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The Unfinished Garden -

Barbara Claypole White

2012-08-28

Hiding from the world after her husband's death, Tilly Silverberg, who owns a thriving gardening business, returns to England where she embarks on an unlikely relationship with American software developer James Nealy, who, to conquer his darkest fears, needs to plant a garden. Original.

The Art of Floating - Kristin

Bair O'Keeffe 2014-04-01

At a time when nothing seems real, it takes something truly unusual to put your life into focus. When her beloved husband Jackson disappeared without a trace, popular novelist Sia Dane stopped writing, closed down her house, stuffed her heart into a cage, and started floating. It wasn't the normal response to heartache, but Sia rarely did things the normal way. Exactly one year, one month, and six days after Jackson's disappearance, Sia discovers a

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mysterious man on the beach. He's mute, unresponsive, and looks as if he has just walked out of the sea. It's the sort of situation Jackson would have solved with a simple call to the police. But Jackson is gone. As unreal as he seems, Sia is determined to help this man. Perhaps she can return him to his place in the world—to whoever lost him and loves him. Perhaps she can answer their questions the way no one could answer hers. But as her friends and family help her winnow her way to the truth, Sia comes to realize that the unfathomable leap between sorrow and healing begins with a single step.

Motherhood - Sheila Heti

2018-05-01

From the author of *How Should a Person Be?* ("one of the most talked-about books of the year"—*Time Magazine*) and the *New York Times* Bestseller *Women in Clothes* comes a daring novel about whether to have children. In *Motherhood*, Sheila Heti asks what is gained and what is lost when a woman becomes a mother, treating the

most consequential decision of early adulthood with the candor, originality, and humor that have won Heti international acclaim and made *How Should A Person Be?* required reading for a generation. In her late thirties, when her friends are asking when they will become mothers, the narrator of Heti's intimate and urgent novel considers whether she will do so at all. In a narrative spanning several years, casting among the influence of her peers, partner, and her duties to her forbearers, she struggles to make a wise and moral choice. After seeking guidance from philosophy, her body, mysticism, and chance, she discovers her answer much closer to home. *Motherhood* is a courageous, keenly felt, and starkly original novel that will surely spark lively conversations about womanhood, parenthood, and about how—and for whom—to live.

Everybody's Baby - Lydia Netzer 2014-06-03

Jenna and Billy are in love.

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He's an app developer, a hyper-plugged-in citizen of the internet, with a big Scottish family and winning smile. She is a yoga teacher, tuned in to the vibes of the spiritual universe, who was abandoned by her mother as an infant and orphaned by her father's recent death. When they meet, it's electric, and it is no time before they are married and eager to start their own family. But when they can't get pregnant, Billy devises a plan: they would raise funds for their in vitro fertilization on Kickstarter, offering donor perks like cutting the cord, naming the baby, and catching the baby when it takes its first steps. The good news is that they make their fundraising goal, get pregnant and have a baby! The bad news is that their marriage begins to fall apart when they have to deliver on all those perks. It's hard enough to survive delivering a baby without a performance artist making a documentary of the cord cutting. It's difficult enough to get baby to sit up and smile for a six month

portrait without a local politician taking up half the lens. What does it mean to be owned by the internet? Lydia Netzer's *Everybody's Baby* explores how relationships grow and fail in public and private life, the hazards of living "in the cloud," and the nature of love online and off.

Where Love Goes - Joyce Maynard 2011-03-02

From the author of *To Die For* comes this poignant, stirring, and occasionally hilarious story of a woman's attempt to remake her life after a searing divorce. Maynard's novel captures love as one approaches middle age in contemporary America.

The Merciful - Jon Sealy 2021-01-19

Part Pat Conroy, part Russell Banks, Jon Sealy's *THE MERCIFUL* is a scathing morality play that explores a cast of small-town characters surrounding a deadly hit and run in coastal South Carolina. The low-country town of Overlook is a sleepy tourist and retirement community known for its golf courses and

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laid-back lifestyle. But when 19-year-old Samantha James is killed in a hit and run one night while riding her bicycle home from work, the town sets out to crucify the alleged culprit, Daniel Hayward. The headlines tell a compelling story, but the truth is much less clear. As in the film RASHOMON, everyone has a "story" about what happened: the media, the prosecutor, the defense attorney, Daniel, and Samantha's family. As the book examines these myriad perspectives, THE MERCIFUL's stunning scope ranges from characters striving for a kind of American success that's just out of reach, to questions of data analytics, brain emulations, and the very survival of humanity. Ultimately, however, the novel is a morality play that asks tough questions about the nature of justice-and mercy. What do you do when one moment, one accident, one decision changes the course of life forever?In the vein of Russell Banks's THE SWEET HEREAFTER and Celeste Ng's

EVERYTHING I NEVER TOLD YOU, Jon Sealy's THE MERCIFUL circles around the hit and run and the subsequent trial, providing both a gripping courtroom drama and a probing look at questions of justice and mercy in our era of competing narratives and online outrage.

