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#### **If You Come to Earth** Vintage

When a mysterious child appears at the monastery of the Order of the Chronicles of Sorrowing, Brother Edik nurses her back to health. When he uncovers her dangerous secret, she is sent away into the world with a goat and a boy.

[The New Cool](#) Pan Macmillan

Bellies come in all shapes and sizes: baby bellies, grown-up bellies, animal bellies. Some bellies are soft. Some bellies are firm. Round or flat, all bellies deserve a happy pat. Perfect for read alouds and baby gifts, Fran Manushkin and Dan Yaccarino's *The Belly Book* will tickle children and adults alike.

[Inflamed Invisible](#) MIT Press

"This ... guide to wine is the perfect accompaniment to a knackered mother's frantic life. ... The advice pairs well with a ... schedule of work, kids and grown-up time. On offer are reliable

recommendations for Sunday roasts, wines to impress, sparkling wine for children's parties (because adults need something fizzy too) and post-bedtime decompression, as well as tips on what to offload on the school raffle."--Back cover.

[The Nine Lives of Alexander Baddenfield](#) Page Publishing Inc

Just like snowflakes, no two sisters are alike, but together, they can share the perfect snow day. Siblings, snow-bunnies, and fans of the Frozen movies will all find something to love in *Snow Sisters!* When snowflakes fall, two sisters react in different ways. One is excited and the other is wary. The first sister spends the morning outdoors, playing until she's all tuckered out. Meanwhile, the second sister stays indoors, becoming ever more curious about the drifts outside. Soon, they switch places, and spend the second half of the day retracing each other's footsteps. But each sister puts her own unique spin on activities like sledding, baking and building. The simple mirrored text is spare and lovely, and each spread is split to show what each sister is doing independently--until at last they come together in the sweet, satisfying conclusion. LeUyen Pham's *Big Sister*, Little Sister meets Kate Messner's *Over and Under the Snow*. "Chock-full of ideas for fun on a snowy day . . . A nice addition to sibling shelves that shows that fun can also be had apart." --

Kirkus Reviews

[This Is Memorial Device](#) Countdown to Christmas

Reveling in classic blue and white, acclaimed author and designer Edyta Sitar of *Laundry Basket Quilts* shares inspiring quilts photographed in a cabin nestled on a snow-capped mountain. Each of the 16 patterns captures Edyta's signature style, and with her guidance, you, too, can create these stunning two-color quilts.

[A to Zoo](#) Chronicle Books

Introduce 100 words in Spanish and English with this bilingual book perfect for little learners who love *The Very Hungry Caterpillar!* This large casebound board book features one hundred words in both Spanish and English, perfect for building the budding vocabularies of babies and toddlers. Illustrated with Eric Carle's beloved art, each spread focuses on a different high-interest subject, such as colors, foods, and animals. Learning languages with *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* is so much fun!

[Let's Go to Hell](#) Verso Books

Everyone has heard of Winnie-the-Pooh, but not everyone knows about the real Canadian bear who

lent him her name. This is a wonderful tale of courage and friendship, for fans of Michael Morpurgo. Come on a heart-warming adventure, inspired by the journey undertaken by an extraordinary bear called Winnie during World War One. From her early days with her mama in the Canadian forest, to her travels with the Veterinary Corps across the country and overseas, Winnie has a remarkable wartime story to tell. And when she meets a little boy called Christopher Robin Milne in London Zoo, he loves her so much that he names his teddy bear Winnie-the-Pooh in her honour. Sophie Blackall's wonderful black and white artwork brings Winnie to life and will capture young readers' imaginations. The author, Lindsay Mattick, is the great grand-daughter of Captain Harry Colebourn - who originally rescued Winnie as a cub - and the story contains entries from his real wartime diaries from WW1. The book also includes a selection of artefacts from the Colebourn Family Archives. The result is a one-of-a-kind exploration into the realities of war, the meaning of courage, and the power of friendship, all told through the historic adventures of one astonishing bear.

