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## ALICE CHEN'S REALITY CHECK

By Kara Loo and Jennifer Young

**Love is hell, even in paradise. A reality show contestant must fake date her rival while solving a murder in this sizzling rom-com set on a tropical island.**

Alice Chen doesn't believe in true love, but she does believe in cold, hard cash. Buckling under the weight of student debt and her mother's medical bills, Alice will do anything to make bank—even star on *Dawn Tay's Inferno*, the hot new reality TV show designed to push couples to their breaking point.

The show is Alice's chance to sip cocktails on the beach and win a cash prize of a million dollars. Everything is going according to plan . . . until her jerk fiancé breaks up with her during the second week of filming. To stay in the game, Alice agrees to fake-date the other newly single contestant: her high school rival and sworn enemy, Daniel Cho.

But it turns out that all's fair in love and reality TV, and Alice isn't the only one who will do whatever it takes to win. When a dead body turns up, Alice and Daniel are faced with uncovering the secrets of the cast and crew to catch the killer—all while playing the loving couple on camera. As the reality show spirals out of control, Alice must confront her true feelings and crack the case if she wants to make it off the island alive.

Starring a murder mystery twist, plenty of reality show drama, and a thrilling romance, this debut by up-and-coming Asian American writer duo Kara Loo and Jennifer Young is the ultimate beach read.



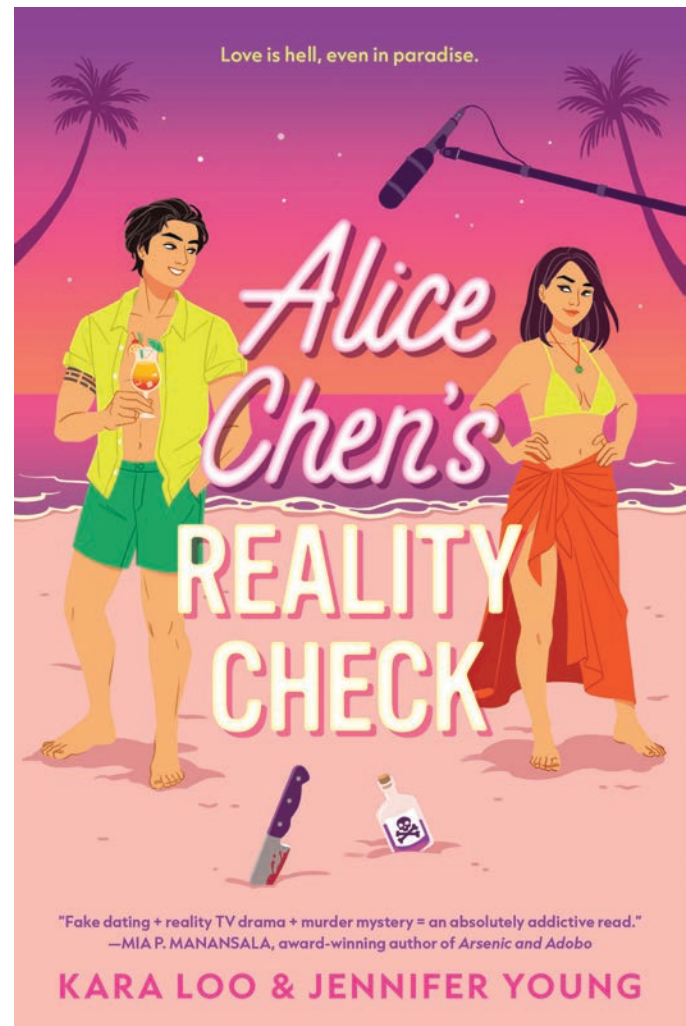
**KARA LOO** is a game writer and reality TV fan who can be found enjoying afternoon tea whenever possible.



**JENNIFER YOUNG** is a game writer, avid romance reader, and Dungeons & Dragons adventurer.

Together, Loo and Young's game writing credits include hit interactive fiction games *Surviving High School* from Electronic Arts, and *High School*

*Story*, *Hollywood U*, and *Choices: Stories You Play* from Pixelberry Studios. They have been writing together since high school, when they plotted out stories at slumber parties over mugs of hot chocolate.



**Perfect for fans of *Dial A for Aunties* and *One to Watch*, this swoonworthy rivals-to-lovers romance with a murder mystery twist is your next must-read.**

### Subject:

Fiction - Romance - Romantic Comedy  
Fiction - Romance - Contemporary  
Fiction - Asian American & Pacific Islander

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Film/TV: Reserved by Author (Sterling Lord)

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**"DEATH IN THE DOWNLINE IS ENTERTAINING, FUNNY, AND PAGE-TURNING."**

—Emily Lynn Paulson, author of *Hey, Hun*

## DEATH IN THE DOWNLINE

A Multi-Level Marketing Murder Mystery

By Maria Abrams

**It's multi-level murder in this darkly funny mystery novel about the glamorous world of direct-selling MLM\* "huns"—and the dangerous secrets at the top of the pyramid.**

Drew thought she was destined to rise above her small New Jersey hometown and make it as a serious journalist in New York City. But now she's back in Clearfield, pushing thirty, newly single, and living with her father.

After a chance encounter at the grocery store, she reconnects with her former best friend, Steph, who married young and never left their hometown. But Steph looks . . . good. She's tanned, glowing, and only wears designer labels. Her secret? A skincare sales opportunity called LuminUS. With nothing left to lose, Drew gets sucked into this glamorous world of downlines, sales parties, and girls' trips.

But when a LuminUS distributor is found dead, Drew must uncover the dark secret at the heart of the organization—and save her best friend—before it's too late.

Gripping, wickedly funny, and a pitch-perfect skewering of pyramid schemes, *Death in the Downline* is a page-turner that will have readers cheering for Drew until the cathartic conclusion.



**MARIA ABRAMS** is a mystery/thriller/horror novelist who lives in Colorado with her rescue frogs and dogs. She has a graduate degree in psychology and is a graphic designer by day. Maria is also a member of the Horror Writers' Association and a regular attendee at Stokercon.

**"*Death in the Downline* is entertaining, funny, and page-turning. A compassionate look at the reasons women get roped into these schemes in the first place, even the ones who do the unthinkable to keep the ruse going."**

—Emily Lynn Paulson, author of *Hey, Hun*

**"Equal parts entertaining and unsettling, *Death in the Downline* is a page-turner that expertly shines a light on the dark world of MLMs and social media. . . . This is a mystery that feels as compelling as it does timely."**

—Olivia Muentert, best-selling author of *Such a Bad Influence*

**"Abrams perfectly skewers the MLM movement. . . . A funny, spot-on mystery that will appeal to genre fans and MLM-skeptics."**

—Booklist

\*MLM = MULTI-LEVEL MARKETING/DIRECT SELLING COMPANY  
SUCH AS HERBALIFE, ORIFLAME, AMWAY, OR NUSKIN

### Subject:

Fiction - Mystery & Detective - Women  
Sleuths  
Fiction - Thrillers - Suspense  
Fiction - Feminist

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## SUCH A BAD INFLUENCE

By Olivia Muentert

**An Instant *USA Today* Best Seller**

**A *Good Morning America* Sizzling Summer Reads Roundup Pick**

**A *CrimeReads* Best Psychological Thriller of June 2024**

**An Apple Books Best Books Pick of June 2024**

Hazel Davis is drifting: she's stalled in her career, living in a city she hates, and less successful than her younger sister, @evelyn, a mega-popular lifestyle influencer. Evie came of age online, having gone viral at five years old for a heart-tugging daddy-daughter dance. Ten years older and spotlight-averse, Hazel managed to dodge the family YouTube channel—so although she can barely afford her apartment, at least she made her own way.

Evie is eighteen now, with a multimillion-dollar career and unlimited opportunities, but Hazel is still protective of her little sister and skeptical of the way everyone seems to want a piece of her: Evie's followers, her YouTuber boyfriend and influencer frenemies, and their opportunistic mother. So when Evie disappears one day—during an unsettling live stream that cuts out midsentence—Hazel is horrified to have her worst instincts proven right.

As theories about Evie's disappearance tear through the internet, inspiring hashtags, Reddit threads, podcast episodes, and scorn, Hazel throws herself into the darkest parts of her sister's world to untangle the threads of truth. After all, Hazel knows Evie better than anyone else . . . doesn't she?



**OLIVIA MUENTER** is a writer and cohost of *Bad on Paper*, a weekly podcast about books, life, and everything in between. Previously she was a senior fashion and beauty editor at Bustle.com. Olivia's work has appeared in *Refinery 29*, *HuffPost*, *Glamour.com*, *Philadelphia* magazine, *Byrdie*, *Apartment Therapy*, and more. This is her first novel.

**"A smart and intelligent thriller that is a not-to-be-missed page-turner. Buy multiples because this one has the making of a big best seller."**

—*Library Journal*, ★ starred review

**"Packed with trenchant critiques of internet celebrity and topped off by a satisfyingly nasty finale, this leaves readers wanting more from Muentert."**

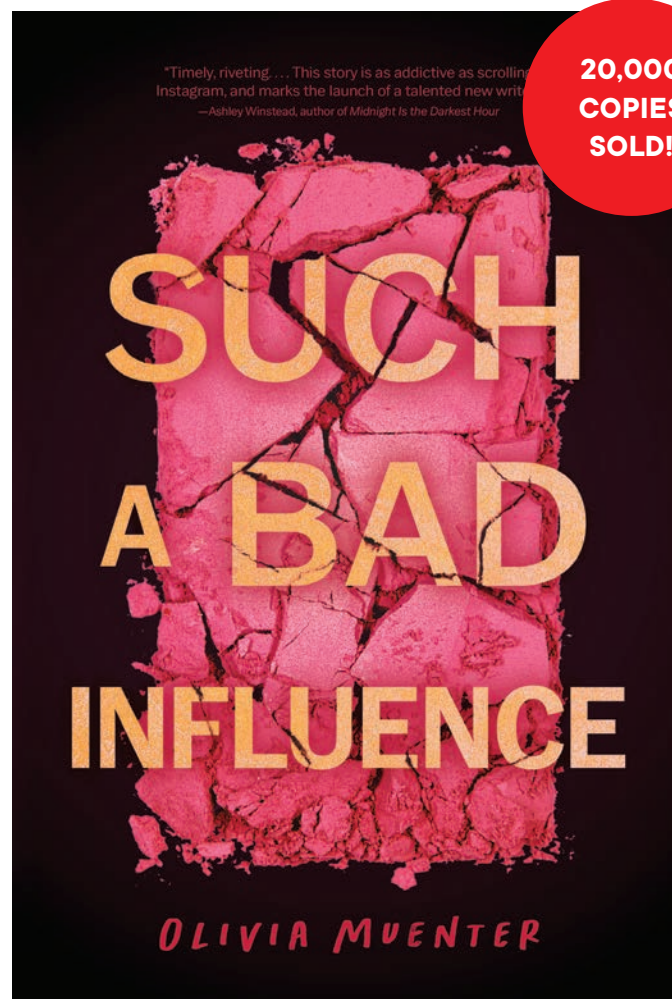
—*Publishers Weekly*, ★ starred review

**"Clever, cutting, and utterly unputdownable, Muentert's ice pick-sharp tale is a thoroughly modern page-turner."**

—Apple Books

**"This unsettling plot is delivered with a sense of humor and is filled with twists and turns that are sure to inspire a buzz within the thriller community."**

—Jayme Oldham, *Booklist*



For fans of Ashley Winstead, Jessica Knoll, and Jo Piazza, an electric debut thriller about what happens when one of the first child stars of the social media age grows up . . . and goes missing.

