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Not a Star May 02 2020 It's bad enough for a mother to discover that her son is a porn star, even worse when the nosy neighbors know first. After Lynn sees her son Mark in an adult film, she is forced to ask many difficult questions.

A Long Way Down Jul 28 2022 Narrated in turns by a dowdy, middle-aged woman, a half-crazed adolescent, a disgraced breakfast TV presenter and an American rock star cum pizza delivery boy, A Long Way Down is the story of the Toppers House Four, aka Maureen, Jess, Martin and JJ. A low-rent crowd with absolutely nothing in common - save where they end up that New Year's Eve night. And what they do next, of course. Funny, sad, and wonderfully humane, Nick Hornby's new novel asks some of the big questions: about life and death, strangers and friendship, love and pain, and whether a slice of pizza can really see you through a long, dark night of the soul.

About a boy Aug 24 2019 Will ist 36 und lebt in London ein ruhiges, gemütliches Leben - bis er eines Tages den zwölfjährigen Marcus und dessen allein erziehende Mutter kennen lernt. Schnell werden der trendbewusste Womanizer und der Junge, der so uncool ist, dass seine Mitschüler ihn links liegen lassen, die besten Freunde - und langsam lernt das ungleiche Paar, was es heißt, erwachsen zu werden ...

Dickens and Prince Feb 08 2021 In Nick Hornby's completely joyous and original new book two great figures share the stage. Charles Dickens and Prince. Two wildly different artists who caught fire and lit up the world in ways no others could. Where did their magic come from? How did they work so hard and produce so much? How did they manage or give in to the restlessness and intensity of their creativity? How did they use it, and did it kill them? With wit, curiosity and deep admiration Nick Hornby traces their extraordinary lives - from their difficult beginnings to the women they fell for to their limitless energy for work, to their money and the movies - and brilliantly illuminates their very particular kind of genius. 'I love this. It's smart and funny and elegantly persuasive' Robert Douglas-Fairhurst, author of *Becoming Dickens*

Funny Girl Jul 04 2020 *Funny Girl* - the much-anticipated new novel by Nick Hornby, the million-copy bestselling author of *About a Boy* Make them laugh, and they're yours forever . . . It's the swinging 60s and the nation is mesmerized by unlikely comedy star Sophie Straw, the former Blackpool beauty queen who just wants to make people laugh, like her heroine Lucille Ball. Behind the scenes, the cast and crew are having the time of their lives. But when the script begins to get a bit too close to home, and life starts imitating art, they all face a choice. The writers, Tony and Bill, comedy obsessives, each harbour a secret. The Oxbridge-educated director, Dennis, loves his job but hates his marriage. The male star Clive, feels he's destined for better things. And Sophie Straw, who's changed her name and abandoned her old life, must decide whether to keep going, or change the

channel. Nick Hornby's new novel is about popular culture, youth and old age, fame, class and teamwork. It offers a wonderfully captivating portrait of youthful exuberance and creativity, and of a period when both were suddenly allowed to flourish. Fans of Hornby will love this book, as will readers of David Nicholls, Mark Haddon and William Boyd.

Stuff I've Been Reading Jun 26 2022 Stuff I've Been Reading by Nick Hornby - the bestselling novelist's rich, witty and inspiring reading diary 'Read what you enjoy, not what bores you,' Nick Hornby tells us. And in this new collection of his columns from the Believer magazine he shows us how it's done. From historical tomes to comic books, literary novels to children's stories, political thrillers to travel writing, Stuff I've Been Reading details Nick's thoughts and experiences on books by George Orwell, J.M. Barrie, Muriel Spark, Claire Tomalin, Charles Dickens, Mark Twain, Jennifer Egan, Ian McEwan, Cormac McCarthy and many, many more. This wonderfully entertaining journey in reading differs from all other reviews or critical appreciations - it takes into account the role that books actually play in our lives. This book, which is classic Hornby, confirms the novelist's status as one of the world's most exciting curators of culture. It will be loved by fans of *About a Boy* and *High Fidelity*, as well as readers of *Will Self*, *Zadie Smith*, *Stewart Lee* and *Charlie Brooker*.

Speaking with the Angel Jul 24 2019 Presents a collection of stories that have heart, soul and wit.

