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What happened to Robin Williams? Why he attempted a suicide? What's the reason behind it? Clearly, Robin was in pain. He successfully managed to hide it all with his indisputable talent as a comedian. This book is about his life, about his embarrassments, about his victories and legacy. We'll always remember a great man of courage, generosity and spirit. In this book, you'll learn more about Robin Williams than what you saw on stage when he performed through the years. It's something that it will enable you to connect with him beyond laughter and jokes. It's the story of his life. After all, behind every joke, there's some sense of truth. Are you ready to learn the truth? Grab your copy now!

Theatregoers' favorite history of Broadway is back in an updated and expanded 2010 edition including more than 500 color production photos, vintage archival photos, and Playbill covers from all forty currently operating Broadway theatres. Thirty-eight of the original chapters have been expanded to cover all the shows that have opened in the ten years since the popular 2000 edition, with two new chapters added to include Broadway theatres recently refurbished and returned to life. This unique chronicle is the first work to present a detailed theatre-by-theatre roundup of players and productions that have enchanted audiences at Broadway's great playhouses from 1900 to 2010. The work is an expanded treatment of "At This Theatre " the popular feature in

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Playbill's Broadway theatre programs. "At This Theatre" offers playgoers instant nostalgia by listing notable hits (and some famed fiascos) that have played through the years in the theatre that they are attending. The book also pays tribute to the distinguished impresarios who built and managed these houses, and the brilliant architects and interior designers who created them. The original 1984 edition was created by Playbill senior editor Louis Botto. Botto worked with editor Robert Viagas on the 2000 update. With the third edition, Botto has passed the author torch to Viagas, who founded Playbill.com and the acclaimed Playbill Broadway Yearbook series, and who has written the updates in Botto's style.

The best pages from the last five years of Robbie Conal's satirical monthly column in the Los Angeles Weekly, Artburn is updated with background factoids and secret war stories about his subjects, including the likes (and dislikes) of Dubya, Dick Cheney, John Ashcroft, Rush Limbaugh, Bill, Hillary and Monica, and even Bill Gates. With production shots of the original pages, plus a dozen late-night remixes that were too hot for the Weekly to print, Artburn will set the world of politics on fire!

Say the right thing at the right time. This essential reference brings together well-known (and not-so-well-known!) speakers- including those from the Bible, actors, poets, humorists, scientists, and literary and political figures-whose ideas, activism, services, talent, and labor have influenced society. Perfect for speeches for every occasion, including graduations, weddings, retirement parties, anniversaries, public speaking engagements,

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and so on. * Presented in an intuitive, cross-referenced organization * Includes hilarious anecdotes and a short bio of each author, a brief contextual note for each quote, and an index of keywords to help you find the appropriate words for any occasion quickly

With his twinkling eyes, boundless energy and unrivalled natural wit, Robin Williams was the comedian who brought laughter to a generation. Through roles in cherished films such as Mrs. Doubtfire, Jumanji, Aladdin and Hook, he became the genial face of family comedy. His child-like enthusiasm was infectious, sweeping viewers away. Allied to his lightning-quick improvisation and ability to riff lewdly off any cue thrown at him, Robin was that rare thing - a true comic genius who appealed to adults and children equally. He could also play it straight, and empathetic depth came to him naturally. A poignant performance in Good Will Hunting won him an Academy Award whilst his masterfully chilling turn in psychological thriller Insomnia shocked audiences and hinted at a darker side. What truly caught the imagination, though, was his good-heartedness. Warmth radiated from him on-screen, but he was legendary for his off-screen acts of selfless generosity. Where most Hollywood A-listers demand outrageous pampering in their contract riders, he always insisted that the production company hire a full quota of homeless people to help make his movies. But behind the laughter lay a deeply troubled man, and tragedy would follow. At midday, on 11 August 2014, Robin Williams was pronounced dead at his California home. The verdict was suicide. He had battled depression and addiction for

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many years and was allegedly beset by financial difficulties. Virginia Blackburn's sensitive and thoughtful biography celebrates his genius and warmth, but also attempts to understand what could have driven such a gentle and gifted man to so tragic an end. This is Robin Williams, the life, the laughter, and the deep sorrow of the man who made the world smile.

