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Just the Funny Parts Penguin

WINNER OF THE 2023 LOCUS AWARD
FOR NON-FICTION WINNER OF THE
BRITISH SCIENCE FICTION ASSOCIATION
AWARD FOR BEST NON-FICTION 'Always
readable, illuminating and honest. It
made me miss the real Terry.' - Neil
Gaiman 'Sometimes joyfully, sometimes
painfully, intimate . . . it is wonderful to
have this closeup picture of the writer's
working life.' - Frank Cottrell-Boyce,
Observer ----- At the time of his death
in 2015, award-winning and bestselling

author Sir Terry Pratchett was working
on his finest story yet - his own. The
creator of the phenomenally bestselling
Discworld series, Terry Pratchett was
known and loved around the world for
his hugely popular books, his smart
satirical humour and the humanity of his
campaign work. But that's only part of
the picture. Before his untimely death,
Terry was writing a memoir: the story of
a boy who aged six was told by his
teacher that he would never amount to
anything and spent the rest of his life
proving him wrong. For Terry lived a life
full of astonishing achievements:
becoming one of the UK's bestselling
and most beloved writers, winning the

prestigious Carnegie Medal and being awarded a knighthood. Now, the book Terry sadly couldn't finish has been written by Rob Wilkins, his former assistant, friend and now head of the Pratchett literary estate. Drawing on his own extensive memories, along with those of the author's family, friends and colleagues, Rob unveils the full picture of Terry's life - from childhood to his astonishing writing career, and how he met and coped with what he called the 'Embuggerance' of Alzheimer's disease. A deeply moving and personal portrait of the extraordinary life of Sir Terry Pratchett, written with unparalleled insight and filled with funny anecdotes, this is the only official biography of one of our finest authors. ----- 'Spins magic from mundanity in precisely the way

Pratchett himself did.' - Telegraph 'As frank, funny and unsentimental as anything its subject might have produced himself.' - Mail on Sunday
 Lowry Simon and Schuster
 Phoebe finds herself drawn to Mallory, the strange new girl in school, and the two soon become as close as sisters. Then Mallory's magnetic older brother, Ryland, shows up during their junior year. Ryland has an immediate hold on Phoebe - but a dangerous hold, for she begins to question her feelings about her best friend and, worse, about herself. Soon Phoebe discovers the shocking truth about Ryland and Mallory: that they are from the faerie realm, here to collect on an age-old debt. And the price of that debt could cost Phoebe everything. But with the help of her

friend Ben, Phoebe ultimately learns her own worth and breaks the generations-old curse. "Werlin crafts her characters so deftly and unrolls the story so cleverly . . . readers will be under the spell to the end." - Booklist "A compelling tale of friendship and a refreshing antidote to faerie stories about that one special girl deserving of supernatural love." - Kirkus Reviews

Highest Duty Desert Flower

"This book is a gorgeous journey...You will be glad you've joined her." —Susan Orlean, author of *On Animals* and *The Library Book* In this memoir of motherhood, love, and resilience, a woman and her toddler son follow the grey whale migration from Mexico to northernmost Alaska. In this striking blend of nature writing, whale science,

and memoir, Doreen Cunningham interweaves two stories: tracking the extraordinary northward migration of the grey whales with a mischievous toddler in tow and living with an Iñupiaq family in Alaska seven years earlier.

Throughout the journey she explores the stories of the whales and their young calves—their history, their habits, and their attempts to survive the changes humans have brought to the ocean.

Cunningham's voice is powerful: sharp, profound, sensitive, and unflinching. A story of courage and resilience, *Soundings* is about the migrating whales and all we can learn from them as they mother, adapt, and endure, their lives interrupted and threatened by global warming. It is also a riveting journey onto the Arctic Sea ice and into the

changing world of Indigenous whale hunters, where Doreen becomes immersed in the ancient values of the Iñupiaq whale hunt and falls in love. For this is Doreen's story, too—a fierce, feminist tale, touching on her childhood and her time living in a Women's Refuge with her baby, becoming a mother, just like the whales. Lyrical, brave, and fearlessly honest, *Soundings* is an unforgettable journey.

