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Marcovaldo - Italo Calvino 2012-10-26

A charming portrait of one man's dreams and schemes, by "the greatest Italian writer of the twentieth century" (The Guardian). In this enchanting book of linked stories, Italo Calvino charts the disastrous schemes of an Italian peasant, an unskilled worker in a drab northern industrial city in the 1950s and '60s, struggling to reconcile his old country habits with his current urban life. Marcovaldo has a practiced eye for spotting natural beauty and an unquenchable longing for the unspoiled rural world of his imagination. Much to the continuing puzzlement of his wife, his children, his boss, and his neighbors, he chases his dreams and gives rein to his fantasies, whether it's sleeping in the great outdoors on a park bench, following a stray cat, or trying to catch wasps. Unfortunately, the results are never quite what he anticipates. Spanning from the 1950s to the 1960s, the twenty stories in Marcovaldo are alternately comic and melancholy, farce and fantasy. Throughout, Calvino's unassuming masterpiece "conveys the sensuous, tangible qualities of life" (The New York Times).

Creepella Von Cacklefur - Geronimo Stilton 2011

Creepella von Cacklefur, an amateur journalist, heads to the scary Squeakspeare mansion to interview some ghosts, where they meet Billy Squeakspeare, who is too afraid to go into his haunted house alone.

Oh, Freedom! - Francesco D'Adamo 2016-06-09

This exciting adventure story follows a family of slaves in the USA in 1860 as they escape from a cotton plantation via the legendary Underground Railroad. An enthralling story of courage and resilience, centring on 10-year-old Tommy, it will fascinate children who might not know much about this secret escape route into Canada that was used by as many as 100,000 people. Ten-year-old Tommy roams the cotton fields of Alabama owned by the notorious Captain Archer. Intimidating guards with fierce dogs protect the land to prevent any slaves from leaving. That is until a supernatural spirit visits Tommy offering a way out. With his banjo slung over his shoulder, Peg Leg Joe guides Tommy, his family and other slaves out of Southern USA, and into Canada through the legendary Underground Railroads. Stretched for miles across the country's vastness, the network famously facilitated more than 100,000 slaves to a new life. For Tommy and his family, the escape is far from an easy ride. The young boy is forced to mature through this testing period and allow his strong will to guide himself and others to safety under the guidance of Peg Leg Joe. Set in the 19th century, D'Adamo's well-constructed novel tells a story distant in time, remains grounded in a reality that still exists today. Millions of people across the globe continue to be enslaved, including children.

The Hunt for the Golden Book - Geronimo Stilton 2014-03-25

Geronimo is on the hunt in this special edition adventure! Grandfather William was throwing me, Geronimo Stilton, a party -- it had been 10 years since I published my first book! He wanted me to write a new book especially for the occasion. Then my laptop was stolen right from under my snout. Cheese niblets, how terrible! Could my friends and I find my computer and print my book all in time for the party? BONUS! After the story, read an extra Mini Mystery adventure: THE LAKE MONSTER. When a mysterious monster is sighted in a lake on Mouse Island, Geronimo is called in to investigate! But can he figure out this creature's secret? PLUS jokes galore!

Spring Cleaning - Antonio Manzini 2019-05-07

The fourth installment in the Rocco Schiavone mystery series from the international bestselling author, Antonio Manzini picks up three days after his last novel, *Out of Season*, left off, as Rocco seeks revenge for a friend—and closure for himself. Rocco is still reeling from the death of his best friend's girlfriend, who was murdered as she slept in his bed. There's no doubt that she was in the wrong place at the wrong time and paid the ultimate price. With the identity of the hitman still unknown, a cloud lingers over Rocco, dulling his judgment and leaving this anti-hero

exposed to other threats. For Rocco has stepped on one too many people's toes over the years, namely the mafia that is still being rooted out in Aosta. To complicate matters, the kidnapped teenager that Rocco saved has not fully recovered. But all is not as it appears with that family. Her mother, father, and boyfriend are all running some sort of farce that Rocco can't easily crack. And now he must grapple between these two parallel investigations and find answers once and for all...before one too many skeletons come after him. With the same clever insights, vitality, and humor readers have come to expect from Manzini, *Spring Cleaning* is another engaging, page-turning mystery.