On a remote Caribbean island, refuge of the rich and famous, a woman appears. No one knows who she is or where she comes from, including the woman, who suffers from amnesia. Amid intrigues and conspiracies involving one of the most influential island families, this mysterious woman's arrival will change the lives of all those who meet her in an unexpected way. With a lost past and a fragile present, the future looks dangerous for anyone who gets involved. Only one has enough faith to know that everything happens for a reason and that coincidences do not exist.

Today, Anthony Cumia is the co-host of the wildly popular "Anthony Cumia Show," which live-streams to a huge following of paid subscribers; however, Anthony is most well-known from the legendary, nationally syndicated "Opie and Anthony Show." Permanently Suspended is an all-access pass to the controversial mayhem that ensued on-and-off the air. A must-read for all diehard O&A fans, Permanently Suspended finally answers the questions that everyone has been waiting for: What really happened between Opie and Anthony? What was the reasoning behind the multiple firings? What prompted the tweeting about the Times Square NYC incident? What is the true account of the

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controversial allegations? What are the never-before-revealed details of Anthony's stint in rehab? What does the future hold for his livestream podcast? These questions, and many more, will be answered.

Permanently Suspended is a humorous, no-holds-barred account of the legendary career and life of Anthony Cumia—a blue collar guy who made his dreams come true, rising above all obstacles to become one of the most well-known and successful personalities in radio history.

Includes multiple choice questions about the world of film. Embedded in the book is a special computerized quiz module that lets you compete against yourself or a friend.

Eddie Izzard - action transvestite, boy racer and male tomboy - spent the 1990s conquering Britain. As the decade ended, he looked further afield. "Dressed To Kill", his stand-up tour, saw him transport his high heels and off-the-shoulder numbers to New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco, taking a natural comedian's delight in the differences separating the two sides of the Pond. In this book, he reflects on his birth in Yemen and his childhood in Northern Ireland, Wales and London, and muses on animals, male tomboys, street theatre, sex, crime, God, "The Great Escape", Bible stories starring Sean Connery and James Mason, and cats who dig for oil. He also reflects on the trials and tribulations of being an cross-dressing, surrealist comedian intent on making it in America.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • From the ingenious comic performer, founding member of Monty Python, and

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creator of Spamalot, comes an absurdly funny memoir of unparalleled wit and heartfelt candor. We know him best for his unforgettable roles on Monty Python—from the Flying Circus to The Meaning of Life. Now, Eric Idle reflects on the meaning of his own life in this entertaining memoir that takes us on a remarkable journey from his childhood in an austere boarding school through his successful career in comedy, television, theater, and film. Coming of age as a writer and comedian during the Sixties and Seventies, Eric stumbled into the crossroads of the cultural revolution and found himself rubbing shoulders with the likes of George Harrison, David Bowie, and Robin Williams, all of whom became dear lifelong friends. With anecdotes sprinkled throughout involving other close friends and luminaries such as Mike Nichols, Mick Jagger, Steve Martin, Paul Simon, Lorne Michaels, and many more, as well as John Cleese and the Pythons themselves, Eric captures a time of tremendous creative output with equal parts hilarity and heart. In *Always Look on the Bright Side of Life*, named for the song he wrote for *Life of Brian* and which has since become the number one song played at funerals in the UK, he shares the highlights of his life and career with the kind of offbeat humor that has delighted audiences for five decades. The year 2019 marks the fiftieth anniversary of The Pythons, and Eric is marking the occasion with this hilarious memoir chock full of behind-the-scenes stories from a high-flying life featuring everyone from Princess Leia to Queen Elizabeth. Leadership isn't about being perfect; it's about getting things done. In *The Wandering Leader*, author David

