

The Race For Perfect: Inside The Quest To Design The Ultimate Portable Computer

Highly acclaimed author Neal Bascomb brings his peerless research and fast-paced narrative style to a young adult adaptation of one of his most successful adult books of all time, The Perfect Mile, an inspiring and moving story of three men racing to achieve the impossible -- the perfect four-minute mile. There was a time when running the mile in four minutes was believed to be beyond the limits of human foot speed. In 1952, after suffering defeat at the Helsinki Olympics, three world-class runners each set out to break this barrier: Roger Bannister was a young English medical student who epitomized the ideal of the amateur; John Landy the privileged son of a genteel Australian family; and Wes Santee the swaggering American, a Kansas farm boy and natural athlete. Spanning three continents and defying the odds, these athletes' collective quest captivated the world.

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Neal Bascomb's bestselling adult account adapted for young readers delivers a breathtaking story of unlikely heroes and leaves us with a lasting portrait of the twilight years of the golden age of sport.

"A real jewel of science history...brims with suspense and now-forgotten catastrophe and intrigue...Wadman's smooth prose calmly spins a surpassingly complicated story into a real tour de force."—The New York Times "Riveting . . . [The Vaccine Race] invites comparison with Rebecca Skloot's 2007 The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks."—Nature The epic and controversial story of a major breakthrough in cell biology that led to the conquest of rubella and other devastating diseases. Until the late 1960s, tens of thousands of American children suffered crippling birth defects if their mothers had been exposed to rubella, popularly known as German measles, while pregnant; there was no vaccine and little understanding of how the disease devastated fetuses. In June 1962, a young biologist in Philadelphia, using tissue extracted

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from an aborted fetus from Sweden, produced safe, clean cells that allowed the creation of vaccines against rubella and other common childhood diseases. Two years later, in the midst of a devastating German measles epidemic, his colleague developed the vaccine that would one day wipe out homegrown rubella. The rubella vaccine and others made with those fetal cells have protected more than 150 million people in the United States, the vast majority of them preschoolers. The new cells and the method of making them also led to vaccines that have protected billions of people around the world from polio, rabies, chicken pox, measles, hepatitis A, shingles and adenovirus. Meredith Wadman's masterful account recovers not only the science of this urgent race, but also the political roadblocks that nearly stopped the scientists. She describes the terrible dilemmas of pregnant women exposed to German measles and recounts testing on infants, prisoners, orphans, and the intellectually disabled, which was common in the era. These events take place at the dawn of the battle

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*over using human fetal tissue in research, during the arrival of big commerce in campus labs, and as huge changes take place in the laws and practices governing who "owns" research cells and the profits made from biological inventions. It is also the story of yet one more unrecognized woman whose cells have been used to save countless lives. With another frightening virus--measles--on the rise today, no medical story could have more human drama, impact, or urgency than *The Vaccine Race*.*

"Taking off on a horse into the Mongolian Steppe sounds like the bracing inverse to an overpopulated, busy urban life, but having the skills and grit to pull it off is another thing entirely. . . . Lara Prior-Palmer attempted the Mongol Derby not really knowing what she was getting into; she ended it knowing much more about herself, and a race champion besides."
—Estelle Tang, Elle At the age of nineteen, Lara Prior-Palmer discovered a website devoted to "the world's longest, toughest horse race"—an annual competition of endurance and skill that

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involves dozens of riders racing a series of twenty-five wild ponies across 1,000 kilometers of Mongolian grassland. On a whim, she decided to enter the race. As she boarded a plane to East Asia, she was utterly unprepared for what awaited her. Riders often spend years preparing to compete in the Mongol Derby, a course that re-creates the horse messenger system developed by Genghis Khan. Many fail to finish. Prior-Palmer had no formal training. She was driven by her own restlessness, stubbornness, and a lifelong love of horses. She raced for ten days through extreme heat and terrifying storms, catching a few hours of sleep where she could at the homes of nomadic families. Battling bouts of illness and dehydration, exhaustion and bruising falls, she decided she had nothing to lose. Each dawn she rode out again on a fresh horse, scrambling up mountains, swimming through rivers, crossing woodlands and wetlands, arid dunes and open steppe, as American television crews chased her in their jeeps. Told with terrific suspense and style, in a voice full of poetry and