Out of Season - Antonio Manzini 2018-10-02

A clever, engaging third novel in the Rocco Schiavone mystery series from bestselling Italian author, Antonio Manzini, following the dashing deputy police chief who confronts his most riveting case ever. It's the bitterly cold spring season in alpine Aosta, and a girl has been kidnapped. Chiara Berguet, daughter of the owners of a local construction firm, was targeted thanks to the sizeable debt her parents owe. But like many a best-laid plan, a blown tire causes the crime to go haywire as the kidnappers' van skids off the road and crashes into a pair of larch trees. Both the driver and his accomplice die on impact, leaving the girl in the back, gagged and bound and unable to break herself free. Meanwhile Rocco Schiavone wakes to find himself in Anna's apartment. She's the best friend of his girlfriend Nora, and memories of the night before, a heated evening with Anna, return to him. As he sneaks out, he sees the first few snowstorm clouds of the spring season move across the sky, an ominous reference that something is off. If trouble at home and a case of kidnapping weren't enough, Rocco will eventually have to contend with Enzo Baiocchi. Rocco was the one who sent Enzo to prison, and in the process killed Enzo's brother. Having just escaped from prison, Enzo is heading north with a newly purchased revolver and, clearly, revenge on his mind. And when an unfortunate incident of mistaken identity makes Enzo's act of revenge even more fiendish, it also presents a gruesome scene for Rocco to discover on his return home.

Middlesex Murders - Linda Stratmann 2012-02-29

Middlesex Murders brings together numerous murderous tales, some of which were little known outside the county, and others which made national headlines. Contained within the pages of this book are the stories behind some of the most heinous crimes ever committed in Middlesex. They include the murder of John Draper, whose body was found in a well at Enfield Chase in 1816; 15-year-old John Brill, found beaten to death in a wood in 1837 after giving evidence against two poachers; and Claire Paul, killed with an axe at her home in Ruislip in 1938. Linda Stratmann's carefully researched and enthralling text includes much previously unpublished information and will appeal to everyone interested in the shady side of Middlesex's history.

Sammy Keyes and the Skeleton Man - Wendelin Van Draanen 1999-04-20

This Halloween is more than just tricks and treats—it's deadly serious. It was supposed to be a simple ding-dong ditch. A dare to give them bragging rights. But as Sammy and her friends sneak up to the spookiest house in town, they get scared witless by a skeleton, and then witness something frightening enough to make even Sammy scream. Things have taken a scary turn at school, too, with horrible Heather spreading embarrassing rumors about Sammy. Sammy devises a plan to expose her, but it's going to take a deceptive disguise, some good friends, and a lot of guts to pull it off... Praise for the Sammy Keyes series: "If Kinsey Millhone ever hires a junior partner, Sammy Keyes will be the first candidate on the list. She's feisty, fearless, and funny. A top-notch investigator!" —New York Times bestselling author Sue Grafton "The sleuth delights from start to finish. Keep your binoculars trained on Sammy Keyes." —Publishers Weekly "The most winning junior detective ever in teen lit. (Take that, Nancy Drew!)" —Midwest Children's Book

Review

[The Right Attitude to Rain](#) - Alexander McCall Smith 2009-02-24

The delectable new installment in the bestselling and already beloved adventures of Isabel Dalhousie and her no-nonsense housekeeper, Grace. When friends from Dallas arrive in Edinburgh and introduce Isabel to Tom Bruce - a bigwig at home in Texas - several confounding situations unfurl at once. Tom's young fiancée's roving eye leads Isabel to believe that money may be the root of her love for Tom. But what, Isabel wonders, is the root of the interest Tom begins to show for Isabel herself? And she can't forget about her niece, Cat, who's busy falling for a man whom Isabel suspects of being an incorrigible mama's boy. Of course Grace and Isabel's friend Jamie counsel Isabel to stay out of all of it, but there are irresistible philosophical issues at stake - when to tell the truth and when to keep one's mouth shut, to be precise - and philosophical issues are meat and drink to Isabel Dalhousie, editor of the *Review of Applied Ethics*. In any case, she's certain of the ethical basis for a little sleuthing now and again - especially when the problems involve matters of the heart.