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Small, an ice hockey coach who has traveled the world, presents his views about being a leader and a man by growing the most important part of your leadership persona—yourself. The Wandering Leader seeks to help you determine how to dream, give you a road map to accomplish your dreams, and supply the courage to keep taking steps forward once that road map has been blown out the window. To guide you in unleashing the great promise inside of you and make you an amazing leader, it discusses seven different areas of your life: career, finances, social, physical, spiritual, intellectual, and family. But most importantly, it focuses on you and what you have to offer. The Wandering Leader is not a typical book on leadership. Using personal examples from a wide range of people—such as military officers, construction workers, and economics specialists—it shows that you can be a leader in many areas of your life—in friendships, business, and family. It's not about your job or role; it's about your character and heart, helping you to pick yourself up after you've been kicked in the teeth. "Deeply motivated by your astute truth, I have conquered some of my most difficult obstacles and have you to thank." —Mitch Labreche, helicopter pilot, former BCHL Player

An instant New York Times Bestseller! Named a most anticipated book of 2021 by O Magazine, Playbill.com, CNN, Town & Country, and more! A magnificent biography of one of the most protean creative forces in American entertainment history, a life of dazzling highs and vertiginous plunges—some of the worst largely unknown until now—by the acclaimed author of Pictures

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at a Revolution and Five Came Back Mike Nichols burst onto the scene as a wunderkind: while still in his twenties, he was half of a hit improv duo with Elaine May that was the talk of the country. Next he directed four consecutive hit plays, won back-to-back Tonys, ushered in a new era of Hollywood moviemaking with *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*, and followed it with *The Graduate*, which won him an Oscar and became the third-highest-grossing movie ever. At thirty-five, he lived in a three-story Central Park West penthouse, drove a Rolls-Royce, collected Arabian horses, and counted Jacqueline Kennedy, Elizabeth Taylor, Leonard Bernstein, and Richard Avedon as friends. Where he arrived is even more astonishing given where he had begun: born Igor Peschkowsky to a Jewish couple in Berlin in 1931, he was sent along with his younger brother to America on a ship in 1939. The young immigrant boy caught very few breaks. He was bullied and ostracized--an allergic reaction had rendered him permanently hairless--and his father died when he was just twelve, leaving his mother alone and overwhelmed. The gulf between these two sets of facts explains a great deal about Nichols's transformation from lonely outsider to the center of more than one cultural universe--the acute powers of observation that first made him famous; the nourishment he drew from his creative partnerships, most enduringly with May; his unquenchable drive; his hunger for security and status; and the depressions and self-medications that brought him to terrible lows. It would take decades for him to come to grips with his demons. In an incomparable portrait that follows Nichols

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from Berlin to New York to Chicago to Hollywood, Mark Harris explores, with brilliantly vivid detail and insight, the life, work, struggle, and passion of an artist and man in constant motion. Among the 250 people Harris interviewed: Elaine May, Meryl Streep, Stephen Sondheim, Robert Redford, Glenn Close, Tom Hanks, Candice Bergen, Emma Thompson, Annette Bening, Natalie Portman, Julia Roberts, Lorne Michaels, and Gloria Steinem. Mark Harris gives an intimate and evenhanded accounting of success and failure alike; the portrait is not always flattering, but its ultimate impact is to present the full story of one of the most richly interesting, complicated, and consequential figures the worlds of theater and motion pictures have ever seen. It is a triumph of the biographer's art.

