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Common Nonsense Aug 27 2019 Who is this guy and why are people listening? Forget Rush Limbaugh, Bill O'Reilly, and Sean Hannity—Glenn Beck is the Right's new media darling and the unofficial leader of the conservative grassroots. Lampooned by the Left and Lionized by the far Right, his bluster-and-tears brand of political commentary has commandeered attention on both sides of the aisle. Glenn Beck has emerged over the last decade as a unique and bizarre conservative icon for the new century. He encourages his listeners to embrace a cynical paranoia that slides easily into a fantasyland filled with enemies that do not exist and solutions that are incoherent, at best. Since the election of President Barack Obama, Beck's bombastic, conspiratorial, and often viciously personal approach to political combat has made him one of the most controversial figures in the history of American broadcasting. In Common Nonsense, investigative reporter Alexander Zaitchik explores Beck's strange brew of ratings lust, boundless ego, conspiratorial hard-right politics, and gimmicky morning-radio entertainment chops. Separates the facts from the fiction, following Beck from his troubled childhood to his recent rise to the top of the conservative media heap Zaitchik's recent three-part series in Salon caused so much buzz, Beck felt the need to attack it on his show Based on Zaitchik's interviews with former Beck coworkers and review of countless Beck writings and television and radio shows Explains why Beck is always crying, why he has so many conservative enemies, why he's driven by conspiracy theories, and why he's dangerous to the health of the republic A contributing writer to Alternet, Zaitchik's reporting has appeared in the New Republic, the Nation, Salon, Wired, Reason, and the Believer Beck, a perverse and high-impact media spectacle, has emerged as a leader in a conservative protest movement that raises troubling questions about the future of American politics.

The Appearance of a Hero May 05 2020 "Levine's stories are riveting and subtle, shot through with a muted wisdom and palpable compassion." ?Publisher's Weekly Tom Mahoney is the golden boy everyone knew in school: good-looking, charming, an athlete---sought after by women, the envy of men. His success in life seems a foregone conclusion. In The Appearance of a Hero, Tom navigates the passage into adulthood, his story chronicled from every perspective but his own. Tom crisscrosses the country in search of direction, affecting the lives of everyone he meets. The recounting of his illicit affair with an older colleague reveals a young man unprepared for the emotional entanglements that come with love. Tom's father, Stuart, struggles to reconcile Tom's splendor with his shortcomings, as he watches his only child fail to live up to expectations. A young couple befriends an unsuspecting Tom, attempting to extract the very qualities others find so alluring about him. For an aging tennis partner, Tom serves as a lens through which the man is able to understand his early years of fatherhood. A girlfriend, enamored by Tom, attempts to isolate him, with shocking consequences. As the mythology surrounding Tom grows richer, Tom struggles to understand what exactly has eluded him, and in stories that grow increasingly desperate and heartbreaking, we begin to see that being an icon is not all it's cracked up to be. In this haunting short story collection, Peter Levine offers a portrait of a hero for the twenty-

first century, a man whose legend is constructed not by himself but by those around him, all desperate for someone to idolize.

A Fraction of the Whole May 17 2021 From his prison cell, Jasper Dean tells the unlikely story of his scheming father Martin, his crazy Uncle Terry and how the three of them upset mostly unintentionally an entire continent. Incorporating death, parenting (good and bad kinds), one labyrinth, first love, a handbook for criminals, a scheme to make everyone rich and an explosive suggestion box, Steve Toltz's A Fraction of the Whole is a hilarious, heartbreaking story of families and how to survive them.

The Sleepy Hollow Family Almanac Jun 17 2021 Twenty-four-year-old college dropout Calvin Moretti moves back home with his parents and two siblings and is forced to deal with their problems, which include his father's cancer and his sister's pregnancy, as well as his own.