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soul, Rough Magic captures the extraordinary story of one young woman who forged ahead, against all odds, to become the first female winner of this breathtaking race. "Think the next Educated or Wild. Palmer's memoir of beating the odds to become a horse champion is an inspiring saga of perseverance—and a classic underdog tale." —Entertainment Weekly

National Bestseller David J. Langum, Sr. Prize for American Historical Fiction, Honorary Mention for 2015 The New York Times bestselling author of The Wednesday Sisters returns with a moving and powerfully dynamic World War II novel about two American journalists and an Englishman, who together race the Allies to Occupied Paris for the scoop of their lives. Normandy, 1944. To cover the fighting in France, Jane, a reporter for the Nashville Banner, and Liv, an Associated Press photographer, have endured enormous danger and frustrating obstacles—including strict military regulations limiting what women correspondents can. Even so, Liv wants more. Encouraged by her husband, the

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*editor of a New York newspaper, she's determined to be the first photographer to reach Paris with the Allies, and capture its freedom from the Nazis. However, her Commanding Officer has other ideas about the role of women in the press corps. To fulfill her ambitions, Liv must go AWOL. She persuades Jane to join her, and the two women find a guardian angel in Fletcher, a British military photographer who reluctantly agrees to escort them. As they race for Paris across the perilous French countryside, Liv, Jane, and Fletcher forge an indelible emotional bond that will transform them and reverberate long after the war is over. Based on daring, real-life female reporters on the front lines of history like Margaret Bourke-White, Lee Miller, and Martha Gellhorn—and with cameos by other famous faces of the time—*The Race for Paris* is an absorbing, atmospheric saga full of drama, adventure, and passion. Combining riveting storytelling with expert literary craftsmanship and thorough research, Meg Waite Clayton crafts a compelling, resonant read.*

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A World Champion Triathlete's Guide to Your Perfect Race

Riding the World's Loneliest Horse Race You Asked for Perfect

Modern Painters . . .

The Conservator

The Perfect Weapon

In December of 1938, a chemist in a German laboratory made a shocking discovery: When placed next to radioactive material, a Uranium atom split in two. That simple discovery launched a scientific race that spanned 3 continents. In Great Britain and the United States, Soviet spies worked their way into the scientific community; in Norway, a commando force slipped behind enemy lines to attack German heavy-water manufacturing; and deep in the desert, one brilliant group of scientists was hidden away at a remote site at Los Alamos. This is the story of the plotting, the risk-taking, the deceit, and genius that created the world's most formidable weapon. This is the story of the atomic bomb. Bomb is a 2012 National Book Awards finalist for Young People's Literature. Bomb is a 2012 Washington Post Best Kids Books of the Year title. Bomb is a 2013 Newbery Honor book.

Recounts the author's experiences with the reclusive Tarahumara Indians, whose techniques allow them to run long distances with ease, and describes his training for a fifty-mile race with the tribe and a number of ultramarathoners.

For the first time ever, the world's most respected names in the medical and scientific communities

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speak through trance-medium Elwood Babbitt addressing health and lifestyle issues critical to today's society. Dr. Wilhelm Reich, Einstein, Dr. Royal Rife, and Dr. Seymore Weiss, who previously worked through Edgar Cayce and other entities, offer their expert opinion on topics including AIDS, abortion, dieting, homosexuality, nutrition, religion and the purpose of life.

Council of Creators and Zoosh through Robert Shapiro: The 13 core members of the Council of Creators discuss their adventure in coming to awareness of themselves and their journeys on the way to the Council on this level. They discuss the advice and oversight they offer to all creators, including the creators of this local universe. These beings are wise, witty and joyous, and their stories of Love's Creation creates an expansion of our concepts as we realize that we live in an expended, multiple-level reality.

Crabism

A Story of Finding Your Color

A More Perfect Union

Olympica

Off to the Races

A More Perfect Reunion

We've all heard those radio commercials promising to "repair" your credit: you pay a relatively small fee, they fix your credit, and the next thing you know, your credit is golden and you're closing on that dream house! Sounds too good to be true, right? Unfortunately, it usually is. The truth is, a credit repair company can't magically or legally remove negative, accurate information from your credit

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report. They also can't do anything to repair your credit that you can't and shouldn't do yourself. "The Race for Good Credit" will teach you everything you need to know to establish, maintain, and rebuild your credit the right way. No illegal tricks. No shortcuts. Just proven strategies to increase your credit score. Along the way you will learn about credit-related subjects and topics, including that all-important FICO(R) credit score, how information is collected on your credit report, the impact of debt on your credit score, how to protect yourself from identity theft, and much, much more. Want to win the credit race? Like any athlete, winning takes time, some effort, and a little bit of patience. Let me be your coach and let's run this race together!

