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River Town-Peter Hessler 2006-04-25 A New York Times Notable Book Winner of the Kiriya Book Prize In the heart of China's Sichuan province, amid the terraced hills of the Yangtze River valley, lies the remote town of Fuling. Like many other small cities in this ever-evolving country, Fuling is heading down a new path of change and growth, which came into remarkably sharp focus when Peter Hessler arrived as a Peace Corps volunteer, marking the first time in more than half a century that the city had an American resident. Hessler taught English and American literature at the local college, but it was his students who taught him about the complex processes of understanding that take place when one is immersed in a radically different society. Poignant, thoughtful, funny, and enormously compelling, River Town is an unforgettable portrait of a city that is seeking to understand both what it was and what it someday will be.

River Town-Peter Hessler 2002-01 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.

River Town-Peter Hessler 2013-12-19 When Peter Hessler went to China in the late 1990s, he expected to spend a couple of peaceful years teaching English in the town of Fuling on the Yangtze River. But what he experienced - the natural beauty, cultural tension, and complex process of understanding that takes place when one is thrust into a radically different society - surpassed anything he could have imagined. Hessler observes firsthand how major events such as the death of Deng Xiaoping, the return of Hong Kong to the mainland, and the controversial construction of the Three Gorges Dam have affected even the people of a remote town like Fuling. Poignant, thoughtful and utterly compelling, River Town is an unforgettable portrait of a place caught mid-river in time, much like China itself - a country seeking to understand both what it was and what it will one day become.

Peace Like a River-Leif Enger 2007-12-01 Hailed as one of the year's top five novels by Time, and selected as one of the best books of the year by nearly all major newspapers, national bestseller Peace Like a River captured the hearts of a nation in need of comfort. "A rich mixture of adventure, tragedy, and healing," Peace Like a River is "a collage of legends from sources sacred and profane -- from the Old Testament to the Old West, from the Gospels to police dramas" (Ron Charles, The Christian Science Monitor). In "lyrical, openhearted prose" (Michael Glitz, The New York Post), Enger tells the story of eleven-year-old Reuben Land, an asthmatic

boy who has reason to believe in miracles. Along with his sister and father, Reuben finds himself on a cross-country search for his outlaw older brother who has been controversially charged with murder. Their journey is touched by serendipity and the kindness of strangers, and its remarkable conclusion shows how family, love, and faith can stand up to the most terrifying of enemies, the most tragic of fates. Leif Enger's "miraculous" (Valerie Ryan, The Seattle Times) novel is a "perfect book for an anxious time ... of great literary merit that nonetheless restores readers' faith in the kindness of stories" (Marta Salij, Detroit Free Press).

The Lower River-Paul Theroux 2012 Idealizing the four years he spent in Malawi with the Peace Corps, Ellis Hock is abruptly divorced by his wife and decides to return to Africa only to find the region devastatingly transformed by poverty and apathy. 35,000 first printing.

New Madrid-Mary Sue Shy Anton 2009 New Madrid: A Mississippi River Town in History and Legend focuses on the hearts and minds of a restless population as it moved west into the Mississippi River Valley in the 1800s. The river-port town of New Madrid, Missouri, strategically located just below the junction of the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers, and destined to be the capital of "New Spain," was en route for thousands of early Americans. New Madrid's pioneers reveal their past and their stories through letters, newspapers, official records, and other sources. The author takes the reader through the town's history, recounting tales of legendary people whose lives crossed with those of area residents. Lively illustrations, photographs, and maps enhance the stories, a treasure for anyone whose ancestors experienced the westward movement, participated in the Civil War, were slave-owners, slaves, or American Indians, or for those who are curious about American life in earlier times.

The Book of Life-Upton Sinclair 2008-08 Upton Sinclair, one of America's foremost and most prolific authors, addresses the cultivation of the mind and the body in this 1922 volume. Sinclair's goal was to attempt to tell the reader how to live, how to find health, happiness and success, and how to

develop fully both the mind and the body. Part One: The Book of the Mind covers such subjects as faith, reason, morality, and the subconscious. Part Two: The Book of the Body develops such subjects as errors in diet, the fasting cure, food and poisons, work and play, and diseases and their cures .

