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The New York Times Best Seller. Part biography, part critical appreciation, part love letter, and all fun, this enormous full-color volume, packed with color film stills and behind-the-scenes photography, chronicles every Murray performance in loving detail, recounting all the milestones, legendary "Murray stories," and controversies in the life of this enigmatic performer. He's played a deranged groundskeeper, a bellowing lounge singer, a paranormal exterminator, and a grouchy weatherman. He is William James "Bill" Murray, America's greatest national treasure. From his childhood lugging golf bags at a country club to his first taste of success on Saturday Night Live, from his starring roles in Hollywood blockbusters to his reinvention as a hipster icon for the twenty-first century, *The Big Bad Book of Bill Murray* chronicles every aspect of his extraordinary life and career. He's the sort of actor who can do Hamlet and Charlie's Angels in the same year. He shuns managers and agents, and he once agreed to voice the lead in *Garfield* because he mistakenly believed it was a Coen Brothers film. He's famous for crashing house parties all over New York City—and if he keeps photobombing random strangers, he might just break the Internet.

The Incidental Muslim is an honest, witty and heartfelt collection of columns and new musings by writer Amal Awad. Growing up in Australia as a hybrid identity (Arab-Australian-Muslim), Amal has unique insights on career, life, love and feminism. A passionate moviegoer and TV buff, she also considers her love of storytelling and how Hollywood just can't get their portrayals of Muslims right. More specifically, she bemoans the lack of the incidental Muslim - the character who just happens to be a Muslim, rather than the usual three Cs: cab drivers, convenience store owners or crackpots. Excerpt from *The Incidental Muslim* "Like any teenager, I had modest career aspirations. In my case, I would take singing lessons in order to develop my singing voice, before proceeding on to an illustrious career in musical theatre. My 'Everest' was to play Christine in *Phantom of the Opera*, though being thereasonable character that I am, Maria in *West Side Story* would have kept me equally satisfied. The only real, and I suppose rather significant, dent in the plan was that I was growing up Muslim." Praise for *The Incidental Muslim* "Despite what the title may suggest, *The Incidental Muslim* is a privileged insight into the life of, yes - a Muslim woman. Snapshots of the author's life, from childhood to student and now a writer, endear us to a world that turns out to be unmistakably familiar. Such is the uniqueness of Amal Awad's voice: it actually represents the women of today, whether they are Muslim or not." - Liana Rosnita, editor, *Aquila Style*

About the Author Amal Awad is a writer, author and journalist. An Arab-Muslim Australian, Amal frequently writes and speaks about issues of society, religion and popular culture. She has addressed festivals, universities, youth groups and community organisations, and has appeared on national radio, including RN Life Matters and *The Drawing Room* with Waleed Aly and Nikki Gemmill. Amal is a columnist for popular Muslim women's website *Aquila Style*, and a regular contributor to Australian websites *Daily Life*, *ABC Religion and Ethics*, and *The Vine*. Her writing has also been published in *Frankie* magazine and *The Sydney Morning Herald*. Amal published her debut novel *Courting Samira* - a tale of Muslim courtship and coming of age in the modern era - in 2010, and was selected as a quarter-finalist in the Amazon Breakthrough Novel Award. More recently she contributed to the anthology *Coming of Age: Growing up Muslim in Australia* (Allen & Unwin, 2014), and is currently working on various projects, including her second novel, *This Is How You Get Better*. Nearly every night on every major network, "unscripted" (but carefully crafted) "reality" TV shows routinely glorify retrograde stereotypes that most people would assume got left behind 35 years ago. In *Reality Bites Back*, media critic Jennifer L. Pozner aims a critical, analytical lens at a trend most people dismiss as harmless fluff. She deconstructs reality TV's twisted fairytales to demonstrate that far from being simple "guilty pleasures," these programs are actually guilty of fomenting gender-war ideology and significantly affecting the intellectual and political development of this generation's young viewers. She lays out the cultural biases promoted by reality TV about gender, race, class, sexuality, and consumerism, and explores how those biases shape and reflect our cultural perceptions of who we are, what we're valued for, and what we should view as "our place" in society. Smart and informative, *Reality Bites Back* arms readers with the tools they need to understand and challenge the stereotypes reality TV reinforces and, ultimately, to demand accountability from the corporations responsible for this contemporary cultural attack