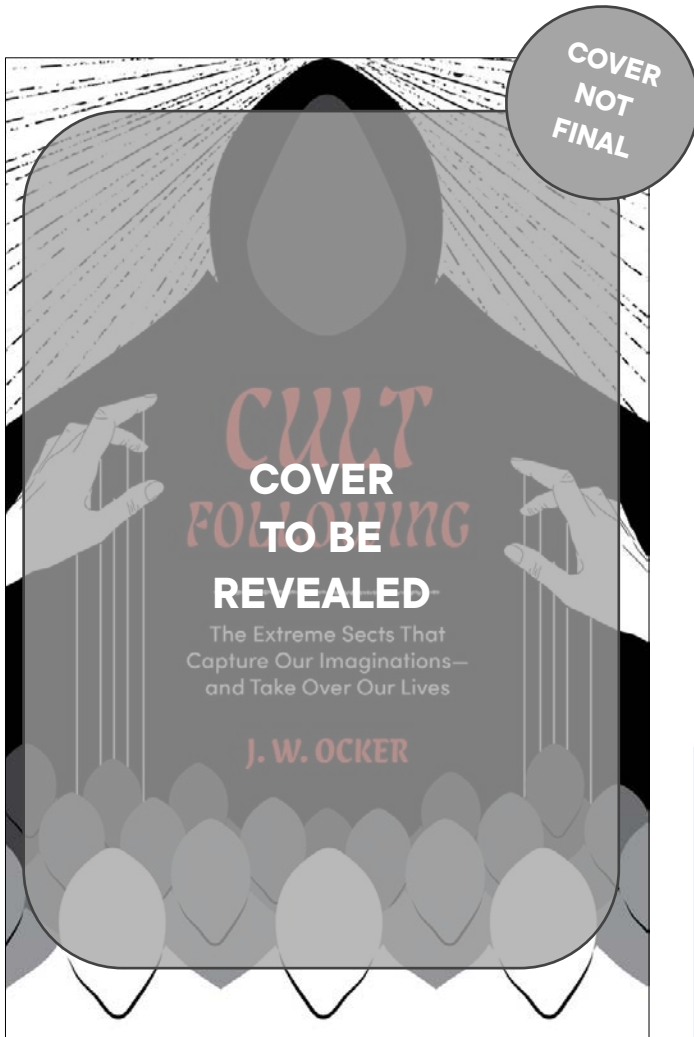




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From the author of *Cursed Objects* and *The United States of Cryptids* comes an astonishing compendium of the most infamous, audacious, and dangerous cults in history.

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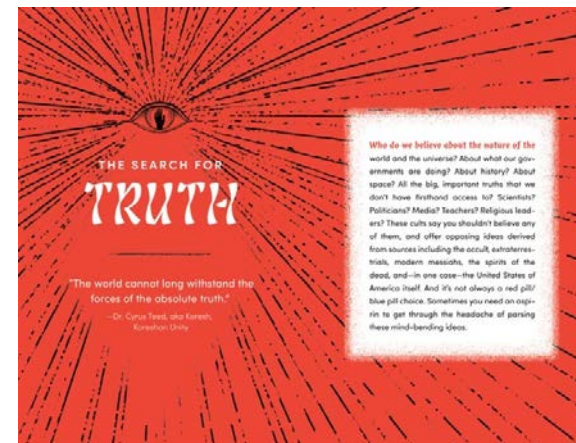
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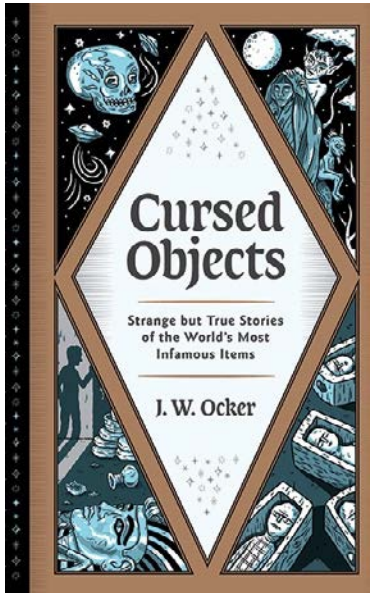
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Have you ever wondered how smart, normal people end up enmeshed in extreme cults? Weird history expert J. W. Ocker strives to answer that question in *Cult Following*. Everything you've ever wanted to know about history's most notorious cults—and the psychology of the people who join them—is packed into this accessible, engaging volume. Walk in the footsteps of followers who were lured into these sinister groups, including: Branch Davidians, Narcosatanists, Brotherhood of the Seven Rays, Ho No Hana Sanpogyo, Breatherianism, NXIVM, and over 20 more.

J.W. Ocker is an Edgar Award-winning travel writer, horror novelist, and blogger. His previous nonfiction books include *Poe-Land*, *The New England Grimpendium* and *The New York Grimpendium*, *A Season with the Witch*, the *New York Times*-reviewed *Cursed Objects*, and *The United States of Cryptids*. He is the creator of the blog and podcast OTIS: Odd Things I've Seen (oddtthingsiveseen.com).



Also from J.W. Ocker



“This book is so fun that I couldn't put it down. It reminded me that life is short, death is nigh and a little humor can help us seize the day just as well as a memento mori.”

— *The New York Times*

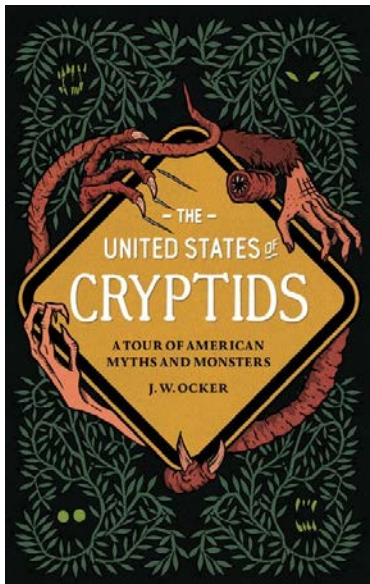
They're lurking in museums, graveyards, and private homes. Their often tragic and always bizarre stories have inspired countless horror movies, reality TV shows, novels, and campfire tales. They're cursed objects, and all they need to unleash a wave of misfortune is... you.

Many of these unfortunate items have intersected with some of the most notable events and people in history, leaving death and destruction in their wake. But never before have the true stories of these eerie oddities been compiled into a fascinating and chilling volume.

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“[Ocker's] breezy storytelling talents make for enjoyable reading.”- *Booklist*

“Essential reading for anyone with an interest in unexplained mysteries, folklore, mythology, and the supernatural.”

— *Midwest Book Review*

Cryptid: An animal that has been claimed to exist in folklore but has never been proven to exist, like Bigfoot or The Loch Ness Monster or the Yeti. From the infamous Jersey Devil to the obscure Snallygaster, travel writer and chronicler of the strange J. W. Ocker uncovers the bizarre stories of these creatures and investigates the ways in which communities embrace and celebrate their local cryptids.

Readers will learn about a winged bigfoot, a mysterious red goblin, a robotic extraterrestrial, a reptilian mutant, a fire-breathing dragon, and more! Whether you believe in bigfoot or not, this fully illustrated compendium is a fun, frightening, fascinating tour through American folklore and history, exploring the stories we tell about monsters and what those stories say about us.