Yangtze-Lyman P. Van Slyke 1988

The Isla Vista Crucible-Reilly Ridgell 2012-02-12 Three college roommates try to live and enjoy their student lives while caught up in the frenzy of casual drug use, recreational sex, lacrosse, rock and roll music, political activism, riots, and race relations during the tumultuous 1969-70 school year in the unique student community of Isla Vista.

Stones from the River-Ursula Hegi 2011-01-25 From the acclaimed author of Floating in My Mother's Palm and Children and Fire, a stunning story about ordinary people living in extraordinary times—"epic, daring, magnificent, the product of a defining and mesmerizing vision" (Los Angeles Times). Trudi Montag is a Zwerg—a dwarf—short, undesirable, different, the voice of anyone who has ever tried to fit in. Eventually she learns that being different is a secret that all humans share—from her mother who flees into madness, to her friend Georg whose parents pretend he's a girl, to the Jews Trudi harbors in her cellar. Ursula Hegi brings us a timeless and unforgettable story in Trudi and a small town, weaving together a profound tapestry of emotional power, humanity, and truth.

Oracle Bones-Peter Hessler 2009-03-17 A century ago, outsiders saw China as a place where nothing ever changes. Today the country has become one of the most dynamic regions on earth. In Oracle Bones, Peter Hessler explores the human side of China's transformation, viewing modern-day China and its growing links to the Western world through the lives of a handful of ordinary people. In a narrative that gracefully moves between the ancient and the present, the East and the West, Hessler captures the soul of a country that is undergoing a momentous change before our eyes.

Don't Mess It Up-Les Trachtman 2018-05-01 In Don't Mess It Up: How Founders and Their Successors Can Avoid the Clichés That Inhibit Growth, author and six-time second CEO Les Trachtman offers his expertise on the most effective ways to successfully hand off your company to a worthy successor. He also has advice for those who are inheriting a business and want to take it to the next level, as well as for boards who are dealing with these leadership transitions. In his direct, no-nonsense approach, Les shows readers how seemingly harmless business clichés such as “get it right” and “be careful” can have a detrimental effect on a company's future by conveying that such imperative ingredients such as risk and innovation are things to now be avoided. Readers will learn how to:

- Understand the metamorphosis required to transition from great founder to great CEO
- Know when, and if, it's time to replace yourself
- Pick the right successor
- Prepare yourself and your company for the fragile transition
- Create a successful CEO transition
- Separate yourself from the company

There is likely no one more experienced in founder transitions than Les Trachtman. He has been an innovative and respected successor at six different companies; let his hard-won advice guide you through your transition and toward success.

Unopened Books-Jermaine D. Gassaway 2017-05-27 The unfathomable rate of Black males in education should result in a national call to action. Across the country Black males represent only 2% of the teaching workforce. By the year 2024, minority students will be the majority, yet our current education workforce does not reflect this growing trend in what has been called "The Browning of America." Why is it acceptable that a student can matriculate from Kindergarten through twelfth grade and not have one Black male as his or her teacher? Why has it been a challenge to recruit and in many instances retain Black males in the classroom? Unopened Books explains what is referenced in the book as the Five Black Male Deterrents in Education. Through the personal narrative of Jermaine D. Gassaway, a native Washingtonian, educator, and school leader; coupled with practical solutions, Unopened Books provides insight to multiply the 2%. It is intended to not only be a provocative conversation starter but an actionable approach to increase the number of Black men in the classroom.

