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Sophie's World Jostein Gaarder 2007-03-20 One day Sophie comes home from school to find two questions in her mail: "Who are you?" and "Where does the world come from?" Before she knows it she is enrolled in a correspondence course with a mysterious philosopher. Thus begins Jostein Gaarder's unique novel, which is not only a mystery, but also a complete and entertaining history of philosophy.

Lives of the Most Eminent English Poets: William Congreve. Sir Richard Blackmore. Elijah Fenton. John Gay. George Granville, lord Lansdown. Thomas Yalden. Thomas Tickell. James Hammond. . William Somerville. Richard Savage. Alexander Pope. Jonathan Swift. William Broome. Christopher Pitt. James Thomson. Isaac Watts. Ambrose Philips. Gilbert West. William Collins. John Dyer Samuel Johnson 1859

The American Indians 1995 History, customs, mythology and lore of the continent's first inhabitants are interwoven in this rich new look at our Native Americans. heritage.

Lives of the English Poets Samuel Johnson 1925

The Lives of the English Poets Samuel Johnson 1840

Golden Arm Carl Deuker 2020 Lazarus Weathers, a high school senior from the wrong side of the tracks, seeks to protect his half-brother while pitching his way out of poverty, one strike at a time.

Reflected Glory Sally Bedell Smith 2013-11-05 A biography of Pamela Churchill Harriman, based on over 800 interviews and archival research, charting her life from marriage to Churchill's son, Randolph, through two further marriages to her eventual appointment as US Ambassador to France.

Forward Abby Wambach 2016-09-13 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER "Lucid and

wrenching...Forward puts [Wambach's] achievement in context with painful and beautiful candor." –NPR "Forward is the powerful story of an athlete who has inspired girls all over the world to believe in themselves." –Sheryl Sandberg, Facebook COO, New York Times Bestselling author of Lean In "This is the best memoir I've read by an athlete since Andre Agassi's Open." –Adam Grant, Wharton professor and New York Times bestselling author of Originals and Give and Take

Abby Wambach has always pushed the limits of what is possible. At age seven she was put on the boys' soccer team. At age thirty-five she would become the highest goal scorer—male or female—in the history of soccer, capturing the nation's heart with her team's 2015 World Cup Championship. Called an inspiration and "badass" by President Obama, Abby has become a fierce advocate for women's rights and equal opportunity, pushing to translate the success of her team to the real world. As she reveals in this searching memoir, Abby's professional success often masked her inner struggle to reconcile the various parts of herself: ferocious competitor, daughter, leader, wife. With stunning candor, Abby shares her inspiring and often brutal journey from girl in Rochester, New York, to world-class athlete. Far more than a sports memoir, *Forward* is gripping tale of resilience and redemption—and a reminder that heroism is, above all, about embracing life's challenges with fearlessness and heart.

Lives of the Most Eminent English Poets, with Critical Observations on Their Works Samuel Johnson 1821

Lives of the most Eminent English Poets Samuel Johnson 2022-06-12 Reprint of the original, first published in 1861.

Teammate David Ross 2017-05-09 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER USA TODAY BESTSELLER Packed with "compelling inside stories" (Chicago Tribune), *Teammate* is the inspiring memoir from "Grandpa Rossy," the veteran catcher who became the heart and soul of the 2016 Chicago Cubs championship team. In 2016 the Cubs snapped a 108-year curse, winning the World Series in a history-making, seven-game series against the Cleveland Indians. Of the many storylines to Chicago's fairytale season, one stood out: the late-career renaissance of David Ross, the 39-year-old catcher who had played back-up for 13 of his 15 pro seasons. Beyond Ross's remarkably strong play, he became the ultimate positive force in the Cubs locker room, mentoring and motivating his fellow players, some of them nearly twenty years his junior. Thanks to Cubs Kris Bryant and Anthony Rizzo, "Grandpa Rossy" became a social media sensation. No one, however, could have predicted that Ross's home run in his final career at bat would help seal the Cubs championship. Now, in *Teammate*, Ross shares the inspiring story of his life in baseball, framed by the events of that unforgettable November night.

In This Life Cora Brent 2018-05-14 After his parents die, a man must take custody of his younger brother and reconnects with a woman from his past who helps him handle this life change.

