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Tough Call Matt Popovits 2016-09-07 Life is full of tough calls and daunting decisions. The question isn't if you'll face a big decision in the future, but how you'll face the tough call that's guaranteed to come your way. Think about it. There are wedding proposals to ponder, college applications to submit, career moves to make, homes to sell, and confrontations to consider. And, knowing how poorly things could go, we sometimes find ourselves facing these decisions with a deep fear of future regret. The pressure is on. Or is it? Short and straightforward, yet full of practical insight and spiritual truths, *Tough Call*, will help you see that the Christian faith offers a mindset to confidently and joyfully make your next big decision. More importantly you'll see that you can face life with your fears recognized, your peace maximized, and your hope anchored in something greater than your ability to "get it right." Readers familiar with authors like Acuff, Chan, and Tchividjian will resonate with Matt Popovits's witty, practical, and gospel-centered take on complicated topics. *Tough Call* is an enjoyable and essential read for any and all facing a major decision.

The Road to Shenzhen Huang Guosheng 2017-11-15 It is the early 1990s and Zhou Haonan, an innocent young man from a rural family in China's West Canton Province, travels to the 'golden city' of Shenzhen to seek his fortune. Kind and caring but highly ambitious, he works as an international businessman, becomes a Sanda boxing champion and even sells his blood as he spends the next 20 years striving desperately to achieve his dream of a Shenzhen permanent residence permit and a home of his own. Despite a string of humiliating failures and disasters and cruel treatment by the women who enter his life, he somehow manages to get back on his feet and carry on through all the setbacks which life throws at him. *The Road to Shenzhen* is one of very few novels ever to be written in English by a Chinese author who has lived all his life in China.

Shanghai Baby Wei Hui 2002-02-02 The gap that divides those of us born in the 1970s and the older generation has never been so wide. Dark and edgy, deliciously naughty, an intoxicating cocktail of sex and the search for love, *Shanghai Baby* has already risen to cult status in mainland China. The risqué contents of the breakthrough novel by hip new author Wei Hui have so alarmed Beijing authorities that thousands of copies have been confiscated and burned. As explicit as Henry Miller's *Tropic of Cancer*, as shocking as *Trainspotting*, this story of a beautiful writer and her erotically charged affairs jumps, howls, and hits the ground running as it depicts the new generation rising in the East. Set in the centuries-old port city of

Shanghai, the novel follows the days, and nights, of the irrepressibly carnal Coco, who waits tables in a café when she meets her first lover, a sensitive Chinese artist. Defying her parents, Coco moves in with her boyfriend and enters a frenzied, orgasmic world of drugs and hedonism. But, helpless to stop her gentle lover's descent into addiction, Coco becomes attracted to a boisterous Westerner, a rich German businessman with a penchant for S/M and seduction. Now, with an entourage of friends ranging from a streetwise madame to a rebellious filmmaker, Coco's forays into the territory of love and lust cross the borders between two cultures -- awakening her guilt and fears of discovery, yet stimulating her emerging sexual self. Searing a blistering image into the reader's imagination, Shanghai Baby provides an alternative travelogue into the back streets of a city and the hard-core escapades of today's liberated youth. Wei Hui's provocative portrayal of men, women, and cultural transition is an astonishing and brave exposure of the unacknowledged new China, breaking through official rhetoric to show the inroads of the West and a people determined to burst free.

Red Sorghum Mo Yan 1994-04-01 The acclaimed novel of love and resistance during late 1930s China by Mo Yan, winner of the 2012 Nobel Prize in Literature Spanning three generations, this novel of family and myth is told through a series of flashbacks that depict events of staggering horror set against a landscape of gemlike beauty, as the Chinese battle both Japanese invaders and each other in the turbulent 1930s. A legend in China, where it won major literary awards and inspired an Oscar-nominated film directed by Zhang Yimou, Red Sorghum is a book in which fable and history collide to produce fiction that is entirely new—and unforgettable.