An Actual Life - Abigail Thomas 1996-01-01

In 1960, two young people, Buddy and Virginia, who married because of an unexpected pregnancy, struggle to cope with financial strain, parenthood, and their own relationship with each other during the second summer after their wedding. By the author of Getting Over Tom.

How To Stay Married - Jilly Cooper 2011-09-29

When Jilly Cooper, then a young Sunday Times journalist, was asked to write a book on marriage, she had been married to Leo Cooper for a mere seven years. Now they are celebrating their Golden Wedding, and although the institution of marriage has

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changed a great deal since this book was first written, much of Jilly's advice - frank, fearless, often hilarious, but always wise - still holds good. From the wedding and the honeymoon to life afterwards, including how to deal with the in-laws and how to tell if you spouse is having an affair, she dispenses anecdotes, jokes, common sense and endless optimism and fun.

The Animals: A Novel -

Christian Kiefer 2015-03-23

"[A] galloping great read... [a] genuine work of art."—Porter Shreve, San Francisco Chronicle, front-page review
Bill Reed manages a wildlife sanctuary in rural Idaho, caring for injured animals unable to survive in the wild—raptors, a wolf, and his beloved bear, Majer, among them. He hopes to marry the local vet and live out a quiet life, until a childhood friend is released from prison and threatens to reveal Bill's darkest secrets. Suddenly forced to confront his criminal past, Bill battles fiercely to preserve both the shelter and

his hard-won new identity. Alternating between the past and the present, *The Animals* builds powerfully toward the revelation of Bill's defining betrayal—and the drastic lengths he'll go to in order to escape the consequences.

Run, Don't Walk - Adele Levine 2015-02-03

M*A*S*H meets *Scrubs* in a sharply observant, darkly funny, and totally unique debut memoir from physical therapist Adele Levine. In her six years at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Adele Levine rehabilitated soldiers admitted in worse and worse shape. As body armor and advanced trauma care helped save the lives—if not the limbs—of American soldiers fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq, Walter Reed quickly became the world leader in amputee rehabilitation. But no matter the injury, physical therapy began the moment the soldiers emerged from surgery. Days at Walter Reed were intense, chaotic, consuming, and heartbreaking, but they were also filled with camaraderie

and humor. Working in a glassed-in fishbowl gymnasium, Levine, her colleagues, and their combat-injured patients were on display at every moment to tour groups, politicians, and celebrities. Some would shudder openly at the sight—but inside the glass and out of earshot, the PTs and the patients cracked jokes, played pranks, and compared stumps. With dazzling storytelling, *Run, Don't Walk* introduces a motley array of oddball characters including: Jim, a retired lieutenant-colonel who stays up late at night baking cake after cake, and the militant dietitian who is always after him; a surgeon who only speaks in farm analogies; a therapy dog gone rogue; —and Levine's toughest patient, the wild, defiant Cosmo, who comes in with one leg amputated and his other leg shattered. Entertaining, engrossing, and ultimately inspiring, *Run, Don't Walk* is a fascinating look into a hidden world.

Baby Love - Joyce Maynard
2012-04-17

Maynard's captivating novel of four teenage girls, bound together by early motherhood and forever changed by the arrival of two women in their small New England town. In their New Hampshire community, Sandy, Jill, Tara, and Wanda are different from other teenage girls. Jill is pregnant, while the other three are already mothers. Sandy, at eighteen, is married. Tara, the product of a broken family, is raising her baby alone. Wanda, with her three-month-old, still manages to date despite the demands of motherhood. Though their situations are different, the girls are united by their baby love. When two childless women arrive from out of town, the young mothers quickly capture their attention. But just as the women's worlds begin to intertwine, a catastrophe threatens to sweep through town—and change their lives forever. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Joyce Maynard including rare photos from the author's personal collection.

