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Secrets from the Vinyl Cafe, Or, Closer to the Truth Than We've Ever Been Oct 15 2021 Every family has its secrets. Morley, for example, is reluctant to talk about her beauty parlour betrayal and that other man in her life: Mathieu. Stephanie hasn't been entirely open about what she was doing in the woods last summer. Sam is keeping mum about his dark powers of prophecy and why he is going by the alias "Samantha." And Dave tries to avoid mentioning his attempted break-and-enter at the Turlingtons'. Who can blame them? When you commit acts of arson during Christmas dinner, attempt to start a life of crime by shoplifting a lipstick or sink your false teeth into the forbidden pleasure of corn on the cob, it's hard to come clean. These are the stories that no one knows, the stories Dave and Morley wouldn't tell you themselves: lies, white and otherwise, aliases, double lives and all manner of petty crimes and everyday transgressions. These are the secrets from the Vinyl Cafe.

In the All-Night Café Sep 14 2021 One afternoon, in 1994, I had an idea. So begins Stuart David's magical, evocative memoir about Belle and Sebastian. Determined to make his living writing stories and songs, Stuart had spent several years scraping by on the dole in his small, industrial home town. Then he had the fateful idea to learn bass guitar, and to head for Glasgow in search of like-minded artists. It was a quiet but powerful idea that would completely transform his life. Within one extraordinary year he had helped create one of the

most influential, beloved bands of all time. Set against a vivid background of early 90s Glasgow, *In the All-Night Café* describes Stuart's fortuitous meeting with the band's co-founder Stuart Murdoch on a course for unemployed musicians. It tells of their adventures in two early incarnations of Belle and Sebastian and culminates in the recording of the band's celebrated debut album, *Tigermilk*. A fascinating portrait of the group and its origins, it is also a story that will resonate with anyone who has put together - or thought of putting together - a band. It is a story of a group of friends who wanted to create a different kind of band and a different kind of music. And how - against all expectations - they succeeded. Written with wit, affection and a novelist's observant eye, *In the All-Night Café* brings to life the music and the early days of this most enigmatic and intriguing of bands.

Treasures of the Hard Rock Cafe Nov 23 2019

Familiar Stranger Jan 06 2021 "Sometimes I feel myself to have been the last colonial." This, in his own words, is the extraordinary story of the life and career of Stuart Hall-how his experiences shaped his intellectual, political, and theoretical work and how he became one of his age's brightest intellectual lights. Growing up in a middle-class family in 1930s Kingston, Jamaica, still then a British colony, the young Stuart Hall found himself uncomfortable in his own home. He lived among Kingston's stiflingly respectable brown middle class, who, in their habits and ambitions, measured themselves against the white elite. As colonial rule was challenged, things began to change in Kingston and across the world. In 1951 a Rhodes scholarship took Hall across the Atlantic to Oxford University, where he met young Jamaicans from all walks of life, as well as writers and thinkers from across the Caribbean, including V. S. Naipaul and George Lamming. While at Oxford he met Raymond Williams, Charles Taylor, and other leading intellectuals, with whom he helped found the intellectual and political movement known as the New Left. With the emotional aftershock of colonialism still pulsing through him, Hall faced a new struggle: that of building a home, a life, and an identity in a postwar England so rife with racism that it could barely recognize his humanity. With great insight, compassion, and wit, Hall tells the story of his early life, taking readers on a journey through the sights, smells, and streets of 1930s Kingston while reflecting on the thorny politics of 1950s and 1960s Britain. Full of passion and wisdom, *Familiar Stranger* is the intellectual memoir of one of our greatest minds.