Songbook Mar 12 2021 "All I have to say about these songs is that I love them, and want to sing along to them, and force other people to listen to them, and get cross when these other people don't like them as much as I do." —Nick Hornby, from *Songbook* A wise and hilarious collection from the bestselling author of *Just Like You*, *Funny Girl*, *About a Boy*, and *High Fidelity*. Songs, songwriters, and why and how they get under our skin... *Songbook* is Nick Hornby's labor of love. A shrewd, funny, and completely unique collection of musings on pop music, why it's good, what makes us listen and love it, and the ways in which it attaches itself to our lives—all with the beat of a perfectly mastered mix tape.

Housekeeping Vs. the Dirt May 26 2022 Offers reviews on a wide range of American works, providing insights into the authors' styles and techniques and making recommendations for readers.

Just Like You Nov 27 2019 'A charming - and sharp - love story about what it means to fall for someone who is your polar opposite' *Sunday Telegraph*
Lucy married just the sort of man you might expect: a university graduate who runs his own business. Unfortunately he turned out to have serious dependency issues. Joseph is shaking off the memory of his last date, a girl who ticked all the right boxes and also drove him up the wall. On an average Saturday morning in a butcher's shop in North London, Lucy and Joseph meet on opposite sides of the counter. She is a teacher and mother of two, with a past she is trying to forget; he is an aspiring DJ with a wide-open future that maybe needs to start becoming more focused. Lucy and Joseph are opposites in almost all ways. Can something life-changing grow from uncommon ground? Nick Hornby's brilliantly observed, tender and brutally funny new novel gets to the heart of what it means to fall headlong in love with the best possible person - someone who may not be just like you at all. 'Truly funny . . . immensely readable, sharp-eyed and at times hilarious' *Guardian* 'Comedy for our times' *Sunday Times* 'Sparkles with tip-top dialogue and pin-sharp comic timing' *Daily Mail*

About a Boy Apr 24 2022 Will does not want children, but he does see the point of single mothers, especially if they look like Julie Christie. When he meets Marcus, whose parents have split up and who is being persecuted by bullies, Will finds that he has a lot to learn.

How to be Good Jun 14 2021 According to her own complex moral calculations, Katie Carr has earned her affair. She's a doctor, after all, and doctors are decent people, and on top of that, her husband David is the self-styled Angriest Man in Holloway. But when David suddenly becomes good - properly, maddeningly, give-away-all-his-money good - Katie's sums no longer add up, and she is forced to ask herself some very hard questions.

Nick Hornby's brilliant new novel, a No. 1 bestseller in the UK and Ireland, offers a painfully funny account of modern marriage and parenthood, and asks that most difficult of questions: what does it mean to be good?

Slam Jun 02 2020 'There was this time when everything seemed to have come together. And so obviously it was time to go and screw it all up.' Sam is sixteen and a skater. Just so there are no terrible misunderstandings: skating = skateboarding. There's no ice. Life is ticking along nicely for Sam: his mum's got rid of her rubbish boyfriend, he's thinking about college and he's met someone. Alicia. Then a little accident happens. One with big consequences for someone just finding his way in life. Sam can't run (let alone skate) away from this one. He's a boy facing a man's problems and the question is - has he got what it takes to confront them?

Fever Pitch Jan 22 2022 A famous account of growing up to be a fanatical football supporter. Told through a series of match reports, FEVER PITCH has enjoyed enormous critical and commercial success since it was first published in 1992. It has helped to create a new kind of sports writing, and established Hornby as one of the finest writers of his generation.

Songbook Sep 25 2019 An award-winning music critic profiles 26 pop songs in a series of humorous, touching, personal and nostalgic essays that highlight the ability of pop music to have a lasting influence on our lives.

