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# STRENGTH IN WHAT REMAINS

By Tracy Kidder

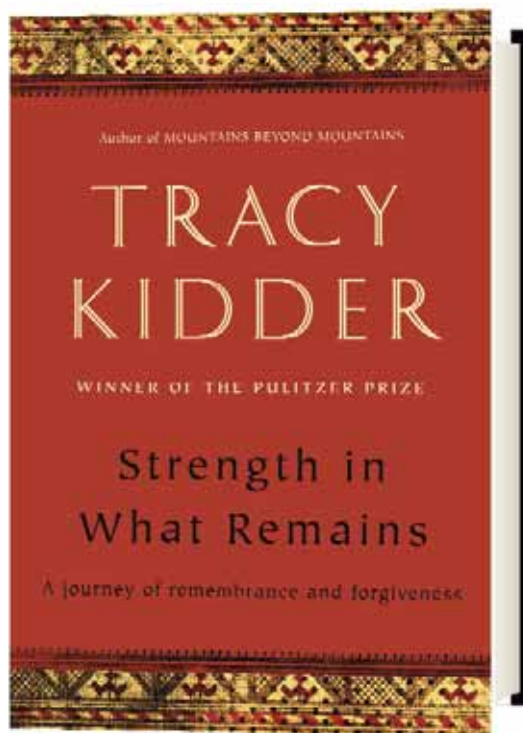
Tracy Kidder, winner of the Pulitzer Prize and college common reading program classic *Mountains Beyond Mountains*, has been described by the *Baltimore Sun* as the “master of the non-fiction narrative.” In this new book, Kidder gives us the superb story of a hero for our time.

Deo arrives in America from Burundi in search of a new life. Having survived a civil war and genocide, plagued by horrific dreams, he lands at JFK airport with two hundred dollars, no English, and no contacts. He ekes out a precarious existence delivering groceries, living in Central Park, and learning English by reading dictionaries in bookstores. Then Deo begins to meet the strangers who will change his life, pointing him eventually in the direction of Columbia University, medical school, and a life devoted to healing.

With *Strength in What Remains*, Kidder breaks new ground in telling this unforgettable story as he travels back with Deo over a turbulent life in search of meaning and forgiveness.

“That 63-year-old Tracy Kidder may have just written his finest work—indeed, one of the truly stunning books I’ve read this year—is proof that the secret to memorable nonfiction is so often the writer’s readiness to be surprised. Deo’s experience can feel like this era’s version of the Ellis Island migration. Deo is propelled, so often, by pure will, and his victories . . . summon a feeling of restored confidence in human nature and American opportunity. Then we plunge into hell. Having only glimpses of Deo’s past, we suddenly get a full-blown portrait. Kidder’s rendering of what Deo endured and survived just before he boarded the plane for New York is one of the most powerful passages of modern nonfiction.”

—Ron Suskind, *The New York Times Book Review*



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To watch a video of Tracy Kidder discussing his book, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/ydhh7hu>

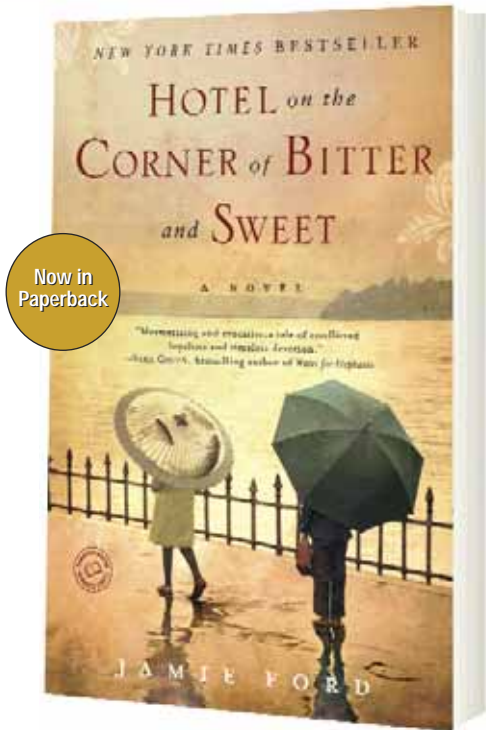
## About the Author

**TRACY KIDDER** graduated from Harvard and studied at the University of Iowa. He has won the Pulitzer Prize, the National Book Award, the Robert F. Kennedy Award, and many other literary prizes. The author of *Mountains Beyond Mountains*, *My Detachment*, *Home Town*, *Old Friends*, *Among Schoolchildren*, *House*, and *The Soul of a New Machine*, Kidder lives in Massachusetts and Maine.

To read about *Mountains Beyond Mountains*, go to page 22.

# HOTEL ON THE CORNER OF BITTER AND SWEET: A Novel

By *Jamie Ford*



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In 1986, Henry Lee, a Chinese American widower, comes upon a crowd gathered outside the Panama Hotel, once the gateway to Seattle's Japantown. It has been boarded up for decades, but now a new owner has made an incredible discovery: the belongings of Japanese families left behind when they were rounded up and sent to internment camps during World War II. As Henry looks on, memories take him back to the 1940s.

At the height of the war, Henry meets Keiko Okabe, a young Japanese American student, at the exclusive Rainier Elementary. They forge a friendship—and an innocent love—that transcends the long-standing prejudices of their Old World ancestors. After Keiko and her family are evacuated to the internment camps, she and Henry are left only with the hope that the war will end and that their promise to each other will be kept. Decades later, Henry tries to make sense of the past and confront the choices he made.

Set during one of the most conflicted and volatile times in American history, *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* is an extraordinary story of commitment and enduring hope. In Henry and Keiko, Jamie Ford has created an unforgettable portrait of a couple whose story teaches us of the power of forgiveness and the human heart.

**"A timely debut that not only reminds readers of a shameful episode in American history, but cautions us to examine the present and take heed we don't repeat those injustices."**

—*Kirkus Reviews*

**"Ford expertly nails the sweet innocence of first love, the cruelty of racism, the blindness of patriotism, the astonishing unknowns between parents and their children, and the sadness and satisfaction at the end of a life well lived. The result is a vivid picture of a confusing and critical time in American history."**

—*Library Journal*

## About the Author

**JAMIE FORD** is an award-winning short-story writer, an alumnus of the Squaw Valley Community of Writers, and a survivor of Orson Scott Card's Literary Boot Camp. Having grown up near Seattle's Chinatown, he now lives in Montana with his wife and children.

# A MIGHTY LONG WAY: My Journey to Justice at Little Rock Central High School

By *Carlotta Walls LaNier with Lisa Frazier Page*

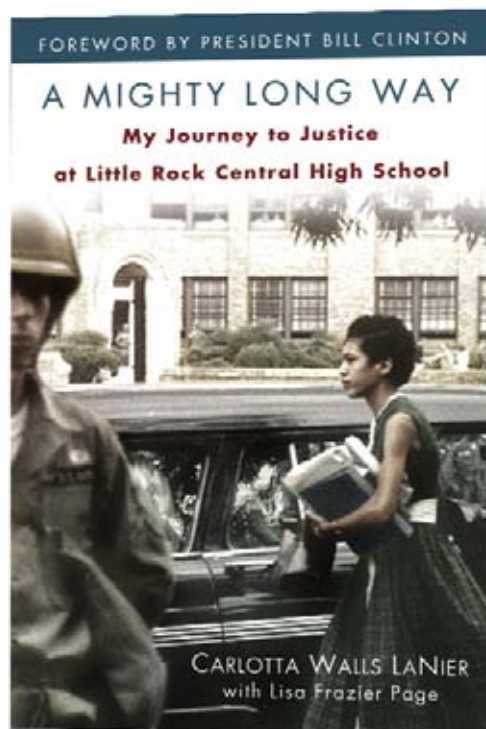
Foreword by *Bill Clinton*

When fourteen-year-old Carlotta Walls walked up the stairs of Little Rock Central High School on September 25, 1957, she and eight other black students only wanted to make it to class. But the journey of the “Little Rock Nine,” as they came to be known, would lead the nation on an even longer and much more turbulent path, one that would challenge prevailing attitudes, break down barriers, and forever change the landscape of America.

Complete with compelling photographs of the time, *A Mighty Long Way* shines a light on this watershed moment in civil rights history and shows that determination, fortitude, and the ability to change the world are not exclusive to a few special people but are inherent within us all.