This Thing Between Us Holly C. Webb 2017-08 Parker O'Neill is a man with the world at his feet. Son of the CEO of O'Neill's International, he is ready to take over as head of the company, once his father retires in six months' time. However, Parker has earned himself the ultimate playboy reputation, and not everyone thinks he is ready to take control of the company that he was groomed for all his life. Given an ultimatum that he has to settle down if he wants to take over from his father; Parker decided the only way to solve his problem, is to pay someone to play the part of his dutiful wife. Alice Whitman is a hard working girl, with a kind heart. Raised by her grandmother after losing her parents, she knows what its like to lose everything. Sophia, Alice's grandmother, is getting older and growing weaker by the day. Alice is the only one Sophia has, so it falls to her to do whatever it takes to help her beloved Gram. When Parker makes Alice an offer he thinks she can't refuse, he is stunned to find that money doesn't always mean you get your own way. However, Alice soon realises Parker might be the one person that can help her when she needs it most. Can they make their arrangement work without anyone finding out the truth, or will this thing between them turn into something neither of them expected it to be?

Free Roll Brandt Tobler 2017-05-22 Have you ever wondered: What it's like to daily bet hundreds of thousands of dollars working for some of the largest professional gamblers in Las Vegas? ... How to spend a summer house sitting one of the biggest stars in the world's 11,000 square-foot mansion - without an invitation from it's celebrity owner ... Whether the life of crime - specifically, running a shoplifting ring in a middle American mall - pays? ... What causes a son to finally say enough is enough ... and decide "Today is the day I am going to kill my dad." Comedian Brandt Tobler has the answers in this funny, touching and sometimes downright unbelievable memoir of a small town Wyoming-kid turned "mall-fia" don, turned nationally touring comic. Brand tells his life story with candor, detailing the many pit stops,

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wrong turns, crazy connections and lucky breaks he experienced along the way to his comedy career, all while trying to balance a toxic relationship with his unreliable jailbird dad. In these pages Brandt will make you laugh (he better - it's his job!) and believe as he does that, when it comes to defining family, blood isn't always thicker than water. -- back cover.

Remember Who You Truly Are Sally Jane Francis 2016-04-27 This book will help you to remember who you truly are, and to be your true, authentic self, in its entirety, to unlock the beautiful spirit and essence of you. You have a soul mission: it's time to wake up to it and fulfill your destiny and be everything you ever dreamed of being, your soul and spirit self really are, unafraid to shine in a world that all too often might seem might seek to undermine or limit you...You are filled with infinite possibilities and great gifts. Many of us are waking up from the illusion of fear, lower consciousness and vibration that we have been trapped in. Though times may be dark, the light can prevail and by holding on to our dreams and visions, we will emerge with a higher consciousness. We will shed all the restrictions of the past, and break the chains of the judgmental and fear-based systems which have ruled and limited our lives in so many ways, to take a jump and leap of faith and really be the full expression of our unique and special souls. "I really love this book. As soon as I started reading it, it felt like it was talking directly to my soul.... I believe Sally is a gifted soul on a mission to genuinely help & empower people. It is a book I will treasure" "What a beautiful book; one that touches you and works on so many levels." "It doesn't matter where you are on your journey, in this book you will find something new, something to remind you of who and where you are, why you are following the path you have chosen and affirmation that you are not alone, the Universe is always supporting you. I found the book easy to read, to me the energy of the words just flow off the page, and hit the spot. Read it from cover to cover, dip in and out, the choice is yours and the book supports you in what ever way you wish to connect with it. Bursting with information and and workable ways to experiment and include in your spiritual practice. Sally has worked really hard to make this work appeal to as wider audience as possible and I feel she has pulled it off with a flourish. Well done Sally, when's the next one?" "I really love this book. As soon as I started reading it, it felt like it was talking directly to my soul and I felt curiously emotional. I believe Sally is a gifted soul on a mission to genuinely help & empower people. It is a book I will treasure & refer to when I am in need of uplifting"

Wings Over Asia 2 China National Aviation Association Foundation 2016-09-13 *Wings Over Asia: A Brief History of the Chinese National Aviation Corporation* is a sometimes moving, sometimes rollicking, sometimes heart-stopping, account of a critical part of the history of WWII. Told in their own words by the daring pilots who flew over The Hump to keep China fighting the invading Japanese, these stories bring that era alive in a way no technical history book could.

