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The Secrets of Happy Families - Scott Haltzman 2009-06-08

Proven ways to create a more loving family Research proves that happy families are good for health, longevity, peace of mind, productivity, and success. In *The Secrets of Happy Families*, Scott Haltzman offers an original approach to building family contentment that works for families of all ethnicities and make-ups—two-parent, single-parent, blended, childless, or same-sex couple. He provides a "positive psychology" way of solving family problems through strategy and leadership, including knowing and accepting who you are, taking a leadership role in loving and united relationships, building a network of support in extended families and communities, and making quality time for fun, adventures, holidays, and rituals.

Seven Core Issues in Adoption and Permanency - Sharon Roszia 2019-07-18

Based on a hugely successful US model, the Seven Core Issues in Adoption is the first conceptual framework of its kind to offer a unifying lens that was inclusive of all individuals touched by the adoption experience. The Seven Core Issues are Loss, Rejection, Shame/Guilt, Grief, Identity, Intimacy, and Mastery/Control. The book expands the model to be inclusive of adoption and all forms of permanency: adoption, foster care, kinship care, donor insemination and surrogacy. Attachment

and trauma are integrated with the Seven Core Issues model to address and normalize the additional tasks individuals and families will encounter. The book views the Seven Core Issues from a range of perspectives including: multi-racial, LGBTQ, Hispanic, Asian, Native American, African-American, International, openness, search and reunion, and others. This essential guide introduces each Core Issue, its impact on individuals, offering techniques for growth and healing.

I Think I Am Going to Sneeze - Pat Thomas 2008

Introduces allergies, including some of the symptoms of allergies, what can cause them, and how they are treated.

Just an Illusion - Encore - D. Kelly 2018-11-19

Sawyer Weston has done the unthinkable—he's fallen for his brother's girl. He'd never purposefully hurt Noah, but that's exactly what's going to happen if he can't get Amelia out of his system. A stolen kiss between them finally brings Sawyer to his senses. No matter how much he wants her, Amelia has made her choice. When tragedy strikes, Sawyer finds himself taking on more responsibility than he ever imagined. Can Sawyer remain the rock his family needs in their time of crisis? Or will he succumb to his deepest desires and fall in love with Amelia all over again? *Just an Illusion - Encore* is the conclusion to Sawyer Weston's story. Every thought, every feeling, are yours for the taking. Are you

ready?

[And Nanny Makes Three](#) - Jessika Auerbach 2007-05

Draws on original interviews with parents and caregivers alike to explore the unique relationship that exists between a mother and a nanny and what really goes on behind the scenes of domestic arrangements to reveal what both sides think about the other, expectations, and other important aspects of the relationship that exists in many American households. 25,000 first printing.

The Latecomer - Jean Hanff Korelitz 2022-05-31

From the New York Times bestselling author of *The Plot*, Jean Hanff Korelitz's *The Latecomer* is a layered and immersive literary novel about three siblings, desperate to escape one another, and the upending of their family by the late arrival of a fourth. *The Latecomer* follows the story of the wealthy, New York City-based Oppenheimer family, from the first meeting of parents Salo and Johanna, under tragic circumstances, to their triplets born during the early days of IVF. As children, the three siblings - Harrison, Lewyn, and Sally - feel no strong familial bond and cannot wait to go their separate ways, even as their father becomes more distanced and their mother more desperate. When the triplets leave for college, Johanna, faced with being truly alone, makes the decision to have a fourth child. What role will the "latecomer" play in this fractured family? A complex novel that builds slowly and deliberately, *The Latecomer* touches on the topics of grief and guilt, generational trauma, privilege and race, traditions and religion, and family dynamics. It is a profound and witty family story from an accomplished author, known for the depth of her character studies, expertly woven storylines, and plot twists.

[There's a New Dog in Town](#) - Loukia Verhage 2017-02-13

Welcome to the first book in the Love Puppy Chronicles. Elvis is the top dog in the Love Family but all that is about to change. Open the book and enjoy a heartwarming story as change comes to the Love household. Beautifully illustrated in mixed media that will keep children of all ages and dog lovers entertained for hours.

