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### The More Beautiful World Our Hearts Know Is Possible

Hard Damage works to relentlessly interrogate the self and its shortcomings. In lyric and documentary poems and essayistic fragments, Aria Aber explores the historical and personal implications of Afghan American relations. Drawing on material dating back to the 1950s, she considers the consequences of these relations--in particular the funding of the Afghan mujahedeen, which led to the Taliban and modern-day Islamic terrorism--for her family and the world at large. Invested in and suspicious of the pain of family and the shame of selfhood, the speakers of these richly evocative and musical poems mourn the magnitude of citizenship as a state of place and a state of mind. While Hard Damage is framed by free-verse poetry, the middle sections comprise a lyric essay in fragments and a long documentary poem. Aber explores Rilke in the original German, the urban melancholia of city life, inherited trauma, and displacement on both linguistic and environmental levels, while employing surrealist and eerily domestic imagery.

### The Most Beautiful

This revelatory biography of Melania Trump from Pulitzer Prize-winning Washington Post reporter Mary Jordan depicts a first lady who is far more influential in the White House than most people realize. Based on interviews with more than one hundred people in five countries, *The Art of Her Deal: The Untold Story of Melania Trump* draws an unprecedented portrait of the first lady. While her public image is of an aloof woman floating above the political gamesmanship of Washington, behind the scenes Melania Trump is not only part of President Trump's inner circle, but for some key decisions she has been his single most influential adviser. Throughout her public life, Melania Trump has purposefully worked to remain mysterious. With the help of key people speaking publicly for the first time and never-before-seen documents and tapes, *The Art of Her Deal* looks beyond the surface image to find a determined immigrant and the life she had before she met Donald Trump. Mary Jordan traces Melania's journey from Slovenia, where her family stood out for their nonconformity, to her days as a fledgling model known for steering clear of the industry's hard-partying scene, to a tiny living space in Manhattan she shared platonically with a male photographer, to the long, complicated dating dance that finally resulted in her marriage to Trump. Jordan documents Melania's key role in Trump's political life before and at the White House, and shows why he trusts her instincts above all. The picture of Melania Trump that emerges in *The Art of Her Deal* is one of a woman who is savvy, steely, ambitious, deliberate, and who plays the long game. And while it is her husband who became famous for the phrase "the art of the deal," it is she who has consistently used her leverage to get exactly what she wants. This is the story of the art of her deal.

### The Raqqa Diaries

If you knew love could kill you, would you still fall? Love never felt dangerous to me. He did. The moment Brando Piero Fausti appeared in the snow-filled night, he made the blood hum in my veins, tethering my life to his with an irrevocable bond. I became the light to his darkness, illuminating the face of an avenging angel. His intense dark eyes should've warned me away, but they only drew me closer. With a body worthy of a statue in Italy, he was the most beautiful man that I had ever seen, and the most dangerous man I had ever felt. A savage beast lurked just beneath his surface, ready to battle for what he loved the most-me. He claimed me as his, per sempre. But he wanted something from me. For me. He wanted me to dance. To fulfill what the world insisted was my destiny. Little did I know that he would lure me into a gilded cage with his beautiful words and searing touch, a twirling ballerina locked safe in a music box, rose petals strewn at my feet. And then set me free, his touch a brand on my skin. Little did he know, I'd always fight to follow the true alignment of my stars. *The Beautiful Years, Book I* is the beginning of a seven-part Mafia Romance saga. Start the journey today!

### Awful Beautiful Life

The life and legacy of Whitney Houston both fascinates and devastates her fans. In the past two years, two documentaries about her relationships and the demons she struggled with have emerged. Throughout it all one major figure from Whitney's inner circle has remained largely a mystery: her closest friend Robyn Crawford. In her memoir, Robyn finally tells her story of life with Whitney. A vital memoir and a previously untold part of Whitney's life, from a woman who knew her better than nearly anyone else.