A song book that highlights that inside everyone there is a perfect and loving heart, and that if we uncover our perfection and recognise it in others we can change the world for the better. The song takes you through the personal journey of a little monster who discovers his self worth is not defined by his physical characteristics or by the definitions placed on him by others, but by how he allows his light and love to shine. Once he understands his own value he is able to see the perfection in others even when they are hurtful. He then goes on to show that if we all recognised the perfection in each other and acted from a place of love we can change the world to a better place. "Let us live the perfection that we are and uncover ourselves to shine like a star. Our potential never stops to spread love on this earth, it is why we are here, it is the

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reason for our birth."

An electrifying memoir of one woman's extraordinary effort to save her husband's life-and the discovery of a forgotten cure that has the potential to save millions more.

"A memoir that reads like a thriller." -New York Times

Book Review "A fascinating and terrifying peek into the devastating outcomes of antibiotic misuse-and what happens when standard health care falls short." -Scientific American
Epidemiologist Steffanie Strathdee and her husband, psychologist Tom Patterson, were vacationing in Egypt when Tom came down with a stomach bug. What at first seemed like a case of food poisoning quickly turned critical, and by the time Tom had been transferred via emergency medevac to the world-class medical center at UC San Diego, where both he and Steffanie worked, blood work revealed why modern medicine was failing: Tom was fighting one of the most dangerous, antibiotic-resistant bacteria in the world. Frantic, Steffanie combed through research old and new and came across phage therapy: the idea that the right virus, aka "the perfect predator," can kill even the most lethal bacteria. Phage treatment had fallen out of favor almost 100 years ago, after antibiotic use went mainstream. Now, with time running out, Steffanie appealed to phage researchers all over the world for help. She found allies at the FDA, researchers from Texas A&M, and a clandestine Navy biomedical center -- and together they resurrected a forgotten cure. A nail-biting medical mystery, *The Perfect Predator* is a story of love and survival against all odds,

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and the (re)discovery of a powerful new weapon in the global superbug crisis.

Grace is Born, a beautifully illustrated poetic parable, is the perfect gift for "sages of all ages, wearing the face of every race, talking the tongue of every one." This spiritual guide to harmonious living awakens our gifts of divinity, inspiring us to InSparkle our world with Loving Acts of Compassion. Grace guides us to take each other's hands, promising that together we will "far surpass the stance of survival and become enraptured in the dance of revival." Grace is Born accompanies readers throughout their childhood into adulthood.

Drive the Race Car

The Improvement Era

The Insider's Guide to Finding the Perfect Undergraduate Research Experience

A Novel

I Am Perfect

Race and Religion

"Love your neighbor like yourself" is a divine recommendation which too often takes just the opposite way in the midst of the human community.

Unfortunately, this fact is observed across every race and religion in this earth. At different levels of course, we tend to behave like crabs toward our fellow men. It means that we are hypocrites, wicked, envious, insincere, jealous, hateful; all this, just for shellfish reasons. Let us love one another like he has loved us.

This is the key to peaceful and loving cohabitation. This

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is the antidote against this social and spiritual cancer. Whether you're premed, pregrad, preprofessional, undecided, or headed for the job market after graduation, undergrad research can help you define your career path and prepare for it. But research opportunities are highly competitive so where do you start and how do you find the perfect position? Getting In brings together the essential information you need with a no-nonsense approach that will save you time and frustration. Co-written by academic insiders, Getting In is like having two mentors coach you through your search and keep you organized as you decide on which research positions to pursue, contact potential mentors, nail interviews, and ultimately choose a research experience. Getting In gives you the guidance you need including: * Creative search strategies * Mistakes to avoid during the search, application, and interview * How to approach a professor after lecture or during office hours * Email templates that get you noticed * Time-management strategies to maintain your academic/life balance * Tips to determine if you should accept or decline a research position * How to use your research experience to build habits for success in the lab, in college, and in life Additional tips, tricks, and strategies for getting the most out your STEM undergrad research experience can be found at UndergradInTheLab.com at facebook.com/undergradinthelab and on Twitter at [@youinthelab](https://twitter.com/youinthelab). D.G. Oppenheimer, Ph.D., is an associate professor of molecular and cellular biology at the University of Florida. P.H. Grey, B.A., is a molecular

