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*Better Luck Next Time* Kate Hilton 2020-11-24 A generational family comedy for fans of *Eligible*, *This Is Where I Leave You*, *Heartburn* and television's *This Is Us* It isn't easy being related to a feminist icon, especially when she's celebrating the greatest moment of her storied career. Just ask the daughters of Lydia Hennessey, who could have it all if only they'd stop self-destructing. Mariana, the eldest, is on the verge of throwing away a distinguished reputation in journalism, along with her marriage. Nina, the middle daughter, has returned from a medical mission overseas as a changed woman but won't discuss it with anyone. And Beata, the youngest, has a hostile teenaged son who just discovered the existence of a father who didn't know about him either. Meanwhile, their cousin Zoe is making divorce look like a death match, while her brother, Zack, is grappling with the fallout from his popular television dramedy, which is based far too closely on Lydia herself. It might be easier to find their paths if they could step out of Lydia's shadow—but the biggest women's march in history is underway, and Lydia and her family are at the centre of it. Over the course of an eventful year, the Hennessey children contend with the big struggles of midlife: aging parents, raging teens, crumbling marriages and bodies, new loves and the choice between playing it safe or taking life-altering risks. And as they inch toward a new definition of happiness, they might even persuade their parents—and themselves—that they're all grown up.

**Operation Angus** Terry Fallis 2021-08-31 From bestselling author Terry Fallis comes the long-awaited follow-up to *The Best Laid Plans* and *The High Road*--a comic spy story that heralds the return of Angus McLintock. Angus McLintock, accidental Member of Parliament, has won re-election and is now the Minister of State for International Relations--or, in other words, he's the junior global affairs minister. In this new post, he and his trusty Chief of Staff, Daniel Addison, are in London to meet with their international counterparts to discuss the upcoming G8 Summit in Washington. Unfortunately, Angus is not in charge of Canada's involvement in the summit--that task falls to the actual Global Affairs Minister, not the junior one. What Angus is responsible for is

planning a brief post-summit meeting in Ottawa between the Prime Minister and the President of Russia, the former head of the KGB. The London meetings are all going to plan until Daniel receives a cryptic, late-night text, from a burner phone, directing him to a pub around the corner from their hotel. There is important information he needs to know, the mysterious texter says--but he must keep the meeting a secret, and must come alone. Naturally, he immediately tells Angus, who of course tags along to the pub--just as reinforcement. The soon-to-be-retired MI6 agent who is waiting for Daniel is not pleased, but there are more pressing matters at hand: Chechen separatists are plotting to assassinate the Russian President--and it's going to happen when he's in Ottawa to meet with the Prime Minister, just weeks away. Angus and Daniel have to put a stop to it before it's too late. Naturally, no one in Ottawa will take them, or their top-secret intelligence, seriously, so they're on their own. In an instant, they are thrown into a race against the clock to uncover the Chechen sleeper cell, thwart their plans, and ultimately save the Russian President. Along the way, in classic Angus and Daniel style, they have to dodge bitter rivals, enraged protestors, and even a runaway Cessna. This is a madcap cloak-and-dagger adventure with humour and heart that will delight and entertain readers until the very last page.

**Bootleg Stardust** Glenn Dixon 2021-04-06 Daisy Jones & the Six meets Nick Hornby in this uplit debut novel about a young musician who auditions for a band and is suddenly catapulted into the wild world of rock and roll stardom, where nothing is quite what it seems. Sometimes you have to hit rock bottom on your way to the top. It's 1974. The music world is rocking with bellbottoms, platform shoes, and lots and lots of drugs. This year's sensation is an American band called Downtown Exit and their latest album has just gone gold. For high school dropout Levi Jaxon, things aren't so great. After bouncing around foster homes for years, he's living in his best friend's basement. His dream is to someday be a rock star, but he has a problem--his own band has just broken up. In an uncanny stroke of luck, Levi lands an audition for Downtown Exit, who are now recording their second album at Abbey Road Studios. He arrives in London and aces his audition, only to learn he's not really in the band. No, Levi's job is to sit in the wings and cover for the band's real guitarist when he inevitably starts tripping on stage. Levi sticks with it, hoping to step into the role he's always dreamed of. But he must first navigate egos, jealousies, and deceptions. Frankie, the band's front man, has it out for him. And Levi has fallen for Ariadne, the band's photographer. All of them have their secrets, Levi included. And as the band tours through Europe and struggles to finish their new album, Levi comes face to face with unanswered questions from his past and the impossible price that fame demands. Utterly magical and transporting, *Bootleg Stardust* is a one-of-a-kind joyride about the power of music to bring people together--and break them apart--and the courage it takes to find your own voice.