### Subject:

Fiction - Thrillers - Psychological  
Fiction - Mystery & Detective - Amateur Sleuth  
Fiction - Thrillers - Suspense

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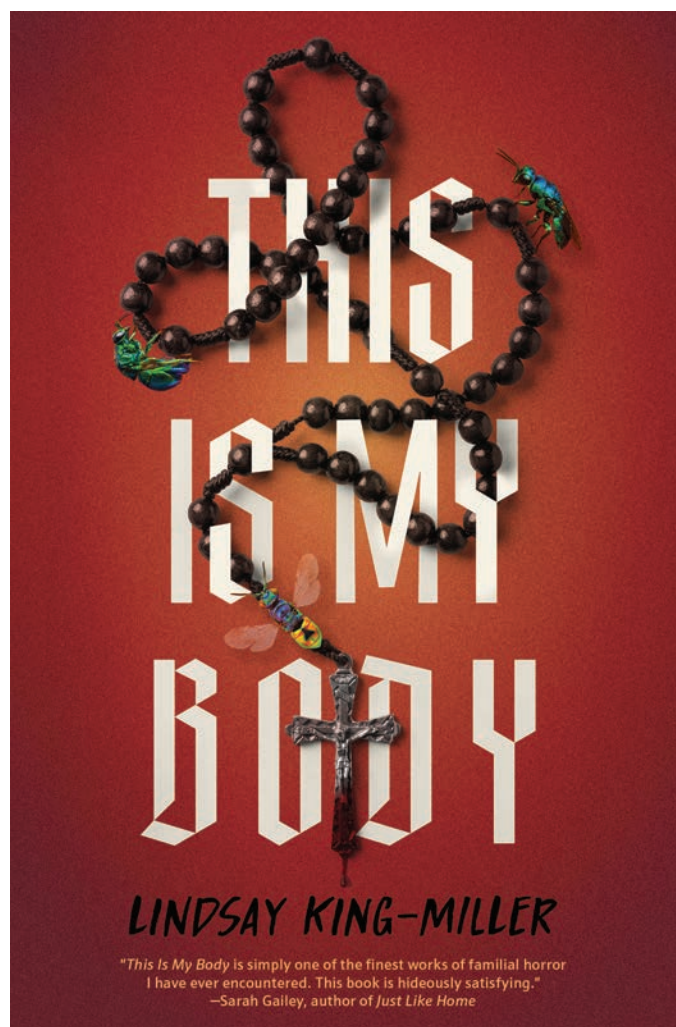
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Film/TV: Available from Quirk

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A dark and dazzling horror novel about family trauma and exorcising your demons, for fans of Rachel Harrison and Catriona Ward.

## THIS IS MY BODY

By Lindsay King-Miller

**Brigid thought she'd escaped her strict religious upbringing—but the demons aren't done with her yet.**

Single mom Brigid always thought that cutting ties with her extremist Catholic family was the best thing she could have done for her daughter Dylan—and for herself. But when Dylan starts having terrifying fits of unnatural violence, Brigid can't shake her memories of a girl from her childhood who behaved the same way . . . until Brigid's uncle, Father Angus, performed an exorcism.

Convinced in spite of herself that her daughter is suffering from demonic possession, Brigid does the thing she told herself she'd never do: she goes home. Father Angus is the worst person she knows, but he may also be the only person who can help her daughter.

But as Brigid starts to uncover secrets about Father Angus, that long-ago exorcism, and her family's past, she realizes that she and Dylan have never been in more danger.

Gripping, emotional, and darkly funny, *This Is My Body* is a piercing journey into religious trauma and childhood shame, building towards a heart-pounding twisty climax that will spin your head all the way around.



**LINDSAY KING-MILLER** is the author of *The Z Word* and *Ask A Queer Chick: A Guide to Sex, Love, and Life for Girls Who Dig Girls*. Her writing has appeared in *Glamour*, *Bitch*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Vice*, and numerous other publications. She lives in Denver with her partner, their two children, and two very spoiled cats.

**"*This Is My Body* is simply one of the finest works of familial horror I have ever encountered. This book is hideously satisfying."**

—Sarah Gailey, author of *Just Like Home*

**"A brutal, brilliant story of motherhood, memory, and religion, deviously simple and terribly clever. King-Miller has become one of my must-read authors."**

—Gretchen Felker-Martin, author of *Cuckoo*

**"A cathartic tangle of love, rage, and religious trauma. . . . King-Miller explores the fraught dynamics of mothers and daughters, bodily autonomy, and generational curses in an inventive possession tale unlike any you've read."**

—Hailey Piper, Bram Stoker Award-winning author of *Queen of Teeth*

### Subject:

Fiction - Horror  
Fiction - Occult & Supernatural  
Fiction - Thrillers - Psychological

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**Sample Manuscript Available:** Available Now

## THE UNMOTHERS

A Novel

By Leslie J. Anderson

Marshall is still trying to put the pieces together after the death of her husband. After she is involved in a terrible accident, her editor sends her to the small, backwards town of Raeford to investigate a clearly ridiculous rumor: that a horse has given birth to a healthy, *human* baby boy.

When Marshall arrives in Raeford, she finds an insular town that is kinder to the horses they are famous for breeding than to their own people. But when two horribly mangled bodies are discovered in a field—one a horse, one a human—she realizes that there might be a real story here.

As she's pulled deeper into the town and its guarded people, her sense of reality is tipped on its head. Is she losing her grip? Or is this impossible story the key to a dark secret that has haunted the women of Raeford for generations?

Unbearably tense and utterly gripping, this atmospheric tale of female rage, bodily autonomy, and generational trauma hails the arrival of a masterful storyteller.

In this raw and lyrical folk horror novel, a journalist sent to a small town begins to unravel a dark secret that the women of the town have been keeping for generations.



**LESLIE J. ANDERSON** has spent much of her life riding, training, and caring for horses. Her collection of poetry, *An Inheritance of Stone*, was nominated for an Elgin award. She has a Creative Writing MA from Ohio University and lives in Ohio with her family. This is her debut novel.

**"The Unmothers is an impressive debut, an intricate and unsettling narrative about desperation that is full of stellar writing."**

—New York Times Book Review

**"[The Unmothers] is a triumph of folk horror that will gratify lovers of *Midsommar* and *The Handmaid's Tale*."**

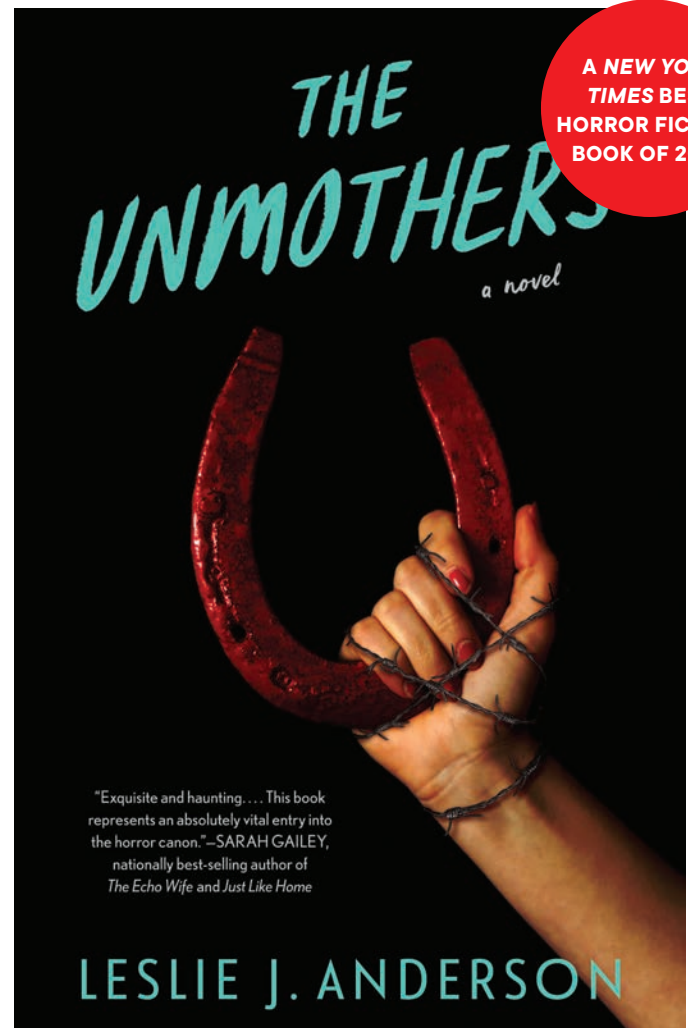
—Jennifer Embree, *Library Journal*, starred review

**"Debut author Anderson crafts a truly unsettling gothic horror story. Horror fans will be rattled."**

—Publishers Weekly

**"A gripping, grounded yarn about the forgotten corners of the country, the pains of pregnancy and motherhood, and, yes, the raw, majestic beauty of horses."**

—Boing Boing



In this raw and lyrical folk horror novel, a journalist sent to a small town begins to unravel a dark secret that the women of the town have been keeping for generations.

