

Ben And Me An Astonishing Life Of Benjamin Franklin By His Good Mouse Amos Robert Lawson

Here are all the most famous and most enjoyable bedtime stories under one cover. Included among those stories are Aladin and His Lamp, Sinbad the Sailor, and Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves. These stories will keep you awake, wondering what happens next. 365 Bedtime Stories in all. Amos, a poor church mouse, goes out into the world to make his living, and establishes himself in Ben Franklin's old fur hat. Amos makes himself very important to Ben with his advice and information.

FINALIST FOR THE PEN/É.O. WILSON LITERARY SCIENCE WRITING AWARD
“A NEW YORK TIMES NOTABLE BOOK OF 2021”
“A SCIENCE NEWS FAVORITE BOOK OF 2021”
“A SMITHSONIAN TOP TEN SCIENCE BOOK OF 2021
“Stories that both dazzle and edify... This book is not just about life, but about discovery itself.”
—Siddhartha Mukherjee, New York Times Book Review
We all assume we know what life is, but the more scientists learn about the living world—from protocells to brains, from zygotes to pandemic viruses—the harder they find it to locate life’s edge. Carl Zimmer investigates one of the biggest questions of all: What is life? The answer seems obvious until you try to seriously answer it. Is the apple sitting on your kitchen counter alive, or is only the apple tree it came from deserving of the word? If we can’t answer that question here on earth, how will we know when and if we discover alien life on other worlds? The question hangs over some of society’s most charged conflicts—whether a fertilized egg is a living person, for example, and when we ought to declare a person legally dead. Life’s Edge is an utterly fascinating investigation that no one but one of the most celebrated science writers of our generation could craft. Zimmer journeys through the strange experiments that have attempted to re-create life. Literally hundreds of definitions of what that should look like now exist, but none has yet emerged as an obvious winner. Lists of what living things have in common do not add up to a theory of life. It’s never clear why some items on the list are essential and others not. Coronaviruses have altered the course of history, and yet many scientists maintain that they’re not alive. Chemists are creating droplets that can swarm, sense their environment, and multiply. Have they made life in the lab? Whether he is handling pythons in Alabama or searching for hibernating bats in the Adirondacks, Zimmer revels in astounding examples of life at its most bizarre. He tries his own hand at evolving life in a test tube with unnerving results. Charting the obsession with Dr. Frankenstein’s monster and how the world briefly believed radium was the source of all life, Zimmer leads us all the way into the labs and minds of researchers engineering life from scratch.

Intended as a literary study guide with activities designed for group and individual projects. Includes a book summary, author information, vocabulary builders, comprehension and discussion questions.

Addie Across the Prairie

The Search for What It Means to Be Alive

An Economist's Guide to the Ties That Bind Us

The Story of a Farm and Its People

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Life's Edge

Benjamin Franklin’s companion, Amos the mouse, recounts how he was responsible for Franklin’s inventions and discoveries.

INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER “One of the most important books I’ve ever read—an indispensable guide to thinking clearly about the world.” – Bill Gates
“Hans Rosling tells the story of ‘the secret silent miracle of human progress’ as only he can. But Factfulness does much more than that. It also explains why progress is so often secret and silent and teaches readers how to see it clearly.” —Melinda Gates
“Factfulness by Hans Rosling, an outstanding international public health expert, is a hopeful book about the potential for human progress when we work off facts rather than our inherent biases.” - Former U.S. President Barack Obama
Factfulness: The stress-reducing habit of only carrying opinions for which you have strong supporting facts. When asked simple

questions about global trends—what percentage of the world’s population live in poverty, why the world’s population is increasing, how many girls finish school—we systematically get the answers wrong. So wrong that a chimpanzee choosing answers at random will consistently outguess teachers, journalists, Nobel laureates, and investment bankers. In Factfulness, Professor of International Health and global TED phenomenon Hans Rosling, together with his two long-time collaborators, Anna and Ola, offers a radical new explanation of why this happens. They reveal the ten instincts that distort our perspective—from our tendency to divide the world into two camps (usually some version of us and them) to the way we consume media (where fear rules) to how we perceive progress