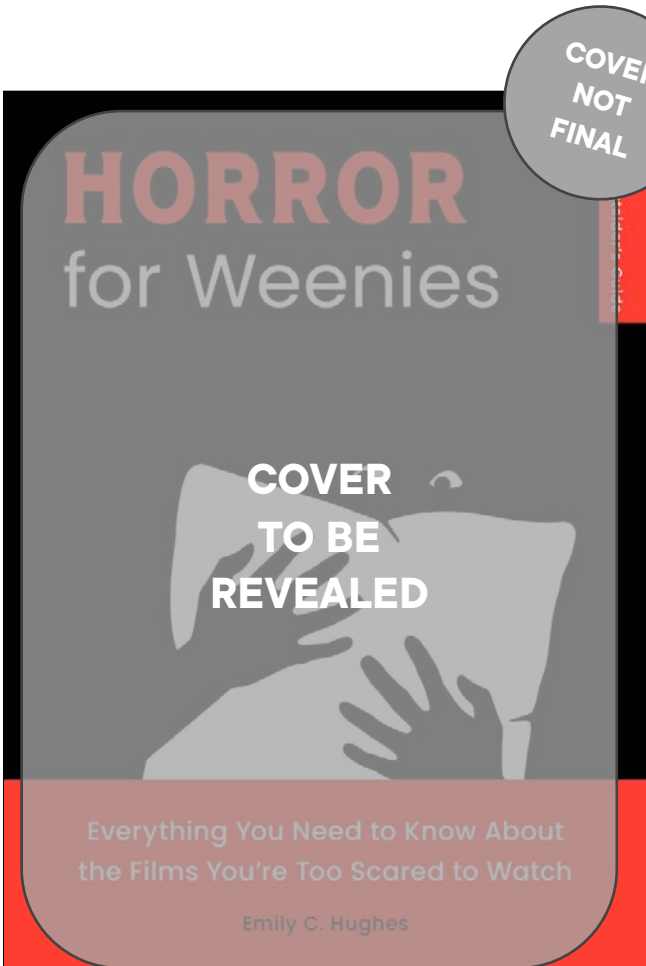
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HORROR FOR WEENIES



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A smart, funny crash course on 25 iconic horror movies, from *Psycho* to *Hereditary*, for people who love getting the reference but hate being scared.

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272 Pages, approx. 85,000 words

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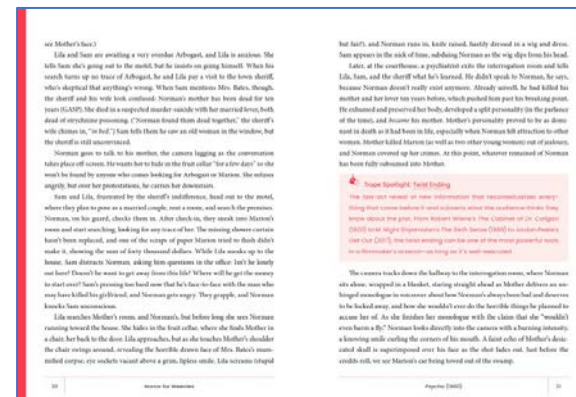
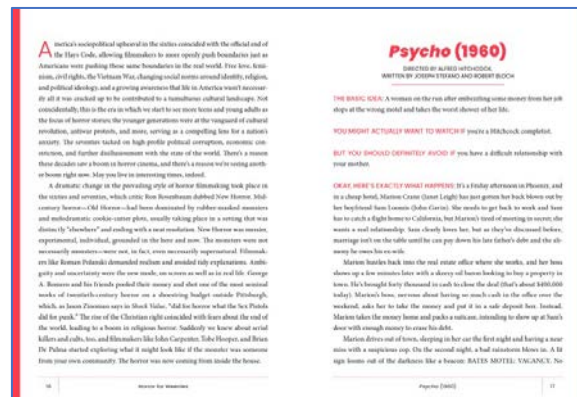
You don't have to miss out just because you don't like to be frightened! Stop trying to read nonsensical Wikipedia plot summaries (we know you're doing it), and let an expert tell you everything you need to know about the most influential horror films of the past 60 years—without a single jump scare or a drop of gore.

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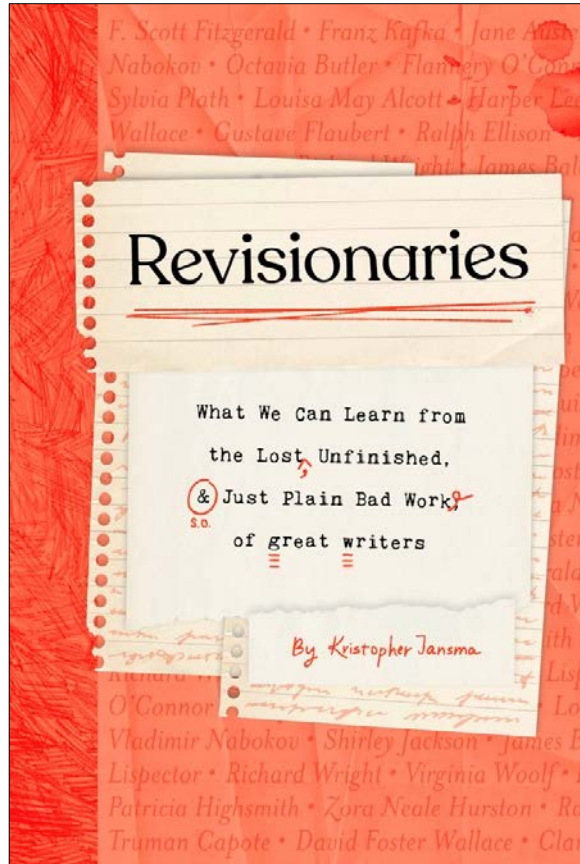
Never get left out of a conversation again!

Emily C. Hughes is the former editor of *Unbound Worlds* and *TorNightfire.com*, and writes the horror newsletter *Jump Scares*. She has written about horror, books, and culture for *Vulture*, *Tor.com*, *Electric Literature*, *Thrillist*, and more.

***Weenie: A playful term for a wimp, someone who is easily frightened or intimidated.**



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Find creative inspiration in this fascinating rummage through the wastebaskets, secret diaries, and abandoned files of 20 literary superstars.

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If you like to write—whether it’s a pastime, a passion, or a profession—you’ve probably found yourself reading something brilliant and thinking, “I could never do this! I might as well give up.” But if there’s one thing every great author has in common, it’s this: they’ve all written some hot garbage.

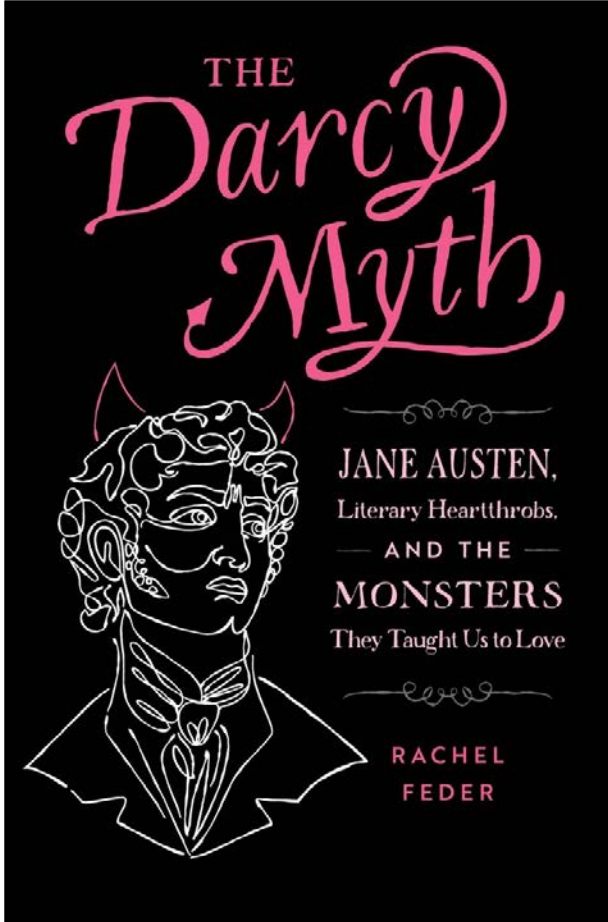
Revisionaries takes you on an engrossing tour through the discarded drafts, false starts, and abandoned projects of influential writers. In the process, it dismantles some of our most deeply held—and most suffocating—ideas about what it takes to produce great creative work.