The Colourful Biography of Chinese Characters, Volume 1 S. W. Well 2014-03-31 The complete book of Chinese characters that covers every aspect of, and therefore answers all the questions one might have for, these fascinating ancient language symbols from script evolution to colour-illustrated biographies including proper Stroke sequences and from the complete Compound anatomy to the trinity of Sounds, Semantics, and Synopses. This series of books is the ultimate guide and reference for first-time learners as well as masters of the language. It is for both the teachers and self-motivated students. This is the 1st volume of the series, covering the 1st 100 most frequently used Chinese characters as presented with their full colour illustrations and arranged in columns from right to left on the front cover. For its

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extensive colour illustrations throughout, this book is best read with a colour screen reader.

It's Good to Be Kind Lauren DuBois Rosemond 2017-06 "Shares the story of Leonard the Lion--admired by all other animals as King of the Jungle--who wears a red cape and uses his power and status to make a positive impact on those around him. The fun, colorful book is sprinkled with magic and mystery"--

Empires of Dust JIANG. ZILONG 2019-03-11 The story of Guo Cunxian from the village of Guojiadian in China's rural northeast. Cunxian and his family must forge a path through the turbulence of Communist China's early years that threatens to return the windswept village to the dust from which it emerged. Eventually they rise to dizzy heights. But will their sacrifices be in vain?

Hleo Rebecca Weller 2016-01-01 Our choices seal our fate. Hannah Reed is about to learn just how important one little decision can be. Hannah's plans for a nice, quiet senior year of high school are rapidly disintegrating. It all starts when she innocently bursts in on Ethan Flynn in the change room of the clothing store where she works. Ethan's presence in Hannah's world is subtle but constant, and when he saves her life, they become linked by the workings of an ancient society and Ethan's sworn duty to protect Hannah. Working together to figure out what destiny wants with Hannah, the two of them stumble on a baffling mystery that leaves even Ethan questioning what is in store for her future. With Ethan's help, Hannah learns there is far more to this life, to her life, than she ever realized. As they attempt to untangle Hannah's unique past and emerging abilities, an unknown danger from Ethan's past looms ever closer. While racing to put together the pieces of the puzzle before it's too late, Hannah wrestles with the idea that she is anything but average, and that perhaps she is also more to Ethan than just a job. Hleo is the first book in the series with the same name. A story of destiny and how one decision can change everything. When you buy a copy of Hleo, your one decision also has the ability to change the lives of others across the globe. \$3.00CAD from every copy of Hleo purchased goes towards the amazing efforts of the Because I am a Girl Education initiative. Fighting to bring literacy and safe learning resources to girls living in some of the poorest nations in this world.

Red Dot Eugene Linn 2015-10-29 An extraterrestrial craft will enter Earth's orbit on October 16, 2022--forty-four days from now. The question is: will there be any humans left when the aliens arrive? NASA scientist Claire Montague is a single mother in her thirties who's leading a special team near Washington, DC, assigned to handle the approaching spaceship and report their findings to President Al Douthart. News of the impending ET encounter spreads after a tumultuous National Security Council meeting, causing social, economic, and political upheaval around the world. Just as governments are beginning to calm the chaos of their countries, thousands of unexplained red dots appear on the ground all over the globe. As the countdown continues, Claire and her colleagues struggle to make sense of the mysterious dots and determine what the extraterrestrials' plan is once they arrive on Earth. But as the questions go unanswered and global tensions erupt into violence, President Douthart wonders who will be more harmful in the end--humans or aliens? Red Dot is a thought-provoking sci-fi thriller complete with a remarkable cast of characters and an intriguing portrayal of alien life. Expect the unexpected and you'll still be surprised.

Leaving Mother Lake Yang Erche Namu 2007-09-03 The haunting memoir of a girl growing

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up in the Moso country in the Himalayas -- a unique matrilineal society. But even in this land of women, familial tension is eternal. Namu is a strong-willed daughter, and conflicts between her and her rebellious mother lead her to break the taboo that holds the Moso world together -- she leaves her mother's house.

