

The Tarantula In My Purse: And 172 Other Wild Pets

Popsicles, potato chips, Silly Putty, Velcro, and many other familiar things have fascinating stories behind them. In fact, dozens of products and everyday items had surprisingly haphazard beginnings. Mistakes That Worked offers forty of these unusual tales, along with hilarious cartoons and weird and amazing facts. Readers will be surprised and inspired!

The celebrated character actor presents a spiritually inquisitive collection of personal reflections that explores life's great mysteries and the art of stagecraft during encounters with famous film directors, ghosts, pygmy hippos and more. 50,000 first printing.

Short fiction of biblical proportions—and bent—from the science fiction satirist and author of *The Godhead Trilogy*. James Morrow. " the most provocative satiric voice in science fiction." " unabashedly delves into matters both sacred and secular in this collection of short stories buoyed by his deliciously irreverent wit (The Washington Post). Among the dozen selections is the Nebula Award – winning story, " The Deluge," in which a woman of ill repute is rescued by the crew of the ark, who must deal with the consequences of their misguided act of mercy. Also included is a follow-up to the Tower of Babel fable, an unprecedented nativity, and an attempt to stand so-called creation science on its head. Nothing is spared in a collection that " deliciously skewer[s] not only Judeo-Christian mythology but other sacred cows of modern society, from capitalism to New Age spiritualism " (Booklist). " Morrow " s is a blend of parody and commentary which challenges readers to reflect upon the human spiritual condition. " —Midwest Book Review

An I Can Read story from New York Times bestselling duo Jane O ' Connor and Robin Reiss Glasser: Yummy, cupcakes are scrumptious (that ' s fancy for tasty!). Nancy is thrilled to be making cupcakes for the bake sale! But will she remember to follow all of Mom's directions? Fancy Nancy and the Delectable Cupcakes, a Level One I Can Read adventure, is carefully crafted using short sentences, familiar words, and simple concepts for children eager to read on their own. Contains a glossary of Fancy Nancy ' s fancy words.

A Jena Halpern Thriller

A Star Is Bored

The Poisonwood Bible

The Cry of the Crow

Crowbar, the Smartest Bird in the World

While caring for a baby crow, Mandy begins to look at her family and herself in a different light.

Mommy, Daddy, Cassie, and Baby Louie welcome Marley, their new Labrador pup, into their family. But Marley doesn't stay a tiny puppy for long. He grows and grows, and the bigger Marley gets, the bigger trouble he gets into. Big, bad-boy trouble. Whether it's chewing Mommy's reading glasses or swallowing Daddy's paycheck, Marley is a dog like no other. He tries to be a good dog, honest he does, but everything he tries ends up bad. Then one day Marley goes too far. Will this family have to find a new home for their big, crazy, pure-hearted dog? Inspired by John Grogan's bestselling memoir, Marley & Me, this heartwarming story shows that loving someone, flaws and all, can reap huge rewards.

A Texas map marked with three red dots like drops of blood. A serial killer who claims to have dementia. A mysterious young woman who wants answers. What could go wrong? FINALIST FOR THE ITW THRILLER AWARD • Fast and furious . . . You'll never see what's coming.—The Washington Post Years ago, her sister Rachel vanished. Now she is almost certain the man who took Rachel sits in the passenger seat beside her. He claims to have dementia and no memory of murdering girls across Texas in a string of places where he shot eerie pictures. To find the truth, she proposes a dangerous idea: a ten-day road trip with a possible serial killer to examine cold cases linked to his haunting photographs. Is he a liar or a broken old man? Is he a pathological con artist—or is she? You won't see the final, terrifying twist spinning your way until the very last mile. Praise for Paper Ghosts "Paper Ghosts is a riveting summer read that shows Texas in a powerfully intimate light." —The Austin Chronicle "[An] artful and elegiac psychological thriller. . . riveting.—Publishers Weekly (starred review) "[Paper Ghosts] elevates the often tawdry genre of the serial killer novel to a work of art.—Sunday Express (UK) "Texas has yet again bred a major American noir writer.—D Magazine "Heaberlin has] developed a distinctive literary voice, one that is on full display in Paper Ghosts."—Houston Chronicle "Entertainingly unnerving."—The Dallas Morning News "Strong characterisation, haunting images, a wonderful sense of place, and some dark comedy make this travelogue-cum-psychological thriller well worth the read."—The Guardian

