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Or, Why I Spent a Year Trying to Sing in the Morning, Clean My Closets, Fight Right, Read Aristotle, and Generally Have More Fun Verso Books

A trailblazing, conversation-starting history of women's health—from the earliest medical ideas about women's illnesses to hormones and autoimmune diseases—brought together in a fascinating sweeping narrative. Elinor Cleghorn became an unwell woman ten years ago. She was diagnosed with an autoimmune disease after a long period of being told her symptoms were anything from psychosomatic to a possible pregnancy. As Elinor learned to live with her unpredictable disease she turned to history for answers, and found an enraging legacy of suffering, mystification, and misdiagnosis. In *Unwell Women*, Elinor Cleghorn traces the almost unbelievable history of how medicine has failed women by treating their bodies as alien and other, often to perilous effect. The result is an authoritative and groundbreaking exploration of the relationship between women and medical practice, from the "wandering womb" of Ancient Greece to the rise of witch trials across Europe, and from the dawn of hysteria as a catchall for difficult-to-diagnose disorders to the first forays into autoimmunity and the shifting understanding of hormones, menstruation, menopause, and conditions like endometriosis. Packed with character studies and case histories of women who have suffered, challenged, and rewritten medical orthodoxy—and the men who controlled

their fate—this is a revolutionary examination of the relationship between women, illness, and medicine. With these case histories, Elinor pays homage to the women who suffered so strides could be made, and shows how being unwell has become normalized in society and culture, where women have long been distrusted as reliable narrators of their own bodies and pain. But the time for real change is long overdue: answers reside in the body, in the testimonies of unwell women—and their lives depend on medicine learning to listen.

Why Can't I Be Happy? Bloomsbury Publishing

Adam Silvera reminds us that there's no life without death and no love without loss in this devastating yet uplifting story about two people whose lives change over the course of one unforgettable day. New York Times bestseller * 4 starred reviews * A School Library Journal Best Book of the Year * A Kirkus Best Book of the Year * A Booklist Editors' Choice of 2017 * A Bustle Best YA Novel of 2017 * A Paste Magazine Best YA Book of 2017 * A Book Riot Best Queer Book of 2017 * A BuzzFeed Best YA Book of the Year * A BookPage Best YA Book of the Year On September 5, a little after midnight, Death-Cast calls Mateo Torrez and Rufus Emeterio to give them some bad news: They're going to die today. Mateo and Rufus are total strangers, but, for different reasons, they're both looking to make a new friend on their End Day. The good news: There's an app for that. It's called the Last Friend, and through it, Rufus and Mateo are about to meet up for one last great adventure—to live a lifetime in a single day. In the tradition of *Before I Fall* and *If I Stay*, *They Both Die at the End* is a tour de force from acclaimed author Adam Silvera, whose debut, *More Happy*

Than Not, the New York Times called “profound.”

The Erratics HarperCollins

The New York Times–bestselling author’s Whitbread Prize–winning debut—“Winterson has mastered both comedy and tragedy in this rich little novel” (The Washington Post Book World). When it first appeared, Jeanette Winterson’s extraordinary debut novel received unanimous international praise, including the prestigious Whitbread Prize for best first fiction. Winterson went on to fulfill that promise, producing some of the most dazzling fiction and nonfiction of the past decade, including her celebrated memoir *Why Be Happy When You Can Be Normal?*. Now required reading in contemporary literature, *Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit* is a funny, poignant exploration of a young girl’s adolescence. Jeanette is a bright and rebellious orphan who is adopted into an evangelical household in the dour, industrial North of England and finds herself embroidering grim religious mottoes and shaking her little tambourine for Jesus. But as this budding missionary comes of age, and comes to terms with her unorthodox sexuality, the peculiar balance of her God-fearing household dissolves. Jeanette’s insistence on listening to truths of her own heart and mind—and on reporting them with wit and passion—makes for an unforgettable chronicle of an eccentric, moving passage into adulthood. “If Flannery O’Connor and Rita Mae Brown had collaborated on the coming-out story of a young British girl in the 1960s, maybe they would have approached the quirky and subtle hilarity of Jeanette Winterson’s autobiographical first novel. . . . Winterson’s voice, with its idiosyncratic wit and sensitivity, is one you’ve never heard before.” —Ms.