(believing that most things are getting worse). Our problem is that we don’t know what we don’t know, and even our guesses are informed by unconscious and predictable biases. It turns out that the world, for all its imperfections, is in a much better state than we might think. That doesn’t mean there aren’t real concerns. But when we worry about everything all the time instead of embracing a worldview based on facts, we can lose our ability to focus on the things that threaten us most. Inspiring and revelatory, filled with lively anecdotes and moving stories, Factfulness is an urgent and essential book that will change the way you see the world and empower you to respond to the crises and opportunities of the future. --- “This book is my last battle in my life-

long mission to fight devastating ignorance. Previously I armed myself with huge data sets, eye-opening software, an energetic learning style and a Swedish booker for sword-swallowing. It wasn’t enough. But I hope this book will be.” Hans Rosling, February 2017. The Guardian: Best Children’s and YA Book of the Year
An environmental fairytale that speaks eloquently to the most pressing issues of our times, from the Bampton Prize-winning author of The Famished Road. Mangoshi lives with her mom and dad in a village near the forest. When her mom becomes ill, Mangoshi knows only one thing can help her—a special flower that grows deep in the forest.

The little girl needs all her courage when she sets out alone to find and bring back the flower, and all her kindness to overpower the dangers she encounters on the quest. Ben Okri brings the power of his mystic vision to a timely story that weaves together wonder, adventure, and environmentalism.

Unhappy to leave her home and friends, Addie reluctantly accompanies her family to the Dakota Territory and slowly begins to adjust to life on the prairie.

If This Is the Age We End Discovery

The Fabulous Flight

The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla

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How a Candle-maker's Son Helped Light the Flame of Liberty

The magnificent second novel from the legendary author of One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest Following the astonishing success of his first novel, One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, Ken Kesey wrote what Charles Bowden calls "one of the few essential books written by an American in the last half century." This wild-spirited tale tells of a bitter strike that rages through a small lumber town along the Oregon coast. Bucking that strike out of sheer cussedness are the Stampers. Out of the Stamper family's rivalries and betrayals Ken Kesey has crafted a novel with the mythic impact of Greek tragedy. For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,700 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators.

In this enchanting first novel, an irrepressibly optimistic oddball orphan is thrust into the wilds of postwar New York City after an extraordinary childhood in a theater—Candide by way of John Irving, with a hint of Charles Dickens. Abandoned as an infant by his actress mother in her theater dressing room, August March was raised by an ancient laundress. Highly intelligent, a tad feral, August is a true child of the theater —able to recite Shakespeare before he knew the alphabet. But like all productions, August’s wondrous time inside the theater comes to a close, and he finds himself in the wilds of postwar New York City, where he quickly rises from pickpocket street urchin to star student at the stuffiest boarding school in the nation. To survive, August must rely upon the kindness of strangers, only some of whom have his best interests at heart. As he grows up, his heart begins to yearn for love—which he may or may not finally find in Penny, a clever and gifted con artist. Aaron Jackson has crafted a brilliant, enchanting story at once profound and delightfully entertaining. Like The Curious Case of Benjamin Button, The World According to Garp, and Be Frank with Me, this razor-sharp debut—a classic tale of a young innocent who finally finds his way, reminds us that everyone can find love. Even August March.

A portrait of Benjamin Franklin's youngest sister, Jane, reveals how she was, like her brother, a passionate reader, gifted writer, and shrewd political commentator who made insightful observations about early America.

Can this Founding Father find a friend? Historians of all ages will love this humorous introduction to the incredible beginning of America! Ben Franklin is sad. No one has time to fly kites with him today. Betsy Ross is busy sewing a flag. Alexander Hamilton is busy counting money... Can this founding father find a friend? This colorful and humorous board book primer features some of the most prominent figures of the American Revolution—from George Washington and Abigail Adams to Paul Revere and Thomas Jefferson—and introduces historians of all ages to the signing of The Declaration of Independence and the incredible beginning of the United States of America. Includes a timeline of the American Revolution and mini-biographies of all the historical figures featured!

Mr. Revere and I

Adam of the Road

Why Trust Matters

Book of Ages

The Eight

How Ben Franklin Solved a Mystery that Baffled All of France

McDermot the cat sails aboard the Adventure with the infamous pirate and his crew, presenting an inside view of life on the high seas along with surprising revelations about his notorious master.

When a new family moves into the neighborhood the animals of Rabbit Hill are very curious about how these human inhabitants will act. A Newbery Medal Winner. Reissue.

Introduces the life of Benjamin Franklin, detailing how he left home at age seventeen to go to Philadelphia and went on to become an American icon and distinguished statesman, inventor, and scientist.