A Complicated Legacy - Robert H. Stucky 2014-05-23

If movies and books like *Belle*, *Twelve Years a Slave*, *The Butler*, *The Help*, *A Time to Kill*, and *Amistad* have moved you, you'll love *A Complicated Legacy*, a novel by Baltimore writer Robert H. Stucky based on the true story of Elijah Willis, a white South Carolina planter, and Amy - the love of his life, the mother of his children, and his slave. Taking place in the decade leading up to the Civil War, it is written with a cinematic eye for atmosphere and setting, a linguist's ear for dialogue, and a historian's grasp of the powerful social forces and momentous events of the time. It is a riveting tale of personal transformation in facing the tide of sweeping social change. Elijah Willis fought family opposition, public opinion, and the law to free his family of choice and leave them his entire inheritance. In so doing, his and Amy's story becomes a microcosm of the human struggles that made the Civil War and the Abolition of Slavery both necessary and inevitable. Set in rural South Carolina, Baltimore, and Cincinnati, this vivid saga weaves history and humanity in a compelling testimony to the power of relationships to shape our destinies, even a century and a half later.

Knightingale - Stephanie Laws 2012-09-14

Evil has plagued this world since the dawn of creation seeking to gain control. One family was given supernatural abilities with the sole purpose of protecting the things in this world that evil must never take possession of. Samantha Nelson knew she was cursed. She didn't know that her unnatural ability of forcing the truth out of people was just the beginning of her curse until her family is murdered in a horrific home explosion. Six months later she finds herself face to face with a Knight Protector and her life is turned into utter chaos. When David received his assignment on his twentieth birthday he was told that his destiny would be entwined with a woman soon to be born and that his aging would be halted. Since the moment Samantha was born, David protected her from her enemies. As every Knight before him, he does so in the shadows. But David must face the facts that something even deadlier than her enemies is occurring. No matter how much he denies it, he is falling in love with her. When her enemies begin to discover ways around his protection and murder her family he is forced to make a decision of what is more

important to him; his family or his assignment. All it takes is one warning sign of danger to convince him that he simply cannot live without Samantha and he takes a leap that will change their lives forever. Their only chance of survival is to discover what Samantha's destiny is and the journey leads them straight to the heart of the Knight family where they discover evil has infiltrated and it is up to them to stop the evil before it destroys the family and gains control of the very thing that God created the family to protect.

Lion - Saroo Brierley 2017-02-28

The young readers' edition of the true story that inspired *Lion*, the Academy Award nominated film starring Dev Patel, David Wenham, Rooney Mara, and Nicole Kidman. When Saroo Brierley used Google Earth to find his long-lost home town half a world away, he made global headlines. Saroo had become lost on a train in India at the age of five. Not knowing the name of his family or where he was from, he survived for weeks on the streets of Kolkata before being taken into an orphanage and adopted by a couple in Australia. Despite being happy in his new family, Saroo always wondered about his origins. When he was a young man the advent of Google Earth led him to pore over satellite images of India for landmarks he recognized. And one day, after years of searching, he miraculously found what he was looking for and set off on a journey to find his mother. This edition features new material from Saroo about his childhood, including a new foreword and a Q&A about his experiences and the process of making the film. "The emotional journey of Saroo Brierley (Patel) . . . will melt hearts around the globe."—*People* magazine "Amazing stuff."—*The New York Post*

Preparing for Adoption - Julia Davis 2014-10-21

The ideal first book for prospective adopters. When you decide to adopt a child, you might assume that all the important work begins when the child comes to live with you. In fact the preparation stage before is crucial in ensuring that the adopted child will arrive to a safe and secure family. *Preparing for Adoption* provides clear advice on how to prepare for you adoptive child and create a strong foundation for a healthy and loving relationship. Julia Davis explains how many different factors can

shape preparations for adoption, such as finding out about your child's history and using this information to establish a family environment which will meet your child's specific attachment needs. There is also advice on how to prepare your home to create a sense of safety for your child and how to prepare your family to support you as adoptive parents. Primarily for adopters, foster carers and professionals supporting adopters, this book offers ideas and strategies to help parents prepare a happy and settled home for children before their arrival and ways to parent them in the early days of becoming a family that addresses their attachment needs.

The World Book Encyclopedia - 2002

An encyclopedia designed especially to meet the needs of elementary, junior high, and senior high school students.