Magazine

They Both Die at the End Penguin

“Why Can’t I Be Happy” is for people who desperately want to transform their lives. In this inspiring story, Jamila Khan recounts her childhood years of physical and emotional trauma both in recognizable (violence, death, etc.) and subtle daily trauma (bullying, belittling, shamed, etc.) led to self-destructive behaviors in her young adulthood. Through the powerful work of transformative education, Khan was able to reframe her childhood trauma, both known and subtle, into stories of compassion, empathy, forgiveness, allowing her to move forward to live a life she loves. Denied the right to an education, Jamila took responsibility for her life and completed her education to become a pastoral psychologist. Her experience from her travels, education, and faith has shaped the person she is today. ?Identify and transform your childhood trauma and the stories you tell yourself, which stops you from moving ahead.?Create a life you love, moving from self-hate to self-love?You will gain compassion, empathy, forgiveness, and loveBy the end of *Why Can’t I Be Happy*, you’ll understand how you formed your false self with steps and tools to change it, and you will be able to say I love the life I lived.

Blue Mind Penguin

INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

The only definitive book authored by Wim Hof on his powerful method for realizing our physical and spiritual potential. “This method is very simple, very accessible, and endorsed by science. Anybody can do it, and there is no dogma, only acceptance. Only freedom.” —Wim Hof Wim Hof has a message for each of us: “You can literally do the impossible. You can

overcome disease, improve your mental health and physical performance, and even control your physiology so you can thrive in any stressful situation.” With *The Wim Hof Method*, this trailblazer of human potential shares a method that anyone can use—young or old, sick or healthy—to supercharge their capacity for strength, vitality, and happiness. Wim has become known as “The Iceman” for his astounding physical feats, such as spending hours in freezing water and running barefoot marathons over deserts and ice fields. Yet his most remarkable achievement is not any record-breaking performance—it is the creation of a method that thousands of people have used to transform their lives. In his gripping and passionate style, Wim shares his method and his story, including:

- **Breath**—Wim’s unique practices to change your body chemistry, infuse yourself with energy, and focus your mind
- **Cold—Safe, controlled, shock-free practices for using cold exposure to enhance your cardiovascular system and awaken your body’s untapped strength**
- **Mindset**—Build your willpower, inner clarity, sensory awareness, and innate joyfulness in the miracle of living
- **Science**—How users of this method have redefined what is medically possible in study after study
- **Health**—True stories and testimonials from people using the method to overcome disease and chronic illness
- **Performance**—Increase your endurance, improve recovery time, up your mental game, and more
- **Wim’s Story**—Follow Wim’s inspiring personal journey of discovery, tragedy, and triumph
- **Spiritual Awakening**—How breath, cold, and mindset can reveal the beauty of your soul

Wim Hof is a man on a mission: to transform the way we live by reminding us of our true power and

purpose. “This is how we will change the world, one soul at a time,” Wim says. “We alter the collective consciousness by awakening to our own boundless potential. We are limited only by the depth of our imagination and the strength of our conviction.” If you’re ready to explore and exceed the limits of your own potential, *The Wim Hof Method* is waiting for you.

How the Government and Big Business Sold us Well-Being HarperCollins

The story of Atlas and Heracles Atlas knows how it feels to carry the weight of the world; but why, he asks himself, does it have to be carried at all? In *Weight* — visionary and inventive, yet completely believable and relevant to the questions we ask ourselves every day — Winterson’s skill in turning the familiar on its head to show us a different truth is put to stunning effect. When I was asked to choose a myth to write about, I realized I had chosen already. The story of Atlas holding up the world was in my mind before the telephone call had ended. If the call had not come, perhaps I would never have written the story, but when the call did come, that story was waiting to be written. Rewritten. The recurring language motif of *Weight* is “I want to tell the story again.” My work is full of *Cover Versions*. I like to take stories we think we know and record them differently. In the retelling comes a new emphasis or bias, and the new arrangement of the key elements demands that fresh material be injected into the existing text. *Weight* moves far away from the simple story of Atlas’s punishment and his temporary relief when Hercules takes the world off his shoulders. I wanted to explore loneliness, isolation, responsibility, burden, and freedom too, because my

version has a very particular end not found elsewhere. —from Jeanette Winterson’s Foreword to **Weight Letters, Connections, and Cures** Penguin

A powerful guide to owning our emotions—even the difficult ones—in order to show up authentically in the world, from the popular therapist behind the Instagram account @sitwithwhit. Every day, we’re bombarded with pressure to be positive. From “good vibes only” and “life is good” memes, to endless advice, to “look on the bright side,” we’re constantly told that the key to happiness is silencing negativity wherever it crops up, in ourselves and in others. Even when faced with illness, loss, breakups, and other challenges, there’s little space for talking about our real feelings—and processing them so that we can feel better and move forward. But if all this positivity is the answer, why are so many of us anxious, depressed, and burned out? In this refreshingly honest guide, sought-after therapist Whitney Goodman shares the latest research along with everyday examples and client stories that reveal how damaging toxic positivity is to ourselves and our relationships, and presents simple ways to experience and work through difficult emotions. The result is more authenticity, connection, and growth—and ultimately, a path to showing up as you truly are.

