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Columbia University began the second half of the twentieth century in decline, bottoming out with the student riots of 1968. Yet by the close of the century, the institution had regained its stature as one of the greatest universities in the world. According to the New York Times, "If any one person is responsible for Columbia's recovery, it is surely Michael Sovern." In this memoir, Sovern, who served as the university's president from 1980 to 1993, recounts his sixty-year involvement with the institution after growing up in the South Bronx. He addresses key issues in academia, such as affordability, affirmative action, the relative rewards of teaching and research, lifetime tenure, and the role of government funding. Sovern also reports on his many off-campus adventures, including helping the victims of the Tuskegee syphilis experiment, stepping into the chairmanship of Sotheby's, responding to a strike by New York City's firemen, a police riot and threats to shut down the city's transit system, playing a role in the theater world as president of the Shubert Foundation, and chairing the Commission on Integrity in Government. Welcome back to Baker Street! Holmes and Watson are here to greet you once more spinning amazing tales of murder, mayhem, and mystery with a supernatural twist. This time the great detective and his stalwart companion will venture into

alternate universes, histories, and futures to solve puzzling cases of the paranormal far beyond the bounds of imagination. An Old West town plagued by a legendary beast, a dystopian future where black snow falls on Baker Street, a cyborg Holmes engaged in a psychological game with an ancient enemy, a world-weary Holmes and Watson who must choose between vampiric immortality and oblivion, and a classic noir with dames to kill for are just a few of the strange adventures that await you in Curious Incidents. Grab your deerstalker and hold on tight! The game is afoot! 'A vivid tale of a woman born for the stage, stardom and scandal' - Holly Kyte, author of Roaring Girls: The Forgotten Feminists of British History'One of the most irrepressible women I've come across'- Jane Robinson, author of Ladies Can't Climb Ladders'I rode on the stage in such style, that the men in front forgot I was a girl, and also forgot to laugh.'From humble beginnings with the threat of the workhouse looming, Emily Soldene rose to become a star of the London stage and a formidable impresario with her own opera company. The darling of theatreland, she later reinvented herself as a journalist and writer who scandalised the country with her outrageous memoir. Weaving through the grit and glamour of Victorian music halls and theatres, taking encounters with the Pre-Raphaelites and Charles Dickens in her stride, Emily became the toast of New York and ventured far off the beaten track to tour Australia and New Zealand. Batten paints a vibrant portrait of an almost forgotten star who trod the boards, travelled the globe and tore up the Victorian rule book. The game is afoot! Night Shade Books is proud to present the fantastic adventures of

the world's greatest detective — mystery, fantasy, science fiction, horror, no genre can escape the esteemed detective's needle-sharp intellect and intuition. This reprint anthology showcases the best Holmes short fiction from the last 25 years, featuring stories by such visionaries as Stephen King, Neil Gaimen, Laura King, and many others. A man awakes one morning to find his life completely turned the right way up. With the aid of ancient alien technology, a medium sized dose of stupidity, and some very hairy friends, he finds himself destined to become the clueless hero of the multiverse. *Improbable Adventures* is a science fiction comedy novel in which a clueless Douglas Adams fan embarks on a ridiculous journey of adrenalin-thumping excitement, leading him to an encounter with funky aliens, deranged humans, camp deities, and freak weather events of staggeringly epic proportions. Now spank my quivering thighs and call me Amanda. Waking up one morning to find a talking cat on his head, Ethan is informed that the cat will not leave until he - Ethan - wins a game of probability. A compelling account of the life of Pennsylvanian writer Mary Roberts Rinehart (1876-1958). Through the examination of the tension between her seemingly contradictory domestic and professional identities, Jan Cohn illuminates precisely why Rinehart's accomplishments are so remarkable. In this book, we have hand-picked the most sophisticated, unanticipated, absorbing (if not at times crackpot!), original and musing book reviews of "American on Purpose: The Improbable Adventures of an Unlikely Patriot." Don't say we didn't warn you: these reviews are known to shock with their unconventionality or intimacy. Some may be startled by their