How to Tell Toledo from the

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Night Sky - Lydia Netzer

2014-07-01

Lydia Netzer, the award-winning author of *Shine Shine Shine*, weaves a mind-bending, heart-shattering love story that asks, "Can true love exist if it's been planned from birth?" Like a jewel shimmering in a Midwest skyline, the Toledo Institute of Astronomy is the nation's premier center of astronomical discovery and a beacon of scientific learning for astronomers far and wide. Here, dreamy cosmologist George Dermont mines the stars to prove the existence of God. Here, Irene Sparks, an unsentimental scientist, creates black holes in captivity. George and Irene are on a collision course with love, destiny and fate. They have everything in common: both are ambitious, both passionate about science, both lonely and yearning for connection. The air seems to hum when they're together. But George and Irene's attraction was not written in the stars. In fact their mothers, friends since childhood, raised them

separately to become each other's soulmates. When that long-secret plan triggers unintended consequences, the two astronomers must discover the truth about their destinies, and unravel the mystery of what Toledo holds for them—together or, perhaps, apart. Lydia Netzer combines a gift for character and big-hearted storytelling, with a sure hand for science and a vision of a city transformed by its unique celestial position, exploring the conflicts of fate and determinism, and asking how much of life is under our control and what is pre-ordained in the heavens in her novel *How to Tell Toledo* from the *Night Sky*.

The Goodbye House -

Lawrence Coates 2015-09-01

In the aftermath of the early 2000s dot-com bust, the people of San Jose, California face a changing landscape of lost dreams and careers gone awry. It's in this setting that Katherine Watson, a forty-seven-year-old event planner and mother of two, moves back into her childhood home with

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her teenage son, Carter. They live with her aging father, who is undergoing palliative care for prostate cancer.

Katherine's husband, Scott, has gone missing after his risky investments failed and they were forced to sell their dream home. In this multigenerational family story, Katherine, Carter, and Scott all try to navigate an evolving world in the Golden State that doesn't seem quite so golden any longer. Scott returns and hopes to restore and recreate their past happiness, Katherine contemplates divorce and explores new love along the way, and Carter works to find a place for himself in a new school among classmates who are hostile to him. The characters fervently chase their dreams across Silicon Valley and beyond, from the gleaming office parks of Cupertino to a self-help seminar on the Las Vegas Strip and an underfunded high school theater production of *The Tempest*. The one element tying them all together is the house of the title, a 1950s tract

home that once represented happiness and now holds the family close in its protective embrace, until, in the end, even this constant changes.

Tangled - Emma Chase
2013-08-02

In New York Times bestselling author Emma Chase's sizzling and hilarious debut novel, Drew Evans—gorgeous, arrogant, irreverent, and irresistibly charming—meets his match in new colleague Kate Brooks. When rich, handsome, and arrogant meets beautiful, brilliant, and ambitious, things are bound to get tangled... Drew Evans makes multimillion-dollar business deals and seduces New York's most beautiful women with just a smile. So why has he been shuttered in his apartment for seven days, miserable and depressed? He'll tell you he has the flu, but we all know that's not really true. When Katherine Brooks is hired as the new associate at Drew's father's investment banking firm, every aspect of the dashing playboy's life is thrown into a tailspin. The

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professional competition she brings is unnerving, his attraction to her is distracting, his failure to entice her into his bed is exasperating. How can one woman turn a smooth-talking player into a broken, desperate man? By making the one thing he never wanted in life the only thing he can't live without.

Above Us Only Sky - Michele Young-Stone 2015-03-03

Seeking her place in the world, sixteen-year-old Prudence Eleanor Vilkas, who was born with a pair of wings molded to her back, which were surgically removed, discovers a miraculous lineage of women who were all connected by the gift of wings.

The Infinite Tides - Christian Kiefer 2012-06-20

Set in depleted, post-recession suburbia, with its endlessly interlocking cul-de-sacs, mega-parking lots and big box stores, *The Infinite Tides* tells the story of star astronaut Keith Corcoran's return to earth. Keith comes home from a lengthy mission aboard the International Space Station to

find his wife and daughter gone, and a house completely empty of furniture, as if Odysseus had returned to Ithaca to find that everyone he knew had forgotten about him and moved on. Keith is a mathematical and engineering genius, but he is ill equipped to understand what has happened to him, and how he has arrived at the center of such vacancy. Then, he forges an unlikely friendship with a neighboring Ukrainian immigrant, and slowly begins to reconnect with the world around him. As the two men share their vastly different personal and professional experiences, they paint an indelible and nuanced portrait of modern American life. The result is a deeply moving, tragicomic and ultimately redemptive story of love, loss and resilience, and of two lives lived under the weight of gravity.

