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Improbable Adventure Jan 01 2020 A man awakes one morning to find his life completely turned the right way up. With the aid of ancient alien technology, a meddlesome dose of stupidity, and some very hairy friends, he finds himself destined to become the clueless hero of the multiverse. Improbable Adventures is a science fiction comedy in which a clueless Douglas Adams fan embarks on a ridiculous journey of adrenalin-thumping excitement, leading him to an encounter with funky aliens, deranged camp deities, and freak weather events of staggeringly epic proportions. Now spank my quivering thighs and call me Amanda.

The Improbable Adventures of Miss Emily Soldene Oct 02 2022 'A vivid tale of a woman born for the stage, stardom and scandal' - Holly Kyte, author of Roaring Girls: Forgotten Feminists of British History 'One of the most irrepressible women I've come across' - Jane Robinson, author of Ladies Can't Climb Ladders 'I rode on the same such style, that the men in front forgot I was a girl, and also forgot to laugh.' From humble beginnings with the threat of the workhouse looming, Emily Soldene becomes a star of the London stage and a formidable impresario with her own opera company. The darling of theatreland, she later reinvented herself as a journalist who scandalised the country with her outrageous memoir. Weaving through the grit and glamour of Victorian music halls and theatres, taking encounters with the Raphaelites and Charles Dickens in her stride, Emily became the toast of New York and ventured far off the beaten track to tour Australia and New Zealand. A vibrant portrait of an almost forgotten star who trod the boards, travelled the globe and tore up the Victorian rule book.

An Improbable Truth Jun 17 2021 "When you have eliminated all which is impossible, then whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth." Sherlock Holmes is one of the most recognizable characters in Western literature. Conan Doyle's inimitable detective has been the subject of literally thousands of books, movies, TV shows, plays and even songs. With the rise of the BBC series and the release of most copyrights, the beloved character has found a new life among modern audiences. Improbable Truth: The Paranormal Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, 14 authors of horror and mystery have come together to create a unique anthology that sets some of his most terrifying adventures. A pair of sisters willing to sacrifice young girls to an ancient demon for a taste of success, a sinister device that can murder itself, and a madman that can raise corpses from the dead are just a few among the grisly tales that can be found within these pages. Curl up with a warm cup of tea and the lights on. This is not your grandfather's Sherlock Holmes.

The Improbable Adventures of Marvelous O'Hara Soapstone Oct 02 2021 The Soapstone family finds it very difficult to cope with their pig when she falls in love with the cement dolphin in the park lily pond.

American on Purpose Aug 27 2019 In his memoir American on Purpose, Craig Ferguson, host of The Late, Late Show, traces his journey from working-class Glasgow to the comedic limelight of Hollywood and American citizenship. Moving and achingly funny, American on Purpose moves from Ferguson's early life as an alcoholic to his escape from slavery in a folding rowboat Ernest Shackleton's death-cheating journeys And more

The Improbable Truth Jun 05 2020 From a brilliant new talent comes a riveting novel of chance, fate, and numbers, and one man's strange journey past the boundaries of probability. David Caine inhabits a world of obsession, rich rewards, and rapid, destructive downfalls. A compulsive gambler and brilliant mathematician prone to crippling epileptic seizures, he possesses the uncanny ability to calculate odds of any hand in the blink of an eye. But one night at an underground poker club, Caine makes a costly miscalculation, sending his life spinning out of control. Desperate, he agrees to test an experimental drug with unnerving side effects: inexplicable visions of the past and future. Unsure whether he's perceiving an alternate reality or suffering a psychotic breakdown, Caine embarks on a journey that stretches beyond the possibilities of the world of the improbable. Gradually, he discovers the extent of his astonishing new ability -- but powerful, shadowy forces know Caine's secret. Now Caine must survive -- and his sanity . . .