### Subject:

Fiction - Horror  
Fiction - Thrillers - Supernatural  
Fiction - Feminist

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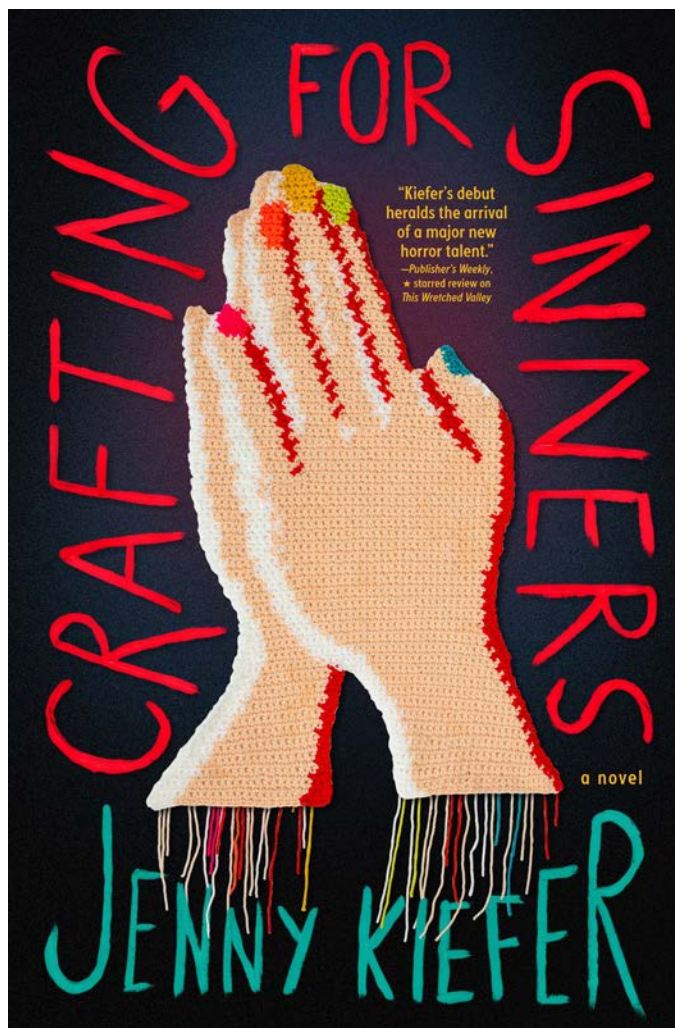
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Film/TV: Retained by author (PS Literary)

**Publication Date:** August 2024





A queer woman must fight her way out of a big-box craft store run by a diabolical religious cult in this gripping survival horror novel by Jenny Kiefer, author of *This Wretched Valley*

## CRAFTING FOR SINNERS

By Jenny Kiefer

The ratcheting tension and gut-churning terror will appeal to fans of *The Cabin at the End of the World* by Paul Tremblay and *The Ritual* by Adam Nevill

Ruth is trapped. She's stuck in her small, religious hometown of Kill Devil, Kentucky, stuck in the closet, and stuck living paycheck to paycheck. After her manager finds out that she lives with her girlfriend, Ruth is fired from her job as a cashier at New Creations—a craft store owned by the church that dominates life in the town.

In an act of revenge, Ruth attempts to shoplift some yarn but is caught red-handed by a New Creations cashier. Instead of calling the police, the employees lock her in the store—and attack her. When Ruth is forced to stab out one of their eyes with a knitting needle, she realizes she's facing far bigger trouble than a simple shoplifting charge. As Ruth fights for her life, she plunges deeper into the tangled web of the New Creationists, who are hiding a terrible secret that threatens not only her, but the entire town.

This relentless horror novel will have you on the edge of your seat as it hurtles towards a breathtaking conclusion. Will Ruth escape? Or will the shocking secret at the heart of the cult die with her?



**JENNY KIEFER** is a Kentucky native and an avid rock climber. Together with her mother, she is the owner and manager of Butcher Cabin Books, an all-horror bookstore in Louisville, Kentucky. She is also the author of *This Wretched Valley*.

### Subject:

Fiction - Horror  
Fiction - LGBTQ+  
Fiction - Occult & Supernatural

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**Sample Manuscript Available:** Available Now





## THE Z WORD

By Lindsay King-Miller

*The Z Word* is a propulsive, funny, emotional horror debut about a found family coming together to fight corporate greed, political corruption, gay drama . . . and zombies.

One of *Booklist's* Top 10 Sci-Fi/Fantasy and Horror Debuts of 2024

"This cinematic romp has something for nearly every reader; humor, gore, heat, action, and mystery all swirl in the San Lazaro desert."

—*Booklist* ★ starred review

"Sexy, thoughtful, and fast-paced . . . King-Miller's fiction debut expertly balances social commentary with fun in a novel that will have readers cheering for her queer heroes and questioning their own brand loyalties."

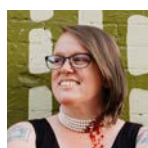
—*Library Journal*

"With an endearingly messy protagonist and wonderfully complicated relationship dynamics among the entirely queer cast, King-Miller skillfully explores real issues facing the LGBTQ+ community while cleverly pairing the beats of a romance novel with the visceral gut punches of survival horror."

—*Publishers Weekly*

"Sexy, scathing, delightful, and intimately devastating."

—Gretchen Felker-Martin, author of *Manhunt* and *Cuckoo*



**LINDSAY KING-MILLER** is the author of *The Z Word* and *Ask A Queer Chick: A Guide to Sex, Love, and Life for Girls Who Dig Girls*. Her writing has appeared in *Glamour*, *Bitch*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Vice*, and numerous other publications. She lives in Denver with her partner, their two children, and two very spoiled cats.



## THIS WRETCHED VALLEY

By Jenny Kiefer

Dylan's dream of climbing an untouched cliff in the Kentucky wilderness, documented alongside her boyfriend and two friends, was supposed to make her a rock-climbing legend. Seven months later, three mutilated bodies are found near the site, but Dylan is still missing, with no trace of her fate. As we unravel the gruesome mystery, we're faced with horrifying questions: murder, cannibalism, or something far darker lurking in the shadows?

"A hallucinatory nightmare of a novel that blends adventure, horror and historical fiction, and isn't shy about violence or strangeness."

—*New York Times*

"If you love wilderness horror, *This Wretched Valley* is a must-read."

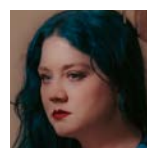
—Alma Katsu, author of *The Hunger* and *The Fervor*

"Kiefer's debut heralds the arrival of a major new horror talent. Through vivid descriptions of the creepy setting and thoughtful character portraits, Kiefer maintains a feeling of unease and nail-biting tension throughout. Devotees of daylight horror will be entranced."

—*Publishers Weekly*, ★ starred review

"A terrifying debut, rendered with the intensity and skill of Scott Smith's cult favorite *The Ruins* and touches of *The Hunger* by Alma Katsu and *Echo* by Thomas Olde Heuvelt. The novel announces Kiefer's intentions to boldly begin her climb to the top of the genre."

—*Library Journal*, ★ starred review



**JENNY KIEFER** is a Kentucky native and an avid rock climber. Together with her mother, she is the owner and manager of Butcher Cabin Books, an all-horror bookstore in Louisville, Kentucky. This is her debut novel.

### Subject:

Fiction - LGBTQ+ - General  
Fiction - Horror  
Fiction - Thrillers - Supernatural

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### Subject:

Fiction - Horror  
Fiction - Thrillers - Supernatural  
Fiction - Thrillers - Suspense

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5¼ x 8, 304 pages

1c paperback

Word Count: Approx. 70,000

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Czech to Euromedia, Russian to AST, World English Audio to Blackstone

LTD Net Sales: Almost 20,000

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## Wake Up And Open Your Eyes

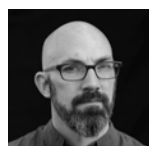
By Clay McLeod Chapman

Noah has been losing his polite Southern parents to far-right cable news for years, so when his mother leaves him a voicemail warning him that the “Great Reawakening” is here, he assumes it’s related to one of her many conspiracy theories. But when his phone calls go unanswered, Noah makes the drive from Brooklyn to Richmond, Virginia. There, he discovers his childhood home in shambles and his parents locked in a terrifying trancelike state in front of the TV. Panicked, Noah attempts to snap them out of it.

Then Noah’s mother brutally attacks him.

But Noah isn’t the only person to be attacked by a loved one. Families across the country are tearing each other apart—literally—as people succumb to a form of possession that gets worse the more time they spend glued to a screen. In Noah’s Richmond-based family, only he and his young nephew Marcus are unaffected. Together, they must race back to the safe haven of Brooklyn—but can they make it before they fall prey to the violent hordes?

This ambitious, searing novel from one of horror’s modern masters holds a mirror to our divided nation, and will shake readers to the core.



**CLAY MCLEOD CHAPMAN** writes novels, comic books, and children’s books, as well as for film and TV. He is the author of the horror novels *The Remaking*, *Whisper Down the Lane*, *Ghost Eaters*, and *What Kind of Mother*. He also co-wrote *Quiet Part Loud*, a horror

podcast produced by Jordan Peele’s Monkeypaw for Spotify. Visit him at [claymcleodchapman.com](http://claymcleodchapman.com).

**“Readers may think they know where the book is heading, but Chapman offers more surprises as he ventures further into the apocalypse. There is some of Chapman’s signature humor present, but this work is his most terrifying yet.”**

—Lila Denning, *Library Journal* ★ starred review

**“Chapman spins established possession and zombie tropes into an original tale that will hijack readers’ nervous systems. . . .**

**A compelling, cinematic, visceral, and disturbing tale”**

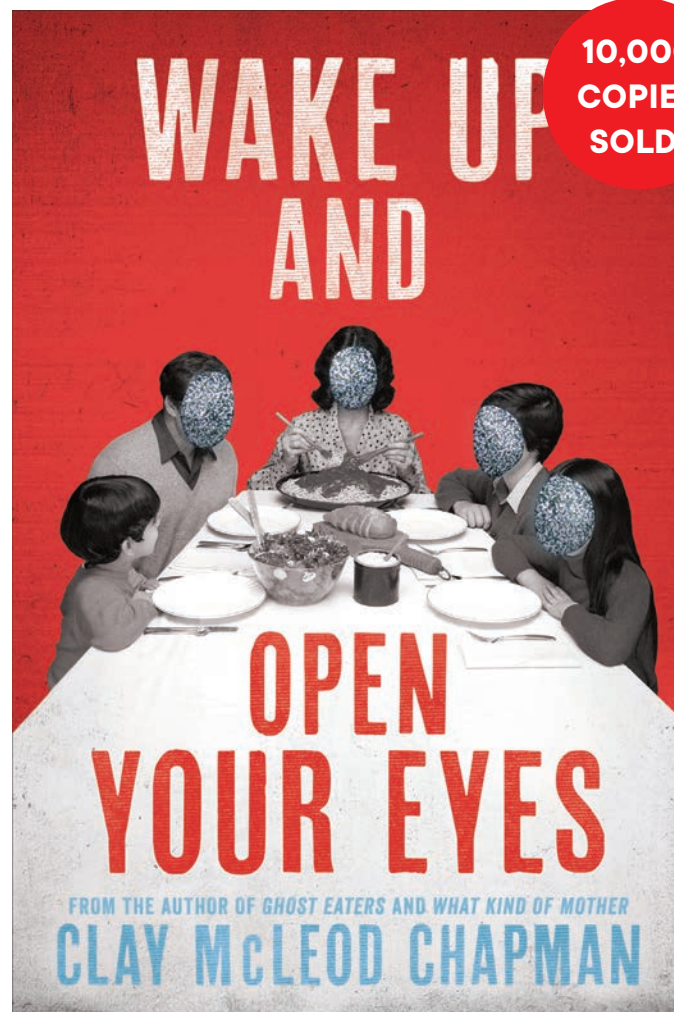
—*Booklist* ★ starred review

**“The Purge ain’t got nothin’ on this.”**

—Stephen Graham Jones, *New York Times* best-selling author of *The Only Good Indians*

