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Hidden in Plain Sight May 28 2022 Hidden in Plain Sight: A History of the Newberry Mass Lynching of 1916 is a fast-paced narrative history of a 1916 mass lynching in North Florida, where six members of a tight-knit Black family were killed by a white mob of the "best men" in the district. The lynching garnered brief, nationwide attention, including an investigation by the NAACP and condemnation by W. E. B. Dubois, before it was buried in a vow of silence that endured for nearly a hundred years. With an abundance of citation and uncommon insight, Hidden in Plain Sight: A History of the Newberry Mass Lynching of 1916 draws a portrait of a struggling, turn-of-the-century farming town and the families, Black and white, who were pitched headlong into a weekend of bloodlust and revenge that would change the town forever. With a scope of a hundred years, the story that begins in anguish unexpectedly ends in recent steps to reconciliation and remembrance.

Myra Sims Aug 31 2022 Readers received a refreshing introduction to the Sims and Catts families in Owens' first novel, My Brother Michael, narrated by the inimitable Gabriel Catts. Here to tell her side is Myra Sims, the apex of a love triangle that includes Gabe and his brother, Michael. Myra's fresh perspective will bring new insight to a story of incest, adultery, and hard-won love among the denizens of Magnolia Hill, a Florida Panhandle mill town. We follow Myra from her violent childhood and entrancement with Gabe's snap-eyed genius, through her marriage to the older and more stable Michael, to her breakdown and renewal as she battles the demons from her childhood that haunt all three of them. In the end, you will, as both Gabe and Myra do, love Michael.

Awol in North Africa (Ghosts of War #3) Mar 14 2021 Greg and his friends are back with

another exciting mystery in the Ghosts of War series! Anderson and his friends Greg and Julie have been doing everything they can to avoid the battered trunk full of old military things in his family's junk shop basement. Only, staying away seems impossible, and this time Anderson discovers a dusty World War II medic's bag inside the trunk. But who does it belong to? Because if the friends have learned anything, it's that they are about to be face-to-face with a ghost. When an army medic ghost appears, Anderson's not sure how to help him. Or if he should help him. The ghost claims he was stationed in North Africa during World War II. But as far as Anderson knows, World War II was fought in Europe. So what's the real story behind this ghost? Can Anderson, Greg, and Julie solve the mystery, or have they become part of a dangerous haunting?

Love, Theodosia Jan 30 2020 A Romeo & Juliet tale for Hamilton! fans. In post-American Revolution New York City, Theodosia Burr, a scholar with the skills of a socialite, is all about charming the right people on behalf of her father—Senator Aaron Burr, who is determined to win the office of president in the pivotal election of 1800. Meanwhile, Philip Hamilton, the rakish son of Alexander Hamilton, is all about being charming on behalf of his libido. When the two first meet, it seems the ongoing feud between their politically opposed fathers may be hereditary. But soon, Theodosia and Philip must choose between love and family, desire and loyalty, and preserving the legacy their flawed fathers fought for or creating their own. *Love, Theodosia* is a smart, funny, swoony take on a fiercely intelligent woman with feminist ideas ahead of her time who has long-deserved center stage. A refreshing spin on the Hamiltonian era and the characters we have grown to know and love. It's also a heartbreaking romance of two star-crossed lovers, an aching bittersweet “what if.” Despite their fathers' bitter rivalry, Theodosia and Philip are drawn to each other and, in what unrolls like a Jane Austen novel of manners, we find ourselves entangled in the world of Hamilton and Burr once again

as these heirs of famous enemies are driven together despite every reason not to be.

The Hellfire Club Nov 09 2020 A young Congressman stumbles on the powerful political underworld of 1950's D.C. in this "potent thriller" (David Baldacci) and New York Times bestseller from CNN correspondent Jake Tapper. Charlie Marder is an unlikely Congressman. Thrust into office by his family ties after his predecessor died mysteriously, Charlie is struggling to navigate the dangerous waters of 1950s Washington, DC, alongside his young wife Margaret, a zoologist with ambitions of her own. Amid the swirl of glamorous and powerful political leaders and deal makers, a mysterious fatal car accident thrusts Charlie and Margaret into an underworld of backroom deals, secret societies, and a plot that could change the course of history. When Charlie discovers a conspiracy that reaches the highest levels of governance, he has to fight not only for his principles and his newfound political career...but for his life.