biting sincerity; others may be spellbound by their unbridled flights of fantasy. Don't buy this book if: 1. You don't have nerves of steel. 2. You expect to get pregnant in the next five minutes. 3. You've heard it all. A new novel from the author of acclaimed Sherlock Holmes pastiches *The Albino's Treasure* and *The Counterfeit Detective*. **WRONGLY IMPRISONED** Following a summons to a fictional patient, Dr. Watson finds himself arrested for the horrific murder of an elderly woman. Imprisoned at Holloway, and with the evidence stacked against him, Watson's only hope is that Sherlock Holmes can discover the identity of the real killer. But when a mysterious letter appears to link Watson to blackmail and a notorious street gang, Holmes must use all his powers of reasoning to save his friend from the hangman's noose. When a powerful mystic steps on the hand of a radical young hippie doctor from Detroit, it changes lives and the world. Sometimes Brilliant is the adventures of a philosopher, mystic, hippie, doctor, groundbreaking tech innovator, and key player in the eradication of one of the worst pandemics in human history. His story, of what happens when love, compassion and determination meet the right circumstances to effect positive change, is the kind that keeps hope and the sense of possibility alive. After sitting at the feet of Martin Luther King at the University of Michigan in 1963, Larry Brilliant was swept up into the civil rights movement, marching and protesting across America and Europe. As a radical young doctor he followed the hippie trail from London over the Khyber Pass with his wife Girija, Wavy Gravy and the Hog Farm commune to India. There, he found himself in a Himalayan ashram wondering whether he

had stumbled into a cult. Instead, one of India's greatest spiritual teachers, Neem Karoli Baba, opened Larry's heart and told him his destiny was to work for the World Health Organization to help eradicate killer smallpox. He would never have believed he would become a key player in eliminating a 10,000-year-old disease that killed more than half a billion people in the 20th century alone. Brilliant's unlikely trajectory, chronicled in *Sometimes Brilliant*, has brought him into close proximity with political leaders, spiritual masters, cultural heroes, and titans of technology around the world—from the Grateful Dead to Mikhail Gorbachev, from Ram Dass, the Dalai Lama, Lama Govinda, and Karmapa to Steve Jobs and the founders of Google, Salesforce, Facebook, Microsoft and eBay and Presidents Carter, Clinton, Bush and Obama. Anchored by the engrossing account of the heroic efforts of the extraordinary people involved in smallpox eradication in India, this is a riveting and fascinating epidemiological adventure, an honest reckoning of an entire generation, and a deeply moving spiritual memoir. It is a testament to faith, love, service, and what it means to engage with life's most important questions in pursuit of a better, more brilliant existence. A group of unlikely heroes from the opposite sides of the track embarks on the most ultimate human adventure surrounding an ancient alien transportation device. The four main characters travel through time in search of answers and a way home but end up making a difference in terms of helping to solve an age old mystery and avert a disaster in the future from occurring. They learn a lot about themselves in the process. The hero is Paco Jones, a biracial Mexican kid

with few friends. He's recently transferred from his old junior high to a private school, and because he's the poor new kid, he soon finds himself the least popular. He's jeered at during lunch, called Paco Taco, and ridiculed for being different. So what hope is there for him when he falls for Naomi Fox, a popular girl already involved with a popular guy? Through dumb luck and a few clever moves, Paco soon finds himself on center stage amidst a twisted middle school mess. For use in schools and libraries only. When her genius brother Clayton sneaks off to a science fiction convention in Seattle while they're all there for a quiz bowl tournament, Ana is forced to turn to unreliable gamer Zak to help find him. Funnybooks is the story of the most popular American comic books of the 1940s and 1950s, those published under the Dell label. For a time, "Dell Comics Are Good Comics" was more than a slogan—it was a simple statement of fact. Many of the stories written and drawn by people like Carl Barks (Donald Duck, Uncle Scrooge), John Stanley (Little Lulu), and Walt Kelly (Pogo) repay reading and rereading by educated adults even today, decades after they were published as disposable entertainment for children. Such triumphs were improbable, to say the least, because midcentury comics were so widely dismissed as trash by angry parents, indignant librarians, and even many of the people who published them. It was all but miraculous that a few great cartoonists were able to look past that nearly universal scorn and grasp the artistic potential of their medium. With clarity and enthusiasm, Barrier explains what made the best stories in the Dell comic books so special. He deftly turns a complex and detailed history into an