**“If talking politics with family has become a horror show, this book’s for you.”**

—*New York Times Book Review*



**From master of horror Clay McLeod Chapman, a relentless social horror novel about a family on the run from a demonic possession epidemic that spreads through media**

**Subject:**

Fiction - Horror  
Fiction - Occult & Supernatural; Fiction - Thrillers - Psychological

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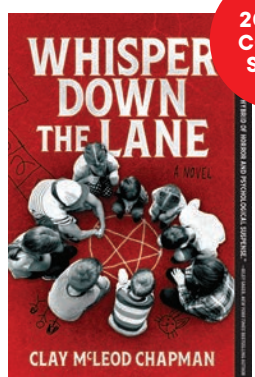
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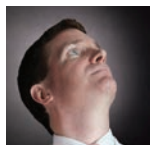
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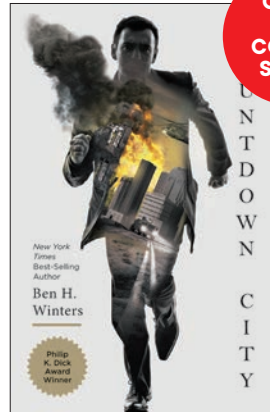
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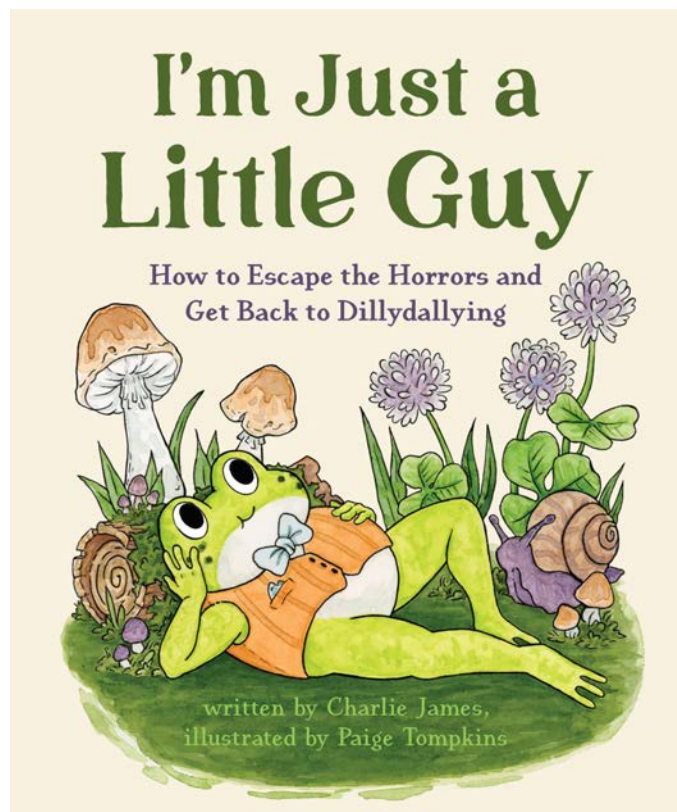
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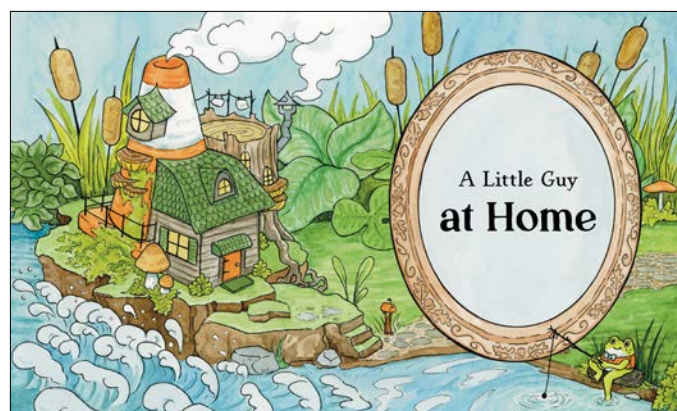
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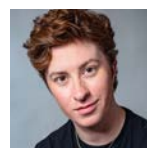
How to Escape the Horrors and Get Back to Dillydallying

By Charlie James, illustrated by Paige Tompkins

Meet Paul Bog. He's just a little guy. He likes to frolic through the meadow, collect trinkets, and sunbathe in the nude. You should be more like Paul. Within these pages, Paul Bog walks you through a day in his life and shares advice on how to navigate modern existence, including:

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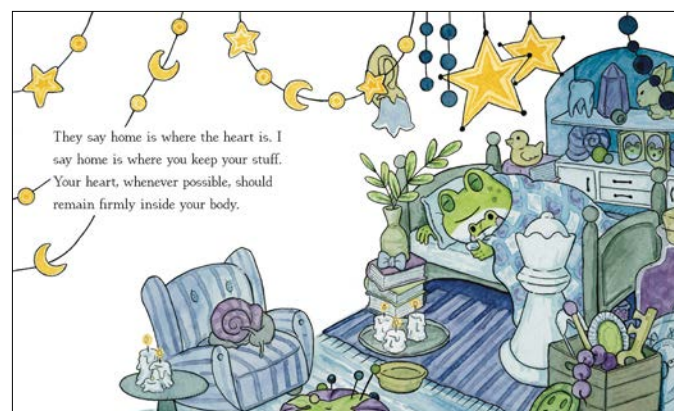
This hilarious and charming guide, fully illustrated in ink and watercolor, will inspire anyone who wants to slow down and muck around.



**CHARLIE JAMES** is a comedian and writer living in Los Angeles. He's made videos for Funny Or Die and written humor pieces for *Slackjaw* and *Points in Case*. His viral "Little Frog" skits on TikTok have garnered tens of millions of views and likes.



**PAIGE TOMPKINS** is an illustrator and frog enthusiast from the Pacific Northwest. She specializes in creating fantastical worlds through watercolor and ink, but is actively learning new mediums to bring her creations to life.



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## LEAVING THE OCEAN WAS A MISTAKE

Life Lessons from Sixty Sea Creatures

By Cara Giaimo

If you sometimes wish to simply sink back into the depths of the ocean, great news—the strange little guys who still live down there will receive you with open arms (and fins, claws, and tentacles). But if you're not quite ready to take to the sea, they've also got some solid advice for those cursed to live on solid ground.

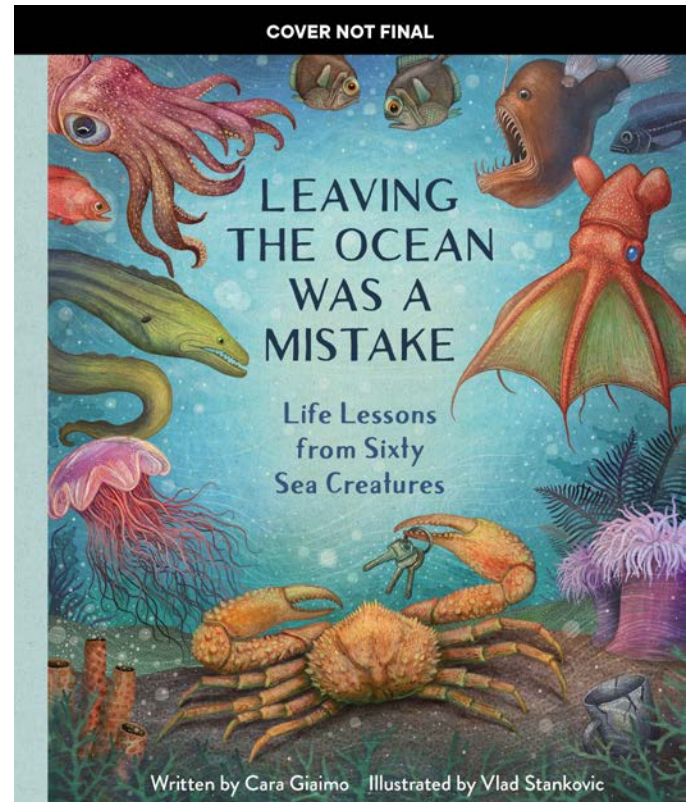
In *Leaving the Ocean Was a Mistake*, sixty bizarre and beautiful marine creatures offer their best tips for self-confidence, serenity, and fulfillment—drawn from real-life facts about our fascinating natural world. Get to know these friendly denizens of the deep:

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- The gloomy octopus, who asserts its boundaries—by throwing dirt at anyone who bothers it
- The fire-breathing shrimp, which gets its feelings out—by vomiting bioluminescent goo
- The deep-sea anglerfish, which expresses love—by fusing with its mate
- And more wonderfully wacky undersea weirdos who really know how to live!

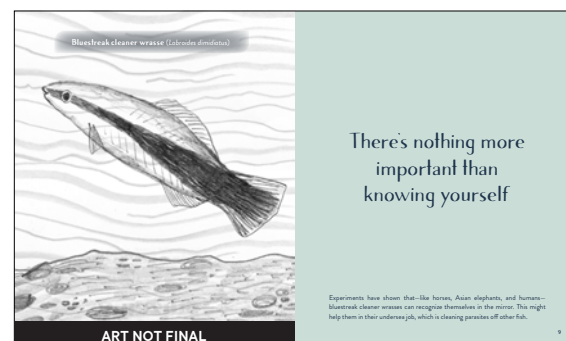
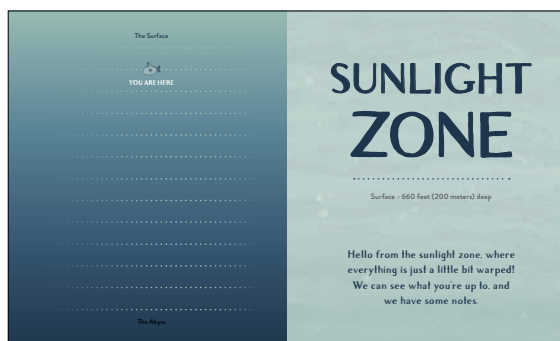
Beautifully illustrated with charming watercolor portraits of the ocean's most eccentric creatures, *Leaving the Ocean Was a Mistake* may make you long to return to the sea—but it will also help you bring a free-wheeling, relaxed, self-actualized ocean spirit to even the driest life.

