

Drake And Josh Go Hollywood Full Movie

This is a book for cinephiles, pure and simple. Author and filmmaker, Jim Piper, shares his vast knowledge of film and analyzes the most striking components of the best movies ever made. From directing to cinematography, from editing and music to symbolism and plot development, The Film Appreciation Book covers hundreds of the greatest works in cinema, combining history, technical knowledge, and the art of enjoyment to explain why some movies have become the most treasured and entertaining works ever available to the public, and why these movies continue to amaze viewers after decades of notoriety. Read about such classic cinematic masterpieces as Citizen Kane, Gandhi, Midnight Cowboy, Easy Rider, True Grit, Gone With the Wind, and The Wizard of Oz, as well as more recent accomplishments in feature films, such as Requiem for a Dream, Munich, The King's Speech, and The Hurt Locker. Piper breaks down his analysis for you and points out aspects of production that movie-lovers (even the devoted ones) would never recognize on their own. This book will endlessly fascinate, and by the time you get to the last chapter, you're ready to start all over again. In-depth analysis and thoughtful and wide-ranging film choices from every period of cinema history will ensure that you never tire of this reading companion to film. Allworth Press, an imprint of Skyhorse Publishing, publishes a broad range of books on the visual and performing arts, with emphasis on the business of art. Our titles cover subjects such as graphic design, theater, branding, fine art, photography, interior design, writing, acting, film, how to start careers, business and legal forms, business practices, and more. While we don't aspire to publish a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are deeply committed to quality books that help creative professionals succeed and thrive. We often publish in areas overlooked by other publishers and welcome the author whose expertise can help our audience of readers.

Examines the life and work of the actors known for their roles in "The Amanda Show" and "Drake & Josh."

Expressions of Love is about learning to have a lasting love relationship with the one you love. It reminds or teaches the things a couple needs to do in order to have the love life we all desire. The book also can begin to help rid oneself of shyness, and will help in developing a dynamic personality. It will also help make you a better lover.

When Drake and Josh are left home alone for ten days, they accidentally put their kid sister on a plane bound for Los Angeles instead of Denver and, when they go looking for her, get mixed up in all kinds of trouble.

Hollywood Creative Directory

Grit

Improvements on the Page of the City

English as a Global Language

Supernatural Fangirls

Once upon a time not long ago, two responsible college professors, Lynn the psychologist and Kathy the literary scholar, fell in love with the television show Supernatural and turned their oh-so-practical lives upside down. Plunging headlong into the hidden realms of fandom, they scoured the Internet for pictures of stars Jensen Ackles and Jared Padalecki and secretly penned racy fan fiction. And then they hit the road—crisscrossing the country, racking up frequent flyer miles with alarming ease, standing in convention lines at 4 A.M. They had white-knuckled encounters with overly zealous security guards one year and smiling invitations to the Supernatural set the next. Actors stripping in their trailers, fangirls sneaking onto film sets; drunken confessions, squeals of joy, tears of despair; wallets emptied and responsibilities left behind; intrigue and ecstasy and crushing disappointment—it's all here. And yet even as they reveled in their fandom, the authors were asking themselves whether it's okay to be a fan, especially for grown women with careers and kids. "Crazystalkerchicks"—that's what they heard from Supernatural crew members, security guards, airport immigration officials, even sometimes their fellow fans. But what Kathy and Lynn found was that most fans were very much like themselves: smart, capable women looking for something of their own that engages their brains and their libidos. Fangasm pulls back the curtain on the secret worlds of fans and famous alike, revealing Supernatural behind the scenes and discovering just how much the cast and crew know about what the fans are up to. Anyone who's been tempted to throw off the constraints of respectability and indulge a secret passion—or hit the road with a best friend—will want to come along.

The Dodge Viper was one of the first cars to use the powerful V-10 engine. Today, it's one of the fastest sports cars around. Including captivating photographs and fascinating information about the Viper's introduction in the 1990s, this book will appeal to all car enthusiasts who feel a need for speed.

