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Generations of The Kelly Family united to document their family's lineage & legacy for future generations. Elder A C Kelly, Sr. and Nella Mae Wingo Kelly of the Mississippi Delta are the patriarch and matriarch of family that now spans five generations. Be inspired, empowered, and enlightened as their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren recount personal and family stories of faith, family, and survival. Calpurnia Virginia Tate is eleven years old in 1899 when she wonders why the yellow grasshoppers in her Texas backyard are so much bigger than the green ones. With a little help from her notoriously cantankerous grandfather, an avid naturalist, she figures out that the green grasshoppers are easier to see against the yellow grass, so they are eaten before they can get any larger. As Callie explores the natural world around her, she develops a close relationship with her grandfather, navigates the dangers of living with six brothers, and comes up against just what it means to be a girl at the turn of the century. Debut author Jacqueline Kelly deftly brings Callie and her family to life, capturing a year of growing up with unique sensitivity and a wry wit. The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate is a 2010 Newbery Honor Book and the winner of the 2010 Bank Street - Josette Frank Award.

Children can set off on an incredible adventure through the Universe and discover planets, stars, space travel, astronauts and much, much more. Quirky cartoon characters communicate extra fun facts, and a practical activity on every spread encourages reader participation. Also included is a wall poster of our Solar System, plus a useful glossary.

Growing Spiritually through Everyday Adventures--A children's book a little different than the rest. It isn't actual Bible stories. Each story focuses on a scripture and revolves around the adventures of a very young boy named Eli. Perfect for parents to read to their very small children and later for preschoolers to read for themselves. Come and join The Adventures of Eli, Learning About God!

When Miranda, a young drifter, vanishes after being picked up by a passing stranger following a car accident, no one realizes that she is missing for two months or that her highway rescuer could be tied to rumors of a serial killer stalking young women.

The Force of Gravity(The Force of Gravity, Book 1)

This action packed reader-gripping book is a grueling harsh journey of Zimbabweans who cross borders into South Africa illegally, in search of greener pastures. Their worst nightmare is not only the crocodile infested river Limpopo that they cross, but also what they locally call Amagumaguma, a notorious gang of thieves and contract slayers who prey on the little possessions they migrate with, rape or sodomize them and ruthlessly butcher the vulnerable in order to sell their body parts to local witchdoctors and those afar. These grisly murderers have laid into graves many lives! The ill-fated border jumpers also have to contend with vicious, ravenous predators like lions, leopards and hyenas and other such carnivores in search of easy prey. Brutal soldiers vigilantly guarding these borders for trespassers also add to their woes. Of course, these law-breaking border-jumpers have those who help them out. For a fee of a thousand five hundred rands or two hundred American dollars, the Malayisha (cross-border taxi drivers) transport them from various parts of Zimbabwe to the Beit-Bridge border post, where they are handed over to the Impisi (escorts) at secluded rendezvous outside the

border posts. These Impisi are paid by the Malayisha to escort their passengers without passports, across river Limpopo right up to near Musina in South Africa where they pick them up again and take them to Johannesburg. The border jumpers however risk all these predators that hunt down anything that moves throughout the night. In the novel, we meet Themba Khumalo who had always wanted to go to the lucrative South Africa but did not have Malayisha's fees until when his father died, he inherited two of his father's donkeys and gave them to a local Malayisha as payment in kind, for the fees to take him to Johannesburg. What he did not know was that where he was going, the familiar became mysterious and the unfamiliar, gruesome and bizarre indeed! It was a place of delusion and paradox with a very thin line between life and death, as too many predatory eyes were fixed on the prey!

