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**An American Memoir**

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FAVORITE BOOKS OF THE  
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BOOK OF 2020 BY THE  
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GLAMOUR 2021 WOMEN'S  
PRIZE FINALIST “Bennett’s  
tone and style recalls  
James Baldwin and  
Jacqueline Woodson, but  
it’s especially reminiscent  
of Toni Morrison’s 1970  
debut novel, *The Bluest  
Eye.*” —Kiley Reid, *Wall  
Street Journal* “A story of  
absolute, universal  
timelessness ...For any  
era, it's an accomplished,  
affecting novel. For this  
moment, it's piercing,  
subtly wending its way  
toward questions about

who we are and who we  
want to be....” –  
*Entertainment Weekly*  
From *The New York  
Times*-bestselling author  
of *The Mothers*, a  
stunning new novel about  
twin sisters, inseparable  
as children, who  
ultimately choose to live  
in two very different  
worlds, one black and one  
white. The Vignes twin  
sisters will always be  
identical. But after  
growing up together in a  
small, southern black

community and running away at age sixteen, it's not just the shape of their daily lives that is different as adults, it's everything: their families, their communities, their racial identities. Many years later, one sister lives with her black daughter in the same southern town she once tried to escape. The other secretly passes for white, and her white husband knows nothing of her past. Still, even separated by so many miles and just as many lies, the fates of the twins remain intertwined. What

will happen to the next generation, when their own daughters' storylines intersect? Weaving together multiple strands and generations of this family, from the Deep South to California, from the 1950s to the 1990s, Brit Bennett produces a story that is at once a riveting, emotional family story and a brilliant exploration of the American history of passing. Looking well beyond issues of race, *The Vanishing Half* considers the lasting influence of the past as it

shapes a person's decisions, desires, and expectations, and explores some of the multiple reasons and realms in which people sometimes feel pulled to live as something other than their origins. As with her New York Times-bestselling debut *The Mothers*, Brit Bennett offers an engrossing page-turner about family and relationships that is immersive and provocative, compassionate and wise. Ridiculous Random House  
\*Named a Best Book of

2018 by the New York Times, Publishers Weekly, NPR, Broadly, BuzzFeed (Nonfiction), The Undefeated, Library Journal (Biography/Memoirs), The Washington Post (Nonfiction), Southern Living (Southern), Entertainment Weekly, and The New York Times Critics\* In this powerful, provocative, and universally lauded memoir—winner of the Andrew Carnegie Medal and finalist for the Kirkus Prize—genre-bending essayist and novelist

Kiese Laymon “provocatively meditates on his trauma growing up as a black man, and in turn crafts an essential polemic against American moral rot” (Entertainment Weekly). In *Heavy*, Laymon writes eloquently and honestly about growing up a hard-headed black son to a complicated and brilliant black mother in Jackson, Mississippi. From his early experiences of sexual violence, to his suspension from college, to time in New York as a college professor, Laymon

charts his complex relationship with his mother, grandmother, anorexia, obesity, sex, writing, and ultimately gambling. *Heavy* is a “gorgeous, gutting...generous” (The New York Times) memoir that combines personal stories with piercing intellect to reflect both on the strife of American society and on Laymon’s experiences with abuse. By attempting to name secrets and lies he and his mother spent a lifetime avoiding, he asks us to confront the terrifying

possibility that few in this nation actually know how to responsibly love, and even fewer want to live under the weight of actually becoming free. “A book for people who appreciated Roxane Gay’s memoir *Hunger*” (Milwaukee Journal Sentinel), *Heavy* is defiant yet vulnerable, an insightful, often comical exploration of weight, identity, art, friendship, and family through years of haunting implosions and long reverberations. “You won’t be able to put [this memoir] down...It is

packed with reminders of how black dreams get skewed and deferred, yet are also pregnant with the possibility that a kind of redemption may lie in intimate grappling with black realities” (The Atlantic).

[He Loves Me He Loves Me Not](#) Open Road Media Dear Friend, This book teaches you the hidden secrets to completely understand women. It covers both the dating world and long term relationships. You will learn how to meet and date the type of women

you've always dreamed of. The best part is you can do this while remaining who you truly are inside. The book teaches you how to create sexual attraction in women & get women to chase & pursue you! It takes you step by step with easy to follow instructions. You will be able to meet women anytime, anyplace, & anywhere...this will give you choice with women. Whether you are single & searching or already with your dream lady, my book has the secrets most men

will never know about women.