Charlie's World Jan 25 2022

A SPECK ON THE SEA Nov 30 2019 "A gripping compendium of noteworthy small-boat voyages made over the centuries." --John Harland, author of Seamanship: The Age of Sail A Speck on the Sea chronicles the greatest ocean voyages attempted in the littlest boats. These feats include: Diego Mendez's voyage to rescue Columbus Okeley's escape from slavery in a folding rowboat Ernest Shackleton's death-cheating journeys And more

A Promise of Ankle Jul 27 2019 The latest, delectably witty installment of Alexander McCall Smith's sumptuous 44 Scotland Street series. For the residents of 44 Scotland Street, life in Edinburgh's intriguing New Town is a thing to be relished. After all, there are new faces to excite Domenica's anthropological imagination, precious with his triplets for Matthew to savor, and the prospect of a trip to the promised land of Glasgow for young Bertie. But there are mysteries that need solving: Lordie's dog, Cyril--the only dog in Scotland with a gold tooth--have unearthed a Neanderthal skull? Does the long-suffering Stuart have any hope of kindling a new relationship when Bruce, ever the navel gazer and consummate seducer, effortlessly steps into his pas de deux? And how will the patrons of Big Lou's cafe react to an imminent culinary transformation? The stories of this wonderfully vibrant cast may take unexpected turns, but the warmth and humor at Scotland's most recognized street will ultimately affirm the joy life brings us all.

Between the Bridge and the River Nov 10 2020 The bizarre experiences of two childhood friends from Scotland and of two illegitimate half-brothers from the American West become mysteriously intertwined in a bawdy, hilarious debut novel by the host of The Late Late Show. Reprint. 15,000 first printing.

The Improbable Adventures of Ethan Dupreii Feb 29 2022 In a world of magnets and miracles, evil has reared its head and one man dares to stand up and sweep it under the rug. That man is Ethan Dupreii, Custodian. These are the continuing and improbable adventures of a man thrown into the unenviable task of saving a world that doesn't want to be saved, or even know that it needs to be. This is an adventure novel set in a dieselpunk 1929 and introduces the reader to Improbable Earth.

Mission Improbable Jul 07 2020 Edwin Spencer is the odd one out in his family. While his sisters and brothers are high achievers he struggles at school and is hardly playing football. But before he knows it, he's been swept into a parallel world - a world where they really need his help. If only Perpetua Albright the school sweetheart could help with him.

Do Stand So Close Apr 15 2021 A small-town musician from North Carolina tries his luck on the biggest stage of all: New York City. And he hits the jackpot. Mere days into his NYC gambit, guitarist Jeffrey Lee Campbell is catapulted from selling candy in Broadway theaters to touring the world with rock legend Sting. Go behind the scenes with the provincial, wide-eyed rookie as he fakes his way around the globe, shoulder-to-shoulder with his longtime musical hero. Do Stand So Close is a layered, intimate age memoir, recounting Jeffrey Lee Campbell's glamorous (and grueling) twenty-five country, six-continent trial by fire on Sting's "Nothing Like The Sun" World Tour. Filled with humorous anecdotes and poignant revelations, Do Stand So Close follows Jeffrey's amazing odyssey--from relocating to NYC and miraculously landing a profile gig, to life on the road with one of the planet's biggest rock stars, to his humbling crash-and-burn after the tour. Buckle up!

The Improbable Adventures of Sherlock Holmes Nov 03 2022 The game is afoot! Night Shade Books is proud to present the fantastic adventures of the world's greatest detective -- mystery, fantasy, science fiction, horror, no genre can escape the esteemed detective's needle-sharp intellect and intuition. This reprint anthology's best Holmes short fiction from the last 25 years, featuring stories by such visionaries as Stephen King, Neil Gaiman, Laura King, and many others.

Improbable Women Feb 11 2021 Zenobia was the third-century Syrian queen who rebelled against Roman rule. Before Emperor Aurelian prevailed against her forces she had seized almost one-third of the Roman Empire. Today, her legend attracts thousands of visitors to her capital, Palmyra, one of the great ruined cities of the world. In the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, during the time of Ottoman rule, travel to the Middle East was almost impossible for Westerners. That did not

women from abandoning their conventional lives and venturing into the heart of this inhospitable region. *Improbable Women* explores the lives of Hester Stanhope, Digby, Isabel Burton, Gertrude Bell, and Freya Stark, narrating the story of each woman's pilgrimage to Palmyra to pay homage to the warrior queen. Although they lived in different time periods, ranging from the eighteenth century to the mid-twentieth century, they all had middle- to upper-class British backgrounds and overcame societal pressures to pursue their independence. Cotterman situates their lives against a backdrop of the Middle Eastern history that was the setting for their adventures. Divided into six sections, one devoted to Zenobia and one on each of the five women, *Improbable Women* is a fascinating glimpse into the experiences and characters of these intelligent, open-minded, and free-spirited explorers.

