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“Amy was one of those rare people who made an impact . . . She was a bundle of emotions, at times adorable and at times unbearable. . . . Amy’s passing did not follow a clear line. It was jumbled, and her life was unfinished—not life’s natural order at

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all. She left no answers, only questions, and in the years since her death I've found myself trying to make sense of the frayed ends of her extraordinary existence." Arguably the most gifted artist of her generation, Amy Winehouse died tragically young, aged just twenty-seven. With a worldwide fan base and millions of record sales to her name, she should have had the world at her feet. Yet in the years prior to her death, she battled with addiction and was frequently the subject of lurid tabloid headlines. Amy's mother, Janis, knew her in a way that no one else did. In this warm, poignant, and at times

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heartbreaking memoir, she tells the full story of the daughter she loved so much. As the world watched the rise of a superstar, then the free fall of an addict to her tragic death, Janis simply saw her Amy: the daughter she'd given birth to, the girl she'd raised and stood by despite her unruly behavior, the girl whose body she was forced to identify two days after her death—and the girl she's grieved for every day since. Including rare photographs and extracts from Amy's childhood journals, Loving Amy offers a new and intimate perspective on the life and untimely death of a musical icon.

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I have held you every night for ten years and I didn't even know your name. We have a child together. A dog, a house. Who are you? Emma loves her husband Leo and their young daughter Ruby: she'd do anything for them. But almost everything she's told them about herself is a lie. And she might just have got away with it, if it weren't for her husband's job. Leo is an obituary writer and Emma is a well-known marine biologist, so, when she suffers a serious illness, Leo copes by doing what he knows best – reading and writing about her life. But as he starts to unravel her past, he discovers the woman

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he loves doesn't really exist. Even her name is fictitious. When the very darkest moments of Emma's past life finally emerge, she must somehow prove to Leo that she really is the woman he always thought she was . . . But first, she must tell him about the love of her other life. The Love of My Life is the astounding new novel from Rosie Walsh, bestselling author of The Man Who Didn't Call.

"Jesika is four and a half. She lives in a flat with her mother and baby brother and she knows a lot. She knows their flat is high up and the stairs are smelly. She knows she shouldn't draw on the peeling

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wallpaper or touch the broken window. And she knows she loves her mummy and baby brother Toby. She does not know that their landlord is threatening to evict them and that Toby's cough is going to get much worse. Or that Paige, her new best friend, has a secret that will explode their world"--

Welcome to England's beautiful Lake District, where a reluctant reunion forges a new bond between a daughter and her wayward mother.... Abby Rhodes is just starting to get her life on track. After her fiancé's unexpected death, she returned with her

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young son to the small village where she grew up and threw herself into helping her ailing grandmother run the town's beach café. Then one evening, her mother, Laura, shows up in Hartley-by-the-Sea and announces her plan to stay. After twenty years away, she now wants to focus on the future—and has no intention, it seems, of revisiting the painful past. Laura Rhodes has made a lot of mistakes, and many of them concern her daughter. But as Abby gets little glimpses into her mother's life, she begins to realize there are depths to Laura she never knew. Slowly, Abby and Laura start making tentative steps toward

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each other, only to have life become even more complicated when an unexpected tragedy arises. Together, the two women will discover truths both sad and surprising that draw them closer to a new understanding of what it means to truly forgive someone you love.

Dealing With Mom's Dementia

Denied a Mummy

Explaining Early Pregnancy Loss to Young Children

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A Wake-Up Call To Cherish Time With Our Parents

And Anyone We Love: Dementia Books For Elderly

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Wonder

Loving Amy

*Adam Silvera reminds us that there's no life without death and no love without loss in this devastating yet uplifting story about two people whose lives change over the course of one unforgettable day. #1 New York Times bestseller * 4 starred reviews * A School Library Journal Best Book of the Year * A Kirkus Best Book of the Year * A Booklist Editors' Choice * A Bustle Best YA Novel * A Paste Magazine Best YA Book * A Book Riot Best Queer Book * A BuzzFeed Best YA Book of*

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the Year * A BookPage Best YA Book of the Year On September 5, a little after midnight, Death-Cast calls Mateo Torrez and Rufus Emeterio to give them some bad news: They're going to die today. Mateo and Rufus are total strangers, but, for different reasons, they're both looking to make a new friend on their End Day. The good news: There's an app for that. It's called the Last Friend, and through it, Rufus and Mateo are about to meet up for one last great adventure—to live a lifetime in a single day. In the tradition of Before I Fall and If I Stay, They Both Die at the End is a tour de force from acclaimed

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author Adam Silvera, whose debut, *More Happy Than Not*, the *New York Times* called "profound." Plus don't miss *The First to Die at the End*: #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Adam Silvera returns to the universe of international phenomenon *They Both Die at the End* in this prequel. New star-crossed lovers are put to the test on the first day of Death-Cast's fateful calls.