If there had been no cover-up of Robert Kennedy's complicity in the murder of Marilyn Monroe in 1962 and he had been prosecuted based on compelling evidence at the time, the assassination of JFK by Bobby's enemies would not have happened—changing the course of history and preventing the murder of media icon Dorothy Kilgallen. In a breakthrough book that is sure to be relevant for years to come, bestselling author (The Reporter Who Knew Too Much) and distinguished historian Mark Shaw investigates the connection between the mysterious deaths of motion picture screen siren Marilyn Monroe, President John F. Kennedy, and What's My Line? TV star and crack investigative reporter Dorothy Kilgallen. A former noted criminal defense attorney and network legal analyst, Shaw provides an illuminating perspective as to how Robert

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Kennedy's abuse of power during the early 1960s resulted in the murders of Marilyn, JFK, and Dorothy. Praise for Mark Shaw Books *The Reporter Who Knew Too Much* "The compelling story of Dorothy Kilgallen, the celebrated journalist once called 'the most powerful female voice in America.'" —Nick Pileggi, author of *Wiseguy* and *Casino* *Denial of Justice* "A worthy sequel to the mysterious whodunit that snuffed out the brave reporter, *Denial of Justice* is a true crime thriller that seeks to undo the label attached to Ms. Kilgallen's untimely demise. Mark Shaw has done an admirable and exemplary job in his work. Do not miss!" —San Francisco Book Review

This book is not just for atheists but for antitheists—for people who celebrated the writing of Christopher Hitchens and miss his voice *Making the provocative assertion that the entire enterprise of organized religion is a thing for which the world and our species would have been better without, Oh, Your God!* follows in the footsteps of the material observations of Lucretius, Epicurus, and Democritus and the more recent antitheistic arguments of Christopher Hitchens and Richard Dawkins. Drawing from timeless philosophers, modern debates, historical events, and current social climes, Joshua Kelly illustrates the shameful and debilitating damage religion has caused—and continues to cause—whether to our psyches, our bodies, our societies, or our world. Citing the murders of Nigeria's "witch children," the subversion of sexual emancipation, the tethers of slavery, the attacks of September 11, the pseudomorality of monotheistic mythology, the

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subjugation of women, and much more, he provides an abundance of damning evidence to back up his claims. Only by acknowledging and grappling with the real and potential dangers of religion, he argues, will we be able to thrive and develop as a species.

In *A Vulgar Art* Ian Brodie uses a folkloristic approach to stand-up comedy, engaging the discipline's central method of studying interpersonal, artistic communication and performance. Because stand-up comedy is a rather broad category, people who study it often begin by relating it to something they recognize—"literature" or "theatre"; "editorial" or "morality"—and analyze it accordingly. *A Vulgar Art* begins with a more fundamental observation: someone is standing in front of a group of people, talking to them directly, and trying to make them laugh. So this book takes the moment of performance as its focus, that stand-up comedy is a collaborative act between the comedian and the audience. Although the form of talk on the stage resembles talk among friends and intimates in social settings, stand-up comedy remains a profession. As such, it requires performance outside of the comedian's own community to gain larger and larger audiences. How do comedians recreate that atmosphere of intimacy in a roomful of strangers? This book regards everything from microphones to clothing and LPs to Twitter as strategies for bridging the spatial, temporal, and socio-cultural distances between the performer and the audience. In this riveting psychological thriller, a high-school vice principal and a Middle Eastern-born transfer student engage in a politically and emotionally charged game of

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cat and mouse, with dangerous consequences.

THE STORY: Over the course of 30 years, the lives of Kayleen and Doug intersect at the most bizarre intervals, leading the two childhood friends to compare scars and the physical calamities that keep drawing them together.

Essays on the history of HBO, a company designed to please audiences instead of advertisers, and the impact of its distinctive programming: “Recommended.” —Choice

The founding of Home Box Office in the early 1970s—when it debuted by telecasting a Paul Newman movie and an NHL game to 365 households in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania—was a harbinger of the innovations that would transform television as an industry and a technology in the decades that followed. HBO quickly became synonymous with subscription television—and the leading force in cable programming. Over decades, it’s grown from a domestic movie channel to an international powerhouse with a presence in over seventy countries. It is now a full-service content provider with a distinctive brand of original programming, famed for such landmark shows as *The Sopranos* and *Sex and the City*. It’s brought us *Six Feet Under* and *The Wire*, *Band of Brothers* and *Angels in America*, *Curb Your Enthusiasm* and *Def Comedy Jam*, *Inside the NFL* and *Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel*, *Taxicab Confessions* and *Autopsy*, and multiple Oscar-winning documentaries. *The Essential HBO Reader* brings together an accomplished group of scholars to explain how HBO’s programming transformed the world of television and popular culture, and provides a comprehensive and compelling examination of HBO’s development into the prototypical entertainment corporation of the twenty-first century. “An important assessment of the original programming HBO has created in the past few decades?how these programs are derived and what impact they have had.”

