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Locomotive steam whistles echo no more in the forests of the north California coast. A century ago, Humboldt and Mendocino Counties had more than 40 railroads bringing logs out of the forest to mills at the water's edge. Only one single railroad ever connected to the outside world, and it too is gone. One railroad survives as the Skunk Train in Mendocino County, and it carries tourists today instead of lumber. Redwood and tan oak bark were the two products moved by rail, and very little else was hauled other than lumberjacks and an occasional picnic excursion for loggers' families. Economic depressions and the advent of trucking saw railroads vanish like a puff of steam from the landscape. Out of the Woods A True Story of an Unforgettable Event Macmillan

Joe Manning owned a good-size ranch outside of a small town in Virginia, and he was plowing one day close to his house. He was getting ready to plant a garden patch for the family to use for their livelihood. Three men came along the road. All three had sidearms and one man had a rifle. He shot Joe in the back while Joe was trying to get to the house to get his rifle and defend his family. Then they killed his wife and young daughter, burned the house down around them, and left Joe in his yard bleeding to death. Joe, who cared deeply about people, was the first person in the community to volunteer to help everyone who was in need. Joe, with his wife at one time or another, had entertained in their home all the people in the area. Who could have shot poor Joe Manning in the back twice and destroyed his family and house? What is going on around here? This has always been a nice area of the country. I wonder who is behind all this

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killing. Why would they kill his wife and daughter, and why would they have burned down his nice house? This is really a mystery. I wonder if Joe will survive. The doctor does not think so. I wonder what the sheriff is doing about it. He does not seem to have a clue. Will anyone else have to die before we find out who the culprits are?

"Inspired by the author's grandfather's experiences living in a lodge in the woods, a story of how people and animals survive a forest fire in a small Canadian town"--

They could be your next-door neighbors--Bill Masterson, Ronnie Wild, Riley Page and Frank Cummings--ex-hippies now living outwardly responsible and respectable lives. But these model citizens still yearn for the old days of freedom. Finally they find a way to break out of the mold and do something daring and different: robbing the tourist-crowded narrow gauge train. This completely modern western is filled with humor and sly glances at today's society. ROBERT K. SWISHER JR. has been a ranch foreman and a mountain guide. An individual who knows the outdoors and western history, he has successfully combined these interests in stories, poems and novels. He is also the author of THE LAND, FATAL DESTINY, ONLY MAGIC, LAST DAY IN PARADISE and LOVE LIES BLEEDING, all from Sunstone Press. Of THE LAND, "PUBLISHERS WEEKLY" said: "If there were a category of historical romances written for men, this moving novel would fit the bill."

From the critically acclaimed author of the novel The Good Brother and memoir My Father the Pornographer, Out of the Woods is Chris Offutt's fiercely original short story collection the New York Times calls "a magical book". Arriving seven years after Offutt's debut collection Kentucky Straight, Out of the Woods returns a masterly writer to the form which garnered him not only critical praise but many prestigious awards. Offutt, who "draws landscape and constructs

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dialogue with the eyes and ears of a native son" (The Miami Herald), is on strong home turf here, capturing those who have left the Kentucky hills and long to return. These nine stories of gravediggers and drifters, gamblers and truck drivers a long way from home, are tales so full of hard edges they can't help but tell some hard truths.

One of the most starkly vivid and detailed accounts of survival in Georgia's notorious Andersonville prison during the American Civil War. John Ransom was only 20 years old at the time of his capture. He kept a nearly daily diary during his year of misery at the Confederate prison. He and his fellow Union prisoners endured lice, starvation, freezing cold, killing heat, theft from other inmates...and Captain Wirtz. "Capt. Wirtz very domineering and abusive. Is afraid to come into camp any more. There are a thousand men in here who would willingly die if they could kill him first." Death was a daily occurrence. Yet Ransom knew if he gave up hope, he would die. He somehow kept his humor and kept on writing. Through two escapes, time in a Rebel hospital, and eventual freedom, you'll read a POW account like none you've ever read before.