Mineral Tolerance of Animals Jun 25 2019 Excess minerals in the diet and water of animals can have an adverse effect on animal health, consumers, and the environment. Preventing unsafe mineral exposure is a fundamental part of animal nutrition and management. At the request of the Food and Drug Administration, the National Academies convened a committee to make recommendations on animal tolerances and toxic dietary levels, updating a 1980 report on mineral tolerance in domestic animals. Based on a review of current scientific data and information, the report sets a "maximum tolerable level" (MTL) for each mineral as it applies to the diets of farm animals, poultry, and fish. The report includes an analysis of the effects of toxic levels in animal diets, and it identifies elements that pose potential human health concerns. The report recommends research that includes a better characterization of animal exposure to minerals through feedstuffs; a better understanding of the relationship between mineral concentrations in feed and water and the levels in consumer products such as meat, milk, and eggs; and more research on the maximum tolerable level of minerals for aquatic and companion animals.

An Arsonist's Guide to Writers' Homes in New England Aug 20 2021 A lot of remarkable things have happened in the life of Sam Pulsifer, the hapless hero of this incendiary novel, beginning with the ten years he spent in prison for accidentally burning down Emily Dickinson's house and unwittingly killing two people. Emerging at age twenty-eight, he creates a new life and identity as a husband and father. But when the homes of other famous New England writers suddenly go up in smoke, he must prove his innocence by uncovering the identity of this literary-minded arsonist. In the league of such contemporary classics as A Confederacy of Dunces and The World According to Garp, An Arsonist's Guide to Writers' Homes in New England is an utterly original story about truth and honesty, life and the imagination.

A Dictionary of English Surnames Dec 12 2020 This classic dictionary explains the origins of over 16,000 names in current English use. It will be a source of fascination to everyone with an interest in names and their history. This classic dictionary answers questions such as these and explains the origins of over 16,000 names in current English use. It will be a source of fascination to everyone with an interest in names and their history.

What We Won't Do Apr 27 2022 The 2000 Winner of the Mary McCarthy Prize in Short Fiction judged by Mark Richard.

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The Funny Man Apr 03 2020 Catapulted into success after discovering a gimmick that renders him uncomfortable and embarrassed, a stand-up comic suffers the dissolution of his marriage before falling in love

unexpectedly and getting arrested for a shooting incident. By the co-author of My First Presidential. Reprint. Trophy Jul 19 2021 Twenty-nine year old Vada Prickett's life is flashing before his eyes as his friend and rival Wyatt Yancy's new trophy, a stuffed grizzly bear, is crushing him to death.

I, Grape; Or, the Case for Fiction Feb 23 2022 In fifteen sharply engaging essays, acclaimed novelist and short story writer Brock Clarke examines the art (and artifice) of fiction from unpredictable and entertaining angles, positing through a slant scrutiny of place, voice, and syntax what fiction can--and can't--do. ("Very: is there a weaker, sadder, more futile word in the English language?") Clarke supports his case with passages by and about writers who have both influenced and irritated him. Pieces such as "What the Cold Can Teach Us," "The Case for Meanness," "Why Good Literature Makes Us Bad People," and "The Novel is Dead; Long Live the Novel" celebrate the achievements of master practitioners such as Muriel Spark, Joy Williams, Donald Barthelme, Flannery O'Connor, Paul Beatty, George Saunders, John Cheever, and Colson Whitehead. Of particular interest to Clarke is the contentious divide between fiction and memoir, which he investigates using recent and relevant critical arguments, also tackling ancillary forms such as "fictional memoir" and the autobiographical novel. Anecdotal and unabashed, rigorous and piercingly perceptive--not to mention flat-out funny--I, Grape; or The Case for Fiction is a love letter to and a passionate defense of the discipline to which its author has devoted his life and mind. It is also an attempt to eff the ineffable: "That is one of the basic tenets of this book: when we write fiction, surprising things sometimes happen, especially when fiction writers take advantage of their chosen form's contrarian ability to surprise."