The Note Through the Wire U of Nebraska Press

"Somalia is one of the world's most desolate, sun-scorched lands, inhabited by fierce and independent-minded tribesmen. It was here that Gerald Hanley spent the Second World War, charged with preventing bloodshed between feuding tribes at a remote out-

station. Rations were scarce, pay infrequent and his detachment of native soldiers near-mutinous." "In these extreme conditions seven British officers committed suicide, but Hanley describes the period as the 'most valuable time' of his life. With intense curiosity and open-mindedness, he explores the effects of loneliness. He comes to understand the Somalis' love of fighting and to admire their contempt for death. 'Of all the races of Africa,' he says, 'there cannot be one better to live among than the most difficult, the proudest, the bravest, the vainest, the most merciless, the friendliest: the Somalis.'"--BOOK JACKET.

Miriam's Song Simon and Schuster
 "Both creepy...and quite moving." —New York Times Book Review
 "Wall's story couldn't be more timely." —People

Stolen Innocence is the gripping New York Times bestselling memoir of Elissa Wall, the courageous former member of Utah's infamous FLDS polygamist sect whose powerful courtroom testimony helped convict controversial sect leader Warren Jeffs in September 2007. At once shocking, heartbreaking, and inspiring, Wall's story of subjugation and survival exposes the darkness at the root of this rebel offshoot of the Mormon faith.

I Am Nujood, Age 10 and Divorced

Chicago Review Press

"I'm a simple village girl who has always obeyed the orders of my father and brothers. Since forever, I have learned to say yes to everything. Today I have decided to say no." Nujood Ali's childhood came to an abrupt end in 2008 when her father arranged for her to be

married to a man three times her age. With harrowing directness, Nujood tells of abuse at her husband's hands and of her daring escape. With the help of local advocates and the press, Nujood obtained her freedom—an extraordinary achievement in Yemen, where almost half of all girls are married under the legal age. Nujood's courageous defiance of both Yemeni customs and her own family has inspired other young girls in the Middle East to challenge their marriages. Hers is an unforgettable story of tragedy, triumph, and courage.

Black Mamba Boy Random House

From the winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature and author of the Booker Prize-winning novel *The Remains of the Day* In the face of the misery in his homeland, the artist Masuji Ono was

unwilling to devote his art solely to the celebration of physical beauty. Instead, he put his work in the service of the imperialist movement that led Japan into World War II. Now, as the mature Ono struggles through the aftermath of that war, his memories of his youth and of the "floating world"—the nocturnal world of pleasure, entertainment, and drink—offer him both escape and redemption, even as they punish him for betraying his early promise. Indicted by society for its defeat and reviled for his past aesthetics, he relives the passage through his personal history that makes him both a hero and a coward but, above all, a human being.

F*ck Whales Virago Press

"Sasson's candid, straightforward account...gives readers a glimpse of the

cruelty and hardship endured by generations of Iraqis."—Publishers Weekly A member of one of the most distinguished and honored families in Iraq, Mayada grew up surrounded by wealth and royalty. But when Saddam Hussein's regime took power, she was thrown into cell 52 in the infamous Baladiyat prison with seventeen other nameless, faceless women from all walks of life. To ease their suffering, these "shadow women" passed each day by sharing their life stories. Now, through Jean Sasson, Mayada is finally able to tell her story—and theirs—to the world.

Soundings Penguin

* Inspirational, dramatic and extraordinary - the autobiography of a Somalian nomad circumcised at 5, sold in marriage at 13, who became an

American model and is now at the young age of 30, the UN spokeswoman against circumcision

No Lights, No Sirens Eland Publishing

* A union of Clive Arrowsmith, renowned celebrity photographer, and LS Lowry resulting in a unique selection of previously unpublished pictures, which capture the atmosphere in which this painter lived and worked* Includes a foreword by Dr. Michael Pritchard, Chief Executive of the Royal Photographic Society* A treasure trove of unseen pictures, discovered by chance in Arrowsmith's attic On two cold grey days in 1966, LS Lowry was joined by a young photographer on one of his first assignments for Nova Magazine. Clive Arrowsmith had been commissioned to photograph Lowry at home. Perhaps it

was Arrowsmith's youthful exuberance that resulted in him taking as many photographs as possible, so that by the end of the two days the range of images was considerable. Views of Lowry inside and outside his home in Mottram-in-Longdendale - described as "going dilapidated at the corners" by Barrie Sturt-Penrose, Nova's art critic - were joined by others taken on the streets of Salford. When the shoot was finished, Nova chose the pictures they wanted and, due to Arrowsmith's subsequent career in fashion photography, the others were forgotten. In 2016, their chance discovery in Arrowsmith's attic revealed a treasure trove of unseen pictures, which gives us a fascinating insight into the life of one of Britain's best-known artists.