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"Mitch Albom has done it again with this moving memoir of love and loss. You can't

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help but fall for Chika. A page-turner that will no doubt become a classic." --Mary Karr, author of *The Liars' Club* and *The Art of Memoir* From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Tuesdays With Morrie* comes Mitch Albom's most personal story to date: an intimate and heartwarming memoir about what it means to be a family and the young Haitian orphan whose short life would forever change his heart. Chika Jeune was born three days before the devastating earthquake that decimated Haiti in 2010. She spent her infancy in a landscape of extreme poverty, and when her mother died giving birth to a

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baby brother, Chika was brought to The Have Faith Haiti Orphanage that Albom operates in Port Au Prince. With no children of their own, the forty-plus children who live, play, and go to school at the orphanage have become family to Mitch and his wife, Janine. Chika's arrival makes a quick impression. Brave and self-assured, even as a three-year-old, she delights the other kids and teachers. But at age five, Chika is suddenly diagnosed with something a doctor there says, "No one in Haiti can help you with." Mitch and Janine bring Chika to Detroit, hopeful that American medical care can soon return her to her

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homeland. Instead, Chika becomes a permanent part of their household, and their lives, as they embark on a two-year, around-the-world journey to find a cure. As Chika's boundless optimism and humor teach Mitch the joys of caring for a child, he learns that a relationship built on love, no matter what blows it takes, can never be lost. Told in hindsight, and through illuminating conversations with Chika herself, this is Albom at his most poignant and vulnerable. Finding Chika is a celebration of a girl, her adoptive guardians, and the incredible bond they formed—a devastatingly beautiful

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portrait of what it means to be a family, regardless of how it is made.

I am a woman built upon the wreckage of myself. In an emotionally raw voice alive with grief, compassion, and startling humor, a woman mourns the loss of her husband and son at the hands of one of history's most notorious criminals. And in appealing to their executioner, she reveals the desperate sadness of a broken heart and a working-class life blown apart.

Finding Chika

The Glass Castle

The Chilling, Real-Life Story of a Satanic

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Murder and the Truth that Haunts

A little girl locked in a prison of guilt. A loving foster carer determined to free her. The heartbreaking story of three little children searching for someone to love them. Stories of Loss and Love

Memoir Book: Dementia Books For Elderly

Ireland 1973: a very different world. But a tiny village in County Dublin was about to lose its innocence for ever. On a bright and sunny June afternoon, a seven-year-old boy was left in the care of his teenage neighbour. No one knew, or would even have dreamed of suspecting, that the teenager was a Satanist. The two went out to the fields to look for rabbits. The child was never seen alive again. For the first

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time, in *The Boy in the Attic*, David Malone reveals the exact events of that summer day: how the youngster was lured to his death, how the teenager came to delve so deeply into the occult and the nightmarish scene awaiting police when they entered the attic. But there is another disturbing question - how is it that this murder, which was easily one of the most shocking and horrific in living memory, was barely reported upon at all? Why have you never heard of the boy in the attic until now?

The Sundays Are For Mummy Story is a haunting, heartbreaking, but yet and in places, uplifting story of the author's experience in witnessing his mother develop the onset of dementia. Having a parent suffer from dementia is possibly one of life's most heartbreaking moments, as you are

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forced to confront the vulnerability of someone who, at one time, was the strongest person in your life. When a parent starts to forget, the biggest thing we worry about is how much longer our parents can continue to remember us. Sundays Are For Mummy Story is a personal story about dementia, love, guilt, hope, gains, and losses, told through the lens of a son's desperate struggle to hold on to his mother. While offering perspectives on coping with the disease, it is also a wake-up call to cherish time with our parents and anyone we love, while we still can.

'Why did you leave me? Why did you get messed up with all of those drugs? Why did you kill my brother and sister? Didn't you love us enough?' Nikkia Roberson has been asking these questions for most of her life. But how else do you cope when

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your mentally ill mother has killed your little brother and sister by scalding them with boiling water? This is a harrowing true story of how one little girl endured the most tragic of childhoods. But it's also the ultimate tale of forgiveness. Follow Nikkia on her heartbreaking journey, as she attempts to find answers and rekindle a relationship with her mother behind the gates of a secure psychiatric hospital. Deeply moving, *Mummy is a Killer* proves that love really is the strongest emotion of all.

Kenneth and Patrick Doyle grew up in a family of nine children in Tullamore, Co. Offaly. Though the home was dysfunctional and all the children suffered at the hands of their parents, Kenneth and Patrick were singled out for horrific abuse at the hands of their mother. Starved, beaten and sent

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out to steal, their story is a catalogue of abuse. It also implicates the authorities, who had pages upon pages of reports on their situation, and yet never stepped in.

