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**Best Kept Secret** Jeffrey Archer 2013-04-30 From #1 New York Times bestselling author Jeffrey Archer, the Clifton Chronicles continues with Best Kept Secret. 1945, London. The vote in the House of Lords as to who should inherit the Barrington family fortune has ended in a tie. The Lord Chancellor's deciding vote will cast a long shadow on the lives of Harry Clifton and Giles Barrington. Harry returns to America to promote his latest novel, while his beloved Emma goes in search of the little girl who was found abandoned in her father's office on the night he was killed. When the general election is called, Giles Barrington has to defend his seat in the House of Commons and is horrified to discover who the Conservatives select to stand against him. But it is Sebastian Clifton, Harry and Emma's son, who ultimately influences his uncle's fate. In 1957, Sebastian wins a scholarship to Cambridge, and a new generation of the Clifton family marches onto the page. But after Sebastian is expelled from school, he unwittingly becomes caught up in an international art fraud involving a Rodin statue that is worth far more than the sum it raises at auction. Does he become a millionaire? Does he go to Cambridge? Is his life in danger? Best Kept Secret, the third volume in Jeffrey Archer's bestselling series, will answer all these questions but, once again, pose so many more.

The Giver Lois Lowry 2014 Living in a "perfect" world without social ills, a boy approaches the time when he will receive a life assignment from the Elders, but his selection leads him to a mysterious man known as the Giver, who reveals the dark secrets behind the utopian facade.

**Little Burro** Jim Arnosky 2013 "When Little Burro's band of burros leaves her canyon, Little Burro does not want to follow, but she soon finds out that visiting new places can be fun"--

*The Death of Jane Lawrence* Caitlin Starling 2021-10-05 \*\*\*AN INSTANT BESTSELLER!\*\*\* Best Books of 2021 · NPR ALA/The Reading List Best Horror 2021 Pick Longlisted for the Bram Stoker Awards for Superior Achievement in a Novel, 2021 From the Bram Stoker-nominated author of *The Luminous Dead* comes a gothic fantasy horror—*The Death of Jane Lawrence*. "A jewel box of a Gothic novel." —New York Times Book Review "Delicious.... By the time the book reached that point of no return, I was so invested that I would have followed Jane into the very depths of hell." —NPR.org "Intense and amazing! It's like Jonathan Strange and Mr. Norrell meets Mexican Gothic meets *Crimson Peak*." —BookRiot Practical, unassuming Jane Shoringfield has done the calculations, and decided that the most secure path forward is this: a husband, in a marriage of convenience, who will allow her to remain independent and occupied with meaningful work. Her first choice, the dashing but reclusive doctor Augustine Lawrence, agrees to

her proposal with only one condition: that she must never visit Lindridge Hall, his crumbling family manor outside of town. Yet on their wedding night, an accident strands her at his door in a pitch-black rainstorm, and she finds him changed. Gone is the bold, courageous surgeon, and in his place is a terrified, paranoid man—one who cannot tell reality from nightmare, and fears Jane is an apparition, come to haunt him. By morning, Augustine is himself again, but Jane knows something is deeply wrong at Lindridge Hall, and with the man she has so hastily bound her safety to. Set in a dark-mirror version of post-war England, Caitlin Starling crafts a new kind of gothic horror from the bones of the beloved canon. This Crimson Peak-inspired story assembles, then upends, every expectation set in place by Shirley Jackson and Rebecca, and will leave readers shaken, desperate to begin again as soon as they are finished.

Shadow's Touch T. M. Hart 2018-08-17 Violet Archer has spent her life fighting Shadows. Now she's married to their prince. There's just one problem for the Dark Lord... His new bride is plotting to kill him. Shadows have been attacking Radiants for millennia. They creep through the streets at night and take innocent lives, feeding from a Radiant's Light. Yet Violet is out there in the dark, fighting with an elite team to eliminate the guerrilla attacks and keep her people safe. While she's good at what she does, it isn't enough. So when the opportunity to do something more arises, Violet takes it. But now she finds herself at the dark and dreary Shadow Court. And she slowly realizes that nothing is as she thought. While her mysterious host evades her, she finds herself unable to fight a supernatural pull she has to him. And the more time that passes at the Dark Manor, the more they find they need one another. After all . . . their lives depend on it. Blending the best of both paranormal romance and urban fantasy, *Shadow's Touch* is a dark and steamy adventure full of twists and turns that will leave you wanting more!