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Look to the North

Amazing Stories of Adopted Strays

Fancy Nancy and the Delectable Cupcakes

One of the only books to treat the whole spider, from its behavior and physiology to its neurobiology and reproductive characteristics, Biology of Spiders is considered a classic in spider literature. First published in German in 1979, the book is now in its third edition, and has established itself as the supreme authority on these fascinating creatures. Containing five years of the latest research while dispelling many oft-heard myths and misconceptions that surround spiders, Of special interest are chapters on the structure and function of spider webs and silk, as well as those on spider venom. A new subchapter on tarantulas will appeal especially to tarantula keepers and breeders. The highly accessible text is supplemented by excellent originals, and detailed diagrams. It will be of interest to arachnologists, entomologists, and zoologists, as well as to academics, students of biology, and the general reader curious about spiders.

From the most celebrated children's nature writer of our time comes a posthumous new novel in the tradition of her Newbery award-winning Julie of the Wolves In 1848, a young boy witnesses a rare sight—the birth of a bowhead, or ice whale, he calls Siku. Years later, he unwittingly brings about the death of an entire pod of whales, and only Siku survives. For through the generations, this nurse is handed down: Siku returns year after year, in reality and dreams, to haunt the boy's descendants. Told in alternating voices, both human and whale, Jean Craighead George's last novel shows the interconnectedness of humankind and the animals they depend on. It's a bold, wistful, and heartfelt coda to a distinguished career.

"A Star is Bored is an absolute knockout. Riotously funny and wickedly tender." — Taylor Jenkins Reid, New York Times bestselling author of Daisy Jones and the Six "Wildly funny and irreverent... Lane's writing lifts the novel far above its gossamer Hollywood setting, suffusing [the novel] with a complex sensitivity." - The New York Times Book Review A hilariously heartwarming story about a girl who finds a bat in her refrigerator. After spending four years with relatives in the South, a fifteen-year-old girl accepts the idea that slaves are property and is horrified to learn when she returns to the North that her home is a station on the underground railroad.

Julie of the Wolves

Freedom's Wings

The Last of the Really Great Whangdoodles

The Jack-O-Lantern People

Tarantula in My Purse

A child rescues a young crow that has fallen out of his nest during a storm, then tries to prove to Sis that Crowbar is a very smart bird.

Humorous, heart-warming, and just plain entertaining, these stories by Newbery Medalist Jean Craighead George recall what life was like as she raised three children and 173 wild pets. On any given day there might be a bat in the refrigerator, an owl in the shower, or a crow at the kitchen table. Jean Craighead George's respect for nature and its many creatures is evident in all of her writing. Here, she offers a personal, firsthand account of the many animals that made their way into her life and her books. 1996 'Pick of the Lists' (ABA) 1996 Children's Books (NY Public Library)

The Tarantula in My Purseand 172 Other Wild PetsHarperCollins

"Should appeal to all rugged individualists who dream of escape to the forest."—The New York Times Book Review Sam Gribley is terribly unhappy living in New York City with his family, so he runs away to the Catskill Mountains to live in the woods—all by himself. With only a penknife, a ball of cord, forty dollars, and some flint and steel, he intends to survive on his own. Sam learns about courage, danger, and independence during his year in the wilderness, a year that changes his life forever. "An extraordinary book . . . It will be read year after year." —The Horn Book

There's an Owl in the Shower

Julie

True Stories of People Who Are Helping to Protect Our Planet

Clara Caterpillar

A Wolf Pup Diary

Pieces of the seasons appear and disappear in a patchwork pattern making up a year.

Alfred Kropp was just trying to survive high school when his guardian uncle gets him roped into a suspicious get-rich-quick scheme that changes his life forever: stealing Excalibur - the legendary sword of King Arthur. But after Alfred unwittingly delivers the sword into the hands of the enemy, he sets off on an unlikely quest to try to right his wrong and save the world from imminent destruction. This gripping, fast-paced, and often hilarious novel is both a thrilling adventure story and an engaging account of one boy's coming of age.

Iraq War veteran Neal Maven gets involved with dangerous big-time drug dealers in Boston when he accepts a job from fellow veteran Brad Royce.