**CARA GIAIMO** is a science journalist who loves writing about our fellow species. You can find her work in the *New York Times*, *Atlas Obscura*, *The Plant*, and elsewhere. Cara lives in Somerville, MA, above sea level.

**VLAD STANKOVIC** is an illustrator and graphic designer based in Sydney, Australia. His inspiration comes from science and nature on one hand, and fantasy, fairy tales, and all sorts of mysteries on the other. Created with both digital and traditional media, his illustrations can be seen published in picture books, greeting cards, and other stationery products worldwide.



Have you ever just wanted to walk into the sea? Earth's weirdest creatures are ready to welcome you with this funny, giftable book of advice for improving your life on land.

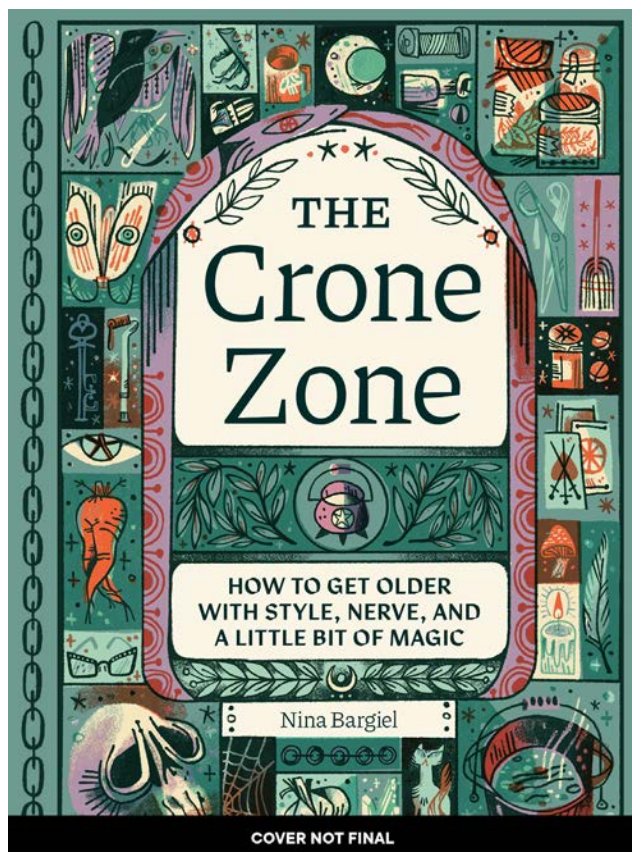


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It's time to embrace your inner crone! Tap into the wisdom of age and learn how to take up space, do as you please, shake off expectations, and live life on your own terms.



## THE CRONE ZONE

How to Get Older with Style, Nerve, and a Little Bit of Magic  
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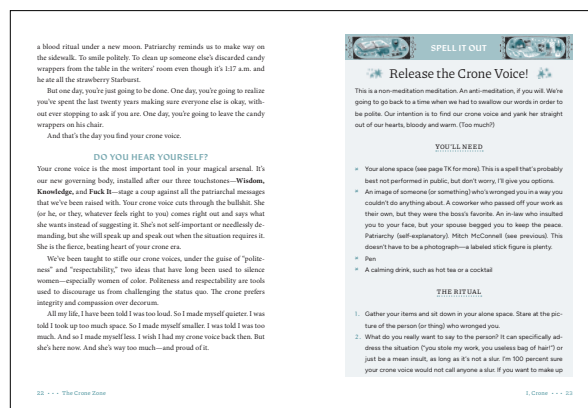
Once you hit a certain age, it kind of feels like society expects you to move to a spooky cottage in the woods, grow warts, and intimidate children. But you know what? That sounds great! If you've been looking for permission and encouragement to stop clinging to youth and propriety, *The Crone Zone* is here to help you step into your full bog witch power.

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**NINA BARGIEL** has spent most of her career writing for kids, even though she neither has one nor is one. She's best known for penning the bra episode of *Lizzie McGuire*, but has also written for *The Grim Adventures of Billy and Mandy*, *Mao Mao: Adventures of Pure Heart*, and whatever else her IMDB says. She owns a formerly feral tuxedo cat named Ron Swanson and drives a pink Mini Cooper which once made Angelyne jealous.



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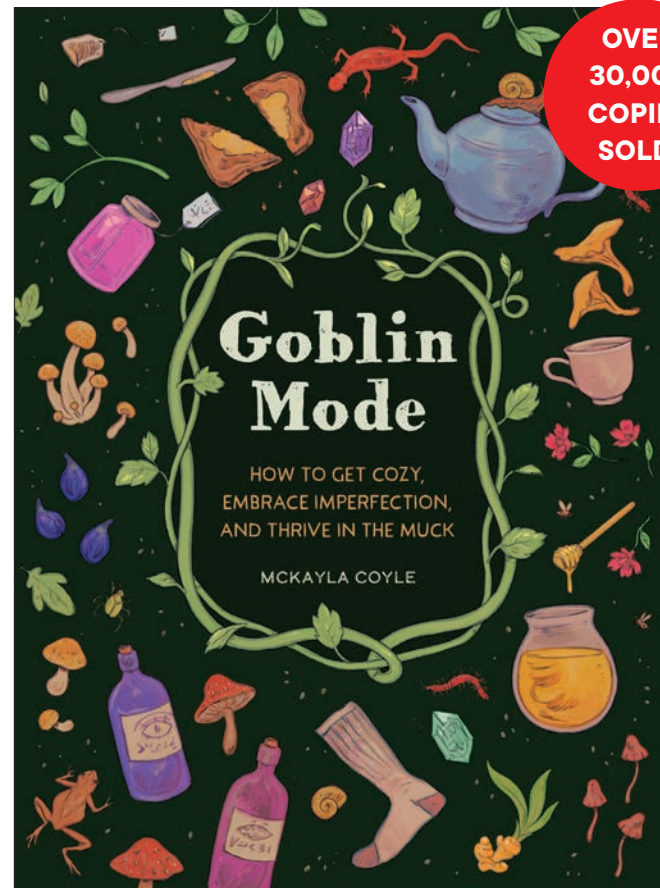
**Do you ever feel strange, gross, chaotic, underappreciated, or like you don't quite fit in? Great news: you might be a goblin! That means your imperfections and idiosyncrasies are the most awesome things about you, and you can build a more harmonious life by accepting and honoring them—taking inspiration from the frogs, fungi, moss, rocks, and dirt that goblins love.**

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**MCKAYLA COYLE** (they/them) is a lesbian writer from Anchorage, Alaska. They're the engagement editor for Literary Hub, and they hold an MFA in fiction from the New School. In their free time they read fantasy novels and make a lot of jam.



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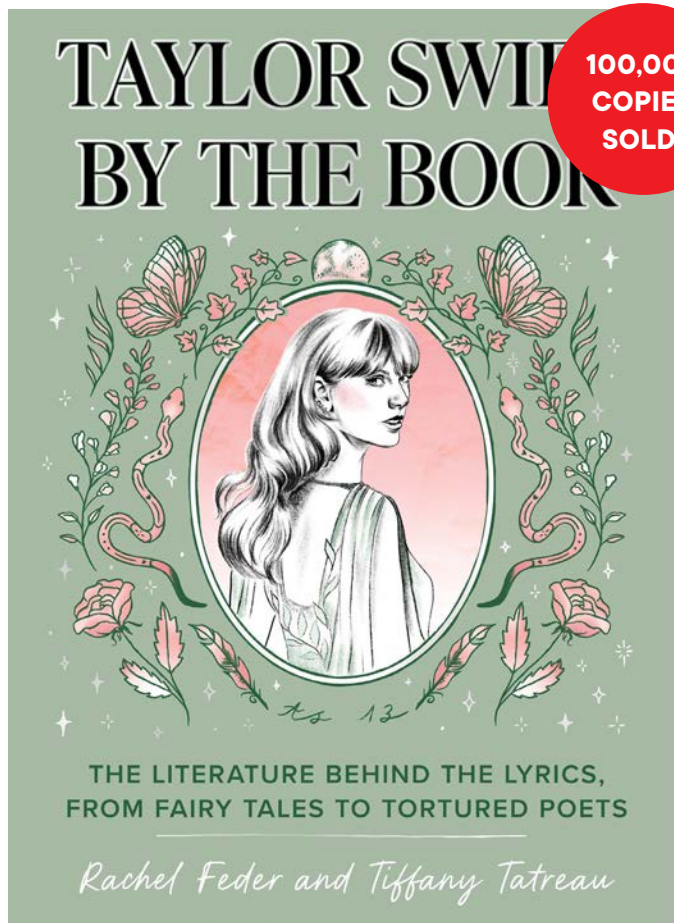


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## TAYLOR SWIFT BY THE BOOK

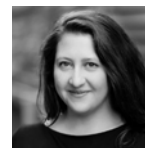
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**RACHEL FEDER** holds a Ph.D. in English from the University of Michigan and is an associate professor of English and literary arts at the University of Denver. She is the author of *The Darcy Myth: Jane Austen, Literary Heartthrobs, and the Monsters They Taught Us to Love*; *Harvester of Hearts: Motherhood Under the Sign of Frankenstein*; and *Birth Chart*, a poetry collection.