Ten Years in the Tub Aug 29 2022 "How often do you begin reading a book that makes you—immediately, urgently, desperately—want to read more books?" (Booklist). Nick Hornby has managed to write just such a book in this hilarious, insightful, and infectious volume. *Ten Years in the Tub* chronicles Hornby's journey through a decade's worth of books, as related in his wildly popular *Believer* column "Stuff I've Been Reading." *Ten Years in the Tub* is a one-way ticket into the mind of one of the most beloved contemporary writers on his favorite pastime, but it's also a meditation on what Celine Dion can teach us about ourselves, a warning about how John Updike can ruin our sex lives, and a recommendation for the way Body Shop Vanilla Shower Gel can add excitement to our days. This "decade-long addiction for many... makes standing in line at the bank a blessed interval for snorting another page." (the New York Times Book Review)

Speaking with the Angel Dec 21 2021 A dozen of the most successful and popular writers today including: Helen Fielding, Robert Harris, Patrick Marber, Zadie Smith, John O'Farrell, Roddy Doyle, Melissa Bank and Irvine Welsh have written 6000-word fictional monologues along the lines of Alan Bennett's *Talking Heads*. And Colin Firth makes his debut as a fiction writer. The result is a book of completely original stories that have heart, soul and wit. All the writers have given their work free, and Penguin is giving £1 per copy sold to the TreeHouse Trust, a charity which is setting up a unique school for autistic children

How to be Good Sep 17 2021 *How to be Good* is Nick Hornby's hilarious bestselling novel on life, love and charity 'I am in a car park in Leeds when I tell my husband I don't want to be married to him any more. . . ' London GP Katie Carr always thought she was a good person. With her husband David making a living as 'The Angriest Man in Holloway', she figured she could put up with anything. Until, that is, David meets DJ Goodnews and becomes a good person too. A far-too-good person who starts committing crimes of charity like taking in the homeless and giving their kids' toys away. Suddenly Katie's feeling very bad about herself, and thinking that if charity begins at home, then maybe its time to move. . . This laugh-out-loud novel, from the bestselling author of *About a Boy* and *High Fidelity*, will have you gripped from start to finish and will appeal to fans of David Nicholls and Jonathan Coe, as well as readers in need of a moral compass everywhere. 'Pins you in your armchair and won't let go . . . How to be Good? How to be bloody marvellous, more like' Mail on Sunday 'It does exactly what it says on the cover. Hornby's prose is artful and effortless, his spiky wit as razored as a number-two cut' Independent 'The writing is so funny, and the set-pieces so brilliant...Hornby's best book since *Fever Pitch*' Lynn Truss, The Times

31 Songs Oct 19 2021 Through thirty-one songs that he either loves or has loved, Nick Hornby tells us what music means to his life. These personal and passionate pieces are a celebration of the joy that certain songs have given him. Together with additional writings on music from his column in the New Yorker- seen in the UK for the first time - 31 Songs is for Hornby what many of us have always wanted- a soundtrack to accompany life.

More Baths Less Talking Oct 26 2019 "Read what you enjoy, not what bores you," Nick Hornby tells us. That simple, liberating, and indispensable directive animates each installment of the celebrated critic and author's monthly column in the Believer. In this delightful and never-musty tour of his reading life, Hornby tells us not just what to read, but how to read. Whether tackling a dismayingly bulky biography of Dickens while his children destroy something in the next room, or getting sucked into a serious assessment of Celine Dion during an intensely fought soccer match featuring his beloved Arsenal, or devouring an entire series of children's books while on vacation, Hornby's reviews are rich, witty, and occasionally madcap. These essays capture the joy and ire, the despair and exhilaration of the book-lover's life, and will appeal equally to both monocle-wearing salonnières and people, like him, who spend a lot of time thinking about Miley Cyrus's next role.

Contemporary American Fiction May 14 2021 "Contemporary American Fiction concentrates on a group of writers who have achieved prominence in the '80s, and in particular those writers anthologized in Granta's two highly influential collections, Dirty Realism and More Dirt. The book includes a major essay on Raymond Carver, arguably the most important literary figure of the decade; there is also a discussion of the work of Richard Ford and Tobias Wolff, friends of Carver, whose writing shows similar sensibilities." "The last decade has seen a revival of interest in the short story; special attention is paid here to the emerging group of women writers--Bobbie Ann Mason, Joy Williams, Jayne Anne Phillips and Elizabeth Tallent, among others--whose stories continue the tradition of Eudora Welty, Willa Cather and Flannery O'Connor." "This study is a wide-ranging and readable introduction to the American 'New Wave' of writers, and contains interviews with some of the key figures. It will be of interest to anyone who has read and enjoyed the most vibrant writing to have come out of the U.S. for years."--BOOK JACKET.Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

