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Such a Pretty Girl - Nadina
LaSpina 2019-07-19

A memoir by a disability rights
activist Such a Pretty Girl is

Nadina La Spina's story—from her early years in her native Sicily, where still a baby she contracts polio, a fact that makes her the object of well-meaning pity and the target of messages of hopelessness; to her adolescence and youth in America, spent almost entirely in hospitals, where she is tortured in the quest for a cure and made to feel that her body no longer belongs to her; to her rebellion and her activism in the disability rights movement. LaSpina's personal growth parallels the movement's political development—from coming together, organizing, and fighting against exclusion from public and social life, to the forging of a common identity, the blossoming of disability arts and culture, and the embracing of disability pride. While unique, the author's journey is also one with which many disabled people can identify. It is the journey to find one's place in an ableist world—a world not made for disabled people, where disability is only seen in negative terms. La Spina

refutes all stereotypical narratives of disability. Through the telling of her life's story, without editorializing, she shows the harm that the overwhelming focus on pity and on a cure that remains elusive has done to disabled people. Her story exposes the disability prejudice ingrained in our sociopolitical system and denounces the oppressive standards of normalcy in a society that devalues those who are different and denies them basic rights. Written as continuous narrative and in a subtle and intimate voice, *Such a Pretty Girl* is a memoir as captivating as a novel. It is one of the few disability memoirs to focus on activism, and one of the first by an immigrant.

[The Anatomy of Perception](#) - A.J. Rose 2015-03-21

In the beginning, there was wreckage. Dane Perry's mother was dead, and the father who always said he'd amount to nothing blamed him. Dane swore he'd become something. He would be someone. In the middle, there was escape. Rebuilding his life from the

ashes of his mother's memory, Dane found success as a respected surgeon, and love in the form of Craig Dahl, a talented artist who became his everything. But there was also darkness, lies, and a crumbling foundation just waiting for the ground to shift. In the end, there was a spectacular fall, illusions shattered, and for Dane, nothing more to lose. He was broken, damaged, and left with fierce demons. But from the bottom, the only way left is up. Dane renewed friendships and salvaged his career. The only thing he cannot replace is Craig. But Dane has a plan. Brick by brick, his foundation is rebuilt, and all he needs is for Craig to listen one last time. In the beginning again, there's hope and tatters of love. Can Dane repair the damage with Craig? Can he rescue the only thing he amounted to that ever truly mattered? This book contains vivid descriptions of symptoms of PTSD and events that can cause anxiety. Reader discretion advised.

Lady in Green - Barbara

Metzger 2013-07-07

Annalise Avery would rather run away than marry the despicable man her stepfather has chosen for her. All he wants is her fortune anyway. Escaping with two servants, Annalise takes employment at Lord Gardiner's town house, disguised as a housekeeper. No one suspects that the new housekeeper for his wild lordship's London pied-à-tierre is a diamond of the first water and a famous horsewoman. But as Annalise becomes familiar with Gardiner's tomcatting, she vows to thwart the despicable man and his lascivious ways. Sleeping powders in the wine and fleas in the bed do just the trick! In the meanwhile, his lordship has grown quite preoccupied by the very mysterious Lady in Green who rides through the park atop a magnificent steed, spurring hearts young and old--including his own!

[I Am Malala](#) - Malala Yousafzai
2013-10-08

A MEMOIR BY THE
YOUNGEST RECIPIENT OF
THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE As

seen on Netflix with David Letterman "I come from a country that was created at midnight. When I almost died it was just after midday." When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley in Pakistan, one girl spoke out. Malala Yousafzai refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education. On Tuesday, October 9, 2012, when she was fifteen, she almost paid the ultimate price. She was shot in the head at point-blank range while riding the bus home from school, and few expected her to survive. Instead, Malala's miraculous recovery has taken her on an extraordinary journey from a remote valley in northern Pakistan to the halls of the United Nations in New York. At sixteen, she became a global symbol of peaceful protest and the youngest nominee ever for the Nobel Peace Prize. I AM MALALA is the remarkable tale of a family uprooted by global terrorism, of the fight for girls' education, of a father who, himself a school owner, championed and encouraged

his daughter to write and attend school, and of brave parents who have a fierce love for their daughter in a society that prizes sons. I AM MALALA will make you believe in the power of one person's voice to inspire change in the world.

I Am a Girl from Africa -
Elizabeth Nyamayaro
2021-04-20

A "profound and soul-nourishing memoir" (Oprah Daily) from an African girl whose near-death experience sparked a lifelong dedication to humanitarian work that helps bring change across the world. When severe drought hit her village in Zimbabwe, Elizabeth Nyamayaro, then only eight, had no idea that this moment of utter devastation would come to define her life's purpose. Unable to move from hunger and malnourishment, she encountered a United Nations aid worker who gave her a bowl of warm porridge and saved her life—a transformative moment that inspired Elizabeth to dedicate herself to giving back to her community, her continent, and

the world. In the decades that have followed, Elizabeth has been instrumental in creating change and uplifting the lives of others: by fighting global inequalities, advancing social justice for vulnerable communities, and challenging the status quo to accelerate women's rights around the world. She has served as a senior advisor at the United Nations, where she launched HeForShe, one of the world's largest global solidarity movements for gender equality. In *I Am a Girl from Africa*, she charts this "journey of perseverance" (Entertainment Weekly) from her small village of Goromonzi to Harare, Zimbabwe; London; New York; and beyond, always grounded by the African concept of ubuntu—"I am because we are"—taught to her by her beloved grandmother. This "victorious" (The New York Times Book Review) memoir brings to vivid life one extraordinary woman's story of persevering through incredible odds and finding her true calling—while delivering an

important message of hope, empowerment, community support, and interdependence.