Mo Said She Was Quirky Apr 15 2021 In Mo Said She Was Quirky James Kelman, the Booker prize-winning author of How late it was, how late, tells the story of Helen - a sister, a mother, a daughter - a very ordinary young woman. Her boyfriend said she was quirky but it was more than that. Some things were important. You had to fight for them. Only Helen wasn't as strong as people thought. She tried to be but didn't always succeed. Nobody does, not all the time. Trust, love, relationships; parents, children, lovers; death, wealth and home. The ordinary stuff of life - but extraordinary too when you think about it. As Helen did, each waking hour, till that strangest of moments on the way home from work when this skinny down-at-heel guy crossed the road in front of her. Brian? Her long-lost brother? How could it be? But it was his shape, his very presence. Could it be? So begins Mo Said She Was Quirky - James Kelman's inspired and absorbing story of twenty-four hours in the life of a croupier - an ordinary young woman, as ordinary, as unique, as each and every one of us. Praise for If it is your life 'Like Kelman's best work, it is tender and funny in a way that may surprise' Daily Telegraph 'A collection by turns heart-breaking, profound and bitterly funny. It also amply demonstrates Kelman's skill in writing about women, his rich understanding of the psychological dance that goes on between couples and strangers' Scottish Herald 'Kelman portrays his world with bleakly beautiful honesty' The Times James Kelman was born in Glasgow, Scotland. His story collections include Greyhound for Breakfast, The Burn, The Good Times and most recently If it is your life. His novel How late it was, how late won the 1994 Booker Prize. Other novels include Translated Accounts, You Have to be Careful in the Land of the Free and Kieron Smith, boy. In 2009 and 2011 James Kelman was shortlisted for the MAN Booker International Prize. Mo said she was quirky was the Saltire Society Book of the Year for 2012.

*The Burgess Boys Sep 20 2021 From the Man Booker Prize longlisted author of My Name is Lucy Barton Two brothers' lives are irrevocably altered when their 19-year-old nephew is embroiled in a scandal of his own making Haunted by the freak accident that killed their father when they were children, Jim and Bob Burgess escaped from their Maine hometown of Shirley Falls for New York City as soon as they possibly could. Jim, a sleek, successful corporate lawyer, has belittled his bighearted brother their whole lives, and Bob, a legal aid attorney who idolises Jim, has always taken it in his stride. But their long-standing dynamic is upended when their sister, Susan - the sibling who stayed behind - urgently calls them home. Her lonely teenage son, Zach, has landed himself into a world of trouble, and Susan desperately needs their help. And so the Burgess brothers return to the landscape of their childhood, where the long-buried tensions that have shaped and shadowed their relationship begin to surface in unexpected ways that will change them forever. * 'Strout animates the ordinary with an astonishing force' The New Yorker * 'As perfect a novel as you will ever read' Evening Standard on Olive Kitteridge * 'A novel of shining integrity and humour, about the bravery and hard choices of what is called ordinary life' Alice Munro on Amy & Isabelle Visit the author's website:*

www.elizabethstrout.com

The Post-Truth Era Sep 28 2019 *The best-selling author of Is There Life After High School? reveals the pervasiveness of deceitful behavior in American society, drawing on current research to explain why people lie and tolerate dishonesty on a daily basis, and profiling the deceptive behaviors of such figures as journalist Jayson Blair and professor Joseph Ellis. 20,000 first printing.*

Page from a Cold Island Jul 27 2019 *The death of Edmund Wilson precipitates an odyssey through the distorted literary landscape of America in search of Wilson's essence as the pre-eminent man of letters and the author's own creative wellsprings*

The Sociology of Healthcare Aug 08 2020 *The Sociology of Healthcare, Second Edition explores the impact of current social changes on health, illness and healthcare, and provides an overview of the fundamental concerns in these areas. This new edition features a brand new chapter entitled 'End of Life' which will help health and social care workers to respond with confidence to one of the most difficult and challenging areas of care. The 'End of Life' chapter includes information on changing attitudes to death, theories of death and dying, and palliative care. All chapters have been thoroughly updated to address diversity issues such as gender, ethnicity and disability. In addition, expanded and updated chapters include 'Childhood and Adolescence' and 'Health Inequalities'. The text is further enhanced through the use of case studies that relate theory to professional practice, and discussion questions to aid understanding. Links to websites direct the reader to further information on health, social wellbeing and government policies. This book is essential reading for all students of healthcare including nursing, medicine, midwifery and health studies and for those studying healthcare as part of sociology, social care and social policy degrees. "In an age when health policy follows an individualist model of "personal responsibility" this book by Alan Clarke demonstrates with a vast array of evidence, just how much there is such a thing as society. An excellent overall book." Dr. Stephen Cowden, Senior Lecturer in Social Work, Coventry University*