The Strange Case of the Dutch Painter Aug 26 2019 Paris, 1890. When Sherlock Holmes finds himself chasing an art dealer through the streets of Paris, he's certain he's smoked out one of the principals of a cunning forgery ring responsible for the theft of some of the Louvre's greatest masterpieces. But for once, Holmes is dead wrong. He doesn't know that the dealer, Theo Van Gogh, is rushing to the side of his brother, who lies dying of a gunshot wound in Auvers. He doesn't know that the dealer's brother is a penniless misfit artist named Vincent, known to few and mourned by even fewer. Officialdom pronounces the death a suicide, but a few minutes at the scene convinces Holmes it was murder. And he's bulldog-determined to discover why a penniless painter who harmed no one had to be killed—and who killed him. Who could profit from Vincent's death? How is the murder entwined with his own forgery investigation? Holmes must retrace the last months of Vincent's life, testing his mettle against men like the brutal Paul Gauguin and the secretive

Toulouse-Lautrec, all the while searching for the girl Olympia, whom Vincent named with his dying breath. She can provide the truth, but can anyone provide the proof? From the madhouse of St. Remy to the rooftops of Paris, Holmes hunts a killer—while the killer hunts him.

Paper Towns Jul 18 2021 Quentin Jacobson has spent a lifetime loving Margo Roth Spiegelman from afar. So when she cracks open a window and climbs into his life - dressed like a ninja and summoning him for an ingenious campaign of revenge - he follows. After their all-nighter ends, Q arrives at school to discover that Margo has disappeared.

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Julia Jun 04 2020 The #1 New York Times bestselling author of Ghost Story—and the master of American horror—tells the terrifying story of a woman who, in her desperation to flee the past, encounters an inexplicable aura of evil. Julia's first purchase upon leaving her husband is a large, old-fashioned house in Kensington, where she plans to live by herself, well away from her soon-to-be ex and the home where their young daughter died. She feels a peculiar affinity for the house right

away, a feeling that deepens with each glimpse of a mysterious little girl—blond, like her daughter—in the neighborhood, and even in her dreams But the little girl and the big house have an inexplicable aura of evil. And Julia quickly discovers that escaping her past is not as simple as turning a key.

Pat Conroy Jun 24 2019 For Pat Conroy Fans, a Loving, Laughter-Filled Homage to a Loyal, Big-Hearted Friend Pat Conroy, the bestselling author of *The Prince of Tides* and *The Great Santini* among many other books, was beloved by millions of readers. Bernie Schein was his best friend from the time they met in a high-school pickup basketball game in Beaufort, South Carolina, until Conroy's death in 2016. Both were popular athletes but also outsiders as a Jew and a Catholic military brat in the small-town Bible-Belt South, and they bonded. Wiseass and smart aleck loudmouths both, they shared an ebullient sense of humor and romanticism, were mesmerized by the highbrow and reveled in the low, and would sacrifice entire evenings and afternoons to endless conversation. As young teachers in the Beaufort area and later in Atlanta, they were activists in the civil rights struggle and against institutional racism and bigotry. Bernie knew intimately the private family story of the Conroys and his friend's difficult relationship with his Marine Corps colonel father that Pat would draw on repeatedly in his fiction. A love letter and homage, and a way to share the Pat he knew, this book collects Bernie's cherished memories about the gregarious, welcoming, larger-than-life man who remained his best friend, even during the years they didn't speak. It offers a trove of insights and anecdotes that will be treasured by Pat Conroy's many devoted fans.

Strange Wine Nov 21 2021 From "one of the great . . . American short story writers," comes a collection of dark fantastical fiction (*The Washington Post*). In the Locus Award-winning "Croatoan," a man descends into the sewers of New York City to confront the detritus of his irresponsibility. An

"Emissary from Hamelin" presents humanity with an ultimatum, or everyone on Earth will have a dear price to pay the piper. And in the title story—famously written by the author in the storefront window of a Santa Monica bookshop—Willis Kaw is convinced that he is an alien trapped inside an Earthman's body, only to discover his suffering serves a purpose. *Strange Wine* includes these three stories and a dozen more unique visions from the writer the *Washington Post* hails as a "lyric poet, satirist, explorer of odd psychological corners, and purveyor of pure horror and black comedy." Includes: "Croatoan," "Working With the Little People," "Killing Bernstein," "Mom," "In Fear of K," "Hitler Painted Roses," "The Wine Has Been Left Open Too Long and the Memory Has Gone Flat," "From A to Z, in the Chocolate Alphabet," "Lonely Women Are the Vessels of Time," "Emissary from Hamelin," "The New York Review of Bird Seeing," "The Boulevard of Broken Dreams," "Strange Wine," "The Diagnosis of Dr. D'arqueAngel"