The Losses-Cully Perlman 2016-12-01

Alone Among People-D. M. Anthony 2012-08-12 At just twenty-two years of age, Briana Mils finds herself at a desperate crossroads. Once a promising student at the University of Oregon, she now finds herself alone on the streets of Portland with only the clothes on her back, memories of a happier time, and the stray dog that's adopted her. And she's got the drug that helps her forget. Briana's mistakes haunt her, lashing her with severe consequence, forcing her to make a decision few would ever make. Still, in a final attempt to make her young life count for something, Briana begins writing it all down—everything—so that others walking the crumbling precipice of rebellion might leap to safety before it's too late. She writes about her present struggles and the past. She writes about Michael, the boy she loved and left behind when she went off to college. She writes about the violent activism and drug that derailed her life. She writes about the demands placed on her by a socially conscious mother, and the adoration shown by a proud father. And Briana talks about Brody—the young activist leader who captured her heart, took it to the altar, and then crushed it. What develops is an engrossing record of a young and troubled life, one both beautiful and ugly, innocent and corrupt, lost and then found. And wrapped in its literary sinew is a cast of characters as diverse and engaging as the stars, and an impassioned love story sure to transcend time. What readers are saying: “Timeless...provocative.” “Characters so real you'd swear this was a true account.” “A brilliant read!” Alone Among People is D. M. Anthony's first novel. He lives in California where he's at work on his next book. This review is from: Alone Among People (Paperback) A Compelling and Heart Warming Story, September 25, 2012 "Alone Among People is at once an engaging, moving story and a provocative statement about the thin line between thriving and sinking into an abyss as inescapable as quicksand. Its timeless and uplifting messages of hope conquering despair, healing borne of love and care, and peace at discovering one's identity are an inspiration. The author's empathy for the characters and their plight betrays knowledge of what he writes, and offers the reader a unique glimpse into a vulnerable and intimate place... his heart. I recommend this book to anyone who has traveled through the anguish of darkness and longed for the light;

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it may just guide your way."

If Only I Could...-Greg M. Sarwa 2012-09-01 What if you had just learned that your days are about to come to an end? Would you quietly accept your destiny, or would you fight this one final battle? And what if the demons of your past disturb the delicate reconciliation you thought you had found? These are the questions facing John Kadel in "If only I could...", a simple story about love. This is not a romance. It is a tale of the true and lasting love each of us dreams about, the undeniable love only some of us find in a lifetime of searching. John Kadel is a stubborn, single old man with a colorful past and questions for which he has no answers. Not long after his doctor hands him a death sentence, John runs into someone from his past.

The Yellow River Journal-I. Freely 2016-10-16 The Yellow River by I. P. Freely. Remember those gag book/author titles we joked about as kids? Introducing Volume One of the Books Never Written Series by I. M. Nobody A 120 page lined journal with a gag title. Use it as a Diary, a Notebook for School, or for Personal Memos. Anything really, that's entirely up to you.

Along the River-David Bowles 2011-05-01 These unique voices combine in a harmony of Mexican and American, of magical and ordinary, of tragedy and triumph. From established writers to emerging talents, the contributors to this volume represent the depth and beauty of a community that is just beginning to make itself heard. The collection features the short story "The Time About the Dog" by Álvaro Rodríguez, co-screenwriter of the recent film Machete. Other contributors: Angélica Maldonado, Yaresy Salinas, María Ramírez, Daniel Tyx, Mónica G. Hernández, Félix Omar Vela, Evangelina Ayon, Lois Marie Garza, Charlene Bowles, Robert Brown, Cindy Jáimez, Virgilio B. Valencia, Alfredo Ortiz, Javier David González, Matthew Madrigal, Olga Lidia Cervantes, Richard D. Givens, Verónica Sandoval, Edwin de Kock, Gwenda J. González, Jonathan Corey Mangan, Kristin Michelle Keith, María Piedra, Ludivina V. Vásquez, María de la Luz Quiroga, Clarrissia Nerio, Nina Medrano, Rosalia Arriaga, Anna Lilia Castillo, Gloria

M. Alvarado, and Edwin Sandoval.

Another City-Steve Coughlin 2015 In his debut collection of poetry, Steve Coughlin examines the severity of family trauma on both personal memory and the human psyche. Written in an accessible, colloquial voice that poet J. Allyn Rosser describes as "strong, versatile, original...[and] capable of radically different tones and angles of approach," these poems move from haunted laments to playful musings as they negotiate the complexities of grief with the desire to escape into the imagination's safe refuge. Ultimately, in ANOTHER CITY Coughlin depicts the harsh struggles of a working class family and leaves readers to consider what healing, if any, the imagined world can offer.