on three decades of feminist progress. Utilizing each chapter to present core topical and timely examples, *Pop Culture Freaks* highlights the tension between inclusion and individuality that lies beneath mass media and commercial culture, using this tension as a point of entry to an otherwise expansive topic. He systematically considers several dimensions of identity—race, class, gender, sexuality, disability—to provide a broad overview of the field that encompasses classical and contemporary theory, original data, topical and timely examples, and a strong pedagogical focus on methods. *Pop Culture Freaks* encourages students to develop further research questions and projects from the material. Both quantitative and qualitative analyses are brought to bear in Kidd's examination of the labor force for cultural production, the representations of identity in cultural objects, and the surprising differences in how various audiences consume and use mass culture in their everyday lives. This new, revised edition includes update examples and date to reflect a constantly changing pop culture landscape. A sharply observed and beautifully intimate memoir-in-pieces that uses one woman's life-long love affair with pop culture as a revelatory lens to explore family, identity, belonging, grief, and the power of female rage. For most of Jen Sookfong Lee's life, pop culture was an escape from family tragedy and a means of fitting in with the larger culture around her. Anne of *Green Gables* promised her that, despite losing her father at the age of twelve, one day she might still have the loving family of her dreams. Princess Diana was proof that maybe there was more to being a good girl after all. And yet as Jen grew up, she began to recognize the ways in which pop culture was not made for someone like her—the child of Chinese immigrant parents who looked for safety in the invisibility afforded by embracing model minority myths. Ranging from the unattainable perfection of Gwyneth Paltrow and the father-figure familiarity of Bob Ross, to the long shadow cast by *The Joy Luck Club* and the life lessons she has learned from Rihanna, Jen weaves together key moments in pop culture with stories of her own failings, longings, and

struggles as she navigates the minefields that come with carving her own path as an Asian woman, single mother, and writer. And with great wit, bracing honesty, and a deep appreciation for the ways culture shapes us, she draws direct lines between the spectacle of the popular, the intimacy of our personal bonds, and the social foundations of our collective obsessions. *Psychology and Pop Culture: An Empirical Adventure* examines the psychological aspects of pop culture preferences, personality, and behavior from across sixteen research studies. The authors analyze such phenomena as superhero and antihero fandoms, internet trolls, women in popular culture, generational preferences, and romance and sexuality. Analyzing pop culture in the context of the #MeToo movement, LGBTQIA+ representation, and contemporary politics, Keith W. Beard, April Fugett, and Britani Black pay close attention to contemporary issues of inclusion and marginalization. From the disability rights advocate and creator of the #DisabledAndCute viral campaign, a thoughtful, inspiring, and charming collection of essays exploring what it means to be black and disabled in a mostly able-bodied white America. Keah Brown loves herself, but that hadn't always been the case. Born with cerebral palsy, her greatest desire used to be normalcy and refuge from the steady stream of self-hate society strengthened inside her. But after years of introspection and reaching out to others in her community, she has reclaimed herself and changed her perspective. In *The Pretty One*, Brown gives a contemporary and relatable voice to the disabled—so often portrayed as mute, weak, or isolated. With clear, fresh, and light-hearted prose, these essays explore everything from her relationship with her able-bodied identical twin (called “the pretty one” by friends) to navigating romance; her deep affinity for all things pop culture—and her disappointment with the media’s distorted view of disability; and her declaration of self-love with the viral hashtag #DisabledAndCute. By “smashing stigmas, empowering her community, and celebrating herself” (*Teen Vogue*), Brown and *The Pretty One* aims to expand the conversation about disability and inspire self-love for people of all backgrounds. The man behind the *Real Housewives* writes about his lifelong love affair with pop culture that brought him from the suburbs of St. Louis to his own television show. From a young age, Andy Cohen knew one thing: He loved television. Not in the way that most kids do, but in an irrepressible, all-consuming, I-want-to-climb-inside-the-tube kind of way. And climb inside he did. Now presiding over Bravo's reality TV empire, he started out as an overly talkative pop culture obsessive, devoted to *Charlie's Angels* and *All My Children* and to his mother, who received daily letters from Andy at