[Black Girl/White Girl](#) Apr 14 2021 Fifteen years ago, in 1975, Genna Hewett-Meade's college roommate died a mysterious, violent, terrible death. Minette Swift had been a fiercely individualistic scholarship student, an assertive—even prickly—personality, and one of the few black girls at an exclusive women's liberal arts college near Philadelphia. By contrast, Genna was a quiet, self-effacing teenager from a privileged upper-class home, self-consciously struggling to make amends for her own elite upbringing. When, partway through their freshman year, Minette suddenly fell victim to an increasing torrent of racist harassment and vicious slurs—from within the apparent safety of their tolerant, "enlightened" campus—Genna felt it her duty to protect her roommate at all costs. Now, as Genna reconstructs the months, weeks, and hours leading up to Minette's tragic death, she is also forced to confront her own identity within the social framework of that time. Her father was a prominent civil defense lawyer whose radical politics—including defending anti-war

terrorists wanted by the FBI—would deeply affect his daughter's outlook on life, and later challenge her deepest beliefs about social obligation in a morally gray world. *Black Girl / White Girl* is a searing double portrait of "black" and "white," of race and civil rights in post-Vietnam America, captured by one of the most important literary voices of our time.

Sometimes I Act Crazy Dec 11 2020 A source of hope, expert advice, and guidance for people with borderline personality disorder and those who love them Do you experience frightening, often violent mood swings that make you fear for your sanity? Are you often depressed? Do you engage in self-destructive behaviors such as drug or alcohol abuse, anorexia, compulsive eating, self-cutting, and hair pulling? Do you feel empty inside, or as if you don't know who you are? Do you dread being alone and fear abandonment? Do you have trouble finishing projects, keeping a job, or forming lasting relationships? If you or someone you love answered yes to the majority of these questions, there's a good chance that you or that person suffers from borderline personality disorder, a commonly misunderstood and misdiagnosed psychological problem afflicting tens of millions of people. Princess Diana was one of the most well-known BPD sufferers. As a source of hope and practical advice for BPD sufferers and those who love them, this new book by Dr. Jerold J. Kreisman and Hal Straus, bestselling authors of *I Hate You, Don't Leave Me*, offers proven techniques that help you: * Manage mood swings * Develop lasting relationships * Improve your self-esteem * Keep negative thoughts at bay * Control destructive impulses * Understand your treatment options * Find professional help

Black Dahlia & White Rose Jul 26 2019 "A mesmerizing storyteller who seems almost unnaturally able to enter the tormented inner lives of her characters." —Denver Post *Black Dahlia & White Rose* is a brilliant collection of short fiction from National Book Award winner and New York Times

bestselling author Joyce Carol Oates, one of the most acclaimed writers of our time. These stores, at once lyrical and unsettling, shine with the author's trademark fascination with finding the unpredictable amidst the prosaic—from her imaginative recreation of friendship between two tragically doomed young women (Marilyn Monroe and Elizabeth Short), to the tale of an infidelity as deeply human as it is otherworldly. *Black Dahlia & White Rose* is a major offering from one of the most important artists in contemporary American literature; a superb collection that showcases Joyce Carol Oates's ferocious energy and darkly imaginative storytelling power.

The Claude Neal Lynching Aug 07 2020 The 1934 lynching of an African American farm laborer named Claude Neal was part of an unprecedented outbreak of violence. It has been called the "last public spectacle" lynching in U.S. history. In the first new book on the incident in thirty years, writer and historian Dale Cox unveils a wealth of new information including never before published information from men involved in the actual lynching, statements from eyewitnesses, new documentation and much more. Critically acclaimed, this book is a must for any student of Southern history or the 1930s. Claude Neal was a Florida farm laborer accused of murdering a young woman named Lola Cannady. Despite the best efforts of law enforcement to protect him, he was taken from jail by force, tortured and murdered. His body was then hanged from a tree in Marianna, the county seat of Jackson County, Florida. The lynching sparked rioting and forced Florida's governor to order National Guard troops to occupy Marianna. The Claude Neal Lynching has been hailed by critics, including Southern novelist Janis Owens, for breaking new ground on the topic and for adding dramatically to what is known of the brutal events of 1934.