**Creep and Flutter** Jim Arnosky 2012 In his fourth stunning nonfiction picture book, the award-winning naturalist, illustrator and author celebrates the beauty and diversity of hundreds of insects and spiders in a sumptuously illustrated work that features eight gatefolds depicting butterflies, beetles, spiders and more.

**Flutter for Beginners** Alessandro Biessek 2019-09-12 A step-by-step guide to learning Flutter and Dart 2 for creating Android and iOS mobile applications Key FeaturesGet up to speed with the basics of Dart programming and delve into Flutter developmentUnderstand native SDK and third-party libraries for building Android and iOS applications using FlutterPackage and deploy your Flutter apps to achieve native-like performanceBook Description Google Flutter is a cross-platform mobile framework that makes it easy to write high-performance apps for Android and iOS. This book will help you get to grips with the basics of the Flutter framework and the Dart programming language. Starting from setting up your development environment, you'll learn to design the UI and add user input functions. You'll explore the navigator widget to manage app routes and learn to add transitions between screens. The book will even guide you through developing your own plugin and later, you'll discover how to structure good plugin code. Using the Google Places API, you'll also understand how to display a map in the app and add markers and interactions to it. You'll then learn to improve the user experience with features such as map integrations, platform-specific code with native languages, and personalized animation options for designing intuitive UIs. The book follows a practical approach and gives you access to all relevant code files hosted at [github.com/PacktPublishing/Flutter-for-Beginners](https://github.com/PacktPublishing/Flutter-for-Beginners). This will help you access a variety of examples and prepare your own bug-free apps, ready to deploy on the App Store and Google Play Store. By the end of this book, you'll be well-versed with Dart programming and have the skills to develop your own mobile apps or build a career as a Dart and Flutter app developer. What you will learnUnderstand the fundamentals of the Dart programming languageExplore the core concepts of the Flutter UI and how it compiles for multiple platformsDevelop Flutter plugins and widgets and understand how to structure

plugin code appropriatelyStyle your Android and iOS apps with widgets and learn the difference between stateful and stateless widgetsAdd animation to your UI using Flutter's AnimatedBuilder componentIntegrate your native code into your Flutter codebase for native app performanceWho this book is for This book is for developers looking to learn Google's revolutionary framework Flutter from scratch. No prior knowledge of Flutter or Dart is required; however, basic knowledge of any programming language will be helpful.

**Bossy Nights** Liv Morris 2020 A forbidden and sexy office romance from USA Today bestseller Liv Morris. I've landed in New York City with my resume in one hand and my V-card in the other. The resume? I'll give to any man on the street. The other? Well... I won't settle for anything less than lightning bolt chemistry and so far no one has flipped that switch. Until I meet Barclay Hammond, CEO of the most prestigious publishing house in NYC and the city's most eligible bachelor. He's commanding. Charming. Gorgeous. And my new boss. The raw attraction between us is off the charts. Late nights together in the city, the looks he gives me across the boardroom table make him impossible to resist. I want him to be the one and he wants me too... There's only one BIG problem. Dating your boss is strictly forbidden at Hammond Press. Who knew losing it would be so complicated? "Bossy Nights delivers all of the feels." - USA Today HEA Full length novel at 68,000 words.

**Songs from the Deep** Kelly Powell 2020-10-27 A girl searches for a killer on an island where deadly sirens lurk just beneath the waves in this "twisty, atmospheric story that grips readers like a siren song" (Publishers Weekly, starred review). The sea holds many secrets. Moira Alexander has always been fascinated by the deadly sirens who lurk along the shores of her island town. Even though their haunting songs can lure anyone to a swift and watery grave, she gets as close to them as she can, playing her violin on the edge of the enchanted sea. When a young boy is found dead on the beach, the islanders assume that he's one of the sirens' victims. Moira isn't so sure. Certain that someone has framed the boy's death as a siren attack, Moira convinces her childhood friend, the lighthouse keeper Jude Osric, to help her find the real killer, rekindling their friendship in the process. With townspeople itching to hunt the sirens down, and their own secrets threatening to unravel their fragile new alliance, Moira and Jude must race against time to stop the killer before it's too late—for humans and sirens alike.