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Written by an award-winning novelist and creative-writing professor, *Revisionaries* is a compelling peek behind the scenes of genius for writers and readers alike.

Kristopher Jansma is the author of the novels *Our Narrow Hiding Places*, *Why We Came To The City*, and *The Unchangeable Spots of Leopards*. He is the winner of the Sherwood Anderson Foundation Fiction Award, a Pushcart Prize, and the recipient of an honorable mention for the PEN/Hemingway Award. Jansma is an associate professor of English and director of the creative writing program at SUNY New Paltz College.

THE DARCY MYTH



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A USA TODAY bestseller

What if we've been reading Jane Austen and romantic classics all wrong? A literary scholar offers a funny, brainy, eye-opening take on how our contemporary love stories are actually terrifying.

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Covering cultural touchstones ranging from *Normal People* to Taylor Swift and from Lord Byron to *The Bachelor*, this is a book for anyone who loves thinking deeply about literature and culture—whether it’s Jane Austen or not.

In *The Darcy Myth*, literature scholar Rachel Feder unpacks Austen’s Gothic influences and how they’ve led us to a romantic ideal that’s halfway to being a monster story. Why is our culture so obsessed with cruel, indifferent romantic heroes (and sometimes heroines)? How much of that is Darcy’s fault? And what do we do about it?

Rachel Feder is an associate professor of English and literary arts at the University of Denver, where she regularly ruins *Pride and Prejudice* for her students (but in a fun way!). Her work on the Gothic and nineteenth-century British literature includes the book *Harvester of Hearts: Motherhood Under the Sign of Frankenstein* and the Norton Library Edition of *Dracula*, which she edited.



MOVIES WITH BALLS



COVER NOT FINAL

This celebration of the greatest matchups in sports movie history includes analysis, maps and diagrams, designed memorabilia, perfect for movie buffs and sports fans.

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If you're the kind of fan who cheers every single time you watch Rocky beat Drago, or remembers who said "If you build it, he will come," or has ever wished you were in the stands at the ADAA Dodgeball Finals when Peter LaFleur took out White Goodman, then this is the book for you.

Movies With Balls celebrates and analyzes more than two dozen of the greatest sports movies of all time, including *Caddyshack*, *Rocky IV*, *White Men Can't Jump*, *The Natural*, *Field of Dreams*, *The Karate Kid*, and 20 more classic flicks, transporting you into fictional arenas, stadiums, gyms, fields, and golf courses to relive the climactic moments!

Kyle Bandujo is a writer and podcaster. He is the host/producer of "Big Screen Sports: The Sports Movie Podcast." **Rick Bryson** has worked as an art director and graphic designer for more than twenty years. This is their first book.





*Pep talk: a talk you give someone to make them feel more courageous or enthusiastic, like a coach might give to a player, a parent might give to a child, or a boss might give to an employee

Why should you be doing something important or impressive to get a pep talk*? Two comedians offer hilarious encouragement for your most mundane struggles.

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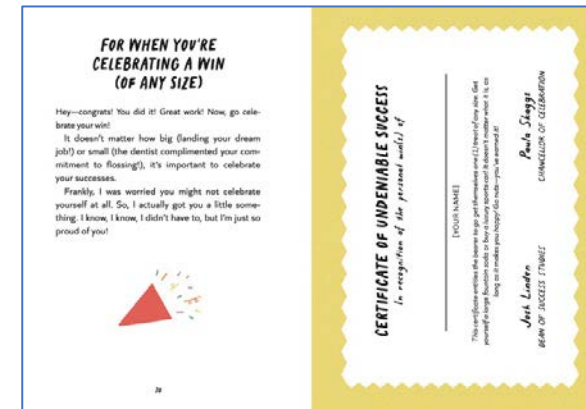
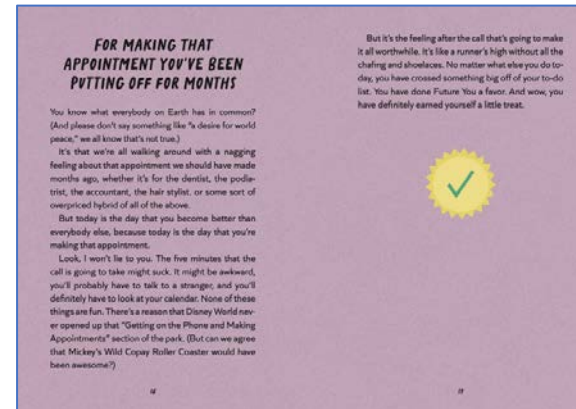
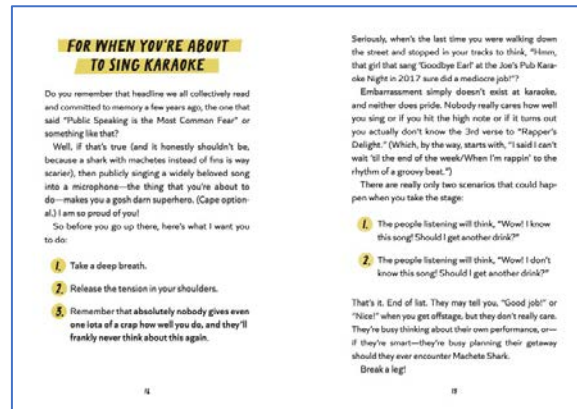
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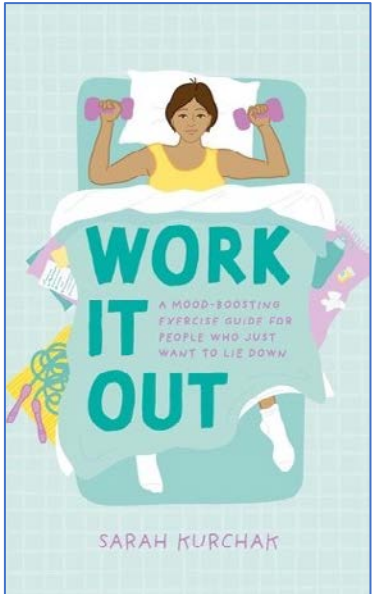
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Any can tell you “You can do it!” before the big job interview, or before you walk down the wedding aisle, or before you head out onto the field to make the game-winning kick. But what about the other 99.99% of stuff you do? Who’s going to gas you up for all those low-stakes situations where you need an extra push?

Enter *Tiny Pep Talks*, where you’ll find specific, constructive, and very funny motivation for parallel parking a car, sending a scary email, making a doctor’s appointment, getting through a breakup, remembering that your friends aren’t secretly mad at you... and much, much more!

Paula Skaggs & Josh Linden are writers and comedians. They are the co-creators of the conversation game *No Wrong Answers: Cards for Better Conversations* and co-hosts of the podcast *Being Earnest: A Very Sincere Podcast*. They both live in Chicago.





Frank, funny, and sympathetic, this fitness book offers realistic tips, encouragement, and dozens of activity ideas for times when exercise is the only thing that will help—and the last thing you want to do.

Work It Out by Sarah Kurchak

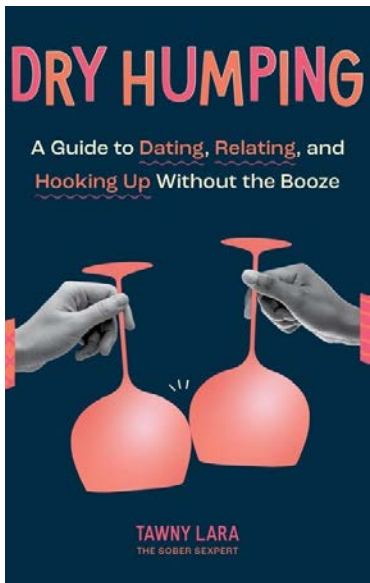
Exercise is the most reliable way to improve mental health. But if you're depressed, anxious, burned out, or struggling, it may feel impossible to get started, get serious, or even get up.

