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Nothing Lasts Forever (Basis for the film Die Hard)-Roderick Thorp 2012-12-17 High atop a Los Angeles skyscraper, an office Christmas party turns into a deadly cage-match between a lone New York City cop and a gang of international terrorists. Every action fan knows it could only be the explosive big-screen blockbuster Die Hard. But before Bruce Willis blew away audiences as unstoppable hero John McClane, author Roderick Thorp knocked out thriller readers with the bestseller that started it all. A dozen heavily armed terrorists have taken hostages, issued demands, and promised bloodshed — all according to plan. But they haven’t counted on a death-defying, one-man cavalry with no shoes, no backup, and no intention of going down easily. As hot-headed cops swarm outside, and cold-blooded killers wield machine guns and rocket launchers inside, the stage is set for the ultimate showdown between anti-hero and uber-villains. Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good fight... to the death. Ho ho ho!

Nothing Lasts Forever with Bonus Material-Sidney Sheldon 2013-01-29 Racing from the life-and-death decisions of a big San Francisco hospital to the tension-packed fireworks of a murder trial, this story lays bare the ambitions and fears of healers and killers, lovers and betrayers. As the book surges toward its unpredictable climax, Sidney Sheldon proves once again that no reader can outguess the master of the unexpected.

Nothing Lasts Forever-Sina Grace 2017-06-07 Cartoonist SINA GRACE returns with another chapter in his growing library of reflective memoirs, producing his strongest and most compelling tale to date. Chronicling a year of heartbreaks, writerês block, career highs, emotional lows, and the emergence of a mystery illness, NOTHING LASTS FOREVER is Graceês unflinching exploration of how to pick up the pieces and find hope when absolutely everything falls apart. If lifeês a show, GRACE makes certain that itês worth every pay-per-view

Nothing Lasts Forever-Maureen Lee 2009-07-09 A warm-hearted story of one idyllic summer and four very different women - from the bestselling author of MOTHER OF PEARL. Brodie Logan's seemingly idyllic life with her once-loving husband is suddenly turned upside down - so she moves to a big shared house in Liverpool, and there meets a remarkable group of people. Twenty-five-year-old Diana seems so innocent and childlike, yet she was responsible for raising her three younger brothers. And Rachel, barely fifteen, with her baby daughter, Poppy, is determined to keep the child some people seem set on taking away from her. As they while away the brilliant summer under the trees in the lovely garden of the big house, friendships form that will last a lifetime - but there are troubles on the horizon; after all, nothing lasts forever...
Nothing Lasts Forever - Roderick Thorp 1979-01-01 Traveling to Los Angeles for Christmas, Joe Leland, a veteran cop and former war hero, stumbles upon a sensational terrorist crime in progress and is forced to quickly make hard life or death decisions.

Nothing Lasts Forever - Sidney Sheldon 1994 Three San Francisco doctors encounter the challenges of the medical profession, a murder charge, and a deadly bet. By the author of The Stars Shine Down. 1,000,000 first printing. $650,000 ad/promo. Lit Guild Main. Tour.

Nothing Lasts Forever - Tyrone Lebon 2011

Nothing Lasts Forever - Robert Steiner 2014-03-18 These three novellas each shimmer with exactitudes of falling out of love and falling into death, as existence at critical moments renounces normal life for moments of absolute desire. These are narratives of obsession and calamity. Lovers and wives are at the edge of themselves, saying the unsayable, doing the undoable, challenging us to keep our eyes open to the disintegration and pain. At the core of each tale is an erotic intensity. The prose is urgent. The stories are unforgettable. Into the Green Ocean Deep sees a man's last days with a dying lover as they engage in a final burst of transgressive eroticism. Negative Space recites the anguished thoughts of a man whose wife of twenty years has confessed her love for someone else as she packs to leave. In Inviolate, a wife suffers the imminent death of her husband from a fall that has left him comatose. “Once coma defined the limit of her husband's existence for the rest of it he was as well as he would ever be and so his wife at the foot of the bed observed that this was as good as he was going to look.”