An Inspiring Guide to Discovering Effortless Joy Canongate Books

Encourage little ones to explore their emotions and discover exactly what makes them happy in this board book for young children. *I Feel Happy* is the ideal ebook to help children understand how happiness works for them. It is often difficult for children, and adults, to articulate their emotions and to

understand why they act the way they do. This bright and colorful ebook encourages adults and children to read together and gain a deeper understanding of the different ways that happiness can look from the outside, how happiness occurs in the brain, and what makes you happy. Fun illustrations and minimal text make this the perfect first ebook for young children to enjoy. *I Feel Happy* allows children to begin to understand their emotions and think consciously about what makes them happy.

The Way We Weren't Knopf

Why Be Happy When You Could Be Normal? Open Road + Grove/Atlantic

A Memoir Penguin

Twelve eye-opening, mind-expanding, funny and provocative essays on the implications of artificial intelligence for the way we live and the way we love from New York Times bestselling author Jeanette Winterson “Talky, smart, anarchic and quite sexy,” said Dwight Garner in the New York Times about Jeanette Winterson’s latest novel, *Frankissstein*, which perfectly describes too this new collection of essays on the same subject of AI. In *12 Bytes*, the New York Times bestselling author of *Why Be Happy When You Can Be Normal?* Jeanette Winterson, draws on her years of thinking and reading about artificial intelligence in all its bewildering manifestations. In her brilliant, laser focused, uniquely pointed and witty style of story-telling, Winterson looks to history, religion, myth, literature, the politics of race and gender, and computer science, to help us understand the radical changes to the way we live and love that are happening now. When we create non-biological life-forms, will we do so in our image? Or will we accept the once-in-a-species opportunity to

remake ourselves in their image? What do love, caring, sex, and attachment look like when humans form connections with non-human helpers, teachers, sex-workers, and companions? And what will happen to our deep-rooted assumptions about gender? Will the physical body that is our home soon be enhanced by biological and neural implants, keeping us fitter, younger, and connected? Is it time to join Elon Musk and leave Planet Earth? With wit, compassion and curiosity, Winterson tackles AI's most fascinating talking points, from the algorithms that data-dossier your whole life to the weirdness of backing up your brain.

The Illicit Happiness Of Other People
Vintage Classic

As her stultifying marriage is unravelling, and in the midst of mourning the loss of her creative self, Caro Tanner has a nightmare about Peter, an old love whom she hasn't seen in twenty years. She takes this as a sign he still needs her. With her three children safely off to summer camp, Caro embarks on a pre-Facebook, pre-cell phone road trip to recapture who she once was and what she thinks she once had. Set in the rock 'n roll '60s of Tucson, Arizona—when Caro and Peter were kooky, colorful, and inseparable drama students—and in the suburban '80s, when Caro's creative spark has been quenched to serve the needs of her husband and children, *So Happy Together* explores the conundrum of love and physical attraction, creativity and family responsibilities, and what happens when they are out of sync. It is a story of missed opportunities, the alluring possibility of second chances, and what we leave behind, carry forward, and settle for when we choose. It sits in that complicated, confounding, beautiful place where love resides.

If You're So Smart, Why Aren't You Happy? Knopf Canada

From the best-selling coauthor of *The Disaster Artist* and "one of America's best and most interesting writers" (Stephen King), a new collection of stories that range from laugh-out-loud funny to disturbingly dark—unflinching portraits of women and men struggling to bridge the gap between art and life. A young and ingratiating assistant to a movie star makes a blunder that puts his boss and a major studio at grave risk. A long-married couple hires an escort for a threesome in order to rejuvenate their relationship. An assistant at a prestigious literary journal reconnects with a middle school frenemy and finds that his carefully constructed world of refinement cannot protect him from his past. A Bush administration lawyer wakes up on an abandoned airplane, trapped in a nightmare of his own making. In these and other stories, Tom Bissell vividly renders the complex worlds of characters on the brink of artistic and personal crises—writers, video-game developers, actors, and other creative types who see things slightly differently from the rest of us. With its surreal, poignant, and sometimes squirm-inducing stories, *Creative Types* is a brilliant new offering from one of the most versatile and talented writers working in America today.