expressive narrative sure to appeal to an audience beyond scholars and historians. When Betty runs out of tuna for her cat Sparklepuss, she does what any girl her age would do - she sets out on an epic voyage across the seas to find some more, finding new friends and uncovering ancient mysteries along the way. Who are the fish people, and what really happened to the last of the dodos? Based on a true story. -- back cover. From all appearances, Throckmorton Smith is an ordinary guy with an unusual first name, but how many "ordinary" guys are there who have been secret agents, circus clowns, movie stuntmen and contestants on The Price is Right? You will be amazed by the twists and turns that Throckmorton's life takes as he travels the world seeking new experiences and, at last, finds the ultimate adventure, true love. This story was a winner of the 2008 NaNoWriMo competition, an international novel writing competition. A hilarious blend of satire, puns, the bizarre and the ordinary, starring two characters who despite their idiosyncrasies manage to find something like love. In a world of magnets and miracles, evil has reared its head and one man dares to stand up and sweep it under the rug. That man is Ethan Dupreii, Custodian. These are the continuing and improbable adventures of a man thrown into the unenviable task of saving a world that doesn't seem to want to be saved, or even know that it needs to be. This is an adventure novel set in a dieselpunk 1929 and introduces the reader to Improbable Earth. This memoir is a book of memory. It accurately, and in exquisite, honest detail, describes the life of an entrepreneur with an undiagnosed condition of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, or ADHD during

the second half of the 19th Century. Although the people, places, dates and events are accurately reported, the story reads like a fast-paced mystery novel with constant twists and turns. This story is full of numerous adventures; of repeated failures and occasional successes; of crushing disappointment and devastating despair, as well as unbridled happiness and intense ecstasy. In his memoir *American on Purpose*, Craig Ferguson, host of *The Late, Late Show*, traces his journey from working-class Glasgow to the comedic limelight of Hollywood and American citizenship. Moving and achingly funny, *American on Purpose* moves from Ferguson's early life as an alcoholic to his stint on *The Drew Carey Show* to his decision to become a U.S. citizen in its unique and honest look at his version of the American dream. "Delightfully quirky...intelligently hilarious." A collection of short stories of an improbable place populated with equally improbable people. Originally written as a monthly column for the *Mountain Courier* and collected exclusively for this volume. Quantum physics, being absurdly hilarious, is woven into the structure of the small town of Sommerselse and the people who live there. One person, Steele McRench, along with Otto (a cat who, not coincidentally, used to work for Erwin Schrodinger) watch over the town and the people with a relaxed Zen disconnect. You may find humor and/or a bit of insight here and there, but not enough serious physics to frighten an English major. And don't attempt to use this as part of your physics doctorate research...it almost certainly will work against you. "A beautiful adventuress from the ancient city of New Dalli sets off to reclaim her missing lover. What

secrets does she hide beneath her silk skirts? A gay cowboy flees the Great War in search of true love and the elusive undead poet Whit Waltman, but at what cost? A talking statue sends an abused boy spinning through a great metropolis, dodging pirates and search for a home. On these quests, you will meet macho firefighters, tiny fairies, collapsible musicians, lady devils and vengeful sea witches."--Cover, p. [4].

When a rat mom is rescued from the tank of a royal python in a NYC pet shop, the improbable adventures of Archer & Fletch have only just begun. With humor and a sharp eye for rat behavior (both domestic and wild!) the authors create a world that is equal parts fun-fantasy and rat-reality. An ongoing series, *My Improbable Mischief*, will take readers into the mind of the rat as they follow the tails of Archer and Fletch and several generations of their offspring who live two blocks from Lincoln Center with their ever loyal rat fancier, Skyler Goode.