'Breath-taking.' Sunday Times 'Exquisite.' The Times 'Beautiful.' Independent 'Powerful.' New York Times An international bestseller and a modern classic, this suspenseful epic of one family's tragic undoing and their remarkable reconstruction has been read, adored and shared by millions around the world. This story is told by the wife and four daughters of Nathan Price, a fierce, evangelical Baptist who takes his family and mission to the Belgian Congo in 1959. They carry with them everything they believe they will need from home, but soon find that all of it - from garden seeds to Scripture - is calamitously transformed on African soil. What readers are saying "This remains one of the most fascinating books I have ever read." 'I felt every emotion under the sky with this book.' 'Riveting.' 'This novel left a lasting - YEARS LASTING - impression." 'This is one of those booksthat stands the test of time and is worth rereading.' 'Five epic, no-wonder-this-book-is-so-well-loved stars!'

A Kinsey Millhone Mystery

A Novel

Heroes of the Environment

Animals who Have Won Our Hearts

Biology of Spiders

This inspiring book presents the true stories of 12 people from across North America who have done great things for the environment. Heroes include a teenage girl who figured out how to remove an industrial pollutant from the Ohio River, a Mexican superstar wrestler who works to protect turtles and whales, and a teenage boy from Rhode Island who helped his community and his state develop effective waste recycling programs. Plenty of photographs and illustrations bring each compelling story vividly to life.

A lyrical creation tale of the Florida Everglades with stunning landscapes by Wendell Minor.

Acclaimed author-illustrator Jean Craighead George shares her true adventures living with a variety of wild animals!Nidee(including a mischievous crow, a duck with an arrest record, and a Houdini-like boa constrictor.

['An] irresistible account of a child's imaginary 8,000-mile journey through the earth to discover what's inside. Facts about the composition of the earth are conveyed painlessly and memorably.' —SLJ. 'An exciting adventure. . . . Illustrations [by Caldecott Medal winner Marc Simonot] explode with color and action.' —CS. Best Books of 1979 (SLJ) Children's Choices for 1980 (IRA/CBC) A Reading Rainbow Selection

The Tarantula in My Purse - Literature Discovery Guide

My Side of the Mountain

Coffin In Fashion

How to Dig a Hole to the Other Side of the World

Mistakes That Worked

A nine-year-old slave keeps a diary of his journey to freedom along the Underground Railroad in 1857.

From the award-winning author Peg Kehret comes a collection of true stories about the amazing lives of eight shelter dogs. Many of these dogs were unwanted because of their size, behavior, or medical condition. All of the dogs found owners who loved and cared for them and ultimately helped change their lives in tremendous ways. The dogs have changed the owners' lives, too.

Julie has been reunited with her long-lost father, who, although retaining some of the old traditions, has also embraced many of the new 'western' approaches to life. Once again Julie - or Miyax, her Eskimo name - feels torn in two. She loves her father but the new way of farming he's adopted means killing wolves. Even Julie's beloved wolf 'family', if necessary. With the help of her soul-mate, Peter, Julie decides to take action and put her life on the line. She heads out onto the tundra in an attempt to protect her wolves once and for allways. . .

A collection of stories about animals who became beloved and famous, including Balto the sled dog, who found his way through a blinding snowstorm, and Koko the gorilla, who learned sign language

And 172 Other Wild Pets

Everglades

"A" is for Alibi

Paper Ghosts

A Year in Poems & Quilts

The thrilling Newbery Medal-winning classic about a girl lost on the Alaskan tundra and how she survives with the help of a wolf pack. Julie of the Wolves is a staple in the canon of children's literature and the first in the Julie trilogy. The survival theme makes it a good pick for readers of wilderness adventures such as My Side of the Mountain, Hatchet, or Island of the Blue Dolphins. To her small village, she is known as Miyax; to her friend in San Francisco, she is Julie. When her life in the village becomes dangerous, Miyax runs away, only to find herself lost in the Alaskan wilderness. Miyax tries to survive by copying the ways of a pack of wolves and soon grows to love her new wolf family. Life in the wilderness is a struggle, but when she finds her way back to civilization, Miyax is torn

between her old and new lives. Is she the Miyax of her human village—or Julie of the wolves? Don't miss any of the books in Jean Craighead George's groundbreaking series: Julie of the Wolves, Julie, and Julie's Wolf Pack.

Gary Paulsen has owned dozens of unforgettable and amazing dogs, and here are his favorites--one to a chapter. Among them are Snowball, the puppy he owned as a boy in the Philippines; Ike, his mysterious hunting companion; Electric Fred and his best friend, Pig; Dirk, the grim protector; and Josh, one of the remarkable border collies working on Paulsen's ranch today. My Life in Dog Years is a book for every dog lover and every Paulsen fan--a perfect combination that shows vividly the joy and wisdom that come from growing up with man's best friend.