*Wisconsin Country Life* Bloomsbury Publishing USA

Celebrating the holidays in style has never been so easy. Readers will find 50 charming projects--all with a Christmas motif, but none that require sewing! Special handmade gifts, beautiful home decor, and festive wearables require a minimum of time and skill. Full-size patterns, diagrams, and over 75 photos help readers create top-quality projects.

**Spirit of Christmas** Bloomsbury Publishing

A triumphant memoir by the former editor-in-chief of French Elle that reveals an indomitable spirit and celebrates the liberating power of consciousness. In 1995, Jean-Dominique Bauby was the editor-in-chief of French Elle, the father of two young children, a 44-year-old man known and loved for his wit, his style, and his impassioned approach to life. By the end of the year he was also the victim of a rare kind of stroke to the brainstem. After 20 days in a coma, Bauby awoke into a body which had all but stopped working: only his left eye functioned, allowing him to see and, by blinking it, to make clear that his mind was unimpaired. Almost miraculously, he was soon able to express himself in the richest detail: dictating a word at a time, blinking to select each letter as the alphabet was recited to him slowly, over and over again. In the same way, he was able eventually to compose this extraordinary book. By turns wistful, mischievous, angry, and witty, Bauby bears witness to his determination to live as fully in his mind as he had been able to do in his body. He explains the joy, and deep sadness, of seeing his children and of hearing his aged father's voice on the phone. In magical sequences, he imagines traveling to other places and times and of lying next to the woman he loves. Fed only intravenously, he imagines preparing and tasting the full flavor of delectable dishes. Again and again he returns to an "inexhaustible reservoir of sensations," keeping in touch with himself and the life around him. Jean-Dominique Bauby died two days after the French publication of *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly*. This book is a lasting testament to his life.

Macmillan

SHORTLISTED FOR THE GORDON BURN PRIZE 2017ROUGH TRADE BOOK OF THE MONTHLRB BOOK OF THE WEEKCAUGHT BY THE RIVER BOOK OF THE MONTHSHORTLISTED FOR THE COLLYER BRISTOW PRIZE This Is Memorial Device, the debut novel by David Keenan, is a love letter to the small towns of Lanarkshire in the west of Scotland in the late 1970s and early 80s as they were temporarily transformed by the endless possibilities that came out of the freefall from punk rock. It follows a cast of misfits, drop-outs, small town visionaries and would-be artists and musicians

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through a period of time where anything seemed possible, a moment where art and the demands it made were as serious as your life. At its core is the story of Memorial Device, a mythic post-punk group that could have gone all the way were it not for the visionary excess and uncompromising bloody-minded belief that served to confirm them as underground legends. Written in a series of hallucinatory first-person eye-witness accounts that capture the prosaic madness of the time and place, heady with the magic of youth recalled, This Is Memorial Device combines the formal experimentation of David Foster Wallace at his peak circa Brief Interviews With Hideous Men with moments of delirious psychedelic modernism, laugh out loud bathos and tender poignancy.

*Negative Cat* Penguin

When young Gary Robertson moved from the old tenements to an almost brand new housing scheme in the early 1970s, it was the start of a very big adventure. In the skeems, you could roam from morning to night and get up to all sorts - provided you obeyed the rules of the street (and your parents if they saw you). As a training ground for life it was second to none but there was plenty to learn. There was money to be made on the lemonade bottles and the berries each summer - provided you knew the tricks of the trade. There were games to be played, from Backie Hopping to Scubby Queen, gangs to be avoided and football, music and lassies to get to grips with - or not - at the Clubbie. Irreverent and funny, Skeem Life is set against a backdrop of the tough housing schemes of 1970s Dundee. It was Britain in the time of the three-day week and the OPEC oil crisis but it was a journey full of excitement, adventure and youthful dreams.

*A Season in Blue* Faber & Faber

Discover how understanding God's purpose and design can empower you to be the mother you long to be. No calling is greater, nobler, or more fulfilling than that motherhood. Every day, as we nurture our children, mothers influence eternal destiny as no one else can. Tragically, today's culture minimizes the vital importance of a mother's role. In *The Mission of Motherhood*, Sally Clarkson helps you rediscover the joy and fulfillment to be found in the strategic role to which God in all his wisdom has called you, for a purpose far greater than you can ever imagine.