The Detective - Roderick Thorp 2014-12-02 In this bestselling book that inspired the hit movie by the same name, starring Frank Sinatra, an apparent suicide forces a PI to reconsider his most famous case Joe Leland returned from World War II with a chest full of medals, but his greatest honor came after he traded his pilot's wings for a detective's shield. Catching the Leikman killer made Joe a local hero, but the shine quickly wore off, and it wasn't long before he left the police force to start his own private agency. Years after his greatest triumph, Joe has a modest income and a quiet life—both of which may soon fall apart. When Colin MacIver dies at the local racetrack, the coroner rules that he took his own life, but his widow knows better. Because MacIver's life insurance policy doesn't cover suicide, his wife is left broke, desperate, and afraid for her safety. She hires Leland to find out who could have killed her gentle, unassuming husband—a simple question that will turn this humble city inside out.

The Last Forever - Deb Caletti 2014-04-01 Beginnings and endings overlap in this soaring novel of love and grief from Printz Honor medal winner and National Book Award finalist Deb Caletti. Nothing lasts forever, and no one gets that more than Tessa. After her mother died, it's all Tessa can do to keep her friends, her boyfriend, and her happiness from slipping away. And then there's her dad. He's stuck in his own daze, and it's so hard to feel like a family when their house no longer seems like a home. Her father's solution? An impromptu road trip that lands them in Tessa's grandmother's small coastal town. Despite all the warmth and beauty there, Tessa can't help but feel even more lost. Enter Henry Lark. He understands the relationships that matter. And more importantly, he understands her. A secret stands between them, but Tessa's willing to do anything to bring them together—because Henry may just be her one chance at forever.
Nothing Lasts Forever . Tell Me Your Dreams-Sidney Sheldon 2003

If Nothing Lasts Forever Will You be My Nothing-Bleu Sky 2020-01-31
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Tell Me Your Dreams-Sidney Sheldon 2010-06-22 Somebody was watching her She had read about stalkers, but they belonged in a different, faraway world. She had no idea who it could be, who would want to harm her. She was trying desperately not to panic, but lately her sleep had been filled with nightmares, and she had awakened each morning with a feeling of impending doom. Thus begins Sidney Sheldon's chilling new novel, Tell Me Your Dreams. Three beautiful young women are suspected of committing a series of brutal murders. The police make an arrest that leads to one of the most bizarre murder trials of the century. Based on actual events, Sheldon's novel races from London to Rome to the city of Quebec to San Francisco, with a climax that will leave the reader stunned.

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58 Minutes (Basis for the Film Die Hard 2)-Walter Wager 2013-02-18
After Die Hard blew the doors off movie theaters, there was no doubt that Bruce Willis’s one-man-army of a cop would hit the big screen again, even harder. And Die Hard 2 made it happen—doubling down on the explosive action. And just like the original blockbuster, the sensational sequel leaped from the pages of a suspense master’s pulse-pounding novel... A massive blizzard has shut down nearly every East Coast airport, stranding travelers on the ground and in the air. But those circling the skies above New York’s Kennedy Airport have far more to worry about than missed connections. When the control tower’s radar suddenly goes dark, a mysterious caller known only as “Number One” announces that the countdown to terror has begun. Nineteen planes, and their helpless passengers, are now airborne hostages—in the ruthless hands of a dangerous man on a deadly mission. And if the U.S. government doesn’t bow to his demands, hell will rain from above as one jetliner after another exhausts its fuel... and plunges to earth. With only 58 minutes between life and death, there may be nothing anyone can do...except one New York City cop, with nerves of steel, attitude to burn, and a reputation for being hard on crime—and even harder to kill.

Nothing Lost Forever-Michael Streeter 2005-05-01

Sidney Sheldon 3-Book Collection: If Tomorrow Comes, Nothing Lasts Forever, The Best Laid Plans-Sidney Sheldon 2014-04-17 The master storyteller’s legacy continues... Glamour and suspense in the bestselling Sidney Sheldon novels from the international superstar Tilly Bagshawe.

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58 Minutes-Walter Wager 1987 With minutes left for two thousand people stranded on nineteen airplanes above New York City after terrorists knock out the radar, the one man who can help discovers his daughter is aboard one of the planes

The November Criminals-Sam Munson 2015-10-13 Addison Schact and his best friend Digger become obsessed with investigating the murder of a classmate as they travel through Washington DC’s underworld in this
"thoughtful coming-of-age story and engaging teenage noir" (The New York Times). High school senior Addison Schacht is taking the prompt for his college entry essay to the University of Chicago to heart: What are your best and worst qualities? He begins to look back on his life so far and considers what getting into college, selling some pot to his classmates, his relationship with his best friend—not girlfriend—Digger, Virgil’s Aeneid, and his growing obsession with the murder of a classmate, Kevin Broadus, all mean. The more he digs into his own past, the farther he stumbles into the middle of the murder investigation. Filled with classic adolescent reflection and an intriguing mystery, The November Criminals is “one of the funniest, most heartfelt novels in recent memory—a book every bit as worthy of Mark Twain and J.D. Salinger” (The Chicago Tribune).