A definitive new account of the professional and personal life of one of Hollywood's most unforgettable, influential stars. Archie Leach was a poorly educated, working-class boy from a troubled family living in the backstreets of Bristol. Cary Grant was Hollywood's most debonair film star--the embodiment of worldly sophistication. Cary Grant: The Making of a Hollywood Legend tells the incredible story of how a sad, neglected boy became the suave, glamorous star many know and idolize. The first biography to be based on Grant's own personal papers, this book takes us on a fascinating journey from the actor's difficult childhood through years of struggle in music halls and vaudeville, a hit-and-miss career in Broadway musicals, and three decades of film stardom during Hollywood's golden age. Leaving no stone unturned, Cary Grant delves into all aspects of Grant's life, from the bitter realities of his impoverished childhood to his trailblazing role in Hollywood as a film star who defied the studio system and took control of his own career. Highlighting Grant's genius as an actor and a filmmaker, author Mark Glancy examines the crucial contributions Grant made to such classic films as Bringing Up Baby (1938), The Philadelphia Story (1940), Notorious (1946), An Affair to Remember (1957), North by Northwest (1959), Charade (1963) and Father Goose (1964). Glancy also explores Grant's private life with new candor and insight throughout the book's nine sections, illuminating how Grant's search for happiness and fulfillment lead him to having his first child at the age of 62 and embarking on his fifth marriage at the age of 77. With this biography--complete with a chronological filmography of the actor's work--Glancy provides a definitive account of the professional and personal life of one of

Hollywood's most unforgettable, influential stars.

Drake Bell and Josh Peck are popular, talented actors best known for starring in Nickelodeon's Drake & Josh. This book discusses the family background, education, rise to fame, and future plans for both boys. Readers will learn about the boys' first roles in television shows and movies and how they met while acting in Nickelodeon's The Amanda Show. Also covered are awards, Drake & Josh movies, each boy's solo acting careers, and Drake's talent as a musician. Colorful graphics, oversized photographs, and short, engaging sentences draw reluctant readers in to the fascinating lives of Drake Bell and Josh Peck! Buddy Books is an imprint of ABDO Publishing Company.

Drake Bell & Josh Peck

A Sports Thriller

Cassidy Jones and the Secret Formula

Biography Today

10 Steps to Breaking Into Acting

David Crystal's classic *English as a Global Language* considers the history, present status and future of the English language, focusing on its role as the leading international language. English has been deemed the most 'successful' language ever, with 1500 million speakers internationally, presenting a difficult task to those who wish to investigate it in its entirety. However, Crystal explores the subject in a measured but engaging way, always backing up observations with facts and figures. Written in a detailed and fascinating manner, this is a book written by an expert both for specialists in the subject and for general readers interested in the English language.

"Inspired by the Autograph collection of the Los Angeles Public Library."

Wild-child Drake and goody-goody Josh are as different as two kids can be--the only things they share are their families and their room! Drake and Josh are left "home alone" for 10 days, and chaos ensues. First they put Megan, their kid sister, on a plane bound for Los Angeles instead of Denver. Then, when they go looking for her, they end up mixed-up in a counterfeiting scheme, stealing Tony Hawk's car, guesting on MTV's TRL, and, of course, flirting with cute girls. The only question is: how to get it all straightened out and still get home before their parents!

A wonderfully candid memoir from one of the most recognizable faces of a generation, actor, writer, Youtuber, and television superstar, Josh Peck. In his warm and inspiring book, Josh reflects on the many stumbles and silver linings of his life and traces a zigzagging path to redemption. Written with such impressive detail and aching honesty, *Happy People are Annoying* is full of surprising life lessons for anyone seeking to accept their past and make peace with the complicated face in the mirror. Josh Peck rose to near-instant fame when he starred for four seasons as the comedic center of Nickelodeon's hit show *Drake & Josh*. However, while he tried to maintain his role as the funniest, happiest kid in every room, Josh struggled alone with the kind of rising anger and plummeting confidence that quietly took over his life. For the first time, Josh reflects on his late teens and early twenties. Raised by a single mother, and coming of age under a spotlight that could

be both invigorating and cruel, Josh filled the cratering hole in his self-worth with copious amounts of food, television, drugs, and all of the other trappings of young stardom. Until he realized the only person standing in his way...was himself. Today, with a string of lead roles on hit television shows and movies, and one of the most enviable and dedicated fanbases on the internet, Josh Peck is more than happy, he's finally, enthusiastically content. Happy People are Annoying is the culmination of years of learning, growing, and finding bright spots in the scary parts of life. Written with the kind of humor, strength of character, and unwavering self-awareness only someone who has mastered their ego can muster, this memoir reminds us of the life-changing freedom on the other side of acceptance.