“Carlotta Walls LaNier’s *A Mighty Long Way* is a riveting account of nine brave high school students and their families in a quest for quality desegregated public education. What happened in Little Rock in 1957 resulted in America’s greatest constitutional crisis since the Civil War. Carlotta’s account of events inside and outside Little Rock Central High School should be read and studied particularly by those who now walk through doors of opportunity which Carlotta and her schoolmates first opened over 50 years ago. When I started her book, I couldn’t put it down. It is a must-read.”

—James L. “Skip” Rutherford III, Dean University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service



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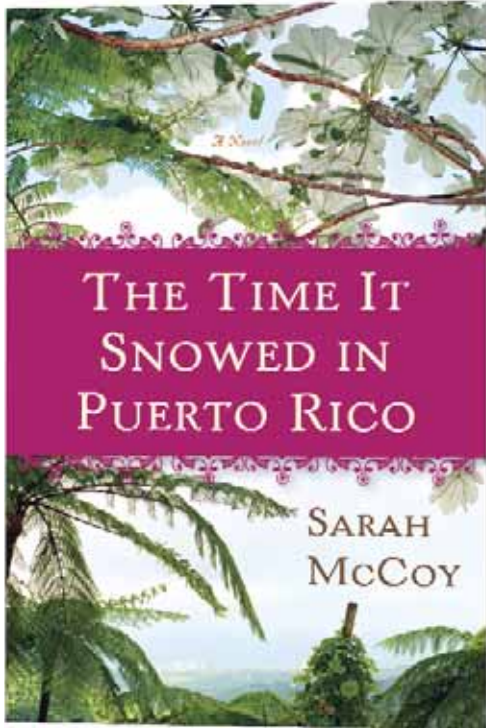
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## About the Author

**CARLOTTA WALLS LANIER** attended Michigan State University and graduated from Colorado State College—now the University of Northern Colorado, on whose board of trustees she sits. After working for the YWCA, she founded her own real estate brokerage firm, LaNier and Company. A sought-after lecturer, LaNier speaks across the country, and she has received the Congressional Medal of Honor and two honorary doctorate degrees. She is the mother of two children, Whitney and Brooke, and lives in Englewood, Colorado, with her husband, Ira.

# THE TIME IT SNOWED IN PUERTO RICO: A Novel

By Sarah McCoy



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It is 1961 and Puerto Rico is trapped in a tug-of-war between those who want to stay connected to the United States and those who are fighting for independence. For eleven-year-old Verdita Ortiz-Santiago, the struggle for independence is a battle fought much closer to home.

Verdita has always been safe and secure in her sleepy mountain town, far from the excitement of the capital city of San Juan or the glittering shores of the United States, where her older cousin lives. She will be a *señorita* soon, which, as her mother reminds her, means that she will be expected to cook and clean, go to Mass every day, choose *arroz con pollo* over *hamburguesas*, and give up her love for Elvis. And yet, as much as Verdita longs to escape this seemingly inevitable future and become a blond American bombshell, she is still a young girl who is scared by late-night stories of the *chupacabra*, who wishes her mother would still rub her back and sing her a lullaby, and who is both ashamed and exhilarated by her changing body.

Told in luminous prose spanning two years in Verdita's life, *The Time It Snowed in Puerto Rico* is much more than a story about getting older. In the tradition of *The House on Mango Street* and *Annie John*, it is about the struggle to break free from the people who have raised us, and about the difficulties of leaving behind one's homeland for places unknown. At times joyous and at times heartbreaking, Verdita's story is of a young girl discovering her power and finding the strength to decide what sort of woman she'll become.

*"The Time It Snowed In Puerto Rico is a coming-of-age story of both character and place. In the voice of her lovably defiant adolescent narrator, Sarah McCoy tells a story of magic, myth, and mystery amid political and cultural unrest. You can't help loving Verdita, the world she comes from and the world she yearns for. A delightful debut by a promising and saucy new writer."*

—Sheri Reynolds, author of *A Gracious Plenty*

## About the Author

**SARAH MCCOY** is the family columnist for *Your Health Monthly* magazine and has taught writing courses at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia, and at the University of Texas in El Paso. As a child, she spent much time in Puerto Rico visiting her mother's family. She lives in El Paso with her husband.

# SHANGHAI GIRLS:

## A Novel

By *Lisa See*

In 1937, Shanghai is the Paris of Asia, a city of great wealth and glamour, the home of millionaires and beggars, gangsters and gamblers, patriots and revolutionaries, artists and warlords. Thanks to the financial security and material comforts provided by their father's prosperous rickshaw business, twenty-one-year-old Pearl Chin and her younger sister, May, are having the time of their lives. Though both sisters wave off authority and tradition, they couldn't be more different: Pearl is a Dragon sign, strong and stubborn, while May is a true Sheep, adorable and placid. Both are beautiful, modern, and carefree . . . until the day their father tells them that he has gambled away their wealth and that in order to repay his debts he must sell the girls as wives to suitors who have traveled from California to find Chinese brides.

At its heart, *Shanghai Girls* is a story of sisters: Pearl and May are inseparable best friends who share hopes, dreams, and a deep connection, but like sisters everywhere they also harbor petty jealousies and rivalries. They love each other, but each knows exactly where to drive the knife to hurt the other the most. Along the way they face terrible sacrifices, make impossible choices, and confront a devastating, life-changing secret, but through it all the two heroines of this astounding new novel hold fast to who they are—Shanghai girls.

**"A buoyant and lustrous paean to the bonds of sisterhood."**

—*Booklist*

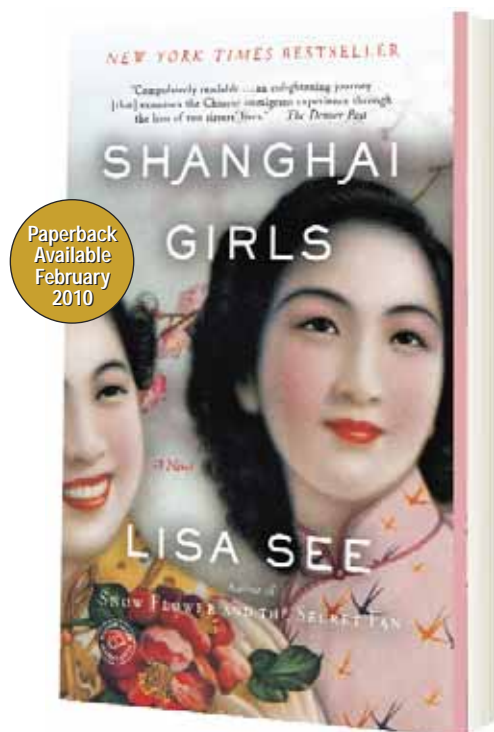
**"See is masterly in her powerful depictions of the prejudice and harsh treatment the sisters encounter as they try to assimilate into the strange new world of Los Angeles. Possibly the best book yet from the author of *Peony in Love*; highly recommended."**

—*Library Journal*

### About the Author

**LISA SEE** is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Peony in Love*, *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*, *Flower Net* (an Edgar Award nominee), *The Interior*, and *Dragon Bones*, as well as the critically acclaimed memoir *On Gold Mountain*. The Organization of Chinese American Women named her the 2001 National Woman of the Year. She lives in Los Angeles.

To read about *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*, go to page 26.



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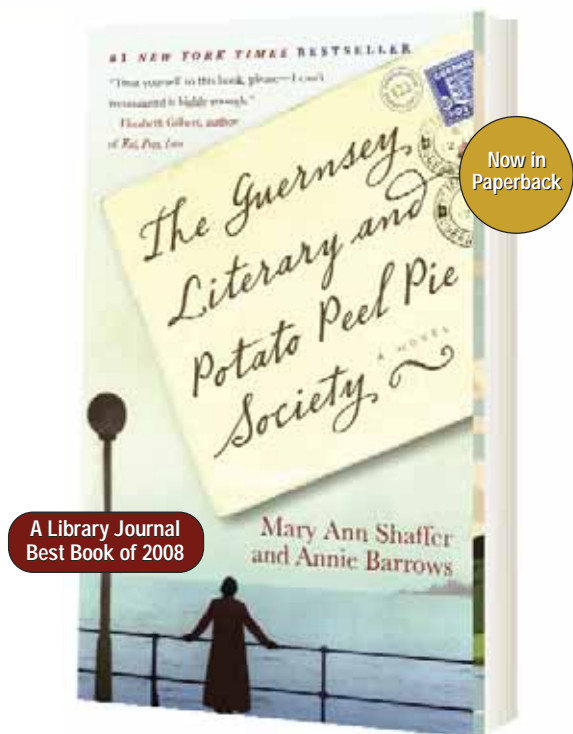
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# THE GUERNSEY LITERARY AND POTATO PEEL PIE SOCIETY: A Novel

By Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows



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## About the Authors

**MARY ANN SHAFFER**, who passed away in February 2008, worked as an editor, as a librarian, and in bookshops. *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* was her first novel. Her niece **ANNIE BARROWS** is the author of the children's series Ivy and Bean, as well as *The Magic Half*. She lives in Northern California.