Written by a neurodivergent exercise professional, *Work It Out* busts myths about fitness while providing clear, actionable advice on how to incorporate exercise into your daily life, build an adjustable workout plan for your good and bad mental health days, celebrate all your achievements including getting out of bed... but also get a little exercise in bed, if that's where you're at today. *Work It Out* meets you where you are—even if you're lying on the floor.

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A lighthearted and judgment-free handbook from sober sexpert Tawny Lara on how to have better sex, better dates, and better partnerships—without relying on alcohol!

Dry Humping by Tawny Lara, The Sober Sexpert

When you're intimidated or overwhelmed, it's easy to turn to alcohol to feel more relaxed and outgoing. But what if you want to cut back or cut out alcohol from your life? What do you do on dates? How do you soothe worries and hang-ups? And how the heck do you get up the nerve to be naked with someone new?

In this book, you'll learn how to have better dates, sex, and partnerships without alcohol, with tools like booze-free date ideas, scripts for awkward conversations, interviews with experts, thought-provoking prompts, perspectives from a diverse range of regular people, and more. You can step away from alcohol while also having more fun!

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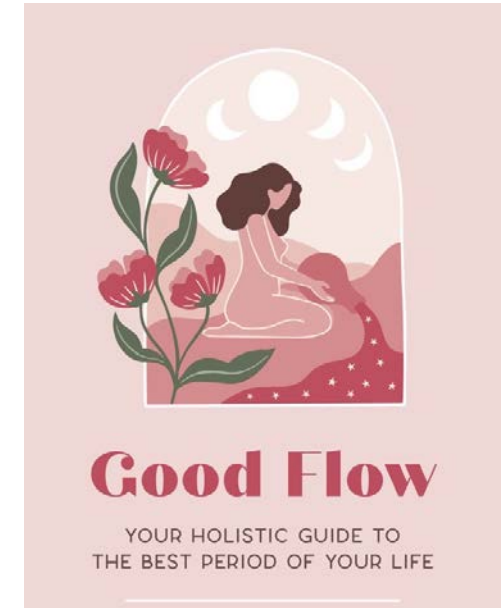
A series of holistic wellness guides based in Ayurveda that help you stay attuned to the connections between diet, exercise, sleep, stress, and other lifestyle choices.

THE AUTHORS:

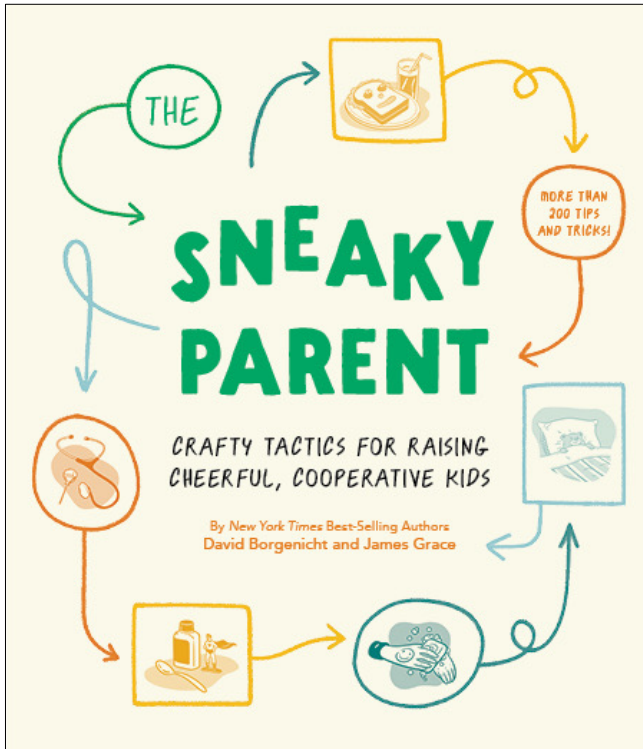
Roos Neeter and **Julia Blohberger** are full-time yoga teachers and Ayurvedic health and lifestyle advisors trained at the Delight Yoga Academy in Amsterdam.

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THE SNEAKY PARENT



More than 200 clever tips to help stubborn kids go to bed, clean their room, take a bath, and more—without tears or fights.

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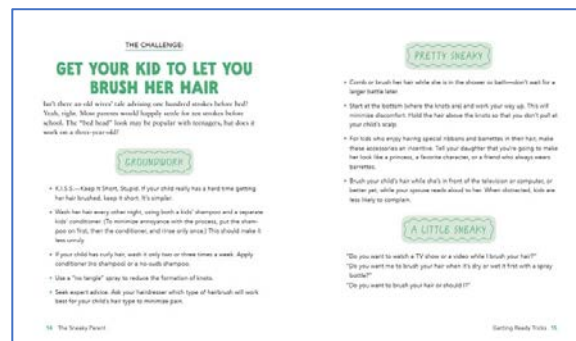
As a parent, you want nothing more than to keep your child fed, clothed, clean, healthy, and safe. Your kid, meanwhile, wants nothing more than to eat junk, go nude, stay up all night, and fall down a hole. Begging doesn't work. Bribery isn't sustainable. You don't want to shout. It's time to get sneaky.

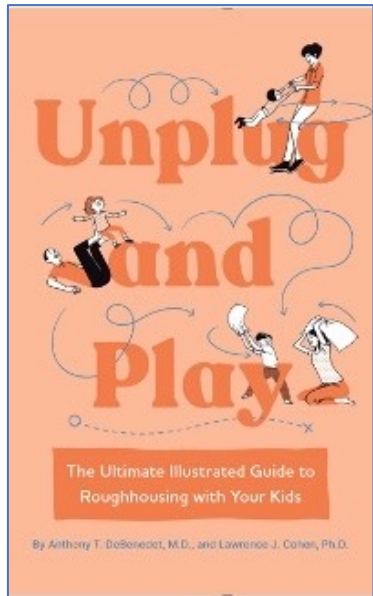
With the strategies outlined in this book, you can gently guide kids toward positive choices. Learn how to boost oral hygiene by pretending a **toothbrush** is a paintbrush for teeth, render **long plane trips** painless with a game of "Name That Cloud", **calm separation anxiety** by developing fun ways to say goodbye, and dozens of other clever tactics, tricks, and games.

With a little benevolent sneakiness, your child will enthusiastically **try new foods**, embrace **bath time**, go to **sleep on a schedule**, and other necessary but unpopular life skills. The best part? They'll be sure it was their idea.

David Borgenicht is a *New York Times* best-selling author and the creator of the iconic *Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook* series. He is also the founder of Quirk Books and, more importantly, is the father of two clever and now adult children.

James Grace is the coauthor of several books, including *New York Times* bestselling *The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook: Golf*. He is a lawyer and runs a non-profit that supports artists and arts organizations. He lives in Massachusetts with his wife and is the father of three crafty and now adult kids.





Learn how rough-and-tumble play can nurture relationships, lead to closer connections, encourage resilience, and boost confidence in kids—with 45 illustrated activities to get you started.