Alex Fitzpatrick, transplanted Jersey girl, has recently moved to Sherman, Nebraska and opened her own pub. Sherman is on the map, but sometimes Alex feels she's living in a time warp. The little boys have crew cuts and the residents smile and say hello to strangers. No one locks their doors. Then, on a cold October night, Book Ends, a wonderful Main Street bookstore, burns down with the owner, Alex's friend Barb, inside. As Alex grieves, her initial unease about the fire deepens into a conviction that it was arson. She digs into Barb's past and finds enemies there: an abusive ex-husband-a farmer embittered by their divorce-and closer to home, God's Warriors, a secretive local men's group: think Promise Keepers meets Ku Klux Klan. Becoming a detective was not Alex's game plan and sometimes she feels like a Miss Marple impersonator. But Alex is determined to discover who set the fire. Humor helps her keep things in perspective. She's also helped by her wisecracking friend Kathy (her instructor in Nebraska 101) and Chris, a beautiful photographer to whom she is secretly, unwillingly attracted. But someone wants them to stop, and pranks escalate into threats. To discover the arsonist, Alex must decode the often mystifying culture of Sherman, Nebraska, whose sunny surface conceals more darkness than she'd bargained for. Ultimately, her investigation will force her to confront this question: does a Jersey tomato belong in Nebraska dirt? This is the first book in the Alex Fitzpatrick mystery series.

* The best-selling text and reference on wood structure design * Incorporates the latest National Design Specifications, the 2003 International Building Code and the latest information on wind and seismic loads

In this true story, Dr. Karen A. Kelly shares her husband's journey through a life-saving lung transplant. Learning about his battle can help any patient or caregiver understand the extensive responsibilities required for a successful organ transplant. As a pediatrician, Dr. Kelly found herself in a different role as caretaker not provider. Bestselling author Kelly ("My Fair Princess") returns with the first in an enthralling new series about the men of the Kendrick clan--and the women who claim their hearts. Original.inal.

An extraordinary collection of endurance and transformation by the award-winning author of *Bestiary* *The Renunciations* is a book of resilience, survival, and the journey to radically shift one's sense of self in the face of trauma. Moving between a childhood marked by love and abuse and the breaking marriage of that adult child, Donika Kelly charts memory and the body as landscapes to be traversed and tended. These poems construct life rafts and sanctuaries even in their most devastating confrontations with

what a person can bear, with how families harm themselves. With the companionship of “the oracle”—an observer of memory who knows how each close call with oblivion ends—the act of remembrance becomes curative, and personal mythologies give way to a future defined less by wounds than by possibility. In this gorgeous and heartrending second collection, we find the home one builds inside oneself after reckoning with a legacy of trauma—a home whose construction starts “with a razing.”

This colorful story of how a boy from Guatemala came to be part of a family in the United States is a tool to introduce the topic of adoption to adopted and non-adopted children alike. Justin Walling chose to illustrate the family using birds of various colors, providing a platform for understanding the similarities and differences embedded in multi-cultural families. Although not a simple story, the steady and repetitive theme of what makes a family and what children need is very simple, fundamental and true. Songlike in its delivery, the words are softly rhymed and often repeated. September 21, 2011 Press Release: How do you introduce the topic of adoption to your adopted son and his non-adopted siblings? Kelly Dougherty and Justin Walling had just that question and have answered it in *The Story of Che*, a children's book based on their own family's story of how a boy from Guatemala came to be part of a family in the United States. With personal clarity of how differently families can form, and deep exploration into the ever-pressing issue of how a child might interpret comments from outside the home, Dougherty and Walling chose to literally illustrate exactly how their family came to be. "We are living in a world where families come in all shapes, numbers, and colors," says Dougherty. "Often those familial colors are monochromatic, but more and more today we are seeing something beyond that, something a little less simple. *The Story of Che* addresses that." Using birds of various and brilliant colors, Justin Walling's illustrations provide the platform for understanding the similarities and differences involved in multi-cultural or interracial families. Kelly Dougherty's artful writing follows a steady and rhythmic theme centering on what makes a family and what all children need, creating a tale that is simple, fundamental and true. Kirkus Indie says, "There is much to like in this story...Its structure and repetitive stanzas give it a songlike character. The art is charming and the message is heartwarming..." *The Story of Che* opens with a lady bird building a nest. Surprised to find it empty after her hard work, she begins to search for her baby bird. The vibrant images capture her journey from Charleston to Guatemala and back, drawing the reader into the story as the echo of "I'll be his mama, I'll help him fly" continues with each new bird entering the nest. "Whether a bird is red, green, black or pink, it is a bird all the same - still in need of love; still in need of food; still in need of understanding," says Dougherty. Dougherty is author of *Sleeping with Steinbeck*, a work of creative non-fiction that chronicles a cross-country journey with her dog. Justin Walling is the owner of Charleston Architectural Glass. Fringe Squirrel Press is the publisher of *The Story of Che*.