summer camp, usually reminding her to tape the soaps. In retrospect, it's hard to believe that everyone didn't know that Andy was gay; still, he remained in the closet until college. Finally out, he embarked on making a career out of his passion for television. The journey begins with Andy interviewing his all-time idol Susan Lucci for his college newspaper and ends with him in a job where he has a hand in creating today's celebrity icons. In the witty, no-holds-barred style of his show *Watch What Happens Live*, Andy tells tales of absurd mishaps during his ten years at CBS News, hilarious encounters with the heroes and heroines of his youth, and the real stories behind *The Real Housewives*. Dishy, funny, and full of heart, *Most Talkative* provides a one-of-a-kind glimpse into the world of television, from a fan who grew up watching the screen and is now inside it, both making shows and hosting his own. "Alana Massey's prose is to brutal honesty what a mandolin is to a butter knife: she's sharper; she slices thinner; she shows the cross-section of a truth so deftly--so powerfully and cannily--it's hard to look away, and hard not to feel that something has shifted in you for having read her." --Leslie Jamison, New York Times bestselling author of *The Empathy Exams* From columnist and critic Alana Massey, a collection of essays examining the intersection of the personal with pop culture through the lives of pivotal female figures--from Sylvia Plath to Britney Spears--in the spirit of Chuck Klosterman, with the heart of a true fan. Mixing Didion's affected cool with moments of giddy celebrity worship, Massey examines the lives of the women who reflect our greatest aspirations and darkest fears back onto us. These essays are personal without being confessional and clever in a way that invites readers into the joke. A cultural critique and a finely wrought fan letter, interwoven with stories that are achingly personal, *ALL THE LIVES I WANT* is also an exploration of mental illness, the sex industry, and the dangers of loving too hard. But it is, above all, a paean to the celebrities who have shaped a generation of women--from Scarlett Johansson to Amber Rose, Lil' Kim, Anjelica Huston, Lana Del Rey, Anna Nicole Smith and many more. These reflections aim to reimagine these women's legacies, and in the process, teach us new ways of forgiving ourselves. The contributors analyse the subject of Asian pop culture arranged under three headings: 'Television Industry in East Asia', 'Transnational-Crosscultural Receptions of TV Dramas' and 'Nationalistic reactions'. Much like a dragon-guarded mountain filled with stolen dwarf gold, Pop Culture is far more than just a side quest or afternoon's entertainment: it contains a veritable treasure trove overflowing with life lessons. If there's one takeaway from more than 40 years of Scooby-Doo mysteries, it's that the vast majority of life's villains are old white men using literal scare tactics to hold on to whatever privilege they have; *Stranger Things* taught us that any group of bike-riding kids are either running from or toward a vast governmental conspiracy; *The Wizard of Oz* proved that fashion can only take you so far; *The Lord of the Rings* showed us not only about the power of statement jewelry but that gifts come with strings attached; and *Jaws* was evidence that no matter how prepared you think you are, you should always expect the unexpected. This modern-day fable takes the best elements of *My Dinner With Andre*, *The Big Bang Theory*, and *How to Make Friends and Influence People*, to tell the story of three cosplaying friends sharing what they have learned from their favorite (and hated) movies, series, and games in a cafe after a day of walking the halls of a convention center. *Live Like a Vulcan, Love Like a Wookiee, Laugh Like a Hobbit* invites readers to a never-before-seen and slightly skewed look at the most memorable moments in films, shows, books, comic books, graphic novels, and video games. By the end of this pop-culture tour, fans of all ages will be given more inside knowledge than could ever be gotten at a comic convention, more self-help tools than can fit into any utility belt, more treasures than can be found in a cave of wonders, and more smiles than can be seen on any joker's face. One Thing Leads to Another in... Pop Culture Mayhem! (c) Are you a Pop Culture fanatic? Do you enjoy crossword puzzles? Are you a trivia buff? Do you enjoy solving word games? If so, you are going to love Pop Culture Mayhem! (c) The first puzzle game series to combine all of the above in one insanity-inducing brain-teaser! Here's how it works: You will answer a series of Pop Culture related trivia questions. After you've answered each question, you will add the answers together to form the name of a famous person, place or thing! Simple, right? Wrong!!! See if you can solve the following example: Mel Gibson Sci-Fi Movie _____ Max + "Bad Girls" Disco Diva _____ Summer = _____ "Mad" Max + "Donna" Summer = Madonna! Forget Sudoku! Try Pop Culture Mayhem! and have a blast.