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biology research scientist who started her research career as an undergraduate laboratory assistant. Together, they have over 46 years experience training, mentoring, and writing recommendation letters for undergrad researchers. They understand the challenges that students face when searching for a research experience and how to successfully navigate around them.

A day in the life of a race car driver is full of excitement! See what it takes for a race car driver to get ready for their big event. Little racers will zoom the track with all kinds of race cars: Formula One, stock-car, monster trucks, and many more! Your toddler will even discover how pit crews get their cars back in the race in less than two seconds! This book is the perfect gift for future race car drivers everywhere, for birthdays, baby showers, housewarming and going away parties. With the Good Night Our World series, toddlers and preschool-age kids can build listening and memory skills by identifying famous landmarks and the distinct character of real places. Perfect for bedtime or naptime, reading simple, soothing phrases to your infant, toddler or preschooler will help them fall gently to sleep. Our readers love that their child will pick a favorite portion of the story to read along with you, and on top of that, these classic board books were built to last! Made from thick paperboard construction, it was designed with your kids in mind. Introduce stories of exploration to your little one using colorful illustrations and distinct vocabulary with Good Night Books, and be sure to look through our entire line of kids picture books about other vehicles

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like trains, fire engines, dump trucks, and many more! Surprise your future racer today with Good Night Race Cars!

Seven unusual, distinctive, sometimes passionate stories appearing unrelated will give you a new perspective of the modern Olympics. From the views of the athletes, the spectators, the reporters, the coaches, or the administrators discover what the Olympics could be in the future. Dare to jump into a new life with novel perspectives and hopes, or lack thereof. Will our lives be so different? Will our goals and ambitions be altered? What will we live for? What will be driving us? Is the Olympics then of any value, protecting us from complacency, boredom? Or does it prevent us from moving to a higher consciousness level and to progress further? These are all questions that we dare not ask ourselves today. But the time might come. Through these short fictional stories, you will be challenging your mind for an answer. Is there a purpose for the Olympics today and in the future? Maybe! But is there also an answer to the purpose of life in the near future when (we hope) current conflicts, social differences will somewhat disappear, and when new technologies will truly help us live better lives.

A Commentary on the Nibelung's Ring

Good Night Race Cars

Run Your Race

The Greatest Wins!

Getting in

Half-Shell Prophecies

Chrissie Wellington, the world's number one female Ironman

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athlete and four-time World Ironman Champion, presents her struggles, wisdom, and experiences gained from her hard-won career as a triathlete. With close to 2 million core participants, triathlons of various distances and challenges are attracting more participants than ever before. In TO THE FINISH LINE, one of the sports' greatest legends brings triathlon to life, with guidance for newbies or experienced athletes, to achieve their best triathlons-no matter their ability. Filled with training tips, practical advice and inside information from a champion, triathletes of all levels can benefit from Wellington's experience and insight. Her book will guide readers on their own journey, whether that be a sprint or an Ironman, and encourage them to rise to every new challenge.

What thoughts crossed your mother's mind the first time she saw you? What dreams did your father hold in his heart? Told from the perspective of a baby in utero whose parents are seeing the ultrasound picture for the first time. A colorful and inspiring way to instill the message that we are each wonderfully treasured and made. Fun Fact: In early spring 2013, while putting socks on her newest daughter's feet, the author Ruth spoke out loud, "Look at those toes, where will they go?" In a moment of sheer inspiration, she grabbed her eldest daughter's Tinkerbell notebook, and between folding laundry and scrambling eggs, wrote the manuscript for this book.

