

Losing My Virginity How Ive Survived Had Fun And Made A Fortune Doing Business Way Richard Branson

Throughout my life I have achieved many remarkable things. In *Screw It, Let's Do It*, I will share with you my ideas and the secrets of my success, but not simply because I hope they'll help you achieve your individual goals. Today we are increasingly aware of the effects of our actions on the environment, and I strongly believe that we each have a responsibility, as individuals and organisations, to do no harm. I will draw on Gaia Capitalism to explain why we need to take stock of how we may be damaging the environment, and why it is up to big companies like Virgin to lead the way in a more holistic approach to business. In *Screw It, Let's Do It* I'll be looking forwards to the future. A lot has changed since I founded Virgin in 1968, and I'll explain how I intend to take my business and my ideas to the next level and the new and exciting areas - such as launching Virgin Fuels - into which Virgin is currently moving. But I have also brought together all the important lessons, good advice and inspirational adages that have helped me along the road to success. Ironically, I have never been one to do things by the book, but I have been inspired and influenced by many remarkable people. I hope that you too might find a little inspiration between these pages.

The guide to shortening your execution cycle down from one year to twelve weeks Most organizations and individuals work in the context of annual goals and plans; a twelve-month execution cycle. Instead, *The 12 Week Year* avoids the pitfalls and low productivity of annualized thinking. This book redefines your "year" to be 12 weeks long. In 12 weeks, there just isn't enough time to get complacent, and urgency increases and intensifies. The 12 Week Year creates focus and clarity on what matters most and a sense of urgency to do it now. In the end more of the important stuff gets done and the impact on results is profound.

Explains how to leverage the power of a 12 week year to drive improved results in any area of your life
Offers a how-to book for both individuals and organizations seeking to improve their execution effectiveness
Authors are leading experts on execution and implementation
Turn your organization's idea of a year on its head, and speed your journey to success.

This is a book on leadership from someone who has never read a book on leadership in his life. While building the Virgin Group over the course of forty years, Richard Branson has never shied away from tackling seemingly outlandish challenges that others (including his own colleagues on many occasions) considered sheer lunacy. He has taken on giants like British Airways and won, and monsters like Coca-Cola and lost. Now Branson gives an inside look at his strikingly different, swashbuckling style of leadership. Learn how fun, family, passion, and the dying art of listening are key components to what his extended family of employees around the world has always dubbed (with a wink) "the Virgin Way." This unique perspective comes from a man who dropped out of school at sixteen, suffers from dyslexia, and has never worked for anyone but himself. He may be famous for thinking outside the box--an expression he despises--but Branson asserts that "you'll never have to think outside the box if you refuse to let anyone build one around you."

It's business school, the Branson way. Whether you're interested in starting your own business, improving your leadership skills, or simply looking for inspiration from one of the greatest entrepreneurs of our time, Richard Branson has the answers. Like a Virgin brings together some of his best advice, distilling the experiences and insights that have made him one of the world's most recognized and respected business leaders. In his trademark thoughtful and encouraging voice, Branson shares his knowledge like a close friend. He'll teach you how to be more innovative, how to lead by listening, how to enjoy your work, and much more. In hindsight, Branson is thankful he never went to business school. Had he conformed to the conventional dos and don'ts of starting a business, would there have been a Virgin Records? A Virgin Atlantic? So many of Branson's achievements are due to his unyielding determination to break the rules and rewrite them himself. Here's how he does it.