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—Choice “A thorough treatment of HBO’s programming . . . a useful addition to a growing number of books about American television in the ‘post-network’ era.” —American Studies

"I love my FedEx guy 'cause he's a drug dealer and he don't even know it . . . and he's always on time." --Mitch Hedberg

Talking about weed? It never gets old. There's just a whole lot to be said. And in this book, you'll find more than a thousand hilarious, half-baked quotes about marijuana and its (medicinal, calming, overall awesome) influence on movies, people, politics, and pop culture from well-known stoners like Tommy Chong to closet inhalers like Jennifer Aniston. Within these papers (er, pages), you'll be treated to tasty nuggets of wisdom from Jay Leno ("Forty million Americans smoke marijuana and the only ones who didn't like it were Judge Ginsburg, Clarence Thomas, and Bill Clinton.") to Bob Marley ("When you smoke the herb, it reveals you to yourself.") and every pothead in between. As you roll through these words of wisdom, picking up new knowledge to drop on your friends, you'll wish you thought of these killer buds first. So gather around the bong, grab some snacks to share, and burn through this collection of essential pothead wisdom.

A powerful memoir from the Saturday Night Live cast member Cecily Strong about grieving the death of her cousin—and embracing the life-affirming lessons he taught her—amid the coronavirus pandemic. Cecily Strong had a special bond with her cousin Owen. And so she was devastated when, in early 2020, he passed away at age thirty from the brain cancer glioblastoma. Before Strong could attempt to process her grief, another tragedy struck: the coronavirus pandemic. Following a few harrowing weeks in the virus epicenter of New York City, Strong relocated to an isolated house in the woods upstate. Here, trying to make sense of Owen’s death and the upended world, she spent much of the ensuing months writing. The result is *This Will All Be Over Soon*—a

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raw, unflinching memoir about loss, love, laughter, and hope. Befitting the time-warped year of 2020, the diary-like approach deftly weaves together the present and the past. Strong chronicles the challenges of beginning a relationship during the pandemic and the fear when her new boyfriend contracts COVID. She describes the pain of losing her friend and longtime Saturday Night Live staff member Hal Willner to the virus. She reflects on formative events from her life, including how her high school expulsion led to her pursuing a career in theater and, years later, landing at SNL. Yet the heart of the book is Owen. Strong offers a poignant account of her cousin's life, both before and after his diagnosis. Inspired by his unshakable positivity and the valuable lessons he taught her, she has written a book that—as indicated by its title—serves as a moving reminder: whatever challenges life might throw one's way, they will be over soon. And so will life. So make sure to appreciate every day and don't take a second of it for granted.

The Pulitzer Prize and Drama Critics Circle Award winning play. A Streetcar Named Desire is the tale of a catastrophic confrontation between fantasy and reality, embodied in the characters of Blanche DuBois and Stanley Kowalski. Fading southern belle Blanche DuBois is adrift in the modern world. When she arrives to stay with her sister Stella in a crowded, boisterous corner of New Orleans, her delusions of grandeur bring her into conflict with Stella's crude, brutish husband Stanley Kowalski. Eventually their violent collision course causes Blanche's fragile sense of identity to crumble, threatening to destroy her sanity and her one chance of happiness.

Chronicling the Brewers from the Suds Series of 1982 to the 2011 National League Central title and from Bambi's Bombers of the late '70s to Harvey's Wallbangers of the early '80s, Bill Schroeder, a longtime Brewers color commentator

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and former Brewers catcher, provides insight into the Brewers inner sanctum as only he can. Read about what goes on in the equipment and training rooms, how batting practice can be chaotic, what it's like to travel with the team, and off-the-wall anecdotes like the time Steve Sparks injured his shoulder trying to rip a phone book in half after listening to a motivational speaker.

