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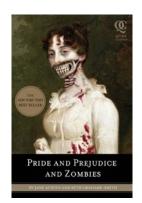
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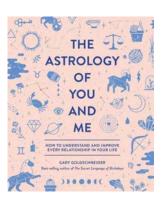
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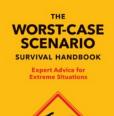
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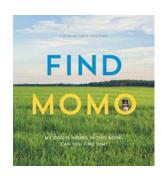


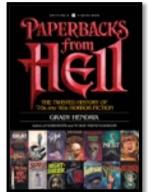


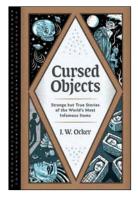












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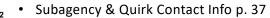
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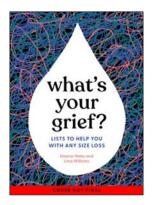
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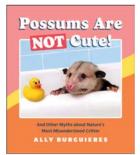
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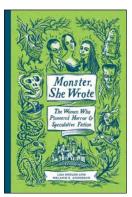
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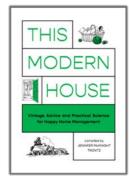




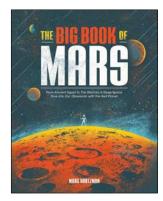


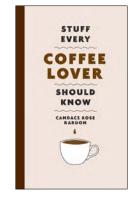














# What's Your Grief?

Lists To Help You With Any Size Loss

By Eleanor Haley, MS and Litsa Williams, MA, LCSW-C

A friendly and accessible book of 75 lists that will help anyone experiencing a change or loss of any type, for readers of Maggie Smith, Cheryl Strayed, and Katherine May.

Some losses, like the death of a loved one, can turn your life upside down. Other losses are far less recognized and less valued but still need to be processed and grieved.

From licensed therapists Eleanor Haley and Litsa Williams, known for their work helping clients manage loss, *What's Your Grief?* provides 75 lists that will help anyone experiencing a change or loss of any type, from the loss of a job to the loss of a loved one, from a breakup to a relocation, and many more of life's ebbs and flows.

Includes:

- To-do lists
- · What not-to-do lists
- Informational lists
- · Explanatory lists
- Bucket lists
- Lists to be completed by you

*What's Your Grief?* Will help you examine, investigate, and move through the complex but universal experience of grief.



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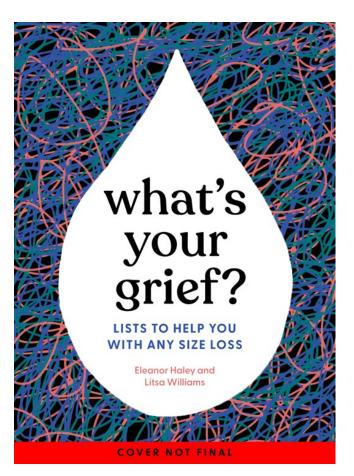
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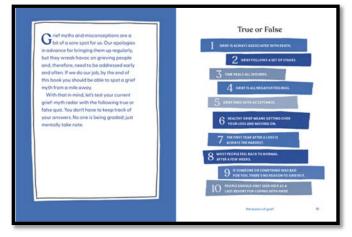
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MAKE YOUR OWN LIST What's Your Grief? (Your List of Losses)

The loss of something meaningful isn't just one earth-shattering loss. It is an immense loss, followed by a series of smaller losses in its aftermath. This domino effect of subsequent losses is known as *secondary loss*.

and other significant losses, the inevitability of accompanying losses seems obvious. Yet, grieving people are often caught off guard by these ongoing losses and how they compound griet. Each individual losses is unique and complex in its own right. Add them together, and they give intimidating new meaning to the expression "The whole is greater than the sum of its parts."