The Vinyl Cafe Notebooks Jan 18 2022 Selected from 15 years of radio-show archives and re-edited by the author, this wonderfully eclectic essay collection gives a glimpse into the thoughtful mind at work behind "The Vinyl Cafe." From meditations on peacekeeping to praise for the toothpick, "The Vinyl Cafe Notebooks" runs the gamut from

considered argument to light-hearted opinion. Whether McLean is visiting a forgotten corner of the Canadian Shield, a big-city doughnut factory, or Sir John A. Macdonald's gravesite, his observations are absorbing, unexpected, and original. With thought-provoking proposals about the world we live in and introductions to the people he meets in his extensive travels across our country, "The Vinyl Cafe Notebooks" is informed by McLean's intimate relationship with Canada and Canadians. Yet the collection is also an intriguing look at the writer himself--his past, his present, and his vision of the future. Sometimes funny, often wise, and always entertaining, "The Vinyl Cafe Notebooks" is sure to provide a wealth of reading pleasure that fans will return to again and again.

A Boy Made of Blocks Jun 11 2021 *A Boy Made of Blocks* is a funny, heartwarming story of family and love inspired by the author's own experiences with his son, the perfect latest obsession for fans of *The Rosie Project*, David Nicholls and Jojo Moyes. A father who rediscovers love Alex loves his wife Jody, but has forgotten how to show it. He loves his son Sam, but doesn't understand him. He needs a reason to grab his future with both hands. A son who shows him how to live Meet eight-year-old Sam: beautiful, surprising - and different. To him the world is a frightening mystery. But as his imagination comes to life, his family will be changed . . . for good. "One of those wonderful books that makes you laugh and cry at the same time." Good Housekeeping "Funny, expertly plotted and written with enormous heart. Readers who enjoyed *The Rosie Project* will love *A Boy Made of Blocks* - I did." Graeme Simsion "Very funny, incredibly poignant and full of insight. Awesome." Jenny Colgan "'A wonderful, warm, insightful novel about family, friendship and love." Daily Mail "A charming and timely tale of learning to connect in the digital age." Kirkus "This is an author who understands fatherhood and boyhood and everything in between. A truly beautiful book." Matthew Dicks, author of *Memoirs of An Imaginary Friend* "A Boy Made of Blocks will make you laugh and cry in equal measure; a book you won't soon forget." Brenda Janowitz, author of *The Dinner Party*

The Celestial Café Apr 21 2022 '*The Celestial Cafe*' is the debut book by Stuart Murdoch, the founder member and singer of the popular indie band, Belle and Sebastian. Stuart writes evocatively of life on the road in an internationally touring band, contrasting it with his homespun and reflective returns back home to Glasgow."

Dave Cooks the Turkey Dec 05 2020 Hapless Dave is at it again, promising his beloved wife Morley that he will take care of the Christmas turkey while she takes the kids to work at the food bank. Dave fails to realize quite what's involved, and the result is a Homeresque struggle to beat all the odds and somehow get an unappetizing, frozen, and slightly scarred bird home and roasted in time for Christmas dinner--before Morley cooks Dave's goose.

Extreme Vinyl Cafe May 10 2021 If you ask them, Dave and Morley's friends will tell you that no matter how long you've known people, they can still surprise you. After all, no one expects to see a grown man dive into the trunk of his car to chase a rat. And despite what they may claim, few people are actually prepared to have their backyard, never mind their 12-year-old son, shoot to stardom on YouTube's most watched videos. And yes, the sight of a 87-year-old bungeejumping off a cruise ship is... unusual. But well-wishers at the Vinyl Cafe will advise you to be philosophical about such things. No matter who sends a volley of nails through your truck window, which mannequin is disrobed, or how green your skin turns when your mom leaves town, life marches on. In "Extreme Vinyl Cafe" bestselling author Stuart McLean regales us with the wild impulses and extreme behaviours of Canada's favourite characters at the Vinyl Cafe.

Christmas at the Vinyl Cafe Sep 26 2022 Including five new, never before published Christmas stories and the classic "Dave Cooks the Turkey," this special collection from the Vinyl Cafe is Stuart McLean at his finest. Christmas has always been a special time at the Vinyl Cafe. For two decades, Stuart McLean travelled across the country every December with The Vinyl Cafe Christmas tour, bringing the gift of laughter and light during the darkest days of the year. The hilarious world of Dave and Morley was even more real--more vibrant--during the holidays. For many, the Vinyl Cafe Christmas stories became beloved family traditions. From mishaps with the Turlingtons and the tale of a young Dave's first holiday disaster to the surprising "Christmas Ferret" and the touching sign-off in "The Christmas Card," these wonderful new stories will delight for years to come. Brimming with charm and humour (often at Dave's expense), these twelve stories entertain on every page, reminding us what the holidays are all about.

