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Adult fiction



BEARTOWN by Fredrik Backman

In a large Swedish forest, Beartown hides a dark secret . . . Cut-off from everywhere else it experiences the kind of isolation that tears people apart. And each year more and more of the town is swallowed by the forest. Then the town is offered a bright new future. But it is all put in jeopardy by a single, brutal act. It divides the town into those who think it should be hushed up and forgotten, and those who'll risk the future to see justice done. Who will speak up? Could you stand by and stay silent? Or would you risk everything for justice? Which side would you be on?



US AGAINST YOU by Fredrik Backman

Tucked in a forest in the north, Beartown's residents are tough and hardworking. They don't expect life to be easy, but they do expect it to be fair. Which is why the sudden loss of their hockey players to the rival town of Hed hurts. So when a new star player arrives, Coach Peter sees an opportunity to rebuild the team - to take on Hed and restore Beartown's fortunes. But bringing the team together is a challenge. As the match approaches, the pranks and incidents between the communities increase and hatred grows deeper. By the time the last goal is scored, someone in Beartown will be dead and residents of both towns will be forced to wonder whether the game they love can ever return to something simple and innocent.



REDEMPTION POINT by Candice Fox

When former police detective Ted Conkaffey was wrongly accused of abducting thirteen-yearold Claire Bingley, he hoped the Queensland rainforest town of Crimson Lake would be a good place to disappear. But nowhere is safe from Claire's devastated father. Dale Bingley has a brutal revenge plan all worked out - and if Ted doesn't help find the real abductor, he'll be its first casualty. Meanwhile, in a dark roadside hovel, the Barking Frog Inn, the bodies of two young bartenders lie on the beer-sodden floor. It's Detective Inspector Pip Sweeney's first homicide investigation - complicated by the arrival of private detective Amanda Pharrell to 'assist' on the case. Amanda's conviction for murder a decade ago has left her with some odd behavioural traits and a keen eye for killers. For Ted and Amanda, the hunt for the truth will draw them into a violent dance with evil.

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THE GEOMETRY OF HOLDING HANDS by Alexander McCall Smith

In Edinburgh, rumours and gossip abound. But Isabel knows that such things can't be taken at face value. Still, the latest whispers hint at mysterious goings-on, and who but Isabel can be trusted to get to the bottom of them? At the same time, she must deal with the demands of her two small children, her husband and her rather tempestuous niece, Cat, whose latest romantic entanglement comes - to no one's surprise - with complications. Even with so much going on, Isabel, through the application of good sense, logic and ethics, will triumph.

THE END OF OCTOBER by Lawrence Wright



Dr. Henry Parsons, an unlikely but appealing hero, races to find the origins and cure of a mysterious new killer virus as it brings the world to its knees. At an internment camp in Indonesia, within one week, forty-seven people are pronounced dead with acute haemorrhagic fever. When the microbiologist and epidemiologist Henry Parsons travels there on behalf of the World Health Organization to investigate, what he finds will soon have staggering repercussions across the globe: an infected man is on his way to join the millions of worshippers in the annual Hajj to Mecca. Now, Henry joins forces with others in an attempt to quarantine the host of pilgrims in the holy city. Matilda Nachinsky, deputy director of U. S. Homeland Security, scrambles to mount a response to what may be an act of bio warfare to already-fraying global relations begin to snap in the face of a pandemic.



THE SAFE PLACE by Anna Downes

For struggling actress Emily Proudman, life in London is falling apart. So when she is offered a live-in job working for a wealthy family on their luxurious coastal property in France, she jumps at the opportunity to start over. The estate is picture-perfect, and its owners exude charisma and sophistication. But as Emily gets to know the family, their masks begin to slip, and what at first appears to be a dream come true turns out to be a prison from which none of them will ever escape – unless Emily can find a way to set them all free.



BLUNT FORCE by Lynda La Plante

Things can't get much worse for detective Jane Tennison. Unceremoniously kicked off the adrenaline-fuelled Flying Squad, she now plies her trade in Gerald Road, a small and sleepy police station in the heart of London's affluent Knightsbridge. With only petty crime to sink her teeth into, Tennison can feel her career slowly flat-lining. That is until the discovery of the most brutal murder Jane has ever seen: Charlie Foxley has been found viciously beaten to death with a cricket bat - his body dismembered and disembowelled. As a big-time theatrical agent, Foxley had a lot of powerful friends - but just as many enemies. And alongside her old friend DS Spencer Gibbs, Tennison must journey into the salacious world of show business to find out which one is the killer, before they strike again.