How To Win Friends and Influence People - Dale Carnegie 2010-08-24

Updated for today's readers, Dale Carnegie's timeless bestseller *How to Win Friends and Influence People* is a classic that has improved and transformed the professional and personal lives of millions. One of the best-known motivational guides in history, Dale Carnegie's groundbreaking book has sold tens of millions of copies, been translated into almost every known language, and has helped countless people succeed. Originally published during the depths of the Great Depression—and equally valuable during booming economies or hard times—Carnegie's rock-solid, time-tested advice has carried countless people up the ladder of success in their professional and personal lives. *How to Win Friends and Influence People* teaches you: -How to communicate effectively -How to make people like you -How to increase your ability to get things done -How to get others to see your side -How to become a more effective leader -How to successfully navigate almost any social situation -And so much more! Achieve your maximum potential with this updated version of a classic—a must-read for the 21st century.

Other Kinds of Families - Tammy Turner-Vorbeck 2007

This important book reconsiders the ways in which families are currently represented and addressed in school curriculum and culture. It

addresses such issues as the educational needs of gay and lesbian families, the representation of adoption in children's literature, and the experiences of homeless students and their families. Includes questions for reflection and discussion at the end of each chapter. "Other Kinds of Families will help teachers to avoid making mistakes in their work with many different types of family diversity, and will provide the knowledge and ideas important to working with all families." —Carl A. Grant, University of Wisconsin–Madison "Teachers, researchers, and policymakers will find thought-provoking ideas, engaging stories, and practical strategies for including those who have typically been excluded from the conversation. —Sonia Nieto, Professor Emerita, University of Massachusetts, Amherst "Other Kinds of Families will enlarge your sense of humanity, encourage you to rethink the meaning and importance of our most intimate relationships, and change forever the way you see families—everyone else's and your own." —William Ayers, University of Illinois at Chicago

Feasting on the Word Guide to Children's Sermons - David Lyon Bartlett 2014-01-01

Feasting on the Word Guide to Children's Sermons equips church leaders and children's ministry volunteers to deliver children's sermons that are free of gimmicks and simplistic conclusions, that welcome children into the family of faith, and that give a foundation in God's good news for all people. This volume will address the common questions pastors have about the children's sermon, steps on avoiding common pitfalls, suggestions on how to use the children's time in a church following the lectionary, and sample Bible stories for use in the children's time.

Why is it So Hard to Breathe? - Pat Thomas 2008

Offers an introduction to asthma, discussing its causes, symptoms, and treatments.

Family First - Deloris Jordan 1996

An inspirational guide to parenting by the mother of basketball superstar Michael Jordan shares insights and advice on how to raise exceptional and accomplished children, even in a challenging environment. \$75,000 ad/promo. Tour.

I Can be Safe - Pat Thomas 2003

Educates readers about safety, including the value of fear as a warning of danger, the need to beware of people whose behavior creates discomfort, and the importance of learning how to stay safe.

Yeshua - Mary Ognan 2012-02-18

Most women will be able to relate to Faith, the main character in this story. She had only dreamt about the life she was now living. She thought she had a handle on it, planning for her wedding and carrying out the work that God had clearly given her to do. But the meeting with her employers changed everything. They placed even more demands on her than she all ready had. How could she possibly find the time to do it all? Faith now had to make an impossible choice between the love of her life and her God-given career. Was this the Lords way of telling her that he had closed the door on this chapter of her career and had opened another? She has to search deep into her soul to find the answers. Her world is coming apart. She cries out, Lord, is there a workable solution? Pastor Michael had many sleepless nights of his own, wrestling with his past. When he confesses his past to the congregation, will they accept or reject him? And how will the new woman in his life react when she hears what his life was like five years ago? Find the answers in this heartwarming story of unconditional love.

Sun Shine Down - Gillian Marchenko 2013-08

"Lifting my hand, I placed it on my breastbone and slid it towards my navel. My mid-section felt numb. Pushing down, it was as if I tapped another person's toneless stomach. White gauze held my empty abdomen tight. I had been eight months pregnant." *** What if? What if you dreamed of having a beautiful child and in your mind you saw the life you'd share with that child. First steps, little league (or ballet). Maybe the child would play piano or make you proud on the Honor Roll. There'd be eventual graduations, college, even marriage and grandchildren. You might dream it out that far. Or not. Every parent has hopes. No parents wish for pain-their own, or a child's. Then you had a premature delivery in a foreign country. And the words swirling around you said a different kind of "what if." What if something was wrong? The dream was at risk-

or so it seemed. Would you be ready for that? Could you make peace? Or would it take you down? These are the questions author Gillian Marchenko faced as she woke up after an emergency C-section in Ukraine. Only her newborn child could answer them, in time. But first she had to find a way to hear more than the words "Down syndrome."