January 1946: London is emerging from the shadow of the Second World War, and writer Juliet Ashton is looking for her next book subject. Who could imagine that she would find it in a letter from a man she's never met, a native of the island of Guernsey, who has come across her name written inside a book by Charles Lamb. . . .

As Juliet and her new correspondent exchange letters, Juliet is drawn into the world of this man and his friends—and what a wonderfully eccentric world it is. *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*—born as a spur-of-the-moment alibi when its members were discovered breaking curfew by the Germans occupying their island—boasts a charming, funny, deeply human cast of characters, from pig farmers to phrenologists, literature lovers all.

Juliet begins a remarkable correspondence with the society's members, learning about their island, their taste in books, and the impact the recent German occupation has had on their lives. Captivated by their stories, she sets sail for Guernsey, and what she finds will change her forever.

"[A] marvelous debut. . . . Reminiscent of Helene Hanff's *84 Charing Cross Road*, this is a warm, funny, tender, and thoroughly entertaining celebration of the power of the written word."

—*Library Journal*

"A sure winner. . . . Elizabeth and Juliet are appealingly reminiscent of game but gutsy '40s movie heroines."

—*Kirkus Reviews*

"Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows have written a wondrous, delightful, poignant book—part Jane Austen, part history lesson. The letters in *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* aren't addressed to you, but they are meant for you. It's a book everyone should read. An absolute treasure."

—Sarah Addison Allen, author of *Garden Spells*

# OUTCASTS UNITED: An American Town, a Refugee Team, and One Woman's Quest to Make a Difference

By Warren St. John

**O**utcasts United is the story of a refugee soccer team, a remarkable woman coach and a small southern town turned upside down by the process of refugee resettlement.

In the 1990s, that town, Clarkston, Georgia, became a resettlement center for refugees and a modern-day Ellis Island for scores of families from war zones in Liberia, Congo, Sudan, Iraq, and Afghanistan, among other countries. The town also became home to Luma Mufleh, an American-educated Jordanian woman who founded a youth soccer team to help keep Clarkston's boys off the streets. These boys named themselves the Fugees—short for refugees.

*Outcasts United* follows a pivotal season in the life of the Fugees, their families and their charismatic coach as they struggle to build new lives in a fading town overwhelmed by change. Theirs is a story about resilience in the face of extraordinary hardship, the power of one person to make a difference and the daunting challenge of creating community in a place where people seem to have so little in common.

"Not merely about soccer, St. John's book teaches readers about the social and economic difficulties of adapting to a new culture and the challenges facing a town with a new and disparate population. Despite their cultural and religious differences and the difficulty of adaptation, the Fugees came together to play soccer. This wonderful, poignant book is highly recommended."

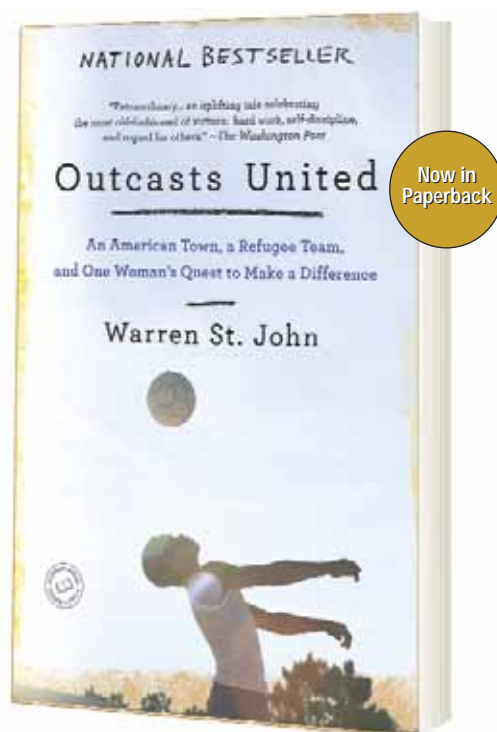
—*Library Journal*, starred review

"A richly detailed, uplifting account of a young Jordanian immigrant who created a soccer program in Georgia for young refugees from war-torn nations . . . educational and enriching."

—*Kirkus Reviews*

## About the Author

**WARREN ST. JOHN** is a reporter for *The New York Times* and the author of the national bestseller *Rammer Jammer Yellow Hammer*.



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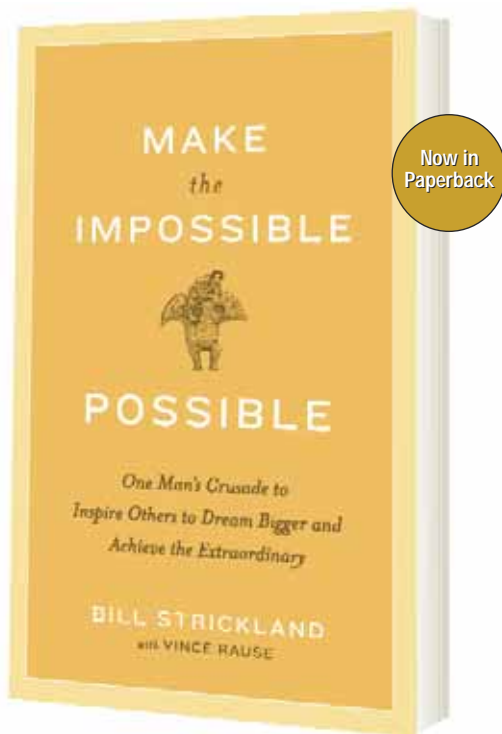
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To watch a video of Warren St. John discussing his book, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/yegm5jj>

# MAKE THE IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBLE: One Man's Crusade to Inspire Others to Dream Bigger and Achieve the Extraordinary

By *Bill Strickland with Vince Rause*



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*"Success is the point where your most authentic talents, passion, values, and experiences intersect with the chance to contribute to some greater good."*

—Bill Strickland

MacArthur Fellowship "genius" award winner Bill Strickland has spent the past thirty years transforming the lives of thousands of people through Manchester Bidwell, the jobs training center and community arts program he founded in Pittsburgh. Working with corporations, community leaders, and schools, he and his staff strive to give disadvantaged kids and adults the opportunities and tools they need to envision and build a better, brighter future.

In *Make the Impossible Possible*, Bill Strickland shows how each of us, by adopting the attitudes and beliefs he has lived by every day, can reach our fullest potential and achieve the impossible in our lives and careers—and perhaps change the world a little in the process. Through lessons from Strickland's own life experiences and those of countless others who have overcome challenging circumstances and turned their lives around, *Make the Impossible Possible* teaches us how to build on our passions and strengths, dream bigger and set the bar higher, achieve meaningful success, and inspire the lives of others.

*"We often hear the word inspire, likely allowing it to pass and not sink in our psyche. However we often will never forget things that inspire us. A visit to see Bill Strickland's concept in Pittsburgh was one of those events for me. Now you can read about how he was driven to build it."*

—Jim Hackett, President and CEO, Steelcase, Inc.

## About the Author

**BILL STRICKLAND** is president and CEO of Manchester Craftsmen Guild and Bidwell Training Center. He has received a MacArthur Foundation "genius" grant, lectured at Harvard Graduate School of Education, and served on the board of the National Endowment for the Arts. He lives in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

# THE GOOD THIEF: A Novel

By *Hannah Tinti*

- Winner, ALA Alex Award 2009
- Winner, John Sargent Sr. First Novel Prize 2008
- A *New York Times* Notable Book of 2008
- A *Washington Post* Best Book of 2008
- *San Francisco Chronicle* 50 Best Fiction & Poetry of 2008
- *Kirkus Reviews* Best Fiction of 2008 list

**T**welve-year-old Ren is missing his left hand. How it was lost is one of the mysteries that Ren has been trying to solve his entire life—as well as who his parents are, and why he was abandoned as an infant at Saint Anthony's Orphanage for boys. When a young man named Benjamin Nab appears, claiming to be Ren's long-lost brother, his convincing tale of how Ren lost his hand persuades the monks at the orphanage to release the boy and gives Ren some hope. But is Benjamin really who he says he is? As Ren is introduced to a life of hardscrabble adventure filled with outrageous scam artists, grave robbers, and petty thieves, he begins to suspect that Benjamin holds the key not only to his future, but to his past as well.

