me?* proves that Mindy Kaling really is just a Girl Next Door—not so much literally anywhere in the continental United States, but definitely if you live in India or Sri Lanka. Praise for *Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me?* “Where have you been all our lives, Mindy?”—*Glamour* “Who wouldn’t want to hang out with Mindy Kaling? . . . [*Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me?*] is like a mash note to comedy nerds.”—*Time Out New York* “Very funny.”—*Boston Globe* *One More Thing* - B. J. Novak 2014-02-04 *New York Times* Bestseller A startlingly original debut from the actor, writer, director,

and executive producer hailed as “a gifted observer of the human condition and a very funny writer capable of winning that rare thing: unselfconscious, insuppressible laughter” (The Washington Post). A boy wins a \$100,000 prize in a box of Frosted Flakes—only to discover that claiming the winnings might unravel his family. A woman sets out to seduce motivational speaker Tony Robbins—turning for help to the famed motivator himself. A new arrival in Heaven, overwhelmed with options, procrastinates over a long-ago promise to visit his grandmother. We meet Sophia, the first artificially intelligent being capable of love, who falls for a man who might not be ready for it himself; a vengeance-minded hare, obsessed with scoring a rematch against the tortoise who ruined his life; and post-college friends who try to figure out how to host an intervention in the era of Facebook.

Along the way, we learn why wearing a red T-shirt every day is the key to finding love, how February got its name, and why the stock market is sometimes just . . . down. Finding inspiration in questions from the nature of perfection to the icing on carrot cake, One More Thing has at its heart the most human of phenomena: love, fear, hope, ambition, and the inner stirring for the one elusive element just that might make a person complete. Across a dazzling range of subjects, themes, tones, and narrative voices, the many pieces in this collection are like nothing else, but they have one thing in common: they share the playful humor, deep heart, sharp eye, inquisitive mind, and altogether electrifying spirit of a writer with a fierce devotion to the entertainment of the reader.

**Bream Gives Me Hiccups** -  
Jesse Eisenberg  
2015-08-31  
The wildly inventive

debut collection of stories by the Oscar-nominated star of *The Social Network*. "Hilarious . . . It's a hoot" (People, The Best New Books). Jesse Eisenberg, known for his iconic film roles, his regular pieces in the *New Yorker* and two critically acclaimed plays, proves himself "a deeply original comic voice" in these 28 stories" about the funniness, sadness, and strangeness of everyday life and they really made me laugh" (Roz Chast). Moving from contemporary LA to the dorm rooms of an American college to ancient Pompeii, Eisenberg throws the reader into a universe of social misfits, reimagined scenes from history, and ridiculous overreactions; a college freshman forced to live with a roommate is stunned when one of her ramen packets goes missing ("She didn't have 'one' of my ramens. She had a chicken ramen."); Alexander Graham Bell has teething

problems with his invention ("I've been calling Mabel all day, she doesn't pick up! Yes, of course I dialed the right number-2!"); and in the title story, a precocious and privileged nine-year-old boy finds himself in the uncomfortable position as an amateur restaurant critic. Featuring illustrations by award-winning cartoonist Jean Jillian, this "alphabet soup of sketches, riffs, and innovations" (Seattle Times) explores the various insanities of the modern world, "playfully bringing both familiar and wholly original scenarios to life" (Marie Claire). A Fall Books Preview Selection by Audible One of the Wall Street Journal's 15 Books to Read This Fall One of USA Today's Weekend Picks for Book Lovers One of People Magazine's Best New Books *The Job* - Steve Osborne 2015-04-21 "HOW YA DOIN'?" With these four syllables, delivered in an unmistakably authentic

New York accent, Steve Osborne has riveted thousands of people at the legendary storytelling venue The Moth (and many tens of thousands more via YouTube) with his hilarious, profane, and touching tales from his twenty years as an NYPD street cop. Steve Osborne is the real deal, people: the tough, streetwise New York cop of your dreams, one with a big, big heart. Kojak? NYPD Blue? Law & Order? Fuggedaboudem! The Job blows them out of the water. Steve Osborne has seen a thing or two in his years in the NYPD—some harmless, some definitely not. In “Stakeout,” Steve and his partner mistake a Manhattan dentist for an armed robbery suspect, and reduce the man to a puddle of snot and tears when questioning him. In “Mug Shot,” the mother of a suspected criminal makes a strange request and provides a sobering reminder of the humanity at stake in his profession. And in “Home,” the image of