This book presents biographies of 100 of the most influential entertainers of all time. It includes the best-known actors, comedians, directors, and musicians who have kept audiences tuned in and have constantly pushed the limits of entertainment.

In this book, Dan Dietz examines in detail every musical that opened on Broadway during the 2000s, including Avenue Q, Billy Elliott, The Full Monty, In the Heights, Jersey Boys, Mary Poppins, Next to Normal, The Producers, Rock of Ages, Spamalot, Spring Awakening, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, Urinetown, and Xanadu.

Tidligere natur- og dyrefilm fokuserede på dyrekernefamilien og den gode forælder. Under indtryk af genrens skift til tv-mediet er fokus nu rettet mod parring, forskelle mellem hanner og hunner og ofte med en tvivlsom henvisning til samme mønstre hos mennesker.

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Behavioral finance presented in this book is the second-generation of behavioral finance. The first generation, starting in the early 1980s, largely accepted standard finance's notion of people's wants as "rational" wants—restricted to the utilitarian

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benefits of high returns and low risk. That first generation commonly described people as “irrational”—succumbing to cognitive and emotional errors and misled on their way to their rational wants. The second generation describes people as normal. It begins by acknowledging the full range of people’s normal wants and their benefits—utilitarian, expressive, and emotional—distinguishes normal wants from errors, and offers guidance on using shortcuts and avoiding errors on the way to satisfying normal wants. People’s normal wants include financial security, nurturing children and families, gaining high social status, and staying true to values. People’s normal wants, even more than their cognitive and emotional shortcuts and errors, underlie answers to important questions of finance, including saving and spending, portfolio construction, asset pricing, and market efficiency.

What effect does it have on a person--a soul, a life--to have freedom and self-respect stripped away and then, ostensibly, returned years later after decades of incarceration? The Exonerated attempts to answer this question through the words of six innocent men and women who, after years in jail, emerged from death row to try to reclaim what was left of their lives. Among them are Sunny Jacobs, a mother of two whose unwavering belief during sixteen years in jail that she would be released (despite the execution of her husband, who was also

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innocent, for the same crime) allowed her to dedicate herself to being a "living memorial" when she was freed. There is Kerry Max Cook, a Texan who was convicted of murdering a young woman even though she was found with another man's hair grasped in her fist--a man whom "Texas killed a thousand times, and just keeps on doing it" in his nightmares. And there is Delbert Tibbs, a black Chicago poet who speaks of his years on death row with anger and bitterness, yet also, as he says, "still sings." All their stories have been compiled and edited by Jessica Blank and Erik Jensen into *The Exonerated*, a play that is both a riveting work of theater and an exploration of the dark side of the American criminal justice system.

Suffering from depression, this improvisational comedian and actor ended his life on August 11, 2014. Remembered for his many live, film, and television roles from stand-up comedian to *Mork & Mindy*, to *Good Morning, Vietnam* to his Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor in *Good Will Hunting*, Robin Williams is missed. The Associated Press follows his great career through the eyes of its reporters and cameras.

Happy Days is here again... and so are *Mork & Mindy*, *Cheers*, and the other Paramount greats. Ah, the golden age of television sitcoms. Remember the first time we saw Robin Williams... on *Mork & Mindy*? Remember how funny *Laverne & Shirley* was?

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Remember settling down to watch *Cheer* every Thursday night for years? Here's the inside scoop on all of those shows and more--the behind-the-scenes stories, the intricate interactions between cast and crew, the stories of how these shows were the springboard for dozens of great careers, for such stars as Tom Hanks (dressed as a woman! on *Bosom Buddies!*), Penny Marshall, Andy Kaufman, Kelsey Grammar, Ted Danson, Henry Winkler, Judd Hirsch, Bebe Neuwirth, and so many more. Each chapter focuses on a specific hit series and is packed with intriguing details and interviews. Anyone who's ever stayed up late to watch reruns of *Taxi* (or any of the other great Paramount sitcoms) will want a copy of *Happier Days* to read during the commercials.