"Hannah Tinti has written a lightning strike of a novel—beautiful and haunting and ever so bright. She is a 21st century Robert Louis Stevenson, an adventuress who lays bare her character's hearts with a precision and a fearlessness that will leave you shaken."

—Junot Díaz, winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Critic's Circle Award for *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*

"*The Good Thief's* characters are weird and wonderful . . . [It] has all the makings of a classic—a hero, a villain and a rollicking good tale set in 19th century New England about a good boy who gets mixed up with a lot of bad men. . . . All of that, along with its humor, ingenuity and fast pace, make *The Good Thief* compelling."

—*San Francisco Chronicle*

## About the Author

**HANNAH TINTI** grew up in Salem, Massachusetts. Her short-story collection, *Animal Crackers*, has been sold in sixteen countries and was a runner-up for the PEN/Hemingway Award. She is the cofounder and editor-in-chief of *One Story* magazine, for which she won the 2009 PEN/Nora Magid Award for editorial excellence.



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# FROM CONN IGGULDEN: The Alex Award-winning *Genghis* novels



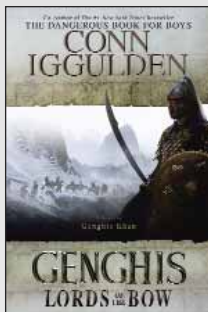
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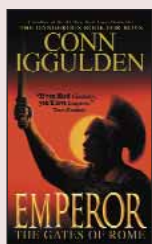
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## About the Author

CONN IGGULDEN is the author of three novels about Genghis Khan, as well as the Emperor novels, all of which are available in hardcover and in paperback from Dell. He is also the coauthor of the #1 *New York Times* bestseller *The Dangerous Book for Boys*. He lives with his wife and children in Hertfordshire, England.

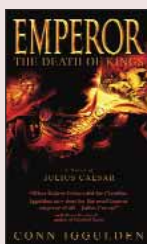
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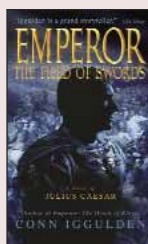
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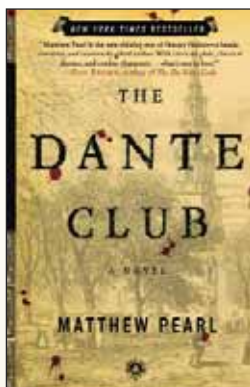
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"A devil of a time . . . Ingenious use of details and motifs from *The Divine Comedy*, and a lively picture of the literary culture of post-bellum New England, distinguish this juicy debut historical mystery." —*Kirkus Reviews* (starred)

"Absorbing and dramatic . . . Pearl has proven himself a master." —*Library Journal*

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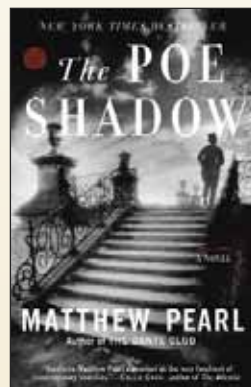
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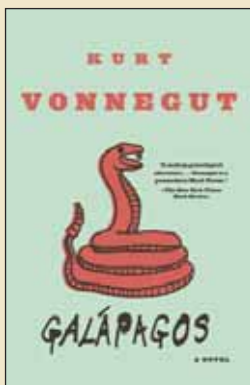
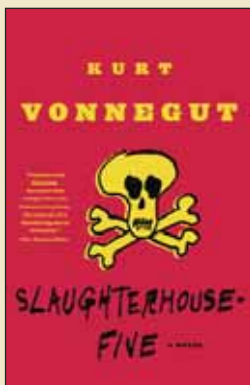
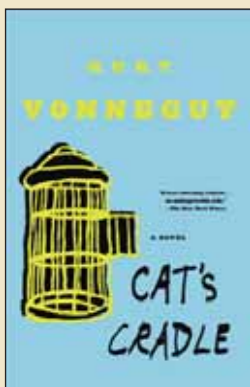
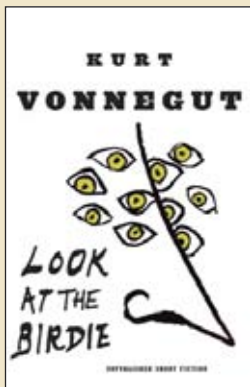
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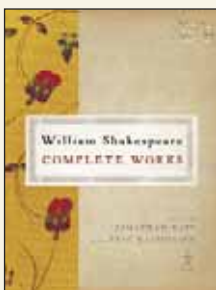
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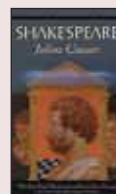


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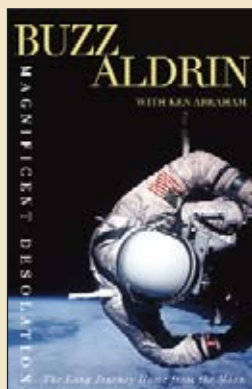
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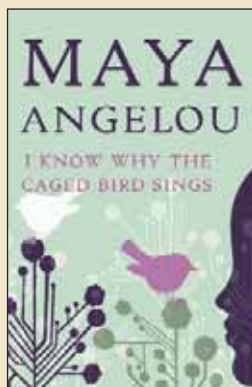
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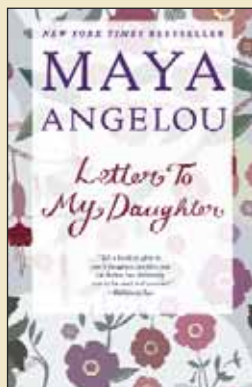
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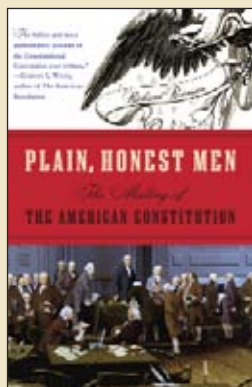
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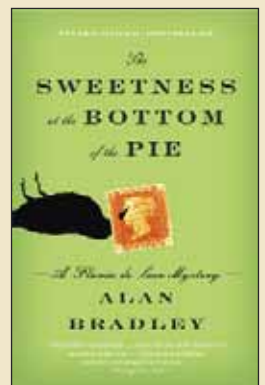
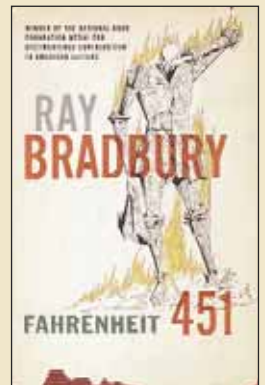
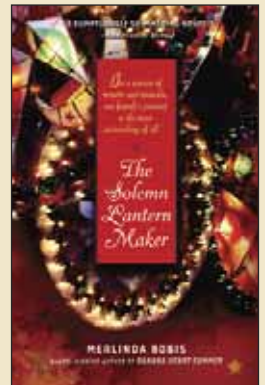
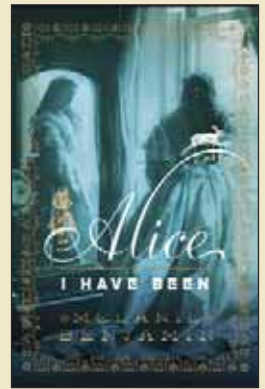
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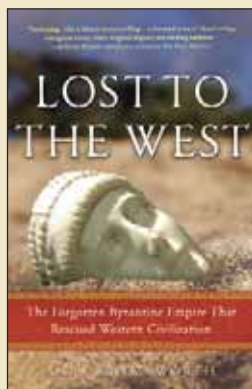
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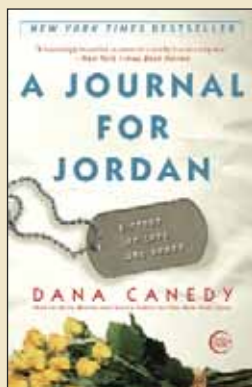
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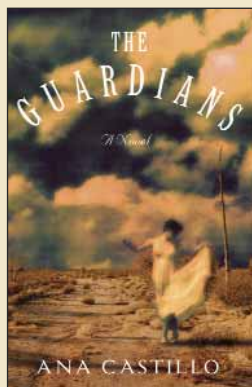
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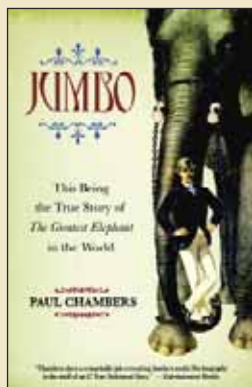
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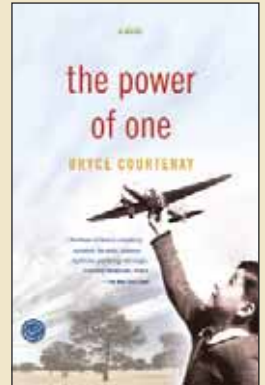
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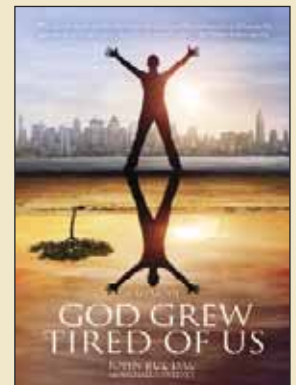
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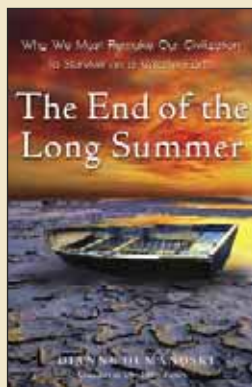
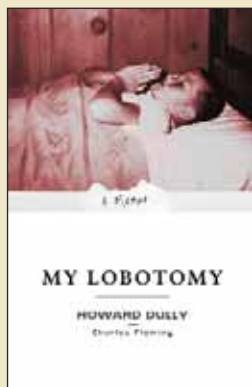
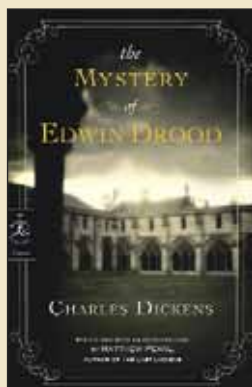
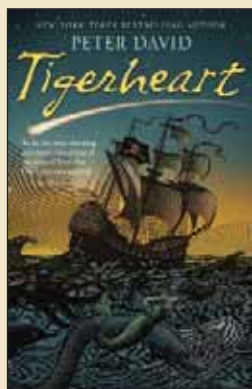
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Modern Library | TR | 978-0-8129-8045-5 | 400pp. | \$12.00/\$15.00 Can. | Exam Copy: \$3.00