### The Most Beautiful Thing

☐Everyone should spend a couple of hours of their life reading it, to remind themselves that, even in the darkest depth of human misery, the bravest souls still exist.☐ Sunday Times Since ISIS occupied Raqqa in eastern Syria, it has become one of the most isolated and fear-ridden cities on earth. The sale of televisions has been banned, wearing trousers the wrong length is a punishable offence, and using a mobile phone is considered an unforgivable crime. No journalists are allowed in and the penalty for speaking to the western media is death by beheading. Despite this, after several months of nervy and often interrupted conversations, the BBC was able to make contact with a small activist group, Al-Sharqiya 24. Finally, courageously, one of their members agreed to write a personal diary about his experiences. Having seen friends and relatives butchered, his community's life shattered and the local economy ruined by these hate-fuelled extremists, Samer is fighting back in the only way he can: by telling the world what is happening to his beloved city. This is Samer's story. 'Remarkable . . . rare, intimate . . . Samer is an understated hero of our time.' Anthony Loyd, *The Times* 'A clarion call to all of us that we should not give up. Somewhere there is a voice in the wreckage.' Michael Palin 'This is brutal non-fiction, plainly and urgently told.' Robin Yassin-Kassab, *Guardian* 'The simple act of bearing witness is one of the most powerful human responses available . . . *The Raqqa Diaries* is so important.' *Evening Standard*

### A Song for You

Hedy Lamarr's exotic beauty was heralded across Europe in the early 1930s. Yet she became infamous for her nude scenes in the scandalous movie *Ecstasy*. Trapped in a marriage to one of Austria's munitions barons, a friend of Mussolini's who hid his Jewish heritage to become an "honorary Aryan" at the onset of World War II, Lamarr fled Europe for Hollywood, where she was transformed into one of film's most glamorous celebrities, appearing opposite such actors as Clark Gable, Spencer Tracy, and James Stewart. As her career faded, she went from one husband to the next, her personal troubles and

legal woes casting a shadow over her phenomenal intelligence and former image. Stephen Michael Shearer separates the truth from the rumors regarding the life of Hedy Lamarr, and highlights her astonishing role as inventor of a technology that has become an essential part of everything from military weaponry to today's cell phones.

### Sulwe

While kicking a ball through the dusty streets of his Brazilian hometown, young Edson Arantes do Nascimento was given the nickname Pelé so casually that no one remembers its meaning. Today, the name is famous worldwide as belonging to history's greatest soccer player. Here, in Pelé's own words, is his incredible life story: his five goals in the last two games of the 1958 World Cup at the tender age of 17, his glory years with his Brazilian club FC Santos, his role in four World Cup tournaments, his comeback as a member of the storied New York Cosmos, and his lifelong role as goodwill ambassador for the world's favorite sport. Skyhorse Publishing, along with our Arcade, Good Books, Sports Publishing, and Yucca imprints, is proud to publish a broad range of biographies, autobiographies, and memoirs. Our list includes biographies on well-known historical figures like Benjamin Franklin, Nelson Mandela, and Alexander Graham Bell, as well as villains from history, such as Heinrich Himmler, John Wayne Gacy, and O. J. Simpson. We have also published survivor stories of World War II, memoirs about overcoming adversity, first-hand tales of adventure, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

### Dig If You Will The Picture

An intimately photographed and elegantly designed tribute to the artist known as Prince from the celebrated photographer who collaborated with him for a quarter of a century. For twenty-five years, Randee St. Nicholas, one of Hollywood's most acclaimed photographers, worked closely with the enigmatic Prince, capturing some of his most intimate and revealing moments both on and off stage. *My Name Is Prince* is an up-close, intimate look at the artist as he has seldom been seen before. Discover the many moods of the brilliant award-winning icon in hundreds of stunning black-and-white and color photographs taken at his home, on tour, and on his many adventures around the world. Accompanying the images are behind-the-scenes stories, and St. Nicholas's touching, humorous, and illuminating personal insights on the big and small moments she shared with Prince. Prince and St. Nicholas made plans to collaborate on this book after working on their first collaborative book *21 Nights*. As stunning and unforgettable as the icon himself, *My Name Is Prince* serves as a continuation of his legacy and pays homage to the man, the star, and his "profound" impact on music and pop culture.

### Make Life Beautiful

A warmhearted and tender true story about a young girl finding beauty where she never thought to look. Drawn from author Kao Kalia Yang's childhood experiences as a Hmong refugee, this moving picture book portrays a family with a great deal of love and little money. Weaving together Kalia's story with that of her beloved grandmother, the book moves from the jungles of Laos to the family's early years in the United States. When Kalia becomes unhappy about having to do without and decides she wants braces to improve her smile, it is her grandmother—a woman who has just one tooth in her mouth—who helps her see that true beauty is found with those we love most. Stunning illustrations from Vietnamese illustrator Khoa Le bring this intergenerational tale to life.

### The Beautiful Years I

"Film legend Sophia Loren shares vivid memories of work, love, and family"--

### A Life in Science

"The deluxe unofficial Bangtan book"--Cover.