Why More or Less Everything is Absolutely Fine Rodopi

Based on a phenomenally popular blog post, a simple and counterintuitive approach to finding true joy. When Luminita Saviuc, founder the PurposeFairy blog, posted a list of things to let go in order to be happy, she had no idea that it would go viral, shared more than 1.2 million times and counting. Based on that inspiring post,

this heartfelt book gives readers permission to give up--that is, to let go of the bad habits that are holding them back from achieving authentic happiness and living their best lives. Lessons include: · Give Up the Past · Give Up Your Limiting Beliefs · Give Up Blaming Others · Give Up the Need to Always Be Right · Give Up Labels · Give Up Attachment Simple yet wise, and informed by the author's own inspiring personal journey, this liberating little book presents a fresh twist on happiness advice: take a step back to reflect, and give yourself permission to let things go. Includes a foreword by Vishen Lakhiani, New York Times-bestselling author of *The Code of the Extraordinary Mind* and founder and CEO of Mindvalley.

Toxic Positivity Vintage Canada

Ousep Chacko, journalist and failed novelist, prides himself on being "the last of the real men." His wife, Mariamma, finds ways to feed her family despite their lack of money, but in her spare time she fantasizes about Ousep's early death. One day, their seventeen-year-old son, Unni—a boy obsessed with comics—does something terrible and inexplicable. Ousep and Mariamma separately try to solve the mystery of Unni's action but find no answers. Three years later, Ousep receives a package that sends him back to the search. He starts to hound his son's friends and a famous neurosurgeon. Meanwhile, younger son Thoma—a twelve-year-old with below-sea-level self-esteem—falls desperately in love with their haughty, beautiful teenage neighbour, who has her own secrets. *The Illicit Happiness of Other People*—a smart, wry and poignant novel—is part mystery, part philosophy and part unlikely love story.

From Self-Hate to Self-Love Random House

"Swanson has done a crucial public service by exposing the barbarous side of the Rangers." —The New York Times Book Review A twenty-first century reckoning with the legendary Texas Rangers that does justice to their heroic moments while also documenting atrocities, brutality, oppression, and corruption The Texas Rangers came to life in 1823, when Texas was still part of Mexico. Nearly 200 years later, the Rangers are still going--one of the most famous of all law enforcement agencies. In *Cult of Glory*, Doug J. Swanson has written a sweeping account of the Rangers that chronicles their epic, daring escapades while showing how the white and propertied power structures of Texas used them as enforcers, protectors and officially sanctioned killers. *Cult of Glory* begins with the Rangers' emergence as conquerors of the wild and violent Texas frontier. They fought the fierce Comanches, chased outlaws, and served in the U.S. Army during the Mexican War. As Texas developed, the Rangers were called upon to catch rustlers, tame oil boomtowns, and patrol the perilous Texas-Mexico border. In the 1930s they began their transformation into a professionally trained police force. Countless movies, television shows, and pulp novels have celebrated the Rangers as Wild West supermen. In many cases, they deserve their plaudits. But often the truth has been obliterated. Swanson demonstrates how the Rangers and their supporters have operated a propaganda machine that turned agency disasters and misdeeds into fables of triumph, transformed murderous rampages--including the killing of scores of Mexican civilians--into valorous feats, and elevated scoundrels to sainthood. *Cult of Glory* sets the record straight. Beginning

with the Texas Indian wars, Cult of Glory embraces the great, majestic arc of Lone Star history. It tells of border battles, range disputes, gunslingers, massacres, slavery, political intrigue, race riots, labor strife, and the dangerous lure of celebrity. And it reveals how legends of the American West--the real and the false--are truly made.