Thirteen weeks. Thirteen virtues. Cameron Gunn considered himself a regular guy—a pretty good husband, father, attorney, and friend. But was there room for improvement? A reader of history and a fan of Ben Franklin (and weary of self-help advice that never seems to offer much help), Gunn decided to try a little experiment. He would attempt to live by Franklin’s thirteen virtues, a list of lofty ideals the Founding Father held dear, as enumerated in his famous autobiography. Would Gunn’s plan to improve his life, Citizen Ben–style, prove to be a brilliant reinvention of the self-help movement or a bonedoggle of revolutionary proportions? By turns heartfelt, hilarious, and more than a little humbling, Gunn’s adventure takes this ordinary man way outside his comfort zone and into a thicket of not-so-modern values. The result is an engaging mix of humor and history—with perhaps a lightning bolt of inspiration or two along the way. Prepare to get up close and personal with everyone’s favorite Founding Father.
Temperance • Silence • Order • Resolution • Frugality • Industry • Sincerity • Justice • Moderation • Cleanliness • Tranquility • Chastity • Humility

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Captain Kidd's Cat

Astonishing the Gods

The Famished Road

Ben and Me

A Novel

The author recalls his childhood growing up on a farm in Wisconsin

Benjamin Franklin’s companion, Amos the mouse, recounts how he was responsible for Franklin’s inventions and discoveries.

Winner of the Man Booker Prize: “ Okri shares with García Márquez a vision of the world as one of infinite possibility. . . . A masterpiece ” (The Boston Sunday Globe). Azaro is a spirit child, an abiku, existing, according to the African tradition, between life and death. Born into the human world, he must experience its joys and tragedies. His spirit companions come to him often, hounding him to leave his mortal world and join them in their idyllic one. Azaro foresees a trying life ahead, but he is born smiling. This is his story. When President Bill Clinton first went to Africa he quoted from The Famished Road, which has inspired literature, art, politics, and pop songs—and even been referenced in an episode of The Simpsons. A transformative story for all ages and all times, it means many things to many people. Few contemporary novels have aroused as much passion as this one. Indeed, twenty-five years after its breakout publication, the iconic story of Azaro ’ s travels continues to mesmerize new generations. For readers of Things Fall Apart or One Hundred Years of Solitude, this Man Booker Prize–winning blend of fabulism and gritty realism by the Nigerian author of Astonishing the Gods and Dangerous Love is a “ dazzling, hypnotic ” journey through Africa that “ weaves the humblest detail with the most extravagant flight of fancy to create an astonishing fictional tapestry ” (San Francisco Chronicle). Already considered a classic of world literature, it is “ a masterpiece if ever one existed ” (The Boston Sunday Globe).

...wonderfully evocative prose... Andre Dubus III WHAT BEN FRANKLIN WOULD HAVE TOLD ME explores the story of Lee, a vibrant thirteen-year-old boy who is facing premature death from Progeria (a premature aging disease); his caretaker Tomás, a survivor of Argentina’s Dirty War, who is searching for his missing wife, who was pregnant when they were both disappeared; and Lee’s single mother, Cass, overwhelmed by love for her son and the demands of her work as a Broadway makeup artist. When a mix-up prevents Cass from taking Lee on his final wish trip to Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia to pursue his interests in the life of Ben Franklin, Tomás—who has discovered potential leads to his family in both cities—offers to accompany Lee on the trip. As one flees memories of death and the other hurtles inevitably toward it, they each share unsettling truths and find themselves transformed in the process. Set during the Ronald Reagan presidency, this lyrical novel transcends an adventure story to take the reader on an unforgettable journey.

Ben and Me; a new and astonishing life of Benjamin Franklin as written by his good mouse, Amos, lately discovered

A New Astonishing Life of Benjamin Frsklin ; a Written by His Good Mouse Amos ; Lately Discovered, Ed. & Illustr

Being the True and Dolorous Chronicle of Wm Kidd, Gent. & Merchant of New York, Late Captain of the Adventure Galley ; of the Vicissitudes Attending His Unfortunate Cruise in Eastern Waters, of His Incarceration in Newgate Prison, of His Unjust Trial and Execution, as Narrated by His Faithful Cat, McDermot, who Ought to Know

Factfulness

Ten Reasons We're Wrong About the World—and Why Things Are Better Than You Think

The Astonishing Life of August March

Peter Peabody Pepperell, who has shrunk to a tiny size, takes off on an adventure on the back of his seagull friend Gus.