Miranda Mania

How to Get Your Kids to Beg for Veggies

Every Day I'm Hustling

An Unauthorized Biography

The Film Appreciation Book

The star of the Harold and Kumar franchise, House, and Designated Survivor recounts why he rejected the advice of his aunties and guidance counselors and, instead of becoming a doctor or "something practical," embarked on a surprising journey that has included confronting racism in Hollywood, meeting his future husband, and working in the Obama administration, in this "incredibly joyful and insightful" (Kiefer Sutherland) memoir. You Can't Be Serious is a series of funny, consequential, awkward, and ridiculous stories from Kal Penn's idiosyncratic life. It's about being the grandson of Gandhian freedom fighters, and the son of immigrant parents: people who came to this country with very little and went very far—and whose vision of the American dream probably never included their son sliding off an oiled-up naked woman in the raunchy Ryan Reynolds movie Van Wilder...or getting a phone call from Air Force One as Kal flew with the country's first Black president. "By turns hilarious, poignant, and inspiring" (David Axelrod, New York Times bestselling author), Kal reflects on the most exasperating and rewarding moments from his journey so far. He pulls back the curtain on the nuances of opportunity and racism in the entertainment industry and recounts how he built allies, found encouragement, and dealt with early reminders that he might never fit in. He describes his initially unpromising first date with his now-fiancé Josh, involving an 18-pack of Coors Light and an afternoon of watching NASCAR. And of course, he reveals how, after a decade and a half of fighting for and enjoying successes in

Hollywood, he made the terrifying but rewarding decision to take a sabbatical from a fulfilling acting career for an opportunity to serve his country as an Obama White House aide. Above all, *You Can't Be Serious* shows that everyone can have more than one life story. The book "is insightful, funny, and instructive for anyone who's ever grappled with how they fit into the American dream" (Ronan Farrow, *New York Times* bestselling author), and demonstrates that no matter who you are and where you come from, you have many more choices than those presented to you. And okay, yes, it's also about how Kal accidentally (and very stupidly) accepted an invitation to take the entire White House Office of Public Engagement to a strip club—because, let's be honest, that's the kind of stuff you really want to hear about.

Healthier Together is all about nourishing and cooking for your body and your soul—and the best way to accomplish that is with another person. Food writer and health blogger Liz Moody once followed trendy diets and ate solely for fuel, not for flavor. That changed when she met her soon-to-be-boyfriend and they started cooking nutrient- and vegetable-rich meals. She not only fell in love with food again, but she also discovered that setting goals and sticking to them is easier and more gratifying when paired with someone else. Mincing garlic and sautéing onions together eventually led the couple to marriage—proving that good food really is the universal connector! These 100+ flavor-packed recipes are designed to be cooked and enjoyed by two people, plus they're all gluten-free, dairy-free, and plant-centered. They include homemade alternatives for all the foods you love to share, such as brunch, takeout, and sweet treats. Indulge in Cardamom Banana Bread Pancakes with Candied Coffee Walnuts, Cornflake "Fried" Chicken, General Tso's Cauliflower, and Chocolate Tahini Brownie Bites. Pick your partner—near or far—and get ready to get healthy.

When stepbrothers Drake and Josh are left home alone for ten days, chaos ensues as they put Megan on the wrong plane, then go looking for her in Los Angeles.

There is nothing to be found in the pages of *A Series of Unfortunate Events* but misery and despair. You still have time to choose another international best-seller to read. But if you must know what unpleasantries befall the charming and clever Baudelaire children read on . . . In *The Reptile*

Room the siblings endure a car accident, a terrible smell, a deadly serpent, a long knife, a brass reading lamp, and the re-appearance of a person they'd hoped never to see again. With 5 million copies sold in the UK alone, one might consider Lemony Snicket's *A Series of Unfortunate Events* to make him one of the most successful children's authors of the past decade. We, however, consider these miserable so-called adventure stories and the Hollywood film starring Jim Carrey that accompanied the books for children as nothing more than a dreadful mistake.