God is an Astronaut - Alyson Foster 2014-07-01

The day of the accident, Jess is in the backyard with a chainsaw, clearing space to build the greenhouse she's

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always wanted. And, as always, she is thinking of Arthur. Arthur, her colleague in the botany department, who never believed she'd actually start the project. Arthur, who, after getting too close, has cut off contact, escaping to study the subarctic pines. But now there has been a disaster, connected to her husband's space tourism company: the explosion of a space shuttle filled with commercial passengers, igniting a media frenzy on her family's doorstep. Jess's engineer husband is implicated, and she knows there is information he's withholding, even as she becomes an unwitting player in the efforts to salvage the company's reputation. Struggling, Jess writes to the only person she can be candid with. She writes to Arthur. And in her e-mails -- warm, frank, yet freighted with regret and the old habits of seduction -- Jess tries to untangle how her life has changed, in one instant but also slowly, and how it might change still. With sure pacing and intimate wisdom,

God is an Astronaut unfurls a story of secrets and of wonderment, the unforgettable and the vast unknowable.

The Glass Wives - Amy Sue Nathan
2013-05-14

Evie and Nicole Glass share a last name. They also shared a husband. When a tragic car accident ends the life of Richard Glass, it also upends the lives of Evie and Nicole, and their children. There's no love lost between the widow and the ex. In fact, Evie sees a silver lining in all this heartache—the chance to rid herself of Nicole once and for all. But Evie wasn't counting on her children's bond with their baby half-brother, and she wasn't counting on Nicole's desperate need to hang on to the threads of family, no matter how frayed. Strapped for cash, Evie cautiously agrees to share living expenses—and her home—with Nicole and the baby. But when Evie suspects that Nicole is determined to rearrange more than her kitchen, Evie must decide who she can trust. More than that, she must ask: what makes a

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family? The Glass Wives is Amy Sue Nathan's heartfelt debut novel.

The Antiques - Kris D'Agostino
2017-01-10

A family reunites after the death of its patriarch just as a hurricane tears through town in this “sparklingly funny novel about love, power, money, and adult siblings finding the beating heart of what matters most: one another” (People). On the night of a massive hurricane, three estranged siblings learn that their father is dying. For the first time in years, they convene at their childhood home in upstate New York, where the storm has downed power lines, flooded houses, and destroyed the family’s antique store. The Westfalls are no strangers to dysfunction. But never have their lives felt so out of control. Armie is living in their parents’ basement. In Manhattan, Josef, a sex-addicted techie, is struggling to repair his broken relationship with his daughters. Their sister, Charlie, who works in Hollywood as a publicist for a

wayward young actress, just learned that her son has been expelled from preschool. Amid the storm, they come together to plan their father’s memorial service, only to learn his dying wish—they must sell his priceless Magritte painting. As their failures are laid bare, they discover that hope often lurks in the darkest of places. And so, too, can hilarity. Complete with an irresistible plot and deeply flawed, affectionately rendered characters, Kris D’Agostino’s “sharp, funny [novel] conveys the disorienting and ever-shifting effects of grief” (The New York Times) and the unexpected epiphanies that emerge in chaos. This “darkly humorous portrait of the American family under duress...balances scathing and humorous commentary on the foibles of family with keen insight” (Publishers Weekly). Perfect for “fans of funny family dysfunction novels like Jonathan Tropper’s *This Is Where I Leave You...* and Cynthia D’Aprix Sweeney’s *The Nest*” (Booklist), *The Antiques*

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is a heartbreaking, nimble, laugh-out-loud funny send-up of modern family life.

Gods in Alabama - Joshilyn Jackson 2005-04-01

For 10 years Arlene has kept her promises, and God has kept His end of the bargain. Until now. When an old schoolmate from Possett turns up at Arlene's door in Chicago asking questions about Jim Beverly, former quarterback and god of Possett High, Arlene's break with her former hometown is forced to an end. At the same time, Burr, her long-time boyfriend, has raised an ultimatum: introduce him to her family or consider him gone. Arlene loves him dearly but knows her lily white (not to mention deeply racist) Southern Baptist family will not understand her relationship with an African American boyfriend. Reluctantly, Arlene bows to the pressure, and she and Burr embark on the long-avoided road trip back home. As Arlene digs through guilt and deception, her patched-together alibi begins to unravel, and she discovers how

far she will go for love and a chance at redemption.