Secondary losses are also selatom formally acknowledged by supportive friends, family, and community members. We've yet to see a sympathy card that reads, "I am so sorry to hear you've lost faith in your fundamental belief system" Or, "My most heartfelt sympathies regarding the loss of half of your household income"

Sure, those cards sound absurd, but therein lies the problem. Secondary losses are often so personal and private that it's difficult to give and receive support for them. Though we can't list your secondary losses for you, knowing these four categories can help you create your personal inventory.

#### **Concrete Secondary Losses**

Examples: losing a home, business, important objects, or finances

#### **Relational Secondary Losses**

Examples: losing friends who weren't supportive,

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losing family due to conflict, losing community as a result of a move

#### Belief System Secondary Losses

Examples: loss of hopes and dreams for the future, loss of a belief in a higher power, loss of faith in a fair, just, or safe world

#### **Identity Secondary Losses**

Examples: loss of role as a spouse or caregiver, loss of self-confidence, loss of career identity upon retirement, loss of physical or cognitive ability, independence, or autonomy

We recommend you take time to assess your own secondary losses. Sometimes, seeing all these losses written down can provide a visual for just how complex the experience of griet actually is. In a practical sense, this exercise also helps you conceptualize what you need help coping with.

#### So here's what we want you to do:

- Grab a sheet of paper or your journal.
- Write down your primary loss (or losses).
- Next, write down the secondary losses that were associated with the primary loss[es].
- If there are losses associated with these secondary losses, write those down too.
- As you're writing, notice if you hesitate to include secondary losses that seem less significant or disruptive. Push back on yourself. This exercise is to help you reflect on the full impact of your grief, so you must include all your secondary losses-big and small.

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# **Good Night**

A Holistic Guide To Getting The Best Sleep Of Your Life

#### By Julia Blohberger and Roos Neeter

For insomniacs, sleep procrastinators, and anyone who wants to improve their sleep hygiene, this friendly handbook will help you focus on catching some shut-eye.

In our busy, hyper-connected times, it can be hard to sleep through the night. But sleep is one of the keys to overall well-being, and if you're not getting enough of it, it can have a major impact on your physical and mental health. This handbook from two certified yoga and Ayurveda teachers will help you understand the connection between diet, exercise, stress, and sleep so you can improve the quality of your sleep from every angle.

Good Night contains tips and tricks for:

- Breaking bad habits, from sleep procrastination to bringing bluelight devices to bed
- Navigating health issues that make sleeping through the night difficult
- · Calming your anxious mind and allowing yourself to rest

Simple and effective lifestyle adjustments are all you need to feel like your best, most well-rested self.



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# Good Sh\*t

Your Holistic Guide to the Best Poop of Your Life

#### By Julia Blohberger and Roos Neeter

It's time to talk sh\*t—literally—with this relatable and taboobreaking interactive handbook that will help you conquer your toilet routine so you can conquer your life.

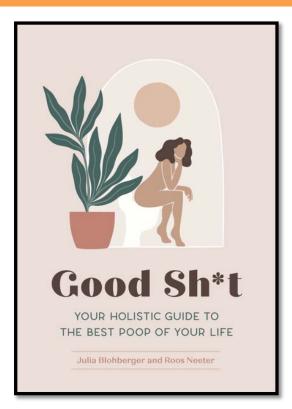
Growing up, you were probably taught that poop is gross. Unspeakable, even. But it's a waste to think of poop as a waste. Bags under our eyes tell us if we're not getting enough sleep. Sallow skin, thinning hair, and brittle nails tell us if our diets are imbalanced or if we're over stressed. Poop tells us all of that—and much more.