Unplug and Play by Anthony T. DeBenedet MD and Lawrence J. Cohen PhD

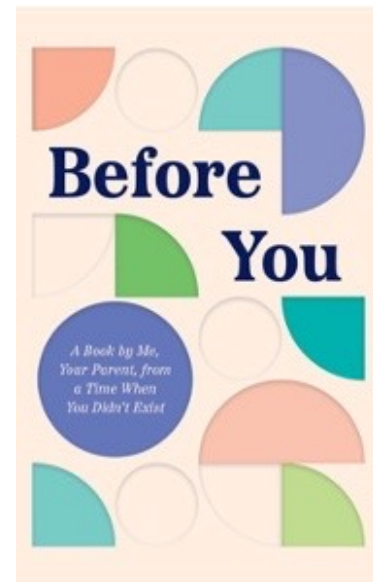
Every kid needs vigorous play! Roughhousing is an essential part of childhood development—but it is increasingly overshadowed by screens and structured activities. In *Unplug and Play*, a doctor and a child psychologist, both dads, introduce parents to the benefits of physical play for young children.

Drawing from gymnastics, martial arts, ballet, team sports, and even animal behavior, the authors present fun full-contact activities for parents and children to enjoy together. With activities for everyone from toddlers to kids ages 12 and up, you'll build a foundation for a lifetime of enriching physical play.

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Create a time capsule of your life before becoming a parent with this stylish keepsake journal! More than 200 fun, inspiring prompts help you record who you are right now, so you can share that person with your future child.

Before You: A Book By Me, Your Parent, From a Time When You Didn't Exist

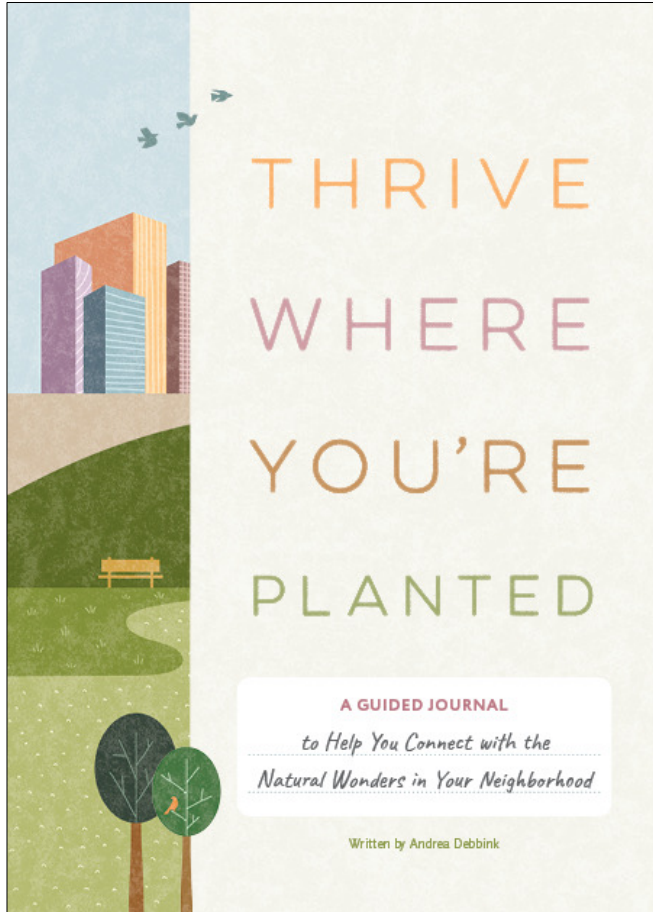
As a parent-to-be, you're facing a lot of adjustments: new interests, new anxieties, new habits and routines, even a new name—all of them related to your kid. But you're more than just Mom or Dad! You're a unique, vibrant, complete individual—and that won't change, even when the rest of your life does.

More than 200 entertaining writing prompts, including “the coolest place you ever traveled”, “something that makes you mad”, “your best hidden talent”, “the greatest costume you ever wore”, and “your secret hideout as a kid” will inspire you to create a perfect gift for a curious kid and teach them that parents are people too.

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THRIVE WHERE YOU'RE PLANTED



Find peace through this meditative guided journal that will train you to notice and appreciate the wonder of the natural world—without leaving your own neighborhood.

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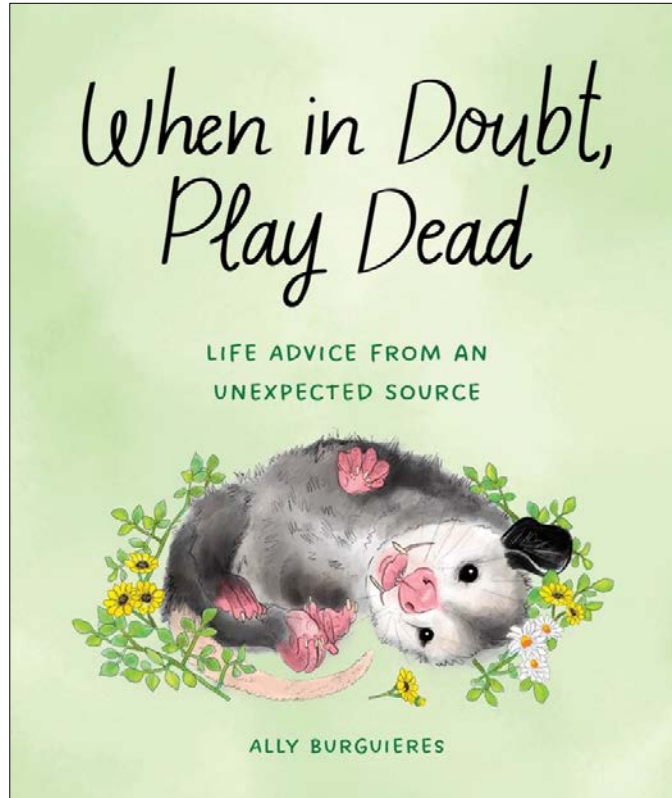
Everyone knows that being in nature can help you feel less anxious, more centered, and at peace. The sound of a waterfall, a swaying green canopy, a distant horizon—all of these things slow your heart rate, open your lungs, and calm your mind. But what if—like most people—you live in a suburb or a city and can't go into the great outdoors every day?

Naturalist Andrea Debbink will show you that nature is all around you, even in the densest metropolis and will teach you how to find wildness in a city sparrow, beauty in a roadside dandelion, and stillness on a park bench.

Andrea Debbink has trained as a master naturalist and writes about environmental stewardship, citizen science, and outdoor education. She is also the creator of the *Natural Wonder* newsletter and the author of the Wild World Handbook series (Quirk Books, 2021 and 2022.) She believes that it doesn't matter where you see nature; it's seeing nature that matters.



WHEN IN DOUBT PLAY DEAD



Featuring 70 watercolor illustrations, this totally adorable gift of a book offers wisdom and insight from a delightfully unexpected source: the opossum.

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Written and illustrated by Ally Burguières, creator of the popular Instagram account @ItsMeSesame, who spends her days as a wildlife rehabber caring for and learning from opossums, *When in Doubt, Play Dead* offers encouragement to embrace life's weird, wild, and wonderful moments. Learn to live your life the opossum way with advice including the following:

- The difference between a weed and a flower is often a matter of taste.
- Smile! Unless someone tells you to, in which case you are well within your rights to scream.
- And more.