A Marker to Measure Drift - Alexander Maksik 2013-07-30

A hypnotic, spellbinding novel set in Greece and Africa, where a young Liberian woman reckons with a haunted past. On a remote island in the Aegean, Jacqueline is living alone in a cave accessible only at low tide. With nothing to protect her from the elements, and with the fabric between herself and the world around her increasingly frayed, she is permeated by sensory experiences of remarkable intensity: the need for shade in the relentless heat of the sun-baked island; hunger and the occasional bliss of release from it; the exquisite pleasure of diving into the sea. The pressing physical realities of the moment provide a deeper relief: the euphoric obliteration of memory and, with it, the unspeakable violence she has seen and from which she has miraculously escaped. Slowly, irrepressibly, images from a life before this violence begin to resurface: the view across

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lush gardens to a different sea; a gold Rolex glinting on her father's wrist; a glass of gin in her mother's best crystal; an adoring younger sister; a family, in the moment before their fortunes were irrevocably changed. Jacqueline must find the strength to contend with what she has survived or tip forward into full-blown madness. Visceral and gripping, extraordinary in its depiction of physical and spiritual hungers, Alexander Maksik's *A Marker to Measure Drift* is a novel about ruin and faith, barbarism and love, and the devastating memories that contain the power both to destroy us and to redeem us.

Windfalls - Jean Hegland
2007-11-01

The acclaimed author of *Into the Forest* mines our fears and explores our capacity to love in this epic tale of modern motherhood. Young and pregnant, Cerise and Anna make very different decisions about how to direct their lives. While teenaged Cerise struggles to support herself and her young daughter, Anna

finishes college, marries, and later gives birth to two daughters of her own. After the birth of her second child, a tragic accident tears Cerise's life apart, and she loses her already tenuous position in society. As the story progresses--and Cerise's and Anna's lives interweave and inexorably approach each other--both women are dramatically, forever changed. Unforgettable, awe-inspiring, and grippingly honest, *Windfalls* is a daring and mesmerizing tale.

Shine Shine Shine - Lydia Netzer
2013-07-02

A New York Times Notable Book! "Over the moon with a metaphysical spin. Heart-tugging...it is struggling to understand the physical realities of life and the nature of what makes us human....Nicely unpredictable...Extraordinary." —Janet Maslin, *The New York Times* When Maxon met Sunny, he was seven years, four months, and eighteen-days old. Or, he was 2693 rotations of the earth old. Maxon was

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different. Sunny was different. They were different together. Now, twenty years later, they are married, and Sunny wants, more than anything, to be "normal." She's got the housewife thing down perfectly, but Maxon, a genius engineer, is on a NASA mission to the moon, programming robots for a new colony. Once they were two outcasts who found unlikely love in each other: a wondrous, strange relationship formed from urgent desire for connection. But now they're parents to an autistic son. And Sunny is pregnant again. And her mother is dying in the hospital. Their marriage is on the brink of imploding, and they're at each other's throats with blame and fear. What exactly has gone wrong? Sunny wishes Maxon would turn the rocket around and come straight-the-hell home. When an accident in space puts the mission in peril, everything Sunny and Maxon have built hangs in the balance. Dark secrets, long-forgotten murders, and a blond wig all come tumbling to the

light. And nothing will ever be the same.... A debut of singular power and intelligence, Shine Shine Shine is a unique love story, an adventure between worlds, and a stunning novel of love, death, and what it means to be human. Shine Shine Shine is a New York Times Notable Book of 2012.

Where the Moon Isn't -

Nathan Filer 2013-11-05

Winner of the 2013 Costa First Novel Award (under the title

The Shock of the Fall) "A stunning novel. Ambitious and exquisitely realized . . . clearly the work of a major new

talent." —S. J. Watson, New York Times bestselling author of Before I Go to Sleep While on vacation with their parents, Matthew Homes and his older brother snuck out in the middle of the night. Only Matthew came home safely. Ten years later, Matthew tells us, he has found a way to bring his brother back... What begins as the story of a lost boy turns into a story of a brave man yearning to understand what happened that night, in the years since, and to his very

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person. Unafraid to look at the shadows of our hearts, Nathan Filer's rare and brilliant debut *Where the Moon Isn't* shows us the strength that is rooted in resilience and love.