The Place of Peace and Crickets Jul 06 2020 Literary Nonfiction. Memoir. When journalist Tricia Booker and her husband had trouble conceiving, they followed the well-worn footsteps of couples

exploring in-vitro fertilization. Two years and thousands of dollars later, they decided to have a long fulfilling life—without children. Instead, they became immersed in the world of international adoption. Their first child, born in Vietnam, introduced them to a poor but loving orphanage where infants slept with their caretakers. Then came Guatemala, a beautiful, impoverished country where Booker's two younger children lived in tiny cribs with little human interaction. In candid, raw prose, Booker tells the story of her family, including her son's diagnosis of Anxious-Attachment Disorder, the service dog she trained to help him, and her and her husband's chaotic attempts to simplify their lives in order to heal their son.

Ghostly Matters Sep 27 2019 “Avery Gordon’s stunningly original and provocatively imaginative book explores the connections linking horror, history, and haunting.” —George Lipsitz “The text is of great value to anyone working on issues pertaining to the fantastic and the uncanny.” —American Studies International “Ghostly Matters immediately establishes Avery Gordon as a leader among her generation of social and cultural theorists in all fields. The sheer beauty of her language enhances an intellectual brilliance so daunting that some readers will mark the day they first read this book. One must go back many more years than most of us can remember to find a more important book.” —Charles Lemert Drawing on a range of sources, including the fiction of Toni Morrison and Luisa Valenzuela (*He Who Searches*), Avery Gordon demonstrates that past or haunting social forces control present life in different and more complicated ways than most social analysts presume. Written with a power to match its subject, *Ghostly Matters* has advanced the way we look at the complex intersections of race, gender, and class as they traverse our lives in sharp relief and shadowy manifestations. Avery F. Gordon is professor of sociology at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Janice Radway is professor of literature at Duke University.

Pat Sloan's Holiday Celebrations May 04 2020 Come join the fun as Pat Sloan takes you on a joyful journey through a year's worth of celebrations. You'll find easy patchwork and fusible-appliqué; projects for Valentine's Day, Easter, the Fourth of July, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Stitch welcoming lap quilts and table toppers, plump and pretty pillows, trick-or-treat totes, cozy Christmas stockings, and more. Keep your home decor looking fresh and cheery as the seasons change, and always have the perfect pattern on hand for a housewarming or holiday gift. With inspiring photos, easy-to-follow instructions, and 17 terrific designs at your fingertips, you're on your way to a great year!

Scars of Sweet Paradise Feb 10 2021 Drawing on hundreds of interviews, a noted 1960s historian goes beyond the legend of Janis Joplin to reveal the roots of her musical talent and the chaotic world in which she lived and died. Reprint.

American Ghost Nov 02 2022 Twelve years earlier, Jolie Hoyt and Sam Lense, a young anthropology student, had fallen in love, but tragedy struck when Sam began investigating the dark racial history of Jolie's hometown, and now they must try to come to terms with the past.

Where All Light Tends to Go Nov 29 2019 A Finalist for the Edgar Award for Best First Novel
"Remarkable . . . This isn't your ordinary coming-of-age novel, but with his bone-cutting insights into these men and the region that bred them, Joy makes it an extraordinarily intimate experience."—Marilyn Stasio, *The New York Times* Book Review "Lyrical, propulsive, dark and compelling. Joy knows well the grit and gravel of his world, the soul and blemishes of the place."-- Daniel Woodrell In the country-noir tradition of *Winter's Bone* meets 'Breaking Bad,' a savage and beautiful story of a young man seeking redemption. The area surrounding Cashiers, North Carolina, is home to people of all kinds, but the world that Jacob McNeely lives in is crueler than most. His

father runs a methodically organized meth ring, with local authorities on the dime to turn a blind eye to his dealings. Having dropped out of high school and cut himself off from his peers, Jacob has been working for this father for years, all on the promise that his payday will come eventually. The only joy he finds comes from reuniting with Maggie, his first love, and a girl clearly bound for bigger and better things than their hardscrabble town. Jacob has always been resigned to play the cards that were dealt him, but when a fatal mistake changes everything, he's faced with a choice: stay and appease his father, or leave the mountains with the girl he loves. In a place where blood is thicker than water and hope takes a back seat to fate, Jacob wonders if he can muster the strength to rise above the only life he's ever known.

The Ghost of Crutchfield Hall Apr 26 2022 In the nineteenth century, ten-year-old Florence Crutchfield leaves a London orphanage to live with her great-uncle, great-aunt, and sickly cousin James, but she soon realizes the home has another resident, who means to do her and James harm.