A Little Girl, an Earthquake, and the Making of a Family

The Love of My Life

Why is Mommy Crying?

No One Wants You

The Boy in the Attic

Love What Matters

The Girl Nobody Wants

* Instant NEW YORK TIMES and USA TODAY bestseller * *
GOODREADS CHOICE AWARD WINNER for BEST DEBUT
and BEST ROMANCE of 2019 * * BEST BOOK OF THE
YEAR* for VOGUE, NPR, VANITY FAIR, and more! * What

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happens when America's First Son falls in love with the Prince of Wales? When his mother became President, Alex Claremont-Diaz was promptly cast as the American equivalent of a young royal. Handsome, charismatic, genius—his image is pure millennial-marketing gold for the White House. There's only one problem: Alex has a beef with the actual prince, Henry, across the pond. And when the tabloids get hold of a photo involving an Alex-Henry altercation, U.S./British relations take a turn for the worse. Heads of family, state, and other handlers devise a plan for damage control: staging a truce between the two rivals. What at first begins as a fake, Instagramable friendship grows deeper, and more dangerous, than either Alex or Henry could have imagined. Soon Alex finds himself hurtling into a secret

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romance with a surprisingly unstuffy Henry that could derail the campaign and upend two nations and begs the question: Can love save the world after all? Where do we find the courage, and the power, to be the people we are meant to be? And how can we learn to let our true colors shine through? Casey McQuiston's *Red, White & Royal Blue* proves: true love isn't always diplomatic. "I took this with me wherever I went and stole every second I had to read!

Absorbing, hilarious, tender, sexy—this book had everything I crave. I'm jealous of all the readers out there who still get to experience *Red, White & Royal Blue* for the first time!" -

Christina Lauren, New York Times bestselling author of *The Unhoneymooners* "*Red, White & Royal Blue* is outrageously fun. It is romantic, sexy, witty, and thrilling. I loved every

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second." - Taylor Jenkins Reid, New York Times bestselling author of *Daisy Jones & The Six*

Where does an abused child turn when he has no one to talk to? Believing that he is evil and meant to be a victim, he tells his horrific journey to his only friend, Mr. Ted. The boy is five. In his own words through the compelling pages of his journal, he writes in terrific detail of unspeakable abuse forced upon him by his parents. Through manipulation and control, he is moulded into a creation of their own design. Fear follows close behind in the guise of the "bad man." His voice is no longer silent. Little boy little boy, Curled in a ball. I know your secrets, I know them all I write in my journal as much as I can. I talk to Mr. Ted. He is my only friend. He understands when the bad man comes. He holds my hand when I have

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nightmares and my mummy doesn't hear me cry. Mr. Ted doesn't tell. He won't say when my daddy hurts me. He keeps my secrets and my stories. I love Mr. Ted. He is the only one who loves me back. Mr. Ted. I keep falling asleep. Bad things happen. I get sore all the time. But I don't know why. My mum says it's a demon. Because I got evil. Please make me be good.

Book one in the hit series that's soon to be a major motion picture starring Amandla Stenberg and Mandy Moore--now with a stunning new look and an exclusive bonus short story featuring Liam and his brother, Cole. When Ruby woke up on her tenth birthday, something about her had changed.

Something alarming enough to make her parents lock her in the garage and call the police. Something that got her sent to

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Thurmond, a brutal government "rehabilitation camp." She might have survived the mysterious disease that killed most of America's children, but she and the others emerged with something far worse: frightening abilities they cannot control. Now sixteen, Ruby is one of the dangerous ones. But when the truth about Ruby's abilities--the truth she's hidden from everyone, even the camp authorities--comes out, Ruby barely escapes Thurmond with her life. On the run, she joins a group of kids who escaped their own camp: Zu, a young girl haunted by her past; Chubs, a standoffish brainiac; and Liam, their fearless leader, who is falling hard for Ruby. But no matter how much she aches for him, Ruby can't risk getting close. Not after what happened to her parents. While they journey to find the one safe haven left for kids like them--East

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River--they must evade their determined pursuers, including an organization that will stop at nothing to use Ruby in their fight against the government. But as they get closer to grasping the things they've dreamed of, Ruby will be faced with a terrible choice, one that may mean giving up her only chance at a life worth living.

Trusted maternity nurse Lisa Clegg is on-hand to gently guide you through your child's toddler years. In this book, you'll learn everything you need to know to support your toddler's development, including:

- Potty training – when and how to start
- Behaviour – avoiding and coping with tantrums
- Feeding – introducing new foods and avoiding fussy eating
- Learning – encouraging language and movement
- Next steps – preparing your toddler for nursery and pre-school

With

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practical advice, answers to common questions and confidence-boosting tips, The Blissful Toddler Expert is the essential handbook for all parents with toddlers.