Lost Chances-C. T. Nicholson 2014-04-04 Home is where the heart is... Seven years after leaving town and the only girl he loved, Cooper still couldn't forget about Sophia. He had two loves. Music and the woman of his dreams. Coming back home proved that would always be true. But things have changed. Now he has to gain her trust again if he wants to make her all his. The question is, did he lose his chance the first time? Some things are hard to forget... Sophia tried to stop loving Cooper and failed miserably. Despite the way he'd abandoned her seven years earlier, she can't seem to stay away, even though trusting him doesn't prove easy. One careless night could change it all and the secret she carries may ruin any chance of them being together. They say life is all about taking chances. But when opportunities are lost and love comes knocking the second time around, lives are changed forever.

Evo's Travels-J. A. Parris 2013-07-25 Evo's Travels is a children's book for all ages, including adults. Educational, fun, and spiritual it tracks a raindrop who falls to earth; the different places he goes to, and the environments he ends up in. All illustrated with wonderful colourful pictures, Evo shows us how we rely upon water in our lives, and should bless the rainfall, as we would surely be nothing without it.

Through a Shot Glass Darkly-Siobhan Kelly 2012-12-01 Alex Fitzpatrick, transplanted Jersey girl, has recently moved to Sherman, Nebraska and opened her own pub. Sherman is on the map, but sometimes Alex feels she's living in a time warp. The little boys have crew cuts and the residents smile and say hello to strangers. No one locks their doors. Then, on a cold October night, Book Ends, a wonderful Main Street bookstore, burns down with the owner, Alex's friend Barb, inside. As Alex grieves, her initial unease about the fire deepens into a conviction that it was arson. She digs into Barb's past and finds enemies there: an abusive ex-husband-a farmer embittered by their divorce-and closer to home, God's Warriors, a secretive local men's group: think Promise Keepers meets Ku Klux Klan. Becoming a detective was not Alex's game plan and sometimes she feels like a Miss Marple impersonator. But Alex is determined to discover who set the fire. Humor helps her keep things in perspective. She's also helped by her wisecracking friend Kathy (her instructor in Nebraska 101) and Chris, a beautiful photographer to whom she is secretly, unwillingly attracted. But someone wants them to stop, and pranks escalate into threats. To discover the arsonist, Alex must decode the often mystifying culture of Sherman, Nebraska, whose sunny surface conceals more darkness than she'd bargained for. Ultimately, her investigation will force her to confront this question: does a Jersey tomato belong in Nebraska dirt? This is the first book in the Alex Fitzpatrick mystery series.

Moonshine Outlaws-Matt Christofferson 2016-09-09 The sleepy town of Savannah, Georgia has been pretty quiet for five years, and for good reason. But when lifelong friends, Matt and Justin decide to get back in the moonshine business and try their luck again, they quickly realized that they were going to be in for a wild ride. But, it was a challenge they were up for and it looked like they were going to be able to settle an old score with the Sheriff in the process with the help of their longtime friend and lawyer Victoria, who reluctantly got sucked back into helping them. What they didn't realize when they got back in the moonshine business, was that they would uncover some of the darkest secrets of the town that would've shocked the whole community if they would have been able to tell anyone. In the end, they ended up stirring up a bee's nest of trouble from the past and were forced to deal with some unexpected and tragic results that

nobody saw coming.

The River of the West: The Adventures of Joe Meek; The Mountain Years-Frances Fuller Victor 2011-01-01 Joe Meek is one of the West's irresistible characters dashing, devil-may-care, cheeky, irreverent, more fun than a playful grizzly cub. Unlike so many of the West's other great characters, he comes down to us not as a myth, says the editor, but as "simply a right kind of fella." It is our good luck that Joe knew how to yarn his mountain experiences truly and colorfully and with only a mite of stretching, and that he happened to cross trails with Frances Fuller Victor, who had the sense to see the worth of his tale as Joe told it, in the raw. The first of two volumes of "The River of the West" deals with Joe's years as one of the legendary mountain men, the fur trappers of the Rocky Mountains. A facsimile of the original edition published in 1870, this reissue includes the original illustrations and offers a new introduction, map, notes, bibliography, and index.