The Last-Hanna Jameson 2019-04-09 This propulsive post-apocalyptic thriller “in which Agatha Christie’s And Then There Were None collides with Stephen King’s The Shining” (NPR) follows a group of survivors stranded at a hotel as the world descends into nuclear war and the body of a young girl is discovered in one of the hotel’s water tanks. Jon thought he had all the time in the world to respond to his wife’s text message: I miss you so much. I feel bad about how we left it. Love you. But as he’s waiting in the lobby of the L’Hotel Sixieme in Switzerland after an academic conference, still mulling over how to respond to his wife, he receives a string of horrifying push notifications. Washington, DC, has been hit with a nuclear bomb, then New York, then London, and finally Berlin. That’s all he knows before news outlets and social media goes black—and before the clouds on the horizon turn orange. Two months later, there are twenty survivors holed up at the hotel, a place already tainted by its strange history of suicides and murders. Jon and the rest try to maintain some semblance of civilization. But when he goes up to the roof to investigate the hotel’s worsening water quality, he is shocked to discover the body of a young girl floating in one of the tanks, and is faced with the terrifying possibility that there might be a killer among the group. As supplies dwindle and tensions rise, Jon becomes obsessed with discovering the truth behind the girl’s death. In this “brilliantly executed...chilling and extraordinary” post-apocalyptic mystery, “the questions Jameson poses—who will be with you at the end of the world, and what kind of person will you be?—are as haunting as the plot itself.” (Emily St. John Mandel, nationally bestselling author of Station Eleven).

A Die Hard Christmas-Doogie Horner 2017-10-24 A delightful Christmas storybook for adults based on the action-packed Die Hard movie All John McClane wants for Christmas is to reunite with his estranged family. But when his wife’s office holiday party turns into a deadly hostage situation, he has to save her life before he can get home in time for Christmas! The unconventional fan-favorite movie Die Hard is now an illustrated storybook—complete with machine guns, European terrorists, and a cop who’s forced to rely on all his cunning and skills (and the help of a fellow officer) to save the day. Based on the classic “Night Before Christmas” poem and filled with whimsical illustrations, this cleverly reimagined homage is destined to become a holiday classic. *Contains adult material including violence and strong language. Reader discretion is advised. Ho-ho-ho.

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Things No One Else Can Teach Us-Humble the Poet 2019-10-15 From the international bestselling author of Unlearn, Humble the Poet speaks new
truths about how we can create silver linings from our most difficult moments. Every one of us endures setbacks, disappointments, and failures that can beat us down. But we don’t have to let them. Instead, we can use them as opportunities for growth. In Things No One Else Can Teach Us, Humble the Poet goes against conventional wisdom for happiness and success, showing us how our most painful experiences can be our greatest teachers. Humble shares raw, honest stories from his own life—from his rocky start becoming a rapper to nearly going broke to battling racism—to demonstrate how we can change our minds to better our lives. From a breakup to losing a loved one, our hardest moments can help us flourish, but only if we seize the opportunity. While we can’t control life, we have the power to control how we react to it. Things No One Else Can Teach Us reminds us that we have the power to transform the way we respond to everyday challenges and ultimately be our best selves.

No Storm Lasts Forever—Terry A. Gordon, Dr. 2012-07-17 As a cardiologist, Dr. Terry Gordon dealt with life-and-death circumstances on a daily basis. He learned that life is precious and tenuous; it can change in an instant. Such a dramatic shift occurred when his son, Tyler, was involved in a car accident, sustaining a severe spinal-cord injury that left him paralyzed. Leading his family through the experience, Terry’s journey resulted in a spiritual awakening to a clearer understanding of life and the truths it has to offer. Terry has learned that our experiences become calamities only if we make the conscious decision to make tragedies out of them. Rather than lamenting the so-called adversities, we can choose to be grateful for them, embracing them as gifts from the Divine. These gifts provide fertile soil for growth and enlightenment, offering us the opportunity to transform turmoil, disappointment, and suffering into understanding, insight, and resolve... and such gifts are presented to you in No Storm Lasts Forever.