To appreciate this book readers must grasp the symbolism of its title and the front page depicting the author's life story, sometimes in rough seas. At three/four years old he was already strongly aware that he had been called into the Christian ministry, an inspiration for a long, fruitful life. He grew up helping in their South African farm life. He commuted to grammar school on horseback, accumulating enough miles to ride three times from New York to California. It was a

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financial struggle to become ordained as a clergyman. His story is interestingly interspersed with several short, unbelievable biographies of classmates and what life was like. Read the “The Sturdy Warrior,” Chapter V and others like “Albert Schweitzer of the Bushveld”, and “We Shall Triumph,” in the book mentioned below. With several well-earned degrees he migrated to the USA to study at Princeton Theological Seminary, where he became a professor. But then the delicate call that had driven him since childhood was smashed seemingly beyond repair. However, for him those called into God’s Kingdom can in its wideness find symbolic pulpits and lecterns in many places. Of all, he found such in Wall Street, and applied himself with the Latin saying’s, strong command: age quod agis — “Do what you are doing!” How is it continuing? Please find out in this book’s sequel entitled: Faith, Hope, and Determination. Narrow-gauge railroading conjures images of marginal track, wooden coaches, and antique steam locomotives. Yet consider the extraordinarily glamorous and comfortable South African Blue Train and Australia’s Queenslander as well as the electrified network of meter-gauge mountain railways in Switzerland that run with a precision similar to that of the country’s famed timepieces. Often used to penetrate the most challenging and breathtaking terrain that larger trains are unable to reach, narrow-gauge railways offer even the most seasoned of travelers an experience to remember. Karl Zimmermann, railroad author and accomplished photographer, chronicles his journeys aboard these rarest of trains. Individual chapters weave history and

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travelogue, complemented by more than 100 color illustrations. The result is a spirited tribute to the world's most charismatic railways.

These twenty-six suspense-filled stories unfold from across Germany, Poland, Great Britain, the United States, and more, providing an inspiring reminder of women and girls' refusal to sit on the sidelines around the world and throughout history.

A New York Times Notable Book for 2011 One of The Economist's 2011 Books of the Year One of NPR's 10 Best Novels of 2011 Denis Johnson's *Train Dreams* is an epic in miniature, one of his most evocative and poignant fictions. Robert Grainer is a day laborer in the American West at the start of the twentieth century—an ordinary man in extraordinary times. Buffeted by the loss of his family, Grainer struggles to make sense of this strange new world. As his story unfolds, we witness both his shocking personal defeats and the radical changes that transform America in his lifetime. Suffused with the history and landscapes of the American West—its otherworldly flora and fauna, its rugged loggers and bridge builders—the new novella by the National Book Award-winning author of *Tree of Smoke* captures the disappearance of a distinctly American way of life.

Thirty drawings depict such famous trains as Europe's Orient Express, the observation lounge on the Burlington Zephyr, and a sleeping compartment on New York Central's 20th Century Limited.

Between 58 and 50 B.C., Caesar led his army to twice invade Britain and conquer most of the land that is now France, Belgium, and Switzerland. The Gallic Wars

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served two purposes- to offer a record of Caesar's travels and insights into his military strategies, and to present the Roman public with a portrait of Caesar as a compelling, effective leader-which would be a key part of his public image as he fought off his rivals for control of the empire. Caesar chronicles his struggle to rule in The Civil Wars, from his crossing of the Rubicon in 49 B.C. through the death of his chief rival, Pompey, and the ongoing efforts of Pompey's heirs and followers to remove Caesar from power. As with the other volumes in the Landmark series, this edition-edited by Robert B. Strasser and Kurt A. Raaflaub-supplements the text with detailed maps, images, and annotations to place the work in historical and political context. And with stunning endpapers and color illustrations, this beautifully produced, large-format paperback makes a terrific gift for history buffs and fans of the classics.