Drake & Josh Go Hollywood

Drake and Josh: Blues Brothers

This Rough Magic

Television Movies of the 21st Century

2nd Edition

Kent State University, Ohio, 1969. Senior Matt Kubik is having a groovy time sharing an off-campus duplex with three quirky guys and four far-out hippie chicks. His only goal is to find true love and romance -- until the anti-Vietnam war protests spin out of control.

"We [plan to open a portal into] an extra dimension. Out of this door might come something...unknown." --Sergio Bertolucci, Director for Research and Scientific Computing at CERN
CERN is easily one of the most secretive organizations of our times. With controversy and conspiracy theories abounding, it takes specialized researchers to weed through the lies in order to find the truth. But sometimes, truth is stranger--and far scarier--than fiction. This is where internationally celebrated investigative researcher Dr. Thomas R. Horn and "Into the Multiverse" television host Josh Peck arrive to expose the reality of a plan so nefarious that it involves not only the history of Apollyon-Abaddon, but his near-future fulfillment of biblical prophecy and entrance into the world. Are powerful occultists--from the highest levels of governments, science, and academia to the lowest echelons of modern witchcraft--even now invoking the arrival of this destroyer and his legions from the abyss?! ABADDON ASCENDING WILL SHOCK READERS WITH THE FOLLOWING INCREDIBLE REVELATIONS:
****The ancient origin of CERN's modern-day mission*The latest information pertaining to interdimensional portals*The real meaning of the bizarre Gotthard Base Tunnel opening ceremony and how it connects to the return of the "old gods"*Who the "horned god" is, fertility rites of the triple goddess, and how this connects to CERN*CERN's beastly logo and destroyer god imagery*CERN's role in the formation of a new Babylonian single language system*Exactly how the Large Hadron Collider at CERN operates, and what it is trying to find*The mind-bending reality of quantum field theory*Eye-opening interviews with such personalities as***

physicist Don Page, who works with Dr. Stephen Hawking*The doomsday scenario involving the Higgs field that scientists don't want you to know*The future manipulation of human consciousness through an A.I. beast at CERN*The connection between Ezekiel's vision and the locusts of Revelation 9*The coming holy war between the Titans and the one, true, living God!

The Monty Python team's first feature film is a mock-heroic tale set in Medieval Britain.

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Cary Grant, the Making of a Hollywood Legend

Hippies

Sibling Revelry

The Movie

Fangasm

Tired of her endless pranks, Drake and Josh decide to convince Megan that aliens are talking to her via the radio, but they soon wonder if they are having a real close encounter with an alien.

Miranda Cosgrove is impossible to resist—she has two hit shows on Nickelodeon, iCarly and Drake & Josh, and her first single “Leave It All to Me” is a Hot 100 hit. She’s starred in movies like School of Rock and Yours, Mine & Ours and guest starred on some of the coolest shows on television.

A fledgling actress vacationing in Corfu, Lucy Waring witnesses the murder of one of England's theater luminaries and becomes embroiled in a dangerous offstage drama. Reprint.

One is driven from failure to success. The other is willing to let his friends die to chase his dream. Brothers Drake and Cade Flint are baseball players. It is in their blood. From an early age, Drake has had superior talent and secures himself a place in professional baseball at the age of eighteen. But after three long years in the minors and a recent fastball gone awry, he is beginning to question his ability and even his love for the game. Will anything be able to help him refocus and recapture his place in the sport he loves? Cade Flint, on the other hand, has a belief in himself that's unparalleled. The brash teenager can do no wrong—at least in his own mind. That is, until he finds himself in a precarious position with an intriguing young woman, who turns out to be more of a stalker than your average fan. She forces Cade to take action, leading to the untimely death of a teammate and to his life spiraling out of control. Will it ultimately lead to his own demise? Can these brothers make it out on top? Or will chasing their dreams cost them more than it's worth?

Surprise!