**The Shock of the Fall** Nathan Filer 2014-02-10 \*\*\*This book has also been published as *Where the Moon Isn't*.\*\*\* Winner of the 2013 Costa First Award "A stunning novel. Ambitious and exquisitely realized . . . clearly the work of a major new talent." —S. J. Watson, New York Times bestselling author of *Before I Go to Sleep* While on vacation with their parents, Matthew Homes and his older

brother snuck out in the middle of the night. Only Matthew came home safely. Ten years later, Matthew tells us, he has found a way to bring his brother back... What begins as the story of a lost boy turns into a story of a brave man yearning to understand what happened that night, in the years since, and to his very person. Unafraid to look at the shadows of our hearts, Nathan Filer's rare and brilliant debut *The Shock of the Fall* shows us the strength that is rooted in resilience and love.

*One Brother Shy* Terry Fallis 2017-05-30 Few people know the real Alex MacAskill. Most of the world sees a painfully and chronically shy software engineer in his mid-20s. When his mother, one of the only people in the world who Alex felt comfortable as himself around, dies after a long illness, he suddenly has no choice but to face the very thing that he's been avoiding since that night in high school. In an instant, Alex finds himself trying to piece together the mystery of his identity, and on a search for parts of his family he never knew existed.

**The Terry Fallis 3-Book Collection** Terry Fallis 2013-12-10 Since winning the Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour in 2008 for his first novel, *The Best Laid Plans*, Terry Fallis has been celebrated as one of Canada's new humour writers, compared to the likes of Robertson Davies and Leacock himself. In this new eBook collection, Fallis's three novels -- *The Best Laid Plans* (also the 2011 Canada Readers winner), *The High Road*, and *Up and Down* (both shortlisted for the Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour) -- are packaged together for the first time. In *The Best Laid Plans* and *The High Road*, follow Daniel Addison navigate Parliament Hill as the political aide to Angus McLintock, the no-hope candidate he helped into government. Political storms, visiting dignitaries, surprise elections, Watergate-style break-ins -- these deftly written political satires will have readers laughing out loud. In *Up and Down*, Fallis takes readers from Parliament Hill to the world of corporate politics, where David Stewart's first day on the job -- and quick thinking -- swiftly lands him on an out-of-this world project: a revitalization of North America's interest in the space program. What follows is a clever and satirical, thoughtful and affecting story rife with classic U.S.-Canadian misunderstandings and hysterical plot twists.

**Last Impressions** Joseph Kertes 2020-03-03 Shortlisted for the 2021 Leacock Medal for Humour Longlisted for the 2020 Toronto Book Awards How can you say goodbye forever when you've left an important secret unspoken? "I'll tell you what I'm going to do," Zoltan said. "When I die, I'll leave my luck to you." Zoltan Beck is dying. His devoted but long-suffering sons, Ben and Frank, are trying to prepare themselves and their families for Zoltan's eventual departure...but they can't quite bring themselves to believe that the end is really at hand, and neither can Zoltan himself. The head of a family marked by war and tragedy for decades, he "can't stand to be in a room with a miserable person" and has done his best to keep the pain of his refugee past from his beloved children. But as he faces the end of his life, he discovers a heartbreaking secret from the War that will ultimately bring the family together--or irrevocably disrupt it. Set in both mid-20th century Hungary and contemporary Toronto, this is a deeply moving novel that revels in the energy of its extraordinary characters. It is the story of lost love and newfound connections, of a father and his sons desperately reaching out to bridge an ever-widening gap...even as their time together ebbs away.

**All Inclusive** Farzana Doctor 2015-10-03 A story about one all-inclusive resort, the ghost of an unknown father, and the tragedies we can't forget. What's it like when everyone's dream vacation is your job? Ameera works at a Mexican all-inclusive resort, where every day is paradise -- if "paradise" means endless paperwork, quotas to meet, and entitled tourists. But it's not all bad: Ameera's pastime of choice is the swingers scene, and the resort is the perfect place to hook up with like-minded couples without all the hassle of having to see them again. Despite Ameera's best efforts to keep her sideline a secret, someone is spreading scandalous rumours about her around the resort, and her job might be at stake. Meanwhile, she's being plagued by her other secret, the big unknown of her existence: the identity of her father and why he disappeared. Unbeknownst to Ameera, her father, Azeez, is looking for her, and they both must come to terms with the reason why he abandoned her. A moving new work from award-winning author Farzana

Doctor, *All Inclusive* blurs the lines between the real world and paradise, and life and death, and reminds us that love is neither easily lost nor found. Now Magazine Best Author • Kobo Best Book of the Year -- Canadian Favourites Category

*Bina* Anakana Schofield 2021-02-02 A provocative, feminist novel about a woman who persists in spite of the violence, injustice, and oppression that fills her world. Bina is a woman who's had enough and isn't afraid to say so. "I'm here to warn you, not reassure you," she announces at the book's outset. In a series of taut, urgent missives she attempts to set the record of her life straight, and in doing so, to be useful to others. Yet being useful is what landed her in jail. Empathy is her Achilles' heel. Her troubles seem to stem from an injured stranger named Eddie, and they multiply when her charity extends from delivering meals to the elderly to working with the dying. No good deed of hers goes unpunished and the costs of her capacity for care are legion, as one by one she is denied her livelihood, her health, and her freedom, but her voice continues resolutely, an act of friendship in itself. *Bina* is an unsettling, thought-provoking novel of formal inventiveness and moral and emotional complexity by a bold and talented writer.