Is It My Fault Mummy?

The heartbreaking true story of an abused little girl whose mother was too drunk to notice

Two Brothers, a Sadistic Mother, a Childhood Destroyed.

The Life She Left Behind

A Mother's Final Gift to Her Son

The Mother's Promise

A Shocking True Story of Child Abuse in Ireland

Foster carer Maggie Hartley is used to receiving placements at short notice, but the arrival of seven-year-old Paris sees her handling one of her most heart-breaking cases yet. Paris arrives

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at Maggie's house with the police, after the traumatised little girl is found wandering the streets alone, sobbing that she can't wake up her baby brother. When the police eventually discover where Paris lives, they make a shocking discovery: her mum and stepdad are in a heroin-induced coma, and it's too late to save five-month-old baby Joel. Paris is convinced it's all her fault but slowly, through love and care, she begins to open up to Maggie and reveals the horrendous neglect and abuse she and her brother endured. Maggie is stunned to discover that Paris knows exactly how to make a bottle and change a nappy, and it soon becomes clear that this little girl was forced to shoulder the responsibility of looking after her baby brother singlehandedly. With both parents on remand in prison and charged with neglect, Maggie must slowly try to break down the

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wall of guilt surrounding this damaged little girl and help her heal from the trauma of her brother's death.

The gripping, heartwrenching story of a girl gone missing and an innocent, accused woman who holds the key to an old family secret, from the global bestselling author of THE GIRL IN

THE LETTER. 'A gripping story' Woman & Home 'I really loved it! Tense, emotionally charged' Jenny Ashcroft

'Spellbindingly good! Heartbreak, intrigue, mystery ***' Real reader 'One of the best books I've read this year! I adored every single page *****' Real reader _____**

It all began with a midwife's secret, long buried but if uncovered could save two families from the bitter tragedy that binds them. And prove the key that will free them all... 1969 On New Year's Eve, while the Hiltons of Yew Tree Manor prepare to host the party of the

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season, their little girl disappears. Suspicion falls on Bobby James, a young farmhand and the last person to see Alice before she vanished. Bobby protests his innocence, but he is sent away. Alice is never found. Present day Architect Willow James is working on a development at Yew Tree when she discovers the land holds a secret. As she begins to dig deep into the past, she uncovers a web of injustice. And when another child goes missing, Willow knows the only way to stop history repeating itself is to right a terrible wrong... 'Hugely addictive, full of twists, turns and betrayal' Heat 'A heart-wrenching story of love, loyalty and family secrets. Reminded me of Kate Morton and Eve Chase ***' Fictionophile 'Compelling, twisty, heart-wrenching... A novel that stays with you. I was gripped' Sophie Kinsella on The Girl in the Letter ARE YOU**

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READY TO DISCOVER THE MIDWIFE'S SECRET?

READERS ARE SPELLBOUND: 'One of my favourites this year' Beauty Balm blog 'The story was stunning and heartbreaking. I went to bed at 2am! Can't wait for the next book ***' 'Wow! What a powerful book. This had me hooked from the start. The story spans generations and tells of lies, grief and secrets. It was extremely well written and had you guessing right to the end. Loved the characters and couldn't put this book down. *****' 'A real heart-pounder! It had intrigue, suspense and lots of twists and turns!! Definitely some jaw-dropping moments! I highly recommend reading this book! *****' Your favourite authors adore Emily Gunnis's bestselling novels: 'Utterly gripping, taut and powerful. An emotionally charged, compulsive, moving novel *****' Adele Parks 'A great**

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book, truly hard to put down. Fast paced, brilliantly plotted and desperately sad at times - all hallmarks of a bestseller' Lesley Pearse 'A truly brilliant and moving read. I loved it' Karen Hamilton 'Captivating and suspenseful' Jessica Fellowes 'Loss, betrayal and a decades-old secret... BRILLIANT' Heat magazine

'He crashed on to the pillow next to me, heavy as a felled oak. I slapped His face and told Him to wake up. Our daughter, B, appeared in the doorway, woken up by the screaming – I must have been screaming but I don't remember – and she was crying and peering in. I told her the ultimate adult lie; that everything was all right.' Sudden death is rude. It just wanders in and takes your husband without any warning; it doesn't even have the decency to knock. At the impossibly young age of 37, as they

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were making love one night, Lucie Brownlee's beloved husband Mark dropped dead. As Lucie tried to make sense of her new life – the one she never thought she would be living – she turned to writing to express her grief. *Life After You* is the stunning, irreverent and heartbreakingly honest result.

Read the book that Kirkus Review called: "A complex, witty page-turner, ideal for YA fans of scandal and romance."