- Baby boomers everywhere will love this book
- Exclusive interviews with big stars who started in sitcoms
- Appeal for film buffs, celebrity followers, TV historians, and nostalgia fans

Named one of "40 Gifts for the Book Lover on Your List," by *Good Housekeeping*: The definitive book about Joan Rivers' tumultuous, victorious, tragic, hilarious, and fascinating life. Joan Rivers was more than a legendary comedian; she was an icon and a role model to millions, a fearless pioneer who left a legacy of expanded opportunity when she died in 2014. Her life was a dramatic roller coaster of triumphant highs and devastating lows: the suicide of her husband, her feud with Johnny Carson, her

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estrangement from her daughter, her many plastic surgeries, her ferocious ambition and her massive insecurities. But Rivers' career was also hugely significant in American cultural history, breaking down barriers for her gender and pushing the boundaries of truth-telling for women in public life. A juicy, intimate biography of one of the greatest comedians ever -- a performer whose sixty year career was borne, simply, out of a desire to make people laugh so she could feel loved -- *Last Girl Before Freeway* delves into the inner workings of a woman who both reflected and redefined the world around her.

Finance for Normal People teaches behavioral finance to people like you and me - normal people, neither rational nor irrational. We are consumers, savers, investors, and managers - corporate managers, money managers, financial advisers, and all other financial professionals. The book guides us to know our wants-including hope for riches, protection from poverty, caring for family, sincere social responsibility and high social status. It teaches financial facts and human behavior, including making cognitive and emotional shortcuts and avoiding cognitive and emotional errors such as overconfidence, hindsight, exaggerated fear, and unrealistic hope. And it guides us to banish ignorance, gain knowledge, and increase the ratio of smart to foolish behavior on our way to what we

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want. These lessons of behavioral finance draw on what we know about us-normal people—including our wants, cognition, and emotions. And they draw on the roles of these factors in saving and spending, portfolio construction, returns we can expect from our investments, and whether we can hope to beat the market. Meir Statman, a founder of behavioral finance, draws on his extensive research and the research of many others to build a unified structure of behavioral finance. Its foundation blocks include normal behavior, behavioral portfolio theory, behavioral life-cycle theory, behavioral asset pricing theory, and behavioral market efficiency.

Rajiv Joseph is one of today's most acclaimed young playwrights. The winner of numerous awards, including an NEA award for Best Play and a Whiting Writers Award, he is an up-and-coming artist and one to watch. This volume gathers, for the first time, his three major works to date - 'Gruesome Playground Injuries', 'Animals out of Paper' and 'Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo'. Subtle, observant and ambitious, these plays showcase the talent of a rising young star on the contemporary theatre scene.

For nine years, Stephen Colbert's persona "Colbert"—a Republican superhero and parody of conservative political pundits—informed audiences on current events, politics, social issues, and religion while lampooning conservative political policy, biblical literalism, and religious hypocrisy. To devout, vocal, and authoritative lay Catholics, religion is central to both the actor and his

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most famous character. Yet many viewers wonder, “Is Colbert a practicing Catholic in real life or is this part of his act?” *America’s Most Famous Catholic* (According to Himself) examines the ways in which Colbert challenges perceptions of Catholicism and Catholic mores through his faith and comedy. Religion and the foibles of religious institutions have served as rich fodder for scores of comedians over the years. What set “Colbert” apart on his Comedy Central show, *The Colbert Report*, was that his critical observations were made more powerful and harder to ignore because he approached religious material not from the predictable stance of the irreverent secular comedian but from his position as one of the faithful. He is a Catholic celebrity who can bridge critical outsider and participating insider, neither fully reverent nor fully irreverent. Providing a digital media ethnography and rhetorical analysis of Stephen Colbert and his character from 2005 to 2014, author Stephanie N. Brehm examines the intersection between lived religion and mass media, moving from an exploration of how Catholicism shapes Colbert’s life and world towards a conversation about how “Colbert” shapes Catholicism. Brehm provides historical context by discovering how “Colbert” compares to other Catholic figures, such as Don Novello, George Carlin, Louis C.K., and Jim Gaffigan, who have each presented their views of Catholicism to Americans through radio, film, and television. The last chapter provides a current glimpse of Colbert on *The Late Show*, where he continues to be voice for Catholicism on late night, now to an even broader audience. *America’s Most Famous Catholic*