*Lawyers in Gray* John Ellsworth 2021-12-10 Are you selling secrets to the Russians? The Lawyers in Gray Want to Know... The Department of Justice has hired the law firm of Gray, Soros, Shepherd, and Wood to defend American environmental interests. Then a Russia-friendly lawyer replaces Angus Wood as managing partner at the Gray law firm, and Angus is on the streets. Gray begins losing environmental cases across the US as secret DOJ documents keep turning up in Russian hands. Suddenly Russian fracking is running wild across the United States. The FBI calls upon Angus Wood to plug the leak of Top Secret documents. Angus accepts the assignment and sets up a secret arm of the law firm that has just kicked him out. He narrows down the suspects to one. Now to prove what he knows. A lawyer from Gray law joins his team. Her name is Inga Kopovsky. He has admired her before, and she has noticed him. They have dinner and make a plan. Can they get the mole to defect before his Russian masters find him? If you like legal intrigue and law firm spying, here's Angus Wood in a desperate chess game with the Russians. And while they're at it, a romance may have begun in the middle of it all. Here's a thriller that will only make you want more in this proposed ten-book Angus Wood series. Grab this one now!

**Up and Down** Terry Fallis 2013-06-25 On his first day at Turner King, David Stewart quickly realizes that the world of international PR (affectionately, known as "the dark side") is a far cry from his previous job with the Canadian government. For one, he missed the office memo on the all-black dress code; for another, there are enough acronyms and jargon to make his head spin. Before he even has time to find the washroom, David is assigned a major project: devise a campaign to revitalize North America's interest in the space program -- maybe even show NASA's pollsters that watching a shuttle launch is more appealing than going out for lunch with friends. The pressure is on, and before long, David finds himself suggesting the most out-of-this-world idea imaginable: a Citizen Astronaut lottery that would send one American and one Canadian to the International Space Station. Suddenly, David's vaulted into an odyssey of his own, navigating the corporate politics of a big PR agency; wading through the murky waters of U.S.-Canada relations; and trying to hold on to his new job while still doing the right thing. Equal parts clever and satirical, thoughtful and affecting, *Up and Down* is Terry Fallis at his best, confirming his status as a literary star.

**The Rude Story of English** Tom Howell 2013-11-05 There are only two problems with the story of the English language: one, no hero. Two, not rude enough. In *The Rude Story of English*, recovering lexicographer Tom Howell swiftly remedies these and gives us a rousing account of our language -- without all the boring bits and with all the interesting parts kept in -- and reveals English's boisterous, at times obnoxious, character. From a haphazard beginning in 449 AD, when a legendary, fearsome Germanic warrior named Hengest tripped and fell onto British shores, the real story of English has been rife with accident, physical comedy, phallic monuments, rude behaviour, dubious facts, and an alarming quantity of poetry written by lawyers. Across vast distances of space and time, from the language's origins to its fast-approaching retirement, a

moody and miraculously long-lived Hengest voyages to the pubs of Chaucer's London, aboard pirate ships in the north Atlantic, to plantations in Barbados, bookstores in Jamaica, the chilly inlet of Quidi Vidi, Newfoundland, a private men's club in Australia, and beyond. Part Monty Python sketch, part Oxford English Dictionary, *The Rude Story of English* displays an exuberant love of language and a sharp, anti-authoritarian sense of humour. Entertaining and informative, it looks at English through its most uncomfortable, colourful, and off-putting parts, chronicling the story of the language as it has never been told before.