12 Stories and 12 Feasts for 12 Days

Grove Press

Tinderbox tells the exclusive, explosive, uninhibited true story of HBO and how it burst onto the American scene and screen to detonate a revolution and transform our relationship with television forever. The Sopranos, Game of Thrones, Sex and the City, The Wire, Succession...HBO has long been the home of epic shows, as well as the source for brilliant new movies, news-making documentaries, and controversial sports journalism. By thinking big, trashing tired formulas, and killing off cliches long past their primes, HBO shook off the shackles of convention and led the way to a bolder world of content, opening the door to all that was new, original, and worthy of our attention. In *Tinderbox*, award-winning journalist James Andrew Miller uncovers a bottomless trove of secrets and surprises, revealing new conflicts, insights, and analysis. As he did to great acclaim with *SNL in Live from New York*; with ESPN in *Those Guys Have All the Fun*; and with talent agency CAA in *Powerhouse*, Miller continues his record of extraordinary access to the most important voices, this time speaking with talents ranging from Abrams (J. J.) to Zendaya, as well as every single living president of HBO—and hundreds of other major players. Over the course of more than 750 interviews with key sources, Miller reveals how fraught HBO's journey

has been, capturing the drama and the comedy off-camera and inside boardrooms as HBO created and mobilized a daring new content universe, and, in doing so, reshaped storytelling and upended our entertainment lives forever.

The Happiness Project Henry Holt and Company

"The marvelous and the horrific, the mythic and the mundane overlap and intermingle in this wonderfully inventive novel." —The New York Times Winner of the E. M. Forster Award In a fantastic world that is and is not seventeenth-century England, a baby is found floating in the Thames. The child, Jordan, is rescued by Dog Woman and grows up to travel the globe like Gulliver—though he finds that the most curious oddities come from his own mind. The spiraling tale leads the reader from discussions on the nature of time to Jordan's fascination with journeys concealed within other journeys, all with a dizzying speed that jumps from epiphany to shimmering epiphany. From the New York Times bestselling author of *Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit* and *Why Be Happy When You Could Be Normal?*, *Sexing the Cherry* is "a mixture of *The Arabian Nights* touched by the philosophical form of Milan Kundera and told with the grace of Italo Calvino" (San Francisco Chronicle). "Those who care for fiction that is both idiosyncratic and beautiful will want to read anything [Winterson] writes." —The Washington Post Book World

Penguin

The most beguilingly seductive novel to date from the author of *The Passion* and *Sexing the Cherry*. Winterson chronicles the consuming affair between the narrator, who is given neither name nor gender, and the beloved, a complex and

confused married woman. "At once a love story and a philosophical meditation." —New York Times Book Review.

Jeanette Winterson and the Politics of Reading Why Be Happy When You Could Be Normal?

LONGLISTED FOR THE BOOKER PRIZE. From New York Times bestselling author Jeanette Winterson comes her most anticipated book since *Why Be Happy When You Could Be Normal?* about the bodies we live in and the bodies we desire. Since her astonishing debut at twenty-five with *Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit*, Jeanette Winterson has achieved worldwide critical and commercial success as "one of the most daring and inventive writers of our time" (Elle). Her new novel, *Frankissstein*, is an audacious love story that weaves disparate lives into an exploration of transhumanism, artificial intelligence, and queer love. Lake Geneva, 1816. Nineteen-year-old Mary Shelley is inspired to write a story about a scientist who creates a new life-form. In Brexit Britain, 2019, a young transgender doctor called Ry is falling in love with Victor Stein, a celebrated professor leading the public debate around AI and carrying out some experiments of his own in a vast underground network of tunnels. Meanwhile, Ron Lord, just divorced and living with his mum, is set to make his fortune launching a new generation of sex dolls for lonely men everywhere. Across the Atlantic, in

Phoenix, Arizona, a cryogenics facility houses dozens of bodies of men and women who are medically and legally dead...but waiting to return to life. What will happen when homo sapiens is no longer the smartest being on the planet? In fiercely intelligent prose, Jeanette Winterson shows us how much closer we are to that future than we realize. Funny and furious, bold and clear-sighted, *Frankissstein* is a love story about life itself.

Unwell Women Harper Collins

In this groundbreaking book, Paula Vail, a nationally recognized leader in personal empowerment, shares her own life's challenges and accomplishments and explores the critical tools you need to open the door to the incredible happiness that resides in each one of us. Drawing from her research and personal life experiences, Vail weaves an inspirational and practical account of how we can begin to make changes in our lives through better choices and new attitudes. *Why Am I So Happy?* is an excellent guidebook with tools to find a happier life. A must-read for everyone trying to gain happiness as we find ourselves with increasing workloads, lots more stress, and negativity all around us, *Why Am I So Happy?*, isn't only about how to become happier at work. It's about how to reap the benefits of a happier and more positive mindset to achieve the joy, gratefulness, light, love, and success into our lives.