New Sherlock Holmes Adventure **July 17 2021** After Arthur Conan Doyle created the detective, Sherlock Holmes, many writers borrowed him to be the hero of their stories. The anthology offers a selection, old and new.

Golfed Across Mongolia **May 05 2020** This is a tale of the most ambitious round of golf ever conceived — an adventure that spans continents and cultures. The author takes you from New Hampshire to Mongolia.

The Improbable Casebook of Sherlock Holmes **Dec 24 2021** Where does the improbable end and the impossible begin? Nick Cardillo (author of *The Feats of Sherlock Holmes*) presents seven improbable adventures of the World's Greatest Detective collected for the first time in one place. These tales of mystery and suspense are as mind-bending as the minds of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson like never before as they confront a wide array of monsters, madmen, impossible crimes, and the wildest aberrations beyond their wildest nightmares. Also included are two never-before-published short stories which chronicle some of the darkest chapters of Holmes and Watson: "The Adventure of the Deadly Inheritance," a frightened man seeks Holmes' help after his brother suddenly disappeared performing an arcane family ritual, and in "Footsteps of Madness," Holmes and Watson descend into the sewers of London to confront a bloodthirsty killer who may be more than just human. The *Improbable Casebook of Sherlock Holmes* is the long-awaited second collection from an exciting new voice in the world of Sherlockian pastiche.

The Improbable Adventures of Sherlock Holmes **June 31 2022** Features short stories about Sherlock Holmes and Watson solving mysteries where a particular piece has been changed, which alters the course of the story and conclusion.

The Improbable Adventures of Millie **May 29 2022** One thing all Millie's friends agree on is that she's a klutz. Give her anything for more than thirty seconds, and she'll drop it, spill coffee on it, or trip over it. No wonder she can't hold down a job. Then she meets Quentin, an employer with a difference. Doesn't he notice her accidents? How does he care? This job is unlike any other; suddenly, being accident-prone is an advantage. It looks as though Millie has found the perfect job . . .

Funnybooks **Jan 31 2020** Funnybooks is the story of the most popular American comic books of the 1940s and 1950s, those published under the Dell label. For decades, "Comics Are Good Comics" was more than a slogan—it was a simple statement of fact. Many of the stories written and drawn by people like Carl Barks (Donald Duck), Scrooge McDuck, John Stanley (Little Lulu), and Walt Kelly (Pogo) repay reading and rereading by educated adults even today, decades after they were published as disposable entertainment for children. Such triumphs were improbable, to say the least, because midcentury comics were so widely dismissed as trash by angry parents, librarians, and even many of the people who published them. It was all but miraculous that a few great cartoonists were able to look past that nearly universal dismissal and the artistic potential of their medium. With clarity and enthusiasm, Barrier explains what made the best stories in the Dell comic books so special. He deftly turns the history of the medium into an expressive narrative sure to appeal to an audience beyond scholars and historians.

Truth or Consequences **Jan 25 2019** "At sixty, Daniel Asa Rose was a successful Massachusetts novelist, memoirist, and columnist for *Esquire*, *GQ*, *Washington Post*, *World* and elsewhere, when, out of the blue (but not really), his wife filed for divorce. Before he slips completely into the cocktail of depression, doubt, self-loathing, and that he mixes for himself, his lifelong friend Tony calls with a proposition: a trip back to the place where, forty years before, their hippy college kid road trip had crashed and burning where they were T-boned at an intersection in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico. Dan should have died in the crash. Instead, due to the miracle of wearing a seatbelt, he was thrown thirty feet, blacked out, and woke up cradled in the arms of the blonde angel who hit them, trying to remember the blackout behind the words "We are all..."--