Let the Great World Spin Nov 30 2019 *In 1974 Manhattan, a radical young Irish monk struggles with personal demons while making his home among Bronx prostitutes, a group of mothers shares grief over their lost Vietnam soldier sons, and a young grandmother attempts to prove her worth.*

Temporomandibular Disorders Sep 08 2020 *Temporomandibular disorders (TMDs), are a set of more than 30 health disorders associated with both the temporomandibular joints and the muscles and tissues of the jaw. TMDs have a range of causes and often co-occur with a number of overlapping medical conditions, including headaches, fibromyalgia, back pain and irritable bowel syndrome. TMDs can be transient or long-lasting and may be associated with problems that range from an occasional click of the jaw to severe chronic pain involving the entire orofacial region. Everyday activities, including eating and talking, are often difficult for people with TMDs, and many of them suffer with severe chronic pain due to this condition. Common social activities that most people take for granted, such as smiling, laughing, and kissing, can become unbearable. This dysfunction and pain, and its associated suffering, take a terrible toll on affected individuals, their families, and their friends. Individuals with TMDs often feel stigmatized and invalidated in their experiences by their family, friends, and, often, the health care community. Misjudgments and a failure to understand the nature and depths of TMDs can have severe consequences - more pain and more suffering - for individuals, their families and our society. Temporomandibular Disorders: Priorities for Research and Care calls on a number of stakeholders - across medicine, dentistry, and other fields - to improve the health and well-being of individuals with a TMD. This report addresses the current state of knowledge regarding TMD research, education and training, safety and efficacy of clinical treatments of TMDs, and burden and costs associated with TMDs. The recommendations of Temporomandibular Disorders focus on the actions that many organizations and agencies should take to improve TMD research and care and improve the overall health and well-being of individuals with a TMD.*

Wasp Box Jan 13 2021 *When a soldier returning home to a small New York town inadvertently transports an invasive species of deadly parasitic wasps, he sets off a frightening chain of events that throws an entire community into an unpredictable crisis. Escalating in its psychological, emotional, and narrative intensity, Ockert's gripping first novel examines the choices individuals make in the face of danger, the limits of personal strength, and the value of family loyalty when the familiar world unravels.*

Exley Nov 03 2022 "The literary equivalent of a half-court shot . . . Extraordinary."—NPR For young Miller Le Ray, life has become a search. A search for his dad, who may or may not have joined the army and gone to Iraq. A search for a notorious (and, unfortunately, deceased) writer, Frederick Exley, author of the "fictional memoir" A Fan's Notes, who may hold the key to bringing Miller's father back. But most of all, his is a search for truth. As Miller says, "Sometimes you have to tell the truth about some of the stuff you've done so that people will believe you when you tell them the truth about other stuff you haven't done." In Exley as in his previous bestselling novel, An Arsonist's Guide to Writers' Homes in New England, Brock Clarke takes his reader into a world that is both familiar and disorienting, thought-provoking and thoroughly entertaining. Told by Miller and Dr. Pahnee, both unreliable narrators, it becomes an exploration of the difference between what we believe to be real and what is in fact real.

Unfinished Business Jan 01 2020 A workaholic former editor of Parade magazine traces his midlife effort to reconnect with others while attending to the loose ends in his life for a year, sharing ten transformational journeys during which he repaid an old debt, fulfilled a forgotten promise and more.

Lungs Full of Noise May 29 2022 Explores the ways women and girls view themselves and their shortcomings, including "Mariposa Girls," in which figure skaters screw blades directly into their feet and shave their bodies to give themselves an added edge.

The Ordinary White Boy Jul 31 2022 An over-educated young man in a depressed, working-class town, Lamar Kerry faces a host of challenges as he deals with his mother's chronic illness, his father's disappointment in him, and the responsibilities of becoming an adult.