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Stephanie to life, and made their memorable circle of friends, family, and neighbours as real as our own. This collection is both timely and timeless, a rich celebration of Stuart McLean's inimitable voice, and of the importance of love, community, kindness, and the healing power of laughter.

Shadows of Sherlock Holmes Feb 25 2020 A collection of stories featuring detectives, criminal agents and debonair crooks from the golden age of crime fiction: a time when Sherlock Holmes was ensconced in his rooms at 221B Baker Street and London was permanently wreathed in a sinister fog.

Grumpy Bird Dec 17 2021 The debut book of Jeremy Tankard's high-flying Bird series! Bird wakes up feeling grumpy. Too grumpy to eat or play -- too grumpy even to fly. "Looks like I'm walking today," says Bird. He walks past Sheep, who offers to keep him company. He walks past Rabbit, who also could use a walk. Raccoon, Beaver, and Fox join in, too. Before he knows it, a little exercise and companionship help Bird shake his bad mood. Praised by the Wall Street Journal as "comic perfection," this winsome, refreshingly original picture book is sure to help kids (and grown-ups) giggle away their grumpies, too! Bird's impeccably crafted, hilarious melodramas continue in the Grumpy Bird board book, Boo Hoo Bird, Hungry Bird, and coming in 2018, Sleepy Bird.

Interview With The Vampire Oct 03 2020 From #1 New York Times bestselling author Anne Rice, this sensuously written spellbinding classic remains 'the most successful vampire story since Bram Stoker's *Dracula*' (The Times) In a darkened room a young man sits telling the macabre and eerie story of his life - the story of a vampire, gifted with eternal life, cursed with an exquisite craving for human blood. Anne Rice's compulsively readable novel is arguably the most celebrated work of vampire fiction since Bram Stoker's *Dracula* was published in 1897. When *Interview with the Vampire* was originally published the Washington Post said it was: called *Interview with the Vampire* a 'thrilling, strikingly original work of the imagination . . . sometimes horrible, sometimes beautiful, always unforgettable'. Now, more than forty years since its release, Anne Rice's masterpiece is more beloved than ever.

Scooby Oct 23 2019 Stuart 'Scooby' Cochrane is a pioneer who helped take music, clubs and rave culture to a new level only to plummet into the mental abyss from a hedonistic high wire of cocaine abuse and a crippling hash addiction. With close friends Javier and Caroline Anadon he came up with the concept and helped establish the fabled Cafe Mambo in Ibiza, took Rozalla's 'Everybody's Free' into the top 10 in the dance charts and fought a legal battle to be declared the true mastermind behind Dario G's worldwide smash 'Sunchyme'. In September 1993 the DJ and music producer arrived for a round of golf at Gleneagles wearing Hawaiian shorts and baseball boots and carrying

only two clubs. Later that day, after being chased from the course, he was sectioned, the first of 23 psychiatric admissions totalling 1,286 days over 16 years as his drugs laden world unravelled in spectacular fashion. A ruthless industry had eaten him up and spat him out, contributing towards the loss of his sanity, but never quite stealing his soul. Scooby ran a string of successful nightclubs and was headhunted to manage the famed Tunnel in Glasgow soon after its opening in 1989. He was also at the forefront of the rave movement in Scotland, transforming 'Love' at the Plaza into one of the country's premier dance venues before being run out of town by gangsters who wanted the whole ecstasy-laced pie for themselves. He lost everything in the financial collapse of banking giant BCCI but clean and clear headed since 2009 he has turned his life around, managing his mental health with the help of Buddhism and a simpler life in Stirling. Here, he shares the thrills and spills of life in the pharmaceutically enhanced fast lane. Scooby's love letter to the world is as humorous as it is harrowing, but it's an ultimate survivor's song - and this time, he's holding onto the copyright.