Remember, One Thing Leads to Another in Pop Culture Mayhem! How and when did the kiss become a vital sign of romance and love? In this wide-ranging book, pop culture expert Marcel Danesi takes the reader on a fascinating journey through the history of the kiss, from poetry and painting to movies and popular songs, and argues that its romantic incarnation signaled the birth of popular culture. Looks at popular culture in China, including television, motion pictures, mass media, sports, literature, and lifestyles. **LONGLISTED FOR THE CENTER FOR FICTION FIRST NOVEL PRIZE LONGLISTED FOR THE WOMEN'S PRIZE FOR FICTION** “Bold, virtuosic, addictive, erotic – there is nothing like *The Pisces*. I have no idea how Broder does it, but I loved every dark and sublime page of it.” —Stephanie Danler, author of *Sweetbitter* Lucy has been writing her dissertation on Sappho for nine years when she and her boyfriend break up in a dramatic flameout. After she bottoms out in Phoenix, her sister in Los Angeles insists Lucy dog-sit for the summer. Annika's home is a gorgeous glass cube on Venice Beach, but Lucy can find little relief from her anxiety — not in the Greek chorus of women in her love addiction therapy group, not in her frequent Tinder excursions, not even in Dominic the foxhound's easy affection. Everything changes when Lucy becomes entranced by an eerily attractive swimmer while sitting alone on the beach rocks one night. But when Lucy learns the truth about his identity, their relationship,

and Lucy's understanding of what love should look like, take a very unexpected turn. A masterful blend of vivid realism and giddy fantasy, pairing hilarious frankness with pulse-racing eroticism, *THE PISCES* is a story about falling in obsessive love with a merman: a figure of Sirenic fantasy whose very existence pushes Lucy to question everything she thought she knew about love, lust, and meaning in the one life we have. The lives of four young people in different circumstances are changed by their encounters with books. Four humorous, poignant stories about how books changed the lives of several youngsters. Hal Rubenstein, fashion authority, consultant, and author of the bestselling *100 Unforgettable Dresses*, presents fifty of the most influential romantic moments in style from the 1930s to today, in this full-color collection that reveals each item's indelible place in the pantheons of fashion and popular culture. In *The Looks of Love*, Hal Rubenstein showcases seminal moments and events in television and film, on the runway and red carpet, and in social media that have changed the way we look at love, fashion, passion, romance, marriage, beauty, and style. From Alexander McQueen's stunning dance marathon collection inspired by the film *They Shoot Horses Don't They?* to shoulder-pad-clad Krystle and Alexis Carrington's jealous catfights; from all eight of Elizabeth Taylor's wedding ensembles to Angelina Jolie's singular Versace wedding gown with a veil embroidered with her children's drawings, Rubenstein brings his impeccable eye, compelling voice, and impressive depth of knowledge to these iconic moments. Here, too are anecdotes and first-person commentary from more than a dozen world-class designers that offer fascinating insight into each "look." Spanning eras and media, combining more than 225 images and essays, *The Looks of Love* includes such innovative trendsetters as Humphrey Bogart's trench coat in *Casablanca*; Marc Jacobs's spectacularly romantic show for Louis Vuitton that featured models disembarking from a vintage steam train; Beyoncé's "All the Single Ladies" video; Versace's "Miami" collection; The romantic world of Ralph Lauren; the marriage of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor—Edward VIII and Wallis Simpson; *The Summer of Love*—Woodstock; Gene Kelly's sportswear in *Singing in the Rain*; DKNY advertising; and much more. Playful and profound, trendy and timeless, stylish and sophisticated, *The Looks of Love* illuminates our evolving culture and couture in fresh and startling way. The perfect book for anyone with a Netflix account and a library card.