Hi My Name Is Cj Willetta J. Davis 2013-12 Hi My Name Is C.J. is an easy to read, fun, interactive children's book. Meet 5 year-old C.J. and learn about all the things he likes and does. Enjoy the interactive pages by writing your own C.J. story and have fun drawing and coloring the characters. Have fun and use your imagination.

Biographical Dictionary of the People's Republic of China Yuwu Song 2013-07-08 This biographical dictionary is an indispensable research tool for information about the prominent persons of the past seven decades in China. The book documents nearly 600 Chinese individuals who contributed, for better or worse, to the development of Chinese life and culture since the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949. Though the book is weighted toward political figures, it includes persons in business, the military, academia, medicine, social movements, the arts, entertainment and athletics. In addition to an objective description of the person's life, an analysis is provided that identifies the individual's contributions and importance.

Iron & Silk Mark Salzman 1987 The author recounts his experiences in China, as the sole private pupil to Pan Quingfu, China's foremost martial artist, discusses his relationships with the diverse Chinese people he came to know

The Noodle Maker Ma Jian 2006-04-04 From Ma Jian, the highly acclaimed Chinese dissident, comes a satirical novel about the absurdities of life in a post-Tiananmen China. Two men meet for dinner each week. Over the course of one of these drunken evenings, the writer recounts the stories he would write, had he the courage: a young man buys an old kiln and opens a private crematorium, delighting in his ability to harass the corpses of police officers and Party secretaries, while swooning to banned Western music; a heartbroken actress performs a public suicide by stepping into the jaws of a wild tiger, watched nonchalantly by her ex-lover. Extraordinary characters inspire him, their lives pulled and pummeled by fate and politics, as if they are balls of dough in the hands of an all-powerful noodle maker. Ma Jian's satirical masterpiece allows us a humorous, yet profound, glimpse of those struggling to survive under a system that dictates their every move.

Dragon Born Ela Lourenco 2015-06-22 Far in the distant reaches of the universe is a world called Azmantium. A planet with lilac skies, jade green seas and fiery red suns. A planet where everything, from the tides of the sea to life itself, is rooted in magic. Children are assessed at an early age and trained according to their unique magical talents. Lara, an orphan who has no memory of her true origins, is unaware that she has a vital role to play in the ancient prophecies that are about to begin coming true. Older than most who are just beginning their magical training, Lara will soon find out that destiny waits for no one, especially when the fate of the world rests on their shoulders. With the help of her new friends, Lara will learn that in order to save the future, she must journey into the past - to a time when Dragons ruled the world! This is the first book in the upcoming Dragon Born series!

Stick Out Your Tongue Ma Jian 2007-07-24 Tibet is a land lost in the glare of politics and

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romanticism, and Ma Jian set out to discover its truths. *Stick Out Your Tongue* is a revelation: a startlingly vivid portrait of Tibet, both enchanting and horrifying, beautiful and violent, seductive and perverse. In this profound work of fiction, a Chinese writer whose marriage has fallen apart travels to Tibet. As he wanders through the countryside, he witnesses the sky burial of a Tibetan woman who died during childbirth, shares a tent with a nomad who is walking to a sacred mountain to seek forgiveness for sleeping with his daughter, meets a silversmith who has hung the wind-dried corpse of his lover on the wall of his cave, and hears the story of a young female incarnate lama who died during a Buddhist initiation rite. In the thin air of the high plateau, the divide between dream and reality becomes confused. When this book was published in Chinese in 1997, the government accused Ma Jian of "harming the fraternal solidarity of the national minorities," and a blanket ban was placed on his future work. With its publication in English, including a new afterword by the author that sets the book in its personal and political context, readers get a rare glimpse of Tibet through Chinese eyes—and a window on the imagination of one of China's foremost writers.