Champion of Choice Penguin

A “heartwarming, life-affirming” memoir of a relationship with an intellectually disabled sibling: “Read this book. It might just change your life” (Boston Herald). Beth is a spirited woman with an intellectual disability who lives intensely and often joyfully, and spends most of her days riding the buses in Pennsylvania. The drivers, a lively group, are her mentors; her fellow passengers, her community—though some display less patience or kindness than others. Her sister, Rachel, a teacher and writer, camouflages her emotional isolation by leading a hyperbusy life. But one day, Beth asks Rachel to accompany her on public transportation for an entire year—and Rachel accepts. This wise, funny, deeply affecting book is the

chronicle of that remarkable time, as Rachel learns how to live in the moment, how to pay attention to what really matters, how to change, how to love—and how to slow down and enjoy the ride. Weaving in anecdotes and memories of terrifying maternal abandonment, fierce sisterly loyalty, and astonishing forgiveness, Rachel Simon brings to light a world that is almost invisible to many people, finds unlikely heroes in everyday life, and, without sentimentality, wrestles with her own limitations and portrays Beth as the endearing, feisty, independent person she is. “With tenderness and fury, heartbreak and acceptance . . . Simon comes to the inescapable conclusion that we are all riders on the bus, and on the bus we are all the same.”

—Jacquelyn Mitchard, author of *The Deep End of the Ocean*

Slave Harper Collins

*** CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BRITISH BOOK AWARDS AUTHOR OF THE YEAR 2022*** Step into the lives of three women whose ambitions collide in the hilarious and heart-warming novel from the No. 1 bestselling author of *Grown Ups* 'Wonderful, subtle, hilarious and highly sophisticated. You can't stop reading' *EVENING STANDARD* 'It had me in tears . . . and barking with laughter' *DAILY TELEGRAPH* _____ 'There are three sides to every story. Your side, their side, and the truth . . .' Jojo, a sharkish literary agent, has just made a very bad career move - she's slept with her married boss Mark. Lily, Jojo's bestselling author, has blown her

advance on a house with new boyfriend Anton, only to come down with writer's block. Gemma used to be Lily's best friend until Lily ran off with Anton. Now she's pouring her heart out, and a certain literary agent likes her style . . . Soon the fortunes of Jojo, Lily and Gemma are horribly entangled. But each is about to discover that there's more than one side to every story . . .

_____ 'Keyes's genius lies in making the darkest, most difficult aspects of humanity mentionable and manageable . . . Keyes's plot is cracking, but the story becomes even bolder and brighter because she lets her characters tell it' *Independent* 'Packed with sound writing, wit and common sense' *Guardian* Praise for Marian Keyes: 'Mercilessly funny' *The Times* 'Funny,

tender and completely absorbing!' Graham Norton 'Keyes is in a class of her own' Daily Express Winner of 'Author of the Year' at the British Book Awards May 2022

Mayada, Daughter of Iraq Simon and Schuster

Michael Scott Moore, a journalist and the author of *Sweetness and Blood*, incorporates personal narrative and rigorous investigative journalism in this profound and revelatory memoir of his three-year captivity by Somali pirates—a riveting, thoughtful, and emotionally resonant exploration of foreign policy, religious extremism, and the costs of survival. In January 2012, having covered a Somali pirate trial in Hamburg for Spiegel Online International—and funded by a grant from the Pulitzer

Center on Crisis Reporting—Michael Scott Moore traveled to the Horn of Africa to write about piracy and ways to end it. In a terrible twist of fate, Moore himself was kidnapped and subsequently held captive by Somali pirates.