"Smart, sharp, and hilarious, *Slaughterhouse 90210* is the perfect pick-me-up and never-put-me-down book." - Jami Attenburg, bestselling author of *The Middlesteins*

Slaughterhouse 90210 pairs literature's greatest lines with pop culture's best moments. In 2009, Maris Kreizman wanted to combine her fierce love for pop culture with a lifelong passion for reading, and so the blog *Slaughterhouse 90210* was born. By matching poignant passages from literature with popular moments from television, film, and real life, Maris' work instantly caught the attention (and adoration) of thousands. And it's easy to see why. *Slaughterhouse 90210* is subversively brilliant, finding the depth in the shallows of reality television, and the levity in Lahiri. A picture of Taylor Swift is paired with Joan Didion's quote, "Above all, she is the girl who 'feels things'. The girl ever wounded, ever young." Tony Soprano tenderly hugs his teenage son, accompanied by a line from *Middlemarch*, "The patches of hardness and tenderness [that] lie side by side in men's dispositions." The images and quotes complement and deepen one another in surprising, profound, and tender ways. With over 150 color photographs from some of popular culture's most iconic moments, Kreizman shows why comparing Walter White to Faust makes sense in our celebrity obsessed, tv crazed society. A National Book Award Finalist: This 'wonderfully descriptive' novel from an author with a 'tremendous imagination' tells the unforgettable story of the Binewskis, a carny family whose mater- and paterfamilias have bred their own exhibit of human oddities. (The New York Times Book Review) The Binewskis are a circus-geek family whose matriarch and patriarch have bred their own exhibit of human oddities (with the help of amphetamine, arsenic, and radioisotopes). Their offspring include Arturo the Aquaboy, who has flippers for limbs and a megalomaniac ambition worthy of Genghis Khan, Iphy and Elly, the lissome Siamese twins, albino hunchback Oly, and the outwardly normal Chick, whose mysterious gifts make him the family's most precious - and dangerous - asset. As the Binewskis take their act across the backwaters of the US, inspiring fanatical devotion and murderous revulsion; as its members conduct their own Machiavellian version of sibling rivalry, *Geek Love* throws its sulfurous light on our notions of the freakish and the normal, the beautiful and the ugly, the holy and the obscene. Family values will never be the same. Praise for *Geek Love* 'If Flannery O'Connor had consumed vast quantities of LSD, she might have written like this' Literary Review 'The most romantic novel about love and family I have read. It made me ashamed to be so utterly normal' Terry Gilliam 'I felt electrocuted when I read that first page with Crystal Lil and her freak brood. I stood there in the bookstore and my jaw came unhinged. No book I've read, before or since, has given me that specific jolt' Karen Russell, author of *Swamplandia*

A personal, idiosyncratic history of popular music that also may well be definitive, from the revered music critic From the age of song sheets in the late nineteenth-century to the contemporary era of digital streaming, pop music has been our most influential laboratory for social and aesthetic experimentation, changing the world three minutes at a time. In *Love for Sale*, David Hajdu—one of the most respected critics and music historians of our time—draws on a lifetime of listening, playing, and writing about music to show how pop has done much more than peddle fantasies of love and sex to teenagers. From vaudeville singer Eva Tanguay, the "I Don't Care Girl" who upended Victorian conceptions of feminine propriety to become one of the biggest stars of her day to the scandal of Blondie playing disco at CBGB, Hajdu presents an incisive and idiosyncratic history of a form that has repeatedly upset social and cultural expectations. Exhaustively researched and rich with fresh insights, *Love for Sale* is unbound by the usual tropes of pop music history. Hajdu, for instance, gives a star turn to Bessie Smith and the "blues queens" of the 1920s, who brought wildly transgressive sexuality to American audience decades before rock and roll. And there is Jimmie Rodgers, a former blackface minstrel performer, who created country music from the songs of rural white and blacks . . . entwined with the sound of the Swiss yodel. And then there are today's practitioners of Electronic Dance Music, who Hajdu celebrates for carrying the pop revolution to heretofore unimaginable frontiers. At every turn, Hajdu surprises and challenges readers to think about our most familiar art in unexpected ways. Masterly and impassioned, authoritative and at times deeply personal, *Love for Sale* is a book of critical history informed by its writer's own unique history as a besotted fan and lifelong student of pop. A New York Times Bestseller Instagram. Whisper. YouTube. Kik. Ask.fm. Tinder.

