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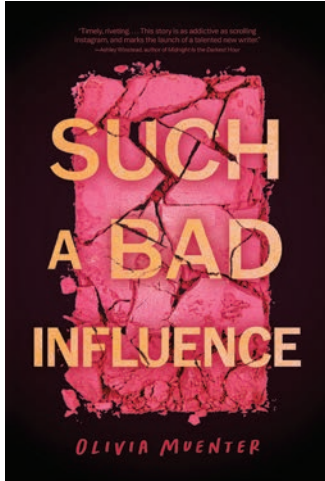
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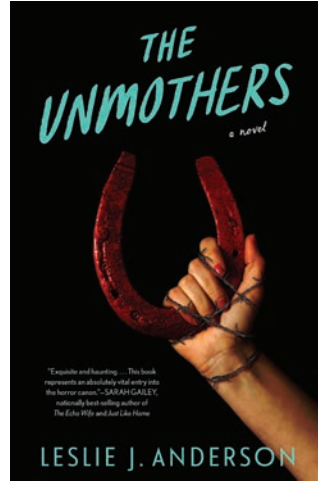
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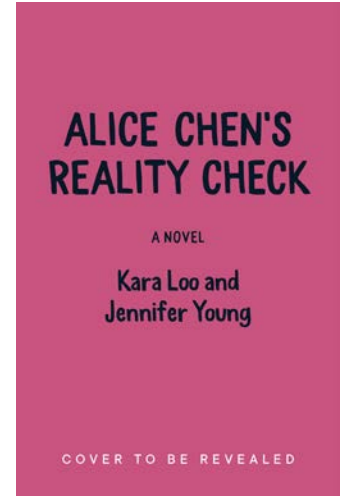
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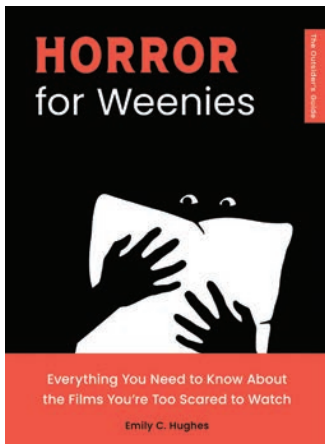


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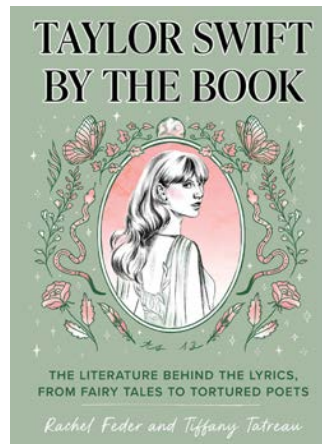
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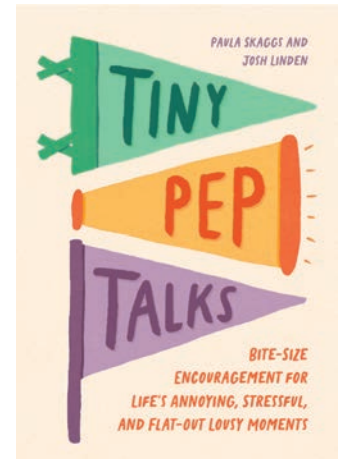
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## Cult Following

The Extreme Sects That Capture Our Imaginations—  
and Take Over Our Lives

By J. W. Ocker

**“A must-read for those with a taste for cult narratives.”**  
—*Publishers Weekly*

Have you ever wondered how ordinary people end up enmeshed in extreme cults? Everything you’ve ever wanted to know about history’s most notorious cults—and the psychology of the people who join them—is packed into this accessible, engaging volume. Walk in the footsteps of those who were lured into such sinister groups as:

- **Branch Davidians:** This cult was waiting out the apocalypse when the FBI infamously raided their compound in Waco, Texas.
- **Los Narcosatánicos:** This group of drug traffickers in 1980s Mexico committed human sacrifice and believed their leader had magic powers.
- **Breatharianism:** Breatharians believe that humans can live on air alone, and their founder claimed to have gone without food for seventeen years.
- **NXIVM:** This twenty-first-century cult attracted Hollywood actresses and engaged in sex trafficking, forced labor, and racketeering under the guise of personal development seminars.
- **Heaven’s Gate:** The Heaven’s Gate UFO cult ended in the suicide of thirty-nine members who believed they would ascend to a spaceship after death.

In this fascinating collection, weird history expert J. W. Ocker sheds light on the terrifying attraction of cults, demonstrating the elasticity of belief, the desperateness of belonging, and the tragedy of trust.



**J. W. (JASON) OCKER** is an Edgar Award winning travel writer, horror novelist, and blogger. His previous nonfiction books include *Poe-Land*, *The New England Grimpendium* and *The New York Grimpendium*, *A Season with the Witch*, the *New York Times*-reviewed *Cursed Objects*, and *The United States of Cryptids*. He is the creator of the blog and podcast OTIS: Odd Things I’ve Seen ([oddtthingsiveseen.com](http://oddtthingsiveseen.com)).



**From the author of *Cursed Objects* and *The United States of Cryptids*, an astonishing compendium of the 30 most infamous, audacious, and dangerous cults in history**

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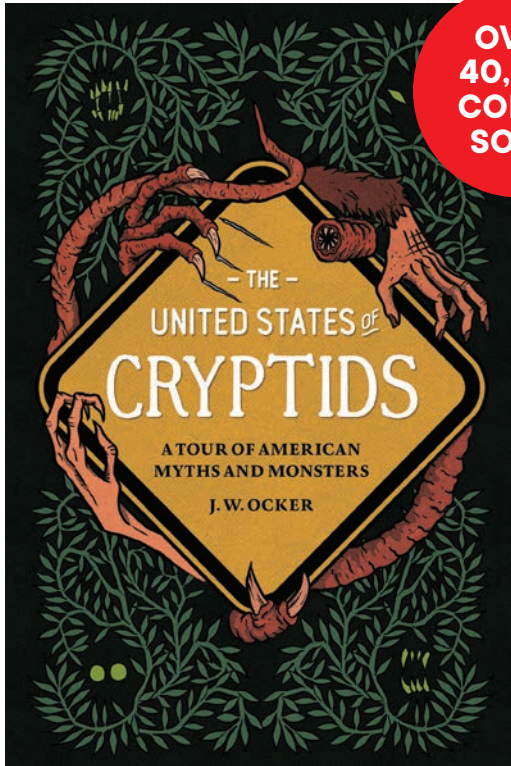
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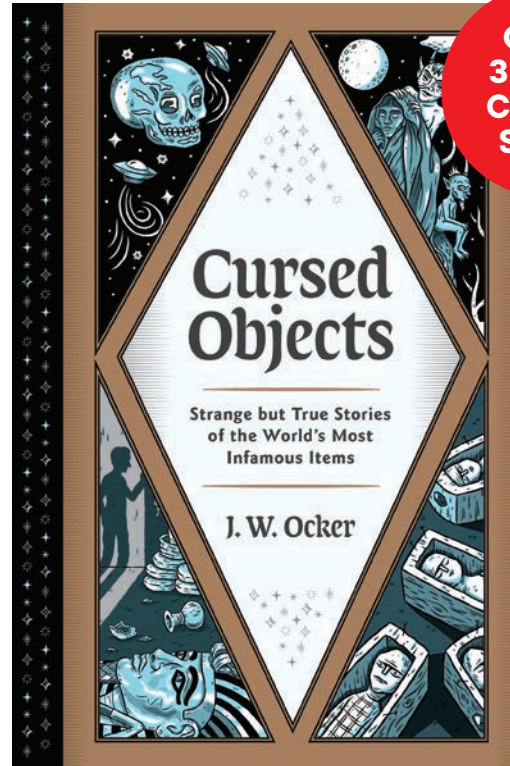
## The United States of Cryptids

A Tour of American Myths and Monsters  
By J. W. Ocker

**Meet the monsters in our midst, from Bigfoot to Mothman and beyond!**

Welcome to the United States of Cryptids\*, where mysterious monsters lurk in the dark forests, deep lakes, and sticky swamps of all fifty states. From the infamous Jersey Devil to the obscure Snallygaster, travel writer and chronicler of the strange J. W. Ocker uncovers the bizarre stories of these creatures and investigates the ways in which communities embrace and celebrate their local cryptids. Whether you believe in Bigfoot or not, this fully illustrated compendium is a fun, frightening, fascinating tour through American folklore and history, exploring the stories we tell about monsters and what those stories say about us.

\*Cryptid: A creature some people claim to have seen that has never been proven to exist, like the Yeti, Bigfoot, or the Loch Ness Monster.



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## Cursed Objects

Strange but True Stories of the World's Most Infamous Items  
By J. W. Ocker

**Beware . . . this book is cursed! These strange but true stories of the world's most infamous items will appeal to true believers as well as history buffs, horror fans, and anyone who loves a good spine-tingling tale.**

They're lurking in museums, graveyards, and private homes. Their often tragic and always bizarre stories have inspired countless horror movies, reality TV shows, novels, and campfire tales. They're cursed objects, and all they need to unleash a wave of misfortune is . . . you.

Many of these unfortunate items have intersected with some of the most notable events and people in history, leaving death and destruction in their wake. But never before have the true stories of these eerie oddities been compiled into a fascinating and chilling volume.

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# You Gotta Eat

Real-Life Strategies for Feeding Yourself When Cooking Feels Impossible  
By Margaret Eby

**Delivery is expensive. Eating a spoonful of peanut butter is depressing. You can't imagine having the energy to chop an onion. But somehow, you gotta eat. How does anyone feed themselves under these conditions?**

Enter *You Gotta Eat*, a friendly, accessible resource for getting something on your plate when you have too much on your plate. Part cookbook, part pep talk, and part action plan, *You Gotta Eat* offers tips and tactics—plus ten “do exactly this” recipes—for making effortless food that’s nourishing, tasty, and even a little fun. Choose your current energy level and learn important kitchen skills such as the following.

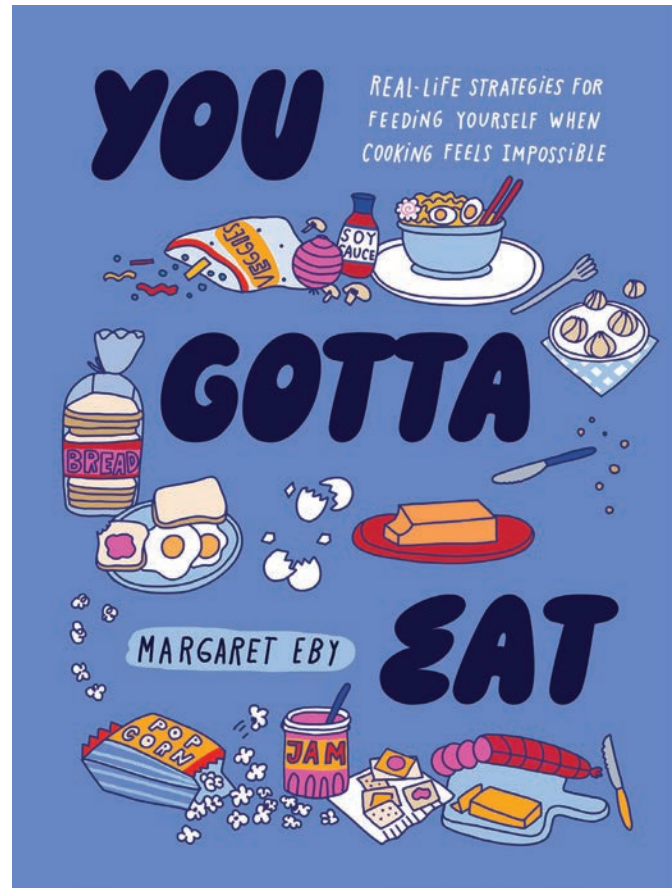
- **If you can open a package:** Turn instant ramen into a feast
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Plus dozens more ideas for living deliciously without impossible effort!