TRIBERS Book of Dreams-K. N. Vogel 2013-05-23 Sy Middleton, a teenager living in Manhattan, enters a secret world when he is initiated into Earth-tribe and becomes a Triber. In the Middle Realm, Tribers from Earth-, Fire-, Air- and Water-tribe train to enhance their powers and compete in monthly Lunar Festivals. The Zodiac Council has protected the Lower and Middle Realms from the Darkforce for thousands of years, but the balance of power has shifted, placing humanity at risk. The Darkforce has stolen the Book of Dreams. Sy and his friend Joshua Ryderson embark on a quest to find it...

Azalea Springs-Jeff Tolley 2012-07-01 "The small town of Azalea Springs that has lived in seemingly charmed ignorance for generations finds itself floundering in a modern era of hate and revenge. Gary Tatum battles intolerance, racism, and ethnic superiority while Azalea Springs' least favorite son, Rusty Wicker, battles to keep the power that he has won through murder, intimidation, and the local drug trade. Russell Vaughn is the big-time, small town lawyer who secretly struggles with his desire for

revenge. Michael and Grace Fleming are the newcomers who are thrust into a conspiracy that pits Old South ideals against the progress of the New South"--Page 4 of cover.

Ride the Stars-Autumn Dawn 2014-06-26 Ride the Stars Strong-armed into a contract, hustled aboard an alien ship, Jaide and Sesame aren't in the mood to like their new bosses. Mechanical geniuses, they make their living hot-rodding racing ships and revving up military grade war craft. Unfortunately, their Draconian customers aren't willing to go on a waiting list. But there's more to worry about for Jaide than fending off Skye's determined pursuit and revving up his captain's ship. Someone wants to kill her, her partner is falling for the Drac leader, and she's beginning to suspect there's more to their abduction than meets the eye. As everything she thought she knew is turned upside down, can she have to overcome her distrust of men and reach for a love as powerful as the chance to ride the stars?

Echo Cross-Rachel E. Twiss 2014-10-29 All old cities have their secrets. Early morning, August 1882. Inspector Aloysius Allaway is awoken and brought into the investigation of a strangely dressed young woman found in King's Chapel Graveyard while one hundred and twenty-eight years later rookie Detective Shiloh Amsel finds a mummified human heart. Two different crimes, connected by Echo Cross, Boston's most closely kept secret. A hidden neighborhood, refuge of fae and supernatural beings, becomes the center of a conspiracy linking both detectives to a dark world of cults, conspiracy, and curious rifts in time.

Between Love and Hate-Altonya Washington 2015-03-30 Cahlr Decker and Bizay Donneeter had an extraordinary involvement that resulted in more than either of them ever intended. Their connection went deeper than the sexual chemistry that sizzled to life between the powerful corporate consultant and the lingerie entrepreneur. At least, that was what Biz thought until their enjoyable time together ended when she woke one morning to an empty bed and no sign of Cahlr. Biz refused to acknowledge

how deeply the man had wounded her-how deeply her feelings for him had grown in the short span of time they had known each other. She was angry and hurt and leaned on a fair amount of hate to survive. Not a bad plan until she received word that her family's advertising firm was in trouble and that Cahlr was its new owner. Biz didn't have time to let fear register over the unexpected turn of events. Fear however, did eventually find its way to the forefront of her mind as did a healthy dose of suspicion. Did Cahlr know that she'd left San Diego pregnant with their child? What would he do when he realized she'd had their daughter and had kept her from him for four years?