The famous playwright's enlightening and provocative criticism surveys the four Wagner operas known as The Ring. Shaw explores the works' philosophic and social ideology as well as Wagner's life, music drama versus grand opera, the role of the Leitmotif in unifying the cycle, Siegfried's character, and many other fascinating subjects. Caleb faces two key questions in his 23rd year: can he be happy with a retail career that falls short of his artistic

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dreams, and which girl should be the focus of his neurotically awkward dating life? Fellow mall worker Leah should be a blonde ray of sunshine, but she is overshadowed when teenage crush Sophie unexpectedly returns to Caleb's life. The Perfect Hours explores the ever-present battle between the urge to dream and the safety of settling. It's about how the moments when everything is right make all the struggle and uncertainty worthwhile. The Race to Build--and Steal--the World's Most Dangerous Weapon

A New Vision for Building the Beloved Community

To the Finish Line

The Journal of Jurisprudence

Honeysmoke

Council of Creators

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America is at a pivotal crossroads. The soul of our nation is at stake and in peril. A new public narrative is needed to unite Americans around common values and to counter the increasing discord and acrimony in our politics and culture. The process of healing and creating a more perfect union in our nation must start now. The moral vision of Martin Luther King Jr.'s Beloved Community, which animated and galvanized the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s, provides a hopeful

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way forward. In *A More Perfect Union*, Adam Russell Taylor, president of *Sojourners*, reimagines a contemporary version of the *Beloved Community* that will inspire and unite Americans across generations, geographic and class divides, racial and gender differences, faith traditions, and ideological leanings. In the *Beloved Community*, neither privilege nor punishment is tied to race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or economic status, and everyone is able to realize their full potential and thrive. Building the *Beloved Community* requires living out a series of commitments, such as true equality, radical welcome, transformational interdependence, *E Pluribus Unum* ("out of many, one"), environmental stewardship, nonviolence, and economic equity. By building the *Beloved Community* we unify the country around a shared moral vision that transcends ideology and partisanship, tapping into our most sacred civic and religious values, enabling our nation to live up to its best ideals and realize a more perfect union. Follows the journey of three young

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men--John Landy, Wes Santee, and Roger Bannister--who suffered defeat at the Helsinki Olympics in 1952 but nevertheless vowed to break the four-minute mile, training tirelessly to accomplish their goal.

*"Wise romantic and painfully relatable."--BECKY ALBERTALLI, award-winning author of *Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda* For fans of Adam Silvera and Nina LaCour comes a timely novel about a teen's struggle when academic success and happiness pull him in opposite directions. Senior Ariel Stone has spent his life cultivating the perfect college résumé: first chair violinist, dedicated volunteer, active synagogue congregant, and expected valedictorian. He barely has time to think about a social life, let alone a relationship...until a failed calculus quiz puts his future on the line, forcing Ariel to enlist his classmate, Amir, as a tutor. As the two spend more time together, Ariel discovers he may not like calculus, but he does like Amir. When he's with Amir, the crushing academic pressure fades away, and a fuller and brighter world comes into*

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focus. But college deadlines are still looming. And adding a new relationship to his long list of commitments may just push Ariel past his limit. Full of empathy, honesty, and heart, You Asked for Perfect is a story for anyone who has ever questioned the price of perfection. Praise for You Asked for Perfect: "Silverman's novel hit me straight in the heart... It was powerful enough to make me want to be a better-yet still imperfect-person."

—Bill Konigsberg, author of The Music of What Happens "A coming-of-age novel that will charm readers with its relatable and diverse characters, quirky storyline, and interweaving of faith, queerness, and the everyday lives of seniors navigating the pressures of college applications, grades, and relationships. Heartwarming and engaging."—Kirkus

The Race for Paris

Science, Politics, and the Human Costs of Defeating Disease

A Scientist's Race to Save Her Husband from a Deadly Superbug: A Memoir

Rough Magic

The Race for Good Credit

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Includes court reports.

He can't decide if he hates me or wants me. Vaughn Harding is my new boss. Getting close to him would be career suicide for a female racehorse trainer, and plain old gossip fuel in this small town. I get a kick out of our verbal sparring, but I swore off his type years ago. And I've got plans. I'm the new trainer at Gold Rush Ranch and I've just been handed a problem horse that I promised to make a winner. I want to put down roots, and I'm not about to let a man distract me. No matter how electric it feels when we lock eyes, or how my body ignites when we touch. Vaughn's a vivid reminder of every guy I grew up around. Handsome, rich, entitled--a total media darling. But there's a sadness in him that I can't seem to turn my back on. A sensitive side hidden beneath brooding good looks. The last thing I need is a broken man to put back together, and the last thing he needs is more scandal. Teasing him for kicks is one thing, but handing over my heart? I should have known better.