Beyond the Bucket List When her daughter was born with a devastating medical condition, Jennifer Lawler set out to make a good life despite the circumstances. She wanted the story to be "kickass mother of a special kid hangs on to her dream of being a writer no matter what." But life takes its toll, despite our best intentions. At the start of this story, our intrepid heroine wakes up in middle age, disillusioned and discouraged; her dream has gotten a little dusty and holding on to it is not as rewarding as she had expected. Grit and determination feel more like grinding routine, especially since her beloved daughter, now eighteen, still needs round-the-clock care. Goals and to-do lists have turned into just another kind of jail. Recognizing this as the onset of a

midlife crisis, Jennifer does what anyone would. She makes a bucket list, then sets out to reawaken her spirit by doing all the things she ever wanted to do: reconnect with her Irish roots, live on a houseboat in the Florida Keys, learn guitar from a session player in Nashville. There are only two snags: life has limits, and her funny, challenging, brilliant daughter is almost always in tow. Teetering on the edge of a cliff in Ireland, searching fruitlessly for a place to stay during a wild summer storm in the West Highlands, getting lost in Munich, talking to the one person in Eastern Europe who'll admit to missing communism, and, finally, confronting the fact that her daughter isn't nearly as interested in guitar-playing and house-boating as she is, Jennifer discovers that happiness has nothing to do with lists. Where does the improbable end and the impossible begin? Nick Cardillo (author of *The Feats of Sherlock Holmes*) presents seven improbable adventures of the World's Greatest Detective collected for the first time in one place. These tales of mystery and suspense will test the minds of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson like never before as they confront a wide array of monsters, madmen, impossible crimes, and the wildest aberrations of nature beyond their wildest nightmares. Also included are two never-before-published short stories which chronicle some of the darkest chapters of Holmes and Watson's career. In "The Adventure of the Deadly Inheritance," a frightened man seeks Holmes' help after his brother suddenly disappeared performing an arcane family ritual, and in "In the Footsteps of Madness," Holmes and Watson descend into the sewers of London to confront a bloodthirsty killer who may be more than just

human. The Improbable Casebook of Sherlock Holmes is the long-awaited second collection from an exciting new voice in the world of Sherlockian pastiche. Beyond the Baker Street Lodgings, the world continues in humdrum routine, day after day, barely aware of the foul crimes, the corruption and the inexplicable all around them. Sherlock Holmes observes everything, directing his formidable abilities only to crimes outside the common. Unconventional sins, bizarre truths hidden in the world, they call to the great detective. A siren song drawing him irresistibly to adventure. Armed only with a stalwart friend and his own logic, the great detective confronts the horrors of the Victorian world and beyond. Monsters of the shadow realms, murderers in darkened allies, Sherlock Holmes doggedly pursues the unforgivable wherever the evidence leads. Through the sordid streets of London, across nightmares of magic and superstition, beyond the limits of scientific knowledge, there is no place the detective will not pursue the wicked, all the time knowing: When you eliminate the impossible, the truth, no matter how improbable, remains. "What a romp....Alan Paul walked the walk, preaching the blues in China. Anyone who doubts that music is bigger than words needs to read this great tale." —Gregg Allman "An absolute love story. In his embrace of family, friends, music and the new culture he's discovering, Alan Paul leaves us contemplating the love in our own lives, and rethinking the concept of home." —Jeffrey Zaslow, coauthor, with Randy Pausch, of The Last Lecture Alan Paul, award-winning author of the Wall Street Journal's online column "The Expat Life," gives his engaging, inspiring, and unforgettable memoir of blues and new