The Social Life of Coffee Jul 12 2021 What induced the British to adopt foreign coffee-drinking customs in the seventeenth century? Why did an entirely new social institution, the coffeehouse, emerge as the primary place for consumption of this new drink? In this lively book, Brian Cowan locates the answers to these questions in the particularly British combination of curiosity, commerce, and civil society. Cowan provides the definitive account of the origins of coffee drinking and coffeehouse society, and in so doing he reshapes our understanding of the commercial and consumer revolutions in Britain during the long Stuart century. Britain's virtuosi, gentlemanly patrons of the arts and sciences, were profoundly interested in things strange and exotic. Cowan explores how such virtuosi spurred initial consumer interest in coffee and invented the social template for the first coffeehouses. As the coffeehouse evolved, rising to take a central role in British commercial and civil society, the virtuosi were also transformed by their own invention.

Allelujah! Sep 21 2019 - What were you in life? - In life, as you put it, I was a schoolmaster. The Beth, an old fashioned cradle-to-grave hospital serving a town on the edge of the Pennines, is threatened with closure as part of an NHS efficiency drive. As Dr Valentine and Sister Gilchrist attend to the patients, a documentary crew, eager to capture its fight for survival, follows the daily struggle to find beds on the Dusty Springfield Geriatric Ward. Meanwhile, the old people's choir, in readiness for next week's concert, is in full swing, augmented by the arrival of Mrs Maudsley, aka Pudsey Nightingale. Alan Bennett's Allelujah! opened at the Bridge Theatre, London, in July 2018. With an introduction by Alan Bennett.

Diary of a Tokyo Teen Jun 18 2019 A book for comic lovers and

Japanophiles of all ages, *Diary of a Tokyo Teen* presents a unique look at modern-day Japan through a young woman's eyes. Born in Tokyo to a Japanese mother and an American father in 1997, Christine Mari Inzer spent her early years in Japan and relocated to the United States in 2003. The summer before she turned sixteen, she returned to Tokyo, making a solo journey to get reacquainted with her birthplace. Through illustrations, photos, and musings, Inzer documented her journey. In *Diary of a Tokyo Teen*, Inzer explores the cutting-edge fashions of Tokyo's trendy Harajuku district, eats the best sushi of her life at the renowned Tsukiji fish market, and hunts down geisha in the ancient city of Kyoto. As she shares the trials and pleasures of travel from one end of a trip to the other, Inzer introduces the host of interesting characters she meets and offers a unique—and often hilarious—look at a fascinating country and an engaging tale of one girl rediscovering her roots. **Listed as a 2016 Great Graphic Novel for Teens by the Young Adult Library Services Association**

The Coma Jul 20 2019 When Carl awakens from a coma after being attacked on a subway train, life around him feels unfamiliar, even strange. He arrives at his best friend's house without remembering how he got there; he seems to be having an affair with his secretary, which is pleasant but surprising. He starts to notice distortions in his experience, strange leaps in his perception of time. Is he truly reacting with the outside world, he wonders, or might he be terribly mistaken? So begins a dark psychological drama that raises questions about the the human psyche, dream versus reality, and the boundaries of consciousness. As Carl grapples with his predicament, Alex Garland – author of *The Beach* and the screenplay for *28 Days Later*, plays with conventions and questions our assumptions about the way we exist in the world, even as it draws us into the unsettling and haunting book about a lost suitcase and a forgotten identity.