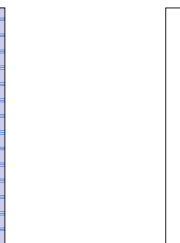
Whether you're burned-out, depressed, overworked, a new parent, living away from home for the first time, or some combination of the above, let food editor, classically trained chef, and nacho enthusiast Margaret Eby show you how to make your eating experience better—and easier—in every way.



**MARGARET EBY** is the deputy food editor for the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, and a former senior editor at *Food & Wine*, *MyRecipes*, and *Extra Crispy*. She has written for the *New York Review of Books*, *Rolling Stone*, *Vanity Fair*, *Bon Appetit*, the *New Yorker*, the *New York Times*, and the *Los Angeles Times*, among other publications. Her previous book, *South Toward Home: Travels in Southern Literature*, was published by Norton in September 2015. Margaret graduated from Barnard College and completed an M.A. in cultural reporting and criticism at NYU. She also completed a certificate program at the International Culinary Center in 2019.



**A trained chef teaches you how to keep yourself fed—and maybe even enjoy it!—in the face of stress, burnout, and exhaustion.**



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## Outdoor Gourmet

How to Bring Your Love of Good Food to the Campsite, the Backyard, and Beyond  
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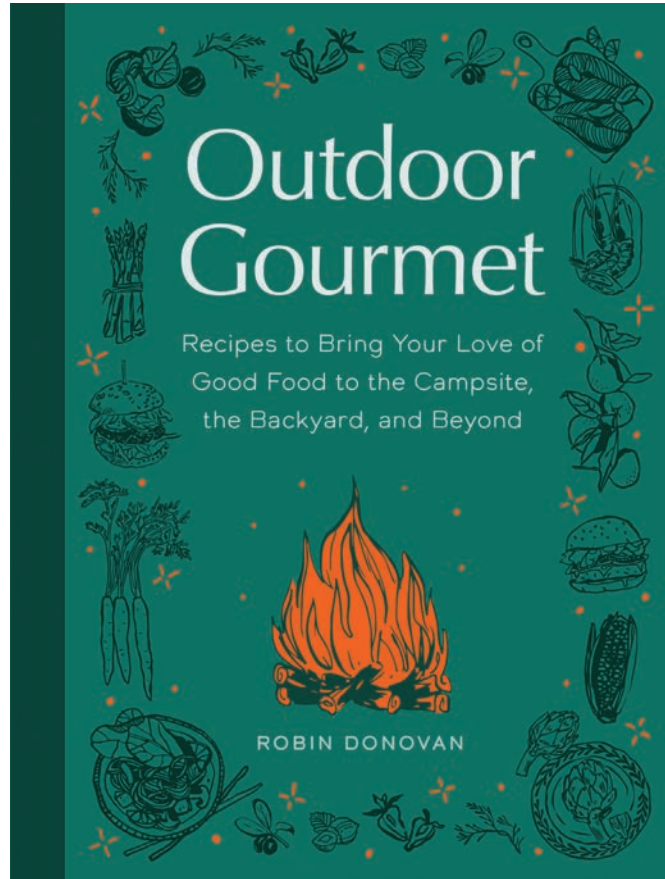
Getting in touch with nature doesn't need to mean subsisting on energy bars, canned beans, and prepackaged meals. With these easy-to-follow recipes, you can use your camp stove or fire pit to whip up restaurant-worthy food that will satisfy any gourmand.

Toss the trail mix, leave the hot dogs at home, and plan a totally new approach to outdoor eating:

- Wake up to banana-pecan French toast cooked on the camp stove
- Pack a smoked salmon and wasabi aram sandwich for an on-the-go hiking lunch
- Relax by the fire with a savory cheese s'mores snack
- Feast under the stars on mustard and rosemary lamb chops and roasted beets with citrus dressing
- And cook dozens more delicious recipes right at your campsite!

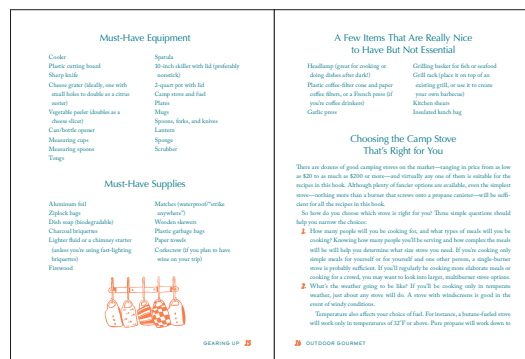
*Outdoor Gourmet* includes advice on choosing a camp stove and stocking your kitchen-away-from-home, storage strategies for fresh foods, and tips for making your new favorite camping meals in a traditional kitchen or backyard grill so you can keep vacation going all year.

Previously published as *Campfire Cuisine*, this edition has a fresh new look.



**ROBIN DONOVAN** is a food and travel writer, and an experienced camper who has successfully experimented with campsite cooking for more than 20 years. She lives in San Francisco.

**Bring great eating to the great outdoors with more than 100 delicious recipes you can cook at your campsite—but will want to keep making at home!**

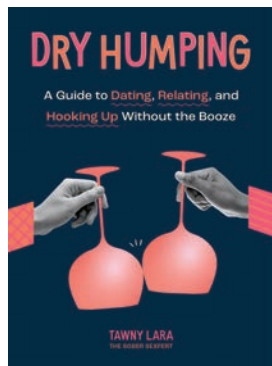


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## Dry Humping

A Guide to Dating, Relating, and Hooking Up Without the Booze

By Tawny Lara

**A lighthearted, cheeky, and judgment-free handbook from sober sexpert Tawny Lara on how to have better sex, better dates, and better partnerships—without relying on alcohol!**

In *Dry Humping*, you will learn how to have better dates, sex, and partnerships with tools like:

- Booze-free date ideas
- Scripts for awkward conversations
- Interviews with experts
- Thought-provoking prompts
- Perspectives from a diverse range of regular people
- And more!



**TAWNY LARA**, also known as The Sober Sexpert, writes and speaks about alcohol-free sex and dating. Her work is featured in *Playboy*, *Men's Health*, the *Huffington Post*, and two essay collections: *Sex and the Single Woman* and *The Addiction Diaries*.

*The Addiction Diaries*.

**“Lara’s authentic approach may inspire readers to take action to improve their own lives.”**

—*Library Journal*

### Dry Humping

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## Work It Out

A Mood-Boosting Exercise Guide for People Who Just Want to Lie Down

By Sarah Kurchak

**Frank, funny, and sympathetic, this fitness book offers realistic tips, encouragement, and dozens of activity ideas for times when exercise is the only thing that will help—and the last thing you want to do.**

Written by a neurodivergent exercise professional, *Work It Out* busts myths about fitness while providing clear, actionable advice on how to:

- Incorporate exercise into your daily life
- Build an adjustable workout plan for both good and bad mental health days
- Shake off the messages that say you’re never doing enough
- Set up a workout log that motivates you in exactly the way you need
- Celebrate all your achievements, including getting out of bed
- But also get a little exercise in bed, if that’s where you are today

*Work It Out* meets you where you are—even if you’re lying on the floor.



**SARAH KURCHAK** is the author of the memoir *I Overcame My Autism and All I Got Was This Lousy Anxiety Disorder* and has written about autism and mental health for publications including *Time*, the *Guardian*, and the *Toronto Star*.

**“Grounded in science and refreshingly dismissive of well-trodden myths, rules, and routines.”**

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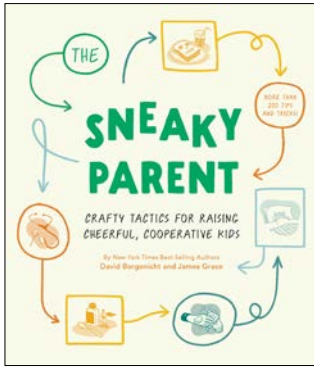
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## The Sneaky Parent

Crafty Tactics for Raising Cheerful, Cooperative Kids

By David Borgenicht and James Grace

More than 200 clever tips to help stubborn kids go to bed, clean their room, take a bath, and more—without tears or fights.



**DAVID BORGENICHT** is a *New York Times* best-selling author and the creator of the iconic Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook series.



**JAMES GRACE** is the coauthor of several books, including the *New York Times* bestselling *The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook: Golf*.

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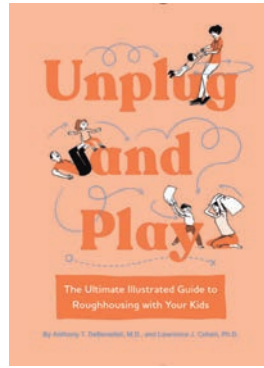
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## Unplug and Play

The Ultimate Illustrated Guide to Roughhousing with Your Kids

By Anthony T. DeBenedet, M.D., and Lawrence J. Cohen, Ph.D.

Learn how rough-and-tumble play can nurture relationships, lead to closer connections, encourage resilience, and boost confidence in kids—with 45 illustrated activities to get you started.



**ANTHONY T. DEBENEDET, M.D.** is a practicing physician, behavioral-science enthusiast, and energetic dad.



**LAWRENCE COHEN, PH.D.** is a licensed psychologist, author, and consultant living in Portland, Oregon.

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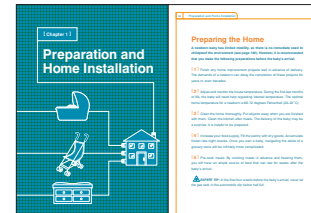
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By Louis Borgenicht, M.D., and Joe Borgenicht, D.A.D.

At last! A beginner's guide to newborn baby technology, complete with step-by-step instructions, FAQs, and schematics, from a board-certified pediatrician and his son (an older model).



**DR. LOUIS BORGENICHT** is a board-certified pediatrician with the American Academy of Pediatrics who runs his own practice in Salt Lake City.



**JOE BORGENICHT** is a D.A.D., writer, and entrepreneur who frequently telephones his father for advice.

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## Stuff Every Adult Should Know

A Pocket-Sized Guide to Grown-Up Know-How, from Taxes to Small Talk

By **Alyssa Favreau, Alanna Kalb, and Brett Cohen**

Do you ever feel like you missed the day in school where they taught you . . . literally everything you were going to need for a successful adulthood? How do you iron clothes? Where do friends come from? Why are there so many types of insurance? Does everyone else already know this stuff, and where did they learn it?

Well, you don't have to flail around anymore, pretending like you know what you're doing. Here's the handbook for that day we all missed—and it fits right into your pocket! Get the background knowledge you deserve for life skills like:

- Writing a cover letter that's confident but not overconfident
- Replacing a button or sewing a hem to rescue old clothes
- Making a budget and sticking to it
- Hosting a party—and making small talk at a party
- Holding a baby, whether it's yours or someone else's
- And more!

Featuring handy tips, tricks, and techniques collected from the best-selling Stuff series, *Stuff Every Adult Should Know* is the adulthood 101 we've been waiting for!