Give Work - Leila Janah
2017-09-26

Want to end poverty for good? Entrepreneur and Samasource founder Leila Janah has the solution—give work, not aid. "An audacious, inspiring, and practical book. Leila shows how it's possible to build a successful business that lifts people out of poverty—not by giving them money but by giving them work. It's required reading for anyone who's passionate about solving real problems." —Adam Grant, author of *Give and Take* and *Originals* Despite trillions of dollars in Western aid, 2.8 billion people worldwide still struggle in abject poverty. Yet the world's richest countries continue to send money—mostly to governments—targeting the symptoms, rather than the root causes of poverty. We need a better solution. In *Give Work*, Leila Janah offers a much-needed solution to solving poverty: incentivize everyone

from entrepreneurs to big companies to give dignified, steady, fair-wage work to low-income people. Her social business, Samasource, connects people living below the poverty line—on roughly \$2 a day—to digital work for major tech companies. To date, the organization has provided over \$10 million in direct income to tens of thousands of people the world had written off, dramatically altering the trajectory of entire communities for the better. Janah and her team go into the world's poorest regions—from refugee camps in Kenya to the Mississippi Delta in Arkansas—and train people to do digital work for companies like Google, Walmart, and Microsoft. Janah has tested various Give Work business models in all corners of the world. She shares poignant stories of people who have benefited from Samasource's work, where and why it hasn't worked, and offers a blueprint to fight poverty with an evidence-based, economically sustainable model. We can end

extreme poverty in our lifetimes. Give work, and you give the poorest people on the planet a chance at happiness. Give work, and you give people the freedom to choose how to develop their own communities. Give work, and you create infinite possibilities.

Outrageous Empowerment - Ron Lovett 2018-04-20

Turn Frontline Staff Into Passionate Stakeholders

Ron Lovett went from breaking up brawls at nightclubs to providing personal protection to some of the world's biggest A-List Celebrities--a fifteen-year roller-coaster ride of managing against the grain in uncharted territory. In *Outrageous Empowerment*, Ron Lovett shares how he transformed his one-employee business in Halifax, Nova Scotia, into a leading national security company with over fifteen hundred frontline staff. Ron will reveal the techniques he used to turn disgruntled employees into passionate stakeholders who carried out the company's visions. All large companies talk

about employee alignment through culture and purpose. Ron will show you how with simple, scalable systems and processes which ensure that an enterprise's productivity matches its mission and empowers its staff to execute.

Crave - Gregg Lederman
2018-10-03

Give people what they CRAVE and good things happen. Overwhelming evidence supports this. In fact, more than eighty years of research prove the idea that humans have three primary cravings at work that, once fulfilled, make them happier and more productive. Yet, despite billions of dollars spent to improve employee motivation, most businesses still suffer from a lack of engagement. In this book, you'll find a field-tested and science-backed pathway to improving engagement and the customer experience, including: The secret to achieving more than 90 percent employee engagement, how to invest 10 Minutes by Friday to become a better

leader, and a step-by-step process to master the Ultimate Habit for accelerating business results. You have the power to make an even better place to work by showing people they matter and that what they do matters. This is best accomplished by fueling the work environment with more of what people CRAVE!

The Advocate - 2001-08-14
The Advocate is a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) monthly newsmagazine. Established in 1967, it is the oldest continuing LGBT publication in the United States.

The Subtle Art of Not Giving a F*ck - Mark Manson
2016-09-13

#1 New York Times Bestseller
Over 10 million copies sold
In this generation-defining self-help guide, a superstar blogger cuts through the crap to show us how to stop trying to be "positive" all the time so that we can truly become better, happier people. For decades, we've been told that positive thinking is the key to a happy, rich life. "F**k positivity," Mark

Manson says. "Let's be honest, shit is f**ked and we have to live with it." In his wildly popular Internet blog, Manson doesn't sugarcoat or equivocate. He tells it like it is—a dose of raw, refreshing, honest truth that is sorely lacking today. The Subtle Art of Not Giving a F**k is his antidote to the coddling, let's-all-feel-good mindset that has infected American society and spoiled a generation, rewarding them with gold medals just for showing up. Manson makes the argument, backed both by academic research and well-timed poop jokes, that improving our lives hinges not on our ability to turn lemons into lemonade, but on learning to stomach lemons better. Human beings are flawed and limited—"not everybody can be extraordinary, there are winners and losers in society, and some of it is not fair or your fault." Manson advises us to get to know our limitations and accept them. Once we embrace our fears, faults, and uncertainties, once we stop

running and avoiding and start confronting painful truths, we can begin to find the courage, perseverance, honesty, responsibility, curiosity, and forgiveness we seek. There are only so many things we can give a f**k about so we need to figure out which ones really matter, Manson makes clear. While money is nice, caring about what you do with your life is better, because true wealth is about experience. A much-needed grab-you-by-the-shoulders-and-look-you-in-the-eye moment of real-talk, filled with entertaining stories and profane, ruthless humor, The Subtle Art of Not Giving a F**k is a refreshing slap for a generation to help them lead contented, grounded lives.

Medusa - Jessie Burton
2022-01-11

A dazzling, lyrical YA retelling of Greek myth, from Jessie Burton, internationally bestselling author of The Miniaturist and The Muse. "A powerfully feminist, elegiac, and original twist on this old story." -Madeline Miller, bestselling author of The Song

of Achilles If I told you that I'd killed a man with a glance, would you wait to hear the rest? The why, the how, what happened next? Exiled to a far-flung island by the whims of the gods, Medusa has little company except the snakes that adorn her head instead of hair. But when a charmed, beautiful boy called Perseus arrives on the island, her lonely existence is disrupted with the force of a supernova, unleashing desire, love, betrayal . . . and destiny itself. With stunning, full-color illustrations and a first person narrative illuminating the fierce, vulnerable, determined girl behind the myth, this astonishing retelling is perfect for readers of Circe, and brings the story of Medusa to life for a new generation.

Just Go With It - Mandy Gilbert 2021-01-19

When you start your own business, it's a liberating feeling. You weren't happy with the direction your career was going, you didn't like the work culture around you, or you saw a better way of doing things, so

you took the plunge. However, the burden is now on your shoulders to bring in clients and grow the business. You've got this-and you've got help. In *Just Go With It*, entrepreneur, CEO, and innovator Mandy Gilbert shares her journey to guide and inspire both new and established entrepreneurs alike. Her full-disclosure commitment to readers is both refreshing and enlightening, sharing hard-earned lessons on how to strike that perfect balance between managing your personal life, developing your people, and maintaining a healthy bottom line (all while making time to care for yourself). To Mandy, entrepreneurship is definitely an adventure worth taking-even if the path is rarely a straight line.