Steve’s family provides the adrenaline he needs to fight for his life when assaulted by two armed and violent crackheads. From stories about his days as a rookie cop to the time spent patrolling in the Anti-Crime Unit—and his visceral, harrowing recollections of working during the weeks after 9/11—The Job: True Tales from the Life of a New York City Cop captures the humanity, the absurdity, and the dark humor of police work, as well as the bravery of those who do it. These stories will speak to those nostalgic for the New York City of the 1980s and ’90s, a bygone era when the city was a crazier, more dangerous (and possibly more interesting) place. *One More Thing* - B. J. Novak 2014-02-04 B.J. Novak's *One More Thing: Stories and Other Stories* is an endlessly entertaining, surprisingly sensitive, and startlingly original debut that signals the arrival of a brilliant new voice in American

fiction. A boy wins a \$100,000 prize in a box of Frosted Flakes—only to discover that claiming the winnings might unravel his family. A woman sets out to seduce motivational speaker Tony Robbins—turning for help to the famed motivator himself. A new arrival in Heaven, overwhelmed with options, procrastinates over a long-ago promise to visit his grandmother. We meet Sophia, the first artificially intelligent being capable of love, who falls for a man who might not be ready for it himself; a vengeance-minded hare, obsessed with scoring a rematch against the tortoise who ruined his life; and post-college friends who try to figure out how to host an intervention in the era of Facebook. Along the way, we learn why wearing a red T-shirt every day is the key to finding love, how February got its name, and why the stock market is sometimes just . . . down. Finding

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**Someone Who Will Love You in All Your Damaged Glory**

— Raphael Bob-Waksberg 2019-06-11  
Written with all the scathing dark humor that is a hallmark of BoJack Horseman, Raphael Bob-Waksberg delivers a fabulously off-beat collection of short stories about love—the

best and worst thing in the universe. Featuring:

- A young engaged couple forced to deal with interfering relatives dictating the appropriate number of ritual goat sacrifices for their wedding.
- A pair of lonely commuters who ride the subway in silence, forever, eternally failing to make that longed-for contact.
- A struggling employee at a theme park of U.S. presidents who discovers that love can't be genetically modified.

And fifteen more tales of humor, romance, whimsy, cultural commentary, and crushing emotional vulnerability.

The Book with No Pictures - B. J. Novak  
2014-09-30

A #1 New York Times bestseller, this innovative and wildly funny read-aloud by award-winning humorist/actor B.J. Novak will turn any reader into a comedian—a perfect gift for any special occasion! You might think a book with no pictures seems boring

and serious. Except . . . here's how books work. Everything written on the page has to be said by the person reading it aloud. Even if the words say . . . BLORK. Or BLUURF. Even if the words are a preposterous song about eating ants for breakfast, or just a list of astonishingly goofy sounds like BLAGGITY BLAGGITY and GLIBBITY GLOBBITY. Cleverly irreverent and irresistibly silly, *The Book with No Pictures* is one that kids will beg to hear again and again. (And parents will be happy to oblige.)

Why I Don't Write - Susan Minot 2021-06-15

A superb collection of short fiction--her first in thirty years and spanning many geographies--from the critically acclaimed author of *Monkeys*, *Evening*, and *Thirty Girls*. A NEW YORK TIMES NOTABLE BOOK. A writer dryly catalogs the myriad reasons she cannot write; an artist bicycles through a protest encampment in lower Manhattan and



ruminates on an elusive lover; an old woman on her deathbed calls out for a man other than her husband; a hapless fifteen-year-old boy finds himself in sexual peril; two young people in the 1990s fall helplessly in love, then bicker just as helplessly, tortured by jealousy and mistrust. In each of these stories Minot explores the difficult geometry of human relations, the lure of love and physical desire, and the lifelong quest for meaning and connection. Her characters are all searching for truth, in feeling and in action, as societal norms are upended and justice and coherence flounder. Urgent and immediate, precisely observed, deeply felt, and gorgeously written, the stories in *Why I Don't Write* showcase an author at the top of her form. Warning: Do Not Open This Book! - Adam Lehrhaupt 2013-08-27 Monkeys, toucans, and alligators unleash mayhem.