**Slither and Crawl** Jim Arnosky 2009 The author describes and identifies venomous snakes and their harmless cousins, where to find a 200-pound lizard, and how to avoid becoming an alligator's lunch, in a text with fold-out pages.

**Wildflower Folklore** Laura C. Martin 1993-01-01 Life stories of 105 wildflowers, grouped according to their most frequently occurring color; brief description, scientific and common names; place and season to find them.

**Killers of the Flower Moon** David Grann 2017-04-18 NATIONAL BOOK AWARD FINALIST • NATIONAL BESTSELLER • A twisting, haunting true-life murder mystery about one of the most monstrous crimes in American history, from the author of *The Lost City of Z*. In the 1920s, the richest people per capita in the world were members of the Osage Nation in Oklahoma. After oil was discovered beneath their land, the Osage rode in chauffeured automobiles, built mansions, and sent their children to study in Europe. Then, one by one, the Osage began to be killed off. The family of an Osage woman, Mollie Burkhart, became a prime target. One of her relatives was shot. Another was poisoned. And it was just the beginning, as more and more Osage were dying under mysterious circumstances, and many of those who dared to investigate the killings were themselves murdered. As the death toll rose, the newly created FBI took up the case, and the young director, J. Edgar Hoover, turned to a former Texas Ranger named Tom White to

try to unravel the mystery. White put together an undercover team, including a Native American agent who infiltrated the region, and together with the Osage began to expose one of the most chilling conspiracies in American history.

**The Secret Keeper** Sandra Byrd 2012-06-05 The author of "To Die For" returns to the court of Henry VIII, as a young woman is caught between love and honor. As Juliana learns the secrets of King Henry VIII's court, she faces threats and opposition, learning upsetting truths about her own life.

*All about Turkeys* Jim Arnosky 1998 Discusses turkeys, what they eat, where they sleep, and how they survive.

**Microbe Hunters** Paul De Kruif 1926 First published in 1927.

*Creativity and Children's Literature: New Ways to Encourage Divergent Thinking* Marianne Saccardi 2014-07-31 Today's students need to be able to do more than score well on tests—they must be creative thinkers and problem solvers. The tools in this book will help teachers and parents start students on the path to becoming innovative, successful individuals in the 21st century workforce. • Demonstrates how to use children's literature specifically to foster divergent thinking in students in school and at home • Provides specific suggestions for activities and example projects relevant to individual books as well as to entire teaching units • Supplies bibliographies of hundreds of recently published children's books recommended for children of different age levels • Cites research findings that underscore the vital importance of divergent thinking in today's world and its importance to the business community

**The Frozen Wild** Jim Arnosky 2015-09-01 When winter comes, how do wild animals survive the bitterest cold, day after day? Kids can join award-winning author, illustrator, and naturalist Jim Arnosky as he follows otters, beavers, moose, polar bears, penguins, fur seals, and other fascinating creatures to learn how they cope with the frigid weather. Stunning art and five magnificent foldouts reveal worlds under the ice and up to the farthest, frostiest reaches of the globe.

*The Secret Keeper* Kate Morton 2013-07-16 Withdrawing from a family party to the solitude of her tree house, 16-year-old Laurel Nicolson witnesses a shocking murder that throughout a subsequent half century shapes her beliefs, her acting career and the lives of three strangers from vastly different cultures. By the best-selling author of *The Distant Hours*. Reprint. 200,000 first printing.

**The Last Gargoyle** Paul Durham 2018-01-09 Fans of Jonathan Auxier's *The Night Gardener* and Neil Gaiman's *The Graveyard Book* will tremble with delight for this haunting tale about a lonely gargoyle who isn't alone at all. Penhallow is the last of his kind. The stone gargoyle--he'd prefer you call him a grotesque--fearlessly protects his Boston building from the spirits who haunt the night. But even he is outmatched when Hetty, his newest ward, nearly falls victim to the Boneless King, the ruler of the underworld. Then there's Viola, the mysterious girl who keeps turning up at the most unlikely times. In a world where nightmares come to life, Viola could be just the ally Penhallow needs. But can he trust her when every shadow hides another secret? Can he afford not to?