Fix Her Up - Tessa Bailey 2019-06-11

"Fix Her Up ticks all my romance boxes. Not only is it hilarious, it's sweet, endearing, heartwarming and downright sexy. It's a recipe for the perfect love story." - Helena Hunting, New York Times

bestselling author of Meet Cute
A steamy, hilarious new
romantic comedy from New
York Times bestselling author
Tessa Bailey, perfect for fans of
Christina Lauren and Sally
Thorne! Georgette Castle's
family runs the best home
renovation business in town,
but she picked balloons instead
of blueprints and they haven't
taken her seriously since.
Frankly, she's over it. Georgie
loves planning children's
birthday parties and making
people laugh, just not at her
own expense. She's determined
to fix herself up into a Woman
of the World... whatever that
means. Phase one: new
framework for her business (a
website from this decade,
perhaps?) Phase two: a gut-
reno on her wardrobe (fyi,
leggings are pants.) Phase
three: updates to her exterior
(do people still wax?) Phase
four: put herself on the market
(and stop crushing on Travis
Ford!) Living her best life
means facing the truth:
Georgie hasn't been on a date
since, well, ever. Nobody's
asking the town clown out for a

night of hot sex, that's for sure.
Maybe if people think she's
having a steamy love affair,
they'll acknowledge she's not
just the "little sister" who
paints faces for a living. And
who better to help demolish
that image than the resident
sports star and tabloid favorite.
Travis Ford was major league
baseball's hottest rookie when
an injury ended his career.
Now he's flipping houses to
keep busy and trying to forget
his glory days. But he can't
even cross the street without
someone recapping his
greatest hits. Or making a joke
about his... bat. And then
there's Georgie, his best
friend's sister, who is not a kid
anymore. When she proposes a
wild scheme—that they pretend
to date, to shock her family and
help him land a new job—he
agrees. What's the harm? It's
not like it's real. But the girl
Travis used to tease is now a
funny, full-of-life woman and
there's nothing fake about how
much he wants her...

[The Hate U Give](#) - Angie
Thomas 2017-02-28

8 starred reviews · Goodreads

Choice Awards Best of the Best
· William C. Morris Award
Winner · National Book Award
Longlist · Printz Honor Book ·
Coretta Scott King Honor Book
· #1 New York Times
Bestseller! "Absolutely
riveting!" —Jason Reynolds
"Stunning." —John Green "This
story is necessary. This story is
important." —Kirkus (starred
review) "Heartbreakingly
topical." —Publishers Weekly
(starred review) "A marvel of
verisimilitude." —Booklist
(starred review) "A powerful,
in-your-face novel." —Horn
Book (starred review) Sixteen-
year-old Starr Carter moves
between two worlds: the poor
neighborhood where she lives
and the fancy suburban prep
school she attends. The uneasy
balance between these worlds
is shattered when Starr
witnesses the fatal shooting of
her childhood best friend Khalil
at the hands of a police officer.
Khalil was unarmed. Soon
afterward, his death is a
national headline. Some are
calling him a thug, maybe even
a drug dealer and a
gangbanger. Protesters are

taking to the streets in Khalil's
name. Some cops and the local
drug lord try to intimidate
Starr and her family. What
everyone wants to know is:
what really went down that
night? And the only person
alive who can answer that is
Starr. But what Starr does—or
does not—say could upend her
community. It could also
endanger her life. Want more
of Garden Heights? Catch
Maverick and Seven's story in
Concrete Rose, Angie Thomas's
powerful prequel to The Hate
U Give.

Breaking Borders - Kate Isler
2021-03-02

Kate Isler's incredible story
demonstrates how women can
stop self-selecting out of
opportunities and take the leap
of faith to accomplish their
dreams. Kate Isler navigated
the male-dominated culture of
the technology industry,
breaking new global markets
for Microsoft in their fast-
paced, hyper-growth startup
years in some of the most
challenging regions in the
world - all without a college
degree or resources that many

believe are necessary for success. Kate's story is a fascinating adventure from her years as a naïve young adult through her unexpected global career at a time when corporations weren't hiring women to represent their companies overseas. In *Breaking Borders*, Kate candidly shares: Her moments of success, failure, and very public mistakes. The struggle she faced to pivot her career in a completely new direction. How she overcame the disappointment of a failed startup by channeling her passion for supporting women. Her mission to inspire other women by building Be Bold, a women's advocacy non-profit, from the ground up. Kate's story is a guide for women who want to stop self-selecting out of opportunities because they "assume" they don't have the right education, connections, or skills to take a chance.

Scaling Culture: How to Build and Sustain a Resilient, High-Performing Organization - Ron Lovett

2022-02-22

Make no mistake-your company has a culture, whether you're intentional about it or not. Corporate culture is ground zero for your organization. If left to chance, corporate culture will fall to the lowest common denominator or the loudest voice, resulting in inconsistency at best and volatility at worst. Scaling your company means scaling your culture first. You need a clear playbook with actionable steps to foster alignment and a results-driven team of passionate stakeholders. In *Scaling Culture*, Ron Lovett provides you with the key components you need to create a successful organization that lasts. This full-cycle book for scaling culture gives you, the founders, CEOs, and organizational leaders, strategies for bringing your company values to life, managing change, operating as a team, and more. *Scaling Culture* gives you a behind-the-scenes perspective of Ron's first book, *Outrageous Empowerment: The Incredible Story of Giving Employees*

Their Brains Back. Most books about culture are based on theory and case studies-not this one. Scaling Culture is your tactical blueprint for aligning your organization and thriving into the future.

Unwanted - Linda Smith

2018-11-30

Linda Smith grew up impoverished, neglected and abused, but knew a great destiny awaited. She had no idea her life would take the turns it would, or deliver her from fear and guilt to triumph and unconditional love. A high school dropout turned model actress, Smith married a popular Canadian entertainer and built a life together traveling across two countries while becoming entrenched in the Las Vegas celebrity community. Linda had achieved a pinnacle she never thought possible--and then it all came crashing down. When Linda gave birth to a Down syndrome baby, she was certain life as they knew it was over, but instead, their son Christopher became a catalyst that catapulted Linda onto even

bigger stages. Behind the glitz and glamour of the Strip, she produced charity events and concerts for a cherished disability organization, learning the job of fundraiser among millionaires, mobsters, and city movers-and-shakers. She became one of the nation's most successful fundraisers, raising over half a billion dollars for disability causes, but her most cherished role was as a mother, seeing Chris exceed all expectations and become a force that changed not just her life, but their entire world.