Have economists neglected trust? The economy is fundamentally a network of relationships built on mutual expectations. More than that, trust is the glue that holds civilization together. Every time we interact with another person—to make a purchase, work on a project, or share a living space—we rely on trust. Institutions and relationships function because people place confidence in them. Retailers seek to become trusted brands; employers put their trust in their employees; and democracy works only when we trust our government. Benjamin H reveals the surprising importance of trust to how we understand our day-to-day economic lives. Starting with the earliest societies and proceeding through the evolution of the modern economy, he explores its role across an astonishing range of institutions and practices. From contracts and banking to blockchain and the sharing economy to health care and climate change, H shows how trust shapes the workings of the world. He provides an accessible account of how economists have applied the mathematical tools of game theory and the experimental methods of behavioral economics to bring rigor to understanding trust. Bringing together insights from decades of research in an approachable format, Why Trust Matters shows how a concept that we rarely associate with the discipline of economics is central to the social systems that govern our lives.

A touching novel full of Southern comfort for fans of Joshilyn Jackson and Fannie Flagg. Dell Haley's mama always said there were two things a man couldn't get enough of: good cookin' and good lovin'. Well, Dell knows she's got the cookin' down pat, but her husband is getting more than his fair share of lovin'-in another woman's bed. And when he dies there, Dell's predictable life comes to a screeching halt. Short on money and education, Dell turns to the one thing that has never let her down: her cooking. For the first time in her life, Dell takes a huge risk and opens a restaurant in a derelict diner on the west end of town. The cafe gradually becomes a gathering place for a motley crew of people who become Dell's family. And yet, even as her life becomes more solid, Dell is plagued by the memory of her husband's betrayal—but the answers she seeks may have a higher price than she's willing to pay.

Grades K to 3.

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The Life and Opinions of Jane Franklin

Electric Ben

Stories for Nighttime and Some for the Day

Being an Account of Certain Episodes in the Career of Paul Revere, Esq., as Recently Revealed by His Horse, Scheherazade, Late Pride of His Royal Majesty’s 14th Regiment of Foot

Ben & Me

“This guy can write!” —Ray Bradbury
Loory’s collection of wry and witty, dark and perilous contemporary fables is populated by people-and monsters and trees and jocular octopi—who are united by twin motivations: fear and desire. In his singular universe, televisions talk (and sometimes sing), animals live in small apartments where their nephews visit from the sea, and men and women and boys and girls fall down wells and fly through space and find love on Ferris wheels. In a voice full of fable, myth, and dream, Stories for Nighttime and Some for the Day draws us into a world of delightfully wicked recognitions, and introduces us to a writer of uncommon talent and imagination. Contains 40 stories, including “The Duck,” “The Man and the Moose,” and “Death and the Fruits of the Tree,” as heard on NPR’s This American Life, “The Book,” as heard on Selected Shorts, and “The TV,” as published in The New Yorker.

“Together, Rockliff and Bruno make the scientific method seem exciting, and kids interested in science and history will likely be, well, mesmerized.” — Booklist (starred review)
When American inventor Benjamin Franklin arrives in Paris, he is upstaged by a compelling and enigmatic figure: Dr. Mesmer. In elaborately staged shows, Mesmer has Parisians believing he can control a magic force that changes the taste of water, cures illness, and controls thoughts! Can Ben Franklin’s approach of observing, hypothesizing, and testing get to the bottom of Mesmer’s tricks? A

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The life of the Revere family and the doings of the Sons of Liberty as told from the point of view of Paul Revere's horse.

Rabbit Hill

The Greatest Espionage Story of the Cold War

Sometimes a Great Notion

Mesmerized

The Spy and the Traitor

Becoming Ben Franklin

“The true story of Ivan, known as the Shopping Mall Gorilla, who lived alone in a small cage for almost 30 years before being relocated to the gorilla habitat at ZooAtlanta.”--

This is a story for all ages, set in a time and place best known to lovers of fairytales and myths. It is a modern fable, a way of understanding who we are now and how our search for identity affects our perceptions and actions, shot through with the gentle magic of Ben Okri's imaginative prose. „Astonishing the Gods is properly worked and exact, and fulfils Calvino’s prescription for lightness „ being like a bird rather than a feather,„ New Statesman & Society

A fascinating blend of poetry and science. Ben-Oni's poems are precisely crafted, like a surgeon sewing a complicated stitch. The speaker of the collection falls ill, and takes comfort in exploring the idea of “Efes” which is “zero” in Modern Hebrew, using that nullification to be a means of transformation.