Modern Classics Fever Pitch Oct 07 2020 *WINNER OF THE WILLIAM HILL SPORTS BOOK OF THE YEAR* Fever Pitch is Nick Hornby's million-copy-selling, award-winning football classic 'A spanking 7-0 away win of a football book. . . inventive, honest, funny, heroic, charming' Independent For many people watching football is mere entertainment, to some it's more like a ritual; but to others, its highs and lows provide a narrative to life itself. But, for Nick Hornby, his devotion to the game has provided one of few constants in a life where the meaningful things - like growing up, leaving home and forming relationships, both parental and romantic - have rarely been as simple or as uncomplicated as his love for Arsenal. Brimming with wit and honesty, Fever Pitch, catches perfectly what it really means to be a football fan - and in doing so, what it means to be a man. 'Hornby has put his finger on truths that have been unspoken for generations' Irish Times 'Funny, wise and true' Roddy Doyle

Slam Dec 09 2020 The #1 New York Times bestseller from the beloved, award-winning author of Dickens and Prince, High Fidelity, and About A Boy. For 16-year-old Sam, life is about to get extremely complicated. He and his girlfriend—make that ex-girlfriend— Alicia have gotten themselves into a bit of trouble. Sam is suddenly forced to grow up and struggle with the familiar fears and inclinations that haunt us all. Nick Hornby's poignant and witty novel shows a rare and impressive understanding of human relationships and what it really means to be a man.

High Fidelity Mar 31 2020 "I've always loved Nick Hornby, and the way he writes characters and the way he thinks. It's funny and heartbreaking all at the same time."—Zoë Kravitz From the bestselling author of Funny Girl, About a Boy, A Long Way Down and Dickens and Prince, a wise and hilarious novel about love, heartbreak, and rock and roll. Rob is a pop music junkie who runs his own semi-failing record store. His girlfriend, Laura, has just left him for the guy upstairs, and Rob is both miserable and relieved. After all, could he have spent his life with someone who has a bad

record collection? Rob seeks refuge in the company of the offbeat clerks at his store, who endlessly review their top five films; top five Elvis Costello songs; top five episodes of Cheers. Rob tries dating a singer, but maybe it's just that he's always wanted to sleep with someone who has a record contract. Then he sees Laura again. And Rob begins to think that life with kids, marriage, barbecues, and soft rock CDs might not be so bad.

An Education Jun 22 2019 A shooting script for the film tells the story of Jenny, who is tired of teen life until she meets David, an older suitor who introduces her to urban nightlife and provides a new "education" that could prove to be her awakening or her undoing.

An Education Aug 17 2021 The script for major new film *An Education*, the story of the bizarre relationship between 1960s teenager Jenny (played by Carey Mulligan) and older man David (Peter Sarsgaard), after she accepts a lift on her way home from music practice one day. Based on Observer journalist Lynn Barber's real-life experience as recounted in her book *An Education*, the film won the Audience Award for best film at the Sundance Film Festival and tremendous acclaim at the Berlin Film Festival too. It will be released in the UK in October 2009 and promises to be the season's *Slumdog Millionaire*. Hornby's charming script is included in *An Education: The Screenplay*, along with stills from the film and a long introduction in which he wittily describes the process of converting someone's very personal memoir into a hit film.

Just Like You Sep 05 2020 The person you are with is just like you- same background, same age, same interests. The perfect match. And it is an unmitigated disaster. Then, when, and where, you least expect it, you meet someone new. You seem to have nothing in common and yet, somehow, it feels totally right.

Ten Years in the Tub Feb 20 2022 Culling the best of his monthly column "Stuff I've Been Reading" in *The Believer* magazine, the bestselling author presents hilarious observations on a vast array of topics, and provides a wide-ranging reader list that serves as a reminder as to why we read. 30,000 first printing.