**The Stench of Honolulu** - Jack Handey 2013-07-16 The legendary Deep Thoughts and New Yorker humorist Jack Handey is back with his very first novel—a hilarious, absurd, far-flung adventure tale. **THE STENCH OF HONOLULU** Are you a fan of books in which famous tourist destinations are repurposed as unlivable hellholes for no particular reason? Read on! Jack Handey's exotic tale is full of laugh-out-loud twists and unforgettable characters whose names escape me right now. A reliably unreliable narrator and his friend, who is some other guy, need to get out of town. They have a taste for adventure, so they pay a visit to a relic of bygone days—a travel agent—and discover an old treasure map. She might have been a witch, by the way. Our heroes soon embark on a quest for the Golden Monkey, which takes them into the mysterious and stinky foreign land of Honolulu. There, they meet untold dangers,

confront strange natives, kill and eat Turtle People, kill some other things and people, eat another thing, and discover the ruins of ancient civilizations. As our narrator says, "The ruins were impressive. But like so many civilizations, they forgot the rule that might have saved them: Don't let vines grow all over you."

**The Book That Did Not Want to Be Read** - David Sundin 2022-03-01  
Beware! This picture book will do anything in its power to stay unread in this fun, interactive, and irresistibly silly read-aloud perfect for fans of *The Book with No Pictures* and *Press Here*. **WARNING!** Stop what you're doing! Don't you know that this book does not want to be read? If you try, all sorts of unfortunate things will happen. It will turn into a steering wheel! Letters will go missing! The book will act up and squirm around and grow wings and try to fly away! It will even

insert a bunny that has absolutely nothing to do with anything. A persistent reader might see all kinds of strange and magical things, silly and secret things...But this book just does not want to be read, and it's better to leave it alone. ...Or is it?

**The Alphabet Book with No Pictures** - B. J.

Novak 2018-09-18

A is for "AaaaaAAAAaaA."

B is for "Ba baba a-baba ba." I is for "I had a big idea, I did. Feed Dad fig ice!."

**Squirrel Seeks Chipmunk**

- David Sedaris

2010-09-28

Featuring David Sedaris's unique blend of hilarity and heart, this new collection of keen-eyed animal-themed tales is an utter delight. Though the characters may not be human, the situations in these stories bear an uncanny resemblance to the insanity of everyday life. In "The Toad, the Turtle, and the Duck," three strangers commiserate about animal bureaucracy while

waiting in a complaint line. In "Hello Kitty," a cynical feline struggles to sit through his prison-mandated AA meetings. In "The Squirrel and the Chipmunk," a pair of star-crossed lovers is separated by prejudiced family members. With original illustrations by Ian Falconer, author of the bestselling Olivia series of children's books, these stories are David Sedaris at his most observant, poignant, and surprising.

*You Can't Touch My Hair*  
- Phoebe Robinson  
2016-10-04

A NEW YORK TIMES BEST SELLER • "A must-read...Phoebe Robinson discusses race and feminism in such a funny, real, and specific way, it penetrates your brain and stays with you."—Ilana Glazer, co-creator and co-star of *Broad City* A hilarious and timely essay collection about race, gender, and pop culture from comedy superstar and 2 Dope Queens

podcaster Phoebe Robinson Being a black woman in America means contending with old prejudices and fresh absurdities every day. Comedian Phoebe Robinson has experienced her fair share over the years: she's been unceremoniously relegated to the role of "the black friend," as if she is somehow the authority on all things racial; she's been questioned about her love of U2 and Billy Joel ("isn't that...white people music?"); she's been called "uppity" for having an opinion in the workplace; she's been followed around stores by security guards; and yes, people do ask her whether they can touch her hair all. the. time. Now, she's ready to take these topics to the page—and she's going to make you laugh as she's doing it. Using her trademark wit alongside pop-culture references galore, Robinson explores everything from why Lisa Bonet is "Queen. Bae. Jesus," to

breaking down the terrible nature of casting calls, to giving her less-than-traditional advice to the future female president, and demanding that the NFL clean up its act, all told in the same conversational voice that launched her podcast, 2 Dope Queens, to the top spot on iTunes. As personal as it is political, You Can't Touch My Hair examines our cultural climate and skewers our biases with humor and heart, announcing Robinson as a writer on the rise. One of Glamour's "Top 10 Books of 2016"