Pussy - Regena Thomashauer
2018-04-03

"Required reading for every woman who longs to step into her power and live with pleasure and purpose." — Kris Carr, New York Times best-selling author Author, educator, and School of Womanly Arts founder Regena Thomashauer has been working with women for the past 25 years, and what began as just a few women in her living room has since grown into a global movement with

thousands of graduates worldwide. In her New York Times bestseller *Pussy: A Reclamation*, she reveals what no one taught you about the source of your feminine power and how to use it. This power is the part of a woman that she has been taught to ignore, push down, and despise. Indeed, the word that most viscerally sums it up is "arguably the most powerful pejorative word in the English language." Like any expletive used effectively, the title of this book is meant to be a wake-up call. It is a reclamation, in a world that desperately requires the feminine. Readers learn the secret ingredient every woman is missing; how to crack the confidence code; why sex appeal is an inside job; what's ahead on the next frontier of feminism—and how they can help make it happen; and much more. By turns earthy and erudite, passionately argued and laugh-out-loud funny, *Pussy* delivers the tools and practices a woman requires to do and be whatever she wants in this life. It's a call for her to

tune in, turn on, and not drop out—but live more richly, fully, and lusciously than she ever thought she could.

Nature Girl - Jane Kelley
2010-04-27

Eleven-year-old Megan is stuck in the wilds of Vermont for the summer with no TV, no Internet, no cell phone, and worst of all, no best friend. So when Megan gets lost on the Appalachian Trail with only her little dog, Arp, for company, she decides she might as well hike all the way to Massachusetts where her best friend, Lucy, is spending her summer. Life on the trail isn't easy, and Megan faces everything from wild animals and raging rivers to tofu jerky and life without bathrooms. Most of all, though, Megan gets to know herself—both who she's been in the past and who she wants to be in the future—and the journey goes from a spur-of-the-moment lark to a quest to prove herself to Lucy, her family, and the world! "First-time novelist Jane Kelley uses the light touch of humor to let in the sunlight.

Bravo!"—Sid Fleischman, Newbery Award-winning author

How I Lost My Uterus and Found My Voice - Michelle L. Whitlock 2011-12

At age twenty-six, author Michelle L. Whitlock thought she had it all: she was in the best physical shape of her life, she had a promising career, and she had a budding romance that looked like it could finally be the real thing. Then doctors informed her that she had HPV. Weeks later her worse nightmare became her reality: she was diagnosed with invasive cervical cancer. In this memoir, Whitlock narrates the story of her ordeal. She tells how she took charge of her healthcare and pursued an experimental surgery that treated the cancer while preserving her fertility. The surgery was a success, but just years later a week after the love of her life proposed Whitlock discovered her cancer was back. *How I Lost My Uterus and Found My Voice* follows Whitlock as she wonders if she will live or die,

have children, or enjoy sex again. This is one woman's story of falling in love, battling HPV and cervical cancer, facing sexual dysfunction, confronting her conflicting feelings about motherhood, and becoming her own best advocate. Inspirational and honest, this memoir tells the emotional story of love, loss, resilience, and survival.

Baby Bumps - Amy Sprenger 2012-06-29

From the author of the award-winning blog *Snarky Mommy* comes a book that will make every woman who has ever been pregnant pee with laughter (not that that's hard). Wearing her highest heels and hottest pregnancy jeans, Amy Sprenger marches into her doctor's office, beverage in hand, ready to finally see whether her baby is a boy or a girl. Sure, sure, this appointment is supposed to be about checking the health of the baby, but everyone who's ever been there knows it's really about looking for what lays, or doesn't lay, between the legs. So when the doctor

tells her she has an incompetent cervix, Amy becomes immediately offended on behalf of her reproductive organs. Is that just a politically correct way of saying her cervix sucks? Unfortunately, as she's soon to learn, it's a lot more than that. The only way to keep that baby from falling out on the sidewalk (probably in front of Starbucks) is for her doctor to stitch her cervix closed and for Amy to stay in bed for the next four months. Four months that are carefully detailed in this "memoir." A memoir that, while basically true, has been embellished with Amy's signature brand of humor and hilarity. With more time off than a castoff contestant on "The Bachelor," Amy takes pen to paper and settles in for the ride. But instead of sitting around eating bonbons, she's popping hypertension drugs to stave off preterm labor. And complications? Oh, she's got your complications. She's gut-rehabbing her house. Her mother moves in to care for her. Her husband takes a

"mancation" while she's stuck in the hospital. And every time she has a contraction, she's convinced it's The Big One. Living by the adage that laughter is the best medicine, Amy fumbles her way through a series of sometimes serious and usually embarrassing situations. And just to be clear, using a bedpan qualifies as both serious and embarrassing. "Amy Sprenger's foray into factual fiction is a hilarious (and sometimes poignant) look at high-risk pregnancy from her view at the end of the bed. Sprenger offers a fresh and funny voice that readers will love!" -- New York Times bestselling author Jen Lancaster
[The Souls of Her Feet](#) - Kristen Caven 2019-06-14
For seventeen-year-old Ashley St. Helens, senior year is an endless stressfest with no hope in sight. Since her parents' death, she's had to deal with her micro-managing step-monster and her two narcissist step-sisters, whose fashion fetishes just make Ashley feel worse about her oversized feet.

With dirty dishes and stinky laundry piling up at home, it seems that the Universe has deemed her the real-life Cinderella, especially since popular Jeff Prince has forgotten she exists. With help from her drag queen fairygodwhatever—and just the right shoes—Ashley finds her voice and fights back against the "perfect" materialistic life that traps her. But will her soulful transformation translate into the life she wants to have? Will she be able to escape to college, or will she have to give up on that dream? Post-modern, colorful, and quirky, Kristen Caven paints a relatable picture of teenage insecurities that will inspire readers to spark new conversations with their families about responsibility and empathy, morality and wastefulness, life choices, cross-dressing, and best of all, cleaning the house. A must-read for anyone who loves vintage footwear! This updated fourth edition includes bonus materials such as essays by the main characters and songs

from the musical.

Drive - Daniel H. Pink

2011-04-05

The New York Times bestseller that gives readers a paradigm-shattering new way to think about motivation from the author of *When: The Scientific Secrets of Perfect Timing* Most people believe that the best way to motivate is with rewards like money—the carrot-and-stick approach.

That's a mistake, says Daniel H. Pink (author of *To Sell Is Human: The Surprising Truth About Motivating Others*). In this provocative and persuasive new book, he asserts that the secret to high performance and satisfaction—at work, at school, and at home—is the deeply human need to direct our own lives, to learn and create new things, and to do better by ourselves and our world.