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THE PULL OF THE STARS by Emma Donoghue

It is 1997, and someone is slaughtering young women in Burdon County, Arkansas. But no one in the Dirty South wants to admit it. In an Arkansas jail cell sits a former NYPD detective, stricken by grief. He is mourning the death of his wife and child, and searching in vain for their killer. Obsessed with avenging his lost family, his life is about to take a shocking turn. Witness the dawning of a conscience. Witness the birth of a hunter. Witness the becoming of Charlie Parker.



SAY NO MORE by Karen Rose

Seventeen years ago. That was the last time Mercy Callahan saw Ephraim Burton, the leader of the twisted Eden cult where she was raised. But even though she escaped the abuse and terror, they continue to haunt her. When her brother Gideon discovers new evidence of the cult's--and their victims'--whereabouts, Mercy goes to Sacramento to reconnect with him. There, she meets Gideon's closest friend--homicide detective Rafe Sokolov. From Rafe, she receives an offer she never knew she needed: to track down Ephraim and make him pay for everything. But Ephraim, who had thought Mercy long dead, discovers she is in fact alive and that she is digging around for the cult's secrets. And now he'll do anything to take her back to Eden--dead or alive.



THE PASSAGE by Justin Cronin

Amy Harper Bellafonte is six years old and her mother thinks she's the most important person in the whole world. She is. Anthony Carter doesn't think he could ever be in a worse place than Death Row. He's wrong. FBI agent Brad Wolgast thinks something beyond imagination is coming. It is.



SAY YOU'RE SORRY by Karen Rose

Special Agent Gideon Reynolds has tried hard to put his past behind him. He escaped the violence of his cult upbringing when he was just thirteen, and since then routine and discipline have been his way of making sense of the world. But when a petite blonde woman crashes into his life, he begins to realise that a little bit of chaos might not be so bad. Daisy Dawson has had more than her fair share of pain too, but she's done being a victim. Daisy's determined to explore every new experience she can, including getting to know the dark and serious FBI investigator she meets when she fights off a masked attacker one night. It soon becomes clear that Daisy's attack was just the beginning. Now the bloodied bodies of young women are showing up all over California, and, as Gideon tries to find the killer, it's clear that Daisy is in more danger than they realised.

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THE THURSDAY MURDER CLUB by Richard Osman

In a peaceful retirement village, four unlikely friends meet up once a week to investigate unsolved killings. But when a local property developer shows up dead, "The Thursday Murder Club" find themselves in the middle of their first live case. The four friends, Elizabeth, Joyce, Ibrahim and Ron, might be octogenarians, but they still have a few tricks up their sleeves. Can our unorthodox but brilliant gang catch the killer before it's too late?

THE SWAP by Robyn Harding



Low Morrison is not your average teen. You could blame her hippie parents or her dreary, isolated island hometown. Whatever the reason, Low just doesn't fit in - and neither does newcomer Freya, an ethereal beauty and once-famous social media influencer. After signing up for Freya's pottery class, Low quickly falls under her spell. Buoyed by Low's adoration, Freya is compelled to share her darkest secrets and deepest desires. Finally, Low feels a sense of belonging ... until Jamie walks through the studio door. Freya, Jamie and their husbands become fast friends, leaving Low alone once again. Then one night, after a boozy dinner party, Freya suggests swapping partners. It should have been a harmless fling between consenting adults, but instead, it upends their lives. And provides Low with the perfect opportunity to unleash her growing resentment. This is a provocative, edgy thriller.



STILL LIFE by Val McDermid

On a freezing winter morning, fishermen pull a body from the sea. It is quickly discovered that the dead man was the prime suspect in a decade-old investigation, when a prominent civil servant disappeared without trace. DCI Karen Pirie was the last detective to review the file and is drawn into a sinister world of betrayal and dark secrets. But Karen is already grappling with another case, one with even more questions and fewer answers. A skeleton has been discovered in an abandoned campervan and all clues point to a killer who never faced justice - a killer who is still out there.