### My Crazy Beautiful Life

One of Europe's most popular and best-loved authors, Eric-Emmanuel Schmitt captivates the reader with his spirited, buoyant style and enchanting stories that move effortlessly from the everyday to the fantastical. The eight stories in this collection, his first to be published in English, represent some of his best writing and most imaginative storylines: from the love story between Balthazar, wealthy and successful author, and Odette, cashier at a supermarket, to the tale of a barefooted princess; from the moving story of a group of female prisoners in a Soviet gulag to the entertaining portrait of a perennially disgruntled perfectionist. Here are eight contemporary fables, populated by a cast of extravagant and affecting characters, about people in search of happiness. Behind each story lies a simple, if elusive, truth: happiness is often right in front of our eyes, though we may frequently be blind to it.

### My Name Is Prince

### The Most Beautiful Book in the World

At the one-year anniversary of his death, legendary musician Prince's first wife shares a uniquely intimate, candid, and revelatory look inside the personal and professional life of one of the world's most beloved icons. In *The Most Beautiful*, a title inspired by the hit song Prince wrote about their legendary love story, Mayte Garcia for the first time shares the deeply personal story of their relationship and offers a singular perspective on the music icon and their world together: from their unconventional meeting backstage at a concert (and the long-distance romance that followed), to their fairy-tale wedding (and their groundbreaking artistic partnership), to the devastating losses that ultimately dissolved their romantic relationship for good. Throughout it all, they shared a bond more intimate than any other in Prince's life. No one else can tell this story or can provide a deeper, more nuanced portrait of Prince -- both the famously private man and the pioneering, beloved artist -- than Mayte, his partner during some of the most pivotal personal and professional years of his career. *The Most Beautiful* is a book that will be returned to for decades, as Prince's music lives on with generations to come.

### Beautiful: The Life of Hedy Lamarr

Now a **NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER**, *Make Life Beautiful* is the new autobiography from Syd and Shea McGee, the stars of the Netflix hit series *Dream Home Makeover*. This book offers the fans of Syd and Shea McGee a new and intimate look into how they built their business. For the one million-plus followers who turn to Syd and Shea McGee for advice on building a beautiful home and life, *Make Life Beautiful* is be a behind-the-scenes look into how the couple transformed Shea's small room of fabric samples and big dream of becoming a designer into one of the most successful and fastest-growing interior design businesses in the country. Both long-time and new fans will not only gain insight into how the McGees built such a successful company but also be inspired to apply design principles to their lives. Inspirational topics to help readers build an authentic life include Renovate your life Visualize the outcome Listen to your gut Elevate the everyday Want to live the best version of your life? Read this book to follow Syd and Shea's lead and learn how to Make Life Beautiful. This is an

essential book for: Entrepreneurs Interior Designers Working Parents Couples Building Family and Career Self-Starters and Anyone Chasing Their Dreams Praise for Make Life Beautiful: "Make Life Beautiful is a necessary reminder there is inherent beauty and warmth in all moments. Shea and Syd invite us into endearing conversations filled with wit, humor, creativity and an honesty shining light on the couples beautiful focal points." - Alyssa Rosenheck, interiors and architectural photographer, stylist, and author of the New Southern Style "In a world of picture perfect, Syd & Shea are a much needed breath of fresh air. It takes courage to admit that things aren't always perfect. I applaud them for authentically sharing their story with the world." - Mikel Welch, interior designer, lifestyle expert, and TV show host "Make Life Beautiful is raw, honest and motivating. A captivating read as Shea & Syd navigate us through the early days of their relationship, family and growing business. A form of a modern day romance success story. I enjoyed reading about their compelling journey that shaped their design empire we know as Studio McGee. Truly inspiring in every way." - Monika Hibbs, Founder and Creative Director of Monika Hibbs and author of Gather at Home "There's nothing more beautiful than taking a leap and devoting your life and your heart and your work to helping other people enjoy beauty in their own homes. We've all come to know and love and yearn for the Studio McGee look but hearing the humble "how's" behind the empire is even more moving and motivating. This isn't about just making your home beautiful this is about making your LIFE beautiful. Shea and Syd are talented (obviously) but they're also dreamers and supporters and risk-takers and pioneers and somehow, still completely down-to-earth. My heart is warm and I'm now taking notes on more than just mixing patterns." - Julia Marcum, Co-Founder of Chris Loves Julia, Good Influence\_r and Proper Tee

### The Most Beautiful Thing I've Seen

The 1927 autobiography, in English translation, of the first man to traverse the North-West Passage and to reach the South Pole.