Abbott Awaits Mar 15 2021 A quiet tour de force, Chris Bachelder's Abbott Awaits transforms the ordinary into the extraordinary, startlingly depicting the intense and often heartbreaking challenges that a vulnerable, imaginative young father faces as he lives his everyday American existence. The vexation of Abbott's pensive self-doubt comes to a head one day as he cleans vomited raspberries out of his daughter's car seat and muses: "The following propositions are both true: (A) Abbott would not, given the opportunity, change one significant element of his life, but (B) Abbott cannot stand his life." Composed of small moments of domestic wonder and terror Bachelder's novel is a charming story of misadventure, anxiety, and the every-day battles.

For Sale by Owner Jun 05 2020 Fiction. In Kelcey Parker's tales of twisted domesticity, a woman gives her family up for Lent; a mother finds redemption at Chuck E. Cheese; a former best-friend-forever wreaks baby shower havoc; a bride swallows a housefly at the altar; and a suburbanite's obsession with "memory books" puts her family in jeopardy. These stories offer a contemporary and dryly funny view of marriage, parenting and loss. Fans of Lorrie Moore and Antonya Nelson will find kinship in Parker's wit and generosity of spirit. This debut collection marks the appearance of a writer with a new perspective on family, home, and an evolving American subculture.

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Fear and What Follows Nov 22 2021 Fear and What Follows is a riveting, unflinching account of the author's spiral into racist violence during the latter years of desegregation in 1960s and 1970s Baton Rouge. About the memoir, author and editor Michael Griffith writes, "This might be a controversial book, in the best way—controversial because it speaks to real and intractable problems and speaks to them with rare bluntness." The narrative of Parrish's descent into fear and irrational behavior begins with bigotry and apocalyptic thinking in his Southern Baptist church. Living a life upon this volatile foundation of prejudice and

apprehension, Parrish feels destabilized by his brother going to Vietnam, his own puberty and restlessness, serious family illness, and economic uncertainty. Then a near-fatal street fight and subsequent stalking by an older sociopath fracture what security is left, leaving him terrified and seemingly helpless. Parrish comes to believe that he can only be safe by allying himself with brute force. This brute influence is a vicious, charismatic racist. Under this bigot's terrible sway, Parrish turns to violence in the street and at school. He is even conflicted about whether he will help commit murder in order to avenge a friend. At seventeen he must reckon with all of this as his parents and neighbors grow increasingly afraid that they are "losing" their neighborhood to African Americans. Fear and What Follows is an unparalleled story of the complex roots of southern, urban, working-class racism and white flight, as well as a story of family, love, and the possibility of redemption.

This Is Not Your City Jan 25 2022 Eleven women confront the everyday, outlandish, and unnerving in a "startlingly ingenious" collection of stories (The Boston Globe). From the American Midwest to Finland to the coast of Africa, Caitlin Horrocks "deploys love and humor as convincingly as dread" as she explores the dilemmas of wives, mothers, daughters, lovers, and strangers who cut imperfect paths to peace and escape. In personal worlds gone awry, they have no other choice (The New York Times). A Russian mail-order bride is rendered silent by her dislocation and loss of language; a subversively sadistic biology teacher takes advantage of pupil's unease; on a cruise ship held hostage by Somali pirates, the mother of a severely disabled boy writes him postcards he'll never read; crime and conscience collide for a professional dog-napper heartened by her loveable new catch; a girl is plagued by unforgiving memories of a cruel game she played on a classmate years ago; and an Iowa actuary wanders among the reincarnations of those she's known in her 127 lives. In this "achingly observant and witty" (Cleveland Plain Dealer), San Francisco Chronicle Best Book Pick, Caitlin Horrocks delivers "refreshing takes on old themes: childhood meanness, the effects of devastating illness, the desire for a better life, misunderstandings between parents and their children, [and] looking for love in all the wrong places" (Minneapolis Star-Tribune).