The Daily Show (The Book) - Chris Smith 2016-11-22

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER The complete, uncensored history of the award-winning *The Daily Show* with Jon Stewart, as told by its correspondents, writers, and host. For almost seventeen years, *The Daily Show* with Jon Stewart brilliantly redefined the borders between television comedy, political satire, and opinionated news coverage. It launched the careers of some of today's most significant comedians, highlighted the hypocrisies of the powerful, and garnered 23 Emmys. Now the show's behind-the-scenes gags, controversies, and camaraderie will be chronicled by the players themselves, from legendary host Jon Stewart to the star cast members and writers-including Samantha Bee, Stephen Colbert, John Oliver, and Steve Carell - plus some of *The Daily Show*'s most prominent guests and adversaries: John and Cindy McCain, Glenn Beck, Tucker Carlson, and many more. This oral history takes the reader behind the curtain for all the show's highlights, from its origins as Comedy Central's underdog late-night program to Trevor Noah's succession, rising from a scrappy jester in the 24-hour political news cycle to become part of the beating heart of politics-a trusted source for not only comedy but also commentary, with a reputation for calling bullshit and an ability to effect real change in the world. Through years of incisive election coverage, passionate debates with President Obama and Hillary Clinton, feuds with Bill O'Reilly and Fox, and provocative takes on Wall Street and racism, *The Daily Show* has been a cultural touchstone. Now, for the first time, the people behind the show's seminal moments come together to share their memories of the last-minute rewrites, improvisations, pranks, romances, blow-ups, and moments of Zen both on and off the set of one of America's most groundbreaking shows.

My Manners Matter - Pat Thomas 2006

A book aimed at very young readers that explores issues surrounding the subject of good manners in a simple and reassuring way.

Is It Right To Fight? - Pat Thomas 2003-03-01

Bad Games - Jeff Menapace 2013-02-22

The Lambert Family is heading to Crescent Lake, a rural cabin community in western Pennsylvania, for an idyllic weekend getaway. Some fishing, some barbecue, some games ... The Fannelli brothers are heading to Crescent Lake too. Some stalking, some kidnapping, some murder, definitely some games ... though not necessarily the type of games the Lamberts had in mind. But it doesn't matter. The Lamberts are going to play whether they like it or not.

The Seeds of New Earth (the Silent Earth, Book 2) - Mark R. Healy 2014-12-17

The Earth is in ruins. Cities and nations destroyed. Mankind is extinct. Brant and Arsha are synthetics, machines made in the image of people. They dream of bringing humans back into the world and have the technology to succeed, but the obstacles in their way are mounting. Not only are their own conflicting ideals creating a rift between them, but now the sinister Marauders are closing in as they seek revenge on Brant. Out in the wasteland, strange lights and mysterious objects in the sky herald the arrival of new factions that seek to control the region. Even in the once quiet streets of their own city, malevolent forces are beginning to unfurl that threaten the sanctity of everything they hold dear, jeopardising the future that is within their grasp. *The Silent Earth Series Book 1 - After the Winter*: amazon.com/dp/B00P02FBPM

I'm Telling the Truth - Pat Thomas 2007-06

Baby Bumps - Amy Sprenger 2012-06-29

From the author of the award-winning blog *Snarky Mommy* comes a book that will make every woman who has ever been pregnant pee with laughter (not that that's hard). Wearing her highest heels and hottest pregnancy jeans, Amy Sprenger marches into her doctor's office, beverage in hand, ready to finally see whether her baby is a boy or a girl.

Sure, sure, this appointment is supposed to be about checking the health of the baby, but everyone who's ever been there knows it's really about looking for what lays, or doesn't lay, between the legs. So when the doctor tells her she has an incompetent cervix, Amy becomes immediately offended on behalf of her reproductive organs. Is that just a politically correct way of saying her cervix sucks? Unfortunately, as she's soon to learn, it's a lot more than that. The only way to keep that baby from falling out on the sidewalk (probably in front of Starbucks) is for her doctor to stitch her cervix closed and for Amy to stay in bed for the next four months. Four months that are carefully detailed in this "memoir." A memoir that, while basically true, has been embellished with Amy's signature brand of humor and hilarity. With more time off than a castoff contestant on "The Bachelor," Amy takes pen to paper and settles in for the ride. But instead of sitting around eating bonbons, she's popping hypertension drugs to stave off preterm labor. And complications? Oh, she's got your complications. She's gut-rehabbing her house. Her mother moves in to care for her. Her husband takes a "mancation" while she's stuck in the hospital. And every time she has a contraction, she's convinced it's The Big One. Living by the adage that laughter is the best medicine, Amy fumbles her way through a series of sometimes serious and usually embarrassing situations. And just to be clear, using a bedpan qualifies as both serious and embarrassing. "Amy Sprenger's foray into factual fiction is a hilarious (and sometimes poignant) look at high-risk pregnancy from her view at the end of the bed. Sprenger offers a fresh and funny voice that readers will love!" -- New York Times bestselling author Jen Lancaster