I Regret the Day I Lost My Virginity

The Whole Body Reset

The Virgin Way

Virginity Lost

Anyone Can Do It

Business Stripped Bare

"Impressionistic and engaging ... Fankhauser boldly offers new wisdom." - Bromleigh McCleneghan, pastor and author of *Good Christian Sex*
--- On the 8th day, God created sexual intercourse. And it was good. But for girls like Dani Fankhauser who were told sex was only to happen once you cross the threshold of marriage, that "goodness" seemed...questionable. As young women, we learned how to say "No" to sex, but not how to ask a guy to put on a condom. We were told to limit physical affection because it undermined love, but not how to deal with our own desires and drive. Our own bodies, and their capacity for pleasure, were left a mystery. In *SHAMELESS*, Fankhauser writes about the questions she had that couldn't be answered by mainstream culture or by Christian communities - about shame, love, intimacy, and STDs.
"The brave may not live forever-but the cautious do not live at all!" -Sir Richard Branson
Richard Branson is an iconic entrepreneur and the founder of Virgin Airways, Virgin Records, and many other Virgin businesses around the world. Now he shares the inside track on his life in business and reveals the incredible truth about his most risky, brilliant, and audacious deals. Combining invaluable advice with remarkable, and candid stories of Virgin's greatest achievements, as well as some of its setbacks, this is a dynamic, inspirational, and truly original guide. Whether you are an executive, an entrepreneur, or are just starting out, Branson strips business down to show how you can succeed and

make a difference.

Mary Jean Chan and Andrew McMillan's luminous anthology, *100 Queer Poems*, is a celebration of thrilling contemporary voices and visionary poets of the past. Featuring Elizabeth Bishop, Langston Hughes, Ocean Vuong, Carol Ann Duffy, Kae Tempest and many more. Encompassing both the flowering of queer poetry over the past few decades and the poets who came before and broke new ground, *100 Queer Poems* presents an electrifying range of writing from the twentieth century to the present day. Questioning and redefining what we mean by a 'queer' poem, you'll find inside classics by Elizabeth Bishop, Langston Hughes, Wilfred Owen, Charlotte Mew and June Jordan, central contemporary figures such as Mark Doty, Jericho Brown, Carol Ann Duffy, Kei Miller, Kae Tempest, Natalie Diaz and Ocean Vuong, alongside thrilling new voices including Chen Chen, Richard Scott, Harry Josephine Giles, Verity Spott and Jay Bernard. Curated by two widely acclaimed poets, Mary Jean Chan and Andrew McMillan, *100 Queer Poems* moves from childhood and adolescence to forging new homes and relationships with our chosen families, from urban life to the natural world, from explorations of the past to how we find and create our future selves. It deserves a place on the shelf of every reader keen to discover and rediscover how queer poets speak to one another across the generations.

"A collection of whimsical autobiographical essays by the Academy Award-nominated actress and star of *Up in the Air* recounts memorable milestones from her New England upbringing to the blockbuster films that have made her one of Hollywood's most popular actresses," --Baker & Taylor.

Everything I Know about Leadership

A Novel

Please Kill Me

My Autobiography

Finding My Virginity

Summary: Losing My Virginity by Richard Branson

Sir Richard Branson released his best-selling autobiography Losing My Virginity: How I've Survived, Had Fun, and Made a Fortune Doing Business My Way in 1998. The book chronicles Branson's adventures in his business life and his personal life while offering valuable advice for others who need inspiration or want to follow in his footsteps. The book follows his life in quite vivid detail until the age of forty-three. This autobiography gives us the opportunity to see what made this man, who became worth 5.1 billion dollars and had fun doing it. Sir Richard Branson was born on July 18, 1950 in London, England. He is well known for starting the Virgin Group which has ownership of more than 400 companies.

I Had to Lose My Virginity is a compelling story of an extraordinary woman who emerges from obscurity to become one of the successful and influential women entrepreneurs in Africa. This truly amazing story, skillfully told in a mix of poetry and vivid prose, provides intimate and insightful glimpse into a life that has defied biting poverty, personal failure and tragedy to become a remarkable portrait of success. The reader will doubtless find this book provocative, motivating and inspiring.