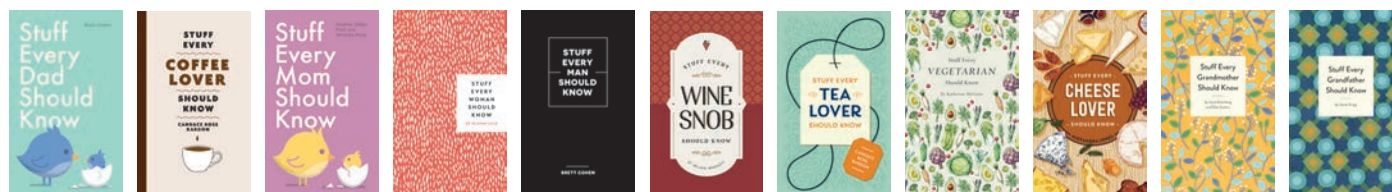
The *Stuff Every Adult Should Know* team includes confirmed adults Brett Cohen, Alyssa Favreau, and Alanna Kalb, who previously contributed their expertise as (variously) men, women, graduates, and parents to the series.

### ABOUT THE SERIES

Each volume in the Stuff series tells you everything you should know to navigate life's key topics, trends, and milestones. From telling jokes, cooking vegetarian, or tending a garden to getting through college, planning a wedding, or becoming a grandparent, you'll find all the answers in this concise but comprehensive pocket-sized package.



**A pocket guide to all the adult stuff you're expected to know (but that nobody ever explains)—from paying your taxes to changing a tire to making new friends.**



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## Tiny Pep Talks

Bite-Size Encouragement for Life's Annoying, Stressful, and Flat-Out Lousy Moments  
By Paula Skaggs and Josh Linden

Anybody can tell you “You can do it!” before the big job interview, or before you walk down the wedding aisle, or before you head out onto the field to make the game-winning kick at the Super Bowl. But what about the other 99.99 percent of stuff you do?

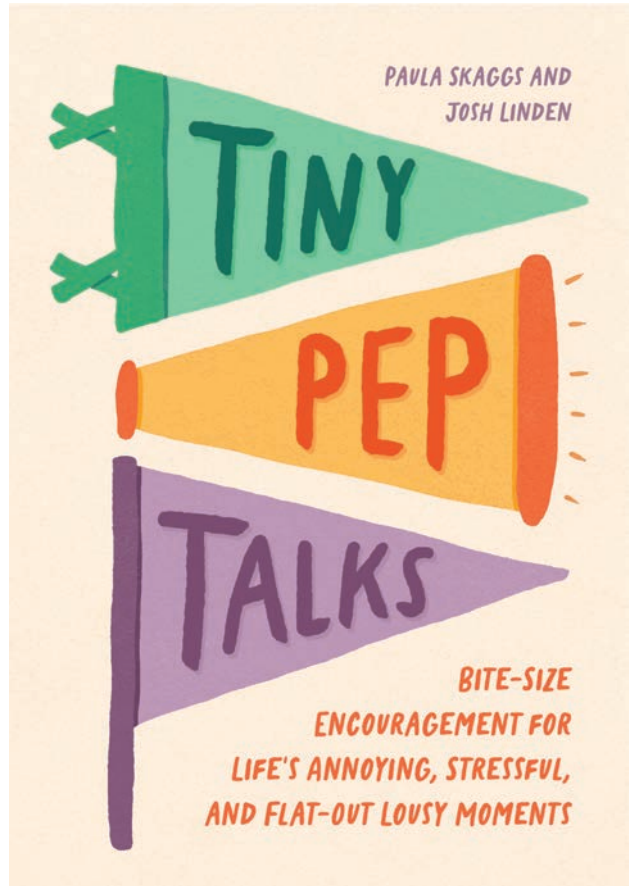
That's where *Tiny Pep Talks* comes in. Comedians Paula Skaggs and Josh Linden are rooting for you, and they're here to cheerlead you through your everyday challenges. You'll find specific, constructive, and—most of all—very funny motivation for:

- Parallel parking (cars just weren't meant to go sideways!)
- Sending a scary email (if you died and came back as a ghost, wouldn't it suck if this was your unfinished business?)
- Doing your taxes (just round to the nearest dollar! The IRS could never be mad at you—not with a face like that)
- Getting through a breakup (did you know the grocery store will sell you a cake on any day for any reason?)
- Remembering that all your friends are not secretly mad at you (they're busy worrying all their friends are secretly mad at them)
- . . . and many more everyday situations that would benefit from a motivational speech!

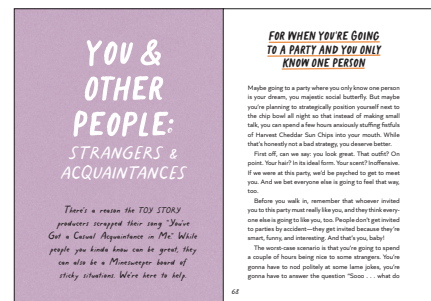
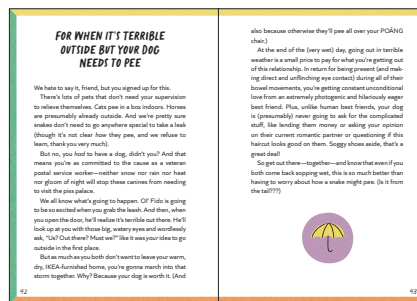
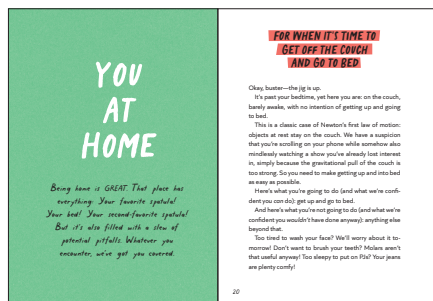
If you're going through it, have ever gone through it, or will maybe go through it in the future, let *Tiny Pep Talks* give you the boost you need.



**PAULA SKAGGS** and **JOSH LINDEN** are Chicago-based writers, comedians, cocreators of the game *No Wrong Answers: Cards for Better Conversations*, and cohosts of *Being Earnest* (A Very Sincere Podcast).



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## Goblin Mode

How to Get Cozy, Embrace Imperfection, and Thrive in the Muck.

By **McKayla Coyle**

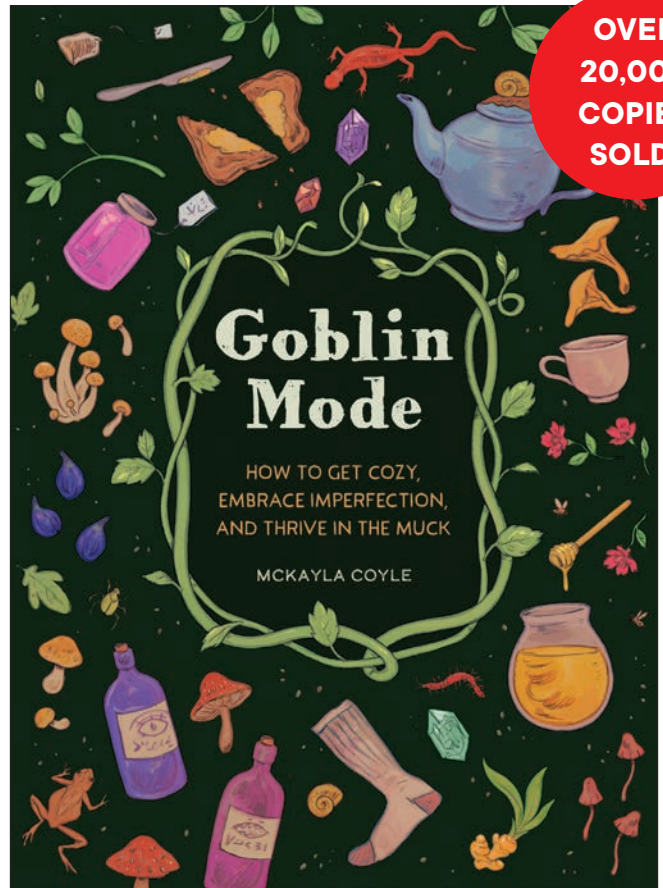
Do you ever feel strange, gross, chaotic, underappreciated, or like you don't quite fit in? Great news: you might be a goblin! That means your imperfections and idiosyncrasies are the most awesome things about you, and you can build a more harmonious life by accepting and honoring them—taking inspiration from the frogs, fungi, moss, rocks, and dirt that goblins love.

*Goblin Mode* includes life advice for celebrating physical and mental diversity, rejecting prejudice, and generally hanging on to a little joy. Can a mushroom give you fashion tips? Can a snail teach you to be a happier person? You bet they can—and in this book you'll also learn to:

- Create a moss garden for your lair
- Grow and use medicinal plants
- Forage for berries (even in the city)
- Mend your cozy sweaters
- Display your cool rock collection
- And more!

Featuring 25 whimsical illustrations by Marian Churchland, *Goblin Mode* will help you rethink your relationship with your self, your home, your community, and the earth.

**MCKAYLA COYLE** (they/them) is a lesbian writer from Anchorage, Alaska. They're the engagement editor for Literary Hub, and they hold an MFA in fiction from the New School. In their free time they read fantasy novels and make a lot of jam.



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**Embrace your inner goblin! Learn to decorate, dress, craft, forage, and live according to the goblin principles of community, diversity, and joyful mess.**

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## When in Doubt, Play Dead

Life Advice from an Unexpected Source

By Ally Burguières

Shy, resourceful, and deeply misunderstood yet thoroughly relatable, opossums offer a model for seeing the world—and oneself—in an entirely fresh way.

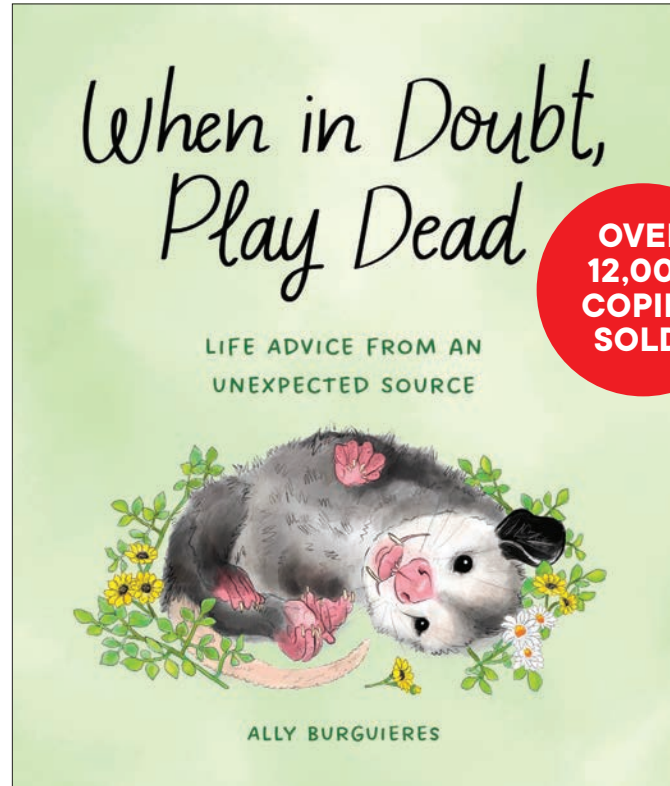
Written and illustrated by Ally Burguières, creator of the popular Instagram account @ItsMeSesame, who spends her days as a wildlife rehabber caring for and learning from opossums, *When in Doubt, Play Dead* offers encouragement to embrace life's weird, wild, and wonderful moments.