Your New Story, Your New Life - Bo Sebastian 2016-09-06

Rewrite a new story for your life. Learn how to think in a new way. Bo Sebastian, a Consulting Hypnotist, helps you retrain the neural pathways of your brain. Turn your dreams into reality by shifting your thoughts. Learn to manifest what you have been hoping for your entire life! This book teaches you simple steps to create a more balanced you.

This Is My Family - Pat Thomas 2012

"This reassuring picture book introduces children to families that have

parents of the same sex."--P. [4] of cover.

The Berenstain Bears are a Family - Stan Berenstain 1996-10-15

The Berenstains introduce children to all the Bear relations and explain what being a family means.

My New Family - Pat Thomas 2003

Educates readers about adoption, including the variety of ways to make a family, the adoption process, and the importance of realizing that both the adoptive parents and the birth parents love their children.

The Inland Merchant - 1910

My Manners Matter - Pat Thomas 2006

Titles in the popular "A First Look At" series for pre-school and early-grades kids explore emotional issues, encouraging children to discuss things that bother them with trusted adults. The series also helps them begin to develop basic social skills. Written by a psychotherapist and child counselor, these books promote positive interaction among children, parents, and teachers. They are written in easy-to-comprehend language, and have child-friendly illustrations on every page. Boys and girls learn that good manners are a simple way of showing kindness and respect to people they know—and to people they don't know. They are shown that being polite makes working and playing together more enjoyable for everyone.

The Complete Married With Children Book: TV's Dysfunctional Family Phenomenon - Denise Noe 2017-08-13

Married . . . with Children premiered on Fox TV in 1987 and updated the Don Ameche and Frances Langford radio comedy series, The Bickersons, and Jackie Gleason's TV classic, The Honeymooners, with a raunchy, cutting-edge slant that focused on a lovable yet laughable family headed by endearingly flawed Al (Ed O'Neill), his housework-hating wife, sexy daughter, and randy son. For 11 seasons, the brilliant team of talent put the funk in dysfunctional. Rediscover the exhilarating humor and intellectual excitement in Denise Noe's first book. She delves behind-the-scenes with Michael Moye, Ron Leavitt, Ed O'Neill, Katey Sagal, Christina Applegate, David Faustino, David Garrison, Amanda Barse, E.

E. Bell, and Ritch Shydner. You'll be fascinated by the story of how two rogue writers created a deliberately off-the-wall program; how it almost got derailed before production began; how a controversy could have plucked the series off the air but ended up injecting a much needed shot in the arm; how a reality-based show occasionally—and courageously—ventured into comedy with a fantasy, horror, and/or science fiction spin. Order your copy of the collectible First Edition today. Illustrated. Bibliography. Appendix featuring episode synopses.

THE GREAT GATSBY - F. SCOTT FITZGERALD 2022

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Slightly Skewed - David Coehrs 2013-06

The author reveals both the good and bad facing our families today using his own unique brand of humor.

First Impressions - Matt James 2022-05-03

Matt James, the first Black bachelor on ABC's beloved television show, The Bachelor, shares his views on the controversial topics that defined his season and confronts matters of race, opportunity, and his biracial identity head on. When The Bachelor franchise announced Matt James as the first Black lead, it was celebrated as long-overdue progress on the primetime show. America fell in love with Matt—the Christian, former NFL athlete, and nonprofit CEO—who charmed millions of viewers each week. But the off-screen conversations around the show revealed the realities and inescapable challenges of being Black in America and the depth of racism that still exists. On the show, Matt could only go so far in sharing his own story with America. In First Impressions, Matt shares his views on controversial topics like race and opportunity that defined his season on The Bachelor. Matt lives at the intersection of these important issues and shares the wisdom his experience has granted him. Matt describes the joys and difficulties of being the youngest of two Black sons, raised by a single, working-class, white mother in Raleigh, North Carolina. He elaborates on the spiritual closeness and sense of duty he felt for his mother, but also the complex relationships he had with the many male figures in his life: his prejudiced, Italian grandfather, who had trouble accepting Matt as his own; his father, whose womanizing and petty crime put strain on the family; and his older brother, who was Matt's protector in youth, but who struggled with the long shadow of their father's legacy. Simultaneously inspirational and informative, First Impressions will leave readers with a deeper understanding of the life experiences that prepared Matt for such a divisive moment in television history.