The Complete Polysyllabic Spree Oct 31 2022 *The Complete Polysyllabic Spree* is Nick Hornby's wickedly funny journey through reading. This is not a book of reviews. This is not a book that sneers at other books. This is a book about reading - about enjoying books wherever and however you find them. Nick Hornby, author of the bestsellers *About a Boy* and *Fever Pitch* - takes us on a hilarious and perceptive tour through the books he bought, the books he read and his thoughts on literature. He is first and foremost a reader and he approaches books like the rest of us: hoping to pick up one he can't put down. *The Complete Polysyllabic Spree* is a diary of sorts, charting his reading life over two years. It is a celebration of why we read - its pleasures, its disappointments and its surprises. And above all, it is for you - the ever hopeful reader. For fans of Bill Bryson and Stephen Fry, and for bookworms everywhere, this witty, passionate book will make you cherish the world of letters anew. 'An engaged and engaging ramble around one reader's mind' *The Times* 'Not only does it make you want to read more but, like all great books, it's also terrific company' *Metro* 'For anyone whose idea of a good time is arguing with friends about their favourite books...amusing and contagiously enthusiastic' *Big Issue* Nick Hornby has captivated readers and achieved widespread critical acclaim for his comic, well-observed novels *About a Boy*, *High Fidelity*, *How to be Good*, *A Long Way Down* (shortlisted for the Whitbread Award), *Slam* and *Juliet, Naked*. His two additional works of non-fiction, *31 Songs* (shortlisted for the National Book Critics Circle Award) and *Fever Pitch* (winner of the William Hill Sports Book of the Year Award) are also available from Penguin.

Junk Mail Feb 29 2020 Everything that makes Will Self's fiction so arresting and original is in evidence here in this collection of his best articles, book reviews and interviews from the Observer, the Guardian, the Independent, the Evening Standard and many more. Whether describing penis operations, narcotics or merely pondering the nature of slacking, these pieces are as witty and acerbic as one would expect from one of our foremost contemporary satirists.

Dickens and Prince Dec 29 2019 In Nick Hornby's completely joyous and original new book two great figures share the stage. Charles Dickens and

Prince. Two wildly different artists who caught fire and lit up the world in ways no others could. Where did their magic come from? How did they work so hard and produce so much? How did they manage or give in to the restlessness and intensity of their creativity? How did they use it, and did it kill them? With wit, curiosity and deep admiration Nick Hornby traces their extraordinary lives - from their difficult beginnings to the women they fell for to their limitless energy for work, to their money and the movies - and brilliantly illuminates their very particular kind of genius.

Not a Star and Otherwise Pandemonium Jan 28 2020 In these two stories from bestselling author Nick Hornby revelations are at hand. In "Not a Star", Lynn has always thought her son, Mark, was a little, well, unremarkable. Until the day a neighbor drops off a porn video at her house, with a note telling her to watch it. Turns out, Mark is rather remarkable in one specific area of his life (and anatomy). Lynn and her husband, Dave, don't quite know what to think. The revelation of their son's talent ripples through Lynn's life as she alternately encounters humor, horror, and unexpected emotional reactions. What do you do in the face of impending doom? In "Otherwise, Pandemonium," you lose your virginity with the hottest girl in the Little Berkeley Big Band... Here, the world is a different place; the future is uncertain; the choices one makes are the only thing standing between a semblance of order or utter chaos. And the TV's been acting funny. This is a story that makes you think and feel, and reminds us of the fleeting nature of time.

Shakespeare Wrote for Money Mar 24 2022 The final collection from Nick Hornby's column "Stuff I've Been Reading" in the Believer magazine.

State of the Union Aug 05 2020 *THE SIDE-SPLITTING NEW COMIC SHORT FROM ONE OF BRITAIN'S BEST-LOVED WRITERS, NOW A MAJOR BBC TV SERIES* _____ Each week, Tom and Louise meet for a quick drink in the pub before they go to meet their marriage counsellor. Married for years and with two children, a recent incident has exposed the fault lines in their relationship in a way that Tom, for one, does not wish to think about. In the ten minutes in the pub they talk about the agenda for the session, what they talked about last week, what they will definitely not talk about with the counsellor, and how much better off they are than the couple whose counselling slot immediately precedes their own. Over the ten weeks that follow Tom and Louise begin to wonder: what if marriage is like a computer? When you take it apart to see how it works you might just be left with a million pieces you can't put back together . . .