READING LEVEL: 8

For books by Matthew Pearl, see page 11.

## MY LOBOTOMY: A Memoir

By Howard Dully and Charles Fleming

“Dully’s tale is a heartbreakingly sad story of a life seriously, tragically interrupted. All Howard Dully wanted was to be normal. His entire life has been a search for normality. He did what he had to do to survive. This book is his legacy, and it is a powerful one.”

—*San Francisco Chronicle*

Three Rivers Press | TR | 978-0-307-38127-9 | 304pp. | \$13.95/\$15.95 Can. | Exam Copy: \$3.00

READING LEVEL: 7

## THE END OF THE LONG SUMMER: Why We Must Remake Our Civilization to Survive on a Volatile Earth

By Dianne Dumanoski

“A splendid book. We cannot now stop global change, but we can adapt and survive. Crucial to survival is the need to understand our planet, and Dianne Dumanoski’s powerful book is the best guide that I have seen. It is a delight to read and clearly written in the best tradition of great American journalism.”

—James Lovelock, author of *The Revenge of Gaia*

Crown | HC | 978-0-307-39607-5 | 320pp. | \$25.00/\$29.95 Can. | Exam Copy: \$12.50

READING LEVEL: 10

## LAUGHING WITHOUT AN ACCENT: Adventures of a Global Citizen

By Firoozeh Dumas

Now in  
Paperback

In the bestselling and classroom-adopted memoir *Funny in Farsi*, Firoozeh Dumas recounted her adventures growing up Iranian American in Southern California. Now she again mines her rich Persian heritage in *Laughing Without an Accent*, sharing stories both tender and humorous on being a citizen of the world, on her well-meaning family, new motherhood, and on amusing cultural conundrums, all told with insights into the universality of the human condition.

Random House Trade Paperbacks | TR | 978-0-345-49957-8 | 256pp. | \$15.00/\$17.50 Can. | Exam Copy: \$3.00

READING LEVEL: 9

Author website: <http://firoozehdumas.com/>

ALSO BY THE AUTHOR:

**Funny in Farsi: A Memoir of Growing Up Iranian in America**

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## BEST AFRICAN AMERICAN FICTION 2010

Edited by Gerald Early and Nikki Giovanni

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2010

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READING LEVEL: 11

Do not order before 12/29/2009.

One World | TR | 978-0-553-38535-9 | 320pp. | \$16.00/\$19.95 Can. | Exam Copy: \$3.00

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in December  
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READING LEVEL: 11

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## THE OXFORD PROJECT

By Stephen G. Bloom; Photographed by Peter Feldstein

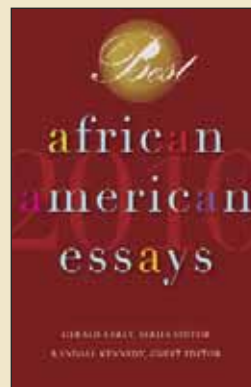
• Winner, ALA Alex Award 2009

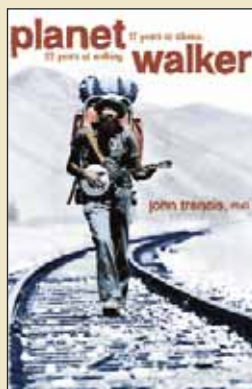
In 1984, photographer Peter Feldstein set out to photograph every single resident of his town, Oxford, Iowa (pop. 676). Twenty years later, Feldstein decided to do it again. Only this time he invited writer Stephen G. Bloom to join him, and together they went in search of the same Oxford residents Feldstein had originally shot two decades earlier. Face after face, story after story, what quietly emerges is a living composite of a quintessential Midwestern community, told through the words and images of its residents.

Welcome Books | HC | 978-1-59962-048-0 | 264pp. | \$50.00/\$57.50 Can. | Exam Copy: \$25.00

READING LEVEL: 5

Official book website: <http://www.oxfordproject.com>





## PLANETWALKER: 22 Years of Walking, 17 Years of Silence.

By John Francis, Ph.D.

- A College Common Reading Selection

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For more information, go to: <http://www.planetwalker.org/>

National Geographic | TR | 978-1-4262-0405-0 | 288pp. | \$16.95/\$20.00 Can. | Exam Copy: \$3.00

READING LEVEL: 8



## HUGE: A Novel

By James Fierst

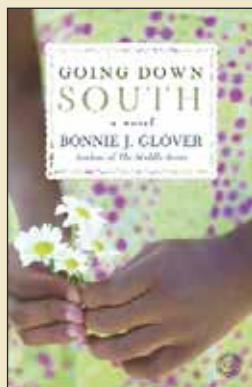
“Credible and engaging, [with] a hero who assumes the most eye-catching characteristics of Holden Caulfield, Phillip Marlowe and Nick Twisp. . . .

Fierst pulls off the same trick as the 2005 film *Brick* in making his protagonist’s suburban surroundings and mundane foes seem as hard-boiled and corrupt as those in the Chandler novels Huge treasures.”

—Kirkus Reviews

Three Rivers Press | TR | 978-0-307-45249-8 | 320pp. | \$14.00/\$17.99 Can. | Exam Copy: \$3.00

READING LEVEL: 5 (Note to teachers: This book contains profanity and sexual content.)



## GOING DOWN SOUTH: A Novel

By Bonnie Glover

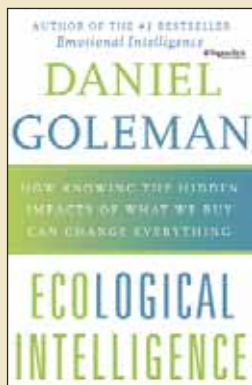
From the acclaimed author of *The Middle Sister* comes the story of three generations of spirited, proud women learning to live and love together in 1960s New York City and Alabama.

“Long live Olivia Jean, Daisy, and Birdie! These three daughters, mothers, and women are smart, feisty, and funny. Their stories will break your heart in the very best way. I absolutely loved *Going Down South!*”

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One World | TR | 978-0-345-48091-0 | 272pp. | \$14.00/\$16.50 Can. | Exam Copy: \$3.00

READING LEVEL: 7



## ECOLOGICAL INTELLIGENCE: How Knowing the Hidden Impacts of What We Buy Can Change Everything

By Daniel Goleman

- Selected for the 2009-2010 Common Book Project at Virginia Tech University

The bestselling author of *Emotional Intelligence* and *Primal Leadership* now brings us *Ecological Intelligence*—revealing the hidden environmental consequences of what we make and buy, and how with that knowledge we can drive the essential changes we all must make to save our planet and ourselves.