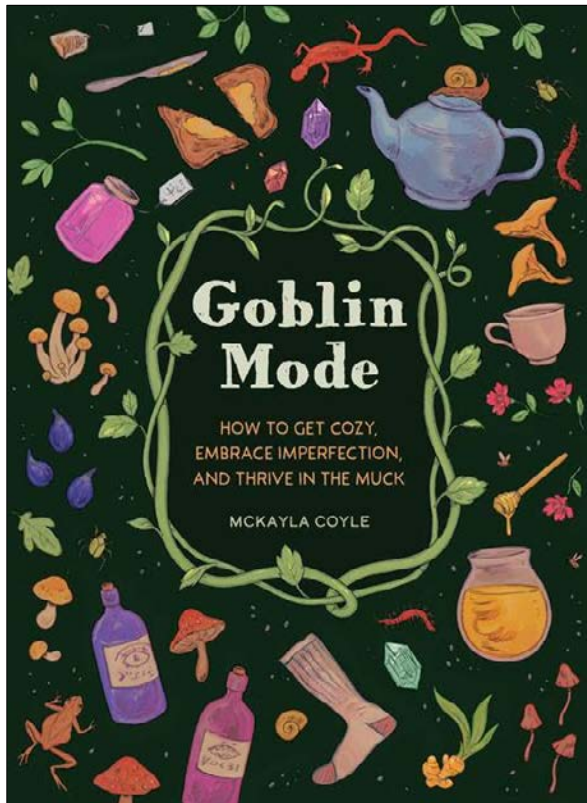
Ally Burguières is a wildlife rehabber and the creator of the viral Sesame the Opossum website and social media accounts, home of the internet's most beloved opossums. In addition to wrangling opossums, she owns Cocoally (an animal-themed boutique) and Gallery Burguières (a gallery of her artwork) in New Orleans. She is also the author of *Possums Are Not Cute! (and Other Myths)*.

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Backlist Highlights

GOBLIN MODE



Embrace your inner goblin! Learn to decorate, dress, craft, forage, and live according to the goblin principles of community, diversity, and joyful mess.

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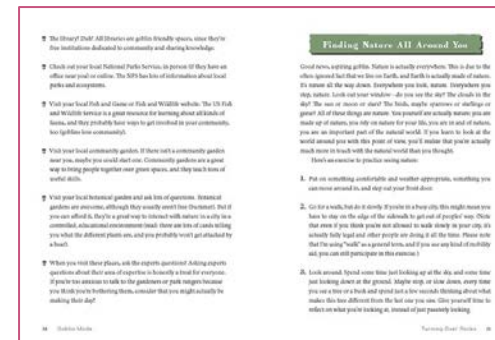
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Do you ever feel strange, gross, chaotic, underappreciated, or like you don't quite fit in? Great news: you might be a goblin! That means your imperfections and idiosyncrasies are the most awesome things about you, and you can build a more harmonious life by accepting and honoring them—taking inspiration from the frogs, fungi, moss, rocks, and dirt that goblins love.

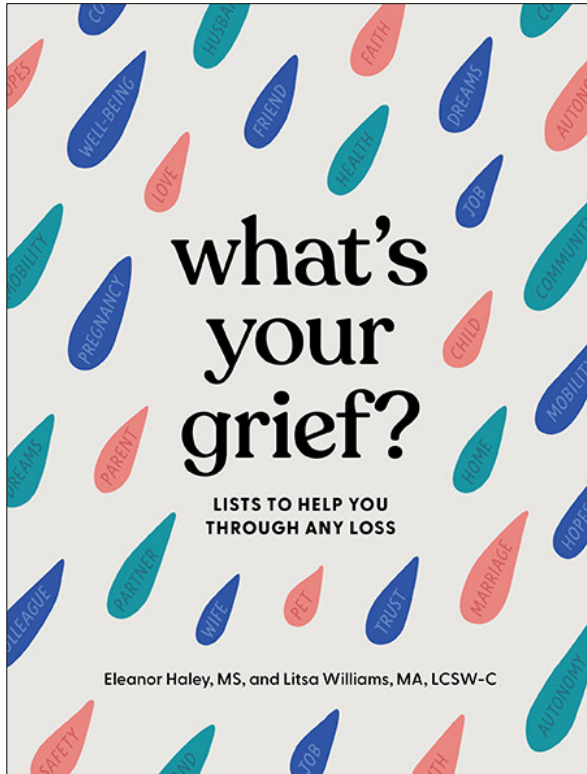
Goblin Mode includes life advice for celebrating physical and mental diversity, rejecting prejudice, and generally hanging on to a little joy. Can a mushroom give you fashion tips? Can a snail teach you to be a happier person? You bet they can! In this book, you'll learn how to create a moss garden for your lair, grow and use medicinal plants, mend your cozy sweaters, display your cool rock collection, and more!

McKayla Coyle (they/them) is a lesbian writer from Anchorage, Alaska. They're the engagement editor for Literary Hub, and they hold an MFA in fiction from The New School. In their free time they read fantasy novels and make a lot of jam.

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WHAT'S YOUR GRIEF



A friendly and accessible book of 75 lists that will help anyone experiencing a change or loss.

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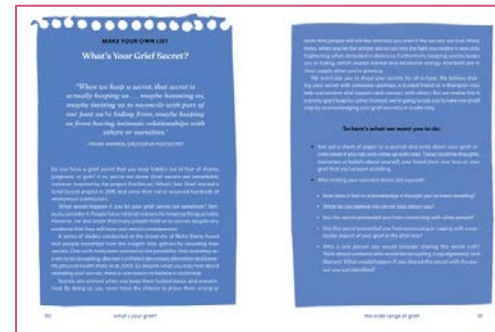
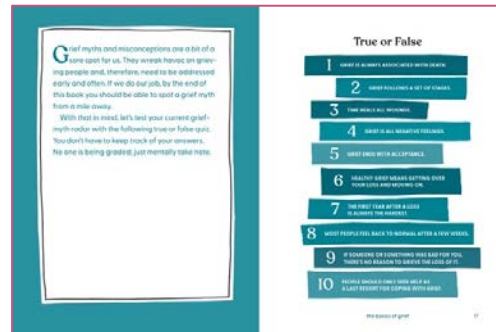
Losses, big and small, turn your world upside down. *What's Your Grief?* will help you through all of them. Many life changes need to be grieved, from the loss of a loved one to the loss of a job, from a breakup to a relocation, and all the rest of life's ebbs and flows. *In What's Your Grief?*, mental health professionals Eleanor Haley and Litsa Williams help you examine, investigate, and move through the complex but universal experience of grief.

Through 75 engaging, informative, and accessible lists, such as to-do lists, bucket lists, interactive lists, and more, you'll discover little known truths about grief, guilt, communication, defense mechanisms, and more.

Eleanor Haley, MS and **Litsa Williams, MA, LCSW-C** are the co-founders of the online grief community What's Your Grief. Together they run the grief education and creative exploration websites 'What's Your Grief' and 'Grief in Six Words'. Both are mental health professionals with a collective 25+ years of experience working with people coping with all types of complicated losses and life transitions.