Minnow - James E. McTeer II
2016-05-01

Minnow is an otherworldly story of a small boy who leaves his dying father's bedside hunting a medicine for a mysterious illness. Sent by his mother to a local druggist in their seaside village, Minnow unexpectedly takes a dark and wondrous journey deep into the ancient Sea Islands, seeking the grave dust of a long-dead hoodoo man to buy him a cure. With only a half-feral dog at his side, Minnow's odyssey is haunted at every turn by the agents of Sorry George, a witch doctor who once stirred up a fever that killed fifty-two men. Meanwhile, a tempest brews out at sea, threatening to bring untold devastation to the coastal way of life. *Minnow* is a remarkable debut novel that evokes the fiction of Karen Russell and Lauren Groff. *Lowcountry* "Heart of

Darkness" about the mysteries of childhood, the sacrifices we make to preserve our families, and the ghosts that linger in the Spanish moss of the South Carolina barrier islands.

What the Nanny Saw - Fiona Neill
2012-08-02

It's the summer of 2008. For the past decade Nick and Bryony Skinner and their four children have ridden high on the economic boom, but their luck is about to run out. Suddenly, the privileged family finds itself at the center of a financial scandal: their Central London house is besieged by the press, Nick disappears, and Bryony and the children become virtual prisoners in their own home. And Ali, their trusted nanny, watches it all. As the babysitter, she brings a unique insider-outsider perspective to the family, seeing far more than even the family itself is capable of. But when a reporter with a personal connection to the story comes asking her for the inside scoop, will Ali remain loyal to the family who never saw her as anything other than

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the help? Or will she tell her side? Written with Fiona Neill's delicious humor and addictive style, *What the Nanny Saw* is a keenly observed, often comical chronicle of the urban wealthy elite, of parents who are often too busy to notice what is going on under their own noses, of children left to their own devices, and of a young nanny thrown into a role she doesn't know how to play. It is a morality tale of our time, a tale of betrayal, the corrosive influence of too much money, and why good people sometimes do bad things.

Notable American Women -

Ben Marcus 2007-12-18

Ben Marcus achieved cult status and gained the admiration of his peers with his first book, *The Age of Wire and String*. With *Notable American Women* he goes well beyond that first achievement to create something radically wonderful, a novel set in a world so fully imagined that it creates its own reality. On a farm in Ohio, American women led by Jane Dark practice all means of behavior modification in an

attempt to attain complete stillness and silence.

Witnessing (and subjected to) their cultish actions is one Ben Marcus, whose father, Michael Marcus, may be buried in the back yard, and whose mother, Jane Marcus, enthusiastically condones the use of her son for (generally unsuccessful) breeding purposes, among other things. Inventing his own uses for language, the author Ben Marcus has written a harrowing, hilarious, strangely moving, altogether engrossing work of fiction that will be read and argued over for years to come.

The Long Answer - Anna Hogeland 2022-06-21

A woman considers pregnancy, motherhood, and the nature of female relationships in this profound and provocative novel. Twelve weeks pregnant for the first time, Anna speaks to her sister on the other side of the country and learns she has just miscarried her second child. As this loss strains their bond and complications with Anna's own pregnancy emerge, her tenuous steps towards

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motherhood are shadowed and illuminated by the women she meets along the way, whose stories of the children they have had, or longed for, or lost, crowd in. *The Long Answer* is a stunning novel of secrets kept, and secrets shared. Deeply empathetic and hugely absorbing, it unravels the intimate dynamics of female friendship, sisterhood, motherhood and grief, and the ways that women are bound together and pulled apart by their shared and contrasting experiences of pregnancy, abortion, miscarriage, and infertility.