Seventeen-year-old Isis Blake hasn't fallen in love in three years, nine weeks, and five days, and after what happened last time, she intends to keep it that way. Since then she's lost eighty-five pounds, gotten four streaks of purple in her hair, and moved to Buttcrack-of-Nowhere, Ohio, to help her mom escape a bad relationship. All the girls in her new school want one thing—Jack Hunter, the Ice Prince of East Summit High. Hot

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as an Armani ad, smart enough to get into Yale, and colder than the Arctic, Jack Hunter's never gone out with anyone. Sure, people have seen him downtown with beautiful women, but he's never given high school girls the time of day. Until Isis punches him in the face. Jack's met his match. Suddenly everything is a game. The goal: Make the other beg for mercy. The game board: East Summit High. The reward: Something neither of them expected. Previously published as Lovely Vicious, this fully revised and updated edition is full of romance, intrigue, and laugh-out-loud moments. The Lovely Vicious series is best enjoyed in order. Reading Order: Book #1 Love Me Never Book #2 Forget Me Always Book #3 Remember Me Forever

The Step Child
The Midwife's Secret

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The complete guide to calm parenting and happy toddlers

One Last Stop

Is It My Fault, Mummy?

An absolutely gripping and heartbreaking page turner

Lily Alone

An instant New York Times bestseller!

"Internment sets itself apart...terrifying, thrilling and urgent."--Entertainment Weekly

Rebellions are built on hope. Set in a horrifying near-future United States, seventeen-year-old Layla Amin and her parents are forced into an internment camp for Muslim American citizens. With the help of newly made friends also trapped within the

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internment camp, her boyfriend on the outside, and an unexpected alliance, Layla begins a journey to fight for freedom, leading a revolution against the camp's Director and his guards. Heart-racing and emotional, Internment challenges readers to fight complicit silence that exists in our society today.

Following her internationally bestselling book The Good Women of China, Xinran has written one of the most powerful accounts of the lives of Chinese women. Her searing stories of mothers who have been driven to abandon their daughters or give them up for

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adoption is a masterful and significant work of literary reportage and oral history. Xinran has gained entrance to the most pained, secret chambers in the hearts of Chinese mothers—students, successful businesswomen, midwives, peasants—who have given up their daughters. Whether as a consequence of the single-child policy, destructive age-old traditions, or hideous economic necessity, these women had to give up their daughters for adoption; others even had to watch as their baby daughters were taken away at birth and drowned. Xinran beautifully portrays the “extra-birth

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guerrillas” who travel the roads and the railways, evading the system, trying to hold on to more than one baby; naïve young girl students who have made life-wrecking mistakes; the “pebble mother” on the banks of the Yangzte River still looking into the depths for her stolen daughter; peasant women rejected by their families because they can’t produce a male heir; and Little Snow, the orphaned baby fostered by Xinran but confiscated by the state. For parents of adopted Chinese children and for the children themselves, this is an indispensable, powerful, and intensely moving book. Message

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from an Unknown Chinese Mother is powered by love and by heartbreak and will stay with readers long after they have turned the final page.

The true story of Donna Ford, who between the ages of five and eleven was abused by her stepmother Helen. Labelled 'the bastard', the 'little witch' and 'the evil one'; beaten, isolated and afraid to even look at her own reflection, this beautiful little child was told she was lucky to be the victim of abuse - abuse which began as physical and mental, but progressed to the most appalling sexual attacks. Despite an horrendous early life,

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Donna is now a successful artist and mother of three with an enormous enthusiasm and an optimism which completely belies her experiences. In 2003, Donna watched as her stepmother was found guilty of 'procuring a minor' for sexual abuse and sentenced to two years in prison. Beautifully written and savagely honest, The Step Child is Donna's story. It is an inspiring tribute to the resilience of the human spirit. Given away by her mother at five months old, raped on the day of her first communion at age seven - when Celine Roberts was told 'No one wants you', she believed it. Illegitimate

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and unwanted, Celine was forced by her foster mother into prostitution. Her bones were broken, her nose was crushed and she ate candle wax to stay alive. Celine was finally rescued and sent to an industrial school, where she picked up the pieces of her shattered life. She also began the search for her parents. But what she found gave her battered survival instincts the hardest knock of all ... Full of the most heartbreaking tragedy but ultimately survival and hope, No One Wants You is the remarkably honest and compelling memoir of a woman triumphing over her brutal past.