In a series that imagines the impossible, each book plays out a flawless season for

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a particular team, identifying the most memorable real-life victory on every single day of the baseball calendar and including archival photos, original quotes and thorough research.

John Ruskin was the most influential art critic during the Victorian period. His five volume book Modern Painters was written in opposition against art critics who were opposed to the paintings of J.M.W. Turner. Ruskin was a collector of Turner's works and the two were friends. In his writings, Ruskin was a harsh critic towards classical art, and believe that the landscape paintings of Turner and others demonstrated a superior understanding of "truth."

War, Sabotage, and Fear in the Cyber Age

Grace is Born

Miraculous Me

The Perfect Mile

The Perfect Predator

The Race of the Century: The Battle to Break the Four-Minute Mile

FRIGHTENED MONSTERS. STOLEN TIME. AND ONE SERIOUSLY UNDERESTIMATED DAMSEL. Katie ran from the magical world years ago. She never planned on being dragged back in by a prophesying clamshell. The seers believe she alone can prevent an apocalypse of ruined time and broken worlds. Bran the Crow King believes she can save him from his cannibalistic grandfather. Katie believes they're all

nuts. One thing is for certain: she's not waiting around for help. Operation Katie Saves her Own Damn Self is officially on.

This provocative case for integration shows how it is the single most radical, discomfiting idea in America, and why solving this fundamental problem is the only way forward. For four centuries, Americans have found ways to live in a system of racial tyranny and apartheid. We tell ourselves that we know better, but with each generation, too many of us have been satisfied with doing just a little, deciding that the rest is a question for the future. But as acclaimed writer Calvin Baker argues in this bracing, necessary book, we are now in that future: racism has torn the country apart and threatens our democracy. The only solution, Baker argues, is integration, which he defines as the full self-determination and participation for all African-Americans, as well as all other oppressed groups, in every facet of national life. Desegregation, diversity, and representation, our usual fall-back solutions, are not enough. Integration is the only remedy to a racist state and to our divisions, and the deepest challenge to the racial order. It is the real goal of civil rights, and the most radical, neglected idea in American politics. At once a provocative reading of U.S. history from the colonial era, and a trenchant critique of the obstacles to integration in our current political and cultural moment, *A More Perfect Reunion* is also a call to action. As Baker reminds us, we live in a revolutionary democracy; now we must finish that revolution.

An inspirational book to challenge a person to get all there is to out of life.

In this New York Times bestseller, Ijeoma Oluo offers a hard-hitting but user-friendly examination of race in America. Widespread reporting on aspects of white supremacy -- from police brutality to the mass incarceration of Black Americans -- has put a media spotlight on racism in our society. Still, it is a difficult subject to talk about. How do you tell your roommate her jokes are racist? Why did your sister-in-law take umbrage when you asked to touch her hair -- and how do you make it right? How do you explain white privilege to your white, privileged friend? In *So You Want to Talk About Race*, Ijeoma Oluo guides readers of all races through subjects ranging from intersectionality and affirmative action to "model minorities" in an attempt to make the seemingly impossible possible: honest conversations about race and racism, and how they infect almost every aspect of American life. "Oluo gives us -- both white people and people of color -- that language to engage in clear, constructive, and confident dialogue with each other about how to deal with racial prejudices and biases." -- National Book Review "Generous and empathetic, yet usefully blunt . . . it's for anyone who wants to be smarter and more empathetic about matters of race and engage in more productive anti-racist action." -- Salon (Required Reading)