The Schooling of Claybird Catts Feb 22 2022 To be perfectly honest, the day my father died really wasn't the worst day of my life. When his beloved father, Michael, dies, Claybird Catts finds solace in the company of his close-knit family -- his mysterious and beautiful mother, Myra; his lovable, know-it-all sister, Missy; his newly grown-up brother, Simon; and his devoted grandmother, Cissie.

Devastated by his loss, but secure in their love, Claybird feels as though life could almost go on as usual in their small, sleepy Southern hometown. Until Uncle Gabe comes back. A stranger to Claybird, Uncle Gabe is a brilliant academic who disappeared twenty years ago. Despite the deep mystery that surrounds him, Gabe's humor and intellect shine, and he quickly positions himself in the role of the Catts family's patriarch, filling the role of Claybird's dead father. Gabe and Claybird become coconspirators and best friends, until a slip of the tongue unveils the real history of their

relationship, a heart-wrenching revelation that turns Claybird's world upside down.

One of Ours Oct 09 2020 An American Farm Boy In Search Of Meaning “Life was so short that it meant nothing at all unless it were continually reinforced by something that endured; unless the shadows of individual existence came and went against a background that held together.” - Willa Cather, *One of Ours* Claude tries to escapes from his family firm grasp who want him pious and working at their family farm in Nebraska. He marries in his attempt to escape only to realize that his wife is not interested at all in him. That’s when another opportunity arises: going overseas and fight for the American army in World War One. This Xist Classics edition has been professionally formatted for e-readers with a linked table of contents. This eBook also contains a bonus book club leadership guide and discussion questions. We hope you’ll share this book with your friends, neighbors and colleagues and can’t wait to hear what you have to say about it. Xist Publishing is a digital-first publisher. Xist Publishing creates books for the touchscreen generation and is dedicated to helping everyone develop a lifetime love of reading, no matter what form it takes

Man in the Blue Moon Oct 28 2019 “He’s a gambler at best. A con artist at worst,” her aunt had said of the handlebar-mustached man who snatched Ella Wallace away from her dreams of studying art in France. Eighteen years later, that man has disappeared, leaving Ella alone and struggling to support her three sons. While the world is embroiled in World War I, Ella fights her own personal battle to keep the mystical Florida land that has been in her family for generations from the hands of an unscrupulous banker. When a mysterious man arrives at Ella’s door in an unconventional way, he convinces her he can help her avoid foreclosure, and a tenuous trust begins. But as the fight for Ella’s land intensifies, it becomes evident that things are not as they appear. Hypocrisy and murder soon shake the coastal town of Apalachicola and jeopardize Ella’s family.

Unconventional Warfare (Special Forces, Book 1) Oct 21 2021 Discover the secret missions behind America's greatest conflicts. Danny Manion has been fighting his entire life. Sometimes with his fists. Sometimes with his words. But when his actions finally land him in real trouble, he can't fight the judge who offers him a choice: jail... or the army. Turns out there's a perfect place for him in the US military: the Studies and Observation Group (SOG), an elite volunteer-only task force comprised of US Air Force Commandos, Army Green Berets, Navy SEALs, and even a CIA agent or two. With the SOG's focus on covert action and psychological warfare, Danny is guaranteed an unusual tour of duty, and a hugely dangerous one. Fortunately, the very same qualities that got him in trouble at home make him a natural-born commando in a secret war. Even if almost nobody knows he's there. National Book Award finalist Chris Lynch begins a new, explosive fiction series based on the real-life, top-secret history of US black ops.

[A Cat, a Hat and a Piece of String](#) Jan 12 2021 A second short story collection from Joanne Harris, author of *Chocolat* and *Peaches for Monsieur le Cure*. Stories are like Russian dolls; open them up, and in each one you'll find another story.' Conjured from a wickedly imaginative pen, here is a new collection of short stories that showcases Joanne Harris's exceptional storytelling art.

[My Brother Michael](#) Oct 01 2022 "Out of the shotgun houses and deep, shaded porches of a West Florida mill town comes this extraordinary novel of love and redemption as told by revisionist historian Gabriel Catts. On the eve of his fortieth birthday Gabe takes his own history in hand in an attempt to reconcile a family shattered by his betrayal of his older brother, Michael. As Gabe contends with a host of personal demons, he recounts his lifelong love for his brother's wife, Myra, whose own demons threaten to overwhelm all three of them. Circumstance and passion push them all beyond the moral boundaries of their close-knit Baptist community, but it is within the

restrictions of their family ties and Southern culture that they rediscover the paths of salvation. Gabe recalls their childhood lives in the poor neighborhood called Magnolia Hill, when their tranquil days of church picnics and porch gossip were spiked with a tragedy too evil to name. While Gabe escapes to academe in the Northeast, fleeing the poverty and inertia of their mill-town upbringing, Michael remains at home and manages to become an important person in the community. Gabe is drawn home time and again, but the events of his return in the troubled summer of 1974 threaten even years later to rip the family asunder. Through it all, Gabe's immovable love for Myra serves as the focus of this intimate view of a Southern family."--Publisher's website.