Kaveri is thirty; single; knows seven languages; is an interpreter by profession; has read all the books about men and how to get a date. Yet; she has not been able to figure out the language of love. Since the 'THE ONE GREAT LOVE' of her life has eluded her for thirty years and might never show up; she decides to take matters into her own hands. On her thirtieth birthday; she makes a resolution—love or no love; she is going to lose her virginity. Life; however; has other plans! This is a story of a spirited woman who plunges into a rollercoaster ride filled with ideas; ideals and adventures—each new day competing with yesterday to make her rethink and re-evaluate life and love.

I don't need the perfect guy. I don't need candlelight or roses. Honestly, I don't even need a real bed... Ellie Kolstakis is a twenty-one-year-old virgin. She's not religious. She's not waiting for marriage. She's not even holding on for The One. Ellie's just unlucky. But with her final year of university coming to an end, she's determined to shed her V-plates, once and for all. And she's ready to try anything - from submitting to her domineering Greek mother's matchmaking skills to embracing the world of nether-waxing trends (no-one wants a 'Hitler') and even YouTube tutorials on how to give a 'blow gift' (it should never be a job). After all, what has she got to lose? Well, besides the obvious.

Like a Virgin

100 Queer Poems

Just Friends

Secrets They Won't Teach You at Business School

I Had to Lose My Virginity

From USA Today bestselling author Jennifer Sucevic comes a sexy, new standalone novel. Can a guy and girl ever be just friends? I used to think so but now, I ' m not so sure. Emerson and I met freshman year of high school and we ' ve been tight ever since. I ' ve been pretty good about keeping her locked in the girls I don ' t think about having sex with part of my brain. Which is no easy feat because, let ' s face it, unless we ' re related, you ' re potential spank bank material. Luckily for me, Southern University has an overabundance of Red Devils hockey groupies, which means there are always plenty of puck bunnies for me to choose from. I ' m just careful to make sure they look nothing like Em. So, it should be all good in the hood, right? Wrong. I ' m embarrassed to admit this, but lately, I can ' t seem to get it up. Unless an image of Em pops into my head. Then it ' s all systems go. It ' s a messed-up situation. One Emerson is blissfully unaware of. And that ' s exactly the way it needs to stay. What I ' ve learned is that friendship is a hell of a lot harder to come by than hookups. Ready for a complication? It turns out that Em is a virgin. And she wants me to be the one to, well...take care of business. You better believe I shot down the idea before it could gain traction in my brain. Maybe Em doesn ' t realize it, but remaining friends after you ' ve slept with someone happens about as often as spotting a tie-dye colored unicorn that craps sprinkles. If it weren ' t rare, everyone would be doing it, right? Exactly. As far as I ' m concerned, Emerson has remained a virgin for this long, she can damn well wait to do the deed until after we part ways next year. Unfortunately, my best friend has other ideas. Which pretty much means I ' m screwed. And not in a good way. *Just Friends is a New Adult Novel intended for mature audiences*

Nervous, inexperienced, confused. For most, losing your virginity is one of life's most significant moments, always to be remembered. Of course, experiences vary, but Laura Carpenter asks: Is there an ideal way to lose it? What would constitute a " positive " experience? What often compels the big step? And, further, what does " going all the way " really mean for young gays and lesbians? In this first comprehensive study of virginity loss, Carpenter teases out the complexities of all things virgin by drawing on interviews with both young men and women who are straight, gay or bisexual. *Virginity Lost* offers a rare window into one of life's most intimate and significant sexual moments. The stories here are frank, poignant and fascinating as Carpenter presents an array of

experiences that run the gamut from triumphant to devastating. Importantly, Carpenter argues that one's experience of virginity loss can have a powerful impact on one's later sexual experiences. Especially at a time of increased debate about sexual abstinence versus safe sex education in public schools, this important volume will provide essential information about the sex lives of young people. The pair of psychologists behind a popular class at Stanford University called "Fail Fast, Fail Often" discuss how people who aren't worried about making mistakes tend to live happier, more successful lives and learn more from their experiences and opportunities. Original.