Drawing on four decades of scientific research on human motivation, Pink exposes the mismatch between what science knows and what business does—and how that affects every aspect of life. He examines the three elements of

true motivation—autonomy, mastery, and purpose—and offers smart and surprising techniques for putting these into action in a unique book that will change how we think and transform how we live.

Right Away & All at Once - Greg Brenneman 2016-02-09

An expert in business turnaround shares his inspiring approach to problem-solving: “A fascinating read” (Mitt Romney). Visionary leader Greg Brenneman believes that true business success and personal fulfillment are two sides of the same coin. The techniques that will grow your business will also help you achieve a rich, purposeful, and integrated life. Here, Brenneman takes what he’s learned from turning around or tuning up many businesses—including Continental Airlines and Burger King—and distills it into a simple, clear, five-step roadmap that anyone can follow. He teaches you how to:

- *prepare a succinct Go Forward plan
- *build a fortress balance sheet
- *grow your sales

and profits

- *choose all-star servant leaders
- *empower your team

For more than thirty years, Brenneman has seen these steps foster dramatic results in a variety of business environments. But he also came to realize that he could apply these same principles to improve his life and build a lasting moral legacy. He found he could make better decisions by carefully taking the most important facets of his life—faith, family, friendship, fitness, and finance—into consideration. Brenneman’s inspiring examples, from both his business and his life, demonstrate the astounding effects these steps can have when you apply them—right away and all at once.

My Body - Emily Ratajkowski 2021-11-09

INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER "My Body offers a lucid examination of the mirrors in which its author has seen herself, and her indoctrination into the cult of beauty as defined by powerful men. In its more transcendent passages . . . the author steps

beyond the reach of any 'Pygmalion' and becomes a more dangerous kind of beautiful. She becomes a kind of god in her own right: an artist." —Melissa Febos, The New York Times Book Review A "MOST ANTICIPATED" AND "BEST OF FALL 2021" BOOK FOR * VOGUE * TIME * ESQUIRE * PEOPLE * USA TODAY * CHICAGO TRIBUNE * LOS ANGELES TIMES * SHONDALAND * ALMA * THRILLEST * NYLON * FORTUNE A deeply honest investigation of what it means to be a woman and a commodity from Emily Ratajkowski, the archetypal, multi-hyphenate celebrity of our time Emily Ratajkowski is an acclaimed model and actress, an engaged political progressive, a formidable entrepreneur, a global social media phenomenon, and now, a writer. Rocketing to world fame at age twenty-one, Ratajkowski sparked both praise and furor with the provocative display of her body as an unapologetic statement of feminist empowerment. The

subsequent evolution in her thinking about our culture's commodification of women is the subject of this book. My Body is a profoundly personal exploration of feminism, sexuality, and power, of men's treatment of women and women's rationalizations for accepting that treatment. These essays chronicle moments from Ratajkowski's life while investigating the culture's fetishization of girls and female beauty, its obsession with and contempt for women's sexuality, the perverse dynamics of the fashion and film industries, and the gray area between consent and abuse. Nuanced, fierce, and incisive, My Body marks the debut of a writer brimming with courage and intelligence.

Confessions of the Pricing Man - Hermann Simon

2015-10-20

The world's foremost expert on pricing strategy shows how this mysterious process works and how to maximize value through pricing to company and customer. In all walks of life, we constantly make decisions

about whether something is worth our money or our time, or try to convince others to part with their money or their time. Price is the place where value and money meet. From the global release of the latest electronic gadget to the bewildering gyrations of oil futures to markdowns at the bargain store, price is the most powerful and pervasive economic force in our day-to-day lives and one of the least understood. The recipe for successful pricing often sounds like an exotic cocktail, with equal parts psychology, economics, strategy, tools and incentives stirred up together, usually with just enough math to sour the taste. That leads managers to water down the drink with hunches and rules of thumb, or leave out the parts with which they don't feel comfortable. While this makes for a sweeter drink, it often lacks the punch to have an impact on the customer or on the business. It doesn't have to be that way, though, as Hermann Simon illustrates through dozens of stories

collected over four decades in the trenches and behind the scenes. A world-renowned speaker on pricing and a trusted advisor to Fortune 500 executives, Simon's lifelong journey has taken him from rural farmers' markets, to a distinguished academic career, to a long second career as an entrepreneur and management consultant to companies large and small throughout the world. Along the way, he has learned from Nobel Prize winners and leading management gurus, and helped countless managers and executives use pricing as a way to create new markets, grow their businesses and gain a sustained competitive advantage. He also learned some tough personal lessons about value, how people perceive it, and how people profit from it. In this engaging and practical narrative, Simon leaves nothing out of the pricing cocktail, but still makes it go down smoothly and leaves you wanting to learn more and do more—as a consumer or as a business person. You will

never look at pricing the same way again.

The Moment of Lift - Melinda Gates 2019-04-23

NEW YORK TIMES

BESTSELLER “In her book, Melinda tells the stories of the inspiring people she’s met through her work all over the world, digs into the data, and powerfully illustrates issues that need our attention—from child marriage to gender inequity in the workplace.” — President Barack Obama “The Moment of Lift is an urgent call to courage. It changed how I think about myself, my family, my work, and what’s possible in the world. Melinda weaves together vulnerable, brave storytelling and compelling data to make this one of those rare books that you carry in your heart and mind long after the last page.” — Brené Brown, Ph.D., author of the New York Times #1 bestseller Dare to Lead “Melinda Gates has spent many years working with women around the world. This book is an urgent manifesto for an equal society where women are valued and recognized in

all spheres of life. Most of all, it is a call for unity, inclusion and connection. We need this message more than ever.” — Malala Yousafzai “Melinda Gates's book is a lesson in listening. A powerful, poignant, and ultimately humble call to arms.” — Tara Westover, author of the New York Times #1 bestseller Educated A debut from Melinda Gates, a timely and necessary call to action for women's empowerment. “How can we summon a moment of lift for human beings - and especially for women? Because when you lift up women, you lift up humanity.” For the last twenty years, Melinda Gates has been on a mission to find solutions for people with the most urgent needs, wherever they live. Throughout this journey, one thing has become increasingly clear to her: If you want to lift a society up, you need to stop keeping women down. In this moving and compelling book, Melinda shares lessons she’s learned from the inspiring people she’s met during her work and travels around the world. As

she writes in the introduction, “That is why I had to write this book—to share the stories of people who have given focus and urgency to my life. I want all of us to see ways we can lift women up where we live.”