Blue Shoe Anne Lamott 2003-09-02 The New York Times Bestseller from the beloved

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author of *Bird by Bird*, *Hallelujah Anyway*, and *Almost Everything* Mattie Ryder is marvelously neurotic, well-intentioned, funny, religious, sarcastic, tender, angry, and broke. Her life at the moment is a wreck: her marriage has failed, her mother is failing, her house is rotting, her waist is expanding, her children are misbehaving, and she has a crush on a married man. Then she finds a small rubber blue shoe—nothing more than a gumball trinket—left behind by her father. For Mattie, it becomes a talisman—a chance to recognize the past for what it was, to see the future as she always hoped it could be, and to finally understand her family, herself, and the ever-unfolding mystery of her sweet, sad, and sometimes surprising life.

The Contract Derek Jeter 2014-09-23 The debut book in the New York Times bestselling Contract series, *The Contract* is a middle grade baseball novel inspired by the youth of legendary sports icon and role model Derek Jeter. As a young boy, Derek Jeter dreams of being the shortstop for the New York Yankees. He even imagines himself in the World Series. So when Derek is chosen for the Little League Tigers, he hopes to play shortstop. But on the day of the assignments, Derek starts at second base. Still, he tries his best while he wishes and dreams of that shortstop spot. And to help him stay focused on school, his parents make him a contract: keep up the grades or no baseball. Derek makes sure he always plays his best game—on and off the baseball field! Derek Jeter has played Major League Baseball for the New York Yankees for twenty seasons and is a five-time World Series Champion. He is a true legend in professional sports and a role model for young people both on the field and through his Turn 2 Foundation. Inspired by Derek Jeter's childhood, *The Contract* is the first book in Derek Jeter's middle grade baseball series, an important part of the Jeter Publishing program, which will encompass adult nonfiction titles, children's picture books, middle grade fiction, Ready-to-Read children's books, and children's nonfiction. For more about Jeter Publishing visit JeterPublishing.com.

The Story of My Life Helen Keller 1903

Imperfect Women Araminta Hall 2020-08-04 FROM THE AUTHOR OF OUR KIND OF CRUELTY "A stunning, dark novel about who women want to be and the reality of who they are." —Samantha Downing, author of *His Lovely Wife* "Promises to please those who enjoy psychological thrillers and all those who love Elena Ferrante but wish her series was just a bit (okay, a lot) more twisted." —Molly Odintz, Lit Hub "A psychological thriller in the truest sense of the word . . . At points I was folding pages repeatedly." —Sarah Vaughan, author of *Anatomy of a Scandal* "Creeps on you slowly, like a fog, until you find yourself enveloped in this tangled skein of relationships, eager to see how all this is going to play out, who is going to betray whom and in what way." —Sarah Lyall, *The New York Times* Book Review When Nancy Hennessy is murdered, she leaves behind two best friends, an adoring husband and daughter, and a secret lover whose identity she took to the grave. Nancy was gorgeous, wealthy, and cherished by those who knew her—from the outside, her life was perfect. But as the investigation into her death flounders and her friends Eleanor and Mary wrestle with their grief, dark

details surface that reveal how little they knew their friend, each other, and maybe even themselves. A gripping, immersive novel about impossible expectations and secrets that fester and become lethal, *Imperfect Women* unfolds through the perspectives of three fascinating women. Their enduring, complex friendship is the knot the reader must untangle to answer the question Who killed Nancy? *Imperfect Women* explores guilt and retribution, love and betrayal, and the compromises we make that alter our lives irrevocably. With the wickedly sharp insights and finely tuned suspense that has drawn comparisons to Patricia Highsmith and Paula Hawkins, Araminta Hall returns with another page-turning, thought-provoking tour de force.

Hard to Grip Emil Deandreis 2017-04-01 *Hard to Grip*, a memoir by native San Franciscan Emil DeAndreis is a love story to baseball that is also a frank, and humorous account of the author's struggles with rheumatoid arthritis, the chronic illness that threw a curve into his life and dashed the hopes of becoming a professional pitcher in the major leagues that he had harbored since he was old enough to throw a ball. Scarcely out of Lowell high school where he was an up-and-coming star pitcher for his two-time championship team, Emil discovered the early signs of the disease were hampering his ability to compete, and it became increasingly evident to him as he played throughout his freshman and sophomore years in the D1 Leagues for University of Hawaii/Hilo that his lifelong dream to go pro was to be only that--a dream. Even as he was being courted by the big leagues and about to sign on to play pro ball in Europe. *Hard to Grip* is a personable, humor-filled and inspirational story of a robust, athletic young man who, barely into his twenties, must confront the reality of living with a physical illness, and the crushing disappointment of not being able to fulfill his lifelong wish, but, who at the same time learns to embrace that one thing he loves in order to forge a new life with a different perspective: as a high school coach for his alma mater, Lowell. Moreover, it is also a story of love for a girl, for his friends, for his family, hometown of San Francisco and the game itself.