**What Strange Paradise** Omar El Akkad 2021-07-20 A NEW YORK TIMES NOTABLE BOOK OF THE YEAR • From the widely acclaimed, bestselling author of *American War*—a beautifully written, unrelentingly dramatic, and profoundly moving novel that looks at the global refugee crisis through the eyes of a child. "Told from the point of view of two children, on the ground and at sea, the story so astutely unpacks the us-versus-them dynamics of our divided world that it deserves to be an instant classic." —The New York Times Book Review More bodies have washed up on the shores of a small island. Another overfilled, ill-equipped, dilapidated ship has sunk under the weight of its too many passengers: Syrians, Ethiopians, Egyptians, Lebanese, Palestinians, all of them desperate to escape untenable lives back in their homelands. But miraculously, someone has survived the passage: nine-year-old Amir, a Syrian boy who is soon rescued by Vänna. Vänna is a teenage girl, who, despite being native to the island, experiences her own sense of homelessness in a place and among people she has come to disdain. And though Vänna and Amir are complete strangers, though they don't speak a common language, Vänna is determined to do whatever it takes to save the boy. In alternating chapters, we learn about Amir's life and how he came to be on the boat, and we follow him and the girl as they make their way toward safety. *What Strange Paradise* is the story of two children finding their way through a hostile world. But it is also a story of empathy and indifference, of hope and despair—and about the way each of those things can blind us to reality.

**One Brother Shy** Terry Fallis 2022-01-04 From the two-time winner of the Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour: a story about a man tormented by an event from his youth, and the journey he finds himself on to heal and to learn who he is. Few people know the real Alex MacAskill. Most of the world sees a painfully and chronically shy software engineer in his mid-20s, soft-spoken, a bit of a loner, and someone easy to escape notice wherever possible—and that's just the way Alex wants it. Because no matter how many years have passed, the incident known only as "Gabriel" in the MacAskill family is something that still haunts him. But when his mother, one of the only people in the world who Alex felt comfortable as himself around, dies after a long illness, he suddenly has no choice but to face the very thing that he's been avoiding since that night in high school. In an instant, Alex finds himself trying to piece together the mystery of his identity, and on a search for parts of his family he never knew existed—a search that takes him from Ottawa to London to Moscow, encountering along the way echoes of the Cold War, painful memories from his past, and even the 1972 Russian hockey team—a search that ultimately helps Alex discover himself. With his trademark wit and captivating storytelling, Terry Fallis has written a novel unlike any of his others. *One Brother Shy* is at once poignant and humorous, heartbreaking and heartwarming, and readers will not soon forget Alex MacAskill.

**Brock's Agent** Tom Taylor 2015-09-18 For fans of Bernard Cornwell's Sharpe series, *Brock's Agent* is the first in a heroic series of novels about Brock's troop. Introducing Jonathan Westlake, a man of courage and integrity in a war that divides a continent, in a tale of love and treachery, fame and fortune. Jonathan Westlake is a hero to be reckoned with. Canada, 1812. Jonathan Westlake, a happy-go-lucky fur trader, falls into a deadly scuffle to protect a beautiful young woman as he returns from another successful mission. With blood on his hands, the heroic Westlake faces execution. But thanks to his quick-thinking mother he is granted one hope of redemption: join the army, and prove his courage on the battlefield. With war between America and Britain imminent, Westlake serves under Major General Isaac Brock, who has a special task for his young apprentice. Westlake must travel under cover into the heart of the United States,

and make common cause with the settlers' oldest foe.

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**Everyday Entrepreneur** Fred Dawkins 2013-12-02 Successful entrepreneur Fred Dawkins uses storytelling and an informal approach to take readers through a series of business lessons that will show them how to identify their own entrepreneurial strengths and strike out on their own.

**Zero Avenue** Dietrich Kalteis 17-10-03 If you like your crime hard and fast, Kalteis is for you. The Globe and Mail Set to the cranking beat and amphetamine buzz of Vancouver's early punk scene, *Zero Avenue* follows Frankie Del Rey, a talented and rising punk star who runs just enough dope on the side to pay the bills and keep her band, Middle Finger, together. The trouble is she's running it for Marty Sayles, a powerful drug dealer who controls the Eastside with a fist. When Frankie strikes up a relationship with Johnny Falco, the owner of one of the only Vancouver clubs willing to give punk a chance, she finds out he's having his own money problems just keeping Falco's Nest open. Desperate to keep his club, Johnny raids one of the pot fields Marty Sayles has growing out past Surrey, along Zero Avenue on the U.S. border. He gets away with a pickup load and pays back everybody he owes. Arnie Binz, bass player for Middle Finger, finds out about it and decides that was easy enough. But he gets caught by Marty's crew. Johnny and Frankie set out to find the missing Arnie, but Marty Sayles is pissed and looking for who ripped off his other field—a trail that leads to Johnny and Frankie.