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Life After You

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Hold On To The Past While Dealing With

Mother's Dementia: Dementia Books For Seniors

The Darkest Minds

Red, White & Royal Blue

Why is Mommy Crying? -explaining early pregnancy loss to young children comforts children as young as three, their parents, extended family, and friends. One is often at a loss how to engage with those in grief, whether adult or child. Because miscarriage affects about a third of pregnancies,

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most readers likely know someone who has experienced the sadness. This beautifully illustrated, inclusive, nondenominational picture book helps recipients of every age know that the door is open, and a caring person is on the other side. Written by an experienced physician, *Why is Mommy Crying?* comforts in the context of family and the larger world. Young ones are also helped in navigating their fears. The young protagonist, Max, uses his imagination, and accompanied by his stuffed animal, Mink, begins to understand what has made his mother sad. His imagery and ideas offer a gentle springboard to discuss with children and the adults who love them the broader concepts surrounding grief and recovery.

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When Maggie's latest placement arrives on her doorstep, it's clear that Sean, Dougie and their big sister Mary have been through unspeakable traumas in their short lives. Violent and malnourished, the siblings have been left to fend for themselves by their drug-addicted parents. Maggie must use all of her skills and experience as a foster carer to help the damaged siblings to learn to be children again. With much love, care and patience, their behaviour gradually starts to improve and social services start looking for a forever family for them. But alarm bells start to ring when Maggie meets a couple who have been matched to adopt the siblings. It is clear that they're looking for the perfect, ready-made family, and they're not going to get it with these vulnerable brothers and

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sister. Despite raising her concerns with social services, Maggie is powerless to prevent the adoption from going ahead and she must put aside her own fears to help the siblings adjust in with their new parents. But she can't shake the feeling of dread as she waves them goodbye. A few months later, Maggie's worst nightmares come true when she learns that the children have been handed back to the care of social services following the breakdown of the adoption. Maggie must fight to get the children returned to her, but is it too late to undo the damage that has been done?

A poignant and breathtaking novel from the author of *The Things We Keep* and *The Secrets of Midwives*. All their lives Alice Stanhope and her daughter, Zoe, have been a family of

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two, living quietly in Northern California. Zoe has always struggled with crippling social anxiety and her mother has been her constant and fierce protector. With no family to speak of, and the identity of Zoe's father shrouded in mystery, their team of two works—until it doesn't. Until Alice gets sick and needs to fight for her life. Desperate to find stability for Zoe, Alice reaches out to two women who are practically strangers but who are her only hope: Kate, a nurse, and Soledad, a social worker. As the four of them come together, a chain of events is set into motion and all four of them must confront their sharpest fears and secrets—secrets about abandonment, abuse, estrangement, and the deepest longing for family. Imbued with heart and humor in even the most dismal

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moments, *The Mother's Promise* is an unforgettable novel about the unbreakable bonds between mothers and daughters and the new ways in which families are forged. Sally Hepworth novels are "sure to appeal to fans of Jojo Moyes, Jodi Picoult, and Lisa Genova; book clubs will be lining up." —Library Journal (starred review)

THE SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER The inspirational memoir from the founder of the *You, Me and the Big C* podcast, Rachael Bland. Courageous and life-affirming, this is a mother's final gift to her son. My beautiful son, I so wish I didn't have to leave you now. But believe me, I tried EVERYTHING I could to stay around for you, and for every moment I could eke out of this life. From the outset, it wa

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a fair fight. My cancer was too big, and too aggressive, and we didn't start on a level playing field. You were fourteen months old and at the beginning I was so full of fierce intention that we could get past this. I would lay you in your cot each night and silently communicate from my mind to yours, 'I will do this Freddie, I will gladly take whatever they throw at me if it means we can stay together'. In 2016, broadcaster and journalist Rachael Bland was diagnosed with cancer. Shortly afterwards she made the brave decision to share her story, and she spoke with beautiful poignancy through her blog and podcast, *You, Me and the Big C*. Having been told that she only had a matter of months left to live, writing this in what were sadly her final days, Rachael brings

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her warmth, courage and humour to the page in this heart warming and heart-breaking story. Part memoir, part advice For Freddie beautifully encapsulates the grace and fearlessness in which Rachael lived her life. This is her legacy and an incredible final gift to her son. Includes moving contributions from Richard Bacon, Tony Livesey, Emma Barnett, Shelagh Fogarty, Mark Pougatch, Chris Stark and many more.

A Mother Like Mine

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Message from an Unknown Chinese Mother For Freddie

"Now a major motion picture! Includes full-color movie photos and exclusive content!"--Dust jacket.

When I wake up in the middle of the night, it's not a sound that disturbs me. It's a feeling. Silently, I creep to my daughter's room, breathing a sigh of relief when I see her sleeping, her night-light twirling, butterfly shapes moving their pink wings. Quickly, I

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lock the door. I won't let anything happen to my little girl. You tell him everything. The husband you adore, the father of your child, your best friend. He knows, just by looking at your sage-green eyes, when something is wrong. The two of you can communicate with a glance, or a touch of the hand. Except what if you can't? What if your happy marriage has plastered over one huge lie? A lie you have even started to believe yourself, in order to survive?