The Almost Sisters - Joshilyn Jackson 2017-07-11

With empathy, grace, humor, and piercing insight, the author of *Gods in Alabama* pens a powerful, emotionally resonant novel of the South that confronts the truth about privilege, family, and the distinctions between perception and reality---the stories we tell ourselves about our origins and who we really are. Superheroes have always been Leia Birch Briggs'

weakness. One tequila-soaked night at a comics convention, the usually level-headed graphic novelist is swept off her barstool by a handsome and anonymous Batman. It turns out the caped crusader has left her with more than just a nice, fuzzy memory. She's having a baby boy—an unexpected but not unhappy development in the thirty-eight year-old's life. But before Leia can break the news of her impending single-motherhood (including the fact that her baby is biracial) to her conventional, Southern family, her step-sister Rachel's marriage implodes. Worse, she learns her beloved ninety-year-old grandmother, Birchie, is losing her mind, and she's been hiding her dementia with the help of Wattie, her best friend since girlhood. Leia returns to Alabama to put her grandmother's affairs in order, clean out the big Victorian that has been in the Birch family for generations, and tell her family that she's pregnant. Yet just when Leia thinks she's got it all under control, she learns that

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illness is not the only thing Birchie's been hiding. Tucked in the attic is a dangerous secret with roots that reach all the way back to the Civil War. Its exposure threatens the family's freedom and future, and it will change everything about how Leia sees herself and her sister, her son and his missing father, and the world she thinks she knows.

Lucky in the Corner - Carol Anshaw 2003-07

The bonds of a mother-daughter relationship are tested by mother Nora's divorce from Fern's father, Nora's lesbian relationship, Fern's skateboarding boyfriend, a baby in need of a family, and the departure of a much-beloved family dog. Reprint.

The Future for Curious People - Gregory Sherl 2014-09-02

In this novel, computers can show people their romantic future, but two strangers can't see true love when it's right in front of them. A young librarian named Evelyn is obsessed with a new technology. She can't

stop visiting the office of Dr. Chin, an "envisionist," because she needs to know that she'll meet someone and be happy one day. Godfrey, another client, ends up at Dr. Chin's only because his fiancée insisted they know their fate before taking the plunge. But when Godfrey meets Evelyn in the waiting room, true love may be right in front of them, but they are too preoccupied—and too burdened by their pasts—to recognize it. This smart, fresh love story, with its quirky twists and turns, ponders life's big questions—about happiness, fate, and our very existence—as it follows Evelyn and Godfrey's quest for the elusive answers. Praise for *The Future for Curious People* "A whip-smart novel about the obsession of love and the love of obsession." —Aaron Gwyn, author of *Wynne's War* "Comic and Exuberant . . . A fine and tender tale for anyone who has tried to let go of the past and envision the future while falling in love." —Rhonda Riley, author of *The Enchanted Life*

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Motherlunge - Kirstin Scott

2013

Fiction. MOTHERLUNGE is an eloquent and irreverent debut novel about first sex, true love, and chronic sibling rivalry; it's about the deepest fear of young (and not-so-young) adulthood: the fear of inheriting a disappointing life.

It's motherly advice, too—featuring wigs, dogs, road trips, and medicine—a guide to the essential experiences of being female, "born unto a librarian, named for the goddess of sight," waiting for the future to arrive. With sly wit and surprising joy, MOTHERLUNGE considers the flaws in the family line and celebrates the promise that staggers alongside. "[V]oice is where Kirstin Scott astonishes, both in the gutsy yet precise and lyrical voice of her narrator Thea, and in the brilliantly realized voices that Scott bestows on the rest of Thea's family. Here we have a tribe of mothers-gone-wrong and their sidelined, well-meaning, hapless men—and

yet, owing to the sheer inventiveness of Scott's prose style, the family portrait that emerges is almost (well, not quite) affirmative. We believe in these characters and even believe that some good—some human equivalent of that ribald, generous and knowing voice—will come out of all this."—Jaimy Gordon

Backseat Saints - Joshilyn Jackson 2010-06-08

Read this "enthraling" portrayal of the measures a mother will take to right the wrongs she's created while reigniting her rough and tough Texan bravery (Kathryn Stockett, bestselling author of *The Help*). Rose Mae Lolley's mother disappeared when she was eight, leaving Rose with a heap of old novels and a taste for dangerous men. Now, as demure Mrs. Ro Grandee, she's living the very life her mother abandoned. She's all but forgotten the girl she used to be—teenaged spitfire, Alabama heartbreaker, and a crack shot with a pistol—until an airport gypsy warns Rose it's time to find her way back to that

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brave, tough girl . . . or else. Armed with only her wit, her pawpy's ancient .45, and her dog Fat Gretel, Rose Mae hightails it out of Texas, running from a man who will never let her go, on a mission to find the mother who did. Starring a minor character from Jackson's bestselling gods in Alabama, BACKSEAT SAINTS will dazzle readers with its stunning portrayal of the measures a mother will take to right the wrongs she's created, and how far a daughter will travel to satisfy the demands of forgiveness.