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(According to Himself) also explores how Colbert carved space for Americans who currently define their religious lives through absence, ambivalence, and alternatives. Brehm reflects on the complexity of contemporary American Catholicism as it is lived today in the often-ignored form of Catholic multiplicity: thinking Catholics, cultural Catholics, cafeteria Catholics, and lukewarm Catholics, or what others have called Colbert Catholicism, an emphasis on the joy of religion in concert with the suffering. By examining the humor in religion, Brehm allows us to see clearly the religious elements in the work and life of comedian Stephen Colbert.

From New York Times culture reporter Dave Izkoff, the definitive biography of Robin Williams – a compelling portrait of one of America’s most beloved and misunderstood entertainers. From his rapid-fire stand-up comedy riffs to his breakout role in *Mork & Mindy* and his Academy Award-winning performance in *Good Will Hunting*, Robin Williams was a singularly innovative and beloved entertainer. He often came across as a man possessed, holding forth on culture and politics while mixing in personal revelations – all with mercurial, tongue-twisting intensity as he inhabited and shed one character after another with lightning speed. But as Dave Izkoff shows in this revelatory biography, Williams’s comic brilliance masked a deep well of conflicting emotions and self-doubt, which he drew upon in his comedy and in celebrated films like *Dead Poets Society*; *Good Morning, Vietnam*; *The Fisher King*; *Aladdin*; and *Mrs. Doubtfire*, where he showcased his limitless gift for improvisation to bring to life a wide range of characters.

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And in *Good Will Hunting* he gave an intense and controlled performance that revealed the true range of his talent. Itzkoff also shows how Williams struggled mightily with addiction and depression – topics he discussed openly while performing and during interviews – and with a debilitating condition at the end of his life that affected him in ways his fans never knew. Drawing on more than a hundred original interviews with family, friends, and colleagues, as well as extensive archival research, *Robin* is a fresh and original look at a man whose work touched so many lives.

Discover 10 evidence-based ways that cannabis can improve your life—and how to consume the plant to reap the most benefits—including better sleep, stress reduction, weight loss, chronic pain relief, anti-aging, support for cancer recovery, and so much more. "What can cannabis do for you? Amanda Siebert has all the answers."—Peter Moore, former editor of *Men's Health Cannabis*. Weed. Bud. Whatever you choose to call it, it's been a health aid, comfort, and life-enhancer for humankind for more than three thousand years. But while cannabis is used by hundreds of millions of people around the world, more than a century of prohibition has resulted in confusion about its status: Is it healthy? Is it medicinal? Will it make you crazy? In this fun, illuminating book, cannabis journalist Amanda Siebert delves deep into the latest research to separate marijuana fact from fiction, revealing ten evidence-based ways this potent little plant can improve your life. She speaks with some of the world's top researchers, medical professionals, and consultants to answer

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questions such as: Can cannabis help you get a full night's sleep? Does it aid in exercise and weight loss? Can it really cure cancer? She also offers practical advice for maximizing its benefits—including easy-to-follow, step-by-step instructions for how to enjoy everything from joints to edibles, CBD oil to oral sprays—as well as examples of real people who have used cannabis to enhance their lives. This powerful plant, it turns out, could be life-changing: it can enrich any diet, slow down aging, and even spice things up in the bedroom.

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