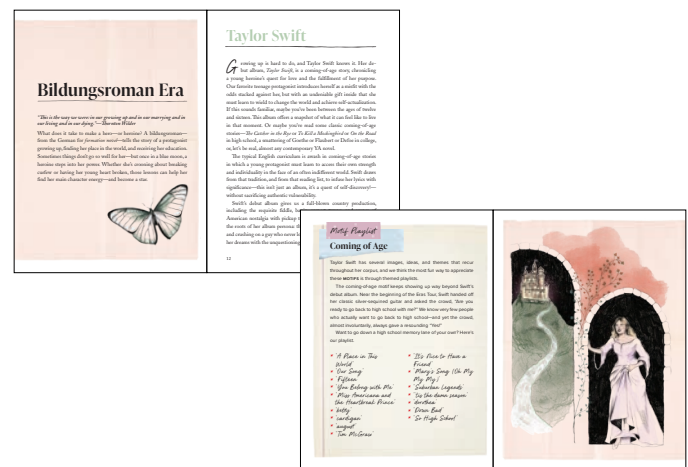


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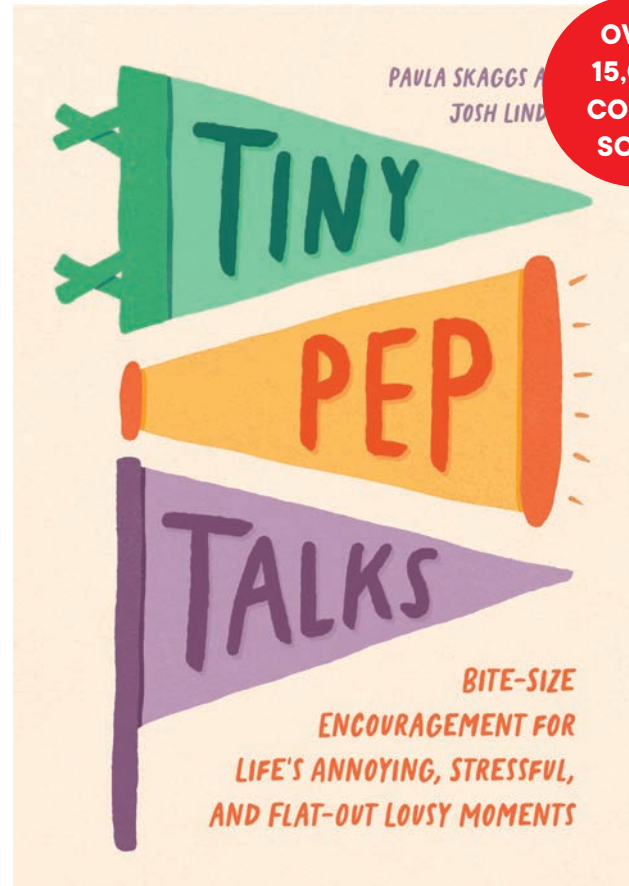
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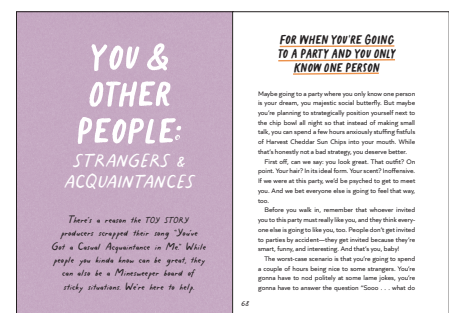
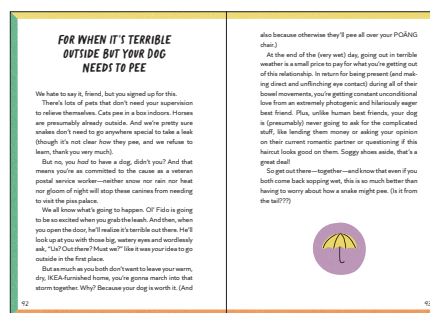
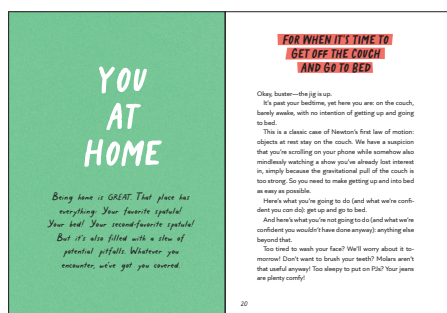
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**PAULA SKAGGS and JOSH LINDEN** are Chicago-based writers, comedians, cocreators of the game *No Wrong Answers: Cards for Better Conversations*, and cohosts of *Being Earnest (A Very Sincere Podcast)*.



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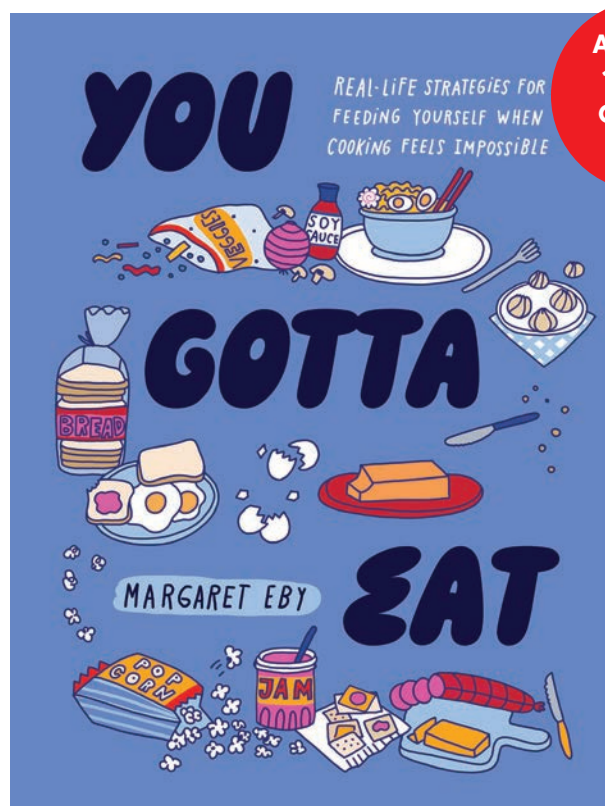
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## You Gotta Eat

Real-Life Strategies for Feeding Yourself When Cooking Feels Impossible  
By Margaret Eby

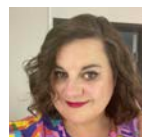
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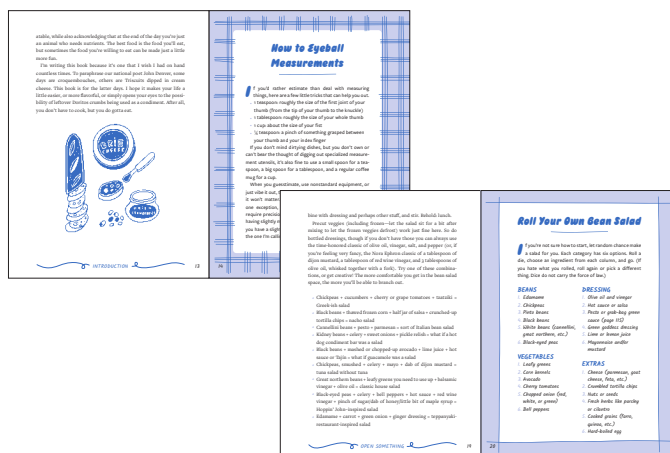
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**MARGARET EBY** is the deputy food editor for the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. She has written for the *New York Review of Books*, *Rolling Stone*, *Vanity Fair*, *Bon Appétit*, the *New Yorker*, the *New York Times*, and the *Los Angeles Times*, among other publications.



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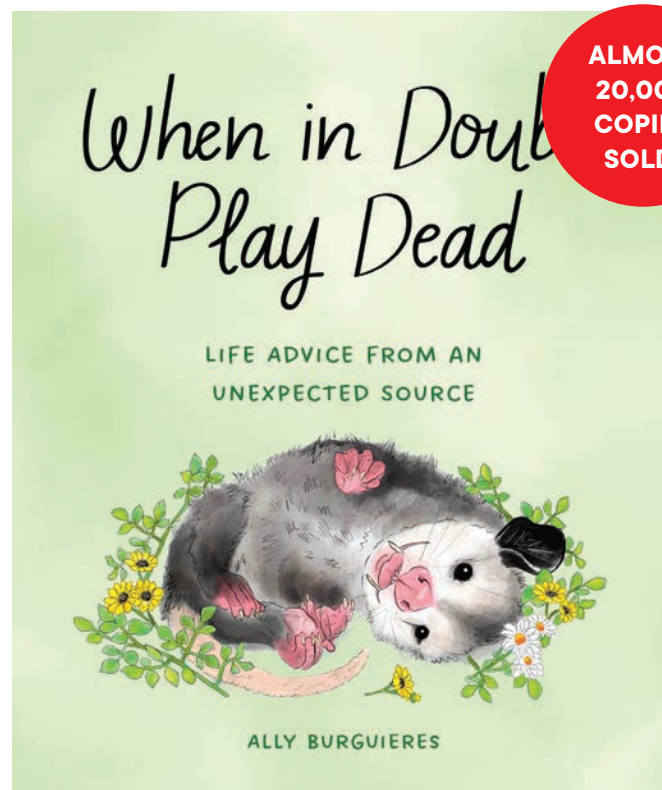
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- A bit of risk is part of life. Cross that street, but ALWAYS look both ways beforehand.
- Smile! Unless someone tells you to, in which case you are well within your rights to scream.
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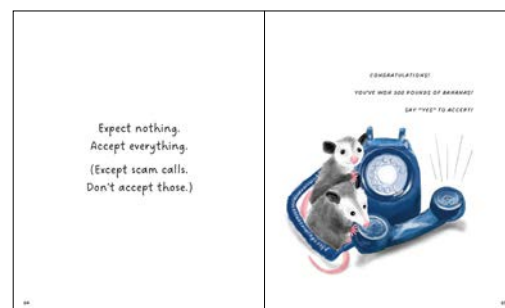
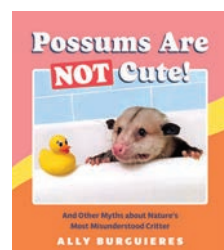
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**ALLY BURGUIERES** is a wildlife rehabber and the creator of the viral Sesame the Opossum website and social media accounts, home of the internet's most beloved opossums. In addition to wrangling opossums, she owns Cocoally (an animal-themed boutique) and Gallery Burguières (a gallery of her artwork) in New Orleans. She is also the author of *Possums Are Not Cute!* (and *Other Myths*).