The dominant force in the lives of girls coming of age in America today is social media. What it is doing to an entire generation of young women is the subject of award-winning Vanity Fair writer Nancy Jo Sales's riveting and explosive *American Girls*. With extraordinary intimacy and precision, Sales captures what it feels like to be a girl in America today. From Montclair to Manhattan and Los Angeles, from Florida and Arizona to Texas and Kentucky, Sales crisscrossed the country, speaking to more than two hundred girls, ages thirteen to nineteen, and documenting a massive change in the way girls are growing up, a phenomenon that transcends race, geography, and household income. *American Girls* provides a disturbing portrait of the end of childhood as we know it and of the inexorable and ubiquitous experience of a new kind of adolescence—one dominated by new social and sexual norms, where a girl's first crushes and experiences of longing and romance occur in an accelerated electronic environment; where issues of identity and self-esteem are magnified and transformed by social platforms that provide instantaneous judgment. What does it mean to be a girl in America in 2016? It means coming of age online in a hypersexualized culture that has normalized extreme behavior, from pornography to the casual exchange of nude photographs; a culture rife with a virulent new strain of sexism and a sometimes self-undermining notion of feminist empowerment; a culture in which teenagers are spending so much time on technology and social media that they are not developing basic communication skills. From beauty gurus to slut-shaming to a disconcerting trend of exhibitionism, Nancy Jo Sales provides a shocking window into the troubling world of today's teenage girls. Provocative and urgent,

American Girls is destined to ignite a much-needed conversation about how we can help our daughters and sons negotiate unprecedented new challenges. This book explores how pop culture is used in academic libraries for collections, instruction, and programming. It also describes the foundational basis for implementing pop culture and discusses how it promotes conversations between librarians and the students, making not only the information relatable, but the library staff, as well. The Semiotics of Love brings together work on early symbolism, literary practices, and contemporary communication on the theme of romance and the idea of love to forge an understanding of the semiotic-cultural side of romance. Moving beyond psychological and neuroscientific scholarly analyses of love, Marcel Danesi works to interrogate the cultural constructions of love across societies. This book analyzes romantic love from the general perspective of semiotics—that is, from its more generic interpretive angle, rather than its more technical one. The specific analytical lens used is based on the notion that we convert our feeling structures into sign structures (words, symbols) and sign-based constructions (texts, rituals, etc.), which then allow us to reflect upon something cognitively, rather than just experience it physically and emotionally. 1986 Shoulder pads are big, hair is bigger, and American college student Kate Spenser is set to embark on the biggest adventure of her life. Having been accepted to a summer studyabroad program in Oxford, England, Kate travels to Europe for the first time. Kate is psyched about a summer of exploring countries, experiencing new cultures, and perhaps meeting a charming man along the way. Armed with a FrenchEnglish dictionary and her Walkman loaded with Duran Duran, Kate is ready to start her adventure in France. Little does she know what awaits her when she arrives, and how she must use her wits to escape peril in Paris. Fortune favors Kate when she meets her Punk Charming, and it's love at first sight. Now, if she could only find him again! James Barrington meets his soul mate while on the run from Paris. Miscues and sabotage prevent him from reuniting with Kate, but he can never forget her. If only he had told her before it was too late. Or is it? Can true love conquer all? Contemporary popular culture has created a slew of stereotypical roles for girls and women to (willingly or not) play throughout their lives: The Princess, the Nymphette, the Diva, the Single Girl, the Bridezilla, the Tiger Mother, the M.I.L.F, the Cougar, and more. In this book Ames and Burcon investigate the role of cultural texts in gender socialization at specific pre-scripted stages of a woman's life (from girls to the "golden girls") and how that instruction compounds over time. By studying various texts (toys, magazines, blogs, tweets, television shows, Hollywood films, novels, and self-help books) they argue that popular culture exists as a type of funhouse mirror constantly distorting the real world conditions that exist for women, magnifying the gendered expectations they face. Despite the many problematic, conflicting messages women receive throughout their lives, this book also showcases the ways such messages are resisted, allowing women to move past the blurry reality they broadcast and toward, hopefully, gender equality. A revealing look at contemporary Russian popular culture, exploring the historical and social influences that make it unique. Pop music is only one aspect of contemporary Russian culture that has taken some unexpected turns in the chaotic aftermath of the Soviet Union's collapse. Television and advertising, theater and cinema, athletics and religion, even fashion and food now reflect more exposure to the West, yet remain in essence distinctively Russian. Pop Culture Russia! introduces readers to the fascinating, often surprising, post-Soviet cultural landscape. With chapters on media, the arts, recreation, religion, and consumerism, the book offers an insightful survey of Russian mass culture from the death of Stalin in 1953 to the present, exploring the historical significance of important events and trends, as well as the social and political contexts from which they emerged. A brief introduction to the cultural and historical significance of post-Soviet Russian culture