*Revision Decisions* Jeff Anderson 2014-11-01 Revision is often a confusing and difficult process for students, but it's also the most important part of the writing process. If students leave our classrooms not knowing how to move a piece of writing forward, we've failed them. *Revision Decisions* will help teachers develop the skills students need in an ever-evolving writing, language, and reading world. Jeff Anderson and Deborah Dean have written a book that engages writers in the tinkering, playing, and thinking that

are essential to clarify and elevate writing. Focusing on sentences, Jeff and Deborah use mentor texts to show the myriad possibilities that exist for revision. Essential to their process is the concept of classroom talk. Readers will be shown how revision lessons can be discussed in a generative way, and how each student can benefit from talking through the revision process as a group. *Revision Decisions* focuses on developing both the writing and the writer. The easy-to-follow lessons make clear and accessible the rigorous thinking and the challenging process of making writing work. Narratives, setup lessons, templates, and details about how to move students toward independence round out this essential book. Additionally, the authors weave the language, reading, and writing goals of the Common Core and other standards into an integrated and connected practice. The noted language arts teacher James Britton once said that good writing "floats on a sea of talk." *Revision Decisions* supports those genuine conversations we naturally have as readers and writers, leading the way to the essential goal of making meaning.

**The Monstrumologist: The Terror Beneath** Rick Yancey 2010-03-04 Will Henry is an assistant to a doctor with a most unusual speciality: monster hunting! In the short time he has lived with the doctor, Will has grown used to late night callers and dangerous business. But when one visitor comes with the body of a young girl and the monster that was feeding on her, Will's world changes forever. The doctor has discovered a baby Anthropophagi- a headless monster that feeds through the mouthfuls of teeth in its chest - and it signals a growing number of Anthropophagi. Now, Will and the doctor must face the horror threatening to consume our world and find the rest of the monsters before it is too late...

[Bring Up the Bodies](#) Hilary Mantel 2012-05-08 Winner of the 2012 Man Booker Prize Winner of the 2012 Costa Book of the Year Award The sequel to Hilary Mantel's 2009 Man Booker Prize winner and New York Times bestseller, *Wolf Hall* delves into the heart of Tudor history with the downfall of Anne Boleyn. Though he battled for seven years to marry her, Henry is disenchanted with Anne Boleyn. She has failed to give him a son and her sharp intelligence and audacious will alienate his old friends and the noble families of England. When the discarded Katherine dies in exile from the court, Anne stands starkly exposed, the focus of gossip and malice. At a word from Henry, Thomas Cromwell is ready to bring her down. Over three terrifying weeks, Anne is ensnared in a web of conspiracy, while the demure Jane Seymour stands waiting her turn for the poisoned wedding ring. But Anne and her powerful family will not yield without a ferocious struggle. Hilary Mantel's *Bring Up the Bodies* follows the dramatic trial of the queen and her suitors for adultery and treason. To defeat the Boleyns, Cromwell must ally with his natural enemies, the papist aristocracy. What price will he pay for Anne's head? *Bring Up the Bodies* is one of The New York Times' 10 Best Books of 2012, one of Publishers Weekly's Top 10 Best Books of 2012 and one of The Washington Post's 10 Best Books of 2012

*Armadillo's Orange* Jim Arnosky 2003 An armadillo remembers where his burrow is by the orange near the opening, but when the orange rolls away, he discovers a new way to find his home.

**The Mountain and the Valley** Ernest Buckler 1952

*Secrets of the Woods* William J. Long 2019-11-19 "Secrets of the Woods" by William J. Long. Published by Good Press. Good Press publishes a wide range of titles that encompasses every genre. From well-known classics & literary fiction and non-fiction to forgotten—or yet undiscovered gems—of world literature, we issue the books that need to be read. Each Good Press edition has been meticulously edited and formatted to boost readability for all e-readers and devices. Our goal is to produce eBooks that are user-friendly and accessible to everyone in a high-quality digital format.

**The Mother of All Booklists** William Patrick Martin 2014-12-24 The Mother of All Booklists: The 500 Most Recommended Nonfiction Reads for Ages 3 to 103 is written for parents, grandparents, and teachers unfamiliar with the bewildering array of award and recommended reading lists. This book is a long overdue composite of all the major booklists. It brings together over 100 of the most influential book awards and reading lists from leading magazines, newspapers, reference books, schools, libraries, parenting organizations, and professional groups from across the country. The Mother of All Booklists is to reading books what the website Rotten Tomatoes is to watching movies—the ultimate, one-stop, synthesizing resource for finding out what is best. Mother is not the opinion of one book critic, but the aggregate opinion of an army of critics. Organized into five age group lists each with one hundred books—preschoolers (ages 3-5), early readers (ages 5-9), middle readers (ages 9-13), young adults (ages 13-17), and adults (ages 18+)—The Mother of All Booklists amalgamates the knowledge of the best English-language booklists in the United States, including a few from Canada and Great Britain. Each of the 500 books is annotated, describing the contents of the book and suggesting why the book is unique and important. Each includes a picture of the book cover.