Learn to live your life the opossum way with advice including the following:

- The difference between a weed and a flower is often a matter of taste.
- It's nobody's business what's in your pouch. Unless you've got snacks in there. In which case, you should share.
- A bit of risk is part of life. Cross that street, but ALWAYS look both ways beforehand.
- Smile! Unless someone tells you to, in which case you are well within your rights to scream.
- And more.

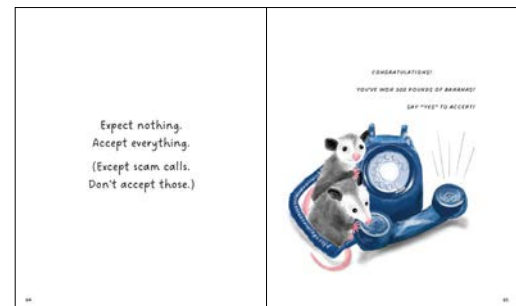
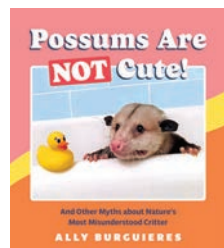
With kindness and humor, this enchanting book of life advice will surprise, inspire, and charm you.

**ALLY BURGUIÈRES** is a wildlife rehabber and the creator of the viral Sesame the Opossum website and social media accounts, home of the internet's most beloved opossums. In addition to wrangling opossums, she owns Cocoally (an animal-themed boutique) and Gallery Burguières (a gallery of her artwork) in New Orleans. She is also the author of *Possums Are Not Cute! (and Other Myths)*.



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# The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook: Apocalypse

By Joshua Piven and David Borgenicht

The doomsday clock is seconds from midnight. Extinction-level dangers draw closer with every tick. But fear not! Here is an indispensable guide to preparing for and surviving the ultimate in worst-case scenarios, with humor to lighten the load. You can't panic if you're laughing.

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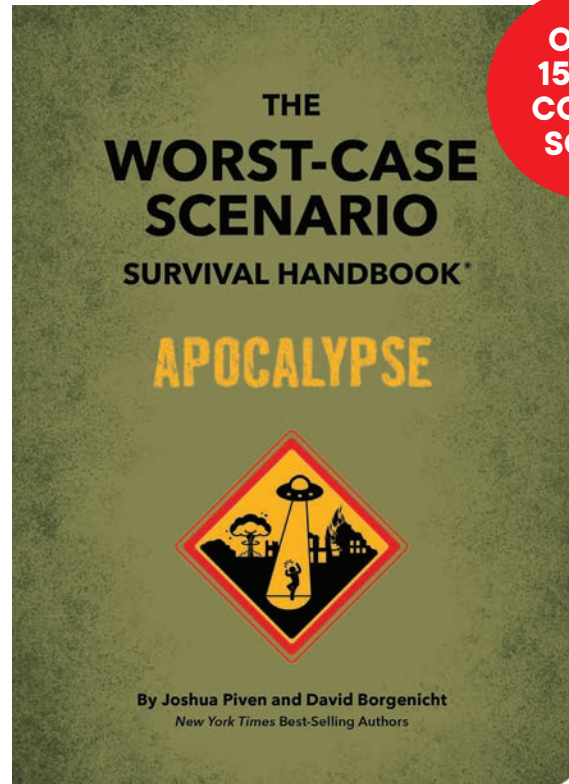
You've gotten this far. Don't let zombies take you out.

**JOSH PIVEN** has been chased by knife-wielding motorcycle bandits (he escaped); stranded on a chairlift during a howling blizzard (he was rescued); and torn both his rotator cuffs (he had surgery). He lives in Philadelphia.

**DAVID BORGENICHT** has ridden in heavily armored vehicles in Pakistan, stowed away on Amtrak, been conned by a grifter, and "repurposed" mini-bottles from the drink cart on Delta. He lives in Philadelphia, and is the founder of Quirk Books.

**"[The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook: Apocalypse] might make you actually look forward to the end of the world"**

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**It's the apocalypse—now what? Prepare for the end of civilization with the help of the world's best-selling survival guide series and learn how to pick yourself up, dust yourself off, and start all over again.**



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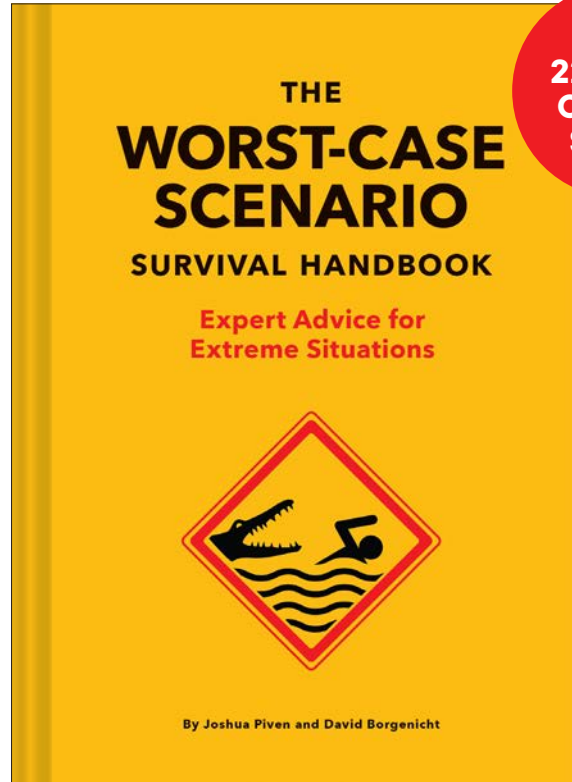
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Danger! It lurks at every corner. Quicksand. Sharks. Cyberbullies. Super Flu. From wrestling an alligator to evading drones to landing an airplane if the pilot passes out, *The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook* is here to help with expert, illustrated, step-by-step instructions for the best ways to tackle life's sudden turns for the worse.

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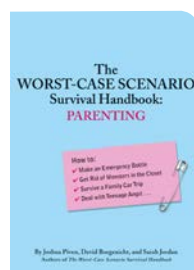
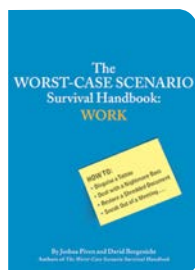
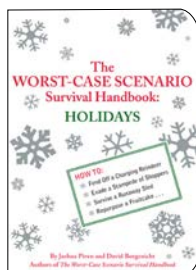
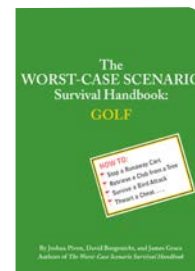
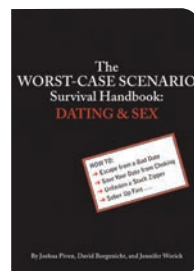
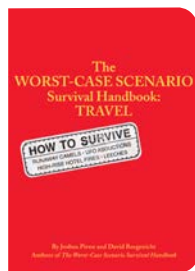
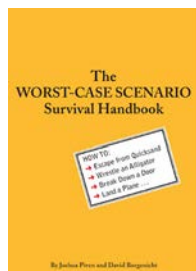
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Everything You Need to Know About the Films You're Too Scared to Watch

By **Emily C. Hughes**

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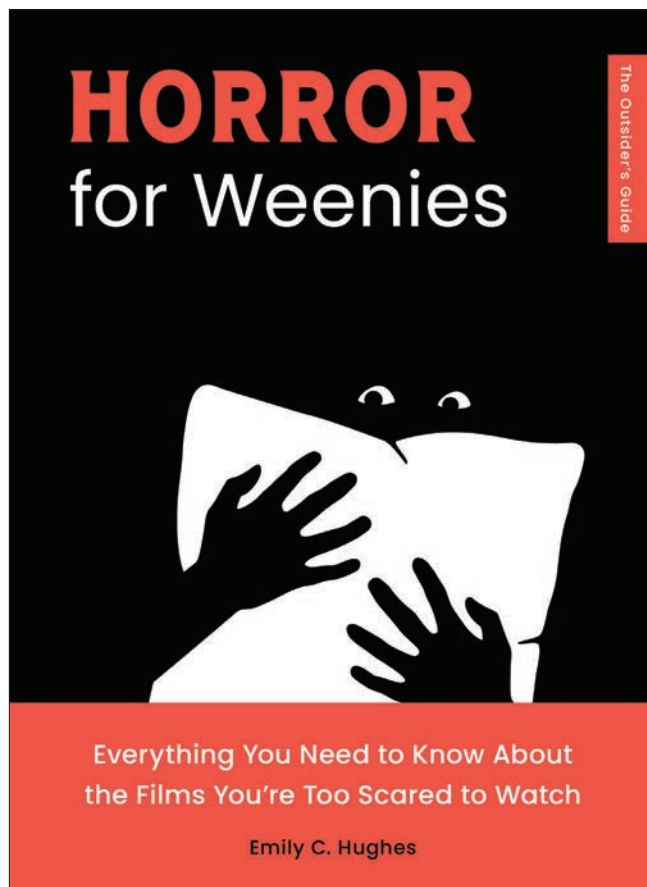
With a rundown of the history and significance of horror cinema, explanations of common tropes, and detailed entries on 25 important movies ranging from *Night of the Living Dead* to *The Blair Witch Project* to *Get Out*, *Horror for Weenies* will turn even the scariest of cats into a confident connoisseur.

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**EMILY HUGHES** is the former editor of Unbound Worlds and TorNightfire.com, and writes the horror newsletter Jump Scares. She has written about horror, books, and culture for the *New York Times*, *Vulture*, *Tor.com*, *Electric Literature*, *Thrillist*, and more. She lives in crunchy western Massachusetts with her husband and four idiot cats.



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# Movies With Balls

The Greatest Sports Films of All Time, Analyzed and Illustrated  
By Kyle Bandujo and Rick Bryson

If you're the kind of fan who cheers every single time you watch Rocky beat Drago, or remembers who said "Be the ball, Danny" and "If you build it, he will come," this is the book for you.

*Movies with Balls* celebrates and analyzes more than two dozen of the greatest sports films of all time. You'll be transported into fictional arenas, stadiums, gyms, fields, and golf courses to relive the climactic moments from:

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- *Field of Dreams*
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- And many more!

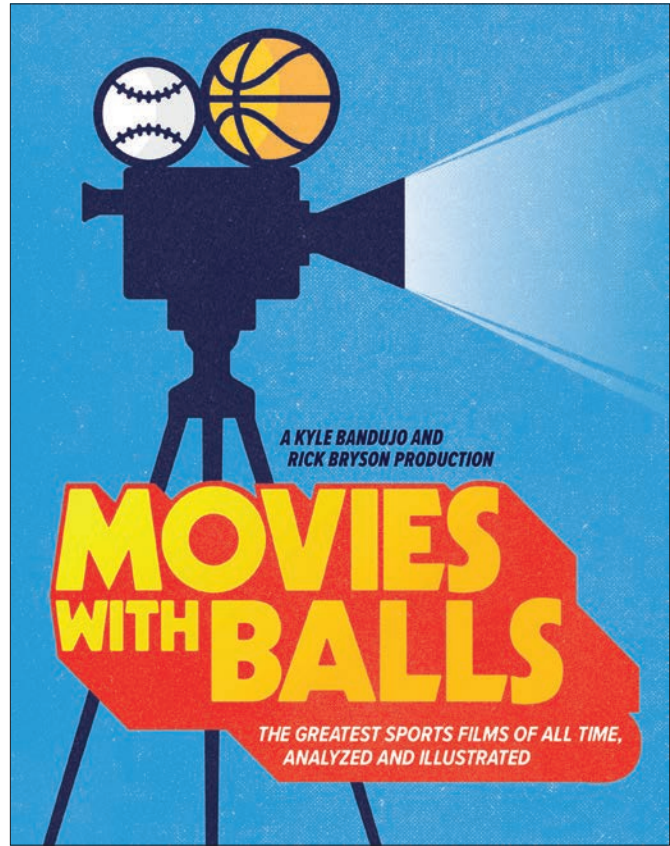
Illustrated with fictional ticket stubs, trading cards, playmaps, and more, *Movies with Balls* brings to life the iconic films and characters that we love and admire—just as much as we love our real-world sports and athletic heroes—letting us cheer them on, again and again.