**Unreasonable Success and How to Achieve It -**

Richard Koch 2020-09-22  
Can We Map Success?  
Successful people typically don't plan their success. Instead they develop a unique philosophy or attitude that works for them. They stumble across strategies which are shortcuts to success, and latch onto them. Events hand them opportunities they could

not have anticipated. Often their peers with equal or greater talent fail while they succeed. It is too easy to attribute success to inherent, unstoppable genius. Bestselling author and serial entrepreneur Richard Koch charts a map of success, identifying the nine key attitudes and strategies can propel anyone to new heights of accomplishment: Self-belief Olympian Expectations Transforming Experiences One Breakthrough Achievement Make Your Own Trail Find and Drive Your Personal Vehicle Thrive on Setbacks Acquire Unique Intuition Distort Reality With this book, you can embark on a journey towards a new, unreasonably successful future.

Spoiled Brats (including the story that inspired the major motion picture An American Pickle starring Seth Rogen) -  
Simon Rich 2014-10-14  
The "hilarious" (New York Times Book Review) collection of short

stories from the award-winning humorist Simon Rich includes the story that inspired the Seth Rogen comedy *An American Pickle*. Twenty years ago, Barney the Dinosaur told the nation's children they were special. We're still paying the price. From "one of the funniest writers in America" comes a collection of stories culled from the front lines of the millennial culture wars (Jimmy So, *Daily Beast*). Rife with failing rock bands, student loans, and participation trophies, *Spoiled Brats* is about a generation of narcissists -- and the well-meaning boomers who made them that way. A hardworking immigrant is preserved for a century in pickle brine. A helicopter mom strives to educate her demon son. And a family of hamsters struggles to survive in a private-school homeroom. Surreal, shrewd, and surprisingly warm, these stories are as resonant as they are hilarious.

**Ah, Sweet Mystery of**

**Life** - Roald Dahl

2011-10-01

Ah, *Sweet Mystery of Life* is a collection of seven hilariously creepy Roald Dahl stories published in various magazines and collections in the '40s and '50s, and gathered here for the first time. With the classic Dahl mixture of charm and charmingly perverse, these stories remind us that the mystery of life isn't always as sweet as it seems.

**The Kid Who Only Hit**

**Homers** - Matt

Christopher 2009-12-19

Over one million copies sold! A baseball fan learns the true meaning of success in this beloved classic that will capture the imaginations of a new generation of young readers. Sylvester loves baseball, but he isn't exactly what you'd call a good hitter. Even though he wants nothing more than to join his neighborhood team, the Hooper Redbirds, he's sure he'll never do anything more than warm the bench. But then he

meets the mysterious Mr. Baruth who promises to make Sylvester one of the best players ever. Suddenly, Sylvester goes from the worst player on the team to the kid who can only hit homers. With his overnight success, however, come tough questions. Will Sylvester ever learn the true meaning of teamwork? And what will happen when he has to learn to stand on his own? This beloved story about baseball, confidence, perseverance, and being a good teammate is a modern classic and sure to win over a new generation of young sports fans.

*I Don't Want to Read This Book* - Max Greenfield 2021-11-09  
From actor Max Greenfield (from television's *New Girl*) comes a hilarious picture book for every child who thinks they don't like to read books (and all the kids—and grownups—who do). Words, sentences, and even worse, paragraphs fill up books. Ugh! So what's

a reluctant reader to do? Actor Max Greenfield (*New Girl*) and New York Times bestselling illustrator Mike Lowery bring the energy and laugh-out-loud fun out for every child (and parent) who thinks they don't want to read a book. Joining the ranks of favorites like *The Book With No Pictures* and *The Serious Goose*, this clever and playful read-aloud breaks the fourth wall and will have all readers coming back for laughs again and again!