Mein Kampf Adolf Hitler 2021-03-19 'MEIN KAMPF' is the autobiography of Adolf Hitler gives detailed insight into the mission and vision of Adolf Hitler that shook the world. This book is the merger of two volumes. The first volume of MEIN KAMPF' was written while the author was imprisoned in a Bavarian fortress. The book deals with events which brought the author into this blight. It was the hour of Germany's deepest humiliation, when Napoleon has dismembered the old German Empire and French soldiers occupied almost the whole of Germany. The books narrates how Hitler was arrested with several of his comrades and imprisoned in the fortress of Landsberg on the river Lech. During this period only the author wrote the first volume of MEIN KAMPF. The Second volume of MEIN KAMPF was written after release of Hitler from prison and it was published after the French had left the Ruhr, the tramp of the invading armies still echoed in German ears and the terrible ravages had plunged the country into a state of social and economic Chaos. The beauty of the book is, MEIN KAMPF is an historical document which bears the imprint of its own time. Moreover, Hitler has declared that his acts and 'public statements' constitute a partial revision of his book and are to be taken as such. Also, the author has translated Hitler's ideal, the Volkischer Staat, as the People's State. The author has tried his best making German Vocabulary easy to understand. You will never be satisfied until go through the whole book. A must read book, which is one of the most widely circulated and read books worldwide.

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh Robert C. O'Brien 2021-06-01 Some extraordinary rats come to the aid of a mouse family in this Newbery Medal Award-winning classic by notable children's author Robert C. O'Brien. Mrs. Frisby, a widowed mouse with four small children, is faced with a terrible problem. She must move her family to their summer quarters immediately, or face almost certain death. But her youngest son, Timothy, lies ill with pneumonia and must not be moved. Fortunately, she encounters the rats of NIMH, an extraordinary breed of highly intelligent creatures, who come up with a brilliant solution to her dilemma. And Mrs. Frisby in turn renders them a great service.

Best STEM Resources for NextGen Scientists: The Essential Selection and User's Guide Jennifer L. Hopwood 2015-06-30 Intended to support the national initiative to strengthen learning in areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, this book helps librarians who work with youth in school and public libraries to build better collections and more effectively use these collections through readers' advisory and programming. • Introduces more than 500 STEM resource suggestions for toddlers to young adults • Highlights more than 25 detailed library program or activity suggestions to be paired with STEM book titles • Provides resource suggestions for professional development • Contains bonus sections on STEM-related graphic novels, apps, and other media

**Homeless Bird** Gloria Whelan 2009-10-06 The National Book Award-winning novel about one remarkable young woman who dares to defy fate, perfect for readers who enjoyed *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park or *Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanhha Lai. Like many girls her age in India, thirteen-year-old Koly faces her arranged marriage with hope and courage. But Koly's story takes a terrible turn when in the wake of the ceremony, she discovers she's been horribly misled—her life has been sold for a dowry. Can she forge her own future, even in the face of time-worn tradition? Perfect for schools and classrooms, this universally acclaimed, bestselling, and award-winning novel by master of historical fiction Gloria Whelan is a gripping tale of hope that will transport readers of all ages.

*School for Psychics* K.C. Archer 2018-04-03 An entrancing new series starring a funny, impulsive, and sometimes self-congratulatory young woman who discovers she has psychic abilities—and then must decide whether she will use her skills for good or...not. Teddy Cannon isn't your typical twenty-something woman. Yes she's resourceful, bright, and scrappy. But she can also read people with uncanny precision. What she doesn't realize: she's actually psychic. When a series of bad decisions leads Teddy to a run-in with the police, a mysterious stranger intervenes. He invites her to apply to the School for Psychics, a facility hidden off the coast of San Francisco where students are trained like Delta Force operatives: it's competitive, cutthroat, and highly secretive. They'll learn telepathy, telekinesis, investigative skills, and SWAT tactics. And if students survive their training, they go on to serve at the highest levels of government, using their skills to protect America, and the world. In class, Teddy befriends Lucas, a rebel without a cause who can start and manipulate fire; Jillian, a hipster who can mediate communication between animals and humans; and Molly, a hacker who can apprehend the emotional state of another individual. But just as Teddy feels like she's found where she might belong, strange things begin to happen: break-ins, missing students, and more. It leads Teddy to accept a dangerous mission that will ultimately cause her to question everything—her teachers, her friends, her family, and even herself. Set in a world very much like our own, *School for Psychics* is the first book in a stay-up-all night series.