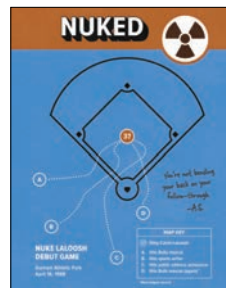
**KYLE BANDUJO** is a writer and podcaster, and is the host/producer of *Big Screen Sports: The Sports Movie Podcast*. He lives in San Antonio, Texas.



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## The Darcy Myth

Jane Austen, Literary Heartthrobs, and the Monsters They Taught Us to Love

By Rachel Feder

**Covering cultural touchstones ranging from *Normal People* to Taylor Swift and from Lord Byron to *The Bachelor*, *The Darcy Myth* is a book for anyone who loves thinking deeply about literature and culture—whether it’s Jane Austen or not.**

You already know Mr. Darcy—at least you think you do! The brooding, rude, standoffish romantic hero of *Pride and Prejudice*, Darcy initially insults and ignores the witty heroine, but eventually succumbs to her charms. It’s a classic enemies-to-lovers plot, and one that has profoundly influenced our cultural ideas about courtship. But what if this classic isn’t just a grand romance, but a horror novel about how scary love and marriage can be for women?

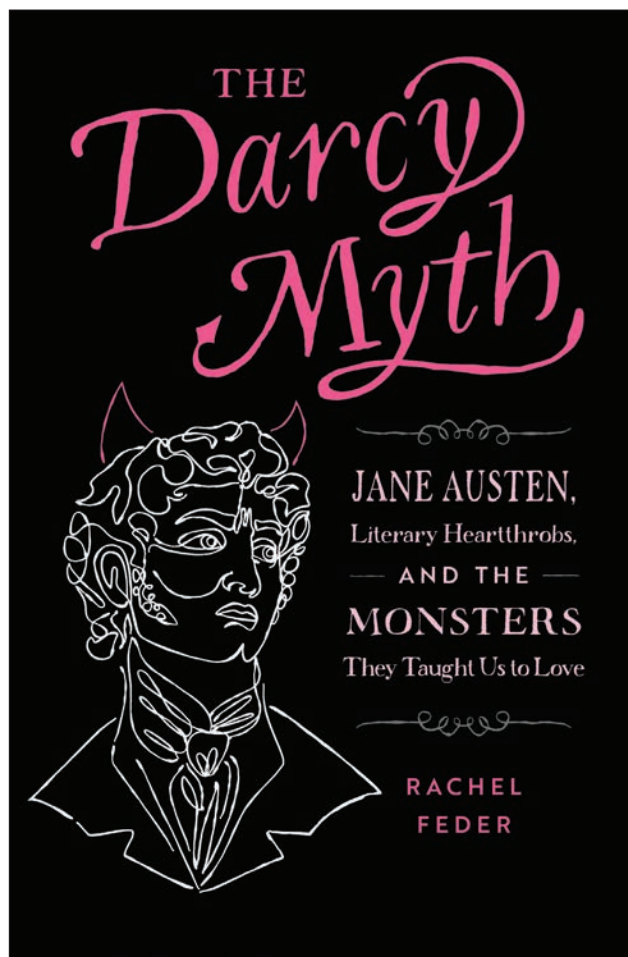
In *The Darcy Myth*, literature scholar Rachel Feder unpacks Austen’s Gothic influences and how they’ve led us to a romantic ideal that’s halfway to being a monster story. Why is our culture so obsessed with cruel, indifferent romantic heroes (and sometimes heroines)? How much of that is Darcy’s fault? And, now that we know, what do we do about it?



**RACHEL FEDER** is an associate professor of English and literary arts at the University of Denver, where she regularly ruins *Pride and Prejudice* for her students (but in a fun way!). Her work on the Gothic and nineteenth-century British literature includes the book *Harvester of Hearts: Motherhood Under the Sign of Frankenstein* and the Norton Library Edition of *Dracula*, which she edited. Her poetry and prose have appeared widely.

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# Taylor Swift by the Book

The Literature Behind the Lyrics, from Fairy Tales to Tortured Poets

By Rachel Feder

Let a literature professor and a musical theater artist guide you through the Taylor Swift canon—from Shakespeare to the Brontë sisters to Daphne du Maurier!

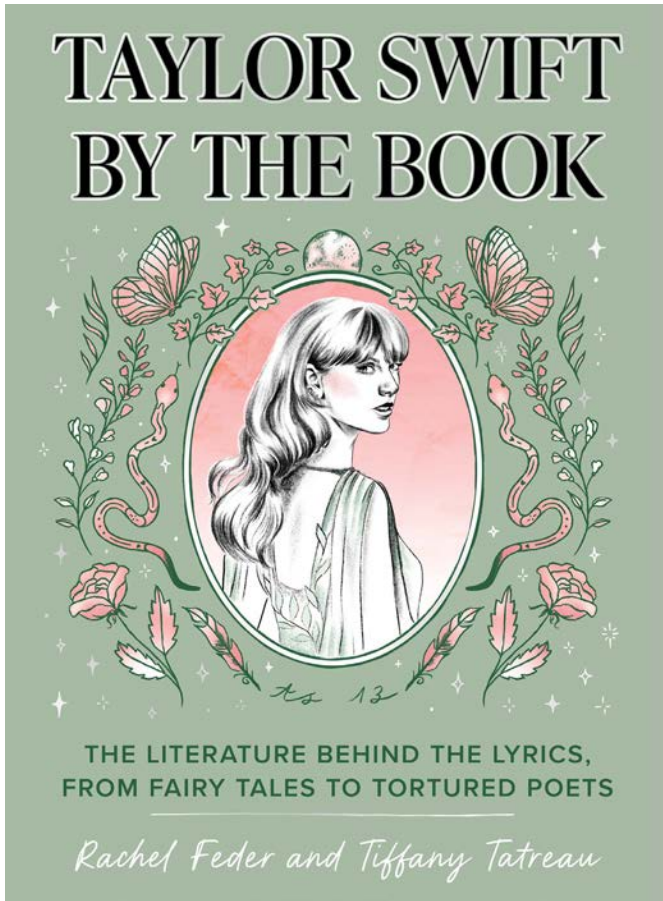
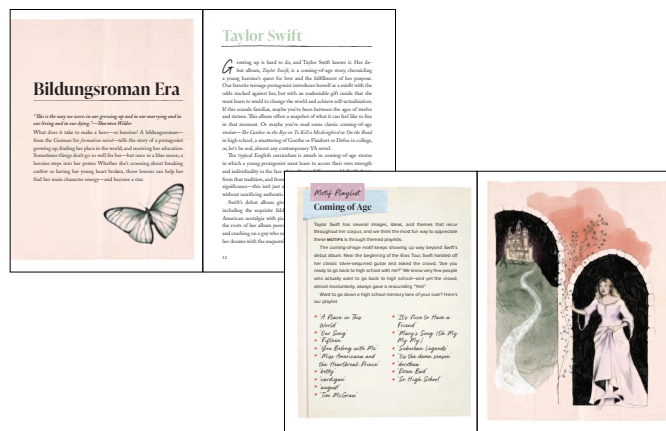
- Learn what “New Romantics” has to do with the old Romantics
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- And find your new favorite tortured poet!

With full-color illustrations highlighting the literary eras of Dr. Swift (yes, she has an honorary Ph.D.), it’s a perfect gift for the Swiftie in your life.

Packed with fun facts, entertaining analysis, and literary-themed playlists that fans will love, *Taylor Swift by the Book* will turn anyone from a Taylor Swift lover into a Taylor Swift scholar.

**RACHEL FEDER** holds a Ph.D. in English from the University of Michigan and is an associate professor of English and literary arts at the University of Denver. She is the author of *The Darcy Myth: Jane Austen, Literary Heartthrobs, and the Monsters They Taught Us to Love*; *Harvester of Hearts: Motherhood Under the Sign of Frankenstein*; and *Birth Chart*, a poetry collection.

**TIFFANY TATREAU** is an actor, singer, educator, and writer born and raised in Southern California. She has starred in various musicals at theaters across the country in Chicago, Atlanta, New York City, and more.



From Robert Frost’s road not taken on her debut album to Samuel Taylor Coleridge’s albatross on *The Tortured Poets Department*, Taylor Swift’s lyrics are filled with literary connections.

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## Such a Bad Influence

By **Olivia Muentzer**

Hazel Davis is drifting: she's stalled in her career, living in a city she hates, and less successful than her younger sister, @evelyn, a mega-popular lifestyle influencer. Evie came of age online, having gone viral at five years old for a heart-tugging daddy-daughter dance. Ten years older and spotlight-averse, Hazel managed to dodge the family YouTube channel—so although she can barely afford her apartment, at least she made her own way.

Evie is eighteen now, with a multimillion-dollar career and unlimited opportunities, but Hazel is still protective of her little sister and skeptical of the way everyone seems to want a piece of her: Evie's followers, her YouTuber boyfriend and influencer frenemies, and their opportunistic mother. So when Evie disappears one day—during an unsettling live stream that cuts out midsentence—Hazel is horrified to have her worst instincts proven right.

As theories about Evie's disappearance tear through the internet, inspiring hashtags, Reddit threads, podcast episodes, and scorn, Hazel throws herself into the darkest parts of her sister's world to untangle the threads of truth. After all, Hazel knows Evie better than anyone else . . . doesn't she?



**OLIVIA MUENTZER**, is a writer and cohost of *Bad on Paper*, a weekly podcast about books, life, and everything in between. Previously she was a senior fashion and beauty editor at Bustle.com.

Olivia's work has appeared in *Refinery 29*, *HuffPost*, *Glamour.com*, *Philadelphia* magazine, *Byrdie*, *Apartment Therapy*, and more. This is her first novel.

**"A smart and intelligent thriller that is a not-to-be-missed page-turner. Buy multiples because this one has the making of a big best seller."**

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**"Timely, riveting. . . . This story is as addictive as scrolling Instagram, and marks the launch of a talented new writer."**

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## Alice Chen's Reality Check

By Kara Loo and Jennifer Young

**Love is hell, even in paradise. A reality show contestant must fake date her rival while solving a murder in this sizzling rom-com set on a tropical island.**

Alice Chen doesn't believe in true love, but she does believe in cold, hard cash. Buckling under the weight of student debt and her mother's medical bills, Alice will do anything to make bank—even star on *Dawn Tay's Inferno*, the hot new reality TV show designed to push couples to their breaking point.

The show is Alice's chance to sip cocktails on the beach and win a cash prize of a million dollars. Everything is going according to plan . . . until her jerk fiancé breaks up with her during the second week of filming. To stay in the game, Alice agrees to fake-date the other newly single contestant: her high school rival and sworn enemy, Daniel Cho.

But it turns out that all's fair in love and reality TV, and Alice isn't the only one who will do whatever it takes to win. When a dead body turns up, Alice and Daniel are faced with uncovering the secrets of the cast and crew to catch the killer—all while playing the loving couple on camera. As the reality show spirals out of control, Alice must confront her true feelings and crack the case if she wants to make it off the island alive.