STARS ACROSS THE OCEAN by Kimberly Freeman

"1874: Only days before she is to leave the foundling home where she grew up, Agnes Resolute discovers that, as a baby, she had been abandoned with a small token of her mother: a unicorn button. Agnes always believed her mother had been too poor to keep her, but after working as a laundress in the home she recognises the button as belonging to Genevieve Breckby, the beautiful and headstrong daughter of a local noble family. Agnes had seen Genevieve once, in the local village, and had never forgotten her. Despite having no money, Agnes will risk everything in a quest that will take her from the bleak moors of northern England to the harsh streets of London, then on to Paris and Ceylon.

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TURNING POINT by Danielle Steel

Bill Browning heads the trauma unit at San Francisco's busiest emergency room, SF General. With his ex-wife and daughters in London, he immerses himself in his work and lives for rare visits with his children. A rising star at her teaching hospital, UCSF at Mission Bay, Stephanie Lawrence has two young sons, a frustrated stay-at-home husband, and not enough time for any of them. Harvard-educated Wendy Jones is a dedicated trauma doctor at Stanford, trapped in a dead-end relationship with a married cardiac surgeon. And Tom Wylie's popularity with women rivals the superb medical skills he employs at his Oakland medical centre, but he refuses to let anyone get too close, determined to remain unattached forever.



THE HUNTED by Gabriel Bergmoser

Frank is a service station owner on a little-used highway who just wants a quiet life. His granddaughter has been sent to stay with him to fix her attitude, but they don't talk a lot. When a mysterious, badly injured young woman arrives at the service station with several cars in pursuit, Frank and a handful of unsuspecting customers are thrust into a sudden life-or-death standoff. But who are this group of people who will go to any lengths for revenge? And what do they want? Other than no survivors?



THE SILENCE by Susan Allott

It is 1997, and in a basement flat in Hackney Isla Green is awakened by a call in the middle of the night: her father, phoning from Sydney. 30 years ago, in the suffocating heat of summer 1967, the Greens' next-door neighbour Mandy disappeared. At the time, it was thought she had gone to start a new life; but now Mandy's family is trying to reconnect, and there is no trace of her. Isla's father Joe was allegedly the last person to see her alive, and now he's under suspicion of murder. Reluctantly, Isla goes back to Australia for the first time in a decade. The return to Sydney will plunge her deep into the past, to a quiet street by the sea where two couples live side by side.



THE SECRET LIFE OF SHIRLEY SULLIVAN by Lisa Ireland

An endearing novel about one gutsy, smart and inspirational woman. I want to be Shirley when I grow up. Is that how the world sees me? A helpless little old lady? If only they knew. When Shirley Sullivan signs her 83-year-old husband, Frank, out of the Sunset Lodge Nursing Home, she has no intention of bringing him back. For fifty-seven years the couple has shared love, happiness and heartbreak. And while Frank may not know who his wife is these days, he knows he wants to go home. Back to the beach where they met in the early 1960s . . . So Shirley enacts an elaborate plan to evade the authorities - and their furious daughter, Fiona - to give Frank the holiday he'd always dreamed of. In doing so, perhaps Shirley can make amends for a lifelong guilty secret.

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THE SURVIVORS by Jane Harper

Kieran Elliott's life changed forever on the day a reckless mistake led to devastating consequences. The guilt that still haunts him resurfaces during a visit with his young family to the small coastal community he once called home. Kieran's parents are struggling in a town where fortunes are forged by the sea. Between them all is his absent brother, Finn. When a body is discovered on the beach, long-held secrets threaten to emerge. A sunken wreck, a missing girl, and questions that have never washed away...

TROUBLED BLOOD by Richard Galbraith



Private Detective Cormoran Strike is visiting his family in Cornwall when he is approached by a woman asking for help finding her mother, Margot Bamborough - who went missing in mysterious circumstances in 1974. Strike has never tackled a cold case before, let alone one forty years old. But despite the slim chance of success, he is intrigued and takes it on; adding to the long list of cases that he and his partner in the agency, Robin Ellacott, are currently working on. And Robin herself is also juggling a messy divorce and unwanted male attention, as well as battling her own feelings about Strike. As Strike and Robin investigate Margot's disappearance, they come up against a fiendishly complex case with leads that include tarot cards, a psychopathic serial killer and witnesses who cannot all be trusted. And they learn that even cases decades old can prove to be deadly.