State Bird Provisions Mar 28 2020 Finalist for the 2018 James Beard Foundation Book Awards for "Restaurant and Professional" category The debut cookbook from one of the country's most celebrated and pioneering restaurants, Michelin-starred *State Bird Provisions* in San Francisco. Few restaurants have taken the nation by storm in the way that *State Bird Provisions* has. Inspired by their years catering parties, chefs Stuart Brioza and Nicole Krasinski use dim sum style carts to offer guests small but finely crafted dishes ranging from Potato Chips with Crème Fraîche and Cured Trout Roe, to Black Butter-Balsamic Figs with Wagon Wheel Cheese Fondue, to their famous savory pancakes (such as Chanterelle Pancakes with Lardo and Maple Vinegar), along with a menu of more substantial dishes such as their signature fried quail with stewed onions. Their singular and original approach to cooking, which expertly blends seemingly disparate influences, flavors, and textures, is a style that has influenced other restaurants throughout the country and is beloved by diners, chefs,

and critics alike. In the debut cookbook from this acclaimed restaurant, Brioza and Krasinski share recipes for their most popular dishes along with stunning photography, and inspire readers to craft an unforgettable meal of textures, temperatures, aromas, and colors that excite all of the senses.

In the Days of the Comet Mar 08 2021 I HAVE set myself to write the story of the Great Change, so far as it has affected my own life and the lives of one or two people closely connected with me, primarily to please myself. Long ago in my crude unhappy youth, I conceived the desire of writing a book. To scribble secretly and dream of authorship was one of my chief alleviations, and I read with a sympathetic envy every scrap I could get about the world of literature and the lives of literary people. It is something, even amidst this present happiness, to find leisure and opportunity to take up and partially realize these old and hopeless dreams. But that alone, in a world where so much of vivid and increasing interest presents itself to be done, even by an old man, would not, I think, suffice to set me at this desk. I find some such recapitulation of my past as this will involve, is becoming necessary to my own secure mental continuity.

Ill Will Dec 25 2019 'An astonishing novel' The Independent I am William Lee: brute; liar, and graveside thief. But you will know me by another name.

Vinyl Cafe Unplugged Jul 24 2022 Bestselling author and radio storytelling sensation Stuart McLean revisits the heartwarming and hilarious friends from his iconic Vinyl Cafe. Dave and his wife Morley would no doubt tell you that life is what you make it. Unfortunately for them, that means a compilation tape of mistakes, miscues, misunderstandings, and muddle. That's not to say that there is anything particularly unusual about the family and friends at the Vinyl Cafe. After all, who wouldn't try to toilet-train a cat? Who hasn't started a small home fix-it job only to set fire to the walls? Created mass hysteria at a school concert? Lost an aging relative while visiting our nation's capital? Vinyl Cafe Unplugged is a warm and delightful collection of stories following the common foibles and everyday absurdities of family life.

The Planets Aug 01 2020 'So staggering you go "whoa!" every few seconds' Guardian 'Really impressive' Eamonn Holmes, ITV This Morning A companion book to the critically acclaimed BBC series.

Home from the Vinyl Cafe Aug 25 2022 Welcome to the world of the Vinyl Cafe. Meet Dave, the proud owner of the world's smallest record store. Meet his pal, Kenny Wong, who runs Wong's Scottish Meat Pies. Meet Dave's wife and their children. Watch while they all bump and stumble through a hilarious year of mistakes, miscues, misunderstandings, and muddle. The adventures begin in December with Dave's disastrous yet inspired attempts to cook the family turkey. And they move through the seasons to the following Christmas's fiasco,

when Dave accidentally spikes the kids' punch bowl at his neighbor's Christmas soiree. Home from the Vinyl Cafe also explores the tender awkwardness of first love, the challenges presented by a dying guinea pig, and the answer to the question of why a teenager would rather eat vegetables and clean his room than go on a family vacation. Whether it's the mystery of sending kids to camp, the dangers of putting up Christmas lights, or the potential for mayhem at the grocery store, in the hands of humorist and master storyteller Stuart McLean the chaotic melody of daily life is underscored by the harmonious sounds of family, friends, and neighbors. Warm, witty, and moving, these stories will walk right into your life and make themselves at home.