Just an Illusion - The B Side - D. Kelly 2017-03-28

Three life-altering months ... That's how long it's been since Amelia Greyson joined the Just an Illusion Tour with Bastards and Dangerous. She's made new friends, embraced her past, and even found love. Back on the road ... Following a tragic situation, Amelia is determined to hit the road, put her life in order, and finish the book she was hired to write. Mel's not the only one affected by what happened; the men of BAD are all trying to move forward, not wanting the past to ruin the remainder of

their farewell tour. Brother vs Brother ... Tensions are high on the Weston brothers' bus. As each brother settles into their role in Amelia's life, secrets threaten to rip their relationship to shreds. Can Noah and Sawyer find a way to save the brotherly bond they share? Or will the woman of their dreams end up tearing them apart for good? The B Side is the second book in The Illusion Series

Family Destruction - Tyron Hayes 2017-08-03

This novel is just a figment of my imagination and does not depict the views of my personal opinion. In memory of the dearly departed, I would like to bow my head in a moment of silence for all the fallen soldiers who didn't get a chance to see life for the way it was meant to be viewed. For our predecessors who've been misguiding our young minds of the ghettos for far too long. For those who helped to prevent prosperity from ever reaching its full potential. For the many demons of their own destruction, who truly believe that genocide is the only way to properly represent their neighborhoods with pride. For the athletic, or intellectual being, who seem -to have missed their true calling for dedicating so much of their lives to the lost cause of gang violence, we say no more! If we don't stand for something, we will eventually start falling for anything. It's time to wake up, and build up to the expectation of our own greatness! If not, the very future of our children, and our children's, children's lives will one day depend on it...

[The Man Who Could Move Clouds](#) - Ingrid Rojas Contreras 2022-07-12

A TIME BEST BOOK OF THE SUMMER • From the bestselling author of *Fruit of the Drunken Tree*, comes a dazzling, kaleidoscopic memoir reclaiming her family's otherworldly legacy. “Rojas Contreras reacquaints herself with her family’s past, weaving their stories with personal narrative, unraveling legacies of violence, machismo and colonialism... In the process, she has written a spellbinding and genre-defying ancestral history.”—New York Times Book Review For Ingrid

Rojas Contreras, magic runs in the family. Raised amid the political violence of 1980s and '90s Colombia, in a house bustling with her mother's fortune-telling clients, she was a hard child to surprise. Her maternal grandfather, Nono, was a renowned curandero, a community healer gifted with what the family called “the secrets”: the power to talk to the dead, tell the future, treat the sick, and move the clouds. And as the first woman to inherit “the secrets,” Rojas Contreras' mother was just as powerful. Mami delighted in her ability to appear in two places at once, and she could cast out even the most persistent spirits with nothing more than a glass of water. This legacy had always felt like it belonged to her mother and grandfather, until, while living in the U.S. in her twenties, Rojas Contreras suffered a head injury that left her with amnesia. As she regained partial memory, her family was excited to tell her that this had happened before: Decades ago Mami had taken a fall that left her with amnesia, too. And when she recovered, she had gained access to “the secrets.” In 2012, spurred by a shared dream among Mami and her sisters, and her own powerful urge to relearn her family history in the aftermath of her memory loss, Rojas Contreras joins her mother on a journey to Colombia to disinter Nono's remains. With Mami as her unpredictable, stubborn, and often amusing guide, Rojas Contreras traces her lineage back to her Indigenous and Spanish roots, uncovering the violent and rigid colonial narrative that would eventually break her mestizo family into two camps: those who believe “the secrets” are a gift, and those who are convinced they are a curse. Interweaving family stories more enchanting than those in any novel, resurrected Colombian history, and her own deeply personal reckonings with the bounds of reality, Rojas Contreras writes her way through the incomprehensible and into her inheritance. The result is a luminous testament to the power of storytelling as a healing art and an invitation to embrace the extraordinary.