The Rules of Love & Grammar - Mary Simses 2016-05-31

A woman finds love and closure, and rediscovers herself, when she returns to her roots in the enchanting new novel from the author of *The Irresistible Blueberry Bakeshop & Café*. Newly jobless, newly single, and suddenly apartmentless, writer Grace Hammond has come unmoored. A grammar whiz who's brilliant at correcting other people's errors, she hasn't yet found quite the right set of rules for fixing her own mistakes. Desperate to escape the city and her trifecta of problems, Grace hits pause and retreats to her Connecticut hometown. What begins as a short visit with her parents quickly becomes a far more meaningful stay, though, as she discovers that the answers to what her future holds might be found by making peace with-and even embracing-the past. As Grace sets out to change her ways and come to terms, finally, with the tragedy that took her older sister's life so many years ago, she rekindles a romance with her high school sweetheart, Peter, now a famous Hollywood director who's filming a movie in town. Sparks also fly at the local bike shop, where Grace's penchant for pointing out what's wrong rattles the owner's ruggedly handsome schoolteacher son, Mitch. Torn between the promise of a glamorous life and the allure of the familiar, Grace must decide what truly matters-and whether it's time for her to throw away the rule book and bravely follow her heart.

[Ellen's Apple Tree](#) - Catarina Kruusval 2008

Always happy playing in and around the apple tree in the backyard, Ellen and Ollie are devastated when it gets knocked down during a winter storm, but when her mother tells her that it can be replaced, Ellen feels that spring cannot come soon enough!

Zlateh the Goat and Other Stories - Isaac Bashevis Singer 1984-10-10
'[A] delightful and distinguished book [of seven tales] from middle European folklore [by the winner of the 1978 Nobel Prize for Literature].'
—BL. 1967 Newbery Honor Book Notable Children's Books of 1940-1970 (ALA) 1966 Fanfare Honor List (The Horn Book) "Best of the Best" Children's Books 1966-1978 (SLJ) Best Illustrated Children's Books of 1966 (NYT) Children's Books of 1966 (Library of Congress) Children's Books of the Year 1966 (CSA)

A Cold Death (A Rocco Schiavone Mystery) - Antonio Manzini 2016-08-02

Small towns can hide big secrets, but Rocco Schiavone will do whatever it takes to bring them into the light. The second novel in the internationally bestselling series from Italian crime maestro Antonio Manzini.

Time On My Hands - Giorgio Vasta 2013-06-18

Palermo, Sicily, 1978. The Christian Democrat leader Aldo Moro has just been kidnapped in Rome by members of the notorious Red Brigades. Two months after his disappearance on 9th May, Moro is found dead in the boot of a car. A trio of eleven-year-old schoolboys, Nimbo, Raggio, and Volo, avidly follow the news of the abduction as their admiration for the brigatisti grows. When the boys themselves resolve to abduct a classmate and incarcerate him in a makeshift 'people's prison', the darkness within their world, and the world of the novel, becomes all-pervasive. A vivid and hellish description of Sicily in the late seventies, *Time on my Hands* is an unforgettable novel from a significant new voice in Italian fiction.

Precious and the Monkeys - Alexander McCall-Smith 2011-07-01

Well before Precious Ramotswe founded her Number One Ladies' Detective Agency, as an eight-year-old girl she was already solving mysteries. Here, in this delightful, enchanting tale for children, we find out just who has been stealing her schoolfriends' snacks and how the

young Precious became the crafty and intuitive private investigator we all know and love!

Night of the Jabberwock - Fredric Brown 2010-12-01

In the small town of Carmel City, it's just another Thursday night for longstanding editor and Lewis Carroll aficionado Doc Stoeger as he puts his weekly newspaper to bed. Of course there isn't any real news in the Carmel City Clarion, but then there never is, and Doc wishes that for once something would happen on a Thursday evening to give him a hot story to break. Before the night is through, Doc's wishes come true and he gets tangled up in a bizarre series of events that would make for sensational reading the next morning. But will he survive to put it into print?

Kingdom of the Two Sicilies - Antonio Ciano 2018-03-29

Data in hand, this volume offers an accurate analysis of the economic situation of the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies from its establishment to its dissolution by the Savoyard army. A must-read for anyone who wants to deepen the historical context in which the economy of the Bourbon kingdom developed, and the numerous economic and industrial achievements it managed to achieve before its annexation to the Kingdom of Italy.