**Christmas in Mariposa** Jamie Lamb 2019-10-01 A funny and heart-warming tribute to Canada's most famous small town, and its most celebrated humourist, Stephen Leacock. Many Canadians grew up in small towns, or at least in neighbourhoods that acted like small towns. But what if you grew up in Canada's most famous small town—Stephen Leacock's Mariposa? This was the world that journalist Jamie Lamb was raised in, the actual place that inspired Leacock's Canadian classic, *Sunshine Sketches of a Little Town*, over a century ago. The Mariposa of Lamb's time was slightly different, yet it still embodied the heart and soul, the eccentricities and the bizarre local customs of Leacock's sketches. *Christmas in Mariposa* is a celebration of that town and its people. It tells of secret gardens, special rinks, oddball hotels, remarkable foods, fast boats and sunken aircraft, Christmas Eve fireworks, and the best Christmas office party in the country. It describes a place where Christmas could be celebrated in summer with a Baby Jesus look-alike contest, Canada's only officially sanctioned reindeer races, and the Three Wise Men arriving with gifts by parachute. It transports readers to a world where where Gordie Howe once dropped by for a skate, and Glenn Gould regularly came to eat a well-done steak and six Parker House rolls slathered in butter at a Chinese restaurant. Jamie Lamb's Mariposa is timeless and quintessentially Canadian.

**The Last King of Scotland** Giles Foden 2008-09-04 What would it be like to become Idi Amin's personal physician? Giles Foden's bestselling thriller is the story of a young Scottish doctor drawn into the heart of the Ugandan dictator's surreal and brutal regime. Privy to Amin's thoughts and ambitions, he is both fascinated and appalled. As Uganda plunges into civil chaos he realises action is imperative - but which way should he jump?

**New Girl in Little Cove** Damhnait Monaghan 2021-05-11 "Fans of Richard Russo's *That Old*



Cape Magic, Emily St. John Mandel's *The Glass Hotel*, and Patricia Harman's *The Runaway Midwife* will enjoy Rachel's fish-out-of-water journey to acceptance and understanding." —Booklist "If you loved *Come From Away*, don't miss this charming debut novel." —Kate Hilton, bestselling author of *Better Luck Next Time* After the local French teacher scandalizes the fishing village of Little Cove, Newfoundland, by running off with a priest, the school looks to the mainland to fill the job quickly. They want someone who can uphold their Catholic values and keep a motley group of largely unwilling students in line. The position is filled by mainlander Rachel O'Brien—technically a Catholic (baptized!), technically a teacher (honors degree!)—who's desperate to leave her current mess of a life behind. She isn't surprised that her students don't see the value of learning French. But she is surprised that she can barely understand their English... Is it a compliment or insult to be called a sleeveen? (Insult.) And the anonymous notes left on her car, telling her to go home, certainly don't help to make her feel welcome. Still, she is quickly drawn into the island's traditional music and culture, and into the personal lives of her crusty but softhearted landlady, Lucille, her reluctant students and her fellow teacher Doug Bishop. But when her beliefs clash with church and community, she makes a decision that throws her career into jeopardy. In trying to help a student, has she gone too far? Full of warmth, humor, romance and the quirkiest community of characters... Get ready to be charmed by this impossibly delightful debut, perfect for fans of Kristan Higgins and Susan Elizabeth Phillips.

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**A Better Man** Leah McLaren 2015-07-07 What if the only way you could get out of your marriage was to become the perfect husband? Nick and Maya Wakefield's relationship has been in crisis since Maya left her high-powered legal career to stay home with their now 3-year-old twins. Today she feels invisible, anxious, and under-appreciated, and Nick has checked out of family life. Sex is a distant memory and the love is gone. A workaholic and a consummate flirt, Nick has decided he wants out. But he balks when their old friend, a divorce attorney, shows him that as sole breadwinner, he stands to lose the most. Together, he and his friend hatch a plan: Nick will act like an ideal husband and father in order to ease the pain of leaving and make out better in court. So he encourages Maya to go back to work, spends time with the kids, and even takes her on a vacation without them. But with his cynical ruse comes a surprising change of heart. Nick is

astonished to find his actual emotions match his act and now his marriage is truly on the mend. That is, until Maya finds out, and Nick's world falls to pieces. Now his only hope of saving his family is to prove to his wife that he really is the man he was pretending to be. *A BETTER MAN* is a sharply observant novel of the pitfalls of marriage and success, and how one couple must lose it all before they can hope to find their way back.

**Albatross** Terry Fallis 2022-01-04 NATIONAL BESTSELLER From two-time Leacock Medal winner Terry Fallis comes a funny and smart new novel about destiny--and what it means to forge your own path. Adam Coryell is your average high-school student--well, except for that obsession with fountain pens--when his life changes forever. Based on a study by a quirky Swedish professor that claims that every human being, regardless of athletic inclination, has a body that is suited to excel in at least one sport, it turns out that Adam is good--very good, in fact--at golf. Even though he'd never even picked up a golf club. Almost instantly, and with his coach, hard-nosed Bobbie Davenport by his side, Adam and his new-found talent skyrocket to a prodigy-level stardom that includes tournament titles, sponsorship deals, throngs of fans following his every move, and fodder for tabloids. But here's the catch: Adam doesn't really like golf. And as the life he once knew slips away--including the love of his life, the dream of being a writer, and everyday normalcy--he can't help but wonder if all this success and fame is worth it . . . or if it's enough for him. Heartwarming and funny, sweeping and entertaining, Terry Fallis's new book takes readers on a journey of self-discovery.