Until Someone Gets Hurt-Sherrie Lueder 2013-04-25 "The breathtaking scope, complexity and theatrics of this scam and these con men rivals any Hollywood movie."--Kamala Harris, Attorney General for the State of California
Join International Best Selling Author, Sherrie Lueder and her literary team, Dawn Taarud-Martinez and Kim Hansen, along with Tyson Wrensch--a former friend, now victim, of the con men as they untangle the threads of this decade long crime spree filled with twists, turns and jaw-dropping revelations. With a cast of characters drawn from San Francisco's Castro District, follow the "Dark Prince" and "the Boiz" as they take you from one con to the next--until a single brazen act leads to murder. However, the story doesn't end there. Prepare to experience the dramatic courtroom trials that no one predicted and the shocking ending that no one expected--not even the judge. "Until Someone Gets Hurt" contains exclusive insight into the methods and actions of the murderers--as told by a "former driver" Dennis Domine. As seen on truTV.com's Crime Library "Notorious Murderers-Timeless Classics" - "Kaushal Niroula and the Gay Grifters" and Investigation Discovery's New Series "Forbidden" (Series 1 Episode 9) "Prince of Darkness", a documentary about Kaushal Niroula (Includes appearances and interviews with authors Sherrie Lueder and Tyson Wrensch.) ~~~~~ Characters: Kaushal Niroula, a/k/a the "Dark Prince", Daniel Garcia, David Replogle, Miguel Bustamante, Craig McCarthy, Russell Manning, Clifford Lambert, Tyson Wrensch, Dennis Domine, Thomas White
UPDATE: Thomas White died in a Mexican hospital Tuesday, September 10, 2013 of pneumonia.

Poseidia-J. L. Imhoff 2016-02-17 In the darkest depths of the ocean, the ancient city of Poseidia has secretly thrived, protected by a sentient dome. Its inhabitants, genetically engineered shape-shifters and protectors of the ocean, teeter on the brink of extinction as the reach of humanity grows. When a pregnant Anna Ryan is murdered at sea, her life doesn't end-it begins. She awakens in this unknown world in a new body, enhanced with iridescent skin, fins, and the ability to breath underwater. Grieving the loss of her baby and her humanity, Anna vows to make her murderer pay, but it's no easy task to brave the wide ocean alone. Anna finds an ally in Roman, a giant, scarred mystery of a man, and together they forge a bond sharing former human pasts. The easy part is convincing Roman to help her retrieve a cherished locket-an item she believes essential to endure the challenges of a new life-but she carelessly endangers Poseidia. Can Anna set aside everything she's known and embrace all she's ever wanted? What is the cost of happiness?

He Loves Me, He Loves Me Not-Susie Gulick 2013-03-11 Memoir of a heart-wrenching life of a little girl who made it through, though adult life got worse, even through six abusive marriages and lots of illnesses.

Twenty Little Froggies-Walter Parks 2014-09-17 Teach your child to memorize an age old poem. It will be with her/him for life. My Grandfather taught it to my father in 1887 when he was 5. My Father taught it to me in 1940 when I was 5. I taught it to my children. Make a video of your child reciting the poem and upload it to YouTube. Let your child start a family tradition.

The Little Tax Lien Tax Deed Book (They Don't Want You to Know About)-Alexander Franklin 2012-10-15 One of America's top tax lien and tax deed investors and instructors reveals high-profit money-generating tax sales and tax auction investment techniques covered almost nowhere else, yet also explains the basics and the potential dangers for tax lien investors just starting out in this lucrative area. This quick short and easy-to-read glimpse inside the real world of tax lien and tax deed investing is a must-

have book for any serious tax deed or tax lien real estate property investor!

I'm Trapped-Nikisha M. Cooks 2017-02-17 Shayla had no idea her life would turn out like it did. She had two kids, independent, a college degree, owns a Top Business Consulting firm in Buckhead, Atlanta and a Non-profit organization for the community, but in the midst of it all she was Trapped. Trapped in love, hate, lust and PAIN!! She had a natural body that these women would die for, her personality made her beautiful, her presence was unreal and she had a smile that would lighten up your darkest days. Shayla wasn't your average chick she was street and book smart, but had one problem men was her weakness. She picked the men she had the weakness for. Shayla was living a triple life and the walls were starting to close in on her fast.. Shayla was focused on her businesses, but on the flip side enjoyed herself, She never meant to hurt anyone feelings, so she tried to be as upfront as possible when they would ask, which was never so, she never offered the information. She is about to go for the ride of her life, she's a street girl by nature, maybe she can get herself out it. Her best friend Kisha is by her side to support her until Shayla finds out her secret. Shayla is into deep.....