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What if you have a secret, something you have hidden from your beloved husband and your strawberry-scented baby girl, to keep them safe? What if the guilt has kept you up, night after night, for as long as you can remember? Because, after twenty-eight years, that secret is refusing to stay buried. The past you have tried so desperately to outrun is catching up with you. A faded photograph, torn in half, threatens to expose the truth and everyone you love,

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everything you cherish, is in harm's way... An emotional, thought-provoking and beautifully written novel which examines the pieces of ourselves we are afraid of, and the impossible decisions we make when we are desperate. Fans of Jodi Picoult, Kerry Fisher and Liane Moriarty will be moved by this heartbreaking tale. Readers absolutely love *The Life She Left Behind*: 'Oh my... This was literally "un-put-downable"... This was not a book I

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could read chapter by chapter and take breaks in between, I NEEDED to keep going!... I know I will be thinking about this story for days... Amazing.'

NetGalley Reviewer, ?????? 'What a fantastic book!! I absolutely loved it, and it is hands down the best book I've read this year so far... Amazing... I couldn't recommend it more highly. Now I'm off to buy several more of Trope's books to get stuck in to.' My Little Bookcase, ?????? 'Wow oh wow, what an

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absolutely gorgeous read. I devoured this beautiful book in just over an hour... I adored the writing style in this one, the author writes elegantly and in a way that just pulls you into the pages. I cannot say anything negative about this book, I have been truly engrossed and shocked by how quickly I read this one. I didn't want to put it down. This is definitely a beautiful read by a very talented author.' Goodreads Reviewer, ??????

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'Loved this book! Very emotional! Read it in 1 sitting!' Reading through the Looking Glass, ?????? 'A highly emotional read that had me hooked from the start. This is another fantastic book by Nicole Trope!' Goodreads Reviewer, ?????? 'Once I started this book, I couldn't put it down. It was that good. It was definitely emotional, and left me guessing until the end.' The One Where She Blogs, ?????? 'Page 1, I was hooked and couldn't put the book

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down... So enthralling.' Goodreads Reviewer, ?????? 'Loved it!... This is my third book by this author and they have all struck gold!... As soon as I picked it up, everything around me faded to grey... The author is a great storyteller and she enchanted me.' B for Bookreview, ?????? '5 stars! Nicole Trope continues to be one of my favourite authors! While her books aren't often easy to read due to their content, I'm always left amazed at her

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ability to tell a story so well... Very gripping and I found myself race through it. I think this one will stay with me for a while.' Goodreads Reviewer, ?????? 'Superbly written... Well worthy of 5 stars.' Goodreads Reviewer, ?????? 'Wow what an emotional book a rollercoaster of emotions... Definitely my number one book of the year.' NetGalley Reviewer, ??????

AN AMAZON BEST BOOK OF THE MONTH. For readers of Room and The Glass Castle,

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an astonishing memoir of one woman rising above an unimaginable childhood. Maude Julien's parents were fanatics who believed it was their sacred duty to turn her into the ultimate survivor--raising her in isolation, tyrannizing her childhood and subjecting her to endless drills designed to "eliminate weakness." Maude learned to hold an electric fence for minutes without flinching, and to sit perfectly still in a rat-infested

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cellar all night long (her mother sewed bells onto her clothes that would give her away if she moved). She endured a life without heat, hot water, adequate food, friendship, or any kind of affectionate treatment. But Maude's parents could not rule her inner life. Befriending the animals on the lonely estate as well as the characters in the novels she read in secret, young Maude nurtured in herself the compassion and love that her parents forbid as weak.

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And when, after more than a decade, an outsider managed to penetrate her family's paranoid world, Maude seized her opportunity. By turns horrifying and magical, *The Only Girl in the World* is a story that will grip you from the first page and leave you spellbound, a chilling exploration of psychological control that ends with a glorious escape.

In the bestselling tradition of *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* and

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Humans of New York comes a collection of authentic, emotional, and inspiring stories about life's most important moments, as curated by the editors at Love What Matters. "90% of the reads bring me to tears. I just can't believe the love this world truly has when all we see is hate. This is so uplifting."