Melinda’s unforgettable narrative is backed by startling data as she presents the issues that most need our attention—from child marriage to lack of access to contraceptives to gender inequity in the workplace. And, for the first time, she writes about her personal life and the road to equality in her own marriage. Throughout, she shows how there has never been more opportunity to change the world—and ourselves. Writing with emotion, candor, and grace, she introduces us to remarkable women and shows the power of connecting with one another. When we lift others up, they lift us up, too.

Outrageous Empowerment - Ron Lovett 2018-06-19

Ron Lovett went from breaking up brawls at nightclubs to providing personal protection

to some of the world's biggest A-List celebrities - a fifteen-year roller-coaster ride of managing against the grain in uncharted territory. In *Outrageous Empowerment*, Ron Lovett shares how he transformed his one-employee business in Halifax, Nova Scotia, into a leading national security company with over fifteen hundred frontline staff. Ron will reveal the techniques he used to turn disgruntled employees into passionate stakeholders who carried out the company's visions. All large companies talk about employee alignment through culture and purpose. Ron will show you how with simple, scalable systems and processes which ensure that an enterprise's productivity matches its mission and empowers its staff to execute.

[Holding Still for as Long as Possible](#) - Zoe Whittall 2010
Presents a richly-detailed portrait of the generation of twenty-somethings raised in an era of anti-anxiety medication, text messaging, and terrorism threats, and offers a look at the

world of anxiety disorders and celebrity gossip.

Our Stories, Our Voices -

Amy Reed 2018-08-14

“Truthful and empowering.”

—Booklist From Amy Reed, Ellen Hopkins, Amber Smith, Nina LaCour, Sandhya Menon, and more of your favorite YA authors comes an “outstanding anthology” (School Library Connection) of essays that explore the diverse experiences of injustice, empowerment, and growing up female in America. This collection of twenty-one essays from major YA authors—including award-winning and bestselling writers—touches on a powerful range of topics related to growing up female in today’s America, and the intersection with race, religion, and ethnicity. Sure to inspire hope and solidarity to anyone who reads it, *Our Stories, Our Voices* belongs on every young woman’s shelf. This anthology features essays from Martha Brockenbrough, Jaye Robin Brown, Sona Charaipotra, Brandy Colbert, Somaiya Daud, Christine Day, Alexandra

Duncan, Ilene Wong (I.W.) Gregorio, Maurene Goo. Ellen Hopkins, Stephanie Kuehnert, Nina LaCour, Anna-Marie LcLemore, Sandhya Menon, Hannah Moskowitz, Julie Murphy, Aisha Saeed, Jenny Torres Sanchez, Amber Smith, and Tracy Walker.

Free Roll - Brandt Tobler
2017-05-22

Have you ever wondered: What it's like to daily bet hundreds of thousands of dollars working for some of the largest professional gamblers in Las Vegas? ... How to spend a summer house sitting one of the biggest stars in the world's 11,000 square-foot mansion - without an invitation from it's celebrity owner ... Whether the life of crime - specifically, running a shoplifting ring in a middle American mall - pays? ... What causes a son to finally say enough is enough ... and decide "Today is the day I am going to kill my dad." Comedian Brandt Tobler has the answers in this funny, touching and sometimes downright unbelievable memoir of a small town

Wyoming-kid turned "mall-fia" don, turned nationally touring comic. Brand tells his life story with candor, detailing the many pit stops, wrong turns, crazy connections and lucky breaks he experienced along the way to his comedy career, all while trying to balance a toxic relationship with his unreliable jailbird dad. In these pages Brandt will make you laugh (he better - it's his job!) and believe as he does that, when it comes to defining family, blood isn't always thicker than water. -- back cover.

Rush - Lisa Patton 2018-08-21
"There's not a better Southern author writing today than Lisa Patton. Funny, touching, and full of twists and turns. I couldn't have loved it more." - Fannie Flagg, New York Times bestselling author of Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café
Rush is recommended by... Atlanta Journal Constitution as a Southern Beach Book
SouthernLiving.com as a 2018 Beach Read
Deep South Magazine's Summer Reading

List Southern Independent Bookseller's Alliance as a SUMMER 2018 OKRA PICK
Modern Mrs. Darcy Fall Lineup
Set in modern day Oxford, Mississippi, on the Ole Miss campus, bestselling author Lisa Patton's RUSH is a story about women—from both ends of the social ladder—discovering their voices and their empowerment.
Cali Watkins possesses all the qualities sororities are looking for in a potential new member. She's kind and intelligent, makes friends easily, even plans to someday run for governor. But her resume lacks a vital ingredient. Pedigree. Without family money Cali's chances of sorority membership are already thin, but she has an even bigger problem. If anyone discovers the dark family secrets she's hiding, she'll be dropped from Rush in an instant. When Lilith Whitmore, the well-heeled House Corp President of Alpha Delta Beta, one of the premiere sororities on campus, appoints recent empty-nester Wilda to the Rush Advisory Board, Wilda can hardly believe her luck.

What's more, Lilith suggests their daughters, both incoming freshman, room together. What Wilda doesn't know is that it's all part of Lilith's plan to ensure her own daughter receives an Alpha Delt bid—no matter what. For twenty-five years, Miss Pearl—as her “babies” like to call her—has been housekeeper and a second mother to the Alpha Delt girls, even though it reminds her of a painful part of her past she'll never forget. When an opportunity for promotion arises, it seems a natural fit. But Lilith Whitmore slams her Prada heel down fast, crushing Miss Pearl's hopes of a better future. When Wilda and the girls find out, they devise a plan destined to change Alpha Delta Beta—and maybe the entire Greek system—forever. Achingly poignant, yet laugh-out-loud funny, RUSH takes a sharp nuanced look at a centuries-old tradition while exploring the complex, intimate relationships between mothers and daughters and female friends. Brimming with heart and hope

for a better tomorrow, RUSH is an uplifting novel universal to us all.

Scaling Up - VERNE

HARNISH 2022-06-30

Az Sayıda Şirket Nasıl

Başarıyor... Geri Kalanlar

Neden Başaramıyor? Verne

Harnish “... Bu metodoloji,

kişisel ve şirketiniz için

büyümenin gerçek temelidir.