Annie Laura's Gift Apr 02 2020 ANNIE LAURA'S GIFT is an elegantly written, immersively moving novel. --Robert Olen Butler, Pulitzer Prize winning author of A GOOD SCENT FROM A STRANGE MOUNTAIN. Based on a true story, beautiful, tenacious Annie Laura Brock, an immigrant in the rural South of the late 1880s fights for her dream: a home in America for herself and her young siblings. She is certain that in America, anything is possible for those who work hard and believe. Despite prejudice and abuse at the hands of rich, powerful townspeople, and the loss of both her parents, Annie Laura perseveres. With the help of her friend, Morris, she carves a farm from the stubborn Florida piney woods. But darkness descends when Morris is forced from the town by his greedy half-siblings. Small-town culture is not kind when Annie Laura, the victim of rape, brings an illegitimate child into the world, and shunning takes on an entirely new and sinister meaning.

Dark Matter Mar 26 2022 January 1937. Clouds of war are gathering over a fogbound London. Twenty-eight year old Jack is poor, lonely and desperate to change his life. So when he's offered the chance to be the wireless operator on an Arctic expedition, he jumps at it. Spirits are high as the ship leaves Norway: five men and eight huskies, crossing the Barents Sea by the light of the

midnight sun. At last they reach the remote, uninhabited bay where they will camp for the next year. Gruhuken. But the Arctic summer is brief. As night returns to claim the land, Jack feels a creeping unease. One by one, his companions are forced to leave. He faces a stark choice. Stay or go. Soon he will see the last of the sun, as the polar night engulfs the camp in months of darkness. Soon he will reach the point of no return - when the sea will freeze, making escape impossible. And Gruhuken is not uninhabited. Jack is not alone. Something walks there in the dark. This Special Edition Ebook will feature exclusive material: AUTHOR EXTRAS: Dark Matter ∫ An exclusive interview with Michelle Paver and an extended author biography with integrated photos of the landscape of Spitsbergen. COVER DESIGN: Dark Matter ∫ the jacket designer's take and cover design progression (5 x visuals). DARK MATTER - A SHORT FILM: Dark Matter ∫ Turning the novel into a short promotional film and Dark Matter - The Film Director's Cut, the rejected film scripts, the final film script and behind the scenes at filming (3 x visuals).

Tell Me a Story Aug 19 2021 "Tell Me A Story is breathtakingly tender, heartbreakingly true...The best memoir I've read." — Mary Alice Monroe, New York Times bestselling author of *The Beach House Reunion* Bestselling author Cassandra King Conroy considers her life and the man she shared it with, paying tribute to her husband, Pat Conroy, the legendary figure of modern Southern literature. Cassandra King was leading a quiet life as a professor, divorced "Sunday wife" of a preacher, and debut novelist when she met Pat Conroy. Their friendship bloomed into a tentative, long-distance relationship. Pat and Cassandra ultimately married, ending Pat's long commutes from coastal South Carolina to her native Alabama. It was a union that would last eighteen years, until the beloved literary icon's death from pancreatic cancer in 2016. In this poignant, intimate memoir, the woman he called King Ray looks back at her love affair with a natural-born storyteller whose lust for

life was fueled by a passion for literature, food, and the Carolina Lowcountry that was his home. As she reflects on their relationship and the eighteen years they spent together, cut short by Pat's passing at seventy, Cassandra reveals how the marshlands of the South Carolina Lowcountry ultimately cast their spell on her, too, and how she came to understand the convivial, generous, funny, and wounded flesh-and-blood man beneath the legend—her husband, the original Prince of Tides.