The Improbable Voyage of the Yacht Outward Leg Into, Through, and Out of the Head **Oct 29 2019**

The Improbable Theory of Ana and Zak **Aug 20 2021** Perfect for fans of Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist and *The Statistical Probability of Love at First Sight*, *The Improbable Theory of Ana and Zak* is Stonewall Award-winning author Brian Katcher's hilarious he said/she said romance about two teens discovering themselves at an of-this-world accidental first date at a sci-fi convention. When Ana Watson's brother ditches a high school trip to run wild at Washingcon, type-A Ana knows that she must find him or risk her last shot at freedom from her extra-controlling parents. In her desperation, she's forced to enlist the last person she'd ever want to spend time with: Zak Duquette—to help find her brother before morning comes. But over the course of the night, while being chased by hordes of costumed Vikings and zombies, Ana and Zak begin to open up to each other. Soon, what starts as the most insane nerdfighter manhunt transforms into so much more. . . .

The Improbable Adventures of Helga & Rufus **Feb 23 2022** A hilarious blend of satire, puns, the bizarre and the ordinary, starring two characters who despite their idiosyncrasies manage to find something like love.

A Very Improbable Story **Nov 20 2021** Waking up one morning to find a talking cat on his head, Ethan is informed that the cat will not leave until he - Ethan - wins the lottery. Probability.

Brave New Worlds **Dec 28 2019** From Huxley's *Brave New World*, to Orwell's *1984*, to Atwood's *The Handmaid's Tale*, dystopian books have always been an integral part of both science fiction and literature, and have influenced the broader culture discussion in unique and permanent ways. *Brave New Worlds* brings together the best of the best of the last 30 years, demonstrating the diversity that flourishes in this compelling subgenre. This landmark tome contains stories by Ursula K. Le Guin, Cory Doctorow, M. Rickert, Paolo Bacigalupi, Orson Scott Card, Neil Gaiman, Ray Bradbury, and many others.

The Improbable Community **May 08 2020** "We are all a little wild here with numerous projects of social reform," Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote in 1840 about the spirit of the time. "Not a reading man but has a draft of a new community in his waistcoat pocket." Almost a century later, five idealists, similarly committed to social reform, founded a new community, Camp Woodland, in upstate New York inspired by the spirit of their time. Some founders were educators. Others contributed administrative talent to the camp's operations. All were committed to racial and social justice and cultural diversity. Well before the currency of the Civil Rights Movement, Camp Woodland was a racially and ethnically diverse group of campers and staff into a traditional, rural community and succeeded in having its progressive vision accepted and embraced by its neighbors. How was a camp like Woodland able to become part of the rural community in which it was located? How did it earn the trust and acceptance of its neighbors? And how was it able to harmonize potentially incompatible cultures? *The Improbable Community* tells the story of this achievement and recounts the camp's folk music, folklore and history by Camp Woodland that was an outgrowth of the friendships it formed.

An Improbable Life **Jan 13 2021** Columbia University began the second half of the twentieth century in decline, bottoming out with the student riots of 1968. Yet, in the latter half of the century, the institution had regained its stature as one of the greatest universities in the world. According to the *New York Times*, "If any one person is responsible for Columbia's recovery, it is surely Michael Sovern." In this memoir, Sovern, who served as the university's president from 1980 to 1993, recounts his sixty-year involvement with the institution after growing up in the South Bronx. He addresses key issues in academia, such as affordability, affirmative action, the relative rewards of tenure, research, lifetime tenure, and the role of government funding. Sovern also reports on his many off-campus adventures, including helping the victims of the Tuskegee experiment, stepping into the chairmanship of Sotheby's, responding to a strike by New York City's firemen, a police riot and threats to shut down the city's theater district, playing a role in the theater world as president of the Shubert Foundation, and chairing the Commission on Integrity in Government.