"Should appeal to all rugged individualists who dream of escape to the forest."—The New York Times Book Review Sam Gribley is terribly unhappy living in New York City with his family, so he runs away to the Catskill Mountains to live in the woods—all by himself. With only a penknife, a ball of cord, forty dollars, and some flint and steel, he intends to survive on his own. Sam learns about courage, danger, and independence during his year in the wilderness, a year that changes his life forever. "An extraordinary book . . . It will be read year after year."  
—The Horn Book

The most powerful army of its time is faced with insurgent attacks and revolts on the borders of their lands. A celebrated general proceeds to crush it and in

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the process makes a name for himself as a military commander. This is the history of the Gallic Wars written by the Roman commander, Gaius Julius Caesar, in which he explains how and why he committed Rome to this battle. This latest edition of an ancient classic is edited and annotated to explain the politics and armies of all combatants.

Klufford's Holler Southern humorist Darrell Sroufe brings this delightful little tale about a tiny Smoky Mountain town called Klufford's Holler, a community so far in the backhills, backwoods and backward old time ways that hardly anyone knows or cares it's there at all. Well... hardly anyone until now. A fictional story set within actual historical events, Klufford's Holler tells a witty, creative and heart touching tale about the culture, traditions and religion of mountain people who's lives have always been the same for generations. Then all of a sudden, powerful forces from the outside world come to take the whole region over. Why? Because there's a whole lot more to things than may appear! Klufford's Holler is a story filled with southern culture humor, lovable mountain townsfolk, some evil villains, a heroic town preacher, a mysterious old hermit and a wealth of Messianic imagery. The story not only entertains, but also educates the reader about the intriguing history of the Smoky Mountains in the late 1930's and early 1940's. The very real part the region played in winning WWII is an amazing story all in itself! The town of Klufford's Holler is a place you'll never forget. This wonderful little tale will make you laugh, keep you in suspense and leave you in awe of the God of the universe who cares for even the

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most common folks. It's a story you'll want to read over and over again, so go ahead and get started. See ya'll in the mountains! Very inspiring! Klufford's Holler is a positively great eye opener! - Keith Evans, Five Time PBS Television Emmy Award Winner Klufford's Holler is a hoot! Very entertaining, thoughtful and insightful. Here's to good literature! - Bill Glover, Founding Member Of Multiple Grammy Award Winning Recording Artists 'Petra'

Provides diagrams and detailed instructions for making a diesel freight train, a circus train, a train wreck toy, a train puzzle, and a horse and train racing game

Renowned storyteller Dee Brown, author of the bestselling *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee*, recreates the struggles of Native Americans, settlers, and ranchers in this stunning volume that illuminates the history of the old West that's filled with maps and vintage photographs. Beginning with the demise of the Native Americans of the Plains, Brown depicts the onrush of the burgeoning cattle trade and the waves of immigrants who ultimately "settled" the land. In the retelling of this oft-told saga, Brown has demonstrated once again his abilities as a master storyteller and an entertaining popular historian. By turns heroic, tragic, and even humorous, *The American West* brings to life American tragedy and triumph in the years from 1840 to the turn of the century, and a roster of characters both great and small: Red Cloud, Sitting Bull, Geronimo, Dull Knife, Crazy Horse, Captain Jack, John H. Tunstall, Billy the Kid, Pat Garrett, Wyatt Earp, the Hole-in-the-Wall Gang, Wild Bill Hickok, Charles Goodnight, Oliver Loving,

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Buffalo Bill, and many others. The American West is about cattle and the railroads; it is about settlers who came to claim a land not originally their own and how they slowly imposed law and order on these wild and untamed places; and it is about the wanton destruction of the Native American way of life. This is epic history at its best and popular history at its most readable. This new work is culled from Dee Brown's highly acclaimed writings, which instantly established him as one of America's foremost Western authorities. Fully revised, rewritten, and edited into one seamless account of America's most famous frontier, this epic narrative, along with the introduction and a chronological table of events, etches an unforgettable and poignant portrait. The American West is at once a tribute to the West and a majestic new peak for a writer whose long and successful career has been synonymous with excellence in frontier history.