This Halloween 2013 release of short stories by multiple authors is full of all things zombie. Authors you know and love, plus some new writers, will take you to the land of the walking dead. Included are new POV's and beginning chapters of new series. Authors who contributed to this collection are: C. M. Wright, S. Cu'Anam Policar, John Stagman, Lee Ryder, GB Banks, Dovey Mayali Cralk, Kelly J. Erickson, Timothy Benoit, Lizbeth Fallon, Mark Mackey, Janiera Eldridge, and Noel Craske. All proceeds from this story collection will go to help those affected by Orphan Diseases. More information

about Orphan Diseases can be found at the links in the back of the book.

Sitting can wreak havoc on your health. Recent studies show that too much sitting contributes to a host of diseases - from obesity and diabetes to cancer and depression - and literally shortens your life. In *Deskbound*, Dr Kelly Starrett - author of *Becoming a Supple Leopard* (Victory Belt, 2015) - unveils how your sedentary lifestyle is killing you and, more important, what you can do to change it. Provides creative solutions to reduce the amount of time you spend perched on your backside, as well as strategies for the workplace that will improve your overall health.

Tensions rise between Delvengard and Sorak as the Sorak queen demands the return of the Blade of Torrill. As Delvengard scrambles to locate the mythical weapon, many fear war is inevitable. Fritz, who secretly possesses the dagger, is tormented by its evil. Eager to take control of its power, he journeys in search of a mysterious being who may be able to help. *The Green Dagger*, Book Two of the *BlackMyst Trilogy*, continues the adventure, five years after the events of Book One, *Eyes of the Enemy*.

A RUNAWAY BRIDE Grace Marshall fled the church moments before her ceremony, leaving her twin sister buttoned into the wedding dress. A risky move for a good reason, and now she has to deal with the fallout. She expects the town and her family to be angry, but not this cowboy she just met. Who is he to judge? **WITH SECRETS TO HIDE** Horse trainer Mike Torres Thompson fabricated new identities for his siblings in order to keep them together after their parents died. Different location, different names, different lives. Once these last two kids are on their feet-and those feet moving out his door, he can pursue his own dream of a ranch for abused horses. Then he meets Grace, and all his carefully-formed plans run away like a mustang. Or a bride. Neither denies their physical attraction, but love? Can the runaway bride and the responsible family man overcome their pasts and learn to trust? Will they be able to take a leap of faith toward a future together? -----

Author's note: While this is the second book in the series, it can be read at any time as a stand alone. I hope you enjoy them all, in whatever order you read them. **WHAT REVIEWERS ARE SAYING ABOUT MEGAN'S BOOKS: THE WEDDING RESCUE**, Love in Little Tree Book 1 4 Stars (at the Long and Short Reviews site; 3 stars on Amazon), Long and Short Reviews The Wedding Rescue is a full bodied romance filled with a lot of emotional layers. There's gentle humor, characters that are genuinely likeable, and a few that are not, with good reason. It's a well told romance story that takes the time to explore all the nuances of ranch and community life and shares with a reader all its charm and quirks. 4 Stars, Jeep Diva reviews a slow burn type of romance ... you need to read this one! **STAND-IN MOM** 4 1/2 Stars, Romantic Times Book Reviews a -charming romance- and -a runaway good read.- 4 1/2 Books from Long and Short Reviews -rich in emotional detail- Voted Book of the Week at LASR Readers 4 Cups from Coffee Time Romance -This is a book you will be glad you took the time to read.- **THE MARRIAGE SOLUTION** 4 Stars, Romantic Times Book Reviews -a sweet story of love and parenting.- **MARRYING THE BOSS** 2008 Romantic Times Reviewers Choice Nominee Best First Book