The Polysyllabic Spree Sep 29 2022 Shares selections from the author's column in "The Believer" that comment on literature he has found interesting, and features passages from the material discussed.

Just Like You Jul 16 2021 "[A] charming, funny, touching, and relevant comedy." —The Boston Globe "A provocative yet sweet romantic comedy." —People, Best of Fall 2020 From the beloved author of Dickens and Prince, About A Boy, and High Fidelity, this warm, wise, highly entertaining twenty-first century love story is about what happens when the person who makes you happiest is someone you never expected Lucy used to handle her adult romantic life according to the script she'd been handed. She met a guy just like herself: same age, same background, same hopes and dreams; they got married and started a family. Too bad he made her miserable. Now, two decades later, she's a nearly divorced, forty-one-year-old schoolteacher with two school-aged sons, and there is no script anymore. So when she meets Joseph, she isn't exactly looking for love—she's more in the market for a babysitter. Joseph is twenty-two, living at home with his mother, and working several jobs, including the butcher counter where he and Lucy meet. It's not a match anyone one could have predicted. He's of a different class, a different culture, and a different generation. But sometimes it turns out that the person who can make you happiest is the one you least expect, though it can take some maneuvering to see it through. Just Like You is a brilliantly observed, tender, but also brutally funny new novel that gets to the heart of what it means to fall surprisingly and headlong in love with the best possible person—someone you didn't see coming.

Juliet, Naked Nov 19 2021 Annie and Duncan are a mid-thirties couple who have reached a fork in the road, realising their shared interest in the

reclusive musician Tucker Crowe (in Duncan's case, an obsession rather than an interest) is not enough to hold them together any more. When Annie hates Tucker's 'new release', a terrible demo of his most famous album, it's the last straw - Duncan cheats on her and she promptly throws him out. Via an internet discussion forum, Annie's harsh opinion reaches Tucker himself, who couldn't agree more. He and Annie start an unlikely correspondence which teaches them both something about moving on from years of wasted time. Nick Hornby's compelling new novel, four years after *A Long Way Down*, is about the nature of creativity and obsession, and how two lonely people can gradually find each other.

An Education Apr 12 2021 *An Education* is Nick Hornby's Oscar-nominated screenplay of Lynn Barber's life Based on Lynn Barber's extraordinary memoir, *An Education* is set in the early 1960s and tells the story of a sixteen-year-old English girl's encounter and relationship with a charming older man who is much more, and much less, than he says he is. Taking this strange story as his starting point, Nick Hornby has scripted an Oscar-nominated film, starring Carey Mulligan and Peter Sarsgaard, which is funny and shocking in equal measure - and which brilliantly captures a Britain emerging from the sleepy 50s and on the brink of a glittering new decade. Fans of British writing and cinema alike, from *Brighton Rock* to *Atonement* will enjoy this mesmerizing book.

Triple Platinum Nov 07 2020 *FEVER PITCH*, winner of the William Hill Sports Book of the Year Award, stands as the definitive statement on the obsessive nature of football fandom. ¿His triumph is that, without glossing over its large-scale stupidities and discomforts, he makes terrace life seem not just plausible but sometimes near-heroic in its single minded vehemence, its heart shaking highs and lows¿ *Independent on Sunday* *HIGH FIDELITY* hilariously and movingly explains men to women ¿ and to themselves. ¿It is rare that a book so hilarious is also so sharp about sex and manliness, memory and music. Many men ¿ and, certainly, all addictive personalities ¿ will find in these pages shadows of themselves. And most of us will hear, in Hornby's acoustic prose, the obsessive chords of the past that more often lock up than liberate our hearts¿ *New Yorker* *ABOUT A BOY* explores the connections people make when the so-called ideal family model does not apply. ¿An almost perfect book, hugely entertaining and on the side of the angels . . . *About a Boy* is laughter in the dark¿ *The Times*

Otherwise Pandemonium Jan 10 2021 In May 2005 Penguin will publish 70 unique titles to celebrate the company's 70th birthday. The titles in the Pocket Penguins series are emblematic of the renowned breadth of quality of the Penguin list and will hark back to Penguin founder Allen Lane's vision of good books for all'. trademark wit and poignancy that have made him one of the UK's most popular writers and one written specially for this volume.