### **She Persisted in Sports**

- Chelsea Clinton

2022-01-04

From Chelsea Clinton and Alexandra Boiger, the #1 New York Times bestselling team behind *She Persisted*, comes a new book featuring woman athletes who overcame and inspired--perfect for fans of the Olympics! Now abridged as a board book for our youngest feminists and activists. Throughout history, women have been told that they couldn't achieve their dreams, no matter how hard they

tried. Woman athletes have faced their own unique set of challenges, across countless sports and levels of play. In this third She Persisted book, Chelsea Clinton introduces readers to women who have excelled in their sports because of their persistence. Now abridged as a board book for the earliest of readers, She Persisted in Sports is a book for everyone who has ever aimed for a goal and been told it wasn't theirs to hit, for everyone who has ever raced for a finish line that seemed all too far away, and for everyone who has ever felt small or unimportant while out on the field. Alexandra Boiger's vibrant artwork accompanies this inspiring text that shows readers of all ages that no matter what obstacles come their way, they have the power to persist and succeed. This book features: Margaret Ives Abbott, Gertrude Ederle, Mildred "Babe" Didrikson Zaharias, Wilma Rudolph,

Jean Driscoll, Mia Hamm (and the 1996 Olympic soccer team), Kristi Yamaguchi, Venus and Serena Williams, Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh Jennings, Diana Taurasi, Simone Biles, Ibtihaj Muhammad and Jocelyne and Monique Lamoureux.

**Boo Who?** - Ben Clanton  
2017

"Boo is new-- and it can be scary being new, especially for a shy ghost who can't play any of the other kids' games. Can Boo find a way to fit in and make friends with the rest of the group?"--

The Man Who Invented the Calendar - B. J. Novak  
2014-04-03

The Man Who Invented the Calendar provides a taster of the darkly hilarious treasures that can be found in B. J. Novak's One More Thing. We'll meet a vengeance-minded hare, obsessed with scoring a rematch against the tortoise who ruined his life; find out how February got its name; and learn the truth about the icing on carrot cake.

*Poking a Dead Frog* -  
Mike Sacks 2014-06-24  
A NEW YORK TIMES  
BESTSELLER NAMED A BEST  
BOOK OF THE YEAR BY NPR  
Amy Poehler, Mel Brooks,  
Adam McKay, George  
Saunders, Bill Hader,  
Patton Oswalt, and many  
more take us deep inside  
the mysterious world of  
comedy in this  
fascinating, laugh-out-  
loud-funny book. Packed  
with behind-the-scenes  
stories—from a day in  
the writers' room at The  
Onion to why a sketch  
does or doesn't make it  
onto Saturday Night Live  
to how the BBC nearly  
erased the entire first  
season of Monty Python's  
Flying Circus—*Poking a  
Dead Frog* is a must-read  
for comedy buffs,  
writers and pop culture  
junkies alike.

*Girl Walks Into a Bar .*

*. . .* - Rachel Dratch  
2013-02-05  
The former Saturday  
Night Live comedienne  
recounts her midlife  
career slump, long-  
distance relationship,  
and unplanned  
motherhood, which  
culminated in uproarious  
childcare activities and

the bewilderment of  
friends and family  
members.

*The Bassoon King* - Rainn  
Wilson 2016-11-29

Rainn Wilson's memoir  
about growing up geeky  
and finally finding his  
place in comedy, faith,  
and life For nine  
seasons Rainn Wilson  
played Dwight Schrute,  
everyone's favorite work  
nemesis and beet farmer.  
Viewers of *The Office*  
fell in love with the  
character and grew to  
love the actor who  
played him even more.  
Rainn founded a website  
and media company,  
*SoulPancake*, that  
eventually became a  
bestselling book of the  
same name. He also  
started a hilarious  
Twitter feed (sample  
tweet: "I'm not on  
Facebook" is the new "I  
don't even own a TV")  
that now has more than  
four million followers.  
Now, he's ready to tell  
his own story and  
explain how he came up  
with his incredibly  
unique sense of humor  
and perspective on life.  
He explains how he grew  
up "bone-numbingly nerdy



before there was even a modicum of cool attached to the word." The Bassoon King chronicles his journey from nerd to drama geek ("the highest rung on the vast, pimply ladder of high school losers"), his years of mild debauchery and struggles as a young actor in New York, his many adventures and insights about The Office, and finally, Wilson's achievement of success and satisfaction, both in his career and spiritually, reconnecting with the artistic and creative values of the Bahá'í faith he grew up in.