Subjected to conditions that break even the strongest spirits—physical injury, starvation, isolation, terror—Moore's survival is a testament to his indomitable strength of mind. In September 2014, after 977 days, he walked free when his ransom was put together by the help of several US and German institutions, friends, colleagues, and his strong-willed mother. Yet Moore's own struggle is only part of the story: *The Desert and the Sea* falls at the intersection of reportage, memoir, and history. Caught between Muslim pirates, the looming threat of Al-

Shabaab, and the rise of ISIS, Moore observes the worlds that surrounded him—the economics and history of piracy; the effects of post-colonialism; the politics of hostage negotiation and ransom; while also conjuring the various faces of Islam—and places his ordeal in the context of the larger political and historical issues. A sort of Catch-22 meets Black Hawk Down, *The Desert and the Sea* is written with dark humor, candor, and a journalist's clinical distance and eye for detail. Moore offers an intimate and otherwise inaccessible view of life as we cannot fathom it, brilliantly weaving his own experience as a hostage with the social, economic, religious, and political factors creating it. *The Desert and the Sea* is wildly compelling and a book that will take its

place next to titles like *Den of Lions* and *Even Silence Has an End*.

Stolen Innocence Crown

Not many women can claim to have changed history, but Nafis Sadik set that goal in her youth, and change the world she did. *Champion of Choice* tells the remarkable story of how Sadik, born into a prominent Indian family in 1929, came to be the world's foremost advocate for women's health and reproductive rights, the first female director of a United Nations agency, and "one of the most powerful women in the world" (*London Times*). An obstetrician, wife, mother, and devout Muslim, Sadik has been a courageous and tireless advocate for women, insisting on discussing the difficult issues that impact their lives: education, contraception, abortion, as

well as rape and other forms of violence. After Sadik joined the fledgling UN Population Fund in 1971, her groundbreaking strategy for providing females with education and the tools to control their own fertility has dramatically influenced the global birthrate. This book is the first to examine Sadik's contribution to history and the unconventional methods she has employed to go head-to-head with world leaders to improve millions of women's lives. Interspersed between the chapters recounting Sadik's life are vignettes of females around the globe who represent her campaign against domestic abuse, child marriage, genital mutilation, and other human rights violations. With its insights into the political, religious, and domestic battles that have dominated

women's destinies, Sadik's life story is as inspirational as it is dramatic.

Terry Pratchett: A Life With Footnotes
HarperCollins

Just the Funny Parts is a juicy and scathingly funny insider look at how pop culture gets made. For more than thirty years, writer, producer and director Nell Scovell worked behind the scenes of iconic TV shows, including The Simpsons, Late Night with David Letterman, Murphy Brown, NCIS, The Muppets, and Sabrina, the Teenage Witch, which she created and executive produced. In 2009, Scovell gave up her behind-the-scenes status when the David Letterman sex scandal broke. Only the second woman ever to write for his show, Scovell used the moment to publicly call out the lack of gender diversity in late-night TV writers'

rooms. “One of the boys” came out hard for “all of the girls.” Her criticisms fueled a cultural debate. Two years later, Scovell was collaborating with Sheryl Sandberg on speeches and later on *Lean In*, which resulted in a worldwide movement. Now Scovell is opening up with this fun, honest, and often shocking account. Scovell knows what it’s like to put words in the mouths of President Barack Obama, Mark Harmon, Candice Bergen, Bob Newhart, Conan O’Brien, Alyssa Milano, and Kermit the Frog, among many others. Through her eyes, you’ll sit in the Simpson writers’ room... stand on the Oscar red carpet... pin a tail on Miss Piggy...bond with Star Trek’s Leonard Nimoy... and experience a Stephen King-like encounter with Stephen King. Just the Funny Parts is a

fast-paced account of a nerdy girl from New England who fought her way to the top of the highly-competitive, male-dominated entertainment field. The book delivers invaluable insights into the creative process and tricks for navigating a difficult workplace. It's part memoir, part how-to, and part survival story. Or, as Scovell puts it, “It’s like *Unbroken*, but funnier and with slightly less torture.”