This friendly and conversational handbook from two certified yoga and Ayurveda coaches teaches you how to think of poop as a useful gauge of overall health and helps you track the effects of simple lifestyle adjustments with:

- · A seven-day tracker to observe your current poop health
- Insights on the impact of diet, exercise, sleep, and stress on your poop, with tips for making improvements in all areas
- Journal prompts that help you analyze behaviors that lead to good and bad poops
- A 21-day tracker to help you see the positive impact of lifestyle changes on your poop over time



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# **New To You**

How to Buy, Fix, and Keep Secondhand Clothing

#### **By Melody Fortier**

# Learn to find, restore, and preserve vintage clothing and accessories so you can leave wasteful "fast fashion" behind.

They don't make clothes like they used to! Garments from earlier eras, before corporatized disposable fashion became the norm, have better materials and craftsmanship than all but the most high-end clothing today. Buying vintage fashion means getting beautiful pieces that are built to last, without contributing to sweatshops or landfills but only if you know what to look for.

In this indispensable guide, anyone who buys or wears women's clothing will learn how to:

- Avoid overpaying
- Sort trash from treasure
- · Fix minor flaws-and spot major ones
- · Find your ideal silhouette
- Alter and repurpose garments
- · Care for delicate vintage fabrics

Vintage clothing dealer Melody Fortier draws on decades of experience to demystify the process of buying and caring for older garments, so you'll know just what to look for, what to watch out for, and what to pay.

Previously published as *The Little Guide to Vintage Shopping* in 2009, this updated edition includes a new introduction, resources for evaluating online and brick-and-mortar shops, and tips for plus-size shoppers.



**MELODY FORTIER** is proprietor of Tangerine Boutique, a vintage-clothing emporium located in Gardner, Massachusetts, as well as online at www.tangerineboutique.com



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# Field Guide to Stains

How to Identify & Remove Virtually Every Stain on Earth

By Virginia Friedman, Melissa Wagner, and Nancy Armstrong

*Field Guide to Stains* is divided into handy sections for easy access to information when time is of the essence: Fruits and Vegetables, Meat and Protein, Household Items, Garage and Yard, and more. Readers will learn more than just removal techniques—details include general descriptions and likely seasons, times, and areas of occurrence.

Did you know that a yogurt stain is more likely to occur in January (when New Year's resolutions demand more healthy eating), and that correction fluid stains are more prevalent in April in the U.S. (when the pressure to complete your tax reporting on time is at a high)?

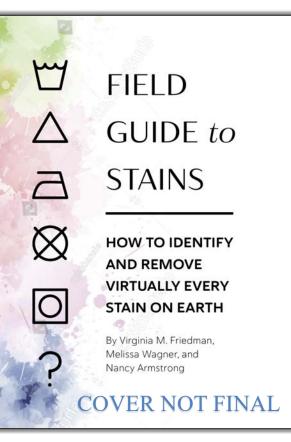
Includes more than 100 full-color photographs of stains, each one cross-referenced to its description and step-by-step removal advice. Quick-reference icons guide the reader to the most essential information in each entry. This guide has a sturdy, stain-proof exterior—making it a necessity for every cubicle, glove compartment, and college dorm.

*Field Guide to Stains* is a must-have for everyone about to venture out into the wild, to the kitchen, or to a night on the town!



**VIRGINIA M. FRIEDMAN, MELISSA WAGNER, AND NANCY ARMSTRONG** are freelance writers living in Philadelphia. They have been studying stains in their natural environment for the last 12 years.





At last, a field guide to identifying and doing battle with more than 100 stains, from tomato juice to tar, from avocado to urine!

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# This Modern House

Vintage Advice and Practical Science for Happy Home Management

#### Edited by Jennifer McKnight-Trontz

Back in the day, young people (well, young women) used to learn life skills like budgeting, cleaning, mending, and meal planning in their home economics classes. But nowadays, we're just supposed to figure it out for ourselves. It's no wonder many of us feel a little lost.

*This Modern House* compiles real lessons from early- to mid-20<sup>th</sup>century home economics textbooks to finally give you the household management training you never got in school. You'll learn to shop frugally, cook nutritiously, reduce waste, clean with natural products, and spruce up your home and wardrobe without breaking the bank.

In this amazing collection of proven wisdom and practical advice, you'll find everything you need to know about shopping, cooking, cleaning, budgeting, and managing a household like an adult—whether you're renting your first apartment or establishing a family home.