Verne, geleceğe hazır olduğunu

kanıtlayacak çok iyi bir kılavuz

çizdi. Hemen uygulanabilecek

bir yaklaşım için girişimciye

başlangıç noktaları sunuyor.

Onları kısaca nasıl

tanımlayacağını ve bizleri

tetikleyeceğini çok iyi biliyor.”

Ned N. Pamuk - Co-founder,

ScaleUp Company Verne

Harnish'in çok satan kitabı

Mastering the Rockefeller

Habits'in ilk yayınlanmasından

bu yana on yıldan fazla zaman

geçti. Scaling Up (Rockefeller

Habits 2.0), sektöre hakim bir

iş kurmak için pratik araç ve

teknikleri detaylandıran bu iş

klasiğinin ilk büyük

revizyonudur. Bu kitap, ön

saflardaki çalışanlardan üst

düzey yöneticilere kadar

herkesin firmanın büyümesine

katkıda bulunmak için uyum içinde olabilmesi adına yazılmıştır. Scaling Up, her şirketin doğru yapması gereken dört ana karar alanına odaklanır: İnsanlar, Strateji, Uygulama ve Nakit. Kitap, dünya çapında 40.000'den fazla firmanın başarılı bir şekilde (10 milyon dolar, 100 milyon dolar, 1 milyar dolar ve daha fazla büyümeye ulaşmanın keyfine varırken) büyümek için kullandığı güncellenmiş Tek Sayfalık Stratejik Plan ve The Rockefeller Alışkanlıkları Kontrol Listesi™ dahil olmak üzere birçok yeni tek sayfalık araç içermektedir. Birçok büyümekte olan şirketin girişim yatırımcısı olan Verne Harnish, dünyaca ünlü Entrepreneurs' Organisation'ın (EO) kurucusu; EO'nun MIT'de düzenlenen üst düzey yönetici programının kurucusu; ayrıca küresel yönetici eğitimi, koçluk ve teknoloji firması olan Scaling Up'ın (eski adıyla Gazelles) kurucusudur. Yılda iki kez düzenlenen ScaleUp Summits'in başkanı, aralarında Mastering the Rockefeller Habits'in de bulunduğu; Jim

Collins'in önsözünü yazdığı The Greatest Business Decisions of All Times ve Scaling Up (Rockefeller Habits 2.0) kitaplarının da yazarıdır. Verne, ayrıca The Riordan Clinic ve Geversity'nin yönetim kurullarına başkanlık etmektedir ve International Brotherhood of Magicians'ın resmi üyesi olarak piyano, tenis ve sihirbazlıkla yakından ilgilidir.

Furia - Yamile Saied Méndez
2020-09-15

The Reese's YA Book Club pick and 2021 Pura Belpré Award-winning, powerful, #ownvoices contemporary YA for fans of The Poet X and I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter about a rising soccer star who must put everything on the line—even her blooming love story—to follow her dreams.

A Woman's Guide to Claiming Space - Eliza VanCort
2021-05-11

For too long, women have been told to confine themselves—physically, socially, and emotionally. Eliza VanCort says now is the time for women to stand tall, raise

their voices, and claim their space. Women fight the pressure to make themselves small in private, professional, and public spaces. Eliza VanCort, a teacher, consultant, and speaker, provides the necessary tools for women to rewrite the rules and create the stories of their choosing safely and without apology. VanCort identifies the five key behaviors of all “Space Claiming Queens”: use your voice and posture to project confidence and power, end self-sabotage, forge connections, neutralize unsafe spaces, and unite across differences. Through personal narrative, research, and actionable strategies, VanCort provides how-tos on combatting challenges like antimentors and microaggressions and gives advice for building up your “old girls” club, asking for what you’re worth, and owning your space without apology. Bold, fun, and enlightening, this book is birthed from VanCort's incredible story. Having a mother with schizophrenia forced VanCort

to learn to be small and invisible at an early age, and suffering a traumatic brain injury as an adult required her to rethink communication from the ground up. Drawing on these experiences, and those of real women everywhere, VanCort empowers women to claim space for themselves and for their sisters with courage, empathy, and conviction because “when we rise together, we rise so much higher.”

Untamed - Glennon Doyle
2020-03-10

#1 NEW YORK TIMES
BESTSELLER • OVER TWO
MILLION COPIES SOLD!

“Packed with incredible insight about what it means to be a woman today.”—Reese Witherspoon (Reese’s Book Club Pick) In her most revealing and powerful memoir yet, the activist, speaker, bestselling author, and “patron saint of female empowerment” (People) explores the joy and peace we discover when we stop striving to meet others’ expectations and start trusting the voice deep within us.

NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY O: The Oprah Magazine • The Washington Post • Cosmopolitan • Marie Claire • Bloomberg • Parade • “Untamed will liberate women—emotionally, spiritually, and physically. It is phenomenal.”—Elizabeth Gilbert, author of *City of Girls* and *Eat Pray Love* This is how you find yourself. There is a voice of longing inside each woman. We strive so mightily to be good: good partners, daughters, mothers, employees, and friends. We hope all this striving will make us feel alive. Instead, it leaves us feeling weary, stuck, overwhelmed, and underwhelmed. We look at our lives and wonder: Wasn’t it all supposed to be more beautiful than this? We quickly silence that question, telling ourselves to be grateful, hiding our discontent—even from ourselves. For many years, Glennon Doyle denied her own discontent. Then, while speaking at a conference, she looked at a woman across the

room and fell instantly in love. Three words flooded her mind: There She Is. At first, Glennon assumed these words came to her from on high. But she soon realized they had come to her from within. This was her own voice—the one she had buried beneath decades of numbing addictions, cultural conditioning, and institutional allegiances. This was the voice of the girl she had been before the world told her who to be. Glennon decided to quit abandoning herself and to instead abandon the world’s expectations of her. She quit being good so she could be free. She quit pleasing and started living. Soulful and uproarious, forceful and tender, *Untamed* is both an intimate memoir and a galvanizing wake-up call. It is the story of how one woman learned that a responsible mother is not one who slowly dies for her children, but one who shows them how to fully live. It is the story of navigating divorce, forming a new blended family, and discovering that the

brokenness or wholeness of a family depends not on its structure but on each member's ability to bring her full self to the table. And it is the story of how each of us can begin to trust ourselves enough to set boundaries, make peace with our bodies, honor our anger and heartbreak, and unleash our truest, wildest instincts so that we become women who can finally look at ourselves and say: There She Is. Untamed shows us how to be brave. As Glennon insists: The braver we are, the luckier we get.