*Winnie's Great War* Leisure Arts

Two-time Caldecott winner Sophie Blackall spins a winning tale about Max, a feline whose behavior doesn't win any raves, except from the boy who believes in him and finds a way to turn a negative into a positive. When a boy is FINALLY allowed to get a cat, he has no doubts about which one to bring home from the shelter. But Max the cat isn't quite what the family expected. He shuns the toy mouse, couldn't care less about the hand-knitted sweater, and spends most of his time facing the wall. One by one, the family gives up on Max, but the boy loves his negative cat so much, he'll do anything to keep him. Even the thing he dreads most: practicing his reading. Which, as it turns out, makes everything positive!

[Here's the Score](#) Feiwel & Friends

A report on genius inventor Dean Kaman's FIRST program follows a team of brilliant, misfit high school students through the program's 2009 robotics competition, during which the teens under the guidance of a dedicated teacher confronted other hopefuls in stadiums throughout the country.

*Alpha Boys School* Jaico Publishing House

The most famous sports book in the world, Wisden Cricketers' Almanack has been published every year since 1864. The selected writings from the 161st edition contained in this eBook offer

trenchant opinion, compelling features and an authoritative voice on the worldwide game. The Shorter Wisden is a distillation of what's best in its bigger brother - and the 2024 edition of Wisden is crammed, as ever, with the best writing in the game. Wisden's digital version includes the influential Notes by the Editor, and all the front-of-book articles. In essence, The Shorter Wisden is a glass of the finest champagne rather than the whole bottle. In an age of snap judgments, Wisden's authority and integrity are more important than ever. Yet again this year's edition is truly a "must-have" for every cricket fan. @WisdenAlmanack

**Moryaa Re!** Hachette UK

Never Known Questions delves deep into The Residents' psyche, charting their rise from cottage industry imagineers to art pop figureheads and exploring forty plus years of chameleonic musical adventures, along with the lore and legend that has built up around the group.

*The Thesaurus of Slang* Simon and Schuster

Includes jargon, sports slang, and ethnic and regional expressions

*Snowmen at Christmas* Black & White Publishing

This title tells the story of Mr and Mrs Crow, who live in a cotton-wood tree at Pearblossom, California. A rattlesnake eats every one of Mrs Crow's eggs until Old Man Owl hatches an idea to solve the problem.

*Piano Playtime - Nursery Rhymes (Aura)* Cheap Drugs

A rich collection of essays tracing the relationship between art and sound. In the 1970s David Toop became preoccupied with the possibility that music was no longer bounded by formalities of audience: the clapping, the booing, the short attention span, the demand for instant gratification. Considering sound and listening as foundational practices in themselves leads music into a thrilling new territory: stretched time, wilderness, video monitors, singing sculptures, weather, meditations, vibration and the interior resonance of objects, interspecies communications, instructional texts, silent actions, and performance art. Toop sought to document the originality and unfamiliarity of this work from his perspective as a practitioner and writer. The challenge was to do so without being drawn back into the domain of music while still acknowledging the vitality and hybridity of twentieth-century musics as they moved toward art galleries, museums, and site-specificity. Toop focused on practitioners, whose stories are as compelling as the theoretical and abstract implications of their works. Inflamed Invisible collects more than four decades of David Toop's essays, reviews, interviews, and experimental texts, drawing us into the company of artists and their concerns, not forgetting the quieter, unsung voices. The volume is an offering, an exploration of strata of sound that are the crossing points of sensory, intellectual, and philosophical preoccupations, layers through which objects, thoughts and air itself come alive as the inflamed invisible.

[More Brilliant than the Sun](#) Penguin

Roly Poly the polar bear gets a little brother he did not ask for, in this charming story about sibling rivalry and the bonds of family from the beloved picture book creators of Time for Bed, Mem Fox and Jane Dyer. Roly Poly the polar bear loves being an only child. His bed is only his. The fish he catches are only his. And he doesn't have to share his toy walrus tooth with anyone. But then along comes baby Monty. Roly Poly did not ask for a little brother and he certainly does not want one now! What is Roly Poly to do when Monty starts making him share his bed and fish and walrus tooth?