Adolf in Wonderland - Carlton Mellick Iii 2013-10

In an alternate version of the future where Hitler had conquered the entire world during WW2 and developed society into his vision of utopia, an SS officer is on a mission to find and exterminate the last imperfect human on Earth. Following his trail leads the young Nazi to a small town hidden in the middle of the desert, a place that has been cut off from society for so long that it has developed its own strange and disturbing culture. Thus begins Mellick's dreamlike adventure that takes a young descendent of Adolf Hitler's design and sends him down the rabbit hole into a world of imperfection and disorder, where even the laws of reality itself don't seem to apply. A tribute to both Franz Kafka and Lewis Carroll, "Adolf in Wonderland" is a perfect read for fans of the bizarro genre.

[The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time](#) - Mark Haddon 2009-02-24

A bestselling modern classic—both poignant and funny—narrated by a fifteen year old autistic savant obsessed with Sherlock Holmes, this dazzling novel weaves together an old-fashioned mystery, a contemporary coming-of-age story, and a fascinating excursion into a mind incapable of processing emotions. Christopher John Francis Boone knows all the countries of the world and their capitals and every prime number up to 7,057. Although gifted with a superbly logical brain, Christopher is autistic. Everyday interactions and admonishments have little meaning for him. At fifteen, Christopher's carefully constructed world falls apart when he finds his neighbour's dog Wellington impaled on a garden fork, and he is initially blamed for the killing. Christopher decides that he will track down the real killer, and turns to his favourite fictional character, the impeccably logical Sherlock Holmes, for inspiration. But the investigation leads him down some unexpected paths and ultimately brings him face to face with the dissolution of his parents' marriage. As Christopher tries to deal with the crisis within his own family, the narrative draws readers into the workings of Christopher's mind. And herein lies the key to the brilliance of Mark Haddon's choice of narrator: The most wrenching of emotional moments are chronicled by a boy who cannot fathom emotions. The effect is dazzling, making for one of the freshest debut in years: a comedy, a tearjerker, a mystery story, a novel of exceptional literary merit that is great fun to read.

Bog Child - Siobhan Dowd 2008-09-09

DIGGING FOR PEAT in the mountain with his Uncle Tally, Fergus finds the body of a child, and it looks like she's been murdered. As Fergus tries to make sense of the mad world around him—his brother on hunger-strike in prison, his growing feelings for Cora, his parents arguing over the Troubles, and him in it up to the neck, blackmailed into acting as courier to God knows what—a little voice comes to him in his dreams, and the mystery of the bog child unfurls. *Bog Child* is an astonishing novel exploring the sacrifices made in the name of peace, and the unflinching strength of the human spirit.

[Black Run](#) - Antonio Manzini 2015-04-28

Already an international hit, a sly, sizzling mystery—the first in a sensational crime series—set in the Italian Alps, reminiscent of the works of Andrea Camilleri, D. A. Mishani, Donna Leon, and Henning Mankell. Getting into serious trouble with the wrong people, deputy prefect of police Rocco Schiavone is exiled to Aosta, a small, touristy alpine town far from his beloved Rome. The sophisticated and crotchety Roman despises mountains, snow, and the provincial locals as much as he

disdains his superiors and their petty rules. But he loves solving crimes. When a mangled body has been discovered on a ski run above Champoluc, Rocco immediately faces his first challenge—identifying the victim, a complex procedure complicated by his ignorance of the customs, dialect, and history of his new home. Proud and undaunted, Rocco makes his way among the ski runs, mountain huts, and aerial tramways, meeting ski instructors, Alpine guides, the hardworking, enigmatic folk of Aosta, and a few beautiful locals eager to give him a warm welcome. It won't be easy, this mountain life, especially with a corpse or two in the mix. But then there's nothing that makes Rocco feel more at home than an investigation. An insightful observer of human nature, Antonio Manzini writes with sly humor and a dash of irony, and introduces an irresistible hero—a fascinating blend of swagger, machismo, and vulnerability—in a colorful and atmospheric crime mystery series that is European crime fiction at its best.