Chusan Liam D'Arcy-Brown 2012 "We must religiously observe our engagements with China, but I fear that Hong Kong is a sorry possession and Chusan is a magnificent island admirably placed for our purposes." So wrote the home secretary Sir James Graham to the prime minister Sir Robert Peel, as British diplomats prepared to return the island of Chusan to Chinese rule during the winter of 1845. For years, this now little-known island off the coast of Zhejiang province had been home to thousands of men, women and children of all classes and backgrounds, of all races and religions, from across the British Empire and beyond. Before the Union Jack ever flew over Hong Kong, it had been raised on Chusan. From a wealth of primary archives, Liam D'Arcy-Brown pieces together the forgotten story of how the British wrested Chusan from the Qing dynasty, only to hand it back for the sake of Queen Victoria's honour and Britain's national prestige. At a time when the Chinese Communist Party is inspiring a new brand of patriotism by revisiting the shame inflicted during the Opium Wars, here is a book that puts Britain's incursions into nineteenth-century China in a fascinating and revealing new light.

Red Dust In Her Veins 2012 The twelve women interviewed in this book all share a strong attachment to the physical and spiritual beauty of the Pilbara, in the northwest of Western Australia. A common bond between the four indigenous and eight non-indigenous women whose stories we have read is not only the love of the landscape but also the various difficulties they have faced, and the opportunities they have created, in this remote and awe-inspiring region. Some went in search of adventure, others to escape from abusive relationships. Some followed their partners' careers, while others tackled problems of cultural dispossession and gender identity. Whatever the circumstances, their compelling accounts of life in the Pilbara illustrate the resilience, courage and good humour of twelve inspirational women. These stories, and the stunning photographs of the landscape that accompany them, will resonate with anyone who has visited the region or is contemplating 'going bush', and will live forever in the hearts of those dreaming of a life less ordinary.

Jannah Jewels Book 2 Umm Nura 2012 In the second book of the Jannah Jewels Series, the girls are caught and thrown aboard the ship of Zheng He, the famous Chinese Muslim Admiral. Caught in a lightning thunderstorm, they must sail in raging waters to retrieve a rare medicine plant. Can the Jannah Jewels escape the fiery arrows of pirates and make it safely back home?

Holding Back The Tears Annie Mitchell 2013-09-16 This is true story about real people is set in Edinburgh City and Dundee, where a petite Scottish Lassie called Rosie Gilmour, mother to Finlay Sinclair, receives news of the death of her son - who tragically has taken his own life by hanging. Rosie pretends her son is still alive by talking to him, for that takes away the unbearable pain of her loss. But once she begins to face up to the fact that Finlay is not coming back, her conversations become more of a challenge than she can handle. When memories of her past are triggered by everyday life events, they take her mind back and forth in time - back to her own childhood days in 1960, when she flirted with the fairground boys, and to the day she gave birth to Finlay - "ME LADDIE". Rosie's Scottish accent becomes more apparent whenever her emotions are heightened and she begins to recite poetry. She goes on to reveal doubts about her own self-worth and how she re-unites her role as mother - a role she had denied herself for seven years prior to Finlay's death. Rosie learns how to forgive herself and how to accept her loss with using practical coping strategies that sometimes but not always work for her. Many voices of different natures and walks of life appear in Rosie's, story with each one offering a part of their own belief to try and console her in her misery - except that she turns her back on any advice or support offered. Rosie is convinced that she can cope with her loss on her own and "needs no help from anyone, thank you" - until a sweet, gentle, soft-spoken voice begins to travel with her throughout her ordeal, leaving her no other choice but to listen. Eventually moving to the countryside in Angus, Rosie finds the isolation gives her life a new meaning offering her the opportunity to re-value her belief's about her own self values and decides the time has come to give her son a memorial service and invite a chosen few dance companions whom she met on a regular basis in Edinburgh to honour this day. Rosie begins to accept she will never be the same person she once had been and shall never be again, believing now her journey through grief taught her many lessons making her a stronger and better person than she imagined she could ever be.

Dry Heat Steven Eggleton 2012-05-30 Dry Heat is the debut novel by indie author Steven Eggleton. A dirty, angry, and often painfully funny read, Dry Heat explores the angst and confusion people in their early twenties frequently feel. Written in Eggleton's skeptical, sardonic, and bluntly frank narrative voice, the book chronicles a little over a year in the life of Vincente Vasquez, a disillusioned grocery-store clerk living in Tucson, Arizona. Chiefly concerned with escaping the drudgery of work, social equality, and the pursuit of sex; Dry Heat is a visceral and raw novel that's sure to leave an impression.