Full Count David Cone 2019-05-14 Met and Yankee All-Star pitcher David Cone shares lessons from the World Series and beyond in this essential New York Times bestselling memoir for baseball fans everywhere. "There was a sense about him and an aura about him. Even when he was in trouble, he carried himself like a pitcher who said, 'I'm the man out here.' And he usually was." -- Andy Pettitte on David Cone. To any baseball fan, David Cone was a bold and brilliant pitcher. During his 17-year career, he became a master of the mechanics and mental toughness a pitcher needs to succeed in the major leagues. A five-time All-Star and five-time World Champion now gives his full count -- balls and strikes, errors and outs -- of his colorful life in baseball. From the pitchers he studied to the hitters who infuriated him, *Full Count* takes readers inside the mind of a thoughtful pitcher, detailing Cone's passion, composure and strategies. The book is also filled with never-before-told stories from the memorable teams Cone played on -- ranging from the infamous late '80s Mets to the Yankee dynasty of the '90s. And, along the way, *Full Count* offers the lessons baseball taught Cone -- from his mistakes as a young

and naive pitcher to outwitting the best hitters in the world -- one pitch at a time.

Imperfect Strangers Stuart Woods 2009-10-13 Sandy Kinsolving's once-glistening life hangs by a thread; his future depends on his wife's inheritance and whether or not she's about to throw him out on his ear. What he wouldn't give for a solution to his money and marriage problems. If this were an Alfred Hitchcock movie, the solution would be obvious. Enter a stranger with wife problems of his own, who offers a violent -- and mutually advantageous -- proposal. Then in the time it takes to whisper a word, Kinsolving's normal life ends. What radiates like a mirage before him is wealth, security, and freedom. But lurking in the shadows are a brutal murder he cannot prevent, and a madman who stalks his every waking moment.

Imperfect Jim Abbott 2013 A one-handed pitcher who became one of the select few to pitch a no-hitter in Major League Baseball, explains how he rose above his disability to excel at the sport he loved through high school, college and adulthood. Reprint.

The Tangled Tree David Quammen 2019-08-06 In this New York Times bestseller and longlist nominee for the National Book Award, "our greatest living chronicler of the natural world" (The New York Times), David Quammen explains how recent discoveries in molecular biology affect our understanding of evolution and life's history. In the mid-1970s, scientists began using DNA sequences to reexamine the history of all life. Perhaps the most startling discovery to come out of this new field--the study of life's diversity and relatedness at the molecular level--is horizontal gene transfer (HGT), or the movement of genes across species lines. It turns out that HGT has been widespread and important; we now know that roughly eight percent of the human genome arrived sideways by viral infection--a type of HGT. In *The Tangled Tree*, "the grandest tale in biology...David Quammen presents the science--and the scientists involved--with patience, candor, and flair" (Nature). We learn about the major players, such as Carl Woese, the most important little-known biologist of the twentieth century; Lynn Margulis, the notorious maverick whose wild ideas about "mosaic" creatures proved to be true; and Tsutomu Watanabe, who discovered that the scourge of antibiotic-resistant bacteria is a direct result of horizontal gene transfer, bringing the deep study of genome histories to bear on a global crisis in public health. "David Quammen proves to be an immensely well-informed guide to a complex story" (The Wall Street Journal). In *The Tangled Tree*, he explains how molecular studies of evolution have brought startling recognitions about the tangled tree of life--including where we humans fit upon it. Thanks to new technologies, we now have the ability to alter even our genetic composition--through sideways insertions, as nature has long been doing. "The Tangled Tree is a source of wonder...Quammen has written a deep and daring intellectual adventure" (The Boston Globe).