**Poles Apart** Terry Fallis 2015-10-20 *Eve of Equality*, a new feminist blog, becomes an overnight sensation when a wildly popular talk show host stumbles upon it, tweets about it, and promotes it on her show. The anonymous blog is intelligent, thoughtful, and bold, brazenly taking on various injustices in the lives of women. But it's the blogger Eve's post about the controversial entrepreneur behind XY, a new chain of high-end strip clubs opening up across the country, that sets off a firestorm. In a matter of hours, the site crashes, its Twitter count jumps from a paltry 19 followers to nearly 250,000, and Eve is suddenly lauded as the new voice of modern feminism. But who, exactly, is the Eve behind *Eve of Equality*? Well . . . not who you might think. Meet Everett Kane, aspiring writer and fervent feminist. He writes his erudite blog in his new apartment, at his kitchen table, and his life is about to change forever. Hilarious and smart, and offering timely commentary on a subject that is flooding our headlines, newsfeeds, Twitter streams, and conversations, *Poles Apart* is Terry Fallis at his best, confirming his status as a king of CanLit comedy.

**Hum If You Don't Know the Words** Bianca Marais 2018-03-06 *The Secret Life of Bees* set in Johannesburg, now in paperback. A perceptive and searing debut about Apartheid South Africa, as told through the story of one unique family brought together by tragedy. Life under Apartheid has created a secure future for Robin Conrad, a nine-year-old white girl living with her parents in 1970s Johannesburg. In the same nation, but worlds apart, Beauty Mbali, a Xhosa woman in a rural village in the Bantu homeland of the Transkei, struggles to raise her children alone after her husband's death. Their meeting should never have occurred...until *The Soweto Uprising*, in which a protest by black students ignites racial conflict, alters the fault lines on which their society is built, leaving Robin's parents dead and Beauty's daughter missing. In the aftermath, Beauty is hired to care for Robin, and the two forge an inextricable bond through their deep personal losses. But Robin knows that if Beauty reunites with her daughter, Robin could lose her new caretaker forever, so she makes a desperate decision with devastating consequences. Told through Beauty and Robin's alternating perspectives, the two narratives interweave to create a rich and complex tapestry of the emotions and tensions at the heart of Apartheid South Africa. *Hum If You Don't Know the Words* is a beautifully rendered look at loss, racism, and the creation of family.

**No Relation** Terry Fallis 2016-04-26 "Terry Fallis is fast becoming a master of fiction writing.... What delightful lunacy Fallis has concocted here, with a dollop of intrigue and even romance." *Montreal Gazette* This is the story of a young copywriter in New York City. He's worked at the same agency for fifteen years, and with a recent promotion under his belt, life is good. Then, one

morning this copywriter finds himself unceremoniously fired from his job, and after he catches his live-in girlfriend moving out of their apartment a couple hours later, he's also single. Believe it or not, these aren't the biggest problems in this copywriter's life. There's something bigger, something that has been haunting him his whole life, something that he'll never be able to shake. Meet Earnest Hemmingway. What's in a name? Well, if you share your moniker with the likes of some of the most revered, infamous, and sometimes dreaded names in history, plenty. This is Earnest's lifelong plight, but now he's had enough. It's time to take back his name. Wry, clever, and utterly engaging, *No Relation* is Terry Fallis at the top of his form.

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*The House of Wives* Simon Choa-Johnston 2016-05-03 Two women compete for the affections of their opium merchant husband in a tale of friendship, fortune and rivalry in colonial Hong Kong In 1862, a young Jew from Calcutta named Emanuel Belilios leaves his dutiful wife Semah and sets sail for Hong Kong to make his fortune in the opium trade. There, he grows into a prosperous and respectable merchant, eventually falling in love with his Chinese business partner's daughter Pearl, a delicate beauty twenty years his junior. As a wedding present, he builds for her the most magnificent mansion in Hong Kong. Then Semah arrives unannounced from Calcutta to take her place as mistress of the house...and life will change irrevocably for all of them. Inspired by the lives of Choa-Johnston's ancestors, *The House of Wives* is an unforgettable novel about the machinations of the early opium trade, and about two remarkable women determined to secure a dynasty for their children in the tumultuous British Crown colony.