Swimming with Serpents May 16 2021 Star-crossed lovers, Cade Kincaid and Lyssa Rendel, meet as children traveling with a pack train into Creek country. Both are of mixed blood. Ten years later the two marry only to be immediately separated by the Creek War. They must survive the Massacre at Fort Mims, ensuing Creek War and the brutality of the time to reunite. Savannah Jack, the cruelest and most frightening of all the villains of the age, captures Lyssa Rendel, Pushmataha's adopted daughter. Lyssa valiantly draws Savannah Jack from the glade where the children she has rescued and nursed back to health are secluded after the murderous Red Stick attack and vicious depredations committed on the nearly 500 inhabitants of the one acre stockade built around the once gracious plantation home of Samuel Mims. Cade knows Savannah Jack well. He was himself captured by this blood-thirsty Creek years ago when he was associated with William Augustus Bowles who sought to set himself up as the Emperor of the Creek nation upon the death of Alexander McGillivray. The compelling stories of the individuals caught up in the seismic forces of conflicting cultures conveys a human drama of war weaving a tale the theme of which is as applicable today as it was 200 years ago when this pivotal event occurred, August 30th, 1813. "If war is the will of God, a judgment upon evil, why must the innocents perish?" From the recesses of time ... from the infancy of our new nation ... veterans of that Revolution fought another war. The

voices of those forgotten people cried out to have their lives remembered. This is their story.

Provinces of Night Sep 07 2020 It's 1952, and E.F. Bloodworth is finally coming home to Ackerman's Field, Tennessee. Itinerant banjo picker and volatile vagrant, he's been gone ever since he gunned down a deputy thirty years before. Two of his sons won't be home to greet him: Warren lives a life of alcoholic philandering down in Alabama, and Boyd has gone to Detroit in vengeful pursuit of his wife and the peddler she ran off with. His third son, Brady, is still home, but he's an addled soothsayer given to voodoo and bent on doing whatever it takes to keep E.F. from seeing the wife he abandoned. Only Fleming, E.F.'s grandson, is pleased with the old man's homecoming, but Fleming's life is soon to careen down an unpredictable path hewn by the beautiful Raven Lee Halfacre. In the great Southern tradition of Faulkner, Styron, and Cormac McCarthy, William Gay wields a prose as evocative and lush as the haunted and humid world it depicts. *Provinces of Night* is a tale redolent of violence and redemption—a whiskey-scented, knife-scarred novel whose indelible finale is not an ending nearly so much as it is an apotheosis.

The Other Side of Everything Sep 19 2021 Laura Lippman meets Megan Abbott in this suspenseful mystery debut set in the aftermath of a violent crime—for “fans of crime fiction wanting literary flair and emotional depth” (Publishers Weekly, starred review). After her elderly neighbor is murdered, Amy Unger, a fledgling artist and cancer survivor, takes to the canvas in an effort to make sense of her neighbor's death. Painting helps Amy recover from the devastating illness that ended her marriage and left her life in ruin. But when her paintings prove to be too realistic, her neighbors grow suspicious, and the murderer, still lurking, finds his way to her door. Bernard White, a widower who has isolated himself for years after a family scandal, can't stop thinking about the murder of an old friend—and what it means for his fellow octogenarians as the death toll rises. He convinces the

neighborhood's geriatric residents to band together to protect one another. But the Originals, as they are known, can't live together forever. As it is, Bernard is pressing his luck with the woman he's moved in with. Maddie Lowe is a teenager trying to balance her waitressing job and keeping her family intact after the disappearance of her mother, even as their neighborhood becomes more dangerous by the second. She has information crucial to solving the crime. But she doesn't realize it—until it's almost too late. Their paths converge around the killer terrorizing their neighborhood and they are all faced with a life—or death—decision... A gripping page-turner that explores the strange connections between strangers, the past and the present, and the power of tragedy to spark renewal, *The Other Side of Everything* marks the exciting debut of a vibrant and riveting new voice.

Famous All Over Town Jun 28 2022 This sweeping comic novel examines the public and private upheavals of life in a small Southern town from the Civil Rights era to the new millennium. *Famous All Over Town*, the first novel from Southern storyteller Bernie Schein, is a comically candid multi-generational account of two Jews, a lowcountry native and a Northern transplant. Their lives interweave through the momentous events of a sleepy coastal hamlet based on Schein's native Beaufort, South Carolina. Schein's cast includes Southern Jewish lawyer Murray Gold and his foil, displaced New York psychiatrist Bert Levy. There's also an emotionally scarred drill sergeant and his alluringly unconventional wife; a corrupt sheriff and his violent son; an African American madam and her two brilliant children; a fallen Southern belle; a transvestite Vietnam veteran; and many others. With their conflicted identities, burgeoning ambitions, and romantic entanglements, they live through the turbulent 1960s into the 1990s, confronting the ramifications of the civil rights era, Vietnam, Watergate, and—closer to home—a deadly version of the infamous Ribbon Creek incident. Foreword by Janis Owens.