The Eden sisters are lured to the fair by Belladonna, a witch who wants Aurora's heart and Stormy's powerful musical pipe.

Ivan "The Butcher" Bulovski, is the ruthless head of the Russian Mob in Moscow. His organization is more powerful than some countries. Employing out-of-work Russian scientists and diamond cutters, The Butcher succeeds in developing synthetic diamond thin-films to create the next generation of super-computers. These computers will be used for the largest bank heist in world history. Just two obstacles stand in The Butcher's way—the FBI is following the bodies that lead from New York City to Moscow, and are getting closer every day;

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and one of Ivan's diamond cutters got spooked and took off with "The Star of Moscow". Max, an old diamond cutter who is terrified of The Butcher, doesn't know the flawless diamond is synthetic. If discovered, this diamond may unravel all of Ivan's multi-billion dollar plans. With so much at stake, The Butcher sends his former-Spetsnaz body guards after Max to track down his diamond, while evading the FBI until he can unleash his computer on the World Wide Web and crack every major bank around the globe. A rich story woven with high-tech computers, old world characters, unlikely heroes and action around the globe, Hard Carbon offers a glimpse into the diamond trade and cyber security Ben Bova says, "David M. Salkin's HARD CARBON is a taut, fast-paced thriller that takes the reader into the deadly yet fascinating world of Russian oligarchs and American intelligence agencies. Be warned, you'll have a hard time putting this one down, once you start reading it." David M. Salkin is the author of seven published novels. He currently serves as the Mayor of Freehold Township, NJ where he has served as an elected official for twenty years. Salkin's books have won Gold and Bronze Medals in the Stars & Flags Book Awards. David is a graduate of Rutgers University with a BA in English Literature and a Master Graduate Gemologist (GIA). He co-owns a jewelry store with his brother. David is an associate member of the Philip A. Reynolds Detachment of the Marine Corps League and a founding member of the Veteran's Community Alliance which supports veterans and their families. He is also an avid Scuba Diver.

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They called themselves the "assault generation" and they had largely been born in the years during and after World War I. Coming from every nation of Europe, they had risen up against communism and banded together under one flag for a common cause. They joined the German Army in World War II, a volunteer army that was better known as the Waffen SS. And it was in the Waffen SS, the elite fighting force of Germany, where the first modern European army was born. A new society of front fighters emerged from many different European nations; it was a society that had been forged in the sacrifice, sweat, and blood on the battlefield. Maybe their heritage and culture was different but their uniforms and motto were one and the same: *Meine Ehre Heisst Treue!*

Halloween Village is filled with ghosts, skeletons, Frankenstein, werewolves, jack-o-lanterns, and all the features of this scary October holiday. Pat and Dave want to make sure everyone is having fun and getting candy. But as they journey through the village, they realize something unusual is about to happen. Wearing black clothes with a pumpkin on his head, the Halloween Man, who has been in the woods for six hundred years, emerges from the trees. This mysterious man introduces Pat and Dave and their family to Halloween Center, another place where people can experience what Halloween is all about. The boys must choose which place of Halloween they like the best. A chapter book for young readers, *The Halloween Nightmare* explores four regents, telling the story of how the beginning of Halloween occurred and delves into the spookiness of Halloween.

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When Sherlock, a fun, lovable, and energetic beagle pup, is adopted from a shelter in the city, he doesn't know what kind of life awaits him. His new family lives out in the country. As he settles into country living, daily life becomes one grand adventure after another. There are so many new things and places to explore. Sherlock learns about his new home and gets to meet all of his new neighbors, which include everything from squirrels to porcupines! But Sherlock's adventures don't end there. As spring break approaches, Sherlock's family decides it's the perfect time to take an exciting camping trip. They'll ride trains and camp out near a historic lumber mill. With Sherlock's amazing sense of smell, they may even find buried treasure! In this collection of short stories, you can join Sherlock and his family for fun, mystery, and adventure as they explore the world around them.