**SoulPancake** - Rainn Wilson 2010-10-26  
CAN MEN AND WOMEN REALLY BE "JUST FRIENDS? IF YOU ONLY HAD ONE HOUR LEFT TO LIVE, HOW WOULD YOU SPEND IT? WHAT PARALYZES YOUR CREATIVITY? WHAT FUELS IT? Somewhere over the course of history, chewing on Life's Big Questions lost its cool factor. Fortunately for mankind, Rainn Wilson (best known for playing Dwight Schrute on NBC's

The Office) and a bunch of his friends are on a mission to change that. Based on the wildly successful website SoulPancake.com, this book urges you to explore philosophy, creativity, spirituality, love, truth, science, and so much more. With bold questions, intriguing challenges, and mind-bending art, Soul Pancake creates a space for you to stimulate your brain stem, spark your soul, and figure out what it means to be human.. CRAMMED INSIDE:  
+ A revealing Introduction by Rainn Wilson + 180 Life's Big Questions (the ones that gnaw at your innards) + Visual masterpieces from 90+ artists + Unusual activities that launch you into the world + Exclusive commentary from the fascinating minds of: Amy Sedaris, David Lynch, Heather Armstrong (Dooce.com), Dr. Drew, Jesse Dylan, Justin Vernon (Bon Iver), Harold Ramis, Josh Ritter, and Saul Williams.

*Big Cats* - Holiday  
Reinhorn 2007-11-01  
*Big Cats* opens with  
"Charlotte," in which a  
young girl with a broken  
pelvis spies on her  
voluptuous neighbor  
during a long, hot  
summer night, setting  
the tone of  
irrepressible curiosity  
and yearning that is  
evident throughout the  
collection. In "Get Away  
from Me, David," a bank  
manager tries to  
overcome his haunted  
past as he deals with  
the aftermath of a minor  
earthquake and the body  
of a customer who died  
in the lobby. "Big Cats"  
pits two teenage girls  
against each other in an  
escalating catfight at  
the zoo where they work,  
culminating in a blowout  
in front of the lion  
cage.

The Big Book of Jewish  
Humor - William Novak  
2006-10-31

Two rival businessmen  
meet in the Warsaw train  
station. "Where are you  
going?" says the first  
man. "To Minsk," says  
the second. "To Minsk,  
eh? What a nerve you  
have! I know you're

telling me you're going  
to Minsk because you  
want me to think that  
you're really going to  
Pinsk. But it so happens  
that I know you really  
are going to Minsk. So  
why are you lying to  
me?" Four men are  
walking in the desert.  
The German says, "I'm  
tired and thirsty. I  
must have a beer." The  
Italian says, "I'm tired  
and thirsty. I must have  
wine." The Mexican says,  
"I'm tired and thirsty.  
I must have tequila."  
The Jew says, "I'm tired  
and thirsty. I must have  
diabetes."

**My Squirrel Days** - Ellie  
Kemper 2019-07-02  
Comedian and star of *The  
Office* and *Unbreakable  
Kimmy Schmidt* Ellie  
Kemper delivers a  
hilarious, refreshing,  
and inspiring collection  
of essays "teeming with  
energy and full of  
laugh-out-loud moments"  
(Associated Press). "A  
pleasure. Ellie Kemper  
is the kind of stable,  
intelligent, funny,  
healthy woman that  
usually only exists in  
yogurt commercials. But  
she's real and she's all

ours!" —Tina Fey "Ellie is a hilarious and talented writer, although we'll never know how much of this book the squirrel wrote."—Mindy Kaling Meet Ellie, the best-intentioned redhead next door. You'll laugh right alongside her as she shares tales of her childhood in St. Louis, whether directing and also starring in her family holiday pageant, washing her dad's car with a Brillo pad, failing to become friends with a plump squirrel in her backyard, eating her feelings while watching PG-13 movies, or becoming a "sports monster" who ends up warming the bench of her Division 1 field hockey team in college. You'll learn how she found her comedic calling in the world of improv, became a wife, mother and New Yorker, and landed the role of a bridesmaid (while simultaneously being a bridesmaid) in *Bridesmaids*. You'll get to know and love the comic, upbeat,

perpetually polite actress playing Erin Hannon on *The Office*, and the exuberant, pink-pants-wearing star of *Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt*. If you've ever been curious about what happens behind the scenes of your favorite shows, what it really takes to be a soul cycle "warrior," how to recover if you accidentally fall on Doris Kearns Goodwin or tell Tina Fey on meeting her for the first time that she has "great hair—really strong and thick," this is your chance to find out. But it's also a laugh-out-loud primer on how to keep a positive outlook in a world gone mad and how not to give up on your dreams. Ellie "dives fully into each role—as actor, comedian, writer, and also wife and new mom—with an electric dedication, by which one learns to reframe the picture, and if not exactly become a glass-half-full sort of person, at least become able to appreciate them" ([Vogue.com](http://Vogue.com)).