The Vaccine Race

I Am Not My Hair

Bomb

The Perfect Hours

How to Establish, Maintain, and Win with Good Credit

So You Want to Talk About Race

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Personal computing has reshaped economies and industries, and is transforming how we express ourselves and relate to one another. The most personal of personal computers are the portables. We carry these gadgets with us wherever we go, whether they're laptops, smartphones, or the coolest new Web-surfing devices. The Race for Perfect tells the story of two generations of entrepreneurs, designers, and engineers as they have struggled to make ever-better portables. Steve Hamm takes the reader into a world where inspiration, design, engineering, and marketing come together to produce wave upon wave of the innovative products that we love to talk about and use. From the earliest days of portable computing, 40 years ago, entrepreneurs and designers have pushed forward relentlessly in a quest to create the perfect device. Their efforts have produced a few fabulous successes and many failures. But they never give up. They're driven by the basic rule of the tech industry: innovate or die. In addition to a fascinating read, The Race for Perfect offers valuable lessons for business people in any industry, revealing how they must INNOVATE constantly to differentiate their products CREATE design principles that are timeless INTEGRATE design and engineering so products are both useful and fun to use IMPROVE quality and convenience without compromise TAP social networks to turn customers into fans At the center of this tale is the story of a single product, Lenovo's ThinkPad X300 laptop. Lenovo, the first Chinese company to seek to establish a global consumer brand, bought IBM's PC division in 2005 primarily to get the company's storied ThinkPad laptops. The X300 was conceived as a "halo" product that would draw customers to Lenovo's entire line. Woven through The Race for Perfect is a case study of how this ambitious company, with teams in Japan, the

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United States, and China, marshaled its resources to pursue laptop perfection. As X300 came close to the finish line, it collided head-on with Apple's super-slim MacBook Air—with surprising results.

Hairnangans. Friendship. Big Dreams. The previously scheduled life Maya Hatton planned has been interrupted for an emergency broadcast announcement. A news station manager threatens to destroy over twenty years of brand and image building with a new contract from hell. Her husband Roddreccus moved into the rental property and refuses to move home without explanation. Instead of finding confidence, fun, and freedom as she enters her mid-fifties she's faced with crises. Fans believed she had it all together but her dream team lost a member, a villain hijacked her fairy tale marriage and now she needs to remember how to be the Maya everyone thinks she is or lose the best thing she ever had. Natural Sistahs series is written by an African American author whose chosen her natural hair since 1998. While one of many indie published black authors she considers her books appropriate for the women's fiction category though most would be shelved in the black fiction, black books, African American women's fiction, or black women's fiction section in most physical bookstores. A young biracial girl looks around her world for her color. She finally chooses her own, and creates a new word for herself—honeysmoke. Simone wants a color. She asks Mama, "Am I black or white?" "Boo," Mama says, just like mamas do, "a color is just a word." She asks Daddy, "Am I black or white?" "Well," Daddy says, just like daddies do, "you're a little bit of both." For multiracial children, and all children everywhere, this picture book offers a universal message that empowers young people to create their own self-identity.

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Simone knows her color—she is honeysmoke. An Imprint Book "Honeysmoke is so beautiful and true that it made me burst into tears of gratitude for what [Monique Fields] has given to us all. Honeysmoke should be in every library and gathering place of young children." —Sena Jeter Naslund, author of *Ahab's Wife*, *Four Spirits*, and *Abundance*

In this board book, with rhyming text, shaped like a steering wheel and complete with dashboard and buttons, toddlers drive a race car all the way to the checkered flag.

Perfect Health - Accept No Substitutes

Don't go there. It's not safe. You'll die. And other more >> rational advice for overlanding Mexico & Central America
Race, Integration, and the Future of America

The Perfect Wagnerite

Born to Run

A Hidden Tribe, Superathletes, and the Greatest Race the World Has Never Seen

A provocative case for integration as the single most radical, discomfiting idea in America, yet the only enduring solution to the racism that threatens our democracy. Americans have prided ourselves on how far we've come from slavery, lynching, and legal segregation—measuring ourselves by incremental progress instead of by how far we have to go. But fifty years after the last meaningful effort toward civil rights, the US remains overwhelmingly segregated and unjust. Our current solutions -- diversity, representation, and desegregation -- are not enough. As acclaimed writer Calvin Baker argues in this bracing, necessary book, we first need to envision a society no longer defined by the structures of race in order to create one. The only meaningful remedy is integration: the full self-determination and participation of all African-Americans, and all other oppressed groups, in every

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facet of national life. This is the deepest threat to the racial order and the real goal of civil rights. At once a profound, masterful reading of US history from the colonial era forward and a trenchant critique of the obstacles in our current political and cultural moment, *A More Perfect Reunion* is also a call to action. As Baker reminds us, we live in a revolutionary democracy. We are one of the best-positioned generations in history to finish that revolution.

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