Small Blessings - Martha Woodroof 2014-08-12

Resigning himself to a life of regrets with a heavily dependent wife whose neuroses were exacerbated by his infidelity, English professor Tom Putnam hopes for renewal through a new friendship, only to learn that his former mistress bore him a son a decade earlier. A first novel.

The Third Son - Julie Wu 2013-04-30

"Clear your schedule! The Third Son is your next

obsessive read. Julie Wu's book reads like an instant classic."

—Lydia Netzer, author of Shine Shine Shine In the middle of a terrifying air raid in Japanese-occupied Taiwan, Saburo, the least-favored son of a Taiwanese politician, runs through a forest for cover. It's there he stumbles on Yoshiko, whose descriptions of her loving family are to Saburo like a glimpse of paradise. Meeting her is a moment he will remember forever, and for years he will try to find her again. When he finally does, she is by the side of his oldest brother and greatest rival. In Saburo, author Julie Wu has created an extraordinary character, determined to fight for everything he needs and wants, from food to education to his first love. The Third Son is a sparkling and moving story about a young boy with his head in the clouds who, against all odds, finds himself on the frontier of America's space program. "An appealing coming-of-age story packed with vivid historical detail."

—The Christian Science

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Monitor "A boy growing up in Japanese-occupied Taiwan in the 1940s will do anything to escape his tormenting family and reconnect with his first love in this compelling work of fiction." —O: The Oprah Magazine "Deceptively simple, deeply compelling . . . An unusually awful sibling rivalry, a stunningly pure and inspiring love story." —The Boston Globe "Wu presents an alluring story that hits all the right emotional buttons and maintains readers' empathy from the first page to the last." —Kirkus Reviews *The Shock of the Fall* - Nathan Filer 2014-02-10

This book has also been published as *Where the Moon Isn't*. Winner of the 2013 Costa First Award "A stunning novel. Ambitious and exquisitely realized . . . clearly the work of a major new talent." —S. J. Watson, New York Times bestselling author of *Before I Go to Sleep* While on vacation with their parents, Matthew Homes and his older brother snuck out in the middle of the night. Only Matthew came home safely. Ten years

later, Matthew tells us, he has found a way to bring his brother back... What begins as the story of a lost boy turns into a story of a brave man yearning to understand what happened that night, in the years since, and to his very person. Unafraid to look at the shadows of our hearts, Nathan Filer's rare and brilliant debut *The Shock of the Fall* shows us the strength that is rooted in resilience and love.

A Grown-Up Kind of Pretty - Joshilyn Jackson 2012-01-25

A Grown Up Kind of Pretty is a powerful saga of three generations of women, plagued by hardships and torn by a devastating secret, yet inextricably joined by the bonds of family. Fifteen-year-old Mosey Slocumb -- spirited, sassy, and on the cusp of womanhood -- is shaken when a small grave is unearthed in the backyard, and determined to figure out why it's there. Liza, her stroke-ravaged mother, is haunted by choices she made as a teenager. But it is Jenny, Mosey's strong and big-hearted grandmother, whose maternal

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love braids together the strands of the women's shared past -- and who will stop at nothing to defend their future.

A House for Jonnie O. -

Blossom Elfman 1977

A sixteen-year-old unwed mother views her future differently following the birth of her daughter.

I, Martha Adams - Pauline Glen Winslow 1986-05

After America surrenders to the Soviets, one courageous woman races against time to cross the continent to find the weapon that can save the United States

Surface Detail - Iain M. Banks 2010-10-28

It begins in the realm of the Real, where matter still matters. It begins with a murder. And it will not end until the Culture has gone to war with death itself. Lededje Y'breq is one of the Intagliated, her marked body bearing witness to a family shame, her

life belonging to a man whose lust for power is without limit. Prepared to risk everything for her freedom, her release - when it comes - is at a price, and to put things right she will need the help of the Culture. Benevolent, enlightened and almost infinitely resourceful though it may be, the Culture can only do so much for any individual. With the assistance of one of its most powerful - and arguably deranged - warships, Lededje finds herself heading into a combat zone not even sure which side the Culture is really on. A war - brutal, far-reaching - is already raging within the digital realms that store the souls of the dead, and it's about to erupt into reality. It started in the realm of the Real and that is where it will end. It will touch countless lives and affect entire civilizations, but at the center of it all is a young woman whose need for revenge masks another motive altogether.