BLUEBIRD by Malcolm Knox

A house perched impossibly on a cliff overlooking the stunning, iconic Bluebird Beach. Prime real estate, yet somehow not real estate at all, The Lodge is, like those who live in it, falling apart. Gordon Grimes has become the accidental keeper of this last relic of an endangered world. He lives in The Lodge with his wife Kelly who is trying to leave him, their son Ben who will do anything to save him, his goddaughter Lou who is hiding from her own troubles, and Leonie, the family matriarch who has trapped them here for their own good. But Gordon has no money and is running out of time to conserve his homeland. His love for this way of life will drive him, and everyone around him, to increasingly desperate risks. In the end, what will it cost them to hang onto their past?



THE DIRTY SOUTH by John Connolly

It is 1997, and someone is slaughtering young women in Burdon County, Arkansas. But no one in the Dirty South wants to admit it. In an Arkansas jail cell sits a former NYPD detective, stricken by grief. He is mourning the death of his wife and child, and searching in vain for their killer. Obsessed with avenging his lost family, his life is about to take a shocking turn. Witness the dawning of a conscience. Witness the birth of a hunter. Witness the becoming of Charlie Parker.

Rural Romance



THE ROAD TO IRONBARK by Kaye Dobbie

In the town of Ironbark, Aurora Scott faces ruin as the railways supplant the Cobb & Co coach line, the lifeline of her hotel. Aurora is no stranger to adversity; the formidable publican has pulled herself from a murky past to build a respectable life in Ironbark. But when bushrangers storm the hotel, taking hostages as leverage for the Starburst Mine's payroll, Aurora has more trouble on her hands than she can handle. This is a complex scheme of revenge. The gang turn on each other. Shots ring out. And when the dust settles, the money has vanished, and so has Aurora Scott...



THE MCCALISTER LEGACY by Nicole Hurley-Moore

As a child, Berry McCalister's family was torn apart by shocking violence. Eleven years on, she returns to the small town of Harlington, determined to confront the past and, finally, to cut all ties and sell the family farm. Complicating her desire to get out of Harlington, Berry is drawn to her childhood crush, Nate Tarant. He never knew she existed back then, but things change, and this time Nate seems to be very much aware of her presence. Berry begins to question the long-believed story of what happened to her family. Will she ever find out the truth? And can one old rumour shed light on the real events of that night?



BOTTLEBRUSH CREEK by Maya Linnell

Between managing a bustling beauty salon, hectic volunteer commitments and the lion's share of parenting two-year-old Claudia, Angie McIntyre barely has time to turn around. With each passing month, she feels her relationship with fly-in, fly-out boyfriend Rob Jones slipping through her fingers. When Rob faces retrenchment, and the most fabulous fixer-upper comes onto the market, Angie knows this derelict weatherboard cottage will be the perfect project to draw their little family together. There's just one catch; the 200-acre property is right next door to Rob's parents in south-west Victoria. It doesn't take long for rising tensions to set a wedge between the hard-working couple



THE FARM AT PEPPERTREE CROSSING by Leonie Kelsall

Veronica (Roni), has led a difficult young life with no family support; she looks after herself and trusts only herself. Shockingly, she's also just discovered that she's pregnant to her 'boyfriend' who is not interested in being a father. With an uncertain future ahead of her, Roni receives a surprising bequest from an unknown aunt. Roni and her rescue cat, Scritches, leave Sydney behind, bound for the 800-acre property on the edge of the wheat fields of South Australia. This was her aunt's home and is now, unbelievably, hers. Just as long as Roni meets a number of conditions set by her aunt. One by one, the conditions of Roni's inheritance are revealed in letters from her aunt.

Rural Romance



THE SCHOOLMASTER'S DAUGHTER by Jackie French

January 1901. Sharks circle the stranded ship as Hannah and her family head to a new home in the newly formed nation of Australia. Hannah's father has a new post as the schoolmaster in a larger school in northern NSW, where the school's wealthy patron, a sugar planter called Mr Harris, will give the family a life of comfort and the best society. But secrets lurk in this subtropical paradise. From the moment Hannah's mother rebels against her husband's refusal to let Jamie, the Pacific Islander boy who rescues them from their shipwreck, into his school, the facade crumbles. Mr Harris's fortune is built on slavery and the whip. And the new Federal government's first law demands that all Pacific islanders, even those born in Australia, be deported.