Mammoth Pie - Jeanne Willis 2012-08-02

Another classic picture book from the Smarties Prize-winning partnership behind Tadpole's Promise "On top of a mountain there lived a fat mammoth. Down in the valley there lived a thin caveman. The caveman was hungry. Very, very hungry. He saw the mammoth and licked his lips." Fed up with eating seeds, fed up with eating weeds . . . a mammoth can start looking pretty delicious to a hungry caveman! But a mouthwatering Mammoth Pie turns out to be more difficult to come by than the caveman could ever imagine.

Inventing the AIDS Virus - Peter H. Duesberg 1998-05-01

Investigates the political and financial forces that have shaped AIDS research, including the growing dissension within scientific ranks, the power politics among virologists, and other controversial issues

Tommaso and the Blind Photographer - Gesualdo Bufalino 2000

Tommaso, a lean and hungry ex-husband, wants to take Leah to bed, and she is willing enough if he finds the missing film: money is to be made."--BOOK JACKET.

Molecules of Emotion - Candace B. Pert 1997

Explains the science behind the brain's opiate receptors and other evidence of the intimate connections between mind and body, and their meaning for the future of Western medicine

A Swift Pure Cry - Siobhan Dowd 2008-09-09

Ireland 1984. After Shell's mother dies, her obsessively religious father descends into alcoholic mourning and Shell is left to care for her younger brother and sister. Her only release from the harshness of everyday life comes from her budding spiritual friendship with a naive young priest, and most importantly, her developing relationship with childhood friend, Declan, who is charming, eloquent, and persuasive. But when Declan suddenly leaves Ireland to seek his fortune in America, Shell finds herself pregnant and the center of a scandal that rocks the small community in which she lives, with repercussions across the whole country. The lives of those immediately around her will never be the same again. This is a story of love and loss, religious belief and spirituality—it will move the hearts of any who read it.

Morrissey In Conversation - Paul A. Woods 2017-10-01

An English national treasure, Steven Patrick Morrissey has made barbed observations about modern culture for more than two decades. As renowned for his elegantly waspish interviews as for his celebrated song lyrics, his wit and vitriol are finally collected in a long overdue anthology.

All the Sad Young Literary Men - Keith Gessen 2008-04-10

By the author of *A Terrible Country* and *Raising Raffi*, a novel of love, sadness, wasted youth, and literary and intellectual ambition—"wincingly funny" (*Vogue*) Keith Gessen is a brave and trenchant new literary voice. Known as an award-winning translator of Russian and a book reviewer for publications including *The New Yorker* and *The New York Times*, Gessen makes his debut with this critically acclaimed novel, a charming yet scathing portrait of young adulthood at the opening of the twenty-first century. The novel charts the lives of Sam, Mark, and Keith as they overthink their college years, underthink their love lives, and struggle to find a semblance of maturity, responsibility, and even literary fame.

Everything You Know is Wrong - Russell Kick 2002

Hooked - Les Edgerton 2007-03-29

The road to rejection is paved with bad beginnings. Agents and editors agree: Improper story beginnings are the single biggest barrier to publication. Why? If a novel or short story has a bad beginning, then no one will keep reading. It's just that simple. In *Hooked*, author Les Edgerton draws on his experience as a successful fiction writer and teacher to help you overcome the weak openings that lead to instant rejection by showing you how to successfully use the ten core

components inherent to any great beginning. You'll find: • Detailed instruction on how to develop your inciting incident • Keys for creating a cohesive story-worthy problem • Tips on how to avoid common opening gaffes like overusing backstory • A rundown on basics such as opening scene length and transitions • A comprehensive analysis of more than twenty great opening lines from novels and short stories Plus, you'll discover exclusive insider advice from agents and acquiring editors on what they look for in a strong opening. With *Hooked*, you'll have all the information you need to craft a compelling beginning that lays the foundation for an irresistible story!