Previously published in 2010 as *Home Economics*, this fully updated version includes a new introduction, improved advice on cooking and cleaning, and more inclusive text and illustrations.



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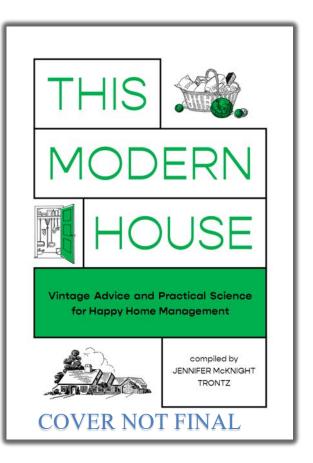
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The time-tested advice you never learned in school for getting back to basics and running a healthy, happy, sustainable household.

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# **Toil and Trouble**

A Women's History of the Occult

#### By Lisa Kröger and Melanie R. Anderson

This celebration of notable magical women, from the Salem witch trials to WitchTok, is a fascinating read for anyone interested in occultism or feminist history.

From the celebrity spirit mediums of the 19<sup>th</sup> century to the TikTok witches hexing the patriarchy, women have long used magic and mysticism to seize back the power they're so often denied.

Organized around different approaches women have taken to the occult over the decades—creating new magical systems and symbols, using the supernatural for political gain, seeking fame and fortune as spiritual practitioners, questioning and investigating paranormal phenomena, and embracing their witchy identities—this book shines a light on these under-appreciated magical pioneers, including:

- Dion Fortune, who tried to marshal a magical army against Hitler
- Pamela Colman-Smith, the artist behind the Rider-Waite tarot deck
- Elvira, queer goth sex symbol who defied the Satanic Panic

And more mystical women from American history who found strength through the supernatural—and who are still forging the way today.



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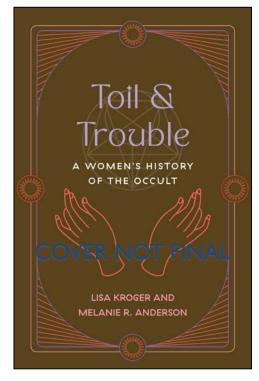
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# **United States of Cryptids**

A Tour of American Myths and Monsters

#### By J.W. Ocker

Welcome to the United States of cryptids, where mysterious monsters lurk in the dark forests, deep lakes, and sticky swamps of all fifty states. From the infamous Jersey Devil to the obscure Snallygaster, travel writer and chronicler of the strange J.W. Ocker not only uncovers the bizarre stories of these creatures, but investigates the ways in which communities have embraced and celebrated their local cryptids. Readers will learn about:

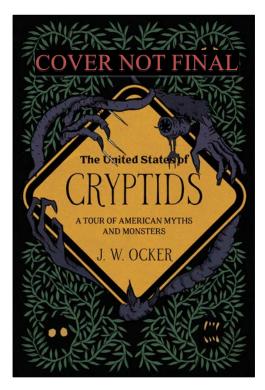
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- Lizard Man of South Carolina, a reptilian mutant that attacked a string of cars in the summer of 1988
- **Pope Lick Monster of Kentucky**, a goatman that lures people to their deaths on a train trestle bridge in Lousiville
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- And many more!

Whether you believe in Bigfoot or not, this fully illustrated compendium is a fun, frightening, fascinating tour through American folklore and history, exploring not just the stories we tell about monsters, but what stories about monsters say about us.



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# **Possums Are Not Cute!**

And Other Myths About Nature's Most Misunderstood Critter

#### **By Ally Burguieres**

Possums may steal your garbage... but with this book they'll also steal your heart!

Possums are more than the ugly-cute icons of the internet. These so-called trash animals and pointy kitties are not only relatable avatars for anxious or resilient people everywhere, but nature's secret clean-up crew.