Broadway Business | HC | 978-0-385-52782-8 | 288pp. | \$26.00/\$30.00 Can. | Exam Copy: \$13.00

READING LEVEL: 12

## A TIME TO KILL: A Novel

By John Grisham

“Grisham’s pleasure in relating the Byzantine complexities of Clanton (Mississippi) politics is contagious and he tells a good story. . . . An enjoyable book.”

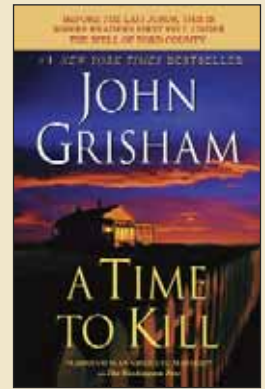
—*Library Journal*

Dell Books | TR | 978-0-385-33860-8 | 528pp. | \$13.00/\$20.00 Can. | Exam Copy: \$3.00

Dell Books | MM | 978-0-440-24591-9 | 672pp. | \$9.99/\$11.99 Can. | Exam Copy: \$3.00

READING LEVEL: 5 **TG**

Author website: <http://www.jgrisham.com/>



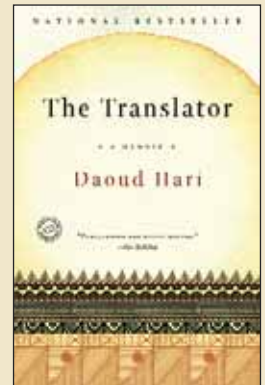
## THE TRANSLATOR: A Memoir

By Daoud Hari

The young life of Daoud Hari—his friends call him David—has been one of bravery and mesmerizing adventure. He is a living witness to the brutal genocide under way in Darfur. *The Translator* tells the remarkable story of a man who came face-to-face with genocide—time and again risking his own life to fight injustice and save his people.

Random House Trade Paperbacks | TR | 978-0-8129-7917-6 | 224pp. | \$13.00/NCR | Exam Copy: \$3.00

READING LEVEL: 9 **TG**



## MISTER PIP: A Novel

By Lloyd Jones

- Winner, ALA Alex Award 2008
- A 2008 Best Book for Young Adults (Young Adult Library Services Association)
- Winner, Commonwealth Writer’s Prize
- Shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize

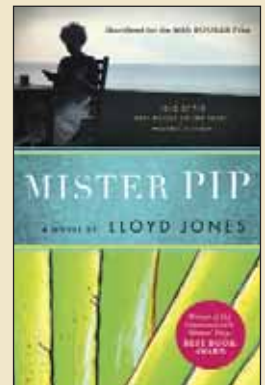
“*Mister Pip* is a powerful and touching story about one man’s role in transforming the lives of young people. Although these children live on an island left behind by the modern world, their plight reminded me of the challenges my very own students faced in the inner-city. This novel demands we take note of the sheer power of education and literature to transform the lives of young people—whatever their circumstances and wherever in the world they may be. Every high school teacher and student should read this book.”

—Erin Gruwell, author of *The Freedom Writers Diary*

Dial Press Trade Paperback | TR | 978-0-385-34107-3 | 272pp. | \$12.00/NCR | Exam Copy: \$3.00

READING LEVEL: 9 **TG**

Official book website: <http://www.misterpip.com>



## ALIVE IN THE KILLING FIELDS: Surviving the Khmer Rouge Genocide

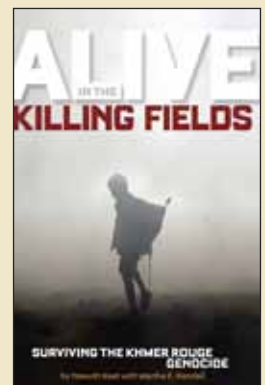
By Nawuth Keat with Martha E. Kendall

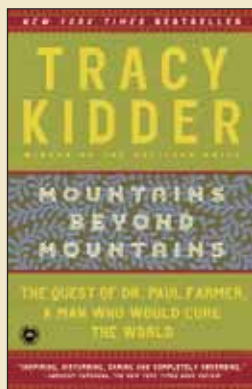
- An NCSS Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People

*Alive in the Killing Fields* is the captivating memoir about a young boy who defied the odds and survived the invasion of Khmer Rouge rebels in Cambodia. Nawuth lost his parents, young sister, and other members of his family when the Khmer Rouge raided his hometown of Salatrave. Nawuth and his remaining relatives were eventually captured and enslaved by Khmer Rouge fighters. They lived through physical abuse, hunger, and terrible living conditions, but their sense of family always gave them strength to fight on and eventually escape Cambodia.

National Geographic Children’s Books | HC | 978-1-4263-0515-3 | 112pp. | \$15.95/\$18.95 Can. | Exam Copy: \$8.00

READING LEVEL: 5





## MOUNTAINS BEYOND MOUNTAINS: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Man Who Would Cure the World

By Tracy Kidder

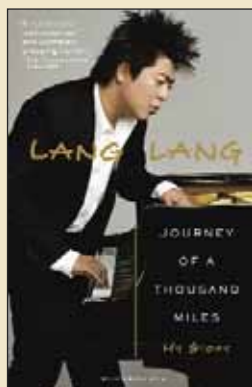
- An ALA Notable Book; A New York Times Notable book
- A Popular College Common Reading Selection

In medical school, Paul Farmer found his life's calling: to cure infectious diseases and to bring the lifesaving tools of modern medicine to those who need them most. Tracy Kidder's magnificent account shows how one person can make a difference in solving global health problems through a clear-eyed understanding of the interaction of politics, wealth, social systems, and disease.

Random House | TR | 978-0-8129-7301-3 | 336pp. | \$15.95/\$21.00 Can. | Exam Copy: \$3.00

READING LEVEL: 9 **TG**

For information on Tracy Kidder's new book *Strength in What Remains*, see page 1.



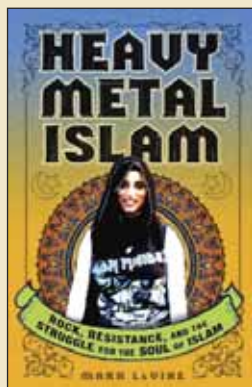
## JOURNEY OF A THOUSAND MILES: My Story

By Lang Lang with David Ritz

Born in China to parents whose musical careers were interrupted by the Cultural Revolution, Lang Lang has emerged as one of the greatest pianists of our time. Yet despite his fame, few in the West know of the heart-wrenching journey from his early childhood as a prodigy in an industrial city in northern China to his difficult years in Beijing to his success today. This is his inspiring story.

Spiegel & Grau | TR | 978-0-385-52457-5 | 256pp. | \$16.00/\$19.95 Can. | Exam Copy: \$3.00

READING LEVEL: 7



## HEAVY METAL ISLAM: Rock, Resistance, and the Struggle for the Soul of Islam

By Mark LeVine

In *Heavy Metal Islam*, author Mark LeVine explores the influence of Western music on the Middle East through interviews with musicians and fans. The result is a revealing tour of contemporary Islamic culture through the evolving music scene in the Middle East and Northern Africa.

Three Rivers Press | TR | 978-0-307-35339-9 | 304pp. | \$13.95/\$15.95 Can. | Exam Copy: \$3.00

READING LEVEL: 9



## DANGEROUS GAMES: The Uses and Abuses of History

By Margaret MacMillan

The *New York Times* bestselling author of *Paris 1919* and *Nixon and Mao* reveals lessons and insights from a lifetime of writing and teaching history, about how we live our lives as individuals and nations.

“MacMillan deftly maneuvers through time [in this] wide-ranging and provocative testament to transparency as the best historical education.”

—*Kirkus Reviews* (starred review)

Modern Library | HC | 978-0-679-64358-6 | 208pp. | \$22.00/NCR | Exam Copy: \$11.00

READING LEVEL: 11

## IN THE COUNTRY OF MEN: A Novel

By *Hisham Matar*

Through the eyes of young Suleiman, we experience a child's often misguided attempts to make sense of the adult world. The title of the story is particularly telling, as the novel raises questions about what it means to be a man, what is involved in humanity, and how much of one's identity is tied to one's country.

Dial Press Trade Paperback | TR | 978-0-385-34043-4 | 256pp. | \$12.00/NCR | Exam Copy: \$3.00

READING LEVEL: 9 

## LAY THAT TRUMPET IN OUR HANDS: A Novel

By *Susan Carol McCarthy*

• A Popular College Common Reading Selection

A wise and luminous story about a northern family, a southern town, and the senseless murder that sparks an extraordinary act of courage, the book is told from the point of view of a little girl who is witness to the extraordinary turn of events that begins with the lynching of a black man.