*An AIDS Memoir* Open Road Media

SOON TO BE A MAJOR MOTION PICTURE The

stunning Booker

Prize-winning novel from

the author of *Amnesty*

and *Selection Day* that

critics have likened to

Richard Wright's *Native*

*Son*, *The White Tiger*

follows a darkly comic

Bangalore driver through

the poverty and

corruption of modern

India's caste society.

"This is the authentic

voice of the Third World,

like you've never heard it before" (John Burdett,

Bangkok 8). The white

tiger of this novel is

Balram Halwai, a poor

Indian villager whose

great ambition leads him

to the zenith of Indian

business culture, the

world of the Bangalore

entrepreneur. On the

occasion of the president

of China's impending trip

to Bangalore, Balram

writes a letter to him

describing his

transformation and his

experience as driver and

servant to a wealthy

Indian family, which he

thinks exemplifies the

contradictions and

complications of Indian

society. Recalling *The*

*Death of Vishnu* and

*Bangkok 8* in ambition,

scope, *The White Tiger* is

narrative genius with a

mischief and personality

all its own. Amoral,

irreverent, deeply

endearing, and utterly

contemporary, this novel

is an international

publishing sensation—and

a startling, provocative

debut.

*One Woman's Year*

*Disguised as a Man*

Penguin

A “scrupulously honest” (O, The Oprah Magazine) debut memoir that explores one man’s gender transition amid a pivotal political moment in America. *Becoming a Man* is a “moving narrative [that] illuminates the joy, courage, necessity, and risk-taking of gender transition” (Kirkus Reviews). For fifty years P. Carl lived as a girl and then as a queer woman, building a career, a life, and a loving marriage, yet still waiting to realize himself in full. As Carl

embarks on his gender transition, he takes us inside the complex shifts and questions that arise throughout—the alternating moments of arrival and estrangement. He writes intimately about how transitioning reconfigures both his own inner experience and his closest bonds—his twenty-year relationship with his wife, Lynette; his already tumultuous relationships with his parents; and seemingly solid friendships that are subtly altered, often painfully and wordlessly.

Carl “has written a poignant and candid self-appraisal of life as a ‘work-of-progress’” (Booklist) and blends the remarkable story of his own personal journey with incisive cultural commentary, writing beautifully about gender, power, and inequality in America. His transition occurs amid the rise of the Trump administration and the #MeToo movement—a transition point in America’s own story, when transphobia and toxic masculinity are under fire even as they



thrive in the highest halls of power. Carl's quest to become himself and to reckon with his masculinity mirrors, in many ways, the challenge before the country as a whole, to imagine a society where every member can have a vibrant, livable life. Here, through this brave and deeply personal work, Carl brings an unparalleled new voice to this conversation.

The Old Man And The Sea

Harcourt

Funny. Sexy. Cross Dressing. Not your

mother's Regency Romance. After the death of her miserly cousin Antony North, Millicent Boarder is determined her family should never be poor or vulnerable again. To protect them she conceals her cousin's death and assumes his identity. Now she must face the Ton and the world as Mr. North and accept the price she must pay for her family's safety -- she will never be loved. Which means now is the perfect time for her to rescue a duke ... up to his neck in a mud puddle!

Taking Care of Mrs. Carroll

W Publishing Group

The author relates his experiences and feelings growing up gay in a small New England town in the 1950s and the pain of living a lie to keep his homosexuality hidden

**Half a Life Story** Simon & Schuster

Becoming a ManHalf a Life StoryOpen Road Media

**A Novel** Penguin

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BESTSELLER • NOW A

MAJOR MOTION PICTURE •

Look for special features inside. Join the Random

House Reader's Circle for author chats and more. In boyhood, Louis Zamperini was an incorrigible delinquent. As a teenager, he channeled his defiance into running, discovering a prodigious talent that had carried him to the Berlin Olympics. But when World War II began, the athlete became an airman, embarking on a journey that led to a doomed flight on a May afternoon in 1943. When his Army Air Forces bomber crashed into the Pacific Ocean, against all odds, Zamperini survived,