If you go to live on the Niger River in West Africa, don't forget your pole, your sense of humor, and your camera! Provides answers to these important questions: How do you land an electric fish, and what if you screw up? What happens when a cobra tries to get in the boat? Which one lure will catch tigerfish, Nile perch, catfish, Tilapia, etc? Where

do you catch a tigerfish, and then how do you deal with its teeth? When is a fish going to kill you if you eat it? Who might you meet, and what are they saying? A two-year account of sport and traditional fishing by a fish biologist Peace Corps Volunteer in Mali, West Africa. This photo-journal contains 19,000 words and 140 black and white photographs. (Plus, get a FREE full-color ebook when you order from Amazon and select the MatchBook offer) Tigerfish! opens with sport fishing, and details the author's pursuit of tigerfish, Nile perch, and other species including the dubious dodo. The second part is an account of experiences and observations made during the large community fishing events that take place in the waters of the floodplain during the dry season. The third section provides a brief description and numerous pictures of the life and work of small-scale commercial Somono fishers. The final section documents two traditional fire hunts on the Niger River floodplain. The quality of photos is better than most pictures of the Loch Ness Monster...

Nothing is what it seems in NPR correspondent Mary Louise Kelly's "riveting, twisty tale" (Hallie Ephron, author of Night Night, Sleep Tight), in which a woman discovers a decades-old bullet at the base of her neck. Caroline Cashion is stunned when an MRI reveals that she has a bullet lodged near the base of her skull. It makes no sense: she has never been shot. She has no scar. When she confronts her parents, she learns the truth: she was adopted when she was three years old, after her real parents were murdered in cold blood. Caroline had been there the night of the attack, and she'd been hit by a single gunshot to the neck. Buried too deep among vital nerves and blood vessels, the surgeons had left it, and stitched up the traumatized little girl with the bullet still inside. Now, thirty-four years later, Caroline returns to her hometown to learn whatever she can about who her parents were, and why they died. A cop who worked the case reveals that even after all these years, police still don't have enough evidence to nail their suspect. The bullet in Caroline's neck could identify the murderer... and that person will do anything to keep it out of the law's hands. Now Caroline will have to decide: run for her life, or stay and fight? With non-stop action, "an extremely likable narrator and twists and turns galore" (Alice LaPlante, author of Turn of Mind), The Bullet will keep you riveted until the very last page.

From the award-winning author of TAKE ME HOME TONIGHT comes the final story in her red-hot Rock Star Romance series, about a loner rocker finding his perfect duet. When Cooper Hood left Snowberry, Montana ten years ago, he swore he'd never go back to the town that painted him with the same brush as his addict mother. But right in the middle of his band's national tour he gets a call to come home: his mom's got a whopper of a secret to reveal. Daisy Charbonneau's in trouble. The talent she hired for her resort's annual Huckleberry Festival just bailed on her, and she's desperate to find a replacement act. Luck turns her way when she discovers her high school crush is back in town--and he happens to be a rock star. As they work together, a crush deepens into so much more, but who falls in love in two weeks? Especially when Cooper's never coming back to town, and Daisy's never going to leave it.

Newton's Laws held for 300 years until Einstein developed the 'special theory of relativity' in 1905. Experiments done since then show anomalies in that theory. This book starts with a description of the special theory of relativity. It is shown that Einstein was not the first to derive the famous equation $E = mc^2$, which has become synonymous with his name. Next, experimental evidence that cannot be explained by

special relativity is given. In the light of this evidence, the two basic postulates of the special theory of relativity on the behaviour of light are shown to be untenable. A new theory (universal relativity) is developed, which conforms to the experimental evidence. The movement of a conductor near a pole of a magnet and the movement of that pole near the conductor does not always give the same result. It has been claimed that this contradicts relativity theory. Experiments described in this book show that it is not special relativity but another basic law of physics that is contradicted - Faraday's Law. The Big Bang theory of the beginning of the universe is questioned and an alternative proposed. The source of much of the mysterious missing 'dark matter' that has been sought for decades by astronomers is located. An explanation of the shapes of some galaxies is proffered. This book presents an alternative to Einstein's special theory of relativity, solves many problems left unanswered by special relativity, gives a better fit to many phenomena and experimental data and is more philosophically appealing. It is recommended to all people interested in fundamental issues of physics and cosmology. Professor Andre Assis, Brazil The book treats its subject properly, not just as an impersonal set of equations, but rather as a developing saga full of human triumph and failure. One learns from both experimental results and simple logical argument that all is not well with modern physics. Dr. Neal Graneau, Oxford University, U.K. Irish engineer solves the dark secrets of space. Sunday Times, U.K. Einstein got relativity theory wrong. Bangkok Post, Thailand