Organized around common myths that have given possums a bad reputation, this fun and offbeat book reveals the truth about possums through dozens of adorable photos, informative illustrations, and fascinating facts. Did you know that...

- Possums protect people and pets from disease! A single possum can eat 4,000 ticks per week!
- Possums excel at interspecies friendships, often sleeping in other animals' dens
- Possums are shy creatures: when they "play dead", they are actually fainting from anxiety!

Written by wildlife rehabber and possum advocate Ally Burguieres, known for her popular Instagram account @ItsMeSesame, this accessible and giftable guide explains why possums deserve our admiration and offers tips on how we can protect and advocate for these magical marsupials.



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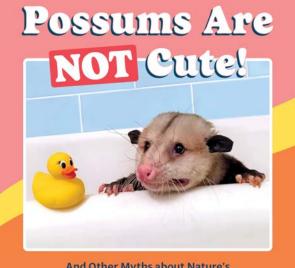
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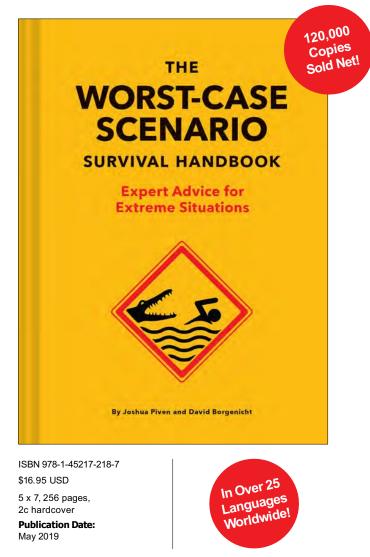
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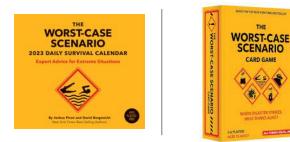


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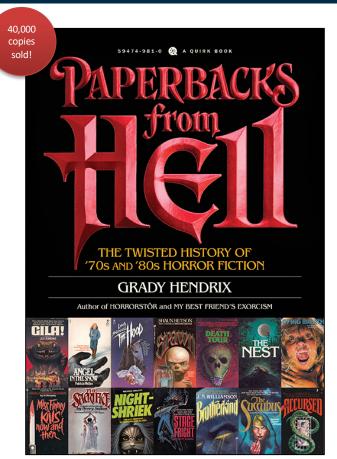
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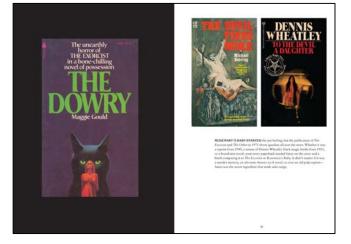
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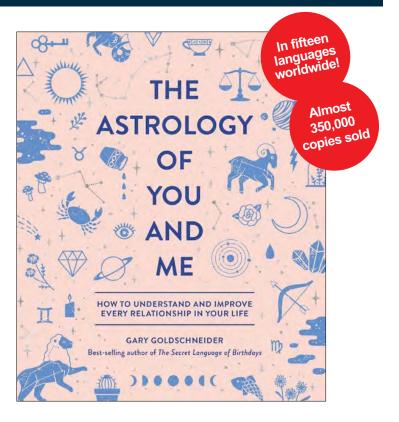
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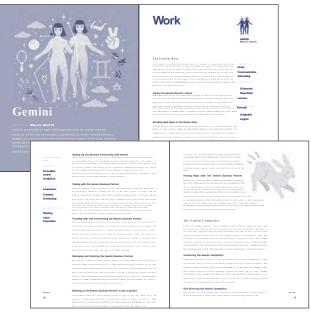
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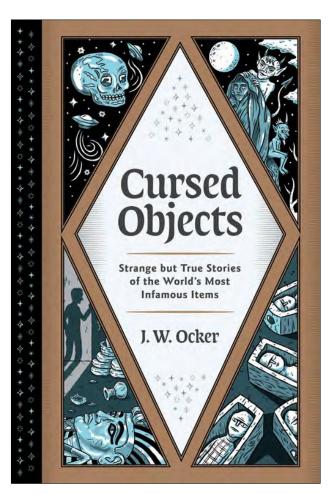