You Can't Be Serious

Screenplay

Chasing the Dream

Happy People Are Annoying

STRESS-FREE HEALTHY FOOD YOU CAN FEEL GOOD ABOUT SERVING The Standard American Diet is sadly becoming the source for an array of chronic childhood illnesses. As children's bodies develop they need a foundation of health that includes the nutrition that they get from eating vegetables. We all want our children to be healthy but many times, our busy lives leave us struggling to put healthy meals on the table in a reasonable amount of time. This book solves the problem of providing quick, healthy meals for picky eaters or anyone struggling with what to serve for dinner. Leann takes the burden off of moms that want to feed their family good nutrition without the hassle of added preparation. By using veggies in the form of baby food, organic vegetable powders and other tricks, Leann sneaks additional nutrients into family favorite recipes in a snap - making picky eaters a thing of the past and bringing harmony to the dinner table. Some of the recipes that you will get in this cookbook include: □ Creamy Pumpkin Oatmeal □ The Best Beet Gingerbread Muffins □ Easy Veggie Pasta Casserole □ Savory Turkey Veggie Meatballs □ Secret Ingredient Mac & Cheese Cups □ Super Sloppy Joes □ Kid's Salsa Enchiladas □ Pizza Pocket Sandwiches □ Mom's Meatloaf □ Better-Than-State-Fair Chili dogs □ Family Favorite Lasagna □ Goopy Double Cheesy Quesadillas □ Secretly Stuffed Peppers □ Whole Grain Beet Rice Krispy Treats □ Chocolate Superfood Muffins □ Sweet Potato Brownies □ Paleo Brownie Pancakes □ Banana Lime Cream Pie

It's 2020, and the acting business has changed dramatically. There are over 538 scripted shows on television. Amazon, Hulu and Netflix have changed the game for television, giving actors more opportunities than ever before. There are over 60 shows currently casting or filming out of New York, many more in Los Angeles, as well as in other emerging markets. Casting directors are hiring actors from self-tapes more than ever before, and actors need to be ready to turn around an amazing audition on a dime. It's ultra-competitive, and actors need to stay on their toes and keep up to date on current trends and expectations in an ever-changing world. The No. B.S. Guide to the Acting Biz is an insider's look into the business of acting, with a humorous, refreshingly candid, shoot from the hip approach by one of our top industry experts. Matt Newton, a professional actor and acclaimed acting coach, gives clear-cut, unfailingly honest lessons from what he's learned through his decades in the business. With relevant, provocative and often hilarious stories he guides the reader to a greater awareness of how the modern industry works and what that means for an actor. With an inspiring foreword from the successful actor Michael Urie ("Ugly Betty," "Younger," "Partners"), The No. B.S. Guide to the Acting Biz presents current, first-hand experience and professional insight into the actual business of acting today.

The Hollywood Creative Directory isn't called the phone book to Hollywood for nothing. It's the authoritative source for finding entertainment professionals, and it's packed with names, numbers, addresses, and current titles of executives from film and television. Comprehensive and up-to-the-minute, the directory is used by studios, directors, producers, writers, actors, aspiring filmmakers, students, college and university libraries, researchers--anyone who needs reliable information fast. Get the best and most respected directory for navigating the complicated maze called Hollywood!

For the major broadcast networks, the heyday of made-for-TV movies was 20th Century programming like The ABC Movie of the Week and NBC Sunday Night at the Movies. But with changing economic times and the race for ratings, the networks gradually dropped made-for-TV movies while basic cable embraced the format, especially the Hallmark Channel (with its numerous Christmas-themed movies) and the Syfy Channel (with its array of shark attack

movies and other things that go bump in the night). From the waning days of the broadcast networks to the influx of basic cable TV movies, this encyclopedia covers 1,370 films produced during the period 2000-2020. For each film entry, the reader is presented with an informative storyline, cast and character lists, technical credits (producer, director, writer), air dates, and networks. It covers the networks (ABC, CBS, Fox, Ion, and NBC) and such basic cable channels as ABC Family, Disney, Fox Family, Freeform, Hallmark, INSP, Lifetime, Nickelodeon, Syfy, TBS and TNT. There is also an appendix of "Announced but Never Produced" TV movies and a performer's index.

The Ancient Conspiracy at the Center of CERN's Most Secretive Mission

A Series of Unfortunate Events 02. The Reptile Room

Quick & Easy Hidden Veggie Recipes the Whole Family Will Love

Go Hollywood

Abaddon Ascending

Contains alphabetically arranged biographical sketches of well-known personalities.