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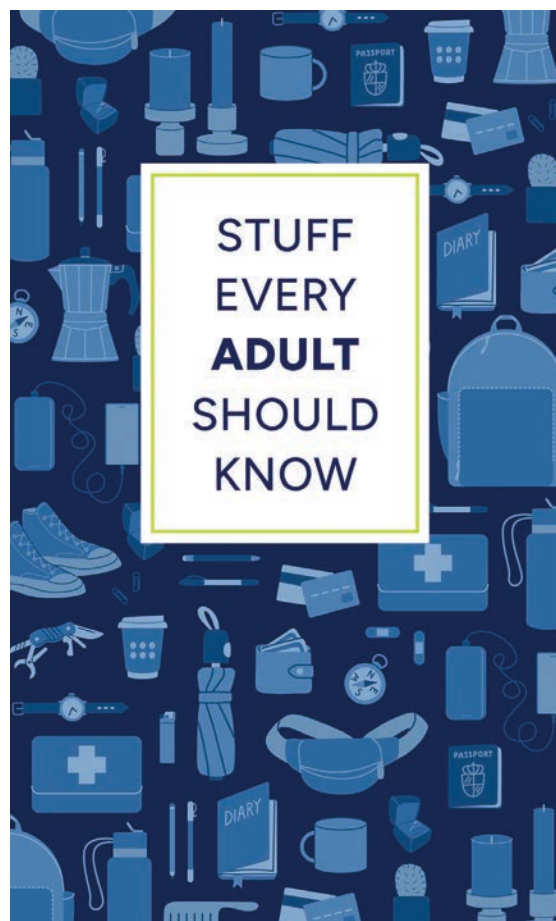


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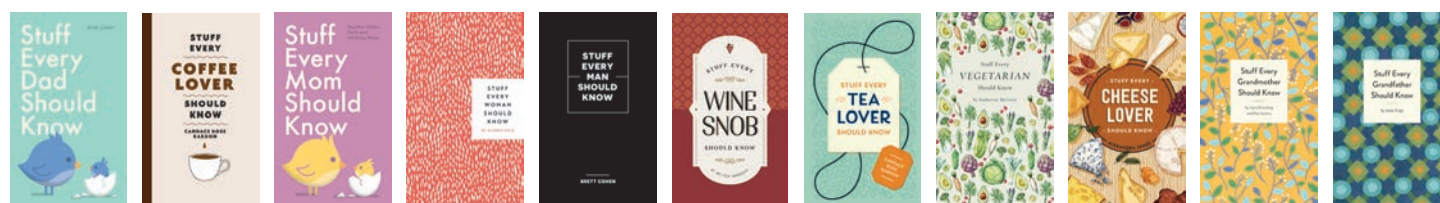
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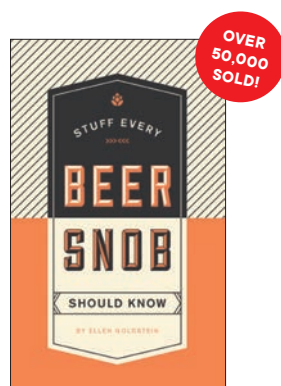
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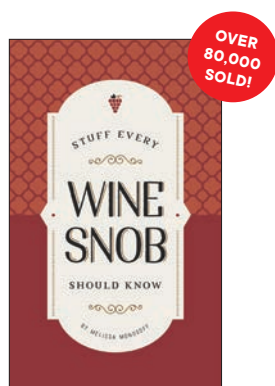
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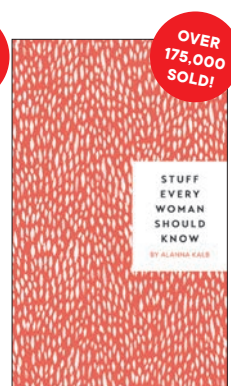
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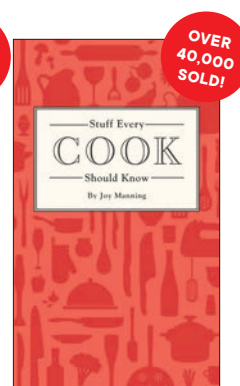
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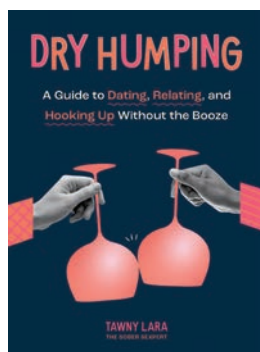
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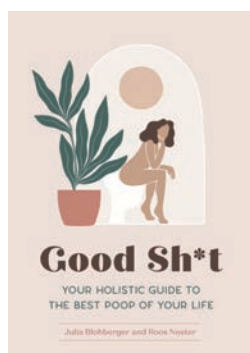
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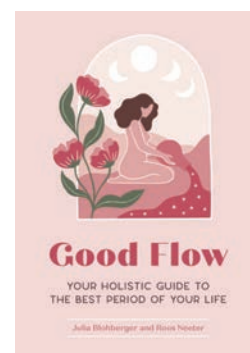
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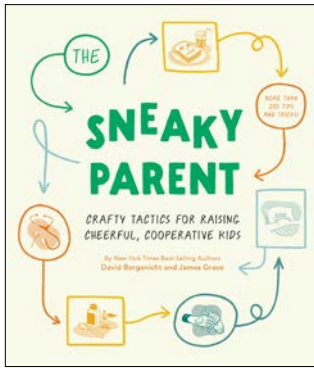
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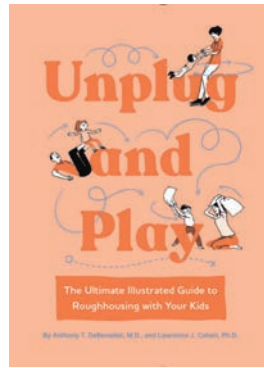
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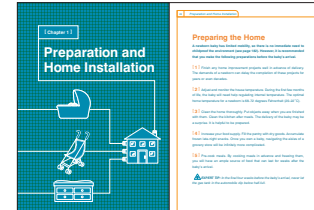
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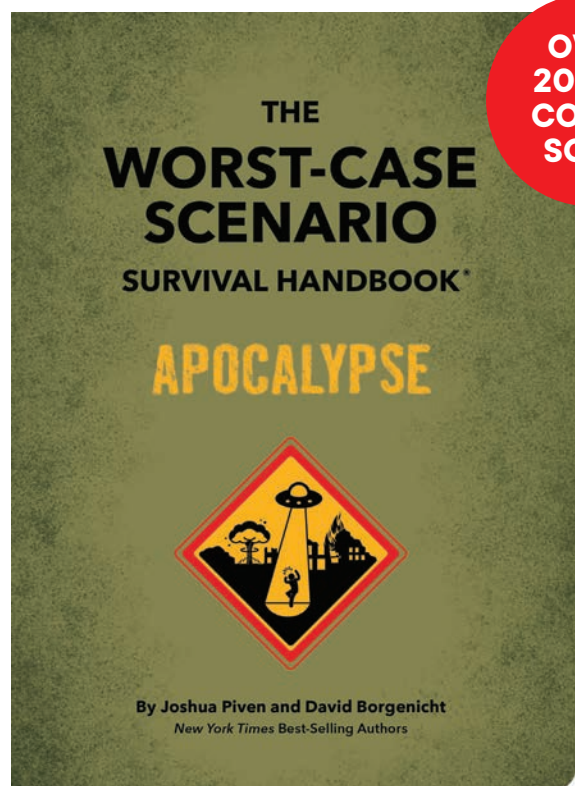
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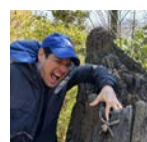
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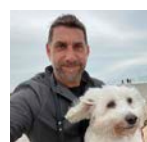
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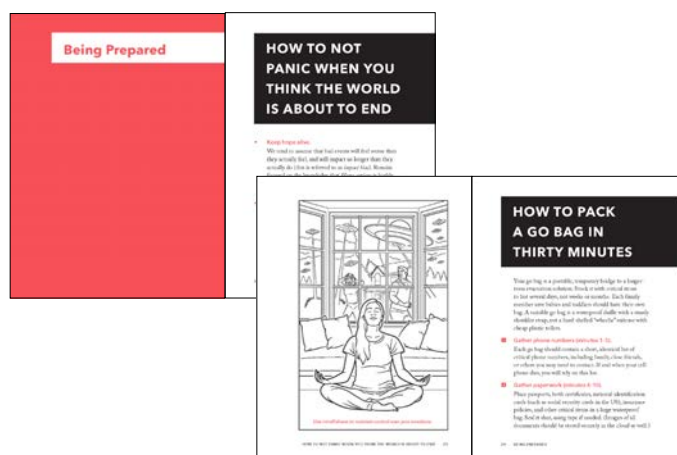
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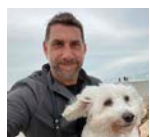
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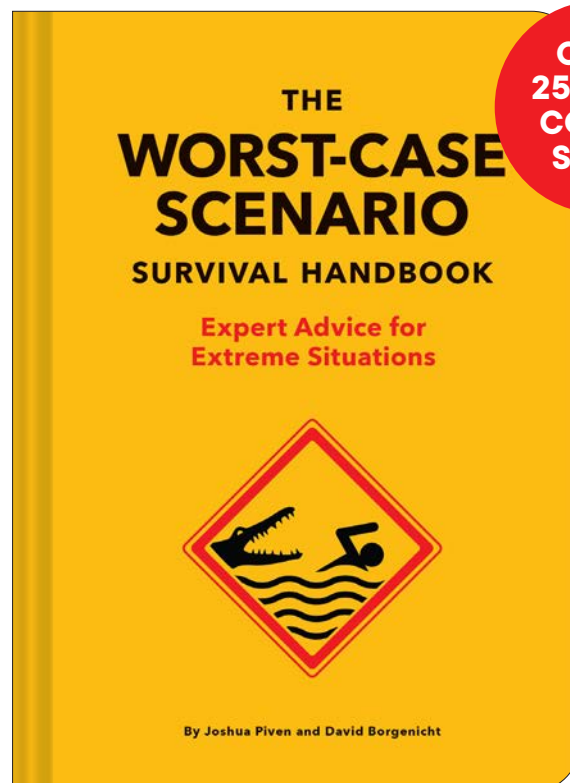
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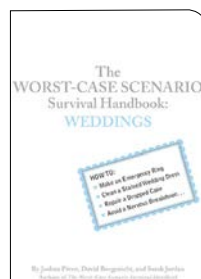
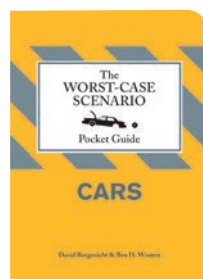
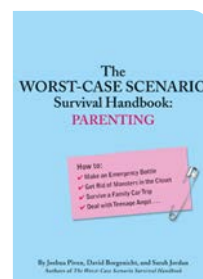
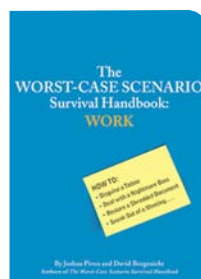
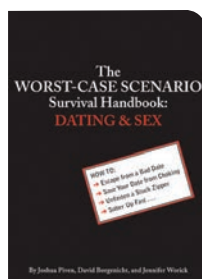
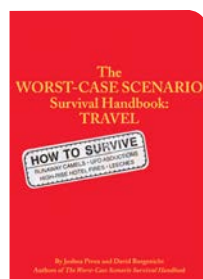
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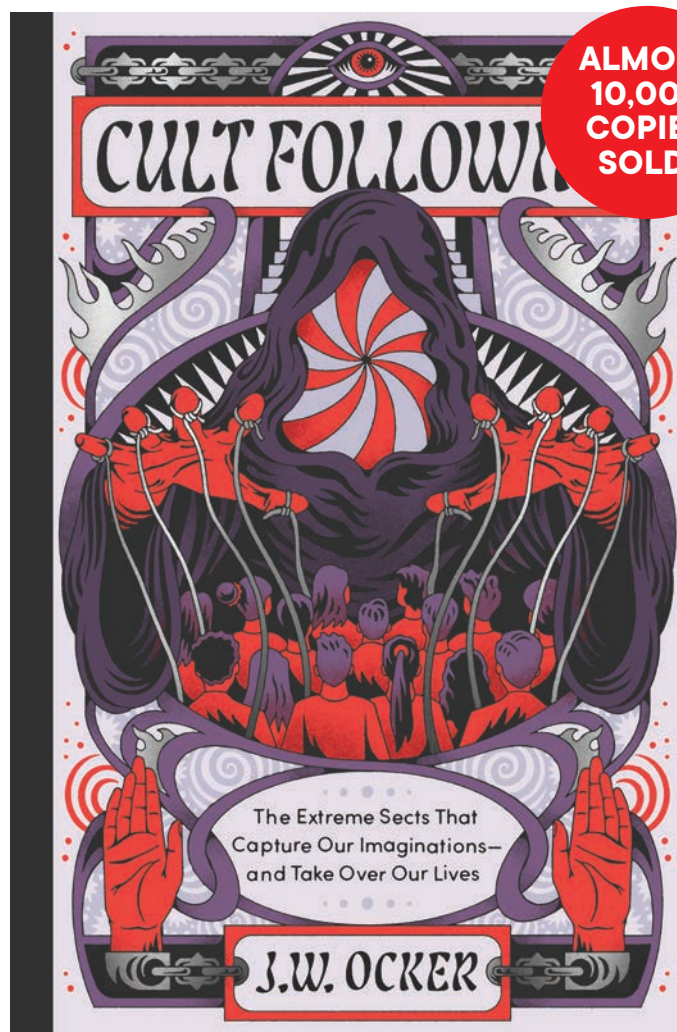
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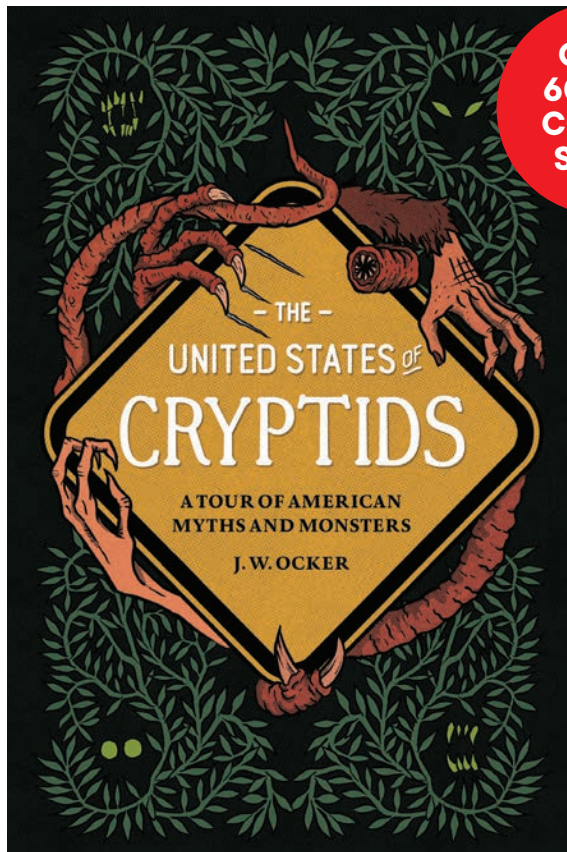