**A Crazy-much Love** - Joy Jordan-Lake 2019

"How MUCH is the crazy-much love?" This simple question is answered as two parents recount the journey of adopting their daughter and the many milestone moments that follow. From the child's first bath and first time riding a tricycle, all the way to her boarding that big yellow bus, the crazy-much love grows SO MUCH that it spills out the windows and busts down the doors. A warm, lyrical celebration of the deep love parents hold for their children, and a comforting message for kids about how there can be only one special YOU.

**Meaningful Work** - JoAnna Novak 2021-08-24

"Meaningful Work by JoAnna Novak is a short story collection that examines desire amid the rote work of jobs and obligations in formally experimental fictions where characters defy boundaries and mores"--

**Why Not Me?** - Mindy Kaling 2015-09-15  
#1 NEW YORK TIMES

BESTSELLER • From the author of *Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me?* and creator of *The Mindy Project* and *Never Have I Ever* comes a hilarious collection of essays about her ongoing journey to find contentment and excitement in her adult life. "This is Kaling at the height of her power."—USA Today In *Why Not Me?*, Kaling shares insightful, deeply personal stories about falling in love at work, seeking new friendships in lonely places, attempting to be the first person in history to lose weight without any behavior modification whatsoever, and believing that you have a place in Hollywood when you're constantly reminded that no one looks like you. In "How to Look Spectacular: A Starlet's Confessions," Kaling gives her tongue-in-cheek secrets for surefire on-camera beauty, ("Your natural hair color may be appropriate for your skin tone, but this

isn't the land of appropriate-this is Hollywood, baby. Out here, a dark-skinned woman's traditional hair color is honey blonde.") "Player" tells the story of Kaling being seduced and dumped by a female friend in L.A. ("I had been replaced by a younger model. And now they had matching bangs.") In "Unlikely Leading Lady," she muses on America's fixation with the weight of actresses, ("Most women we see onscreen are either so thin that they're walking clavicles or so huge that their only scenes involve them breaking furniture.") And in "Soup Snakes," Kaling spills some secrets on her relationship with her ex-boyfriend and close friend, B.J. Novak ("I will freely admit: my relationship with B.J. Novak is weird as hell.") Mindy turns the anxieties, the glamour, and the celebrations of her second coming-of-age into a laugh-out-loud funny collection of essays that anyone who's

ever been at a turning point in their life or career can relate to. And those who've never been at a turning point can skip to the parts where she talks about meeting Bradley Cooper. Birds of America - Lorrie Moore 1999-09-23 A National Book Critics Circle Award Finalist A New York Times Editors' Choice A Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year Birds of America is a stunning collection of twelve stories by Lorrie Moore, one of our finest authors at work today. With her characteristic wit and piercing intelligence she unfolds a series of portraits of the lost and unsettled of America, and with a trademark humor that fuels each story with pathos and understanding. Little Victories - Jason Gay 2015-11-03 The Wall Street Journal's popular columnist Jason Gay delivers a hilarious and heartfelt guide to modern living. "The book you hold in your hand is a rule book. There have

been rule books before—stacks upon stacks of them—but this book is unlike any other rule book you have ever read. It will not make you rich in twenty-four hours, or even seventy-two hours. It will not cause you to lose eighty pounds in a week. This book has no abdominal exercises. I have been doing abdominal exercises for most of my adult life, and my abdomen looks like it's always looked. It looks like flan. Syrupy flan. So we can just limit those expectations. This book does not offer a crash diet or a plan for maximizing your best self. I don't know a thing about your best self. It may be embarrassing. Your best self might be sprinkling peanut M&M's onto rest-stop pizza as we speak. I cannot promise that this book is a road map to success. And we should probably set aside the goal of total happiness. There's no such thing. I would, however, like for it to make you laugh. Maybe