Josh cannot believe that his best friend, his brother, forgets his birthday; and, Josh and Drake housesit for their teacher, but things go terribly wrong when they meet Tiberius, a vicious dog.

"Matt Newton is New York's smartest and most knowledgeable acting teacher and coach. His coaching and teaching come from a wealth of professional experience. He's a working actor, on-set coach for a hit television series and knows what those who hire need to see and hear from actors who are auditioning for them. And all of this he does with a keen eye and a kind heart."

-Brian O'Neill, author, "Acting as a Business" AN ESSENTIAL MANUAL FOR ACTORS OF ALL AGES It's not enough to be a good actor. You have to be a smart actor. To break into TV and film, new actors need to understand the current trends, and how to combine the craft of acting with the practical, business side. From picking the right headshot, to finding auditions, to securing an agent or manager, this book helps actors avoid the most common mistakes. In this new and expanded second edition of his popular book "10 Steps to Breaking Into Acting," professional actor and acclaimed acting coach Matt Newton offers an insightful, honest, and comprehensive guide for actors of all ages looking to break into the business, whether in New York or Los Angeles. With an entertaining foreword by his sister, actress Becki Newton (star of Ugly Betty and How I Met Your Mother), Matt gives actors 10 simple steps for starting a career in TV and film, and how to avoid the most common mistakes. This new edition includes: Q&A with Associate Casting Director Kimberly Graham ("Homeland") Advice for Kids and Teens Pay to Meet Workshops The Art of Self Taping The Best Casting Websites Creating Your Own Content The Differences Between New York and Los Angeles The Best Way to Land an Agent Audition Do's and

Dont's Survival Jobs Figuring Out Your Type The Realities of Being on Set

Drake and Josh are as different as two kids can be. Drake is laid back, cool and popular, while Josh is sensible and abit nerdy. Going to the same school is about the only thing they have in common... until Drake's mum marries Josh's dad! Now everything is about to change... Drake is used to getting attention. But for Josh, being in the limelight makes him shiver - literally - so when he makes his first TV appearance, he is revisited by an old enemy, 'the Twitch'. And while Josh tries to shake his case of nerves, Drake has to deal with the latest competition for the talent show. Sure, he's won the last two years, but his chances for 'three-in-a-row' could be thwarted unless he gets some help from an unlikely source - his less-than-lucky stepbrother, Josh!

Hollywood's Zen Rebel

Harry Dean Stanton

The Film Course You Always Wanted to Take

Alien Invasion

Get in the Kitchen with Your Partner, Friends, Or

Coworkers--Look and Feel Amazing

Vivica A. Fox is a dynamo who has created a lasting career on her own, through sheer, roll-up-your-sleeves DIY hustle. Every Day I'm Hustling is a personal book with a message Fox passionately believes in: that you make your own luck, that you never ever wake up in the morning thinking somebody's going to call you and offer you that part or ask you out on that date that's going to change your life, that you have to wake up and put on your longest eyelashes and fiercest heels and go out and make your life happen yourself. The actress provides start-today strategies for success in business and "been there" lessons in love, buttressed with stories from her early family life all the way through to today. Always honest and always funny, Fox also tells behind-the-scenes tales from some of her biggest movies — such as Uma Thurman's life-changing advice during Kill Bill and Will Smith's downtime pep talk on Independence Day. And she maps out exactly what it took to come back with a role on the smash hit Empire and her own frisky show on Lifetime, Vivica's Black Magic. She also shares her how-is-she-53? secrets to looking your best, no matter the age on your driver's license. In this instant New York Times bestseller, Angela Duckworth shows anyone striving to succeed that the secret to outstanding achievement is not talent, but a special blend of passion and persistence she calls "grit." "Inspiration for non-geniuses everywhere" (People). The daughter of a scientist who frequently noted her lack of "genius," Angela Duckworth is now a celebrated researcher and professor. It was her early eye-opening stints in teaching, business consulting, and neuroscience that led to her hypothesis about what really drives success: not genius, but a unique combination of passion and long-term perseverance. In Grit, she takes us into the field to visit cadets struggling through their first days at West Point, teachers working in some of the toughest schools, and young finalists in the National Spelling Bee. She also mines fascinating insights from history and shows what can be gleaned from modern experiments in peak performance. Finally, she shares what she's learned from interviewing dozens of high achievers—from JP Morgan CEO Jamie Dimon to New Yorker cartoon editor Bob