When eighteen-year-old Keely Collins decides to lose her virginity, she fears Dean, a college student, will be turned off by her inexperience, so she decides to start with lifelong friend Andrew.

All Boys Aren't Blue

Get More Done in 12 Weeks than Others Do in 12 Months

Screw Business As Usual

Without Merit

Adventures of a Global Entrepreneur

How I've Survived, Had Fun, and Made a Fortune Doing Business My Way

From the trailblazing founder and CEO of the Virgin Group, a powerful argument for using business to make a positive impact in the world. Richard Branson, one of the world's most famous and admired business leaders, argues that it's time to turn capitalism upside down—to shift our values from an exclusive focus on profit to also caring for people, communities and the planet. As he writes, "My message is a simple one: business as usual isn't working. In fact, it's 'business as usual' that's wrecking our planet. Resources are being used up; the air, the sea, the land—are all heavily polluted. The poor are getting poorer. Many are dying of starvation or because they can't afford a dollar a day for life-saving medicine. . . . Propheying doom and gloom is simply not my style. . . . I think business can help fix things and create a more prosperous world for everyone. I happen to believe in business because I believe that business can be a force for good. By that I mean doing good is good for business." Screw Business as Usual shows how easy it is for both businesses and individuals to embark on a whole new way of doing things, solving major problems and turning our work into something we both love and are proud of. "Wise and witty... Losing It is cringingly insightful about sex and dating and all the ways we tie ourselves into knots over both." --The New York Times Book Review A hilarious novel that Maggie Shipstead calls "charming... witty and insightful," about a woman who still has her virginity at the age of twenty-six, and the summer she's determined to lose it—and find herself. Julia Greenfield has a problem: she's twenty-six years old and she's still a virgin. Sex ought to be easy. People have it all the time! But, without meaning to, she made it through college and into adulthood with her virginity intact. Something's got to change. To re-route herself from her stalled life, Julia travels to spend the summer with her mysterious aunt Vivienne in North Carolina. It's not long, however, before she unearths a confounding secret—her 58 year old aunt is a virgin too. In the unrelenting heat of the southern summer, Julia becomes fixated on puzzling out what could have lead to Viv's appalling condition, all while trying to avoid the same fate. For readers of Rainbow Rowell and Maria Semple, and filled with offbeat characters and subtle, wry humor, Losing It is about the primal fear that you just. might. never. meet. anyone. It's about desiring something with the kind of obsessive fervor that almost guarantees you won't get it. It's about the blurry lines between sex and love, and trying to figure out which one you're going for. And it's about the decisions—and non-decisions—we make that can end up shaping a life.

'Branson has a list of achievements unmatched by any other UK businessman. For anyone burning with entrepreneurial zeal, his reminiscences are akin to a sacred text' Mail on Sunday THE NO.1 INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER The worldwide bestselling autobiography of iconic entrepreneur Sir Richard Branson, with over two million copies sold to date. Much more than a memoir, this is Sir Richard Branson's own take on his extraordinary life so far – and a definitive business guide that reveals his unique philosophy of commerce, success and life. In Losing My Virginity, you'll discover how Virgin grew from a mail-order music business into a path-breaking global brand. From the \$25 million Virgin Earth initiative to the launch of Virgin Galactic, this is a powerful and unique look into the life of an iconic global entrepreneur.

New York Times Bestseller Stop—and even reverse!—age-related weight gain and muscle loss with the first-ever weight-loss plan specifically designed to shrink your belly, extend your life, and create your healthiest self at mid-life and beyond. You don't have to gain weight as you age. That's the simple yet revolutionary promise of The Whole Body Reset, which uncovers why standard diet and exercise advice stops working for us as we approach midlife—and reveals how simple changes to the way we eat can halt, and even reverse, age-related weight gain and muscle loss. The Whole Body Reset presents stunning new evidence