READ THE SENSATIONAL BLOCKBUSTER THAT STARTED IT ALL! Take it from the top in #1 New York Times bestselling author Sue Grafton's knockout thriller that introduced detective Kinsey Millhone--and a hot new attitude--to crime fiction... A IS FOR AVENGER A tough-talking former cop, private investigator Kinsey Millhone has set up a modest detective agency in a quiet corner of Santa Teresa, California. A twice-divorced loner with few personal possessions and fewer personal attachments, she's got a soft spot for underdogs and lost causes. A IS FOR ACCUSED That's why she draws desperate clients like Nikki Fife. Eight years ago, she was convicted of killing her philandering husband. Now she's out on parole and needs Kinsey's help to find the real killer. But after all this time, clearing Nikki's bad name won't be easy. A IS FOR ALIBI If there's one thing that makes Kinsey Millhone feel alive, it's playing on the edge. When her investigation turns up a second corpse, more suspects, and a new reason to kill, Kinsey discovers that the edge is closer--and sharper--than she imagined. "A

Is for Alibi "B" Is for Burglar "C" Is for Corpse "D" Is for Deadbeat "E" Is for Evidence "F" Is for Fugitive "G" Is for Gumshoe "H" Is for Homicide "I" Is for Innocent "J" Is for Judgment "K" Is for Killer "L" is for Lawless "M" Is for Malice "N" Is for Noose "O" Is for Outlaw "P" Is for Peril "Q" Is for Quarry "R" Is for Ricochet "S" Is for Silence "U" Is for Trespass "V" Is for Undertow "W" Is for Vengeance "X" Is for Wasted "X"

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The Dangerous Animals Club

and 172 Other Wild Pets

Pieces

Ice Whale

Shelter Dogs

A collection of autobiographical stories about raising a houseful of children and wild pets including crows, skunks, and raccoons.

The Whangdoodle was once the wisest, the kindest, and the most extraordinary creature in the world. Then he disappeared and created a wonderful land for himself and all the other remarkable animals -- the ten-legged Sidewinders, the little furry Flukes, the friendly Whiffle Bird, and the tracherous, "oily" Frock. It was an almost perfect place where the last of the really great Whangdoodles could rule his kingdom with "peace, love and a sense of fun"-- apart from and forgotten by people. But not completely forgotten. Professor Savant believed in the Whangdoodle. And when he told the three Potter children of his search for the spectacular creature, Lindy, Tom, and Ben were eager to reach Whangdoodleland. With the Professor's help, they discovered the secret way. But waiting for them was the scheming Frock, who would use almost any means to keep them away from his beloved king. Only by skill and determination were the four travelers able to discover the last of the really great Whangdoodles and grant him his heart's desire. Julie Andrews Edwards, star of stage and screen, has written a unique and beloved story that has become a modern classic. The Last of the Really Great Whangdoodles is sure to continue to delight readers everywhere. This edition includes a new foreword by the author.

Borden's father, Leon, was a logger in the old-growth forests of California. That is, until the spotted-owl lovers interfered. One day, frustrated by his father's unemployment, Borden sets out on a mission of revenge against the spotted owl but returns home with a half-starved owlet instead. The family soon discovers that the owlet, whom Borden names Bardy, loves to take showers and watch late-night TV. Only after the whole family has fallen in love with Bardy do they realize that the conflict between nature and human industry is not so easily resolved. Award-winning nature writer Jean Craighead George tells a heartwarming story about a family and their love affair with a special little owl.

Newbery Medalist Jean Craighead George lovingly tells the story of three wolf pups--from the moment they open their eyes to the time they lead the hunt. Lyrical passages in her wolf pup diary describe how the pups tumble and play and when they first learn to howl and talk wolk talk. Readers are reminded of the changes in nature that are happening in the lower 48 states as they "look to the north" to watch the wolf pups grow. Jean George's words and Lucia Washburn's breathtaking paintings give the reader a rare glimpse of one of nature's noblest creatures: the wolf.

The Tarantula in My Purse, Lit Library Level 5

Devils in Exile

Freedom Crossing

The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp

Houghton Mifflin Mathematics

Such a clever caterpillar! A carefree cabbage caterpillar named Clara, who becomes a common cream-colored butterfly, can't possibly compete with a caty, conceited caterpillar named Catisha, who becomes a captivating crimson-colored butterfly. Or can she? Ages 3 - 6

A Novel of Suspense

My Life in Dog Years

Bad Dog, Marley!

40 Familiar Inventions & How They Came to Be

Bible Stories for Adults