THE GOLDMINER'S SISTER by Alison Stuart

1873. Eliza Penrose arrives in the gold mining town of Maiden's Creek in search of her brother, planning to make a new life for herself. Instead she finds a tragic mystery - and hints of betrayals by those closest to her. Mining engineer Alec McLeod left Scotland to escape the memory of his dead wife and child. Despite the best efforts of the eligible ladies of Maiden's Creek, Alec is determined never to give his heart again. As lies and deceit threaten Eliza's life, Alec steps in - although he has problems of his own, as he risks his livelihood and those he holds dear to oppose the dangerous work practices at the Maiden's Creek Mine. When disaster draws the pieces of the puzzle together, Eliza and Alec must save each other - but is it too late?



WHEN GRACE WENT AWAY by Meredith Appleyard

'Functionally dysfunctional.' That's how financial analyst Grace Fairley describes her family in the small South Australian farming community of Miners Ridge - a family fractured by tragedy and kept that way by anger, resentment and petty jealousies. As the eldest sibling, Grace tries to keep the family in touch, but now she's accepted a promotion to the London office. Time-zones and an enormous workload mean she's forced to take a step back, although she finds time to stay in contact with Miners Ridge landscape gardener Aaron Halliday. Sarah Fairley, Grace's mother, fled Miners Ridge and her embittered husband eight years ago.



THE GIRL IN THE PAINTING by Tea Cooper

Maitland 1913. Elizabeth Quinn is something of an institution in Maitland Town. When she is discovered cowering in the corner of the exhibition gallery at the Technical College the entire town knows something strange has come to pass. Mathematical savant Jane Piper is determined to find out. Orphaned as a baby, Jane owes her life and education to Elizabeth and Elizabeth has no one else to turn to. As the past and present converge, Elizabeth's grip on reality loosens. Can Jane unravel Elizabeth's story before it is too late?

Non-fiction



THE COMPLETE BIKE OWNER'S MANUAL by Claire Beaumont

This is the complete reference guide to bike servicing and repair, and an essential bible for every cyclist's bookshelf. Incredible CGI illustrations show you every aspect of bike repair and maintenance more clearly than ever before, whether you're a mountain biker, cycling commuter, or road racer. All major types of bicycle from the leading brands are covered - including road, racing, hybrid, mountain, and utility bikes - with detailed, practical advice to take you from symptom to solution. The Complete Bike Owner's Manual takes away the need for expensive expert advice, showing you how to service and maintain every aspect of your bicycle.



CAT KNITS: 16 PAWSOME KNITTING PATTERNS FOR YARN AND CAT LOVERS by Marna Gilligan

This is the ultimate cat lover's collection of knitting patterns for garments and accessories. If you love cats and yarn you will want this collection of 16 quirky designs all based around the theme of cats. It includes four garments graded for 16 different sizes, as well as cat-themed accessories including a wrap, shawl, scarf, cowl, capelet, mittens and hats. The patterns are divided up into four chapters, each with a different style of cat-themed design similar to Marna's Sinister Catdigan pattern.



AUSTRALIA'S GREATEST ESCAPE STORIES: GRIPPING TALES OF WARTIME BRAVERY by Colin Burgess

A collection of stories about the most dangerous aspect of the Australian prisoner of war experience - escape. Here is all the adventure, suspense and courage of ordinary Australians who defied their captors; men who tunnelled to freedom, crawled by night through stinking drains, rappelled down stone walls using knotted bedsheets or clawed a passage beneath barbed wire in a desperate bid to flee their captors. They were willing to risk death in order to overcome almost impossible odds in the loneliest war of all - the fight for the right to be free.



THIS IS WHAT A FEMINIST LOOKS LIKE: THE RISE AND RISE OF AUSTRALIAN FEMINISIM by Emily Maguire

A history of Australian feminism from the 1890s to the present day, examining the rise of feminism in the domains of work, home, body and public space. The book highlights and discusses the contributions of a number of important Australian feminists over this period, including migrant and Indigenous women and women with a disability. Women profiled include Catherine Helen Spence, Faith Bandler, Jessie Street, Zelda D'Aprano, Edith Cowan, Miles Franklin, Vida Goldstein, Pat O'Shane, Stella Young and others.

Non-fiction



THE AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S WEEKLY THE PIE MAKER by Women's Weekly

Who knew the humble pie maker would become a social media phenomenon! Embracing the trend that's taken Australia by storm, this book celebrates all things pastry pies as well as a host of clever creations you'd never expect. You'll love these inspired recipes for mac and cheese bites, muffins, scones, bacon and eggs, fritters, pancakes and so much more. All quick and easy to make, they take no time at all to cook - perfect for the whole family.