Rebecca Fish Ewan's illustrated coming-of-age memoir *By the Forces of Gravity* is told through drawings and free verse. Set in early-1970s Berkeley, California, Rebecca's story reflects on a childhood friendship cut short by tragedy. In an era of laissez-faire parenting, Rebecca drops out of elementary school and takes up residence in a kids commune--no parents allowed!--and we follow her, bestie Luna, and their hippie cohorts as they search for love, acceptance, and cosmic truths. Full of adventure and heartache, *By the Forces of Gravity* promises to pull you in.

From the author of the New York Times bestseller *The Inevitable*— a sweeping vision of technology as a living force that can expand our individual potential In this provocative book, one of today's most respected thinkers turns the conversation about technology on its head by viewing technology as a natural system, an extension of biological evolution. By mapping the behavior of life, we paradoxically get a glimpse at where technology is headed-or "what it wants." Kevin Kelly offers a dozen trajectories in the coming decades for this near-living system. And as we align ourselves with technology's agenda, we can capture its colossal potential. This visionary and optimistic book explores how technology gives our lives greater meaning and is a must-read for anyone curious about the future.

Isobel, haunted by the memory of Varen, goes to Baltimore where she confronts the dark figure known as the Poe Toaster, succeeds in interrupting his ritual, and discovers a way to return to the dream-world, where she must face a new adversary.

Season three of TV's hottest cooking competition, *Under the Knife*, is gearing up, and Nate is equal parts excited and terrified that he's one of the twelve competitors. But the prize is a quarter of a million dollars, and that's worth a few weeks of being stressed and afraid. It may not, however, be worth weeks of putting up with Zachary, the cold, snotty competitor who definitely thinks he's better than everyone else. The man can cook, and he's the hottest man Nate has ever seen, but every time he opens his mouth

Nate hates him all over again. He came here to be driven crazy trying to prove he's the best chef in the world, but if Nate can't learn to block Zachary out it won't be the competition that pushes him to the breaking point.

Hannah Torrington has used her newfound training to seek revenge for her sister's death at the hands of the vampires. Her relationship with Will ruined and her abilities growing stronger each day, she is determined to graduate from the program and help end the vampire uprising. When the vampires continue to stalk her family and Will refuses to let her go, she must battle both her feelings for the Lycan and the vampires who wish to destroy her.

A one-armed computer technician, a radical blonde bombshell, an aging academic, and a sentient all-knowing computer lead the lunar population in a revolution against Earth's colonial rule

Jimmy McFly and his friends are headed on their summer vacation. At the airport they decide to play an epic game of hide and go seek. While hiding in his favorite spot Jimmy gets hit in the head making him forget everything...even his name! Join us on this exciting adventure to see where Jimmy will end up!

Nicolas Roy, Team Canada indoor men's strength coach, has committed the last 10 years to coaching athletes on staying healthy and improving athletic potential, especially vertical jump, to dramatically improve the game. With his own techniques he's developed over the last decade, he shows you in this book how to become more healthy and powerful to DEFY GRAVITY!

It's the year 2030. The oceans have risen rapidly, and soon the entire planet will be submerged. But the discovery of another life-sustaining planet light years away gives those who remain alive hope. Only a few will be able to make the journey-Holle Groundwater is one of the candidates. If she makes the cut, she will live. If not, she will be left to face a watery death...

The aura is a combination of the natural energy your mind, body, and soul emit. This electromagnetic field normally extends between three to six feet from your body. If your aura is very strong it can extend an even greater distance. On the other hand, if you've been through a lot of trauma and negativity in your life, your aura can become very weak, small, and filled with holes or rips. It can even develop a hard outer shell that prevents anything from entering or exiting your aura field. You Can Change Your Energy Field Many people believe that once you're born with a certain type of aura energy or color you're stuck with it for life. Or, that we have no control over the type of energy we give off. Nothing could be further from the truth! By learning to clear and heal your energy field then changing your aura color you can give off the type of vibrations you want others to feel from you while attracting positive people and opportunities. You'll be able to advance on both the material and spiritual planes much more quickly than you have been.