*Fates* Lanie Bross 2014-02-11 Perfect for fans of Jennifer Armentrout, Julie Kagawa, Rachel Vincent, and Sarah J. Maas, and for girls who love all things pretty, romantic and inspirational. One moment. One foolish desire. One mistake. And Corinthe lost everything. She fell from her tranquil life in Pylalis Terra and found herself exiled to the human world. Her punishment? To make sure people's fates unfold according to plan. Now, years later, Corinthe has one last assignment: kill Lucas Kaller. His death will be her ticket home. But for the first time, Corinthe feels a tingle of doubt. It begins as a lump in her throat, then grows toward her heart, and suddenly she feels like she is falling all over again--this time for a boy she knows she can never have. Because it is written: one of them must live, and one of them must die. In a universe where every moment, every second, every fate has already been decided, where does love fit in? "Different and imaginative."--Kirkus Reviews

*Swimming Back to Trout River* Linda Rui Feng 2021-05-11 A "beautifully written, poignant exploration of family, art, culture, immigration...and love" (Jean Kwok, author of *Searching for Sylvie Lee* and *Girl in Translation*) set against the backdrop of China's Cultural Revolution that follows a father's quest to reunite his family before his precocious daughter's momentous birthday, which Garth Greenwell calls "one of the most beautiful debuts I've read in years." How many times in life can we start over without losing ourselves? In the summer of 1986, in a small Chinese village, ten-year-old Junie receives a momentous letter from her parents, who had left for America years ago: her father promises to return home and collect her by her twelfth birthday.

But Junie's growing determination to stay put in the idyllic countryside with her beloved grandparents threatens to derail her family's shared future. Junie doesn't know that her parents, Momo and Cassia, are newly estranged from one another in their adopted country, each holding close private tragedies and histories from the tumultuous years of their youth during China's Cultural Revolution. While Momo grapples anew with his deferred musical ambitions and dreams for Junie's future in America, Cassia finally begins to wrestle with a shocking act of brutality from years ago. For Momo to fulfill his promise, he must make one last desperate attempt to reunite all three family members before Junie's birthday—even if it means bringing painful family secrets to light. *Swimming Back to Trout River* is a "symphony of a novel" (BookPage) that weaves together the stories of Junie, Momo, Cassia, and Dawn—a talented violinist from Momo's past—while depicting their heartbreak and resilience, tenderly revealing the hope, compromises, and abiding ingenuity that make up the lives of immigrants. Feng's debut is "filled with tragedy yet touched with life-affirming passion" (Kirkus Reviews, starred review), and "Feng weaves a plot both surprising and inevitable, with not a word to spare" (Booklist, starred review).

*The Best Laid Plans* Sidney Sheldon 2010-06-22 Sidney Sheldon returns with a tale of two equally determined people headed on a collision course. One the governor of a small southern state, Oliver Russell is a man with a strategy to win the White House. The other is the beautiful and ambitious Leslie Stewart, a woman intent on seeing him lose everything. Soon they will both discover that even the best laid plans can go dangerously astray--with deadly consequences.

*The Swells* Will Aitken 2022-01-04 In this darkly hilarious satire by the inimitable Will Aitken, class war erupts aboard a luxury cruise ship. A boatload of white privilege, *The Emerald Tranquility* is the most luxurious cruise liner afloat, its passengers some of the richest people in the world. Meanwhile the ship's crew, overworked and underpaid, live packed tightly together in airless below-deck cabins. The passengers encounter a great number of cataclysms at sea, but no matter the catastrophe, the great ship always sails on. Briony, a globetrotting luxury travel writer, emulates the rich — though homeless and penniless herself — as she hops from gig to all-expenses-paid gig. On her own personal voyage, she encounters Mrs. Moore, an enigmatic woman of advanced age clandestinely fomenting a mutiny on this bountiful ship. With the captain overthrown, roles quickly reverse: the crew become the ship's new leisure class and the aged passengers learn how to mop floors and scrub toilets. Confused and terrified by the resultant chaos, Briony must decide which lot to cast her fate with in this savage satire of the way we live now.

*The Best Laid Plans* Terry Fallis 2010-03-26 WINNER OF CBC CANADA READS Here's the set up: A burnt-out political aide quits just before an election--but is forced to run a hopeless campaign on the way out. He makes a deal with a crusty old Scot, Angus McLintock--an engineering professor who will do anything, anything, to avoid teaching English to engineers--to let his name stand in the election. No need to campaign, certain to lose, and so on. Then a great scandal blows away his opponent, and to their horror, Angus is elected. He decides to see what good an honest M.P. who doesn't care about being re-elected can do in Parliament. The results are hilarious--and with chess, a hovercraft, and the love of a good woman thrown in, this very funny book has something for everyone.