### You're the Most Beautiful Thing That Happened

"Becky Powell faced the unthinkable on May 16, 2013. Her husband Mark called and said, "I've done something terrible." Within hours, she learned that he had taken his own life and, over a period of several years, millions of dollars from friends and colleagues. Everything she believed to be true, the very fiber of her marriage, was called into question. Within a week, rather than planning carpool runs and volunteer fund-raisers, she owed almost one hundred creditors millions of dollars and had her own team of ten lawyers. She was also the subject of open FBI, SEC, and DOJ investigations-- and faced potential criminal charges. And, although she instantly denounced every cent of Mark's \$15 million in life insurance and promised to repay every penny taken, her lawyers knew that in reality she faced years of court battles and lawsuits, and possible jail time. Yet from that first horrific moment, God was there. He showed up in his Word, in Becky's friends, in her lawyers, and in the generosity of those around her. He worked miracles. CNBC, the Wall Street Journal, Forbes, and others covered the first moment, but what about the last? What about the story in which God gives your next breath because you can't find it on your own? What about the story of a mom and three kids trying to make sense of their pasts, present, and future while living under a microscope? "Awful beautiful life" is Becky's journey through the two years surrounding Mark's death and how she overcame. It came down to a loving God who surrounded her, a present and dedicated family, and friends who made her life, offered her sanctuary, and showed up for her and her kids in tangible ways. This is a story of remarkable grit, strength, and what the Body of Christ in action looks like."--

### The Art of Her Deal

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### My Life as an Explorer

Now a documentary narrated by Common, produced by Grant Hill, Dwyane Wade, and 9th Wonder, from filmmaker Mary Mazzio *The Moving True Story of a Group of Young Men Growing Up on Chicago's West Side Who Form the First All-Black High School Rowing Team in the Nation, and in Doing So Not Only Transform a Sport, but Their Lives.* Growing up on Chicago's Westside in the 90's, Arshay Cooper knows the harder side of life. The street corners are full of gangs, the hallways of his apartment complex are haunted by drug addicts he calls "zombies" with strung out arms, clutching at him as he passes by. His mother is a recovering addict, and his three siblings all sleep in a one room apartment, a small infantry against the war zone on the street below. Arshay keeps to himself, preferring to write poetry about the girl he has a crush on, and spends his school days in the home-ec kitchen dreaming of becoming a chef. And then one day as he's walking out of school he notices a boat in the school lunchroom, and a poster that reads "Join the Crew Team". Having no idea what the sport of crew is, Arshay decides to take a chance. This decision to join is one that will forever change his life, and those of his fellow teammates. As Arshay and his teammates begin to come together to learn how to row--many never having been in water before--the sport takes them from the mean streets of Chicago, to the hallowed halls of the Ivy League. But Arshay and his teammates face adversity at every turn, from racism, gang violence, and a sport that has never seen anyone like them before. *A Most Beautiful Thing* is the inspiring true story about the most unlikely band of brothers that form a family, and forever change a sport and their lives for the better.

### The Beautiful Ones

Ben Greenman's monumental yet intimate book on Prince comes a year after the star's death at the age of 57 in an elevator at the legendary Paisley Park complex. With the release of a string of critically acclaimed albums and a new solo tour, the Minneapolis Genius looked set for a renaissance after a quiet-ish (by his standards) decade or so. And then: the silence, forever. *Dig If U Will The Picture* is a portrait of The Artist, who was also the artist who will be remembered by many as the brightest, most seductive and enigmatic pop star of his generation. In thematically structured chapters, Ben Greenman anatomizes a career and an aesthetic that at times seemed otherworldly. Drawing on over 40 studio albums, a repertoire of 2,000 plus live shows and close analysis of the unreleased highlights of the Vault, *Dig If U Will the Picture* is a critical consideration of Prince's art, a testimony to the author's deep and abiding personal connection to the work, and a fitting memorial.

### Beautiful Seduction

In *The Most Beautiful Thing I've Seen*, Grammy-nominated singer/ songwriter Lisa Gungor explores through her story of love, loss and raising a daughter with special needs, and how these experiences

opened her eyes to the divine beauty and wonder hidden in all of the chaos and pain of life.

### Hedy Lamarr

The award-winning author of *The Making of the Atomic Bomb* describes the lesser-known technological talents of actress Hedy Lamarr and the collaborative work with avant-garde composer George Antheil that eventually led to the development of spread-spectrum radio, cell phones and GPS systems. (This book was previously listed in Forecast.)