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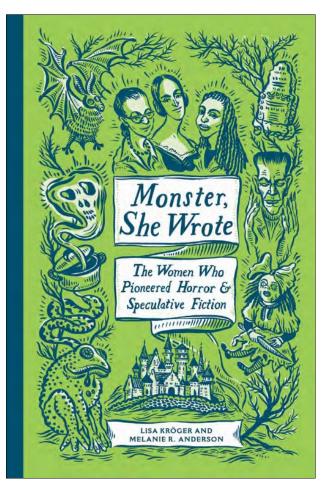
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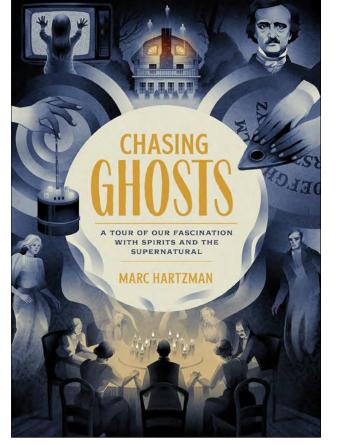
sages from God. His work has appeared in *Mental Floss, Bizarre*, and HuffPost/AOL Weird News, and he has discussed oddities on CNN, MSNBC, Ripley's Radio, and the Travel Channel's Mysteries at the Museum. More of his love for the unusual can be found on his site WeirdHistorian.com and @weirdhistorian on Twitter and Instagram. Hartman works in advertising and lives with his wife, Liz, and their two daughters.

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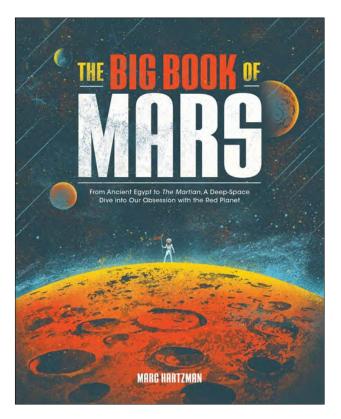
Since then, Mars has fully invaded pop culture. It has its own day of the week (Tuesday, or *martis* in Latin), candy bar, and iconic Looney Tunes character. It has been the subject of novels and movies, from *Ray Brachury's The Martian Chronicles* to *Mars Attacks!* to *The Martian*. And it has sparked a space-race feud between Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos, who both hope to send a manned mission to Mars in the near future.

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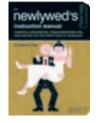
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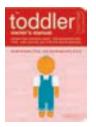
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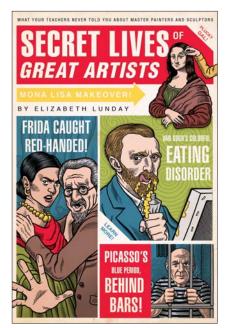
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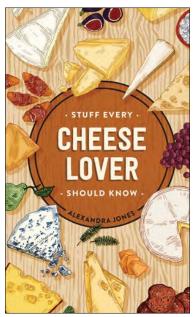
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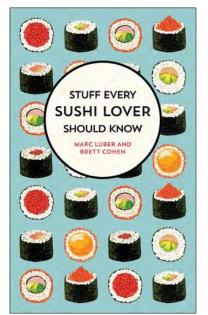
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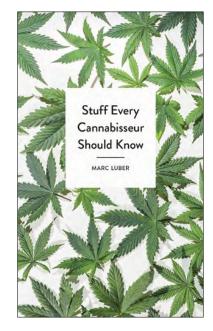