"Custer found himself in the one dilemma all soldiers most dread—he was outnumbered and completely surrounded. With disaster looming in every quarter and no chance of escape. . . ." So Gregory J. W. Urwin pulls the reader into a scene describing not the Battle of the Little Big Horn but a Civil War engagement that George Armstrong Custer and his troop survived, thanks to strategy as much as naked courage. Many books have focused on Custer's Last Stand in 1876, making legend of total defeat. *Custer Victorious* is the first to examine at length, with attention to primary sources, his brilliant Civil War career. Urwin writes: "None of Custer's exploits against the Plains Indians could compare with those he performed while with the Army of the Potomac." The

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leader of a brigade called "the Wolverines," Custer was promoted to major general and the helm of the Third Cavalry Division when he was only twenty-four. Urwin describes the Boy General's vital contributions to Union victories from Gettysburg to Appomattox.

This third book in the Cascade Mountain Railroad Mysteries series, based on a page from American history, follows a trio of mischievous and determined young crime solvers. It is 1926 in the remote camp town of Scenic, Washington, and Billy, Dannie and Finn have more on their minds than the upcoming Fourth of July pageant. When Billy finds a mysterious burlap sack containing a threatening note, he and his best friends have a brand new case to solve. Does the note have something to do with the strange, unscheduled trains that are moving through Scenic? The trail leads the trio to a planned railroad heist of a special train carrying raw silk worth millions from the Seattle shipyards to the East Coast textile mills. But time is running out as the three friends frantically search for clues to the identity of the robber before the targeted "ghost train" passes through Scenic. Anne Capeci's fast-paced historical series offers young readers a satisfying mystery, well-drawn characters, and an authentic portrait of the rough and tumble life of a western camp town in the 1920s.

This historical mystery contains two stories which gradually merge into one. One occurs during 2011, while the other takes place in 1863 during the height of the Civil War. In 2011, after moving to South Carolina, Paul Waring, a retired Connecticut state trooper, and his wife start their new life. Soon after moving, Paul makes a startling discovery. He discovers the remains of a long-forgotten Confederate soldier, along with several Civil War artifacts. Those artifacts include two glass bottles containing several clues he must decipher.

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Paul determines that one clue concerns the whereabouts of the lost Confederate treasury; a treasury largely comprised of gold and silver coins. He later discovers much of this gold was stolen from the United States government at the outbreak of the Civil War.

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Reproduction of the original: The Short Line War by Samuel Merwin

The term “domesticity” may bring to mind cooking, cleaning, and tranquil evenings at home. During the last few decades, however, American domesticity has become ever more politicized as third-wave feminists, conservative critics, and others debate the very meaning of home and family. Despite this new wave of debate, the home, particularly the kitchen, is comfortable territory for the consolidation of issues of gender, space, marketplace, community, and technology in twentieth century literature. This work looks closely at a wide variety of southern domestic literature, focusing particularly on the role of the family kitchen as a driving force in the narratives of Ellen Glasgow, Eudora Welty, Lee Smith, and Toni Morrison. Topics include the overtones of isolation and the almost claustrophobic third-person narration of Glasgow’s *Virginia and Life* and *Gabriella*; the communal kitchen and its role in defining the sexual discourse of Welty’s *Delta Wedding*; the unification of national railway lines and its consequences for the traditional Appalachian kitchen in Smith’s *Oral History* and *Fair and Tender Ladies*; and the lasting effects of slavery on the “haunted domesticity” of the African-American kitchen in Morrison’s *Jazz*, *Paradise*, and *Love*.

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