adrift on a foundering life raft. Ahead of Zamperini lay thousands of miles of open ocean, leaping sharks, thirst and starvation, enemy aircraft, and, beyond, a trial even greater. Driven to the limits of endurance, Zamperini would answer desperation with ingenuity; suffering with hope, resolve, and humor; brutality with rebellion. His fate, whether triumph or tragedy, would be suspended on the fraying wire of his will. Appearing in paperback for the first time—with twenty

arresting new photos and an extensive Q&A with the author—Unbroken is an unforgettable testament to the resilience of the human mind, body, and spirit, brought vividly to life by Seabiscuit author Laura Hillenbrand. Hailed as the top nonfiction book of the year by Time magazine • Winner of the Los Angeles Times Book Prize for biography and the Indies Choice Adult Nonfiction Book of the Year award “Extraordinarily moving . . . a powerfully drawn survival epic.”—The Wall

Street Journal “[A] one-in-a-billion story . . . designed to wrench from self-respecting critics all the blurbly adjectives we normally try to avoid: It is amazing, unforgettable, gripping, harrowing, chilling, and inspiring.”—New York “Staggering . . . mesmerizing . . . Hillenbrand’s writing is so ferociously cinematic, the events she describes so incredible, you don’t dare take your eyes off the page.”—People “A meticulous, soaring and beautifully written

account of an extraordinary life.”—The Washington Post “Ambitious and powerful . . . a startling narrative and an inspirational book.”—The New York Times Book Review “Magnificent . . . incredible . . . [Hillenbrand] has crafted another masterful blend of sports, history and overcoming terrific odds; this is biography taken to the nth degree, a chronicle of a remarkable life lived through extraordinary times.”—The Dallas

Morning News “An astonishing testament to the superhuman power of tenacity.”—Entertainment Weekly “A tale of triumph and redemption . . . astonishingly detailed.”—O: The Oprah Magazine “[A] masterfully told true story . . . nothing less than a marvel.”—Washingtonian “[Hillenbrand tells this] story with cool elegance but at a thrilling sprinter’s pace.”—Time “Hillenbrand [is] one of our best writers of narrative history. You don’t have to be a sports fan or a war-history buff

to devour this book—you just have to love great storytelling.”—Rebecca Skloot, author of *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*  
[Views and Reviews](#) Open Road Media  
 Tender and passionate autobiographical essays by the National Book Award-winning author of *Becoming a Man*. “Does it go too fast?” Monette asks about life at the beginning of one piece. The answer is a resounding “yes” for the individuals who populate this stunning work of

nonfiction. These ten autobiographical essays memorialize those whose lives have been claimed by AIDS. Following *Becoming a Man* and *Borrowed Time*, *Last Watch of the Night* is Monette’s third and final self-portrait. In this collection, he confronts death—those of lovers and friends, and even his own eventual demise—with both bravery and compassion. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Paul Monette including rare images and never-

before-seen documents from the Paul Monette papers of the UCLA Library Special Collections.  
[How Not to Become a Crotchety Old Man](#) David Gaughran  
 Santiago, an old Cuban fisherman, has gone 84 days without catching a fish. Confident that his bad luck is at an end, he sets off alone, far into the Gulf Stream, to fish. Santiago’s faith is rewarded, and he quickly hooks a marlin...a marlin so big he is unable to pull it in and finds himself

being pulled by the giant fish for two days and two nights.

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| Summary & Study Guide  
On My Way Up LLC  
Seven billion people on

earth; it was only a matter of time before you discovered the truth. Your legends--your myths and religions--have called us by many names. Since the beginning, our kind has walked among you as your protectors. We are the only ones who know who you are and why you are here. He wasn't meant to disappear; you weren't meant to know why. Our objective was clear: hunt them, kill them and leave. Once you know, there will be no going back. They will come for you. Are you ready?