Once Again Gina Scott 2016-04-07 Savannah is a young woman set out to make a difference in the world. But she plans to do it alone. With no family to connect with and no man in her life, she is ready, willing and able to face the challenges life has to offer. She is fearless, or so she thinks. She has planned her life out carefully never realizing that the best plans are sometimes altered. This story is about her journey as her life's plan changes its course.

Dragon's Dust Alfred Wohlmuth 2017-01-15 Hidden in the forgotten tunnels beneath the castle of Thorilleia lies an ancient book written by a powerful wizard. Two young men set out to find the book, which is said to contain a mysterious secret. Their journey takes them across rugged mountains and through dense forests where they encounter dangerous creatures and strange cultures. When they reach Thorilleia, they find themselves thrust into a pivotal role in a war between great kingdoms. Loaded with action and unexpected twists, Dragon's Dust is not just a quest for riches and power; it's an adventure story where integrity, determination, and courage prevail in dire circumstances.

Going Places Robert Burgin 2013-01 Successfully navigate the rich world of travel narratives and identify fiction and nonfiction read-alikes with this detailed and expertly constructed guide.

Eight Days in October DM Schwartz 2017-02-04 A teenage boy uncovers a horrific family secret. A widower seeks vengeance on the creatures that killed his wife. A drug addled writer stalks the woman of his dreams, a woman much more sinister than she appears. A federal agent races to find the cursed relic powering this city full of spooks, spirits, and serial killers. The lives of these and others will collide in the dark and dangerous streets of Adderlass. A seed of evil was planted under Adderlass, a city where monsters hide behind masks of humanity and ordinary people shuffle anesthetized and addicted by the sickly supernatural power wafting up from below. The city was built over the crystalline skull of a bloodthirsty beast. Now, the hunt is on for this lost treasure and whoever finds it first will control the fate not only of Adderlass but of the entire world. Sixteen-year-old Simon Cubbins, young and naive, may be the key to unlocking the mystery buried in this twisted labyrinth of hidden agendas. He also unknowingly harbors a secret that could destroy the Cubbins bloodline. As different characters fight for control over Simon, he will have to decide whether or not to carry on his family's legacy.

China Dream Ma Jian 2019-05-07 Blending fact and fiction, this darkly comic fable "may be the purest distillation yet of Mr. Ma's talent for probing the country's darkest corners and exposing what he regards as the Communist Party's moral failings" (Mike Ives, The New York Times). Called "Red Guards meet Kurt Vonnegut . . . powerful!" by Margaret Atwood on Twitter, China Dream is an unflinching satire of totalitarianism. Ma Daode, a corrupt and lecherous party official, is feeling pleased with himself. He has an impressive office, three properties, and multiple mistresses who text him day and night. After decades of loyal service, he has been appointed director of the China Dream Bureau, charged with replacing people's private dreams with President Xi Jinping's great China Dream of national rejuvenation. But just as he is about to present his plan for a mass golden wedding anniversary celebration, his sanity begins to unravel. Suddenly plagued by flashbacks of the Cultural Revolution, Ma Daode's nightmare visions from the past threaten to destroy his dream of a glorious future. Exposing the damage inflicted on a nation's soul when authoritarian regimes, driven by an insatiable hunger for power, seek to erase memory, rewrite history, and falsify the truth, China Dream is a dystopian vision of repression, violence, and state-imposed amnesia that is set not in the future, but in China today.

Spartacus Scott Douglas 2012-03-11 Alexander is just 17 when his father is killed, and he is taken as a slave by Roman soldiers; he knew his life was about to be changed, but he never imagined he would become the servant to one of the greatest gladiators of Rome: Spartacus. Amidst rumors of a slave revolt, Alexander learns what it means to love, fight, and lead.

River Town Peter Hessler 2002 Records the author's experiences as a Peace Corps English teacher in the small Chinese city of Fuling, during which time he witnessed such events as the death of Deng Xiaoping and the return of Hong Kong to the mainland.