The Moss House May 30 2020

Stories From the Vinyl Cafe Jun 23 2022 Like an old friend who's turned up in town, Stuart McLean returns with *Stories from the Vinyl Cafe*, his bestselling collection of tales based on his enormously popular Vinyl Cafe radio program. The collection features Canada's much-loved fictional family: Dave, Morley, Stephanie and Sam. *Stories from the Vinyl Cafe* also introduces a host of other wonderfully imagined characters, such as Margaret Dwyer, a suburban housewife who startles herself by shoplifting a pepperoni sausage, and Flora Perriton, who is consumed with thoughts of lost opportunities when an old friend passes away. Then there's Ed, who-overcome by the death of his favourite rock star-embarks on a pilgrimage to New York City to meet the singer's widow. As always, the stories in this rewarding and irreverent collection prove that Stuart McLean is indeed a national treasure.

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of laughter.

Tea and Tortillas Feb 07 2021 Tea and tortillas is a humorous, easy to read book about the realities of living in Spain. It provides all the information anyone could need about renting or buying property, getting a 'proper' job, buying and running a business, the Spanish culture and much, much more. It is also very funny!

Gym Or Chocolate? Sep 02 2020 Career girl and radio host hotshot Cady Callahan has never met a chocolate she didn't love. She has curves and doesn't care. She's shocked to win a year's membership to Body Tech, an exclusive Manhattan gym, and a personal trainer in the shape of far too tantalizing Rick Roberts.

Notes of a Newsman Apr 28 2020 As a young reporter John MacKay took the first calls on the Lockerbie Bombing. As a news anchor he conducted the final TV interviews of the Yes and No campaigns in Scotland's Referendum. His journey in journalism has taken him to the key events through the most dramatic decades of Scotland's peacetime history. Using contemporary scripts, transcripts of significant interviews, diaries and recollections, he charts Scotland's transformation as a society and as a nation.

Effective Ruby Nov 04 2020 If you're an experienced Ruby programmer, Effective Ruby will help you harness Ruby's full power to write more robust, efficient, maintainable, and well-performing code. Drawing on nearly a decade of Ruby experience, Peter J. Jones brings together 48 Ruby best practices, expert tips, and shortcuts—all supported by realistic code examples. Jones offers practical advice for each major area of Ruby development, from modules to memory to metaprogramming. Throughout, he uncovers little-known idioms, quirks, pitfalls, and intricacies that powerfully impact code behavior and performance. Each item contains specific, actionable, clearly organized guidelines; careful advice; detailed technical arguments; and illuminating code examples. When multiple options exist, Jones shows you how to choose the one that will work best in your situation. Effective Ruby will help you systematically improve your code—not by blindly following rules, but by thoroughly understanding Ruby programming techniques. Key features of this concise guide include How to avoid pitfalls associated with Ruby's sometimes surprising idiosyncrasies What you should know about inheritance hierarchies to successfully use Rails (and other large frameworks) How to use misunderstood methods to do amazingly useful things with collections Better ways to use exceptions to improve code reliability Powerful metaprogramming approaches (and techniques to avoid) Practical, efficient testing solutions, including MiniTest Unit and Spec Testing How to reliably manage RubyGem dependencies How to make the most of Ruby's memory management and profiling tools How to improve code efficiency by understanding the Ruby interpreter's internals

Rockers! Aug 13 2021 Rockers! celebrates the biker style with panache

and wit, showing how a love affair between bikes and speed became the original touchstone of a youth cult which continues to fascinate and endure, with its myths, magic and melancholy. In essence, and although they did not know it, rockers - with their raw edginess, studied cool and search for excitement, sex and violence - were icons. Rockers! achieves that rare marriage of immediacy and knowledge, through research and first-hand experience.

The Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation Apr 09 2021 The bestselling workbook and grammar guide, revised and updated! Hailed as one of the best books around for teaching grammar, The Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation includes easy-to-understand rules, abundant examples, dozens of reproducible quizzes, and pre- and post-tests to help teach grammar to middle and high schoolers, college students, ESL students, homeschoolers, and more. This concise, entertaining workbook makes learning English grammar and usage simple and fun. This updated 12th edition reflects the latest updates to English usage and grammar, and includes answers to all reproducible quizzes to facilitate self-assessment and learning. Clear and concise, with easy-to-follow explanations, offering "just the facts" on English grammar, punctuation, and usage Fully updated to reflect the latest rules, along with even more quizzes and pre- and post-tests to help teach grammar Ideal for students from seventh grade through adulthood in the US and abroad For anyone who wants to understand the major rules and subtle guidelines of English grammar and usage, The Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation offers comprehensive, straightforward instruction.