Small Victories Anne Lamott 2014-11-10 The New York Times bestseller from the author of *Help, Thanks, Wow, Hallelujah Anyway, Almost Everything, and Dusk*,

Night, Dawn. Lamott's long-awaited collection of new and selected essays on hope, joy, and grace. Anne Lamott writes about faith, family, and community in essays that are both wise and irreverent. It's an approach that has become her trademark. Now in *Small Victories*, Lamott offers a new message of hope that celebrates the triumph of light over the darkness in our lives. Our victories over hardship and pain may seem small, she writes, but they change us—our perceptions, our perspectives, and our lives. Lamott writes of forgiveness, restoration, and transformation, how we can turn toward love even in the most hopeless situations, how we find the joy in getting lost and our amazement in finally being found. Profound and hilarious, honest and unexpected, the stories in *Small Victories* are proof that the human spirit is irrepressible.

New English Canaan of Thomas Morton Thomas Morton 1883

Lives of the Most Eminent English Poets Samuel Johnson 1861

Blown to Bits Harold Abelson 2008 Every day, billions of photographs, news stories, songs, X-rays, TV shows, phone calls, and emails are being scattered around the world as sequences of zeroes and ones: bits. We can't escape this explosion of digital information and few of us want to—the benefits are too seductive. The technology has enabled unprecedented innovation, collaboration, entertainment, and democratic participation. But the same engineering marvels are shattering centuries-old assumptions about privacy, identity, free expression, and personal control as more and more details of our lives are captured as digital data. Can you control who sees all that personal information about you? Can email be truly confidential, when nothing seems to be private? Shouldn't the Internet be censored the way radio and TV are? Is it really a federal crime to download music? When you use Google or Yahoo! to search for something, how do they decide which sites to show you? Do you still have free speech in the digital world? Do you have a voice in shaping government or corporate policies about any of this? *Blown to Bits* offers provocative answers to these questions and tells intriguing real-life stories. This book is a wake-up call To The human consequences of the digital explosion.

The Sense of an Ending Julian Barnes 2011-10-05 Winner of the 2011 Man Booker Prize By an acclaimed writer at the height of his powers, *The Sense of an Ending* extends a streak of extraordinary books that began with the best-selling *Arthur & George* and continued with *Nothing to Be Frightened Of* and, most recently, *Pulse*. This intense new novel follows a middle-aged man as he contends with a past he has never much thought about—until his closest childhood friends return with a vengeance, one of them from the grave, another maddeningly present. Tony Webster thought he'd left all this behind as he built a life for himself, and by now his marriage and family and career have fallen into an amicable divorce and retirement. But he is then presented with a mysterious legacy that obliges him to reconsider a variety of things he thought he'd understood all along, and to revise his estimation of his own nature and place in the world. A novel so compelling that it begs to be read in a single sitting, with stunning psychological and emotional depth and sophistication,

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The Sense of an Ending is a brilliant new chapter in Julian Barnes's oeuvre.

Fans of the Impossible Life Kate Scelsa 2015-09-08 A captivating and profound debut novel about complicated love and the friendships that have the power to transform you forever, perfect for fans of Nina LaCour and of *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*. Mira is starting over at Saint Francis Prep. She promised her parents she would at least try to pretend that she could act like a functioning human this time, not a girl who can't get out of bed for days on end, who only feels awake when she's with Sebby. Jeremy is the painfully shy art nerd at Saint Francis who's been in self-imposed isolation after an incident that ruined his last year of school. When he sees Sebby for the first time across the school lawn it's as if he's been expecting this blond, lanky boy with a mischief glinting in his eye. Sebby, Mira's gay best friend, is a boy who seems to carry sunlight around with him. Even as life in his foster home starts to take its toll, Sebby and Mira together craft a world of magic rituals and impromptu road trips, designed to fix the broken parts of their lives. As Jeremy finds himself drawn into Sebby and Mira's world, he begins to understand the secrets that they hide in order to protect themselves, to keep each other safe from those who don't understand their quest to live for the impossible.

The Phenomenon Rick Ankiel 2017-04-18 A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER Rick Ankiel had the talent to be one of the best pitchers ever. Then, one day, he lost it. *The Phenomenon* is the story of how St. Louis Cardinals prodigy Rick Ankiel lost his once-in-a-generation ability to pitch--not due to an injury or a bolt of lightning, but a mysterious anxiety condition widely known as "the Yips." It came without warning, in the middle of a playoff game, with millions of people watching. And it has never gone away. Yet the true test of Ankiel's character came not on the mound, but in the long days and nights that followed as he searched for a way to get back in the game. For four and a half years, he fought the Yips with every arrow in his quiver: psychotherapy, medication, deep-breathing exercises, self-help books, and, eventually, vodka. And then, after reconsidering his whole life at the age of twenty-five, Ankiel made an amazing turnaround: returning to the Major Leagues as a hitter and playing seven successful seasons. This book is an incredible story about a universal experience--pressure--and what happened when a person on the brink had to make a choice about who he was going to be.