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READING LEVEL: 6 

Author website: <http://www.susancarolmccarthy.com/>

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Written and illustrated by *China Miéville*

• A 2008 ALA Best Book for Young Adults

"Miéville's first attempt at writing for young adults is astonishingly good. . . .

Miéville sacrifices none of the maturity and intellectualism of his earlier novels for a cheap read, and the respect with which he treats his young readers is refreshing. It is a sophisticated novel of emotion and social awareness, and it is impossible to leave Unlondon until the last page."

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## BLACK SWAN GREEN: A Novel

By *David Mitchell*

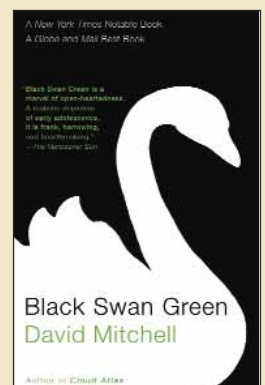
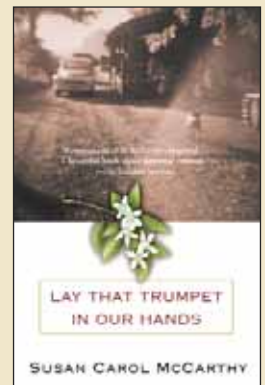
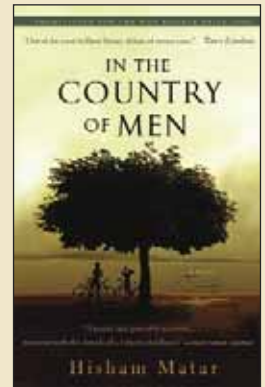
- Winner, ALA Notable Book 2006
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- Winner, ALA Best Books for Young Adults 2006
- A 2006 *School Library Journal* Best Adult Book for High School Students
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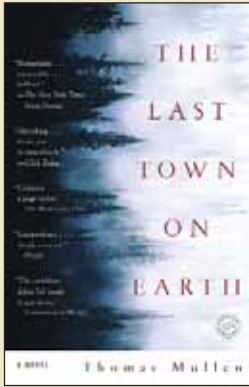
From award-winning writer David Mitchell comes a sinewy, meditative novel of boyhood on the cusp of adulthood and the old on the cusp of the new.

*Black Swan Green* tracks a single year in what is, for thirteen-year-old Jason Taylor, the sleepest village in muddiest Worcestershire in a dying Cold War England, 1982. But the thirteen chapters, each a short story in its own right, create an exquisitely observed world that is anything but sleepy.

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## THE LAST TOWN ON EARTH: A Novel

By *Thomas Mullen*

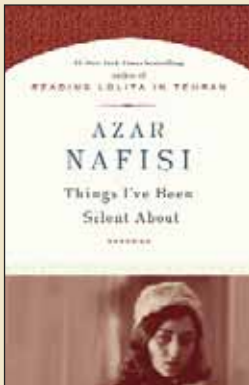
- Winner, The James Fenimore Cooper Prize for Historical Fiction 2007
- A College Common Reading and One City, One Book Selection

Set against the backdrop of one of the most virulent epidemics that America ever experienced—the 1918 flu epidemic—Thomas Mullen’s powerful, sweeping first novel is a tale of morality in a time of upheaval.

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READING LEVEL: 9 **TG**

Author website: <http://www.thomasmullen.net>



## THINGS I'VE BEEN SILENT ABOUT: Memories of a Prodigal Daughter

By *Azar Nafisi*

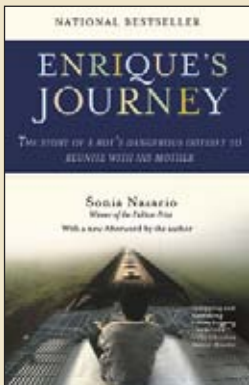
Azar Nafisi, author of the beloved international bestseller *Reading Lolita in Tehran*, now gives us a stunning personal story of growing up in Iran, memories of her life lived in thrall to a powerful and complex mother, against the background of a country’s political revolution.

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Random House Trade Paperbacks | TR | 978-0-8129-7390-7 | 368pp. | \$16.00/\$19.95 Can. | Exam Copy: \$3.00

READING LEVEL: 10



## ENRIQUE'S JOURNEY: The Story of a Boy's Dangerous Odyssey to Reunite with His Mother

By *Sonia Nazario*

- A Popular College Common Reading and One City, One Book Selection
- A New York Public Library Book for the Teen Age

In this astonishing true story, award-winning journalist Sonia Nazario recounts the unforgettable odyssey of a Honduran boy who braves unimaginable hardship and peril to reach his mother in the United States.

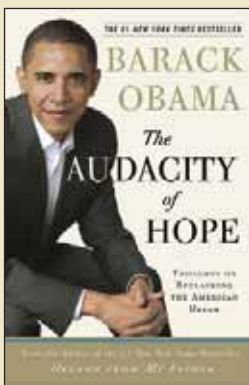
“This portrait of poverty and family ties has the potential to reshape American conversations about immigration.”

—*Kirkus Reviews* (starred review)

Random House Trade Paperbacks | TR | 978-0-8129-7178-1 | 336pp. | \$16.00/\$19.95 Can. | Exam Copy: \$3.00

READING LEVEL: 6 **TG**

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## THE AUDACITY OF HOPE: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream

By *Barack Obama*

“[Barack Obama] is that rare politician who can actually write—and write movingly and genuinely about himself. . . . In these pages he often speaks to the reader as if he were an old friend from back in the day, salting policy recommendations with colorful asides about the absurdities of political life . . . [He] strives in these pages to ground his policy thinking in simple common sense . . . while articulating these venomous pre-election days, but also in these increasingly polarized and polarizing times.”

—Michiko Kakutani, *The New York Times*

Three Rivers Press | TR | 978-0-307-23770-5 | 384pp. | \$14.95/\$19.95 Can. | Exam Copy: \$3.00

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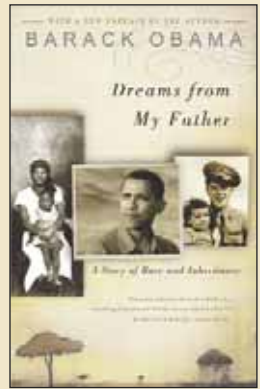
## DREAMS FROM MY FATHER: A Story of Race and Inheritance

By Barack Obama

In this lyrical, unsentimental, and powerfully affecting memoir, the son of a black African father and a white American mother searches for a workable meaning to his life as a black American. It begins in New York, where Barack Obama learns that his father—a figure he knows more as a myth than as a man—has been killed in a car accident. This sudden death inspires an emotional odyssey—first to a small town in Kansas, from which he retraces the migration of his mother’s family to Hawaii, and then to Kenya, where he meets the African side of his family, confronts the bitter truth of his father’s life, and at last reconciles his divided inheritance.

Three Rivers Press | TR | 978-1-4000-8277-3 | 480pp. | \$14.95/\$16.95 Can. | Exam Copy: \$3.00

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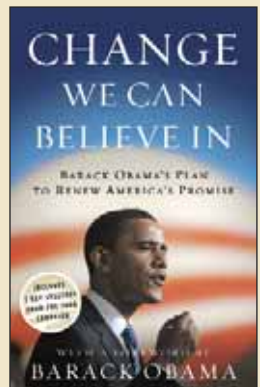
## CHANGE WE CAN BELIEVE IN: Barack Obama’s Plan to Renew America’s Promise

With a Foreword by Barack Obama

*Change We Can Believe In* includes 7 key speeches from the 2008 Presidential campaign and outlines Barack Obama’s vision for America. This book, which was put together by *Obama for America*, offers his practical and bold vision of government that is more accessible to students.

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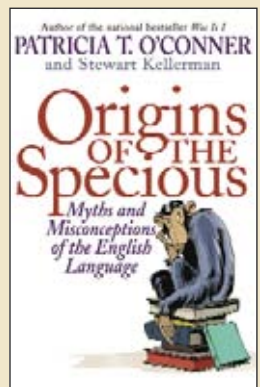
## ORIGINS OF THE SPECIOUS: Myths and Misconceptions of the English Language

By Patricia T. O’Conner and Stewart Kellerman

In *Origins of the Specious*, *Woe Is I* author Patricia T. O’Conner and Stewart Kellerman explode the misconceptions that have led generations of language lovers astray, revealing why some of grammar’s best-known “rules” aren’t—and never were—rules at all. Students and teachers alike will appreciate and utilize this primer on the eccentricities of the ever-changing, endlessly entertaining English language.