Starring a murder mystery twist, plenty of reality show drama, and a thrilling romance, this debut by up-and-coming Asian American writer duo Kara Loo and Jennifer Young is the ultimate beach read.

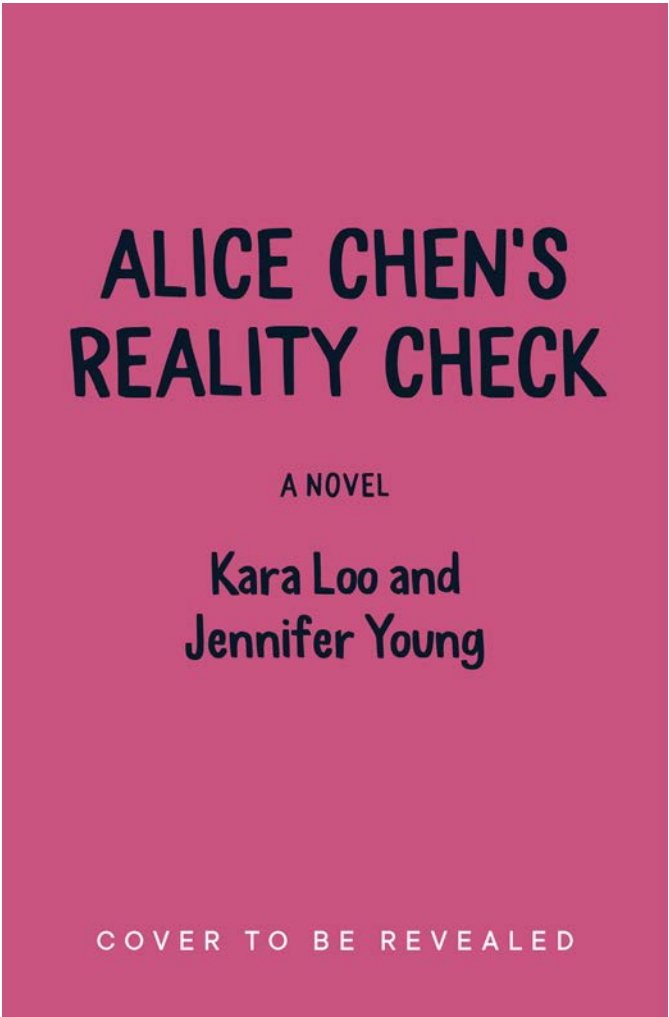


**KARA LOO** is a game writer and reality TV fan who can be found enjoying afternoon tea whenever possible.



**JENNIFER YOUNG** is a game writer, avid romance reader, and Dungeons & Dragons adventurer.

Together, Loo and Young's game writing credits include hit interactive fiction games *Surviving High School* from Electronic Arts, and *High School Story*, *Hollywood U*, and *Choices: Stories You Play* from Pixelberry Studios. They have been writing together since high



**Perfect for fans of *Dial A for Aunties* and *One to Watch*, this swoonworthy rivals-to-lovers romance with a murder mystery twist is your next must-read.**

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## Death in the Downline

A Novel

By Maria Abrams

**It's multi-level murder in this darkly funny mystery novel about the glamorous world of direct-selling MLM\* "huns"—and the dangerous secrets at the top of the pyramid.**

Drew thought she was destined to rise above her small New Jersey hometown and make it as a serious journalist in New York City. But now she's back in Clearfield, pushing thirty, newly single, and living with her father.

After a chance encounter at the grocery store, she reconnects with her former best friend, Steph, who married young and never left their hometown. But Steph looks . . . good. She's tanned, clear skinned, and glowing. She drives an expensive car and wears only name brands. What's her secret? A multi-level marketing direct-selling scheme called LuminUS that's taken the ladies of Clearfield by storm. With nothing left to lose, Drew gets sucked into this glamorous world of downlines, sales parties, and girls' trips.

But when a LuminUS distributor is found dead, Drew must uncover the dark secret at the heart of the organization—and save her best friend—before it's too late.

Laugh-out-loud funny and a pitch-perfect skewering of pyramid schemes, *Death in the Downline* is a page-turner that will have readers nodding in recognition and cheering for Drew until the cathartic conclusion.



**MARIA ABRAMS** is a mystery/thriller/horror novelist who lives in Colorado with her rescue frogs and dogs. She has a graduate degree in Psychology and is a graphic designer by day. Maria is also a member of the Horror Writers' Association and a regular attendee at Stokercon.

**"Death in the Downline is entertaining, funny, and page-turning. A compassionate look at the reasons women get roped into these schemes in the first place, even the ones who do the unthinkable to keep the ruse going."**

—Emily Lynn Paulson, author of *Hey, Hun*

**"Equal parts entertaining and unsettling, *Death in the Downline* is a page-turner that expertly shines a light on the dark world of MLMs and social media. . . . This is a mystery that feels as compelling as it does timely."**

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**"A page-turning and timely deep dive into the dark underbelly of MLMs."**

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## Siri, Who Am I?

A Novel

by Sam Tschida

**The only thing worse than losing your memory? Finding out who you really are . . .**

Mia might look like a Millennial but she was born yesterday. Emerging from a coma with short-term amnesia after an accident, Mia can't remember her own name until the Siri assistant on her iPhone provides it. Based on her cool hairstyle (undercut with glamorous waves), dress (Prada), and signature lipstick (Chanel), she senses she's wealthy, but the only way to know for sure is to retrace her steps once she leaves the hospital. Using Instagram and Uber, she arrives at the pink duplex she calls home in her posts but finds Max, a cute, off-duty postdoc supplementing his income with a house-sitting gig. He tells her the house belongs to JP, a billionaire with a chocolate empire. A few texts later, JP confirms her wildest dreams: they're in love, Mia is living the good life, and he'll be back that weekend.

But as Mia and Max work backward through her Instagram and across Los Angeles to learn more about her, they discover an ugly truth behind her perfect Instagram feed, and evidence that her head wound was no accident. Did Mia have it coming? And if so, is it too late for her to rewrite her story?



**SAM TSCHIDA** (pronounced "cheetah") is from the wilds of Minnesota, where she lives with a motley crew of kids, dogs, and one handsome man. She is the cofounder of ManuFixed, an editorial consulting company and a writing workshop that services the

Twin Cities. In her spare time she runs, exercises, and watches Netflix.

**"Tschida took me on a wild ride in the quick read with endless turns and a happily-ever-after ending fit for a Friday night, feel-good rom-com movie."**

—USA Today, 3.5 out of 4 star review

**"A fan of HBO Max's *The Flight Attendant*? Tschida's debut novel . . . is definitely for you."**

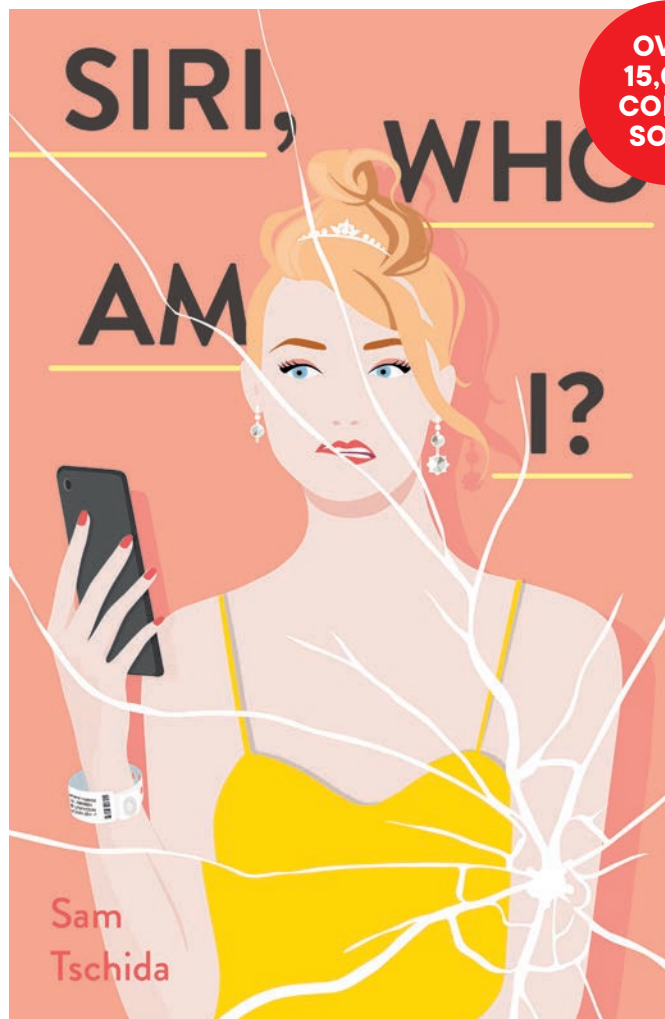
—E! Online

**"[A] biting satire for the internet age."**

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**"[An] uproarious debut."**

—Bustle



**"A wild ride . . . with endless turns and a happily-ever-after ending fit for a Friday night, feel-good rom-com movie."**

—USA Today

**A Los Angeles woman with amnesia uses her Instagram account to piece together her true identity in this irreverent and whip-smart mystery rom-com about finding yourself in the age of social media.**

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## The Unmothers

A Novel

By Leslie J. Anderson

**In this raw and lyrical folk horror novel, a journalist sent to a small town begins to unravel a dark secret that the women of the town have been keeping for generations.**

**“The Unmothers is an impressive debut, an intricate and unsettling narrative about desperation that is full of stellar writing.”—*New York Times Book Review***

Marshall is still trying to put the pieces together after the death of her husband. After she is involved in a terrible accident, her editor sends her to the small, backwards town of Raeford to investigate a clearly ridiculous rumor: that a horse has given birth to a healthy, human baby boy.

When Marshall arrives in Raeford, she finds an insular town that is kinder to the horses they are famous for breeding than to their own people. But when two horribly mangled bodies are discovered in a field—one a horse, one a human—she realizes that there might be a real story here.

As she’s pulled deeper into the town and its guarded people, her sense of reality is tipped on its head. Is she losing her grip? Or is this impossible story the key to a dark secret that has haunted the women of Raeford for generations?

Unbearably tense and utterly gripping, this atmospheric tale of female rage, bodily autonomy, and generational trauma hails the arrival of a masterful storyteller.



**LESLIE J. ANDERSON** has spent much of her life riding, training, and caring for horses. Her collection of poetry, *An Inheritance of Stone*, was nominated for an Elgin award. She has a Creative Writing MA from Ohio University and lives in Ohio with her family. This is her debut novel.