American on Purpose **Sep 01 2022** In *American on Purpose*, Craig Ferguson delivers a moving and achingly funny memoir of living the American dream as he journeys from the mean streets of Glasgow, Scotland, to the comedic promised land of Hollywood. Along the way he stumbles through several attempts to make his mark—as a musician, a construction worker, a bouncer, and, tragically, a modern dancer. To numb the pain of failure, Ferguson found comfort in drugs and alcohol, addiction eventually led to an aborted suicide attempt. (He forgot to do it when someone offered him a glass of sherry.) But his story has a happy ending: success on the *Drew Carey Show*, and later as the host of CBS's *Late Late Show*. By far Ferguson's greatest triumph was his decision to become a U.S. citizen, a milestone he achieved in early 2008. In *American on Purpose*, Craig Ferguson talks a red, white, and blue streak about everything our Founding Fathers feared.

The Man Who Counted: A Collection of Mathematical Adventures **Aug 08 2020** "A great storyteller."—Paulo Coelho, author of *The Alchemist* Malba Tahan is the creator of a celebrated Brazilian mathematician looking for a way to bring some of the mysteries and pleasures of mathematics to a wider public. The adventures of Beremiz Samir, the Man Who Counted, take the reader on a journey in which, time and again, Samir summons his extraordinary mathematical powers to settle disputes, give wise advice, overcome dangerous enemies, and win for himself fame, fortune, and rich rewards. We learn of previous mathematicians and come to admire Samir's wisdom and wit. In the grace of Tahan's telling, these stories hold unusual delights for the reader.

Adventures of Don Quixote **Mar 03 2020** Easy-to-read retelling of the hilarious misadventures of Don Quixote, the idealistic knight, and his squire, Sancho Panza, who set out to right the wrongs of the world. Abridged version with six charming illustrations.

Curious Incident **Apr 03 2020** Welcome back to Baker Street! Holmes and Watson are here to greet you once more spinning amazing tales of murder, mayhem, and

with a supernatural twist. This time the great detective and his stalwart companion will venture into alternate universes, histories, and futures to solve puzzling paranormal far beyond the bounds of imagination. An Old West town plagued by a legendary beast, a dystopian future where black snow falls on Baker Street, a Holmes engaged in a psychological game with an ancient enemy, a world-weary Holmes and Watson who must choose between vampiric immortality and oblivion, classic noir with dames to kill for are just a few of the strange adventures that await you in Curious Incidents. Grab your deerstalker and hold on tight! The garage sale find: IMPROBABLE ADVENTURES OF MISS EMILY SOLDENE Apr 27 2022

The Improbable Adventures of Miss Emily Soldene by M. J. Carter 10 2020 One thing all Millie's friends agree on is that she's a klutz. Give her anything for more than thirty seconds, and she'll spill coffee on it, or trip over it. No wonder she can't hold down a job. Then she meets Quentin, an employer with a difference. Doesn't he notice her accidents? Or does he care? This job is unlike any other; suddenly, being accident-prone is an advantage. It looks as though Millie has found the perfect job . . .

The Improbable Adventures of a Middle-Aged Woman by Jennifer Lawler 27 2022 Beyond the Bucket List When her daughter was born with a devastating medical condition, Jennifer Lawler set out to make a good life despite the circumstances. She wanted the story to be "kickass mother of a special kid hangs on to her dream of being a writer." But life takes its toll, despite our best intentions. At the start of this story, our intrepid heroine wakes up in middle age, disillusioned and discouraged; she's gotten a little dusty and holding on to it is not as rewarding as she had expected. Grit and determination feel more like grinding routine, especially since her beloved, now eighteen, still needs round-the-clock care. Goals and to-do lists have turned into just another kind of jail. Recognizing this as the onset of a midlife crisis, Jennifer does what anyone would. She makes a bucket list, then sets out to reawaken her spirit by doing all the things she ever wanted to do: reconnect with her Irish roots, buy a houseboat in the Florida Keys, learn guitar from a session player in Nashville. There are only two snags: life has limits, and her funny, challenging, brilliant daughter is almost always in tow. Teetering on the edge of a cliff in Ireland, searching fruitlessly for a place to stay during a wild summer storm in the West Highlands, getting stuck in Munich, talking to the one person in Eastern Europe who'll admit to missing communism, and, finally, confronting the fact that her daughter isn't nearly as interested in guitar-playing and house-boating as she is, Jennifer discovers that happiness has nothing to do with lists.