Matching Games for 2 Year Olds-Smarter Activity Books for Kids 2016-08-20 Who says two-year-olds can't do matching games? They absolutely can! Test their abilities and your teaching skills with this activity book made especially for children two years of age. Get those tiny hands a pencil and start their matching skills at a young age with this activity book. Hurry and buy a copy now!

The Man Who Wins-Robert Herrick 2020-01-26 Thornton, flaccid from hot days in the laboratory, welcomed any proffered excuse for a loaf. So they jogged away in the soft evening, from the cropped green hedges and the red brick buildings of Camberton into the country turnpike, smoking and keeping a peaceful silence. After athletics and carts had been talked out there was not much to start fresh conversation with. Camberton slipped away, with its endless problems, its ambitious prods. Jarvis Thornton

entered another atmosphere when the cart crunched the gravel of the drive at the Four Corners. The Ellwells were on the veranda. "Who are the Ellwells?" Thornton asked himself as he found a chair next the white dress of the daughter. "And why did I get myself into a family party for a day and two nights without knowing what to expect?"

Crossing River Limpopo-Dumiso Dube 2014-12-19 This action packed reader-gripping book is a grueling harsh journey of Zimbabweans who cross borders into South Africa illegally, in search of greener pastures. Their worst nightmare is not only the crocodile infested river Limpopo that they cross, but also what they locally call Amagumaguma, a notorious gang of thieves and contract slayers who prey on the little possessions they migrate with, rape or sodomize them and ruthlessly butcher the vulnerable in order to sell their body parts to local witchdoctors and those afar. These grisly murderers have laid into graves many lives! The ill-fated border jumpers also have to contend with vicious, ravenous predators like lions, leopards and hyenas and other such carnivores in search of easy prey. Brutal soldiers vigilantly guarding these borders for trespassers also add to their woes. Of course, these law-breaking border-jumpers have those who help them out. For a fee of a thousand five hundred rands or two hundred American dollars, the Malayisha (cross-border taxi drivers) transport them from various parts of Zimbabwe to the Beit-Bridge border post, where they are handed over to the Impisi (escorts) at secluded rendezvous outside the border posts. These Impisi are paid by the Malayisha to escort their passengers without passports, across river Limpopo right up to near Musina in South Africa where they pick them up again and take them to Johannesburg. The border jumpers however risk all these predators that hunt down anything that moves throughout the night. In the novel, we meet

Themba Khumalo who had always wanted to go to the lucrative South Africa but did not have Malayisha's fees until when his father died, he inherited two of his father's donkeys and gave them to a local Malayisha as payment in kind, for the fees to take him to Johannesburg. What he did not know was that where he was going, the familiar became mysterious and the unfamiliar, gruesome and bizarre indeed! It was a place of delusion and paradox with a very thin line between life and death, as too many predatory eyes were fixed on the prey!

Layers-AlTonya Washington 2010 Kamari Grade was a well-known troubleshooter for the most discerning clients. But when called to investigate one of the most powerful men in financing, she's thrown into the world of Huron Base. Financiers were usually polished in word and deed, but there was a sexy arrogance to Huron that blared former thug and it wasn't an image he wanted to forget. When the lovely troubleshooter crossed his path she was everything he loved about his life-challenge, drive, determination, strength, success, beauty ... For a man who could acquire anything, the allure of such a conquest was irresistible.

Episodes from a Hudson River Town-Clesson S. Bush 2011-08-01 The story of New Baltimore, New York, a small Hudson River town, and how outside pressures and local hard work have combined to forge a lasting community