Case studies on influential figures such as Vladimir Vysotskii and Alexei Balabanov, who exemplify the manifestations of Russian mass culture After foiling a gang of kidnappers and fending off an army of robots, 11-year-old siblings Nick and Tesla Holt could use a little rest! But as their third mystery opens, they discover there's a spy in their midst, searching for secrets in the home of their beloved (and slightly crazy) Uncle Newt. Is it the new laboratory assistant? The exterminator? The housekeepers? Or someone completely unexpected? To expose the mystery agent, Nick and Tesla must engineer all kinds of outrageous contraptions, from code wheels and fingerprint powder to spy cameras and burglar detectors. Best of all, instructions are included throughout the story, so you can build the projects, too! Short-term missions expert J. Mack Stiles believes we can't separate who we are and how we live from what we say as we interact with people about the good news of Jesus. We need to live out the reconciling forgiveness of God as opposed to loving in the world's way. And when we leave things out of the gospel, not only is the message distorted but so are we as messengers. In this book Stiles shows us an integrated approach to knowing the gospel, living the gospel and speaking the gospel makes us whole, healthy evangelists. This is the first book to apply the concept of 'contents tourism' in a global context and to establish an international and interdisciplinary framework for contents tourism research. The term 'contents tourism' gained official recognition in Japan when it was defined by the Japanese government in 2005, and it has been characterised as 'travel behaviour motivated fully or partially by narratives, characters, locations, and other creative elements of popular culture forms including film, television dramas, manga, anime, novels and computer games'. The book builds on previous research from Japan and explores three main themes of contents tourism: 'the Contentsization of Literary Worlds', 'Tourist Behaviours at "Sacred Sites" of Contents Tourism' and 'Contents Tourism as Pilgrimage' and draws together these key themes to propose a set of policy implications for achieving successful and sustainable contents tourism in the 21st century. Illuminates the pleasures and challenges of Shakespeare's complex language for today's students, teachers, actors and theatre-goers. In Pop Culture Magic 2.0, Taylor Ellwood delves deeper into the power of pop culture magic and shows how the modern mythology of pop culture can be used to create magical workings that get you consistent results. You will learn: How to develop deeper and stronger relationships with pop culture spirits. How to develop your own system of pop culture magic How to integrate social media and modern technology into your magical practice. How to use contemporary holidays in your magical workings How role playing games can help you with your identity work and much, much more! Pop Culture Magic 2.0 can help you develop a modern system of magic that is relevant to you and allows you to take the pop culture you love and turn it into a spiritual practice that gets results and changes your life. Rock 'n roll songs can shepherd you through heartbreak. Arthouse cinema can show you a path to wisdom and self-knowledge. Boots and black leather jackets can help you grow into strength and fierceness of spirit. Adventure, beauty and liberation: our love affairs with style and pop culture can light the path to a bright and wild life. In this collection of essays, All Things Glorious & True explores how ardent crushes on music, fashion, rock stars, dive bars and more can lead the way to an open heart, a braver soul...and even love. Learn how to get consistent results with pop culture magick Turn the pop culture you love into a source of spiritual power that changes your life. Do you feel like you can't relate to the available books on magic, because you're told you have to work with ancient cultures and deities? In Pop Culture Magick I show you how to take the core techniques and practices of magic and apply them to the pop culture you love, so you can practice magic and get consistent results that change your life. In this book you will learn: How to apply pop culture to magic and get results. How to create relationships with pop culture spirits. How to create practical magic techniques from pop culture. Why pop culture magic is real magic that can change your life. In Pop Culture Magick you will learn how to apply practical magic to the pop culture you love and use it to get results. A companion to the popular website APracticalWedding.com and A Practical Wedding Planner, A Practical Wedding helps you sort through the basics to create the wedding you want -- without going broke or crazy in the process. After all, what really matters on your wedding day is not so much how it looked as how it felt. In this refreshing guide, expert Meg Keene shares her secrets to planning a beautiful celebration that reflects your taste and your relationship. You'll discover: The real purpose of engagement (hint: it's not just about the

planning) How to pinpoint what matters most to you and your partner DIY-ing your wedding: brilliant or crazy? How to communicate decisions to your family Why that color-coded spreadsheet is actually worth it Wedding Zen can be yours. Meg walks you through everything from choosing a venue to writing vows, complete with stories and advice from women who have been in the trenches: the Team Practical brides. So here's to the joyful wedding, the sensible wedding, the unbelievably fun wedding! A Practical Wedding is your complete guide to getting married with grace. This book observes and analyses transnational interactions of East Asian pop culture and current cultural practices, comparing them to the production and consumption of Western popular culture and providing a theoretical discussion regarding the specific paradigm of East Asian pop culture. Drawing on innovative theoretical perspectives and grounded empirical research, an international team of authors consider the history of transnational flows