*The Vanishing Half* Harper Collins

A crotchety old man decided to wash his sweatshirt. He threw it in the washing machine and yelled to his wife, "What setting do I use?" His wife asked, "What does it say on the shirt?" He yelled back, "University of Texas." If this man sounds like someone you know, chances are he's a crotchety old man! We all have a crotchety old man in our lives. Maybe he's your father, your grandfather, your brother, your husband-or, though

you'd never admit it, even you! From the author of *How Not to Become a Little Old Lady* here's the companion, *How Not to Become a Crotchety Old Man*, a lighthearted celebration of the grumpy old men in your life. Author Mary McHugh's 250 hilarious truths about cranky, crusty old guys who would rather spend days trying to build something rather than read the instructions are coupled with the charming and humorous art of Adrienne Hartman. If he's ever done one of

the following things, it's a sure sign you have a crotchety old man on your hands: \* Stood in the middle of the kitchen and said, "Where's the butter?" \* Bought cans of broken cashews because they're cheaper. \* Yelled at news anchors on television. \* Cheated on his diet but yelled at his wife when she ate one MandM. Perfect for Father's Day, *How Not to Become a Crotchety Old Man* is for any man who wants to ensure he doesn't slip into the crotchety zone. It also

makes a great gift for that guy in your life who is a crotchety old man but will never believe one line in this book is about him!  
**Will** Candlewick Press  
 A journalist's provocative and spellbinding account of her eighteen months spent disguised as a man. Norah Vincent became an instant media sensation with the publication of *Self-Made Man*, her take on just how hard it is to be a man, even in a man's world. Following in the tradition of John Howard Griffin (*Black Like Me*), Vincent spent a year and

a half disguised as her male alter ego, Ned, exploring what men are like when women aren't around. As Ned, she joined a bowling team, took a high-octane sales job, went on dates with women (and men), visited strip clubs, and even managed to infiltrate a monastery and a men's therapy group. At once thought-provoking and pure fun to read, *Self-Made Man* is a sympathetic and thrilling tour de force of immersion journalism. *The Office of Historical*

*Corrections* Open Road Media  
 WINNER OF THE 2021 JOYCE CAROL OATES PRIZE NAMED A BEST BOOK OF 2020 BY O MAGAZINE, THE NEW YORKER, THE WASHINGTON POST, REAL SIMPLE, THE GUARDIAN, AND MORE FINALIST FOR: THE STORY PRIZE, THE L.A. TIMES BOOK PRIZE, THE ASPEN WORDS LITERARY PRIZE, THE CHAUTAUQUA PRIZE  
 "Sublime short stories of race, grief, and belonging . . . an extraordinary new collection . . ." —The New

Yorker "Evans's new stories present rich plots reflecting on race relations, grief, and love . . ." —The New York Times Book Review, Editor's Choice "Danielle Evans demonstrates, once again, that she is the finest short story writer working today." —Roxane Gay, The New York Times—bestselling author of *Difficult Women* and *Bad Feminist* The award-winning author of *Before You Suffocate Your Own Fool Self* brings her signature voice and insight to the subjects of

race, grief, apology, and American history. Danielle Evans is widely acclaimed for her blisteringly smart voice and X-ray insights into complex human relationships. With *The Office of Historical Corrections*, Evans zooms in on particular moments and relationships in her characters' lives in a way that allows them to speak to larger issues of race, culture, and history. She introduces us to Black and multiracial characters who are experiencing the universal confusions of lust and love, and getting

walloped by grief—all while exploring how history haunts us, personally and collectively. Ultimately, she provokes us to think about the truths of American history—about who gets to tell them, and the cost of setting the record straight. In “Boys Go to Jupiter,” a white college student tries to reinvent herself after a photo of her in a Confederate-flag bikini goes viral. In “Richard of York Gave Battle in Vain,” a photojournalist is forced to confront her own losses

while attending an old friend's unexpectedly dramatic wedding. And in the eye-opening title novella, a black scholar from Washington, DC, is drawn into a complex historical mystery that spans generations and puts her job, her love life, and her oldest friendship at risk.

*A Novel* Lulu Press, Inc  
Tells how to set a weight loss goal, develop more healthful eating habits, select low-fat foods, and exercise effectively, and includes useful recipes  
*All That Man Is Ridiculous*