—Shelsea Where do you go when you want to feel inspired? When you want to forget about the divisiveness and the anger? For over five million people,

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that place is Love What Matters, a digital platform dedicated to finding and sharing the daily moments of kindness, compassion, and love that so often go overlooked. This curated collection of powerful stories features first person accounts and photographs that perfectly capture each moment: A husband learning he's about to be a dad. A new mom embracing her body. A cashier inadvertently teaching a young girl a lesson about patience. A bagel

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from a stranger that saved a homeless man's life. From long overdue adoptions to military heroes returning home; from a fireman's touching 9/11 tribute to what an old dinner plate found at a bake sale can teach us all about life—these are the moments that matter. They are genuine. Authentic. Raw. And they are perfect in their imperfection—just like all of us. You will no doubt experience goosebumps and tears, but this mosaic of life's

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moments will leave you with something even more profound: a reminder that, in the end, love always wins. "This really is the best page on Facebook. It renews your love of humanity. There are still good people. We need more reports of acts of kindness." —Johnny

The Only Girl in the World

And Other True Stories from the Nation's Favourite Foster Carer

A missing girl, an accused woman and a family secret in this gripping,

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Mother From Hell

A Personal Story About Dementia, Love, Guilt, Hope, Gains, And Losses

Mummy is a Killer

Internment

What sort of mother would leave her all alone... a gripping and heart-wrenching domestic drama that won't let you go. You only get one chance to live your life as a child, but Lily was never given that chance; her childhood was taken from her before it ever begun. From the age of four, when she was first sexually abused, her life changed forever; when she

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walked through the institution's doors in Ireland, her life continued along the same path that has destroyed her soul. Her emotional pain is as strong today as it was the day it began and will never leave her alone. "When I go to sleep it's in my head and when I wake up I can see it in the mirror and I am only waiting to die." A child abuse story that will stay with you forever and one that you will talk about for many years to come, *The Girl Nobody Wants* is a harrowing true story that will appeal to fans of biographies and fans of Jodi Picoult. It has been compared to Dave Pelzer's *A Child Called It*, *Damaged* by Cathy Glass and *The Kid* by Kevin Lewis.

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of Red, White & Royal Blue comes a new romantic comedy that will stop readers in their tracks... For cynical twenty-three-year-old August, moving to New York City is supposed to prove her right: that things like magic and cinematic love stories don't exist, and the only smart way to go through life is alone. She can't imagine how waiting tables at a 24-hour pancake diner and moving in with too many weird roommates could possibly change that. And there's certainly no chance of her subway commute being anything more than a daily trudge through boredom and electrical failures. But then, there's this gorgeous girl on the train. Jane. Dazzling, charming, mysterious, impossible Jane. Jane with her rough edges and swoopy hair and soft smile, showing up in a leather jacket to save August's day when she needed it most.

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August's subway crush becomes the best part of her day, but pretty soon, she discovers there's one big problem: Jane doesn't just look like an old school punk rocker. She's literally displaced in time from the 1970s, and August is going to have to use everything she tried to leave in her own past to help her. Maybe it's time to start believing in some things, after all. Casey McQuiston's *One Last Stop* is a magical, sexy, big-hearted romance where the impossible becomes possible as August does everything in her power to save the girl lost in time. "A dazzling romance, filled with plenty of humor and heart." - Time Magazine, "The 21 Most Anticipated Books of 2021" "Dreamy, other worldly, smart, swoony, thoughtful, hilarious - all in all, exactly what you'd expect from Casey McQuiston!" - Jasmine Guillory, New York Times bestselling

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author of The Proposal and Party for Two

'I squeezed through the narrow gap and out into the hallway and I stood for a moment, unable to decide where to go. Should I make a dash for the kitchen, where my mother would be swigging from a bottle? Or should I run upstairs and try to find somewhere to hide? It was a choice I didn't really need to make, because there was no escape' Anna Lowe grows up on the doorsteps of pubs, waiting for her mum to come out. Having to give up her bedroom to her mother's drunken friends. And regularly calling out the ambulance, after finding her mother unconscious and covered in vomit. But it is when they move in with her mother's boyfriend Carl that things take the ugliest turn. Not only is he violent with her mother, but he also sexually abuses Anna from the age of six - destroying

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any semblance of normal childhood she had left. Wake Up, Mummy is the heartbreaking true story of a little girl who eventually found the courage to break free from the past.

The Blissful Toddler Expert

Incendiary

Real People. Real Stories. Real Heart.

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A true story of a child forced into prostitution

Dear Teddy

A Mother's Story

Journalist Walls grew up with parents whose ideals and stubborn nonconformity were

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their curse and their salvation. Rex and Rose Mary and their four children lived like nomads, moving among Southwest desert towns, camping in the mountains. Rex was a charismatic, brilliant man who, when sober, captured his children's imagination, teaching them how to embrace life fearlessly. Rose Mary painted and wrote and couldn't stand the responsibility of providing for her family. When the money ran out, the Walls retreated to the dismal West Virginia mining town Rex had tried to escape. As the dysfunction escalated, the

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children had to fend for themselves, supporting one another as they found the resources and will to leave home. Yet Walls describes her parents with deep affection in this tale of unconditional love in a family that, despite its profound flaws, gave her the fiery determination to carve out a successful life. -- From publisher description.

***The Undercover Mother
Dear Teddy: a Journal of a Boy***