beginnings in Beijing. Paul's three-and-a-half-year journey reinventing himself as an American expat—while raising a family and starting the revolutionary blues band Woodie Alan, voted Beijing Band of the Year in the 2008—is a must-read adventure for anyone who has lived abroad, and for everyone who dreams of rewriting the story of their own future. Apprentice magician Skeeve, his mentor Aahz, and Tanda, the former assassin, journey into the Kowtow realm to retrieve a golden cow that gives gold-laced milk, but first they will have to match wits with a gang of vegetarian cowboys who will do anything to protect their livestock from an evil enemy that only comes out after dark. "At sixty, Daniel Asa Rose was a successful Massachusetts novelist, memoirist, and columnist for Esquire, GQ, Washington Post Book World and elsewhere, when, out of the blue (but not really), his wife filed for divorce. Before he slips completely into the cocktail of depression, doubt, self-loathing and anger that he mixes for himself, his lifelong friend Tony calls with a proposition: a trip back to the place where, forty years before, their hippy college kid road trip had come to a crashing halt where they were T-boned at an intersection in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico. Dan should have died in the crash. Instead, due to the miracle of not wearing a seatbelt, he was thrown thirty feet, blacked out, and woke up cradled in the arms of the blonde angel who hit them, trying to remember the blackout revelation behind the words "We are all..."-- Features short stories about Sherlock Holmes and Watson solving mysteries where a particular piece has been changed, which alters the course of the story and conclusion. The Soapstone family finds it very difficult to

cope with their pig when she falls in love with the cement dolphin in the park lily pond. The first installment in the Christopher M. Bartholomew series blends mysteries of time travel with a teenage boy's quest to find his family. After discovering the world of Journeychron lore, he learns the pursuit of his legacy as a Guardian of Time is met with wondrous discoveries, countless perils, and daring adventures. Having won 21 awards, *The Improbable Wonders of Moojie Littleman* is being lauded as a classic. A haunting, visionary tale spun in the magical realist tradition of Madeleine L'Engle's *A Wrinkle in Time* and Neil Gaiman's *The Ocean at the End of the Lane*, the profoundly unique voice and heart-stirring narrative recall great works of fiction that explore the universal desire to belong.

Early 1900s, Western America. A lonely, disabled boy with a nasty temper and miraculous healing powers, Moojie is taken by his father to live at his grandfather's wilderness farm. There, Moojie meets otherworldly outcasts and wants to join them. Following a series of trials—magical and mystical—he is summoned by the call to a great destiny ... if only he can survive one last terrifying trial. "A spectacular achievement and one of the very best travel books I have read." —Simon Winchester, *Wall Street Journal*

Declaring independence in 1945, Indonesia said it would "work out the details of the transfer of power etc. as soon as possible." With over 300 ethnic groups spread across over 13,500 islands, the world's fourth most populous nation has been working on that "etc." ever since. Author Elizabeth Pisani traveled 26,000 miles in search of the links that bind this disparate nation. A children's magical thriller, this is a story of transcendent

friendship and magic realms. Goblin Earth is the first in the series *The Improbable Adventures of Dexter Duckworth*, about a clever duck and his boy, James. 'You will end up grinning dippily and recommending this wild, searching book to everyone you know.' *The Times* 'A gorgeously poignant novel of hope and transformation' *O: The Oprah Magazine* Brimming with love, forgiveness and redemption, this is a heartrending story about what happens when a perfect world is shattered and what it takes to put it right. - Summer, 1972: In the claustrophobic heat, eleven-year-old Byron and his friend begin 'Operation Perfect', a hapless mission to rescue Byron's mother from impending crisis. Winter, present day: As frost creeps across the moor, Jim cleans tables in the local café, a solitary figure struggling with OCD. His job is a relief from the rituals that govern his nights. Little would seem to connect them except that two seconds can change everything. And if your world can be shattered in an instant, can time also put it right? - What readers are saying: ***** 'A stunningly beautiful and poignant book.' ***** 'Heartbreaking and so beautifully written.' ***** 'A touching story with a twist I didn't see coming.' ***** 'Thought provoking and full of hope.' ***** 'The story is quiet, and yet absolutely absorbing... I loved this book' One thing all Millie's friends agree on is that she's a klutz. Give her anything for more than thirty seconds, and she'll drop it, spill coffee on it, or trip over it. No wonder she can't hold down a job. Then she meets Quentin, an employer with a difference. Doesn't he notice her accidents? Or doesn't he care? This job is unlike any other; suddenly, being accident-prone is an advantage. It looks as though Millie has

found the perfect job . . .

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