The Cracker Kitchen Jul 30 2022 Though our roots are in the Colonial South, we Crackers are essentially just another American fusion culture, and our table and our stories are constantly expanding -- nearly as fast as our waistlines. We aren't ashamed of either, and we're always delighted with the prospect of company: someone to feed and make laugh, to listen to our hundred thousand stories of food and family and our long American past. Crackers, rednecks, hillbillies, and country boys have long been the brunt of many jokes, yet this old Southern culture is a rich and vibrant part of American history. In *The Cracker Kitchen*, Janis Owens traces the root of the word Cracker back to its origins in Shakespeare's Elizabethan England -- when it meant braggart or big shot -- through its proliferation in America, where it became a derogatory term to describe poor and working-class Southerners. This compelling anthropological exploration peels back the historic misconceptions connected with the word to reveal a breed of proud, fiercely independent Americans with a deep love of their families, their country, their stories, and, most important, their food. With 150 recipes from over twenty different seasonal menus, *The Cracker Kitchen* offers a full year's worth of eating and rejoicing: from spring's Easter Dinner -- which includes recipes for Easter Ham, Green Bean Bundles, and, of course, Cracklin' Cornbread -- to summer's Fish Frys, fall's Tailgate Parties, and winter's In Celebration of Soul, honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. Recounted in Owens's delightful and hilarious voice, the family legends accompanying each of these menus leap off the page. We meet Uncle Kelly, the Prince of the Funny Funeral Story, who has family and friends howling with laughter at otherwise solemn occasions. We spend a morning with Janis and her friends at a Christmas Cookie Brunch as they bake delectable gifts for everyone on their holiday lists. And Janis's own father donates his famous fundamentalist biscuit recipe; truly a foretaste of glory divine. *The Cracker Kitchen* is a charming, irresistible celebration of family, storytelling, and good old-

fashioned eating sure to appeal to anyone with an appreciation of Americana.

Charleston Jun 16 2021 Follows the experiences of an aristocratic family from the turbulent antebellum years through the Civil War, during which they harbor dark secrets and jealously guard their privilege and power.

White Gardenia Mar 02 2020 The beloved debut novel from one of Australia's foremost storytellers. Epic and passionate, White Gardenia will sweep you away ... 'Mama, Mama,' I said to myself, 'keep safe. You will survive, and I will survive, until we can find each other again.' In a district of the city of Harbin, a haven for White Russian families since Russia's Communist revolution, Alina Kozlova must make a heartbreaking decision if her only child, Anya, is to survive the final days of World War II. White Gardenia sweeps across cultures and continents, from the glamorous nightclubs of Shanghai to the harshness of Cold War Soviet Russia in the 1960s, from a desolate island in the Pacific Ocean to a new life in post-war Australia. Both mother and daughter must make sacrifices, but is the price too high? Most importantly of all, will they ever find each other again? Rich in incident and historical detail, this is a compelling and beautifully written tale about yearning and forgiveness. PRAISE FOR WHITE GARDENIA: 'Depicts vividly the powerful lifelong bond between mothers and daughters' - Paullina Simons 'Captivating' - Daily Telegraph 'A passionate and powerful family saga' - Australian Women's Weekly

Bellman & Black Jan 24 2022 Killing a bird with his slingshot as a boy, William Bellman grows up a wealthy family man unaware of how his act of childhood cruelty will have terrible consequences until a wrenching tragedy compels him to enter into a macabre bargain with a stranger in black. Reprint.

Lost Souls Dec 23 2021 Vampires . . . they ache, they love, they thirst for the forbidden. They are your friends and lovers, and your worst fears. "A major new voice in horror fiction . . . an electric

style and no shortage of nerve.”—Booklist At a club in Missing Mile, N.C., the children of the night gather, dressed in black, look for acceptance. Among them are Ghost, who sees what others do not; Ann, longing for love; and Jason, whose real name is Nothing, newly awakened to an ancient, deathless truth about his father, and himself. Others are coming to Missing Mile tonight. Three beautiful, hip vagabonds—Molochai, Twig, and the seductive Zillah, whose eyes are as green as limes—are on their own lost journey, slaking their ancient thirst for blood, looking for supple young flesh. They find it in Nothing and Ann, leading them on a mad, illicit road trip south to New Orleans. Over miles of dark highway, Ghost pursues, his powers guiding him on a journey to reach his destiny, to save Ann from her new companions, to save Nothing from himself. . . . “An important and original work . . . a gritty, highly literate blend of brutality and sentiment, hope and despair.”—Science Fiction Chronicle