Not My Bag—Sina Grace 2012-10-17 97 pages! From the artist of THE LI’L DEPRESSED BOY and AMBER BENSON’S AMONG THE GHOSTS, comes a retail hell story like you've never encountered before! A young artist takes a job at a department store in order to make ends meet... little does he know that he may meet his end! In this gothic story for fans of PERSEPOLIS, BLANKETS, and THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA, can the artist withstand competitive pressure, treachery, and high fashion while still keeping his soul?

On Earth We’re Briefly Gorgeous—Ocean Vuong 2021-06 An instant New York Times Bestseller! Longlisted for the 2019 National Book Award for Fiction, the Carnegie Medal in Fiction, the 2019 Aspen Words Literary Prize, and the PEN/Hemingway Debut Novel Award Shortlisted for the 2019 Center for Fiction First Novel Prize Winner of the 2019 New England Book Award for Fiction! Named one of the most anticipated books of 2019 by Vulture, Entertainment Weekly, Buzzfeed, Los Angeles Times, Boston Globe, Oprah.com, Huffington Post, The A.V. Club, Nylon, The Week, The Rumpus, The Millions, The Guardian, Publishers Weekly, and more. "A lyrical work of self-discovery that’s shockingly intimate and insistently universal...Not so much briefly gorgeous as permanently stunning." --Ron Charles, The Washington Post Poet Ocean Vuong’s debut novel is a shattering portrait of a family, a first love, and the redemptive power of storytelling On Earth We’re Briefly Gorgeous is a letter from a son to a mother who cannot read. Written when the speaker, Little Dog, is in his late twenties, the letter unearths a family’s history that began before he was born -- a history whose epicenter is rooted in Vietnam -- and serves as a doorway into parts of his life his mother has never known, all of it leading to an unforgettable revelation. At once a witness to the fraught yet undeniable love between a single mother and her son, it is also a brutally honest exploration of race, class, and masculinity. Asking questions central to our American moment, immersed as we are in addiction, violence, and trauma, but undergirded by compassion and tenderness, On Earth We’re Briefly Gorgeous is as much about the power of telling one’s own story as it is about the obliterating silence of not being heard. With stunning urgency and grace, Ocean Vuong writes of people caught between disparate worlds, and asks how we heal and rescue one another without forsaking who we are. The question of how to survive, and how to make of it a kind of joy, powers the most important debut novel of many years. Named a Best Book of the Year by: GQ, Kirkus Reviews, Booklist, Library Journal, TIME, Esquire, The Washington Post, Apple, Good Housekeeping, The New Yorker, The New York Public Library, Elle.com, The Guardian, The A.V. Club, NPR, Lithurb, Entertainment Weekly, Vogue.com, The San Francisco Chronicle, Mother Jones, Vanity Fair, The Wall Street Journal Magazine and more!
**Forever After** - Leeanna Morgan 2014-04-11 A feel-good, small town romance about falling in love the second time around. Nicky is determined to find the person who is stealing thousands of dollars from her grandfather's company. But that means returning to Montana and working with Sam Delaney, the man who broke her heart two years earlier. Falling in love with him wasn’t the smartest thing she’d ever done and she won’t repeat the same mistake again. Sam is the Chief Executive of Scotson Construction. When the future of the company is under threat, he knows Nicky is the best person to uncover the truth. But that doesn’t make seeing her again any easier. Overnight, his carefully ordered life spins out of control. He thinks nothing lasts forever...until Nicky shows him that forever is closer than he thinks. Forever After is the third book in the Montana Brides series and can easily be read as a standalone. Each of Leeanna’s series are linked so you can find out what happens to your favorite characters in other books. Happy reading!

Praise for the Montana Brides series: “A wonderful series that you can’t stop reading. It will make you laugh and cry but mostly sigh. I enjoyed the whole series but could have read each one separately. Leeanna Morgan made the love flow. A great read for everyone who loves romance!” “Every one of the books in The Montana Brides Series is filled with laughter, joy and tears. The family and friendship ties are so special. The romance and loving relationships are the best. I read these 7 books in 5 days. I couldn’t put these books down. You have to read the following series, The Bridesmaid Club Series. AWESOME! I’m almost done with the books.” “I enjoyed this story! It was hard to put the book down and I didn’t unless I had to. The storyline and characters were perfect and the scenic descriptions were wonderful. Such a lovely romantic story.”