*The Busiest Man in England Oct 29 2019 This book is a critical biography of Grant Allen, (1848-1899), the first for a century, based on all the surviving primary sources. Born in Kingston, Ontario, into a cultured and affluent family, Allen was educated in France and England. A mysterious marriage while he was an Oxford undergraduate wrecked his academic career and radicalized his views on sexual and marital questions, as did a three-year teaching stint in Jamaica. Despite his lifelong ill health and short life, Allen was a writer of extraordinary productivity and range. About half - more than 30 books and many hundreds of articles - reflects interests which ran from Darwinian biology to cultural travel guides. His prosperity, however, was underpinned by fiction; more than 30 novels, including *The Woman Who Did*, which has attracted much recent attention from feminist critics and historians. *The Better End of Grub Street* uses Allen's career to examine the role and status of the freelance author/journalist in the late-Victorian period. Allen's career delineates what it took to succeed in this notoriously tough profession.*

*Who Are You, Calvin Bledsoe? Jun 29 2022 "A story in which anything and everything can happen, and mostly does. This is a book of many trips—across oceans, back to the past, and, most profoundly, into the infinite deep space of the human heart. Brock Clarke has given us a wonderful novel that bursts with all the meaty stuff of real life." —Ben Fountain, author of *Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk* Calvin Bledsoe's journey begins with the death of his mother. An internationally known theologian and an expert on all things John Calvin, she had been the dominant force in her son's existence, so much so that he never left home—even when he married—and, as a result, never grew up. At his mother's funeral, Calvin is introduced to his aunt Beatrice, a woman he had not even known existed. Beatrice immediately makes it clear to Calvin that she is now in charge of his life, and the first thing she is going to do is whisk him off to Europe with her for a grand adventure. As Calvin and his aunt traverse the continent, it becomes apparent that her clandestine behavior is leading him into danger. Facing a menagerie of antiquities thieves, secret agents, religious fanatics, and an ex-wife who is stalking him, Calvin begins to suspect there might be some meaning behind the madness. Maybe he's not the person he thought he was? Perhaps no one is ever who they appear to be? But there's little time for soul-searching, as Calvin first has to figure out why he has been kidnapped, why his aunt has disappeared, and who the hell burned down his house in Maine. Powered by pitch-perfect dialogue, lovable characters, and*

surprising optimism, *Who Are You, Calvin Bledsoe?* is a modern-day take on Graham Greene's classic *Travels with My Aunt*, a novel about grabbing life, and holding on—wherever it may take you.

Long Drive Home Feb 11 2021 Impulsively veering his car into the path of a reckless driver, Glen Bauer inadvertently kills a young man and constructs an elaborate cover story, a situation that is complicated by police suspicions, agonizing guilt, and his seven-year-old daughter's witness to the crash.

An Arsonist's Guide to Writers' Homes in New England Dec 24 2021 Sam Pulsifer has come to the end of a very long and unusual journey. He spent ten years in prison for accidentally burning down poet Emily Dickinson's house - and unwittingly killing two people in the process. He emerged aged twenty-eight and set about creating a new life for himself. He went to college, found love, got married, fathered two children, and made a new start - and then watched in almost-silent awe as the vengeful past caught up with him, right at his own front door. As, one by one, the homes of other famous New England writers are torched, Sam knows that this time he is most certainly not guilty. To prove his innocence, he sets out to uncover the identity of this literary-minded arsonist. What he discovers, and how he deals with the reality of his discoveries, is both hilariously funny and heartbreakingly sad. *An Arsonist's Guide to Writers' Homes in New England* is a novel disguised as a memoir; a deeply affecting story about truth and honesty and the damage they do.

A Fan's Notes Oct 02 2022 This fictional memoir, the first of an autobiographical trilogy, traces a self-professed failure's nightmarish descent into the underside of American life and his resurrection to the wisdom that emerges from despair.