Syncing Forward W. Lawrence 2014-06-15 1st Place Gold Award in the 2015 Feathered Quill Book Program for Science Fiction/Fantasy! Finalist in the 2014 Book Pipeline Contest! Travel to the future - it will only cost you everyone you love. Attacked and injected with a drug which

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slows his metabolism to a fraction of normal, Martin James becomes an unwilling time traveler who hurtles through the years. His children grow up, his wife grows older, and his only hope is finding the people who injected him in the first place- not an easy task when one day for Martin lasts four years. And while Martin James strives to find a cure before everyone he loves is gone, others are uncertain if his journey can be stopped at all. W. Lawrence weaves a dystopian future filled with the best and worst of humanity, highlights the blessings and curses of technology, and pushes the limits of faith and hopelessness. Above all, Syncing Forward is a tale of one man's love for his family, and their devotion to saving him from being lost forever.

LIFELINE Catherine McGuire 2017-03-31 It had seemed so simple, even fun, when they explained it: New York needed non-satellite-based relay towers. Commco sent me to find towns along the needed pathway, to offer to restore some of the boons of civilization in return for an agreement to build, power and guard the towers. After all, it had only been fifty years. I would never have believed that the countryside would have turned barbaric so fast. Thus begins Martin Barrister's journey through an unfamiliar landscape, where his training and skills are of little help, and only quick wits and creativity will allow him to survive. When his job turns out to be a ruse, and he becomes bait in a dispute he can barely fathom, Martin discovers what loyalty is worth. And what civilization is - and isn't - comprised of.

Red Dust Ma Jian 2007-12-18 In 1983, at the age of thirty, dissident artist Ma Jian finds himself divorced by his wife, separated from his daughter, betrayed by his girlfriend, facing arrest for "Spiritual Pollution," and severely disillusioned with the confines of life in Beijing. So with little more than a change of clothes and two bars of soap, Ma takes off to immerse himself in the remotest parts of China. His journey would last three years and take him through smog-choked cities and mountain villages, from scenes of barbarity to havens of tranquility. Remarkably written and subtly moving, the result is an insight into the teeming contradictions of China that only a man who was both insider and outsider in his own country could have written.

Mei Mei---a Beautiful Fish 2013

The Red Brick House Shirley Phillips Porter 2014-02-28 "Where are we? Kady asked, as they turned to look at the entire room. They saw the kitchen had a wood-burning stove, no sink faucet, and no refrigerator." "I don't know, Allie said, "but look out this window, across the yard and the garden. Isn't that the cotton patch where Nanna said she had to cross the narrow dirt road to help pick cotton?" The sisters, Allie, Kady, Lindey, and their cousin, Taylor, have been transported into their great grandmother's world when she is five and then again when she is seven. During their second visit, Taylor's little brother, Lance, shows up, surprising everyone, except Minnie, who has expected him and is so pleased he has come with them. This fictional story is based on contemporary children, who are real, and the historical, real-life happenings of the Tucker family in the 1920's told by Jewel Tucker Phillips.

Louis Van Gaal Andrew Kirby 2014-12-09 Louis van Gaal is a paradox from top to toe. This is the man who, when unveiled as Bayern Munich manager in 2009, described himself like this: "I am what I am; self-confident, arrogant, dominant, honest, industrious, innovative." Former players have described him as "scary," as a "volcano." The former Barcelona president described him as "the devil himself." At Bayern, they said he "vaangalised" their team. And yet at the same time, he is "warm-blooded." He openly admits: "I cry almost every day. There's