**“Debut author Anderson crafts a truly unsettling gothic horror story. Horror fans will be rattled.”**

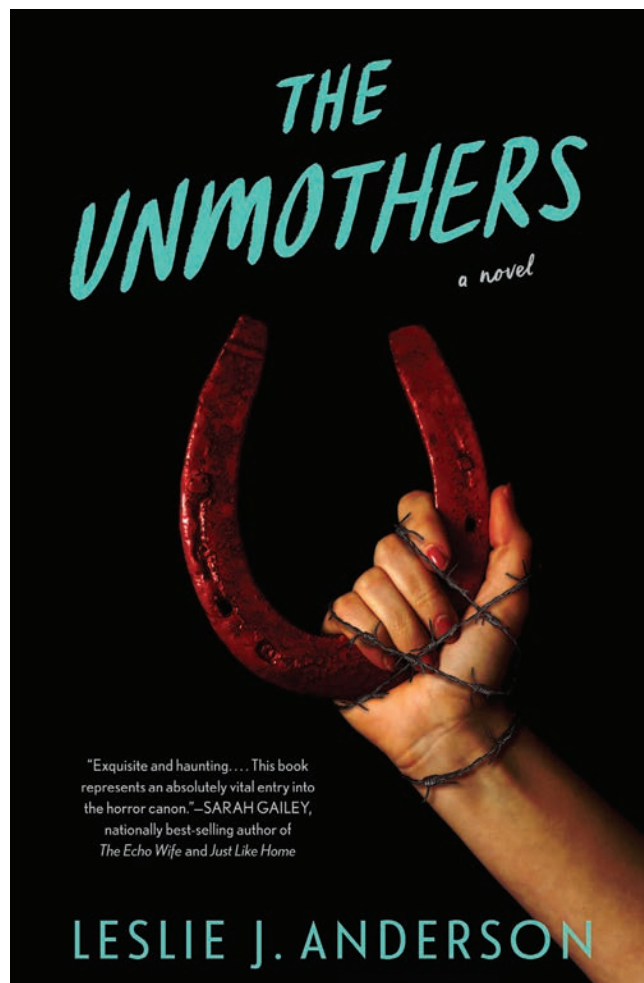
—*Publishers Weekly*

**“Desolate, heartrending, and genuinely scary.”**

—Gretchen Felker-Martin, author of *Manhunt*

**“The Unmothers is exquisite and haunting in equal measure. . . . Nauseatingly tense and crushingly insightful. This book represents an absolutely vital entry into the horror canon.”**

—Sarah Gailey, nationally best-selling author of *The Echo Wife* and *Just Like Home*



**“The Unmothers is a triumph of folk horror that will gratify lovers of *Midsommar* and *The Handmaid’s Tale*.”**

—LIBRARY JOURNAL, ★ STARRED REVIEW

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# The Z Word

By Lindsay King-Miller

Chaotic bisexual Wendy is trying to find her place in the queer community of San Lazaro, Arizona, after a bad breakup—which is particularly difficult because her ex is hooking up with some of her friends. And when the people around them start turning into violent, terrifying mindless husks, well, that makes things harder. Especially since the infection seems to be spreading.

Now, Wendy and her friends and frenemies—drag queen Logan, hot older butch Beau, sword lesbian Aurelia and her wife Sam, mysterious pizza delivery stoner Sunshine, and, oh yeah, Wendy’s ex-girlfriend Leah—have to team up to stay alive, save Pride, and track the zombie outbreak to its shocking source. Hopefully without killing each other first.

*The Z Word* is a propulsive, funny, emotional horror debut about a found family coming together to fight corporate greed, political corruption, gay drama, and zombies.



**LINDSAY KING-MILLER** is the author of *Ask a Queer Chick: A Guide to Sex, Love, and Life for Girls Who Dig Girls*. Her fiction has appeared in *The Fiends in the Furrows*, *Tiny Nightmares*, *The Jewish Book of Horror*, *Fireside Fiction*, *Baffling Magazine*, and numerous other publications. She lives in Denver with her partner and their two children. *The Z Word* is her first novel.

**“This cinematic romp has something for nearly every reader; humor, gore, heat, action, and mystery all swirl in the San Lazaro desert.”**

—*Booklist*, ★ starred review

**“Sexy, thoughtful, and fast-paced . . . King-Miller’s fiction debut expertly balances social commentary with fun in a novel that will have readers cheering for her queer heroes and questioning their own brand loyalties.”**

—*Library Journal*

**“With an endearingly messy protagonist and wonderfully complicated relationship dynamics among the entirely queer cast, King-Miller skillfully explores real issues facing the LGBTQ+ community while cleverly pairing the beats of a romance novel with the visceral gut punches of survival horror.”**

—*Publishers Weekly*

**“It’s thrilling to see the zombie subgenre reanimated with a fresh new premise”**

—Natalie Zutter, *Lit Hub*

**“Sexy, scathing, delightful, and intimately devastating.”**

—Gretchen Felker-Martin, author of *Manhunt* and *Cuckoo*



**PACKED WITH ACTION, HUMOR, SEX, AND BIG GAY FEELINGS, *THE Z WORD* IS THE QUEER ZOMBIE ROMP YOU DIDN'T KNOW YOU NEEDED.**

Coming Fall 2025 from Lindsay King-Miller: *THIS IS MY BODY*, a dark and dazzling queer horror novel about family trauma and exorcising your demons.

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# This Wretched Valley

By Jenny Kiefer

**"If you love wilderness horror, *This Wretched Valley* is a must-read."**—Alma Katsu, author of *The Hunger* and *The Fervor*

**Take only pictures. Leave only bones.**

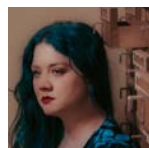
This trip is going to be Dylan's big moment. Her geologist friend Clay has discovered an untouched cliff face in the Kentucky wilderness, and she is going to be the first person to climb it. Together with Clay, his research assistant Sylvia, and Dylan's boyfriend Luke, Dylan is going to document her achievement on Instagram and finally cement her place as the next rising star in rock climbing.

Seven months later, three bodies are discovered in the trees just off the highway. All are in various states of decay: one a stark, white skeleton; the second emptied of its organs; and the third a mutilated corpse with the tongue, eyes, ears, and fingers removed.

But Dylan is still missing—and no trace of her, dead or alive, has been discovered.

Were the climbers murdered? Did they succumb to cannibalism? Or are their impossible bodies the work of an even more sinister force?

This dread-inducing debut builds to a bloodcurdling climax, and will leave you shocked by the final twist.



**JENNY KIEFER** is a Kentucky native and an avid rock climber. Together with her mother, she is the owner and manager of Butcher Cabin Books, an all-horror bookstore in Louisville, Kentucky. This is her debut novel.

**"Kiefer's debut heralds the arrival of a major new horror talent. Through vivid descriptions of the creepy setting and thoughtful character portraits, Kiefer maintains a feeling of unease and nail-biting tension throughout. Devotees of daylight horror will be entranced."**

—*Publisher's Weekly*, ★ starred review

**"A terrifying debut, rendered with the intensity and skill of Scott Smith's cult favorite *The Ruins* and touches of *The Hunger* by Alma Katsu and *Echo* by Thomas Olde Heuvelt. The novel announces Kiefer's intentions to boldly begin her climb to the top of the genre."**

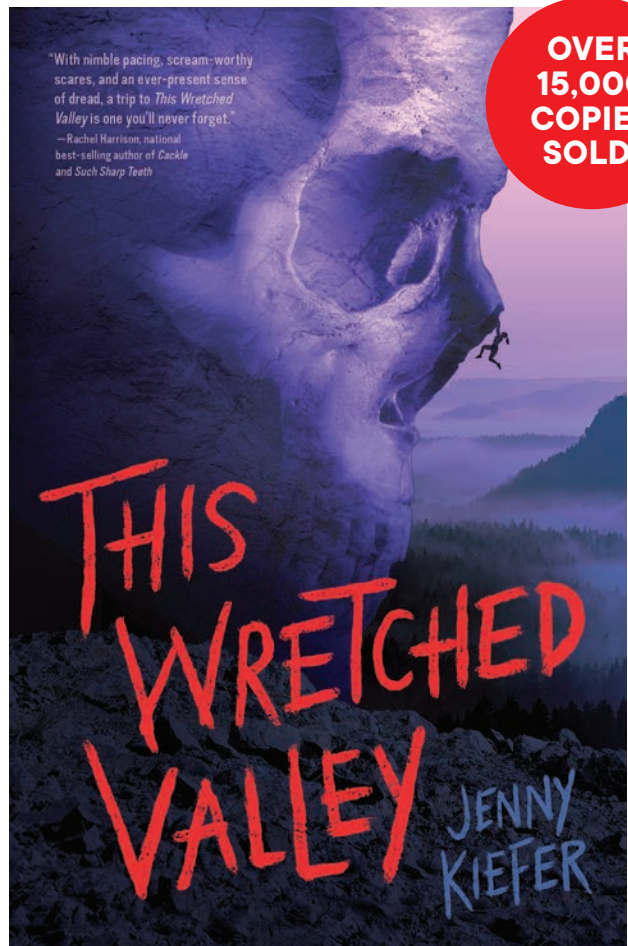
—*Library Journal*, ★ starred review

**"A master class in both suspense and gore, *This Wretched Valley* is a treat for climbers and horror lovers alike."**

—Laura Hubbard, *BookPage*

**"A hallucinatory nightmare of a novel that blends adventure, horror and historical fiction . . ."**

—*New York Times Book Review*



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**Four ambitious climbers hike into the Kentucky wilderness. Seven months later, three mangled bodies are discovered. Were their deaths simple accidents or the result of something more sinister?**

**"Kiefer, a climber herself, utilizes her knowledge of the sport to deliver an evocative and pulse-pounding survival horror novel inspired by the Dyatlov Pass incident. This disturbing outing marks her as a writer to watch and will appeal to fans of Scott Smith's *The Ruins* (2006) and the Showtime series *Yellowjackets*."**

—*Booklist*

**"Despite being the author's debut novel, *This Wretched Valley* is a glittering contender for Best Horror of 2024 . . . this book is unshakable."**

—*Cemetery Dance*

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# Crafting For Sinners

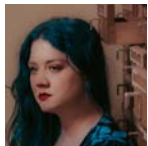
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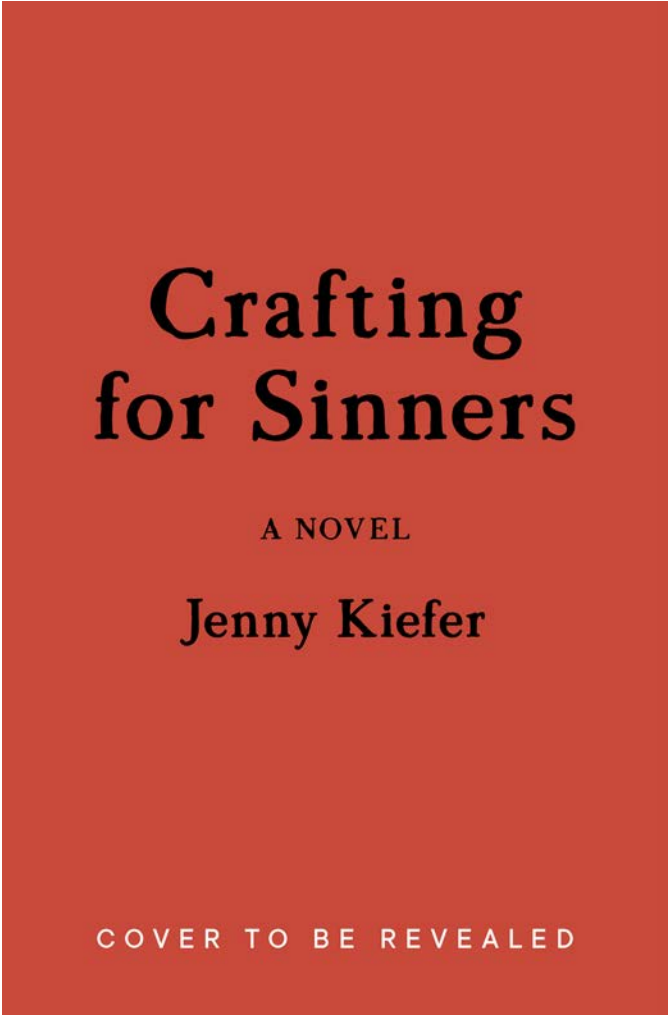
Ruth is trapped. She's stuck in her small, religious hometown of Kill Devil, Kentucky, stuck in the closet, and stuck living paycheck to paycheck. After her manager finds out that she lives with her girlfriend, Ruth is fired from her job as a cashier at New Creations—a craft store owned by the church that dominates life in the town.