In a quiet town in the East Valley of Phoenix, Arizona, everything in life is seemingly perfect for eighteen-year-old Kaley Kennedy. She has loving parents, loyal friends, and is dating the hottest boy in school. With only a few months left of her senior year, she's looking forward to an epic summer before heading off to Los Angeles for college. Without warning, a new math teacher interrupts Kaley's predictable little world, challenging who she is.

NATIONAL BEST SELLER A stunning, personal memoir from the astronaut and

modern-day hero who spent a record-breaking year aboard the International Space Station—a message of hope for the future that will inspire for generations to come. The veteran of four spaceflights and the American record holder for consecutive days spent in space, Scott Kelly has experienced things very few have. Now, he takes us inside a sphere utterly hostile to human life. He describes navigating the extreme challenge of long-term spaceflight, both life-threatening and mundane: the devastating effects on the body; the isolation from everyone he loves and the comforts of Earth; the catastrophic risks of colliding with space junk; and the still more haunting threat of being unable to help should tragedy strike at home—an agonizing situation Kelly faced when, on a previous mission, his twin brother's wife, American Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, was shot while he still had two months in space. Kelly's humanity, compassion, humor, and determination resonate throughout, as he recalls his rough-and-tumble New Jersey childhood and the youthful inspiration that sparked his astounding career, and as he makes clear his belief that Mars will be the next, ultimately challenging, step in spaceflight. In *Endurance*, we see the triumph of the human imagination, the strength of the human will, and the infinite wonder of the galaxy.

Chris Roscoe, son of a policeman, was a corpsman in the Army. After his tour of duty in Vietnam, he went to college to pursue a nursing degree so he could continue to help the sick and injured. Along the way he met Alexandra Walton, a beautiful rich girl. They were classmates and friendly acquaintances, but after the class was over, they went their separate ways...until years later when Alex was injured in an accident and admitted to the hospital where Chris worked. They rekindled the friendship; only this time they fell in love. After marriage and a beautiful daughter, Chris discovered that he didn't know his wife. Alex had a hidden past, one that she was ashamed of but that didn't stop her from turning to it when her life wasn't going well, in her opinion, anyway. Chris loved and cherished her; together they had a beautiful new home, a child, and everything she could want, he found out that it wasn't enough. She wanted more, and what she wanted, he couldn't give her. Alex's story is one shared by many. Her struggle with substance abuse affected her marriage...and her life.

UNSTOPPABLE takes the most valuable lessons and top commonalities on how to succeed and lays out the 9 principles for unlimited success... in both business, and in life. Proven by author Kelly Roach's award-winning career in corporate and as an entrepreneur, *UNSTOPPABLE* is set to inspire everyone from the new entrepreneur to the seasoned CEO. In this much anticipated book, Kelly Roach breaks down the top lessons she's learned throughout her award-winning career, blended together with lessons from some of the top industry leaders in the world today in a way that's easy-to-understand and motivating. From NFL Cheerleader to million dollar business mogul, internationally acclaimed entrepreneur, business coach, and rapid results expert, Kelly knows first-hand what it takes to become "unstoppable." "*UNSTOPPABLE* delivers an exact play-by-play for taking the goals and dreams you have had for years and finally making them a reality. That's what I want for you. I want you to see that there's more out there: more freedom, more fulfillment, more joy, and yes, more money. It's all there waiting for you, if you're willing to go after it." Inside *UNSTOPPABLE*, you'll discover how Kelly went from immense financial struggle to building millions for herself and others, year after year. The book is divided into three parts, strategically guiding readers from where they are to where they want to be: Part 1: Financial Abundance -

Shifting Your Mindset & Setting Yourself Up For Success Part 2: Freedom - Escaping the Madness & Creating Your Ideal Business And Life Part 3: Unstoppable Success - Turning The New You Into Momentum & Epic Impact Kelly's dream is to help others fulfill their own. In UNSTOPPABLE, she is helping thousands of people do just that. You'll discover the key actions, strategies, and mindset to unlock your true potential for wealth, happiness, and success in every area of life, no matter where you are today. It all starts with simple keys that will leverage your time and revenue and allow you to work in your genius zone. These are the same thoughts and beliefs embodied by 6- and 7-figure entrepreneurs that will virtually guarantee your freedom, fulfillment, and financial success. This book is praised by top entrepreneurs, CEO's, and brands throughout the world, and brings a combination of motivation with simple, but practical steps that are sure to make an impact on reader's lives for years to come.