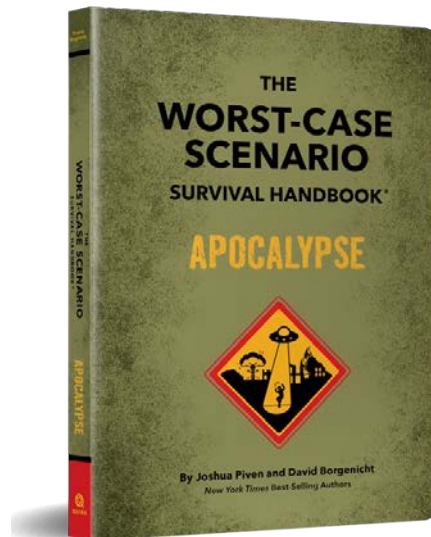
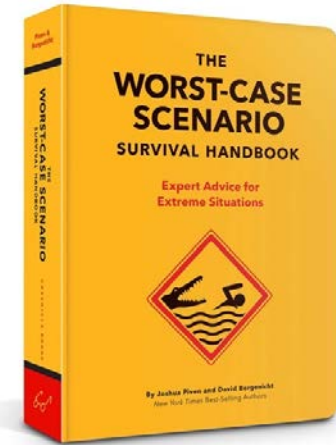
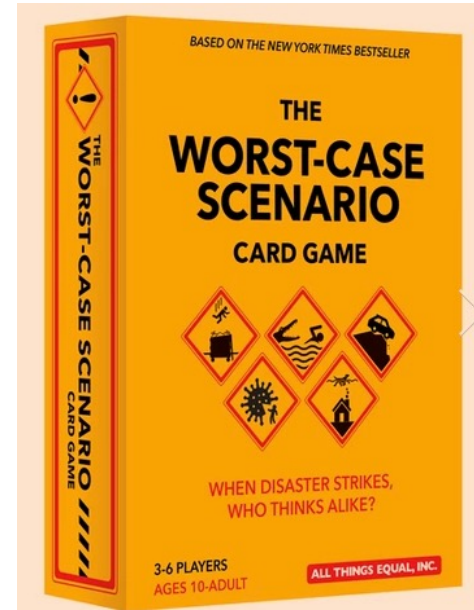
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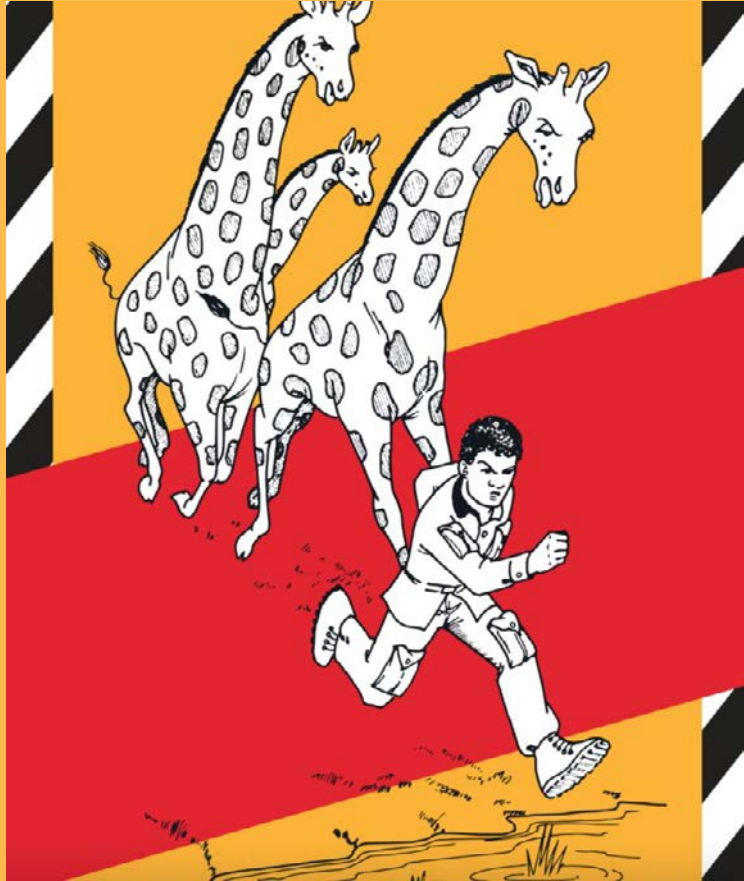
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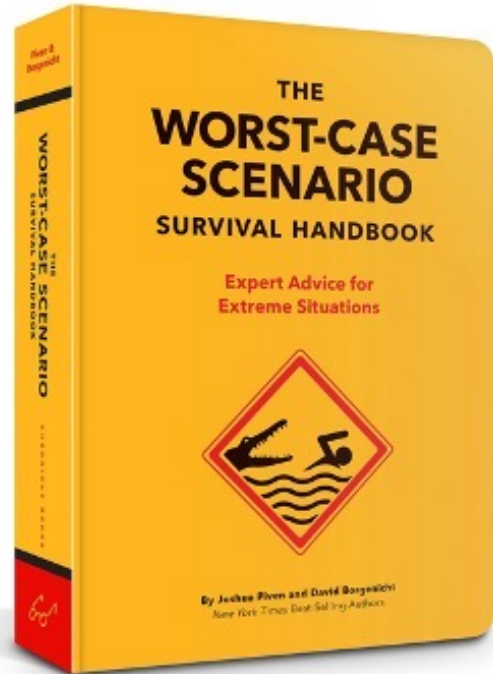
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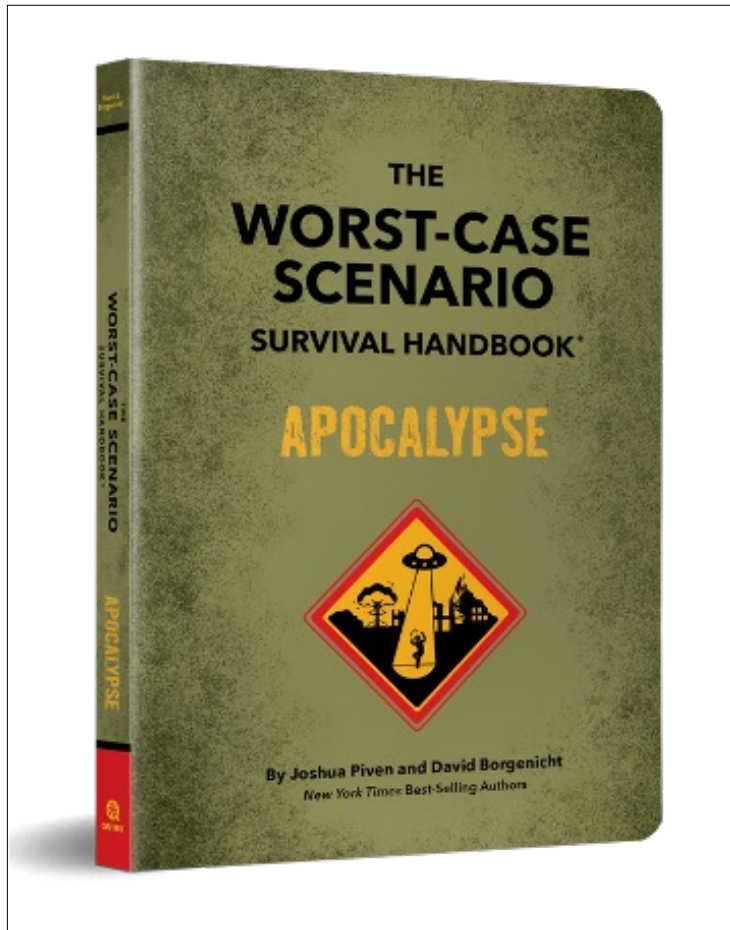
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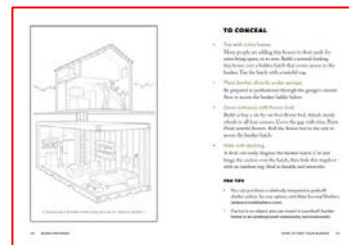