### This Thing Called Life

A New York Times bestseller! Recipient of a Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Award Recipient of an NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Children's Literary Work From Academy Award-winning actress Lupita Nyong'o comes a powerful, moving picture book about colorism, self-esteem, and learning that true beauty comes from within. Sulwe has skin the color of midnight. She is darker than everyone in her family. She is darker than anyone in her school. Sulwe just wants to be beautiful and bright, like her mother and sister. Then a magical journey in the night sky opens her eyes and changes everything. In this stunning debut picture book, actress Lupita Nyong'o creates a whimsical and heartwarming story to inspire children to see their own unique beauty.

### Lolita

Revised edition of the best-selling memoir that has been read by over a million people worldwide with translations in 29 languages. After too many years of unfulfilling work, Bronnie Ware began searching for a job with heart. Despite having no formal qualifications or previous experience in the field, she found herself working in palliative care. During the time she spent tending to those who were dying, Bronnie's life was transformed. Later, she wrote an Internet blog post, outlining the most common regrets that the people she had cared for had expressed. The post gained so much momentum that it was viewed by more than three million readers worldwide in its first year. At the request of many, Bronnie subsequently wrote a book, *The Top Five Regrets of the Dying*, to share her story. Bronnie has had a colourful and diverse life. By applying the lessons of those nearing their death to her own life, she developed an understanding that it is possible for everyone, if we make the right choices, to die with peace of mind. In this revised edition of the best-selling memoir that has been read by over a million people worldwide, with translations in 29 languages, Bronnie expresses how significant these regrets are and how we can positively address these issues while we still have the time. *The Top Five Regrets of the Dying* gives hope for a better world. It is a courageous, life-changing book that will leave you feeling more compassionate and inspired to live the life you are truly here to live.

### Hard Damage

Argues that because human beings are all connected to each other and the planet, the key to creating a better world is to understand that our personal choices contain transformational power.

### The Most Beautiful

Rich with humour, insight, compassion - and absolute honesty - *Tiny Beautiful Things* is a balm for everything life throws our way, administered by the author of the international bestselling memoir, *Wild*.

### Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow

What do you do when your dreams are right in front of you, but you can't reach them? Do you put everything else to the side and go for it? What if going for it, means losing everything you have now? Sean and Shireece Willis face this very question as they try to find their way through the maze of life's desires. Will the seduction of having all they ever wanted, be more than either of them can resist? When the final curtain closes, will the risk be worth the end result Sea's only desire is to be a better husband and father than his father was. But, after years of trying and no baby, he focuses his attention on his career. Shireece is tired of being a Single Wife. Though she was raised to stand by her husband at all costs, she is determined to make something of her time, with or without Sean's approval. When Sean receives a promotion, it turns out to be more than even he could of anticipated. More money more problems or is it the time he is spending away from his wife with his new sultry personal assistant, that's the real problem? With Sean gone for weeks at a time, Shireece takes it as a sign and jumps in feet first to pursue the dreams she left behind, to be the wife she thought she needed to be. But, when her producer wakes up naked, with no memory of how he got there, and Shireece, is the first face he sees, have they crossed the line of no return? What will the couple everyone loves to hate, do when their secrets start to escape? Keep up with the rest of the Beautiful Mess Characters How is Tierra handling her new position as president of Baxwell Enterprises? Will Qu help his sister convince their parents to allow her to go to college so far from their watchful eye? What will Vito do when propositioned to help one friend deceive another? Find out in the 1st sequel in the Beautiful Mess Series

### The Big Book of BTS

Featuring a foreword by Beyoncé Knowles-Carter. When Prince wanted to document his One Nite Alone tour in 2002, he turned to Afshin Shahidi. Again in 2004, he went along on Prince's record breaking Musicology Tour. Afshin met Prince in 1989 and became his cinematographer and later his photographer. He was the photographer closest to Prince for the last fifteen years of Prince's life. Afshin is the only photographer to shoot the legendary 3121 private parties in Los Angeles that became the most sought after invitations in Hollywood. Prince: A Private View compiles his work into a journey through Prince's extraordinary life. With many never-before-seen photos, this is the ultimate collection of — some intimate, some candid, some in concert — shots of Prince, but all are carefully directed in the artist-as-art style that we associate with him. Deep photo captions are brief, but complete stories about Prince's life at that moment - some are incisive, others are personal and even funny.

### The Rabbit Box

Journey to the Heart by New York Times bestselling author of Codependent No More, Beyond Codependency, and Lessons of Love, contains 365 insightful daily meditations that inspire readers to unlock their personal creativity and discover their divine purposes in life. —Melody Beattie gives you the tools to discover the magnificence and splendor of your being. —Deepak Chopra, author of Jesus and Buddha

### The Most Beautiful

A photo journal of the successful pop star's life on tour details her creative process throughout the creation of a new album and shares insights into the highs and lows of her daily routines on stage and behind the scenes.