Eleven souls, suicide victims resulting from various issues including: bullying, unwanted teen pregnancy, drug addiction, and sexual abuse awaken from a cocoon-like state, to find themselves on a mysterious realm named Destaris. An Oshlu (spirit guide), named Maree, has been appointed to assist the fallen souls, who are universally intertwined through life experience. The teens must complete their self-interrupted spiritual journey in order to free themselves from the limbo-like realm and move on to the next. Oblivious to their soul's true desire, they are put through a series of tests that will ultimately deliver them, one by one, through a porthole to their final destination, Heaven or Hell. The group, quite content being free of their earth burdens, soon realize that they cannot escape their biggest nightmare: the inability to escape themselves. They race against time to complete their testing for spiritual growth, for the longer they remain on Destaris, the more they must cope with the return of their former earth burdens. On Destaris, these past hardships re-emerge with a cruel psychedelic twist, as the realm holds unknown bizarre powers beyond those of a simple Earth. Many resist cooperating, for fear of being claimed by the Devil, and become deeper entrenched within their limbo state. This frustrates Maree, as she needs to free every trapped soul in Destaris before she is freed herself. She loses patience when several become uncooperative, tempting her to force the teens out through any porthole she can.

While a convenience-store clerk navigates the pitfalls of his father's imprisonment and the baffling attentions of two young women, a high school freshman endures her parents' fundamentalism and cruel classmates by joining a circle of dark misfits.

No matter when and why this comes to your hands, I want to put down on paper how things started with us. Written as a letter to her children, Kelly Corrigan's *Lift* is a tender, intimate, and robust portrait of risk and love; a touchstone for anyone who wants to live more fully. In *Lift*, Corrigan weaves together three true and unforgettable stories of adults willing to experience emotional hazards in exchange for the gratifications of raising children. *Lift* takes its name from hang gliding, a pursuit that requires flying directly into rough air, because turbulence saves a glider from "sinking out." For Corrigan, this wisdom--that to fly requires chaotic, sometimes even violent passages--becomes a metaphor for all of life's most meaningful endeavors, particularly the great flight that is parenting.

Corrigan serves it up straight--how mundanely and fiercely her children have

been loved, how close most lives occasionally come to disaster, and how often we fall short as mothers and fathers. Lift is for everyone who has been caught off guard by the pace and vulnerability of raising children, to remind us that our work is important and our time limited. Like Anne Morrow Lindbergh's Gift from the Sea, Lift is a meditation on the complexities of a woman's life, and like Corrigan's memoir, The Middle Place, Lift is boisterous and generous, a book readers can't wait to share.

Julia Kristeva was born in Bulgaria in 1941. Since moving to Paris in the 1960s, Kristeva has risen in stature in intellectual circles so that she is now regarded as one of the most important thinkers of the contemporary era.

The day Captain Beth Castle put on the U.S. Marine Corps uniform, she made a vow to protect her country and its citizens. It was a vow she knew she'd uphold for life, but nothing prepared her for what she faced in the Tinajas Mountains east of Yuma, Arizona. While inspecting Aid Relief Stations along the Arizona/Mexico border, an ancient myth she'd learned growing up on the Navajo Reservation comes to life. A hostile encounter with a strange group of men triggers a change in her body and Spirit. When she goes to her family for help, Beth discovers the horrible truth -- the myths she'd learned were real...aliens were real. Now Beth's involved in an epic battle between good and evil -- a battle that could cost her everything she holds dear, including her family and the man she loves.

I chased, you pushed I chased, you friend zoned I chased, you fell Now I chase to protect you. You chased, I resisted You chased, I accepted You chased, I fell Now I pray you're not too late. After finally winning the heart of the woman I loved, there was no way in hell he was taking her from me. Chasing You is book five in the Love Wanted in Texas series.

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