The Improbable Life of Ricky Bird by Rick Bragg 19 2021 If you were charmed by The Curious Incident, laughed with Eleanor Oliphant and cried over A Man Called Ove, you will love Ricky Bird. No one loved making forts more than Ricky. A fort was a place of safety and possibility. It shut out the world and enclosed her and Ollie within any space she wanted to tell . . . Ricky Bird loves making up stories for her brother Ollie almost as much as she loves him. The imaginary worlds she creates are wild and whimsical, full of unlimited possibilities. Real life is another story. Ricky's father has abandoned them and the family has moved to a bleak new neighbourhood. Worse still, her new boyfriend, Dan, has come with the furniture. But Ricky Bird is a force to be reckoned with. As the mastermind of so many outlandish adventures, her imagination is her best weapon. As her father used to say, if you can spin a good yarn you can get on in life. The trouble is that in the best stories characters sometimes take on lives of their own and no one, not even Ricky, is able to imagine the consequences. Beautifully written, heartbreakingly funny and deeply moving, this book has already been compared to The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time, Lost and Found, Shuggie Bain, Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine and A Monster Calls. But Ricky's story is all her own. It is a story and it will stay with you long after the last page. 'Fierce and wonderful and utterly singular, Ricky embodies the sheer joy and transformative power of storytelling.' Mildenhall, author of The Mother Fault and Skylarking 'A wise, tender but unflinching portrait of an ordinary family and the extraordinary girl at its heart. Ricky - funny, tough, endearing and funny - is a fabulous creation. She'll walk around in my world all year, and more.' Kristina Olsson, award-winning author of Shell and Boy, Let's Go Topper Mar 15 2021 Topper Thorne Smith - Thorne Smith's hilarious and ribald comedy about boring and staid bank manager Cosmo Topper who decides to buy a new car only to discover it is haunted by its previous owners, George and Marion Kerby. George's and Marion's mischievous spirits (and a few other ghostly friends and an irresistible dog) make it their mission to lead the respectable Topper astray and give him a fresh outlook on life. Liquor flows, pranks are common, and although Topper is willing, George becomes a new man. He realizes life is what you make of it, and there are so many possibilities. Laugh out loud when Marion scares away the clerk at the staff of a boutique or when George challenges Topper to a duel with clam shells. Thorne Smith's ghosts, their wit and repartee, are bound to entertain. Topper is a beach read. As captivating today as when it was first written in 1926, Topper set the standard for a host of other ghost stories and was made into a movie (1936) and adapted for a TV series (1953). A remake of the movie is scheduled starring comedian Steve Martin as Topper, but no production start date has been announced. [Thorne Smith] created the modern American ghost. A ghost with style and wit. A ghost that haunts us still." --New York Times

The Further Adventures of Sherlock Holmes - The Improbable by L. Ron Hubbard 2021 A new novel from the author of acclaimed Sherlock Holmes pastiches The Albino's Treasure and The Counterfeit Detective. WRONGLY IMPRISONED Following a summons to a fictional patient, Dr. Watson finds himself arrested for the horrific murder of an elderly woman. Imprisoned at Holloway, and with the evidence stacked against him, Watson's only hope is that Sherlock Holmes can discover the identity of the murderer. But when a mysterious letter appears to link Watson to blackmail and a notorious street gang, Holmes must use all his powers of reasoning to save his friend from the hangman's noose.

The Improbable Wonders of Moojje Littleman by Jeanne Birdsall 12 2020 Having won 21 awards, The Improbable Wonders of Moojje Littleman is being lauded as a classic. A hauntingly beautiful visionary tale spun in the magical realist tradition of Madeleine L'Engle's A Wrinkle in Time and Neil Gaiman's The Graveyard Book, the profoundly moving voice and heart-stirring narrative recall great works of fiction that explore the universal desire to belong. Early 1900s, Western America. A lonely, disabled boy with a temper and miraculous healing powers, Moojje is taken by his father to live at his grandfather's wilderness farm. There, Moojje meets otherworldly outcasts and learns about himself and them. Following a series of trials—magical and mystical—he is summoned by the call to a great destiny . . . if only he can survive one last terrifying trial.

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