about the power of “protein timing” for people at midlife—research that blows away current government guidelines, refutes the myth of slowing metabolisms and “inevitable” weight gain, and changes the way people in their mid-forties and older should think about food. The Whole Body Reset explains in simple, inspiring terms exactly how our bodies change with age, and how eating to accommodate those changes can make us respond to exercise as if we were twenty to thirty years younger. Developed by AARP, tested by a panel of more than 100 AARP employees, and approved by an international board of doctors, nutritionists, and fitness experts, The Whole Body Reset doesn’t use diet phases, eating windows, calorie restriction, or other trendy gimmicks. Its six simple secrets and scores of recipes are easy to follow, designed for real people living in the real world. A dining guide even shows how to follow this program in popular restaurants from McDonald’s to Starbucks to Olive Garden. And best of all: It works!

The Best Laid Plans

The Uncensored Oral History of Punk

Losing My Virginity and Other Dumb Ideas

The New Autobiography

Fail Fast, Fail Often

Dreams, Mistakes, and Growing Up

Losing My Virginity How I Survived, Had Fun, and Made a Fortune Doing Business My Way Crown Pub

A revelatory account of the personal factors that shaped the Virgin Group founder's unconventional leadership style discusses topics ranging from his limited education and struggles with dyslexia through his self-employment values and beliefs about listening. 75,000 first printing.

At 30, Duncan Bannatyne had no money and was enjoying life on the beaches of Jersey. He saw a story of someone who had made himself a millionaire, and decided to do the same. Five years later he had done it, and now he is worth £168 million. In this remarkable book, Bannatyne relives his colourful path to riches, from ice cream salesman to multi-millionaire, explaining how anyone could take the same route as he did - if they really want to. Hugely articulate, and with numerous fascinating and revealing stories to tell, this is an autobiography and a business book unlike any other - but then Bannatyne isn't like any other businessman, either.

From a Hackney council estate to the House of Lords, this is the extraordinary story of one of our greatest entrepreneurs. Alan Sugar was born in 1947 and brought up on a council estate in Clapton, in Hackney. As a kid he watched his dad struggle to support the family, never knowing from one week to the next if he'd have a job. It had a huge impact on him, fuelling a drive to succeed that was to earn him a sizeable personal fortune. Now he describes his amazing journey, from schoolboy enterprises like making and selling his own ginger beer to setting up his own company at nineteen; from Amstrad's groundbreaking ventures in hi-fi and computers, which made him the darling of the stock exchange, to the dark days when he nearly lost it all; from his pioneering deal with Rupert Murdoch to his boardroom battles at Tottenham Hotspur FC. In this compelling autobiography, he takes us into the world of The Apprentice, and describes his appointment as advisor to the government and elevation to the peerage. Like the man himself, What You See Is What You Get is forthright, funny and sometimes controversial.

My Story

Turning Capitalism into a Force for Good

How I Survived, Had Fun, and Made a Fortune Doing Business My Way

Shameless

The 12 Week Year

An Intimate Portrait of First Sexual Experiences

“Ranks up there with the great rock & roll books of all time.” —Time Out New York “Lurid, insolent, disorderly, funny, sometimes gross, sometimes mean and occasionally touching . . . Resounds with authenticity.” —The New York Times “No volume serves juicier dish on punk’s New York birth . . . Tales of sex, drugs and music that will make you wish you’d been there.” —Rolling Stone A contemporary classic, *Please Kill Me* is the definitive oral history of the most nihilistic of all pop movements. Iggy Pop, Richard Hell, the Ramones, and scores of other punk figures lend their voices to this decisive account of that explosive era. This 20th anniversary edition features new photos and an afterword by the authors. “Utterly and shamelessly sensational.” —Newsday