The Imperfect Storm: From Henry Street to Hollywood Howard Storm 2019-12-29 THE IMPERFECT STORM: From Henry Street To Hollywood is the improbable – and vastly entertaining – story of Howard Storm (nee Howard Sobel), who grew up on the mean streets of New York's Lower East Side during the Great Depression and went on to become a successful standup comic, actor, improv teacher, and television director. In the world of entertainment, Howard's hilarious storytelling prowess is legendary. After years of friends demanding he set these stories down in book form, he finally did it, with the help of author Steve Stoliar (*RAISED EYEBROWS: My Years Inside Groucho's House*). THE IMPERFECT STORM is filled with funny, shocking, sometimes bittersweet stories about playing rough-

and-tumble mob-owned clubs in the '50s, graduating to big-time clubs in the '60s, directing such classic TV shows as RHODA, LAVERNE & SHIRLEY, MORK & MINDY, TAXI and EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND, and much, much more. Along the way, there are previously unpublished photos and never-before-told stories about such immortals as Judy Garland, Cary Grant, Frank Sinatra, Lucille Ball, Desi Arnaz, Woody Allen, Lenny Bruce, Valerie Harper, Joan Rivers, Don Rickles, Jonathan Winters, and Robin Williams, just to shave the tip off the iceberg. A remarkable tale, from start to finish. "A terrific book. Great show-business stories, celebrities, gangsters, prizefighters – all fresh tales, hilariously told by a guy who really knows how to tell them." – Woody Allen "What a humorously entertaining and immersing autobiography!!! It makes one feel they're on an extended car-trip with a favorite uncle through the glory days of show-biz; from vaudeville to the Catskills to Broadway to Hollywood sit-coms. (And had I known Howard was so 'connected,' I would have gotten to work on time!) This amazing trip through time is certainly worth the ride." – Pam Dawber "One of the most life-affirming reads ever. Howard Storm is an American Master." – Richard Lewis

Sometimes You Win--Sometimes You Learn John C. Maxwell 2013-10-08 #1 New York Times bestselling author John C. Maxwell believes that any setback, whether professional or personal, can be turned into a step forward when you possess the right tools to turn a loss into a gain. Drawing on nearly fifty years of leadership experience, Dr. Maxwell provides a roadmap for winning by examining the eleven elements that constitute the DNA of learners who succeed in the face of problems, failure, and losses. 1. Humility - The Spirit of Learning 2. Reality - The Foundation of Learning 3. Responsibility - The First Step of Learning 4. Improvement - The Focus of Learning 5. Hope - The Motivation of Learning 6. Teachability - The Pathway of Learning 7. Adversity - The Catalyst of Learning 8. Problems - The Opportunities of Learning 9. Bad Experiences - The Perspective for Learning 10. Change - The Price of Learning 11. Maturity - The Value of Learning Learning is not easy during down times, it takes discipline to do the right thing when something goes wrong. As John Maxwell often points out--experience isn't the best teacher; evaluated experience is.

Jim Abbott John Rolfe 1991 A biography of the one-handed pitcher of the California Angels baseball team.

The Lives of the Most Eminent English Poets: Prior. Congreve. Blackmore. Fenton. Gay. Granville. Yalden. Tickell. Hammond. Somerville. Savage. Swift. Broome. Pope. Pitt. Thomson. Watts. A. Philips. West. Collins. Dyer. Shenstone. Young. Mallet. Akenside. Gray. Lyttelton Samuel Johnson 1810

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.

The Monkey's Voyage Alan de Queiroz 2014-01-07 How did species wind up where they are today? Scientists have long conjectured that plants and animals dispersed throughout the world by drifting on large landmasses as they broke up, but in *The Monkey's Voyage*, biologist Alan de Queiroz offers a radical new theory that displaces this passive view. He describes how species as diverse as monkeys, baobab trees, and burrowing lizards made incredible long-distance ocean crossings: pregnant animals and wind-blown plants rode rafts and icebergs and even stowed away on the legs of sea-going birds to create the map of life we see today. In the tradition of John McPhee's *Basin and Range* and David Quammen's *The Song of the Dodo*, *The Monkey's Voyage* is a beautifully told narrative of a profound investigation into the importance of contingency in history and the nature of scientific discovery.