*Ragged Company* Richard Wagamese 2009-10-06 Four chronically homeless people--Amelia One Sky, Timber, Double Dick and Digger--seek refuge in a warm movie theatre when a severe Arctic Front descends on the city. During what is supposed to be a one-time event, this temporary refuge transfixes them. They fall in love with this new world, and once the weather clears, continue their trips to the cinema. On one of these outings they meet Granite, a jaded and lonely journalist who has turned his back on writing "the same story over and over again" in favour of the escapist qualities of film, and an unlikely friendship is struck. A found cigarette package (contents: some unsmoked cigarettes, three \$20 bills, and a lottery ticket) changes the fortune of this struggling set. The ragged company discovers they have won \$13.5 million, but none of them can claim the money for lack proper identification. Enlisting the help of Granite, their lives, and

fortunes, become forever changed. *Ragged Company* is a journey into both the future and the past. Richard Wagamese deftly explores the nature of the comforts these friends find in their ideas of "home," as he reconnects them to their histories.

***Everyone in This Room Will Someday Be Dead*** Emily Austin 2021-07-06 In this "fun, page-turner of a novel" (Sarah Haywood, New York Times bestselling author) that's perfect for fans of *Mostly Dead Things* and *Goodbye, Vitamin*, a morbidly anxious young woman stumbles into a job as a receptionist at a Catholic church and soon finds herself obsessed with her predecessor's mysterious death. Gilda, a twenty-something, atheist, animal-loving lesbian, cannot stop ruminating about death. Desperate for relief from her panicky mind and alienated from her repressive family, she responds to a flyer for free therapy at a local Catholic church, and finds herself being greeted by Father Jeff, who assumes she's there for a job interview. Too embarrassed to correct him, Gilda is abruptly hired to replace the recently deceased receptionist Grace. In between trying to memorize the lines to Catholic mass, hiding the fact that she has a new girlfriend, and erecting a dirty dish tower in her crumbling apartment, Gilda strikes up an email correspondence with Grace's old friend. She can't bear to ignore the kindly old woman who has been trying to reach her friend through the church inbox, but she also can't bring herself to break the bad news. Desperate, she begins impersonating Grace via email. But when the police discover suspicious circumstances surrounding Grace's death, Gilda may have to finally reveal the truth of her mortifying existence. With a "kindhearted heroine we all need right now" (Courtney Maum, New York Times bestselling author), *Everyone in This Room Will Someday Be Dead* is a crackling and "delightfully weird reminder that we will one day turn to dust and that yes, this is depressing, but it's also what makes life beautiful" (Jean Kyoung Frazier, author of *Pizza Girl*).

***They Know Not What They Do*** Jussi Valtonen 2017-11-02 A FAMILY UNDER THREAT. A FATHER'S WORST NIGHTMARE... On the surface, Joe Chayefski has it all. A great job, a beautiful

wife and two perfect daughters. But when the lab he works in as a neuroscientist is attacked, Joe is forced to face the past and reconnect with the son he abandoned twenty years earlier. As Joe struggles to deal with the sudden collision of his two lives, he soon finds he needs to take drastic action to save the people he loves. Gripping and suspenseful, *They Know Not What They Do* skilfully weaves together the big issues of the day- the relationship between science and ethics, and people's increasing inability to communicate - into an ambitious page-turner of a novel.

***Alone*** Michelle Parise 2020-05-26 A memoir of heartbreak and hope. The church wedding, the new house, a beautiful baby ... Michelle was sold a dream and bought into it. But one day, nine years in, she wakes up in an empty bed, and "The Husband" isn't there. Then, he drops "The Bomb" — he was having an affair with a woman at work. Adrift and on the edge of forty — fuelled by grief, booze, and one-night stands — Michelle battles the monster she calls Loneliness, juggling being a part-time parent and part-time partier. Though dangerously close to rock bottom, Michelle takes a chance on love again with a dashing but complicated man — "The Man with the White Shirt." Michelle, an expert in "emotional forensics," dives into the wreckage with candour and humour, uncovering a story about falling in and out of love, divorce, single parenthood, and the messy world of dating. What she finds, beneath it all, is life and the courage to face it alone.

***Dirty Birds*** Morgan Murray 2020-05-15 In late 2008, as the world's economy crumbles and Barack Obama ascends to the White House, the remarkably unremarkable Milton Ontario - not to be confused with Milton, Ontario - leaves his parents' basement in Middle-of-Nowhere, Saskatchewan, and sets forth to find fame, fortune, and love in the Euro-lite electric sexuality of Montreal; to bask in the endless twenty-something Millennial adolescence of the Plateau; to escape the infinite flatness of Saskatchewan and find his messiah - Leonard Cohen. Hilariously ironic and irreverent, in *Dirty Birds*, Morgan Murray generates a quest novel for the twenty-first century--a coming-of-age, rom-com, crime-farce thriller--where a hero's greatest foe is his own crippling mediocrity as he seeks purpose in art, money, power, crime, and sleeping in all day.