THE GOLDEN MAZE by Richard Fidler

1989, Richard Fidler was living in London as part of the provocative Australian comedy trio The Doug Anthony All Stars when revolution broke out across Europe. Excited by this galvanising historic, human, moment, he travelled to Prague, where a decrepit police state was being overthrown by crowds of ecstatic citizens. His experience of the Velvet Revolution never let go of him. Thirty years later Fidler returns to Prague to uncover the glorious and grotesque history of Europe's most instagrammed and uncanny city: a jumble of gothic towers, baroque palaces and zig-zag lanes that has survived plagues, pogroms, Nazi terror and Soviet tanks. Founded in the ninth Century, Prague gave the world the golem, the robot, and the world's biggest statue of Stalin, a behemoth that killed almost everyone who touched it.





STAYING ALIVE by Dr Kate Gregorevic

By the time we turn 60 most of us will still have one third of our lives to live. How well we live these years will depend on our health: are we agile and disease free? Or dependent on medication and physical assistance? In Staying Alive you'll discover the science on how you can avoid or manage the major diseases that impact us as we age, including heart health, diabetes and dementia, and boost your everyday behaviours to improve your enjoyment of life. Specialist Australian geriatrician Dr Kate Gregorevic clearly outlines key lifestyle-enhancing strategies for nutrition, exercise, cognitive and emotional health, and the positive impact they will have as you age.

HIDDEN HAND: EXPOSING HOW THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY IS RE-SHAPING THE WORLD by Clive Hamilton

Here, Clive Hamilton and Mareike Ohlberg expose the Chinese Communist Party's global program of influence and subversion, and the threat it poses to democracy. With its enormous economic power, China is now a global political and military force engaged in an ideological struggle with the West. Combining a mass of evidence with unique insights, Hamilton and Ohlberg lay bare the nature and extent of the Chinese Communist Party's influence operations across the Western world - in politics, business, universities, think tanks and international institutions such as the UN. This new authoritarian power is using democracy to undermine democracy in pursuit of its global ambitions.

Non-fiction



THE LAST NAVIGATOR by Paul Goodwin

Gordon Goodwin was a decorated airman and an inspired leader. During World War II, he served in probably the most dangerous occupation of all, with the Pathfinders leading bombing raids into Germany. He survived 23 Pathfinder missions, including nine over Berlin, and 65 missions over enemy territory with Bomber Command (of the 10,000 Australians flying with Bomber Command, 3500 died in the air). But to survive his childhood was perhaps a greater achievement. Raised in cruel and loveless circumstances near Brisbane during the Depression, it is remarkable that he achieved what he did, going on to become Qantas' chief navigator. This is the first-hand account of Gordon's brave and dangerous war experiences as told to his son Paul.

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THE TWINS OF AUSCHWITZ: THE INSPIRING TRUE STORY OF A YOUNG GIRL SURVIVING MENGELE'S HELL by Eva Mozes Kor

The inspiring true story of a young girl surviving Mengele's hell. The Nazis spared their lives because they were twins. In the summer of 1944, Eva Mozes Kor and her family arrived at Auschwitz. Within thirty minutes, they were separated. Her parents and two older sisters were taken to the gas chambers, while 10 year-old Eva and her twin, Miriam, were herded into the care of the man who became known as the Angel of Death: Dr. Josef Mengele. While twins at Auschwitz were granted the 'privileges' of keeping their own clothes and hair, they were also subjected to Mengele's sadistic medical experiments.



JUST IGNORE HIM by Alan Davies

In this compelling memoir, comedian and actor Alan Davies recalls his boyhood with vivid insight and devastating humour. Shifting between his 1970s upbringing and his life today, Davies moves poignantly from innocence to experience to the clarity of hindsight, always with a keen sense of the absurd.



YOUR OWN KIND OF GIRL: A MEMOIR by Clare Bowditch

"This is the story I promised myself, aged twenty-one, that I would one day be brave enough - and well enough - to write. Clare Bowditch has always had a knack for telling stories. Through her music and performing, this beloved Australian artist has touched hundreds of thousands of lives. But what of the stories she used to tell herself? That 'real life' only begins once you're thin or beautiful, that good things only happen to other people. Your Own Kind of Girl reveals a childhood punctuated by grief, anxiety and compulsion, and tells how these forces shaped Clare's life for better and for worse. This is a heartbreaking, wise and at times playful memoir.

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