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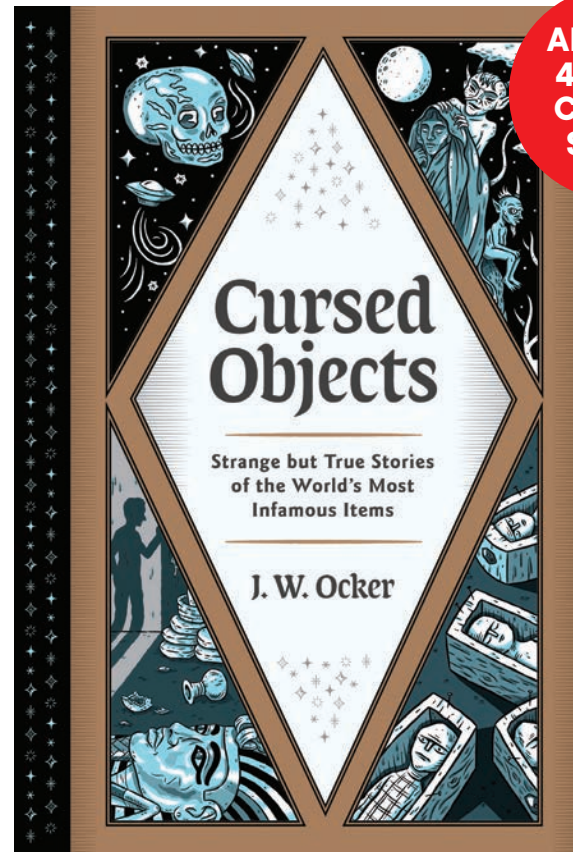
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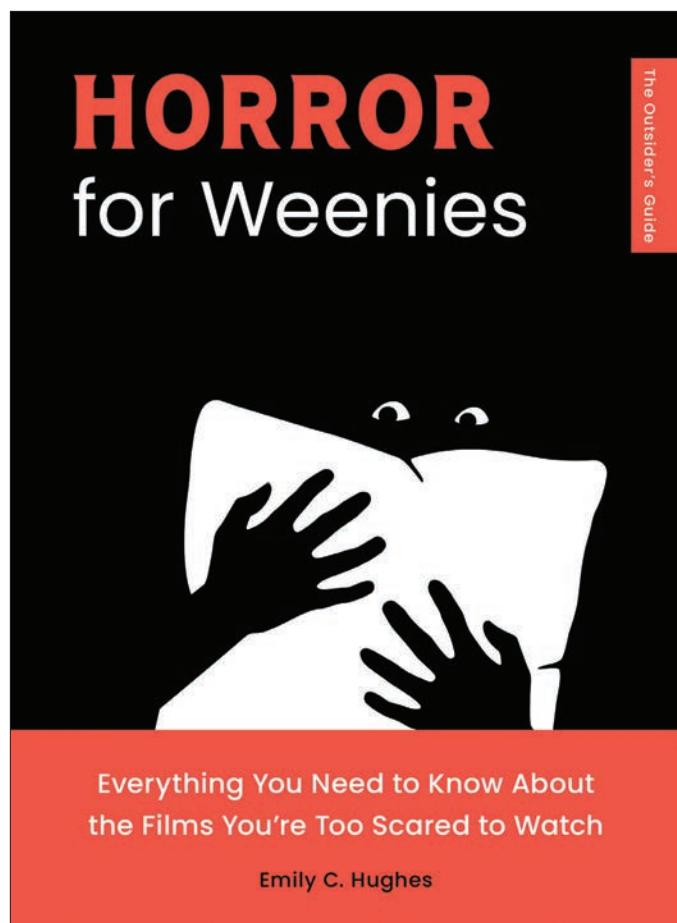
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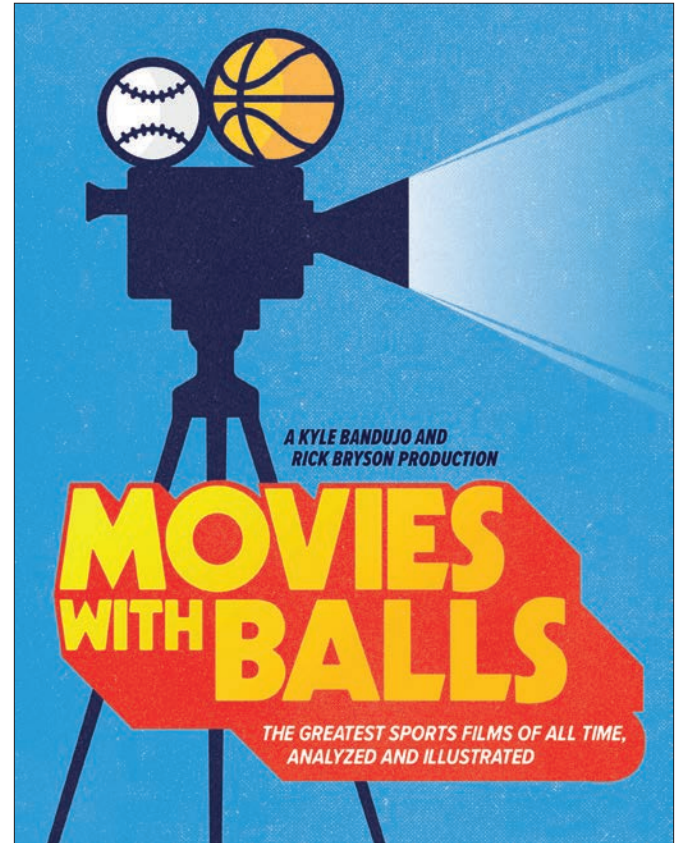
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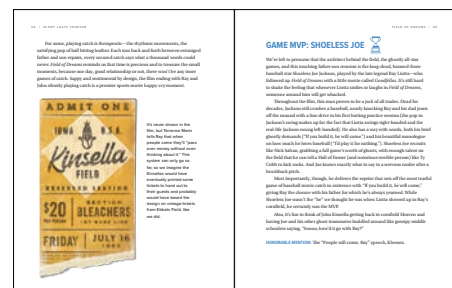
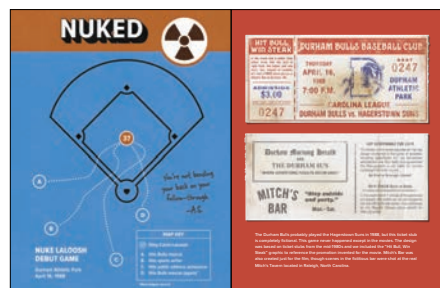
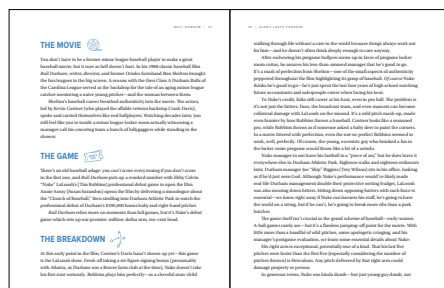
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