The famous book in which Amos immodestly reveals that he, Dr. Franklin's closest friend and advisor, was actually responsible for the great man's most famous accomplishments.

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Ivan

The Land Remembers

The Amazing Life and Times of Benjamin Franklin

Heartbreak Cafe

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The “fascinating” #1 international bestseller of a quest across centuries by two intrepid women to reunite the pieces of a powerful, ancient chess set (Los Angeles Times Book Review). A fabulous, bejeweled chess set that belonged to Charlemagne has been buried in a Pyrenees abbey for a thousand years. As the bloody French Revolution rages in Paris, the nuns dig it up and scatter its pieces across the globe because, when united, the set contains a secret power that could topple civilizations. To keep the set from falling into the wrong hands, two novices, begins in the streets of Paris and heads to Russia, Egypt, Corsica, and into the heart of the Algerian Sahara. Two hundred years later, while on assignment in Algeria, computer expert Catherine Velis finds herself drawn unwillingly into the deadly “Game” still swirling around the legendary chess set—a game that will require her to risk her life and match wits with diabolical forces. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Katherine Neville including rare images from her life and travels.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • The celebrated author of Double Cross and Rogue Heroes returns with his greatest spy story yet, a thrilling Americans-era tale of Oleg Gordievsky, the Russian whose secret work helped hasten the end of the Cold War. “The best true spy story I have ever read.”—JOHN LE CARRÉ Named a Best Book of the Year by The Economist • Shortlisted for the Ballie Giffords Prize in Nonfiction If anyone could be considered a Russian counterpart to the infamous British double-agent Kim Philby, it was Oleg Gordievsky. The son of two KGB agents, the savvy, sophisticated Gordievsky grew to see his nation's compromise as both criminal and philistine. He took his first posting for Russian intelligence in 1968 and eventually became the Soviet Union's top man in London, but from 1973 on he was secretly working for MI6. For nearly a decade, as the Cold War reached its twilight, Gordievsky helped the West turn the tables on the KGB, exposing Russian spies and helping to foil countless intelligence plots, as the Soviet leadership grew increasingly paranoid at the United States's nuclear first-strike war. Desperate to keep the circle of trust close, Mi6 never revealed Gordievsky's name to its counterparts in the CIA, which in turn grew obsessed with figuring out the identity of Britain's obviously top-level source. Their obsession ultimately doomed Gordievsky: the CIA officer assigned to identify him was none other than Aldrich Ames, the man who would become infamous for secretly spying for the Soviets. Unfolding the delicious three-way gamesmanship between America, Britain, and the Soviet Union, and culminating in the gripping cinematic beat-by-beat

1985, Ben Macintyre's latest may be his best yet. Like the greatest novels of John le Carré, it brings readers deep into a world of treachery and betrayal, where the lines blend between the personal and the professional, and one man's hatred of communism had the power to change the future of nations.

One of the BBC's "100 Novels That Shaped Our World," a much-needed fable that could change how we see ourselves and our reality, from the renowned Booker Prize-winning author. A young man finds himself among invisible beings who have built a world based on one principle: that we must repeat every experience until we live it fully for the first time. “Only then can we find what we didn’t seek and go where we don’t intend to go.” Ben Okri navigates the world at once as a writer, an artist, a musician, and a philosopher—in the process, he challenges our not only with our eyes but also with our senses, our intuition. As his story unfolds we begin to inhabit the ineffable land that he creates, our imagination led to a place where what we once thought were fundamental truths are turned magically on their heads. In the difficult times we live in, in an age decimated by injustice and inequality, Okri brings unexpected insights as meaningful as they are transformative. “Maybe what seeks us is better than what we seek.”

365 Bedtime Stories

Book Guide

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Ben and Me: an Astonishing Life of Ben Franklin as Written by His Good Mouse Amos, Discovered, Edited and Illustrated by Robert Lawson

From Temperance to Humility--Stumbling Through Ben Franklin's Thirteen Virtues,O ne Unvirtuous Day at a Time

Cheer Up, Ben Franklin!