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always something that touches me." Barcelona's Xavi says of him: "People see him as arrogant and aloof but he's really not." Dutch Courage is a detailed dissection of the truth behind the myth of Van Gaal, studying his philosophy and his character, as well as some of the excellent football teams he has produced. This Dutch master has been the head of some of the greatest dynasties in European football - Ajax, Barcelona, Bayern Munich, and Manchester United - as well as the boss of the Netherlands national team (twice). Along the way, he has won a combined seven league championships across Europe. He has also been successful in continental competitions, listing the Champions League, the UEFA Cup, and the UEFA Super Cup amongst his honours. As head coach of the Netherlands in the 2014 World Cup, he led them to within a whisker of the final, beating world champions Spain 5-1 along the way, before his young Dutch charges were finally beaten on penalties by Argentina in the semi-final. But in 2014 he took on arguably his greatest challenge: restoring Manchester United to their perch after a year in the doldrums. Christian Nerlinger predicts that Van Gaal's United reign will be anything but predictable: "one thing is for sure: it will not be boring." And this book is anything but boring. It is the exciting tale which supporters of Ajax, Barcelona, AZ Alkmaar, Bayern Munich, Manchester United and the Netherlands national team will want to read. Andrew J Kirby is a season-ticket holder at Old Trafford, and writes about United for a number of fanzines and blogs. He is the author of Fergie's Finest: Sir Alex Ferguson's Greatest Manchester United x11, and The Pride of all Europe: Manchester United's Greatest Seasons in the European Cup. PRAISE FOR THE BOOK "From Ajax to Man United, via Bayern Munich, Andrew J Kirby plots the rise of this indomitable, complex figure with verve and great insight. Despite not being a Manchester United fan, Van Gaal's extreme personality has long intrigued me. Kirby captures it on the page with an uncanny accuracy. This book is exhaustively researched, and offers great psychological insights into the man, as well as the world of football. Most books about football are poor- Kirby's is an exception, and is written with a ferocious intellect that matches its subject matter. A must-read for fans of United, and those of us interested in this colossus of football." - Guy Mankowski, author of 'How I Left the National Grid' PRAISE FOR ANDREW J KIRBY'S SPORTSWRITING "The author knows his stuff," Angela Bowman, Manchester United fan "The perfect gift for the red devil in your life!" Sam Sharp, Manchester United fan "A good read for United fans young and old," AJ Hellina, Amazon reader "A must read for any red," Scott the Red, Republik of Mancunia on Fergie's Finest

Take Me to China Katie Kahn 2015-11-19 "Take Me to China" is the eighth book in the World Adventures Series which strives to introduce cultural ideas to young children. Each book is beautifully illustrated to show unique features of each particular country including customs, native plants and animals, clothing, exports, traditions and other cultural differences. The series was created by poet, Katie Kahn, and her daughter who loves animals and adventure. Kahn helped her daughter incorporate her research into a poem . That poem sparked an entire series based on places 11 year-old Autumn wants to go when she grows up.

China Doesn't Exist Daniel Marques 2014-10-26 As the world continues to evolve in unpredictable directions, but the Portuguese economy remains predictably in permanent decline, as it has been for centuries since the fall from world first place, there is a search for explanations, solutions and answers that seem apparently nonexistent. An analysis of the past reveals numerous causes for the fall of a nation, but this study shows equally or more relevant as the observation of new emerging nations. Against this backdrop, China now presents itself as an example of good economy and society to the Portuguese, even though also in this attitude they are behind many others, which have already passed this stage and start looking

for a new possibility in the future post China. The Portuguese investments in the east have been increasing in the same way as before the trade settled in the Lusophone countries like Brazil, Angola and Mozambique. But is this Chinese reality so promising? Many studies conducted in China have overlooked extremely important details that dictate the real scenario of this country. It is based on this hidden truth that this book seeks to portray what really is going on in this new world number one. Although comparing two distinct situations, of two countries also very different in dimensions, there is here further study, such as what two large empires may enable understanding. From the fall of the world longest empire, as is the case of Portugal, to the emergence of a new empire risen from the ashes and poverty, as it's China's situation, much there is to compare in order to achieve better predictions about markets and economies in the world scnerario. Thus, this book shows itself highly relevant and necessary for businessmen and politicians of any country, seeking to establish trade and investment with China, but also for those who want to live and work in this country. This work does not hide many of the most perverse situations of this modern nation and the Chinese way of thinking towards the West, to evidence what the Chinese actually plan for the entire planet. It's an opportunity to get to know this country deeply and what it represents for the future of humanity. This work is based on a study of more than six years, held in various cities from north to south, and consists of numerous interviews with citizens of both countries. But, still presents comparisons relative to other European and Asian countries, mainly in the area of business. This work reveals the truth hidden by the media and fantasy films about the east, beyond the legends, Chinese stories and philosophies, which represent a false image of China, which today exists hidden behind the shadow of the past.