The Common Core Approach to Building Literacy in Boys Liz Knowles 2014-05-27 Written with a focus on the English Language Arts Common Core Standards, this book provides a complete plan for developing a literacy program that focuses on boys pre-K through grade 12. • Examines and evaluates the most recent research about boys and nonfiction reading • Addresses the intersections of Common Core Standards and literacy for boys • Provides annotated bibliographies of recommended books as well as lists of apps and other software for boys • Offers educators effective strategies to promote reading with boys and advice for parents in developing a home reading plan for their sons

[Do No Harm](#) Henry Marsh 2015-05-26 A New York Times Bestseller Shortlisted for both the Guardian First Book Prize and the Costa Book Award Longlisted for the Samuel Johnson Prize for Non-Fiction A Finalist for the Pol Roger Duff Cooper Prize A Finalist for the Wellcome Book Prize A Financial Times Best Book of the Year An Economist Best Book of the Year A Washington Post Notable Book of the Year What is it like to be a brain surgeon? How does it feel to hold someone's life in your hands, to cut into the stuff that creates thought, feeling, and reason? How do you live with the consequences of performing a potentially lifesaving operation when it all goes wrong? In neurosurgery, more than in any

other branch of medicine, the doctor's oath to "do no harm" holds a bitter irony. Operations on the brain carry grave risks. Every day, leading neurosurgeon Henry Marsh must make agonizing decisions, often in the face of great urgency and uncertainty. If you believe that brain surgery is a precise and exquisite craft, practiced by calm and detached doctors, this gripping, brutally honest account will make you think again. With astonishing compassion and candor, Marsh reveals the fierce joy of operating, the profoundly moving triumphs, the harrowing disasters, the haunting regrets, and the moments of black humor that characterize a brain surgeon's life. Do No Harm provides unforgettable insight into the countless human dramas that take place in a busy modern hospital. Above all, it is a lesson in the need for hope when faced with life's most difficult decisions.

The Lives of the Most Eminent English Poets; with Critical Observations on Their Works, Etc Samuel Johnson 1810

Knuckler Tim Wakefield 2011-04-06 At forty-four years old, Tim Wakefield is the longest-serving member of one of baseball's most popular franchises. He is close to eclipsing the winning records of two of the greatest pitchers to have played the game, yet few realize the full measure of his success. That his career can be characterized by such words as dependability and consistency defies all odds because he has achieved this with baseball's most mercurial weapon—the knuckleball. Knuckler is the story of how a struggling position player bet his future on a fickle pitch that would define his career. The pitch may drive hitters crazy, but how does the pitcher stay sane? The moment Wakefield adopted the knuckleball, his career sought to answer that question. With the Red Sox, Wakefield began to master his pitch only to find himself on the mound in 2003 for one of the worst post-season losses in history, followed the next year by one of the most vindicating of championships. Even now, as Wakefield battles, we see the twists and turns of a major league career pushed to its ultimate extreme. A remarkable story of one player's success despite being the exception to every rule, Knuckler is also a lively meditation on the dancing pitch, its history, its mystique, and all the ironies it brings to bear.

Wherever I Wind Up R.A. Dickey 2013-03-26 The perfect gift for baseball fans, now with a new epilogue by author R.A. Dickey, winner of the 2012 Cy Young award. "An astounding memoir—haunting and touching, courageous and wise."—Jeremy Schaap, bestselling author, Emmy award-winning journalist, ESPN In 1996, R.A. Dickey was the Texas Rangers' much-heralded No. 1 draft choice. Then, a routine physical revealed that his right elbow was missing its ulnar collateral ligament, and his lifelong dream—along with his \$810,000 signing bonus—was ripped away. Yet, despite twice being consigned to baseball's scrap heap, Dickey battled back. Sustained by his Christian faith, the love of his wife and children, and a relentless quest for self-awareness, Dickey is now the starting pitcher for the Toronto Blue Jays (he was previously a star pitcher for the New York Mets) and one of the National League's premier players, as well as the winner of the 2012 Cy Young award. In *Wherever I Wind Up*, Dickey

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eloquently shares his quintessentially American tale of overcoming extraordinary odds to achieve a game, a career, and a life unlike any other.

Lives of the English Poets: Prior, Congreve, Blackmore and Pope Samuel Johnson
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