Lo strano casi dei criceti scomparsi - Katie Davies 2010

The Willoughbys - Lois Lowry 2010-03-23

Now a Netflix animated film starring Will Forte, Maya Rudolph, Alessia Cara, Terry Crews, Martin Short, Jane Krakowski, Séan Cullen, and Ricky Gervais! From the Newbery Medal-winning author of *The Giver* and *Number the Stars*, comes a "hilarious" (Booklist, starred review) and wonderfully old-fashioned story about a mother and father who are all too eager to be rid of their four children . . . and four children who are all too happy to be rid of their parents. The Willoughby's—Timothy; his twin brothers, Barnaby A and Barnaby B; and their little sister, Jane—are old-fashioned children who adore old-fashioned adventures. Unfortunately, the Willoughby parents are not very fond of their children, and the truth is that the siblings are not too keen on their parents either. Little do the Willoughby kids know that their neglectful mother and father are hatching an evil plan to get rid of them! Not to worry—these resourceful adventurers have a few plans of their own. But they have no idea what lies ahead in their quest to rid themselves of their ghastly parents and live happily ever after.

Riddles of the Soul - Rudolf Steiner 1996

Remember Miranda - Rowena Akinyemi 2000-01-01

Reading level: 1 [green].

SOE Manual: How to be an Agent in Occupied Europe - Special Operations Executive 2014-11-06

The actual course given to all secret agents in SOE before working behind enemy lines. It includes everything you needed to know to go undercover - from documents, cover stories and how to live off the land to how to get through an interrogation.

Six Walks in the Fictional Woods - Umberto Eco 1998-07-21

In this exhilarating book, we accompany Umberto Eco as he explores the intricacies of fictional form and method. Using examples ranging from fairy tales and Flaubert, Poe and Mickey Spillane, Eco draws us in by means of a novelist's techniques, making us his collaborators in the creation of his text and in the investigation of some of fiction's most basic mechanisms.

Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet - Zanib Mian 2020-02-04

An exciting #OwnVoices middle-grade debut starring a Muslim boy with a huge imagination. An NPR Best Book of the Year. Welcome to the imaginative brain of Omar! Omar and his family have just moved, and he is NOT excited about starting at a new school. What if the work is too hard or the kids are mean or the teacher is a zombie alien?! But when Omar makes a new best friend, things start looking up. That is, until a Big Mean Bully named Daniel makes every day a nightmare! Daniel even tells Omar that all Muslims are going to be kicked out of the country . . . Could that possibly be true? Luckily, Omar's enormous imagination and goofy family help him get through life's ups and downs. Omar's funny, relatable narrative is the perfect answer to the call for both mirrors and windows to fill bookshelves with diverse stories. -An NPR Best Book of the Year -USBBY Outstanding International Book Selection -2020 Global Read Aloud Selection -Kirkus Reviews Best Book of the Year -Middle East Book Award Nominee -New York Public Library Best Book of the Year (top 10)

Dear Little Fish - André Dahan 2008

DEAR LITTLE FISH offers the gentle story of two unlikely matched creatures. A cat falls in love with a small goldfish and learns that true love may only be found in freedom. This is an astonishingly beautiful, original and moving story, yet in its simplicity it appeals to children and adults alike.

Obstetrics - John Whitridge Williams 1904

Liar Moon - Ben Pastor 2012-02-21

Praise for Ben Pastor's *Lumen*: "Pastor's plot is well crafted, her prose sharp. . . . A disturbing mix of detection and reflection."—Publishers Weekly "Rivets the reader with its twist of historical realities. A historical

piece, it faithfully reproduces the grim canvas of war. A character study, it captures the thoughts and actions of real people, not stereotypes."—The Free Lance-Star "And don't miss Lumen by Ben Pastor. . . . An interesting, original, and melancholy tale."—Literary Review Italy, September 1943. The Italian government switches sides and declares war on Germany. The north of Italy is controlled by the fascist puppets of Germany; the south liberated by Allied forces fighting their way up the peninsula. Having survived hell on the Russian front, Wehrmacht major and aristocrat Baron Martin von Bora is sent to Verona. He is ordered to investigate the murder of a prominent local

fascist: a bizarre death threatening to discredit the regime's public image. The prime suspect is the victim's twenty-eight-year-old widow Clara. Haunted by his record of opposition to SS policies in Russia, Bora must watch his step. Against the backdrop of relentless anti-partisan warfare and the tragedy of the Holocaust, a breathless chase begins. Ben Pastor, born and now back in Italy, lived for thirty years in the United States, working as a university professor in Vermont. The first in the Martin Bora series, Lumen, was published by Bitter Lemon Press in May 2011.