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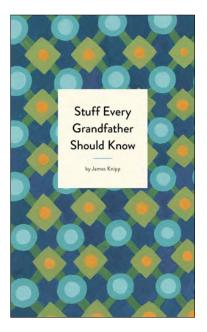
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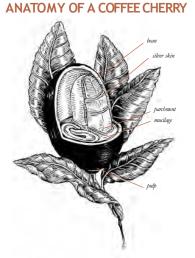
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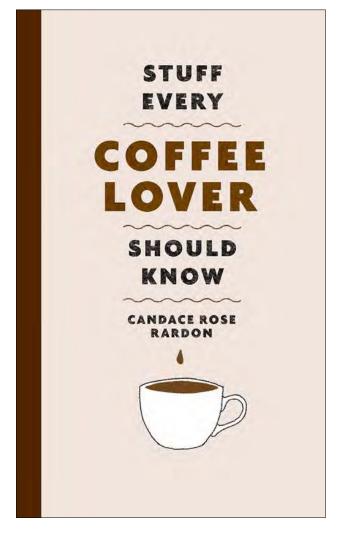
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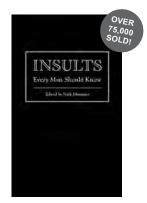
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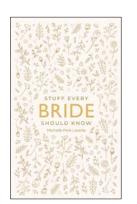
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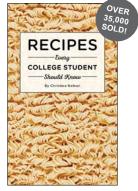
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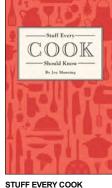
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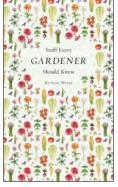
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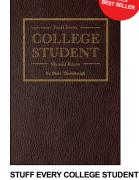
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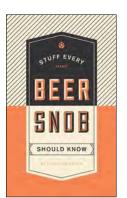
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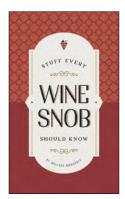
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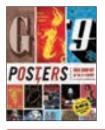
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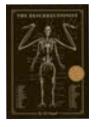
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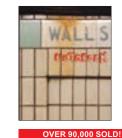
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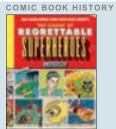
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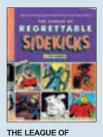


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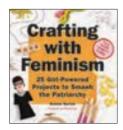
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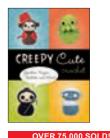




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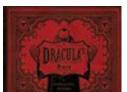


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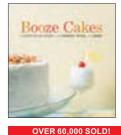


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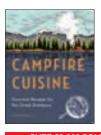


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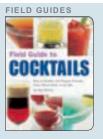
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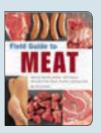
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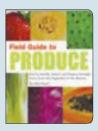
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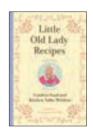


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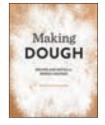
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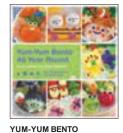


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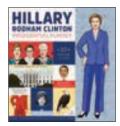
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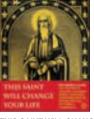


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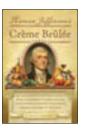
 
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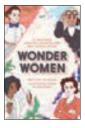
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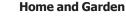
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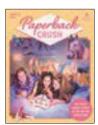
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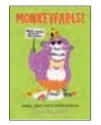
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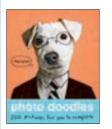


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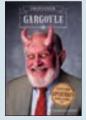
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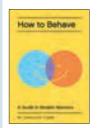






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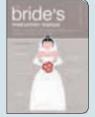


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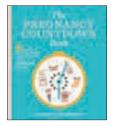


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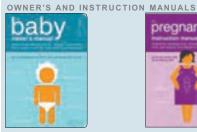


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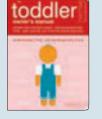
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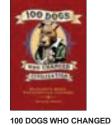
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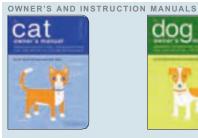
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