The Happiest People in the World Sep 01 2022 “[A] dark and funny satire . . . Infidelities, secret identities and double-crosses . . . Reflects the absurdity of any country obsessed with spying on its own people.” —*The Wall Street Journal* Take the format of a spy thriller, shape it around real-life incidents involving international terrorism, leaven it with dark, dry humor, toss in a love rectangle, give everybody a gun, and let everything play out in the outer reaches of upstate New York--there you have an idea of Brock Clarke's new novel. Filled with wonder and anger in almost equal parts, *The Happiest People in the World* is a ripped-from-the-headlines tale of paranoia and the all-American obsession with security and the conspiracies that threaten it. “A literary first: a book that feels like the love child of Saul Bellow and Hogan's Heroes, full of authorial cartwheels of comedy and profundity.” —*GQ* “*The Happiest People in the World* begins with a raucous bar scene featuring party streamers, smoke, prone bodies, spilled fluids and a stuffed moose with a surveillance camera in its left eye . . . [Clarke has] success in dreaming up oddball originals that have instant appeal.” —Janet Maslin, *The New York Times* “[Clarke] creates books that taste like delicious cuts of absurdity marbled with erudition.” —*The Washington Post* “A whiz-bang spy satire bundled in an edgy tale of redemption . . . His comedy of errors is impossible to put down.” —*Publishers Weekly*, starred review “A darkly hilarious novel . . . The writing is clever, the dialogue snappy and understated, and the effect is as pleasantly unsettling as anything Kurt Vonnegut Jr. ever wrote.” —*The Portland Sun* “A zany and fast-paced book that explores the myriad ways people of all nations make themselves and others unhappy.” —*Chicago Tribune*, Printer's Row “Ranks among the funniest and most relevant social satires I've read . . . It might just make you the happiest reader in the world.” —*The Dallas Morning News*

The Know-It-All Mar 03 2020 On leaving school or university, you feel pretty pleased with yourself. You've learnt a lot, your'e well-read and you know a whole bunch of obscure facts guaranteed at some point to appear in the questions on Mastermind or University Challenge. Then you get a job, and ten years later you're more eloquent and eager to argue about Britney and Big Brother than Beckett and the Brontes. Sound familiar? Well it happened to AJ Jacobs too. As an editor at *Esquire*, Jacobs had built up a rather impressive knowledge of celebrity trivia - and the cure was going to take a long time. While others might take to reading a broadsheet at the weekend, Jacobs chose to read the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*. All 33,000 pages of it. Bill Bryson meets Schott's *Original Miscellany* meets Woody Allen. Part assemblage of fascinating trivia, part journey through adulthood, all laugh-out-loud funny.

The Heaven of Animals Mar 27 2022 Collects stories that explore the tenuous bonds of family as they are tested by the sometimes brutal power of love and where characters are chased by troubles of their own making.

Sculptor's Daughter Jan 31 2020 Tove Jansson's first book for adults drew on her childhood memories to capture afresh the enchantments and fears of growing up in Helsinki in the nineteen tens and twenties.

Described as both a memoir and 'a book of superb stories' by Ali Smith, her startlingly evocative prose offers a glimpse of the mysteries of winter ice, the bonhomie of balalaika parties, and the vastness of Christmas viewed from beneath the tree. With rare images from the Jansson family archive, it makes a perfect gift.

From the Memoirs of a Non-Enemy Combatant Jul 07 2020 The critically acclaimed debut from Alex Gilvarry, a darkly comic love letter to New York, told through the eyes of Boy Hernandez: Filipino immigrant, glamour junkie, Guantánamo detainee. Alex Gilvarry's widely acclaimed first novel is the story of designer Boy Hernandez: Filipino immigrant, New York glamour junkie, Guantánamo detainee. Locked away indefinitely and accused of being linked to a terrorist plot, Boy prepares for the tribunal of his life with this intimate confession, a dazzling swirl of soirees, runways, and hipster romance that charts one small man's undying love for New York City and his pursuit of the big American dream—even as the present nightmare of detainment chisels away at his vital wit andchutzpah. A New York Times Editor's Choice, From the Memoirs of a Non-Enemy Combatant unveils two of America's most illusory realms—high fashion and Homeland Security—in a funny, wise, and beguiling, and Kafkaesque tale for our strange times.

Let's Do Oct 10 2020 Winner of the Katherine Anne Porter Prize in Short Fiction, 2004. In the nine stories of Let's Do, various calamities strike ordinary Midwesterners, who cope with a mixture of good intentions and ineptitude. Balancing humor with painful clarity, author Rebecca Meacham pulls readers into the lives of characters who struggle with--and more often against--change.