Map As Art, The: Contemporary Artists Explore Cartography Jun 30 2020 Arranged by themes including personal terrain, inner visions, and global reckoning, a catalog collects 350 works by an international range of artists creating map-related works of art.

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Revenge of the Vinyl Cafe May 22 2022 The world can be a perilous place. And the seemingly friendly world of Canada's favourite fictional family is no different. Everyone is afraid of something: Dave, for example, is afraid of dolls, germs, and Mary Turlington. Sam, on the other hand, is afraid of bees, UFOs, and "mewpilated" cows. Morley's fears--public nudity and drop-in visits--are slightly less peculiar. It's hard to be brave in the face of sewer monsters, deformed fish heads, abandoned car wrecks, and ravenous bears, but in this brand new collection of Vinyl Cafe stories, Dave and the gang pluck up the courage to deal with all kinds of danger, both real and imagined. In Stuart McLean's hilarious book of cautionary tales, rediscover the deep, delicious thrill of fear that looms so large in childhood and spills over into adult life to star-tling, often delightful effect.

Vinyl Cafe Turns the Page Nov 16 2021 A wonderful collection of Vinyl

Cafe stories, from the inimitable Stuart McLean, featuring a worldlier and wiser Dave and Morley Dave and Morley are growing older, Steph and Sam are growing up. Moving out and moving on. Dave and Morley's marriage has mellowed and deepened like a fine wine, Sam has developed a palate for girls and Gruyere, and Steph's found happiness with an artist who photographs roadkill. Everyone's growing wiser and worldlier--well, almost everyone. Yes, Dave still has trouble with the automatic car wash, defibrillators, and hot yoga, but he's come to appreciate Mary Turlington, and that's saying quite a bit. In this brand new collection of Vinyl Cafe stories, the more things change, the more things stay the same...

The Secret Diaries Of Miss Anne Lister: Vol. 1 Jan 26 2020 'Engaging, revealing, at times simply astonishing: Anne Lister's diaries are an indispensable read for anyone interested in the history of gender, sexuality, and the intimate lives of women' SARAH WATERS 'The Lister diaries are the Dead Sea Scrolls of lesbian history; they changed everything. By resurrecting them and editing them with such loving attention and intelligence, Helena Whitbread has earned the gratitude of a whole generation' EMMA DONOGHUE When this volume of Anne Lister's diaries was first published in 1988, it was hailed as a vital piece of lost lesbian history. The editor, Helena Whitbread, had spent years painstakingly researching and transcribing Lister's extensive journals, much of which were written in an elaborate code - what Lister called her 'crypthand', which allowed her to record her life in intimate, and at times, explicit, detail. Until then, Anne Lister's lesbianism had been suppressed or hinted at; this was the first time her story had been told. Anne Lister defied the role of nineteenth-century womanhood: she was bold, fiercely independent, a landowner, industrialist, traveller and lesbian - a woman who lived her life on her own terms. '[Anne Lister's] sense of self, and self-awareness, is what makes her modern to us. She was a woman exercising conscious choice. She controlled her cash and her body. At a time when women had to marry, or be looked after by a male relative, and when all their property on marriage passed to their husband, Anne Lister not only dodged the traps of being female, she set up a liaison with another woman that enhanced her own wealth and left both of them free to live as they wished . . . The diaries gave me courage' JEANETTE WINTERSON These diaries include the years 1816-1824. The second volume, continuing Anne's story, *THE SECRET DIARIES OF MISS ANNE LISTER: NO PRIEST BUT LOVE*, is now available.

The Blessing Of A Skinned Knee Aug 21 2019 Provides parents with advice on using Jewish teachings from the Torah and Talmud to overcome struggles with raising children, nurture strengths and uniqueness, and encourage respectfulness towards their parents and others.

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