### Tiny Beautiful Things

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER — The brilliant coming-of-age-and-into-superstardom story of

one of the greatest artists of all time, in his own words—featuring never-before-seen photos, original scrapbooks and lyric sheets, and the exquisite memoir he began writing before his tragic death NAMED ONE OF THE BEST MUSIC BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW AND ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY THE WASHINGTON POST AND THE GUARDIAN —NOMINATED FOR THE NAACP IMAGE AWARD Prince was a musical genius, one of the most beloved, accomplished, and acclaimed musicians of our time. He was a startlingly original visionary with an imagination deep enough to whip up whole worlds, from the sexy, gritty funk paradise of “Uptown” to the mythical landscape of Purple Rain to the psychedelia of “Paisley Park.” But his most ambitious creative act was turning Prince Rogers Nelson, born in Minnesota, into Prince, one of the greatest pop stars of any era. The Beautiful Ones is the story of how Prince became Prince—a first-person account of a kid absorbing the world around him and then creating a persona, an artistic vision, and a life, before the hits and fame that would come to define him. The book is told in four parts. The first is the memoir Prince was writing before his tragic death, pages that bring us into his childhood world through his own lyrical prose. The second part takes us through Prince’s early years as a musician, before his first album was released, via an evocative scrapbook of writing and photos. The third section shows us Prince’s evolution through candid images that go up to the cusp of his greatest achievement, which we see in the book’s fourth section: his original handwritten treatment for Purple Rain—the final stage in Prince’s self-creation, where he retells the autobiography of the first three parts as a heroic journey. The book is framed by editor Dan Piepenbring’s riveting and moving introduction about his profound collaboration with Prince in his final months—a time when Prince was thinking deeply about how to reveal more of himself and his ideas to the world, while retaining the mystery and mystique he’d so carefully cultivated—and annotations that provide context to the book’s images. This work is not just a tribute to an icon, but an original and energizing literary work in its own right, full of Prince’s ideas and vision, his voice and image—his undying gift to the world.

### Hedy's Folly

Take this journey through the life and times of Pamela Lundy, an African-American "Baby Boomer" from Detroit, Michigan. Her intriguing, impactful story spans over five decades of time. Her parents were divorced when she was very young, and her mother was denied visitation of her children. Subsequently, Pamela was left feeling unwanted and unloved. Her workaholic father took her and her five siblings to live with his parents in their overcrowded home. They became lost somewhere in the shuffle. It was there that she and her siblings were violated and became the frightened, fragile, voiceless victims of incest. Left carrying a boatload of baggage, guilt and shame, Pamela refuses to fade into the background. Though the survivor in her emerges, the traumatizing experience stays with her throughout most of her lifetime. She suppresses her feelings and attempts to hide her dirty little secret behind attaining and maintaining the outer image of beauty. Time after time, in desperation she attempts to capture it. Walk through her times of childhood bliss, those days of pony tail wearing, hop scotch playing and penny candy eating. Get a feel for the 1950's and 60's smoke-filled beauty shops as the "pressing comb" works its transitional magic converting Black women's hair from kinky to straight. Learn the plight of this Black woman's attempt to replicate the images of the Caucasian women which graced the covers of popular magazines, the ones that set the standard for what was deemed as beautiful. March through the times of civil unrest and experience a revolution in America. Read about Pamela's personal encounter with racial prejudice, after which she develops a clear perception of the magnitude of the raw, uncut hatred toward her people. Her journey continues as she evolves from a child into a woman. Her life seems plagued with obstacles. She faces many challenges. This is a story about the vicissitudes of life and everything in between. Ultimately, Pamela learns to view life as a series of experiences and lessons learned. Throughout this book she has incorporated her reflections, of which she shares with her readers. And for the most part, she is successful at turning her struggles into triumphs. Her story concludes as she finds the strength and courage to dig deep inside herself and break free from

the demons of her past. As she unmask her outer image of beauty and perfection, she relinquishes her heavy load of shame and realizes what the true essence of beauty really is.