**Self-Obsessed** - Sina Grace 2015-09-30 Cartoonist SINA GRACE returns to his roots with his most personal and intimate work since the 2012 charmer NOT MY BAG. Comes with FREE AUDIOBOOK download!

**The Traveler and the Gate Checkers** - Ted Lerner 2003 For most people, life comes down to a daily chore of pile management. But for a traveler like Ted Lerner, life often revolves around dealing with gate checkers. Gate checkers? Yes, those people given a badge, a stamp and the authority to stop you from getting where you want to go. In this his second book, the American author of the hilarious Philippine adventure, "Hey, Joe," takes to the road in the gate checker capital of the world, Asia. No matter the obstacles, though, Lerner never fails to uncover the juicy stories and one-of-a-kind experiences which can only be found in the world’s largest and most populated continent. From the sheer madness, and brilliance, of tortuously crowded India, to the wildly popular and barbaric realm of Japanese professional wrestling, to high class Hong Kong and its notorious, low down landmark, to jaded Thailand and untouched Laos and, finally, revisiting the teeming and seedy heart of Manila, this collection of five original travel tales will bring you decidedly off the beaten path, roaming as few foreigners
dare, on journeys as unique as the countries themselves. Part travelogue, part reportage, part outrageously good fun, with everything from sex to death and all the colorful life in between, Ted Lerner’s The Traveler and the Gate Checkers presents a fresh and unusual version of Asia. So open your heart and mind and get ready for the ride. But remember; watch out for those gate checkers!

**Nothing Lasts Forever Anymore**-Michael Lederer 2014

**Go to Sleep (I Miss You)**-Lucy Knisley 2020-02-25 An irresistible and hilarious collection of New York Times bestselling author Lucy Knisley’s cartoons about new motherhood. Lucy Knisley is one of the great memoirists of the graphic novel format. Following the completion of her pregnancy memoir Kid Gloves (and the birth of her baby), Lucy embarked on a new project: documenting new motherhood in short, spontaneous little cartoons, which she posted on her Instagram, and which quickly gained her a huge cult following among other moms. The best of those wildly popular little cartoons are collected in this adorable gift book, Go to Sleep (I Miss You), a perfect read for expecting parents, new parents, and anyone who loves funny, relatable comics storytelling.

**Only Earth & Sky Pb**-BENCHLEY N 1974-05-07 Although recognizing the end of the Indians’ freedom is near, a young Cheyenne still chooses to fight with Crazy Horse at the Little Big Horn to prove himself to the girl he loves.

**I Should’ve Known Better**-Nisha L 2015-01-08 Sometimes we have to make decisions that are the best for everyone as a whole. In this epic trilogy, will Skyla be able to determine what is best for everyone involved? Right now the odds are not in her favor, and nothing is going her way, but little does she know, she holds the cards to everyone’s future...including her own. It’s hard to focus on the one that you love, when the one becomes two. What was all fun and games in the beginning has now become a beautiful nightmare. Aston has been giving Sky the cold shoulder and has been very unpredictable lately. You never know what he’s going to do next. They say that revenge is a dish best served cold, but we all know that when your back is up against the wall, you come out swinging. Has Aston been pushed to the limit? JuJu has been living a double life but once he falls for Sky, he tries to put his best foot forward and he puts his heart out there on the line for her; and with a naked eye, one would think that she has done the same...or has she? Will Skyla find out about JuJu’s double life before it's too late? Raye has always been a free spirit and she’s used to doing whatever she wants when she wants. What happens when she starts to feel that she needs a little bit of space from Bryce? MiMi has proven before that she is down for the cause and in this story it’s no different because she comes through when it matters the most. Nana is still the family’s life line and it truly shows when tragedy strikes, and with one phone call to her, she’s able get everyone to come together in the time of need. Stay tuned and buckle your seat belt as we experience this drama filled roller coaster ride with Skyla.