In an act of revenge, Ruth attempts to shoplift some yarn but is caught red-handed by a New Creations cashier. Instead of calling the police, the employees lock her in the store—and attack her. When Ruth is forced to stab out one of their eyes with a knitting needle, she realizes she's facing far bigger trouble than a simple shoplifting charge. As Ruth fights for her life, she plunges deeper into the tangled web of the New Creationists, who are hiding a terrible secret that threatens not only her, but the entire town.

This relentless horror novel will have you on the edge of your seat as it hurtles towards a breathtaking conclusion. Will Ruth escape? Or will the shocking secret at the heart of the cult die with her?



**JENNY KIEFER** is a Kentucky native and an avid rock climber. Together with her mother, she is the owner and manager of Butcher Cabin Books, an all-horror bookstore in Louisville, Kentucky. This is her debut novel.



**A queer woman must fight her way out of a big-box craft store run by a diabolical religious cult in this gripping survival horror novel by Jenny Kiefer, author of *This Wretched Valley***

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## Wake Up And Open Your Eyes

By Clay McLeod Chapman

Noah Fairchild has been losing his formerly polite Southern parents to far-right cable news for years, so when his mother leaves him a voice-mail warning him that the “Great Reawakening” is here, he assumes it’s related to one of the many conspiracy theories she believes in. But when his own phone calls go unanswered, Noah makes the long drive from Brooklyn to Richmond, Virginia. There, he discovers his childhood home in shambles, a fridge full of spoiled food, and his parents locked in a terrifying trance-like state in front of the TV. Panicked, Noah attempts to snap them out of it and get medical help.

Then Noah’s mother brutally attacks him.

But Noah isn’t the only person to be attacked by a loved one. Families across the country are tearing each other apart—literally—as people succumb to a form of possession that gets worse the more time they spend watching particular channels, using certain apps, or visiting certain websites. In Noah’s Richmond-based family, only he and his young nephew Marcus are unaffected. Together, they must race back to the safe haven of Brooklyn—but can they make it before they fall prey to the violent hordes?

This ambitious, searing novel from “one of horror’s modern masters” holds a mirror to our divided nation, and will shake readers to the core.



**CLAY McLEOD CHAPMAN** writes novels, comic books, and children’s books, as well as for film and TV. He is the author of the horror novels *The Remaking*, *Whisper Down the Lane*, *Ghost Eaters*, and *What Kind of Mother*. He also co-wrote

*Quiet Part Loud*, a horror podcast produced by Jordan Peele’s Monkeypaw for Spotify. Visit him at [claymcleodchapman.com](http://claymcleodchapman.com).

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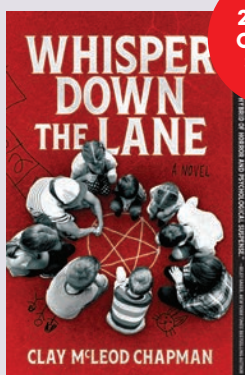
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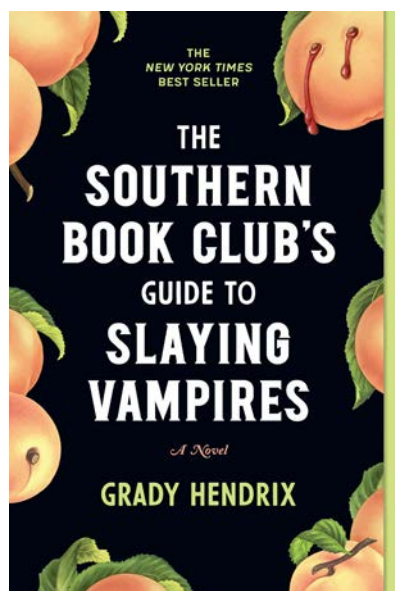
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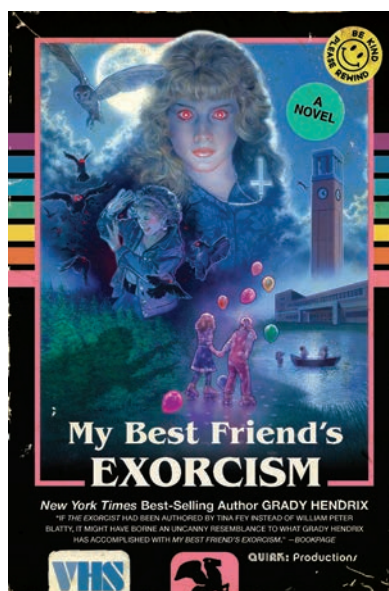
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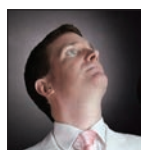
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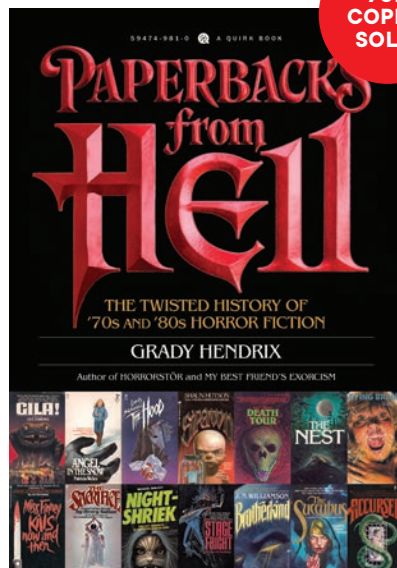
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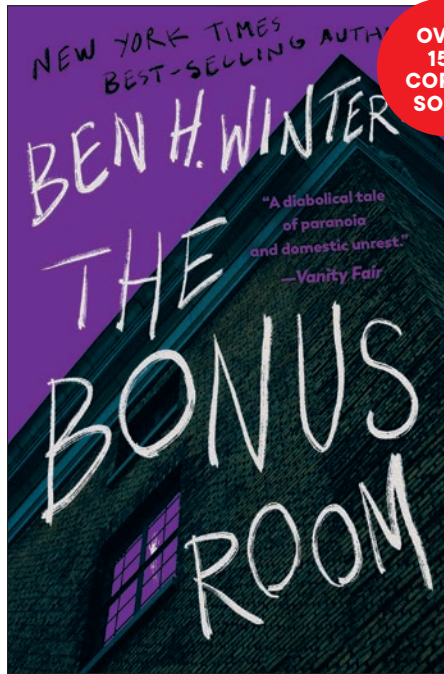
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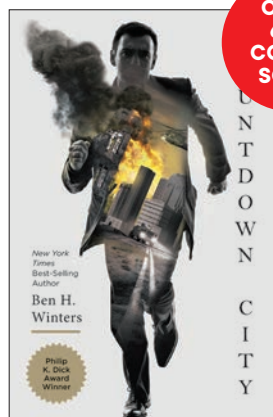
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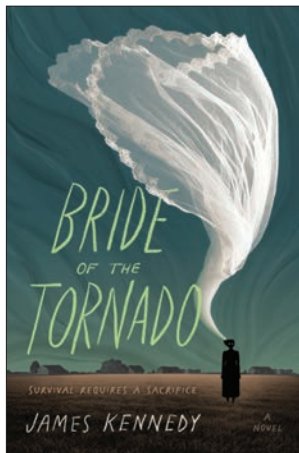
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**JAMES KENNEDY**, is the author of *Dare to Know* and *Bride of the Tornado*. Before becoming a writer, he was a computer programmer with a degree in physics and philosophy.

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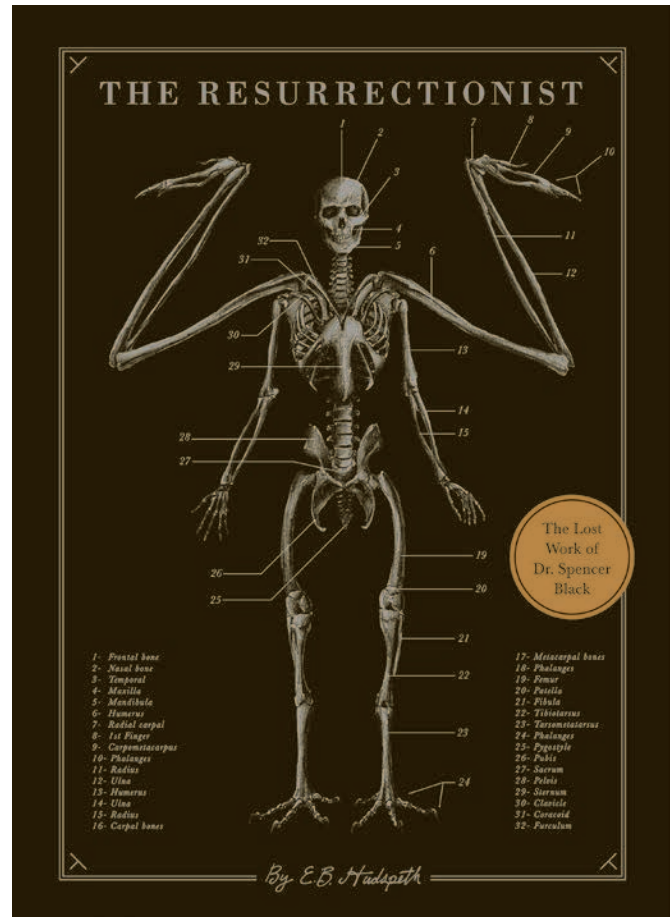
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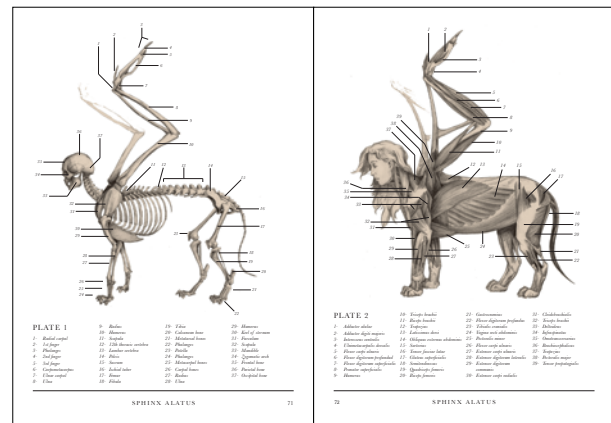
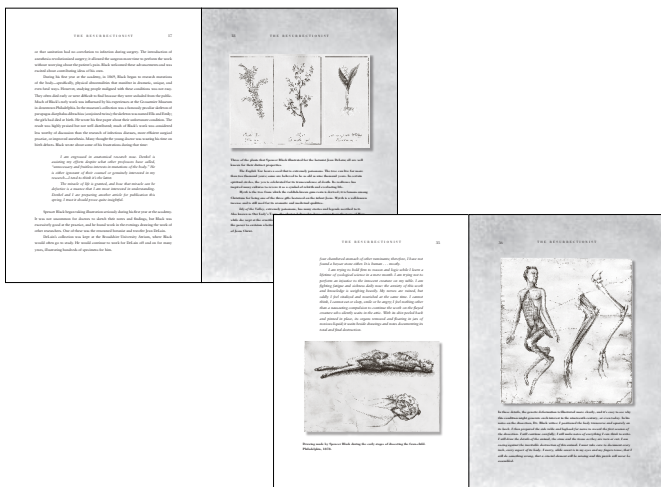
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