Riding the Bus with My Sister Virago

The inspiration behind the Emmy Award-winning HBO film *Gia* with Angelina Jolie, this “vivid...exhaustive” (The New York Times Book Review) account of the iconic and tragic life, career, and legacy of supermodel Gia Carangi features a new afterword by the author. At seventeen, Gia Carangi was

working the counter at her father's Philadelphia luncheonette. Within a year, she was one of the world's top models, gracing the covers of *Cosmopolitan* and *Vogue*, partying at Studio 54, and redefining the fashion industry's standard of beauty. But behind the glitz and fame, Gia was a young woman in pain, desperate for her mother's approval and facing a drug addiction that quickly spun out of control. With dizzying speed, she went from \$10,000-a-day fashion shoots to using drugs on the streets of New York and Atlantic City before finally being blackballed from modeling. At twenty-six, Gia once again made history as one of the first famous women to die of AIDS. This "chilling tale" (*The Boston Globe*), based on hundreds of interviews with friends, family, lovers,

and fashionistas (the term author Stephen Fried coined for her industry colleagues), is comprehensively explored in this unputdownable biography that will introduce Gia to a new generation. It is also a powerful exploration of our society's views of beauty and sexuality, fame and objectification, mothers and daughters, love and death.

A History of the World in 21 Women

Lyons Press

Part memoir, part travelogue, part nature writing-an intimate first-person narrative of returning to a realer, simpler life.

An Artist of the Floating World

PublicAffairs

Fashion model, UN ambassador and courageous spirit, Waris Dirie is a remarkable woman, born into a

traditional family of tribal desert nomads in Somalia. She told her story - enduring, at five years old, the ancient and savage custom of female circumcision; running away at twelve on foot through the desert in order to escape an arranged marriage; being discovered by Terence Donovan as she worked as a cleaner in London; and becoming a top fashion model - in her book, the worldwide bestseller, *Desert Flower*. Although Waris Dirie fled her homeland, she never forgot the country and culture that moulded her. The world of famine and violence, where women have no voice and no place - the very world that nearly destroyed her also gave her the tools to survive. She traces the roots of her courage, resilience and humour back to her motherland, and most particularly to

her mother. *Desert Dawn* is the story of that return and a testimony to the stubborn fact that you can love something dearly and yet not love all that it represents. *Desert Dawn* is about coming home.

[Desert Flower and Desert Dawn Omnibus](#)
Virago Press

For Fauziya Kassindja, an idyllic childhood in Togo, West Africa, sheltered from the tribal practices of polygamy and genital mutilation, ended with her beloved father's sudden death. Forced into an arranged marriage at age seventeen, Fauziya was told to prepare for *kakia*, the ritual also known as female genital mutilation. It is a ritual no woman can refuse. But Fauziya dared to try. This is her story--told in her own words--of fleeing Africa just hours before the ritual

kakia was to take place, of seeking asylum in America only to be locked up in U.S. prisons, and of meeting Layli Miller Bashir, a law student who became Fauziya's friend and advocate during her horrifying sixteen months behind bars. Layli enlisted help from Karen Musalo, an expert in refugee law and acting director of the American University International Human Rights Clinic. In addition to devoting her own considerable efforts to the case, Musalo assembled a team to fight with her on Fauziya's behalf. Ultimately, in a landmark decision in immigration history, Fauziya Kassindja was granted asylum on June 13, 1996. *Do They Hear You When You Cry* is her unforgettable chronicle of triumph. *Extraordinary* Harper Collins
A New York Police Officer's relentless

journey into the criminal netherworld, told with brutal truth and honesty. Perhaps Nietzsche described Rob Cea's life best, way before he was born: "Take care when chasing the animals; for you can very well become the animal you are chasing." *No Lights, No Sirens* is a sojourn so dirty and nasty it defies belief. Rob Cea starts off as an idealistic young cop, a true believer in the system for which he works tirelessly. He is sadly mistaken. The system he tried so hard to appease ultimately led to his downfall and the ruination of his life. What separates this from other cop—and—robber stories is the brutal authenticity from the cop himself. We will see and hear exactly what is discussed in a patrol car. We will see how the law was—and is—routinely bent

to make collars stick any way possible. And we will see how Cea slowly spirals to depths of hell. No Lights, No Sirens is simplistic in its scope: A young idealistic boy becomes a man through fire, and then becomes exactly what he has been chasing for so long, a hardened man

possessed by demons. With rapid fire and gritty narrative, Cea writes about his fall to the depths, and his salvation. We see the dark side of detective work in New York's most crime—riddled neighborhoods from a first-hand view never before seen.

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