within pop culture and then systematically address pop culture itself, digital technologies, and the media industry. Chapters cover the Hallyu – or Korean Wave – phenomenon, as well as Japanese and Chinese cultural industries. Throughout the book, the authors address the convergence of the once-separated practical, industrial, and business aspects of popular culture under the influence of digital culture. They further coherently synthesize a vast collection of research to examine the specific realities and practices of consumers that exist beyond regional boundaries, shared cultural identities, and historical constructs. This book will be of interest to academic researchers, undergraduates, and graduate students studying Asian media, media studies, communication studies, cultural studies, transcultural communication, or sociology. From its 1939 “Nickel, Nickel” jingle to pathbreaking collaborations with Michael Jackson and Madonna to its pair of X Factor commercials in 2011 and 2012, Pepsi-Cola has played a leading role in drawing the American pop music industry into a synergetic relationship with advertising. This idea has been copied successfully by countless other brands over the years, and such commercial collaboration is commonplace today—but how did we get here? How and why have pop music aesthetics been co-opted to benefit corporate branding? What effect have Pepsi’s music marketing practices in particular had on other brands, the advertising industry, and popular music itself? Soda Goes Pop investigates these and other vital questions around the evolving relationships between popular music and corporate advertising. Joanna K. Love joins musical analysis, historical research, and cultural theory to trace parallel shifts in these industries over eight decades. In addition to scholarly and industry resources, she draws on first-hand accounts, pop culture magazines, trade press journals, and other archival materials. Pepsi’s longevity as an influential American brand, its legendary commercials, and its pioneering, relentless pursuit of alliances with American musical stars makes the brand a particularly instructive point of focus. Several of the company’s most famous ad campaigns are prime examples of the practice of redaction, whereby marketers select, censor, and restructure musical texts to fit commercial contexts in ways that revise their aesthetic meanings and serve corporate aims. Ultimately, Love demonstrates how Pepsi’s marketing has historically appropriated and altered images of pop icons and the meanings of hit songs, and how these commercials shaped relationships between the American music business, the advertising industry, and corporate brands. Soda Goes Pop is a rich resource for scholars and students of American studies, popular culture, advertising, broadcast media, and musicology. It is also an accessible and informative book for the general reader, as Love’s musical and theoretical analyses are clearly presented for non-specialist audiences and readers with varying degrees of musical knowledge. Somehow, it’s hard to picture pop culture and Christianity going hand-in-hand, but maybe we simply aren't looking at things the right way. All You Want to Know About the Bible in Pop Culture reveals places where readers may be surprised to find redeeming values and gospel messages in today’s movies, music, popular TV shows, and much more! When you look closely, past the outrageous outfits and the antics of teen pop-sensations, it’s easy to see that from the big screen to the small screen and right down to the radio waves, God and His stories are still prevalent in pop culture today. There are movies and television shows that speak eternal truth, reality show families who represent believers well, even fictional Christians portrayed in a positive light. And if you listen closely, musicians are still conversing with God as the original songwriters of the Bible did. For the reader searching for meaning in media today, All You Want to Know About the Bible in Pop Culture is the perfect choice. Features include: Fun Bible-based facts and trivia questions Examples of biblical messages from current TV shows, films, and pop songs A casual and engaging resource PR professional Mara Jansen loves her work and lives a life most would envy in LA's music world. But she's shelved her illusions of romance. Ki-Yoon Lee accepted early that his drive to chart at the top of K-pop means life as an idol will have to be enough to feed his soul. But when two professionals meet - even if sparks fly - everyone at BestStars Entertainment knows that a single dalliance breaks contracts, ends careers or even worse, with lurking sasaengs always in the picture. Stans, fans and K-pop newbies will dance the subtle steps this romance takes as our star-crossed career-obsessives tour together on the band's breakthrough comeback and passion burns deep between them. Will they resist or embrace love and, either way, can it survive? Is there life ahead for a K-pop Secret Love? Yes, you can love God and binge Netflix! Podcaster Knox McCoy, co-host of The Popcast with Knox and Jamie, tells hilarious stories about how pop culture helped him answer life’s biggest questions in his debut book, The Wondering Years. Through books, television, music and movies, Knox found many of the answers he was searching for about God and why we’re all here. When you hear the phrase pop culture, you likely think reality television, boy bands or Real Housewives of various cities. While these are elements of popular culture, they aren’t all it has to offer. Pop culture may not cure diseases or make scientific breakthroughs, but it does play a vital role in the story of humanity. From the first time he was punched in the face to saving dog souls as a canine evangelist, Knox reflects on how pop culture has helped shape his life and carve out the foundation of his faith. While the three cultural tentpoles—the South, the Church, and Sports—defined many aspects of his East Tennessee upbringing, it was pop culture that influenced Knox and his sense of the world at large.

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