Tidings from Nature 1884

**Seven Pillars of Wisdom** Thomas Edward Lawrence 1997 Written between 1919 and 1926, this text tells of the campaign against the Turks in the Middle East, encompassing gross acts of cruelty and revenge, ending in a welter of stink and corpses in a Damascus hospital.

**Kiss Me That Way** Laura Trentham 2016-05-31 A river divides Cottonbloom in two: the upscale enclave on the Mississippi side and the rundown, rough and tumble side in Louisiana. They're worlds apart—but nothing can build a bridge like love... Cade Fournette never had it easy Cottonbloom. He stuck around long enough to raise his orphaned siblings and then hightailed it out West—and never looked back. Even though he's made a success of himself in Seattle, Cade never lost the toughness and the angry edge that helped him survive down South. His only weak spot: the girl he left behind... Monroe Kirby came from the wealthy side of town, but that didn't protect her from her mother's drinking—or her mother's boyfriend. It was Cade who did that, on a long-ago hot September night, before he disappeared...along with a piece of her heart. Now Monroe is a physical therapist who can fight for herself, and it's Cade who could use some conditioning when he makes an unexpected return back home. Will he and Monroe pick up where they left off and finally explore their mutual passion—or will the scars and secrets of the past divide them once more?

Magical Butterfly Kingdom Stephen Morris 2019-11-05

**Kiss Me Forever** M J O'Shea 2021-04-26 Forever is too long to be alone... Avery Cook is a professor. A

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historian. Logical to a fault. He's spent his career researching the mysterious side of New Orleans. Superstitions, legends, and lore. Avery has an academic explanation for all of them...Until one night when he walks into a bar and his life changes. In a sea of impossibly beautiful people Tyson stands out like there's some kind of otherworldly glow about him. He sweeps Avery off his feet with his old-world charm and romantic ways. Avery falls fast and hard. But there's something dark in Tyson too. Something that's just below the surface. When Avery digs deeper, he discovers Tyson is part of a world that only existed on the pages of books... a world full of witches, vampires, ancient people who saw the city of New Orleans grow up around them. Tyson's world is magical. It's sexy. It draws Avery in further with every breath he takes. But most of all? It's dangerous. And it doesn't take Avery long to find that out first hand. But what's a little danger when there's also love like Avery's never felt before? \*\* This book is a second edition of a previously published work \*\*

**Paper Towns** John Green 2013 Quentin Jacobson has spent a lifetime loving Margo Roth Spiegelman from afar. So when she cracks open a window and climbs into his life - dressed like a ninja and summoning him for an ingenious campaign of revenge - he follows. After their all-nighter ends, Q arrives at school to discover that Margo has disappeared.

A Book of Scoundrels Charles Whibley 1897

**Creep and Flutter** Jim Arnosky 2016-03-01 In this stunning nonfiction picture book, acclaimed naturalist and illustrator Arnosky brings out the beauty of hundreds of insects and spiders with gatefolds that make them life-size, up-close and personal.

*Flyaway* Helen Landalf 2011-12-20 Stevie Calhoun knows how to take care of herself. It's not like her mom hasn't disappeared before. So why is Aunt Mindy making such a big deal of it now? It's not like Mom's really doing meth. Stevie makes sure of that. Whatever. She'll go home with Aunt Mindy if it will keep her from calling Child Protective Services—but it doesn't mean she'll stay. Mom will come back. Mom always comes back. And Stevie will be there when she does. But when Stevie meets Alan—frustrating and fascinating and so-different-from-everyone-she-knows Alan—and she starts helping out at the bird rehab center, things begin to look different. Even the tutoring and the ridiculous outfits Aunt Mindy's forcing her into might not be so bad. Not that Stevie would say it out loud. She can't. Because how can anything be good if it doesn't include Mom?