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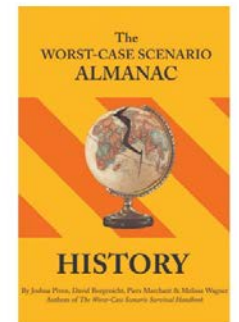
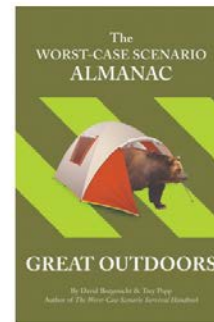
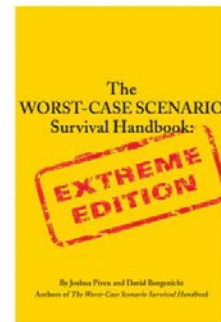
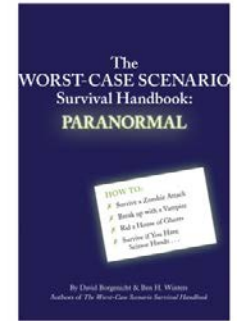
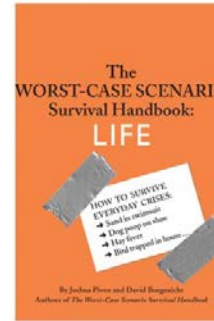
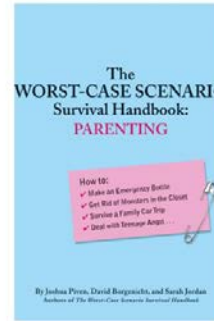
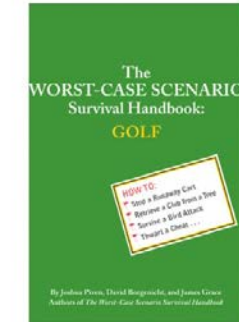
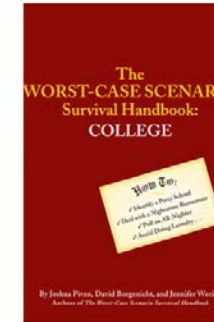
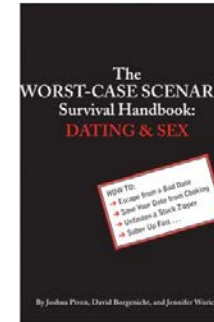
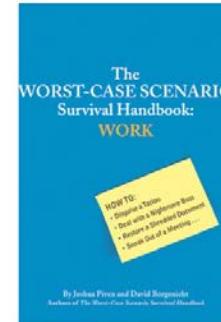
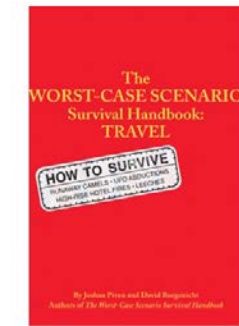
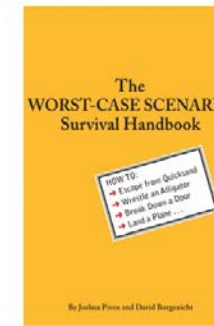
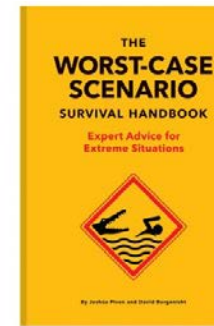
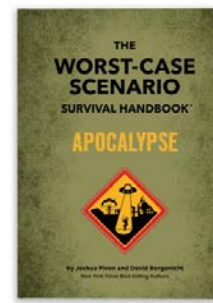
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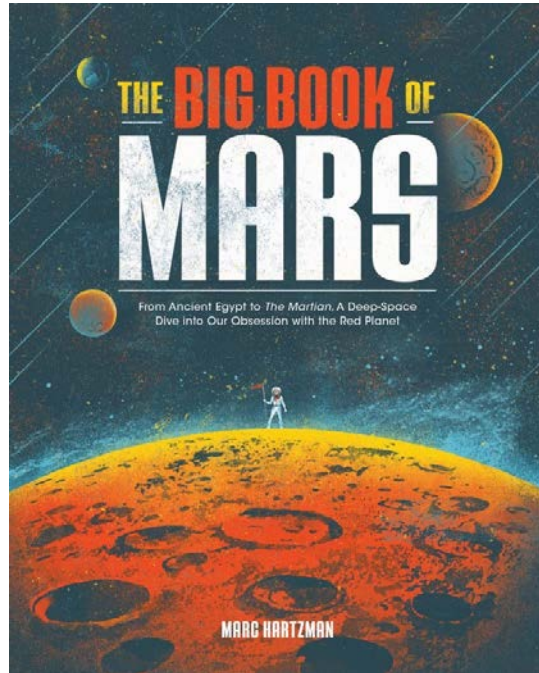




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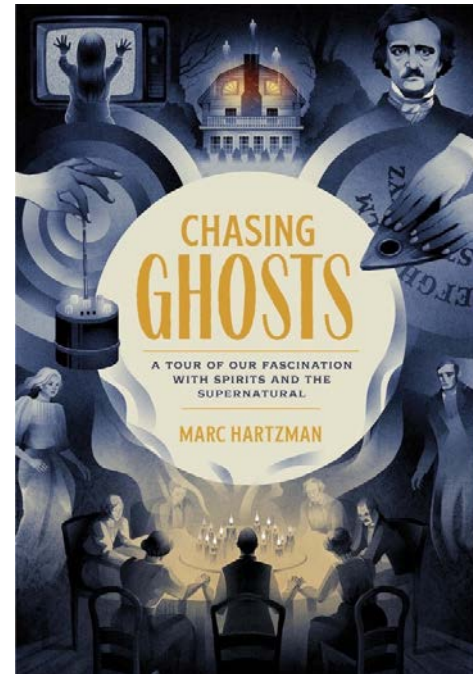
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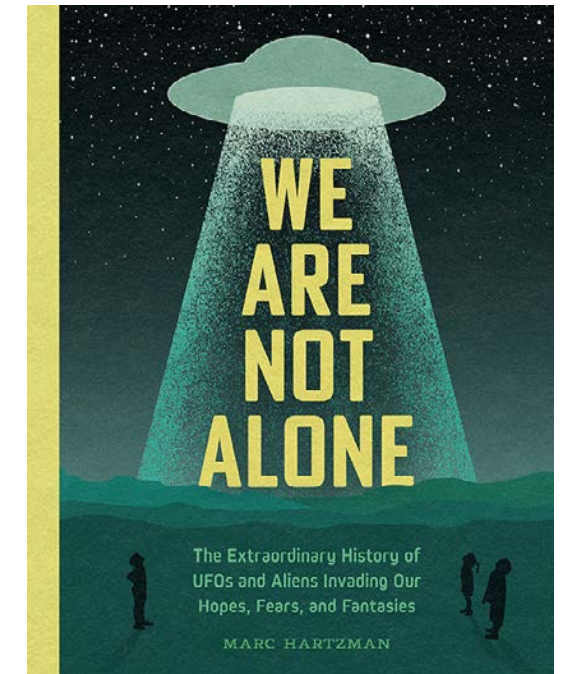
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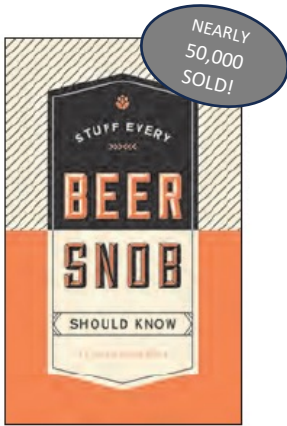
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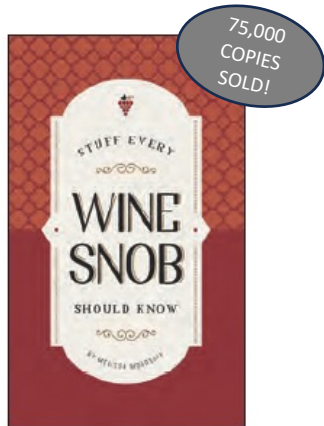


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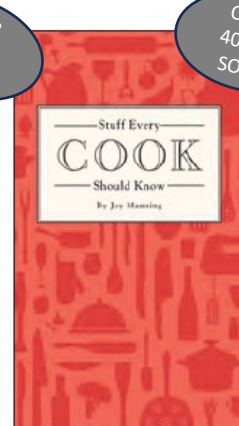
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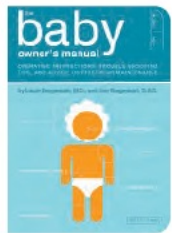
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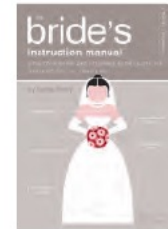
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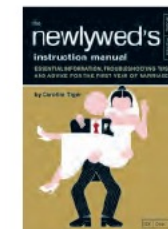
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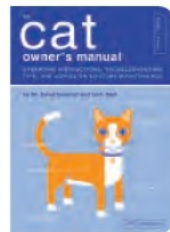
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