Lovers

Finalist for the 2016 Man Booker Prize Winner of the 2016 Paris Review Plimpton Prize for Fiction A magnificent and ambitiously conceived portrait of contemporary life, by a genius of realism All That Man Is traces the arc of life from the spring of youth to the winter of old age by following nine men who range from the working-class ex-grunt to the pompous college student, the middle-aged loser to the Russian oligarch. Ludicrous and inarticulate, shocking and

despicable, vital, pitiable, and hilarious, these men paint a picture of modern manhood. David Szalay is a master of a new kind of realism that vibrates with detail, intelligence, relevance, and devastating pathos. In All That Man Is, a Man Booker Prize finalist and the winner of the Gordon Burn Prize and the Plimpton Prize, he brilliantly illuminates the physical and emotional terrain of an increasingly globalized Europe. "Szalay's prose . . . is frequently brilliant, remarkable for its grace

and economy . . . [All That Man Is] has a new urgency now that the post-Cold War dream of a Europe of open borders and broad, shared identity has come under increasing question." —Garth Greenwell, The New York Times Book Review "Szalay does so much and so well that we come to view his snapshots of lives as brilliant, captivating dramas." —Star Tribune (Minneapolis) "A 100-megawatt novel: intelligent, intricate, so very well made, the form

perfectly fitting the content. When I reached the end, I turned straight back to the start to begin again." —The Sunday Times (London)

Andrews McMeel Publishing

A child of the 1950s from a small New England town, "perfect Paul" earns straight A's and shines in social and literary pursuits, all the while keeping a secret -- from himself and the rest of the world. Struggling to be, or at least to imitate, a straight man, through Ivy League halls of privilege

and bohemian travels abroad, loveless intimacy and unrequited passion, Paul Monette was haunted, and finally saved, by a dream of "the thing I'd never even seen: two men in love and laughing." Searingly honest, witty, and humane, *Becoming a Man* is the definitive coming-out story in the classic coming-of-age genre. *The Incredible, Humorous Account of One Man's Victory Over Fat* Penguin

This true story is filled with coincidences, love, intrigue, pain and

bravery. Gillian met the boy of her dreams. They fell in love. Heartbreakingly, they were parted by circumstances. All she had to remember him by, was an engagement ring, along with her memories and a photograph. A photograph she would keep for the rest of her life.

[The Long Shot](#) W. W. Norton & Company  
#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • PULITZER PRIZE FINALIST • This inspiring, exquisitely observed memoir finds

hope and beauty in the face of insurmountable odds as an idealistic young neurosurgeon attempts to answer the question What makes a life worth living? NAMED ONE OF PASTE'S BEST MEMOIRS OF THE DECADE • NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY The New York Times Book Review • People • NPR • The Washington Post • Slate • Harper's Bazaar • Time Out New York • Publishers Weekly • BookPage Finalist for the PEN Center USA Literary Award in Creative

Nonfiction and the Books for a Better Life Award in Inspirational Memoir At the age of thirty-six, on the verge of completing a decade's worth of training as a neurosurgeon, Paul Kalanithi was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer. One day he was a doctor treating the dying, and the next he was a patient struggling to live. And just like that, the future he and his wife had imagined evaporated. When *Breath Becomes Air* chronicles Kalanithi's transformation from a naïve medical student "possessed," as

he wrote, "by the question of what, given that all organisms die, makes a virtuous and meaningful life" into a neurosurgeon at Stanford working in the brain, the most critical place for human identity, and finally into a patient and new father confronting his own mortality. What makes life worth living in the face of death? What do you do when the future, no longer a ladder toward your goals in life, flattens out into a perpetual present? What does it mean to have a

child, to nurture a new life as another fades away? These are some of the questions Kalanithi wrestles with in this profoundly moving, exquisitely observed memoir. Paul Kalanithi died in March 2015, while working on this book, yet

his words live on as a guide and a gift to us all. "I began to realize that coming face to face with my own mortality, in a sense, had changed nothing and everything," he wrote. "Seven words from Samuel Beckett began to repeat in my

head: 'I can't go on. I'll go on.'" When *Breath Becomes Air* is an unforgettable, life-affirming reflection on the challenge of facing death and on the relationship between doctor and patient, from a brilliant writer who became both.

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- [What To Expect When You're Expecting By Heidi Murkoff](#)
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- [We'll Always Have Summer \(the Summer I Turned Pretty\)](#)
- [Haunting Adeline \(cat And Mouse Duet\) By H. D. Carlton](#)
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- [The Light We Carry: Overcoming In Uncertain Times By Michelle Obama](#)
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- [Lord Of The Flies](#)
- [Young Forever: The Secrets To Living Your Longest, Healthiest Life \(the Dr. Hyman Library, 11\) By Dr. Mark Hyman Md](#)