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## GERTRUDA’S OATH: A Child, a Promise, and a Heroic Escape During World War II

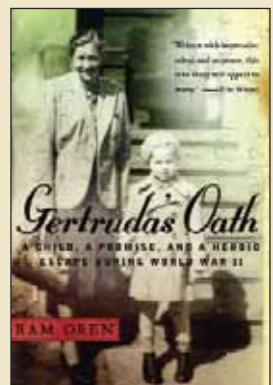
By Ram Oren; Translated by Barbara Harshav

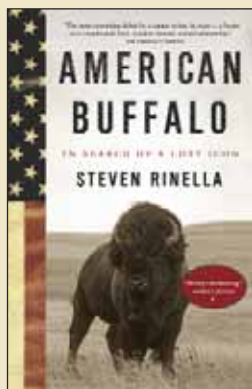
Michael Stolorow, the only son of a wealthy Jewish family in Poland, was just three years old when war broke out and the family lost everything. His father, desperate to settle his business affairs, travels to France, leaving Michael in the care of his mother and Gertruda Bablinska, a Catholic nanny devoted to the family. When Michael’s mother has a stroke, Gertruda promises the dying woman that she will make her way to Palestine and raise him as her own son.

Written with the invaluable assistance of Michael, now seventy-two and living in New York City, *Gertruda’s Oath* re-creates Michael and Gertruda’s amazing journey.

Doubleday Religion | HC | 978-0-385-52718-7 | 320pp. | \$24.95/\$28.95 Can. | Exam Copy: \$12.50

READING LEVEL: 8





## AMERICAN BUFFALO: In Search of a Lost Icon

By Steven Rinella

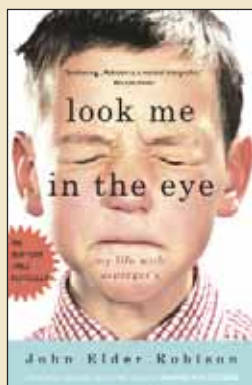
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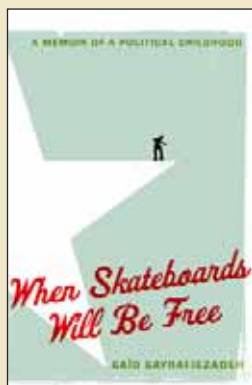
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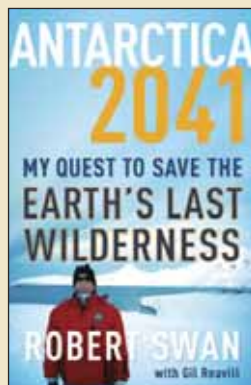
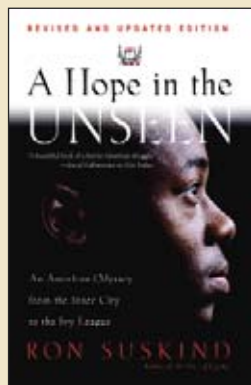
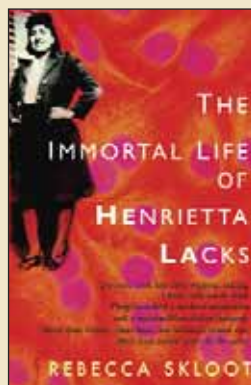
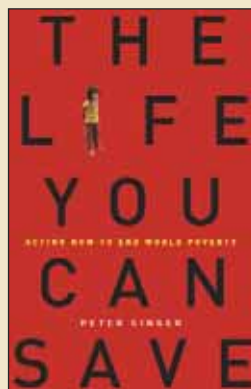
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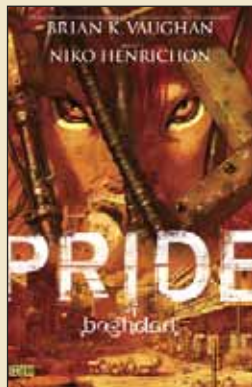
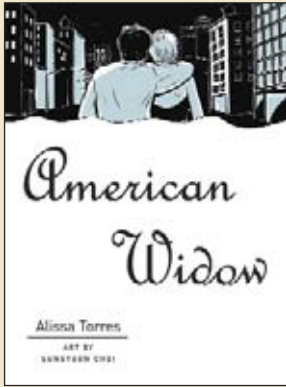
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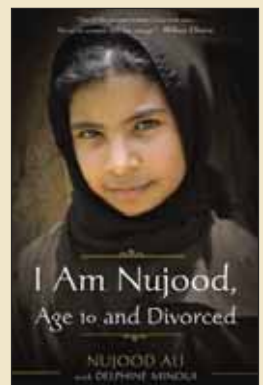
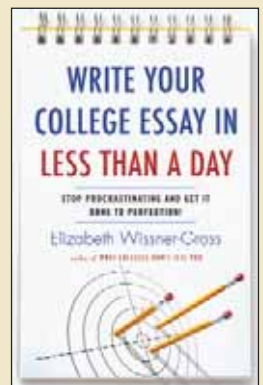
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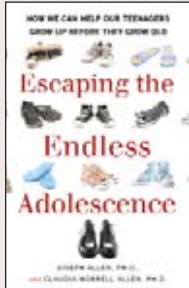
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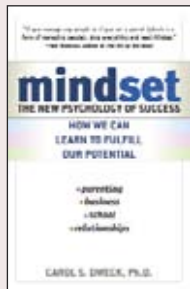
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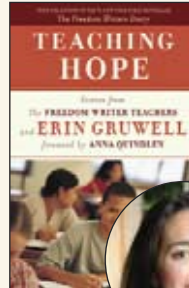
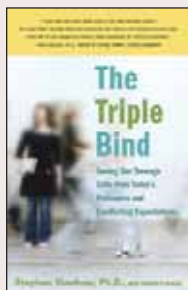
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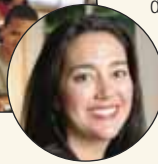
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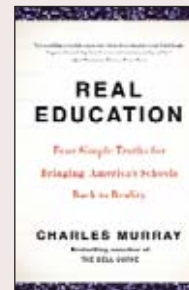
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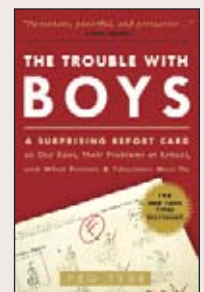
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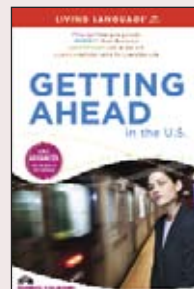
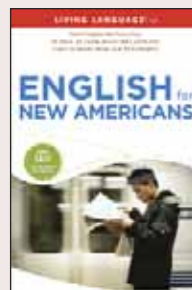
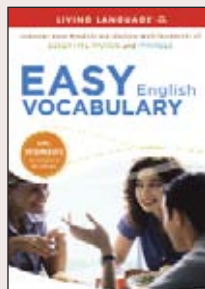
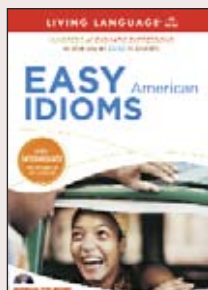
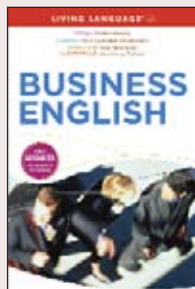
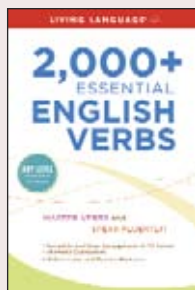
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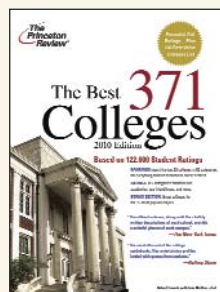
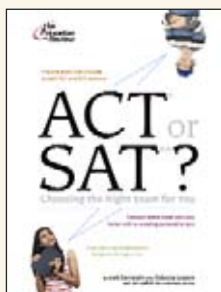
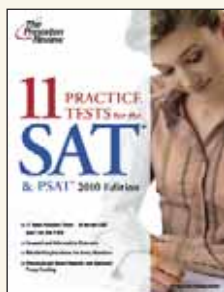
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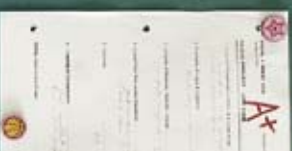
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