**Nothing Lasts Forever**-Dr Anniekie Ravhuzulo 2010-11-18 When night comes, look at the sky. If you see a falling star, dont wonder why, just make a wish. Trust me, it will come true, because I did and found Jesus Christ. Sometimes we think that things will never change in life. I dont know anyone who has not yet experienced pressure of one kind or another in life. It may raise its head swiftly and unexpectedly. Or we may see and feel it coming slowly but surely, like a slight crack in the wall of a building going up or down. You might arrive late for some event and miss something special. This is a minor pressure, and it usually does not last long; its an everyday occurrence that does not really matter very much. There are many such pressures. On the other hand, the pressure of realising that the dream you had has failed to come true may overcome you. You may feel depressed because of the loss of your spouse, the chaos in the workplace, the loss of friends, or the insincerity of those you considered friends, a lack of understanding on the part of your family, heartache that never seems to end, or feeling that God does not hear your prayer. There are more types of pressure than there is grass growing on the plains of the Highveld. Do not give up when you still have something to give. I know that through Christ I am strong enough to make all my dreams come true. I know love, therefore I give love. I recognise that my love has great value and must be reciprocated. If my unconditional love is taken for granted, it doesn't
disappear. I am quite capable of articulating my needs. I know that with God the world is my playground, but without God I will just be played with. I understand that my life experiences are merely lessons meant to bring me closer to self-knowledge and unconditional self-love. I know that I will at times have to inspire others to reach the potential God gave them. I know my past, understand my present and face my future. I am not afraid of tomorrow for I have seen yesterday and I love today. Jim Rohn says that happiness is not something you postpone for the future; it is something you design for the present.

Until You—Penelope Douglas 2016 Jared has spent the past few years traveling between fury and indifference with no stops in between. He doesn't care about anything or anyone—except Tatum. They used to be friends, but he found out that he couldn't trust her—or anyone else. So he pushed her away. But he still needs her, and pools all of his anger into her. Engaging her, challenging her, bullying her... they are Jared’s food, his air, the last part of himself that feels anything human. Then Tatum left, and went to France for a year. She came back a different girl. Now, when Jared push, she pushes back...

The New Cosmos—

Rainbow Drive—Roderick Thorp 2014-12-02 Decades after his father’s murder, a Los Angeles cop gets a chance to set things right Michael Gallagher is twelve years old when his father is hit by a speeding truck. While crusading for public housing, his father ran afoul of the city’s most corrupt politicians, and Michael is certain they were responsible for the crash. As his father is lowered into the ground, Michael vows vengeance—no matter how long it takes. Decades later, Michael, now a police officer, is awakened one night by gunfire. Outside his window, he sees helicopters and squad cars arriving at the scene of the crime. It’s a massive operation, but the next day, there is nothing about it in the logbooks. To learn what really happened that night, Michael descends into the black heart of Los Angeles, where he will learn the truth about his father—if he’s lucky enough to stay alive.

Garbage Land—Elizabeth Royte 2007-10-15 A “fascinating [and] downright entertaining” look at what we throw away—and where it all goes (Booklist, starred review). Out of sight, out of mind? Into our trash cans go dead batteries, dirty diapers, bygone burritos, broken toys, tattered socks, eight-track cassettes, scratched CDs, banana peels.... But where do these things go next? In a country that consumes and then casts off more and more, what actually happens to the things we throw away? In Garbage Land, science writer Elizabeth Royte leads us on a wild adventure to answer that question. Along the way, we meet an odor chemist who explains why trash smells so bad; garbage fairies and recycling gurus; neighbors of massive waste dumps; CEOs making fortunes by encouraging waste or encouraging recycling—often both at the same time; scientists trying to revive our most polluted places; fertilizer fanatics and adventurers who kayak amid sewage; paper people, steel people, aluminum people, plastic people, and even a guy who swears by recycling human waste. With a wink and a nod and a tightly clasped nose, Royte takes us on a bizarre cultural tour through slime, stench, and heat—in other words, through the back end of our ever-more supersized lifestyles. By showing us what happens to the things we’ve “disposed of,” Royte reminds us that our decisions about consumption and waste have a very real impact—and that unless we undertake radical change, the garbage we create will always be with us: in the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the food we consume. Garbage Land is a brilliant exploration into the soiled heart of the American trash can. “The author’s adventures in waste management provide a riveting travelog punctuated by a scathing indictment of American consumption.” —Wired “A thorough, perceptive, graceful, and often witty writer.” —Washington Monthly