The Change - Kirsten Miller
2022-05-03

GOOD MORNING AMERICA BOOK CLUB PICK "Miller triumphs...THE CHANGE is that rare treat: a suspenseful story with great pacing, memorable characters, and an engaging voice. Fantastic in every way, this fierce anthem against misogyny is a smash."-- Publishers Weekly (starred review) "A pointed, punchy, and potent thriller...wry and clever, serious and exacting, and masterfully suspenseful."--

Booklist (starred review) Big Little Lies meets The Witches of Eastwick—a gloriously entertaining and knife-sharp feminist revenge fantasy about three women whose midlife crisis brings unexpected new powers—putting them on a collision course with the evil that lurks in their wealthy beach town. In the Long Island oceanfront community of Mattauk, three different women discover that midlife changes bring a whole new type of empowerment... After Nessa James's husband dies and her twin daughters leave for college, she's left all alone in a trim white house not far from the ocean. In the quiet of her late forties, the former nurse begins to hear voices. It doesn't take long for Nessa to realize that the voices calling out to her belong to the dead—a gift she's inherited from her grandmother, which comes with special responsibilities. On the cusp of 50, suave advertising director Harriett Osborne has just witnessed the implosion of her lucrative career and her

marriage. She hasn't left her house in months, and from the outside, it appears as if she and her garden have both gone to seed. But Harriett's life is far from over—in fact, she's undergone a stunning and very welcome metamorphosis.

Ambitious former executive Jo Levison has spent thirty long years at war with her body. The free-floating rage and hot flashes that arrive with the beginning of menopause feel like the very last straw—until she realizes she has the ability to channel them, and finally comes into her power. Guided by voices only Nessa can hear, the trio of women discover a teenage girl whose body was abandoned beside a remote beach. The police have written the victim off as a drug-addicted sex worker, but the women refuse to buy into the official narrative. Their investigation into the girl's murder leads to more bodies, and to the town's most exclusive and isolated enclave, a world of stupendous wealth where the rules don't apply. With their newfound powers,

Jo, Nessa, and Harriett will take matters into their own hands...

Will - Will Smith 2021-11-09

The instant #1 New York Times bestseller! "It's the best memoir I've ever read."

—Oprah Winfrey "Will Smith isn't holding back in his bravely inspiring new memoir . . . An ultimately heartwarming read, Will provides a humane glimpse of the man behind the actor, producer and musician, as he bares all his insecurities and trauma." —USA Today Winner of the NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Achievement One of the most dynamic and globally recognized entertainment forces of our time opens up fully about his life, in a brave and inspiring book that traces his learning curve to a place where outer success, inner happiness, and human connection are aligned. Along the way, Will tells the story in full of one of the most amazing rides through the worlds of music and film that anyone has ever had. Will Smith's transformation from a West

Philadelphia kid to one of the biggest rap stars of his era, and then one of the biggest movie stars in Hollywood history, is an epic tale—but it's only half the story. Will Smith thought, with good reason, that he had won at life: not only was his own success unparalleled, his whole family was at the pinnacle of the entertainment world. Only they didn't see it that way: they felt more like star performers in his circus, a seven-days-a-week job they hadn't signed up for. It turned out Will Smith's education wasn't nearly over. This memoir is the product of a profound journey of self-knowledge, a reckoning with all that your will can get you and all that it can leave behind. Written with the help of Mark Manson, author of the multi-million-copy bestseller *The Subtle Art of Not Giving a F*ck*, Will is the story of how one person mastered his own emotions, written in a way that can help everyone else do the same. Few of us will know the pressure of performing on the world's biggest stages for the

highest of stakes, but we can all understand that the fuel that works for one stage of our journey might have to be changed if we want to make it all the way home. The combination of genuine wisdom of universal value and a life story that is preposterously entertaining, even astonishing, puts Will the book, like its author, in a category by itself. Grit - Angela Duckworth
2016-05-03

In this instant New York Times bestseller, Angela Duckworth shows anyone striving to succeed that the secret to outstanding achievement is not talent, but a special blend of passion and persistence she calls “grit.” “Inspiration for non-geniuses everywhere” (People). The daughter of a scientist who frequently noted her lack of “genius,” Angela Duckworth is now a celebrated researcher and professor. It was her early eye-opening stints in teaching, business consulting, and neuroscience that led to her hypothesis about what really drives success: not genius, but a

unique combination of passion and long-term perseverance. In *Grit*, she takes us into the field to visit cadets struggling through their first days at West Point, teachers working in some of the toughest schools, and young finalists in the National Spelling Bee. She also mines fascinating insights from history and shows what can be gleaned from modern experiments in peak performance. Finally, she shares what she's learned from interviewing dozens of high achievers—from JP Morgan CEO Jamie Dimon to New Yorker cartoon editor Bob Mankoff to Seattle Seahawks Coach Pete Carroll. "Duckworth's ideas about the cultivation of tenacity have clearly changed some lives for the better" (The New York Times Book Review). Among *Grit's* most valuable insights: any effort you make ultimately counts twice toward your goal; grit can be learned, regardless of IQ or circumstances; when it comes to child-rearing, neither a warm embrace nor high standards will work by

themselves; how to trigger lifelong interest; the magic of the Hard Thing Rule; and so much more. Winningly personal, insightful, and even life-changing, *Grit* is a book about what goes through your head when you fall down, and how that—not talent or luck—makes all the difference. This is "a fascinating tour of the psychological research on success" (The Wall Street Journal).

Exiled - M. R. Merrick
2012-04-01

Chase Williams is a demon hunter in the Circle, or at least he was supposed to be. On his fifteenth birthday, Chase stepped up to the altar to claim his elemental power, but it never came. Elemental magic is passed down to a hunter through the bloodline, but on Chase's birthday, the bloodline stopped. Exiled without the Circle's protection, Chase has spent two years trying to survive a world riddled with half-demons and magic. When he has a run in with a frightened and seemingly innocent demon, he learns the

Circle's agenda has changed: the Circle plans to unlock a portal and unleash pure-blood demons into the world. Vowing to stop them, and knowing he can't do it alone, Chase forms a reluctant alliance with Rayna - a sexy witch with an attitude

and a secret. In their attempt to stop them, Chase and Rayna find themselves in the middle of the Circle's plan, leaving one of them to decide what their friendship is worth, and the other's life depending on it.