### Top Five Regrets of the Dying

#### The Story of My Life

**INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER** At the one-year anniversary of his death, legendary musician Prince's first wife shares a uniquely intimate, candid, and revelatory look inside the personal and professional life of one of the world's most beloved icons. In *The Most Beautiful*, a title inspired by the hit song Prince wrote about their legendary love story, Mayte Garcia for the first time shares the deeply personal story of their relationship and offers a singular perspective on the music icon and their world together: from their unconventional meeting backstage at a concert (and the long-distance romance that followed), to their fairy-tale wedding (and their groundbreaking artistic partnership), to the devastating losses that ultimately dissolved their romantic relationship for good. Throughout it all, they shared a bond more intimate than any other in Prince's life. No one else can tell this story or can provide a deeper, more nuanced portrait of Prince--both the famously private man and the pioneering, beloved artist--than Mayte, his partner during some of the most pivotal personal and professional years of his career. *The Most Beautiful* is a book that will be returned to for decades, as Prince's music lives on with generations to come.

#### Make Me Beautiful

A memoir by Morris Day of *The Time* centering around his lifelong relationship and association with Prince. Brilliant composer, smooth soul singer, killer drummer, and charismatic band leader, Morris Day, has been a force in American music for the past four decades. In *On Time*, the renowned funkster looks back on a life of turbulence and triumph. He chronicles his creative process with an explosive prose that mirrors his intoxicating music. Morris' story is a fast-paced page-turner replete with unexpected twists and shocking surprises. A major and fascinating theme is his lifelong friendship and years of musical partnership with Prince, from their early days on the Minneapolis scene to selling out stadiums and duking it out as rivals in *Purple Rain*. Eventually, Morris went on to release four albums with a new band of his very own, the legendary *Time*. He battled his addictions and came out victorious. But not before increasing tensions and embittered rivalry between Prince and the *Revolution* and Morris Day and the *Time* led the two performers towards separate paths. Through the years, the fierce brotherly love between Morris and Prince kept bringing them back together, over and over again--until pride, ego, and circumstance interfered. Two months before Prince's untimely death, the two finally reconnected and started to make amends. But Morris could've never imagined it would be the last time he'd ever see his friend again. This is Morris Day's singular story in which the magic of music is the ultimate healer. *On Time* is also a deep meditation on friendship, Morris' poetic method of reconciling the loss of his close friend and longtime collaborator, and a way to commemorate an incendiary life cut short. But this book is more than just a walk down memory lane--it's a metaphorical means to bring Prince back to life. Throughout the narrative, Morris allows Prince's "voice" to protect his own legacy, to counter Morris's interpretations of events, and to essentially breathe new life into a tale as old as time--of two brothers, two bands, and a musical culture that even today pulsates with fresh energy.

#### On Time

Hedy Lamarr's life was punctuated by salacious rumors and public scandal, but it was her stunning looks

and classic Hollywood glamour that continuously captivated audiences. Born Hedwig Kiesler, she escaped an unhappy marriage with arms dealer Fritz Mandl in Austria to try her luck in Hollywood, where her striking appearance made her a screen legend. Her notorious nude role in the erotic Czech film *Ecstasy* (1933), as well as her work with Cecil B. DeMille (*Samson and Delilah*, 1949), Walter Wanger (*Algiers*, 1938), and studio executive Louis B. Mayer catapulted her alluring and provocative reputation as a high-profile sex symbol. In *Hedy Lamarr: The Most Beautiful Woman in Film*, Ruth Barton explores the many facets of the screen legend, including her life as an inventor. Working with avant-garde composer and film scorer George Antheil, Lamarr helped to develop and patent spread spectrum technology, which is still used in mobile phone communication. However, despite her screen persona and scientific success, Lamarr's personal life caused quite a scandal. A string of failed marriages, a lawsuit against her publisher regarding her sensational autobiography, and shoplifting charges made her infamous beyond her celebrity. Drawing on extensive research into both the recorded truths of Lamarr's life and the rumors that made her notorious, Barton recognizes Lamarr's contributions to both film and technology while revealing the controversial and conflicted woman underneath. *Hedy Lamarr: The Most Beautiful Woman in Film* illuminates the life of a classic Hollywood icon.

### My Life and the Beautiful Game

(Book Jacket Status: Jacketed)When it was published in 1955, "Lolita" immediately became a cause célèbre because of the freedom and sophistication with which it handled the unusual erotic predilections of its protagonist. But Vladimir Nabokov's wise, ironic, elegant masterpiece owes its stature as one of the twentieth century's novels of record not to the controversy its material aroused but to its author's use of that material to tell a love story almost shocking in its beauty and tenderness. Awe and exhilaration—along with heartbreak and mordant wit—abound in this account of the aging Humbert Humbert's obsessive, devouring, and doomed passion for the nymphet Dolores Haze. *Lolita* is also the story of a hypercivilized European colliding with the cheerful barbarism of postwar America, but most of all, it is a meditation on love-love as outrage and hallucination, madness and transformation. With an Introduction by Martin Amis "From the Hardcover edition."