think. I believe it is possible to find, at any age, a new appreciation for what you have—and what you don't have—as well as for the people closest to you. There's a way to experience life that does not involve a phone, a tablet, a television screen. There's also a way to experience life that does not involve eating seafood at the airport, because you should really never eat seafood at the airport. Like the title says, I want us all to achieve little victories. I believe that happiness is derived less from a significant single accomplishment than it is from a series of successful daily maneuvers. Maybe it's the way you feel when you walk out the door after drinking six cups of coffee, or surviving a family vacation, or playing the rowdy family Thanksgiving touch football game, or just learning to embrace that music at the gym. Accomplishments do not have to be large to be

meaningful. I think little victories are the most important ones in life." – From the Introduction

*Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me? (And Other Concerns)* (Enhanced Edition) – Mindy Kaling  
2011-11-01

Mindy Kaling has lived many lives: the obedient child of immigrant professionals, a timid chubster afraid of her own bike, a Ben Affleck-impersonating Off-Broadway performer and playwright, and, finally, a comedy writer and actress prone to starting fights with her friends and coworkers with the sentence "Can I just say one last thing about this, and then I swear I'll shut up about it?" Perhaps you want to know what Mindy thinks makes a great best friend (someone who will fill your prescription in the middle of the night), or what makes a great guy (one who is aware of all elderly people in any room at any time and acts accordingly), or what is the perfect amount of

fame (so famous you can never get convicted of murder in a court of law), or how to maintain a trim figure (you will not find that information in these pages). If so, you've come to the right book, mostly! In *Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me?*, Mindy invites readers on a tour of her life and her unscientific observations on romance, friendship, and Hollywood, with several conveniently placed stopping points for you to run errands and make phone calls. Mindy Kaling really is just a Girl Next Door—not so much literally anywhere in the continental United States, but definitely if you live in India or Sri Lanka. This enhanced eBook includes an audio introduction from the author; audio commentary from Mindy's friends, including *The Office* costar B. J. Novak and *Parks and Recreation* creator Michael Schur; bonus photos, including an exclusive "Avalanche of Awkwardness"

slideshow of never-before-seen childhood photos with audio commentary; and three full chapters read by the author.

**Did You Take the B from My \_ook? (Books That Drive Kids Crazy!, #2) -**

Beck Stanton 2022-01-05  
'Witty, silly, and interactive ... A rollicking read for children and adults alike' - Kirkus Reviews  
For the Grown-Ups: OK. Two things you need to know. Firstly, your favourite thing in the whole world is the letter B. And secondly, you're about to sneeze and all the Bs are going to be blown out of the book. So until you can get your favourite letter back, you're about to sound really, really silly ... And the kids will love it!  
PRAISE FOR THE BOOKS THAT DRIVE KIDS CRAZY SERIES 'The kids are having a ball (whoops, having fun) and a discussion is born' -- 4 stars, Good Reading  
'Funny, clever, deliciously dry ... this book encourages kids to

think outside the square, and hopefully, somewhere deep in that unlimited subconscious, understand that what we see is all about perception. What a powerful thought' -- Kids' Book Review  
I Was a Child - Bruce Eric Kaplan 2015-04-14  
An illustrated memoir by renowned New Yorker cartoonist Bruce Eric Kaplan. "If The Little Prince had crash-landed, instead of in the Sahara, into a middle-class Jewish home in Maplewood, N.J. in the late 1960s, it might feel something like I Was a Child."—The Hollywood Reporter  
Bruce Eric Kaplan, also known as BEK, is one of the most celebrated and admired cartoonists in America. I Was a Child is the story of his childhood in suburban New Jersey, detailing the small moments we all experience: going to school, playing with friends, family dinners, watching TV on a hot summer night, and so on. It would seem like a conventional childhood,



although Kaplan's anecdotes are accompanied by his signature drawings of family outings and life at home—road trips, milk crates, hamsters, ashtrays, a toupee, a platypus, and much more. Kaplan's cartoons, although simple, are never straightforward;

they encompass an easy irony and dark humor that often cuts straight to the truth of experience. Brilliantly relatable and genuinely moving, *I Was a Child* is about our attempts to understand the mysteries that are our parents, our families, and ourselves.