Mankoff to Seattle Seahawks Coach Pete Carroll. “Duckworth’s ideas about the cultivation of tenacity have clearly changed some lives for the better” (The New York Times Book Review). Among Grit’s most valuable insights: any effort you make ultimately counts twice toward your goal; grit can be learned, regardless of IQ or circumstances; when it comes to child-rearing, neither a warm embrace nor high standards will work by themselves; how to trigger lifelong interest; the magic of the Hard Thing Rule; and so much more. Winningly personal, insightful, and even life-changing, Grit is a book about what goes through your head when you fall down, and how that—not talent or luck—makes all the difference. This is “a fascinating tour of the psychological research on success” (The Wall Street Journal).

Harry Dean Stanton (1926--2017) got his start in Hollywood in TV productions such as Zane Grey Theater and Gunsmoke. After a series of minor parts in forgettable westerns, he gradually began to get film roles that showcased his laid-back acting style, appearing in Cool Hand Luke (1967), Kelly's Heroes (1970), The Godfather: Part II (1974), and Alien (1979). He became a headliner in the eighties -- starring in Wim Wenders's moving Paris, Texas (1984) and Alex Cox's Repo Man (1984) -- but it was his extraordinary skill as a character actor that established him as a revered cult figure and kept him in demand throughout his career. Joseph B. Atkins unwinds Stanton's enigmatic persona in the first biography of the man Vanity Fair memorialized as "the philosopher poet of character acting." He sheds light on Stanton's early life in West Irvine, Kentucky, exploring his difficult relationship with his Baptist parents, his service in the Navy, and the events that inspired him to drop out of college and pursue acting. Atkins also chronicles Stanton's early years in California, describing how he honed his craft at the renowned Pasadena Playhouse before breaking into television and movies. In addition to examining the actor's acclaimed body of work, Atkins also explores Harry Dean Stanton as a Hollywood legend, following his years rooming with Jack Nicholson, partying with David Crosby and Mama Cass, jogging with Bob Dylan, and playing poker with John Huston. "HD Stanton" was scratched onto an interior jail cell wall in Easy Rider (1969), painted on an exterior concrete wall in Drive, He Said (1971), and was the name of a character in Monte Hellman's Two-Lane Blacktop (1971). Critic Roger Ebert so admired the actor that he suggested the "Stanton-Walsh Rule," which states that "no movie featuring either Harry Dean Stanton or M. Emmet Walsh in a supporting role can be altogether bad." Harry Dean Stanton is often remembered for his crowd-pleasing roles in movies like Pretty in Pink (1986) or Escape from New York (1981), but this impassioned biography illuminates the entirety of his incredible sixty-year career. Drawing on interviews with the actor's friends, family, and colleagues, this much-needed book offers an unprecedented look at a beloved figure.

Drake Pearson, a narrow-minded 18-year-old barely enduring Missouri's heat, is tired of feeling empty. Living conditions are about as cozy as a cardboard box, on account of his alcoholic father who can find nothing better to do than argue relentlessly with him. When Drake thinks he can't take another blow, he is reminded daily of his mom who vanished twelve years ago. And now there's a dead body. After a terrible accident turns into a protected secret, a twisted string of events brings Drake miles away from home to an elderly man's front door. Every promising opportunity also brings new doubts and temptations to run away—this time for good. When the secret he has kept locked away threatens to reveal itself, Drake knows he must shield it with his very life, even if the love he has been shown undeservingly is about to be destroyed.

The Power of Passion and Perseverance

Broken Identity

Famous Actors

The Autograph Book of L.A.

Monty Python and the Holy Grail

Biographical profiles written especially for young readers ages 9 and above.

When Josh and Drake refuse to let Megan help them make salsa for the Salsa Fest, she gets her revenge by plotting various pranks, and the two boys make a bet to see whether Josh can give up his video games faster than Drake can give up junk food.

Profiles of People of Interest to Young Readers

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