### Prince

A warm and surprisingly real-life biography, featuring never-before-seen photos, of one of rock's greatest talents: Prince. Neal Karlen was the only journalist Prince granted in-depth press interviews to for over a dozen years, from before *Purple Rain* to when the artist changed his name to an unpronounceable glyph. Karlen interviewed Prince for three *Rolling Stone* cover stories, wrote "3 Chains o' Gold," Prince's "rock video opera," as well as the star's last testament, which may be buried with Prince's will underneath Prince's vast and private compound, Paisley Park. According to Prince's former fiancée Susannah Melvoin, Karlen was "the only reporter who made Prince sound like what he really sounded like." Karlen quit writing about Prince a quarter-century before the mega-star died, but he never quit Prince, and the two remained friends for the last thirty-one years of the superstar's life. Well before they met as writer and subject, Prince and Karlen knew each other as two of the gang of kids who biked around Minneapolis's mostly-segregated Northside. (They played basketball at the Dairy Queen next door to Karlen's grandparents, two blocks from the budding musician.) He asserts that Prince can't be understood without first understanding '70s Minneapolis, and that even Prince's best friends knew only 15 percent of him: that was all he was willing and able to give, no matter how much he cared for them. Going back to Prince Rogers Nelson's roots, especially his contradictory, often tortured, and sometimes violent relationship with his father, *This Thing Called Life* profoundly changes what we know about Prince, and explains him as no biography has: a superstar who calls in the middle of the night to talk, who loved *The Wire* and could quote from every episode of *The Office*, who frequented libraries and jammed spontaneously for local crowds (and fed everyone pancakes afterward), who was

lonely but craved being alone. Readers will drive around Minneapolis with Prince in a convertible, talk about movies and music and life, and watch as he tries not to curse, instead dishing a healthy dose of "mamma jammies."

### A Most Beautiful Thing

"Every one who wishes to gain true knowledge must climb the Hill Difficulty alone, and since there is no royal road to the summit, I must zigzag it in my own way. I slip back many times, I fall, I stand still, I run against the edge of hidden obstacles, I lose my temper and find it again and keep it better, I trudge on, I gain a little, I feel encouraged, I get more eager and climb higher and begin to see the widening horizon. Every struggle is a victory. One more effort and I reach the luminous cloud, the blue depths of the sky, the uplands of my desire." HELEN KELLER was born on June 27, 1880 in Tuscumbia, Alabama. At nineteen months old an acute illness nearly took her life and left her deaf and blind. At the recommendation of Alexander Graham Bell, her parents contacted the Perkins Institute for the Blind in Boston, and Anne Sullivan was sent to tutor Helen. The story of their early years together, and of Helen's remarkable psychological and intellectual growth, is told in *The Story of My Life*, which first appeared in installments in *Ladies' Home Journal* in 1902. With Anne Sullivan, "Teacher," at her side, Helen Keller graduated from Radcliffe College in 1904, an extraordinary accomplishment for any woman of her time. Helen was dedicated to helping the blind and handicapped, raising funds for the American Foundation for the Blind and lobbying for commissions for the blind in thirty states. A women's rights activist, a Swedenborgian, a socialist, and a world-famous celebrity, Helen Keller received the Presidential Medal of Freedom and many honorary degrees. Her other books include *The World I Live In* (1908), *Midstream: My Later Life* (1929), *Helen Keller's Journal* (1938), and *Let Us Have Faith* (1940). She died in 1968. Her burial urn is in the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.

### Journey to the Heart

Poetry. LGBTQIA Studies. California Interest. African & African American Studies. Women's Studies. Lambda Literary Award Finalist for Lesbian Poetry. Angular, smart, and fearless, Arisa White's newest collection takes its titles from words used internationally as hate speech against gays and lesbians, reworking, re-envisioning, and re- embodying language as a conduit for art, love, and understanding. "To live freely, observantly as a politically astute, sensually perceptive Queer Black woman is to be risk taker, at risk, a perceived danger to others and even dangerous to/as oneself," writes poet Tracie Morris. "White's attentive word substitutions and range of organized forms, lithe anecdotes, and disturbed resonances put us in the middle of living a realized, intelligent life of the senses." **YOU'RE THE MOST BEAUTIFUL THING THAT HAPPENED** works through intersectional encounters with gender, identity, and human barbarism, landing deftly and defiantly in beauty.

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