One of the world's most famous business leaders (and a well-known avian fanatic) explores the pioneers of flight. Bestselling author and billionaire entrepreneur Sir Richard Branson has always been obsessed with the skies. To promote a new Virgin Airlines route, he became the first man to water ski behind a blimp. His Virgin Galactic venture will soon offer ordinary people the opportunity to experience spaceflight aboard the first commercial spaceliner, SpaceShipTwo. In *Reach for the Skies*, Branson examines the history of aviation over the last two hundred years, putting the spotlight on trailblazers such as: *Tony Jannus, who made the first ever commercial flight over Tampa Bay, Florida, in 1914. *Leo Valentin, the "bird man" who jumped from 9,000 feet wearing a pair of wooden wings in the 1950s. *Steve Fossett, who broke 130 world records in planes, balloons, and airships. The pioneers of flight—not just the world-famous Wright Brothers, but also lesser known visionaries and dreamers—made it possible for any of us with the desire and the commitment to reach for the skies ourselves.

In an increasingly sexualised world, how we lose our virginity remains an untold story. Inspired by her *Cosmopolitan* award-nominated blog, *The Virginity Project*, Kate Monro sets out to ask men and women from every walk of life, how did it happen for you? *Losing It* brings together an astonishing collection of stories. From the experiences of Edna, who lost her virginity in 1940 aged 25, to Charlie, a young, disabled punk rocker whose first-time experience many able-bodied people would envy, Kate reveals the poignant, funny and often surprising truth about other people’s most intimate sexual stories.

"[Mueller reveals] the brazen fraud in the olive oil industry and [teaches] readers how to sniff out the good stuff."

—Dwight Garner, *New York Times* For millennia, fresh olive oil has been one of life’s necessities—not just as food but also as medicine, a beauty aid, and a vital element of religious rituals. But this symbol of purity has become deeply

corrupt. A superbly crafted combination of cultural history and food manifesto, Extra Virginity takes us on a journey through the world of olive oil, opening our eyes to olive oil 's rich past as well as to the fierce contemporary struggle between oil fraudsters of the globalized food industry and artisan producers whose oil truly deserves the name "extra virgin."

A Memoir-Manifesto

Sorry Not Sorry

How to Listen, Learn, Laugh and Lead

The First Time

True Tales of Virginity Lost and Found

Virgin

Twenty years after his iconic memoir Losing My Virginity, the world's ultimate entrepreneur is back with the rest of the story. Richard Branson's Losing My Virginity shared the outrageous tale of how he built Virgin from a student magazine into one of the greatest brands in history. No challenge was too daunting, no opportunity too outlandish to pursue. And each new adventure started with five simple words: "Screw it, let's do it." Now, fifty years after starting his first business, Branson shares the candid details of a lifetime of triumphs and failures and what he really thinks about his unique life and career. Finding My Virginity is an intimate look at his never-ending quest to push boundaries, break rules, and seek new frontiers—even after launching a dozen billion-dollar businesses and hundreds of other companies. As he led Virgin into the new millennium, Branson fearlessly expanded the brand into new categories such as mobile, media, fitness, and banking and into every corner of the globe—all while preserving its iconoclastic, scrappy spirit. He even brought Virgin into space with Virgin Galactic, the world's first commercial spaceline. Finding My Virginity takes us behind the scenes of the incredible brains, heart, and sacrifices that have gone into making private spaceflight an imminent reality—even after the biggest crisis Branson has ever faced. But this book is much more than a series of business adventures. It's also the story of Branson's evolution from hotshot entrepreneur to passionate philanthropist and public servant, via Virgin Unite's environmental and health initiatives and through the Elders, a council of influential global leaders. And it's the story of his personal quest to become a better son, husband, father, and "grand-dude" to his four grandchildren. Featuring a supporting cast that includes everyone from Bill Gates to Kate Moss, Nelson Mandela to Barack Obama, this is the gripping account of a man who will never stop reaching for the stars, in more ways than one. Find out how Branson did it for the first time—all over again.

"Oh, screw it, let's do it." That's the philosophy that has allowed Richard Branson, in slightly more than twenty-five years, to spawn so many successful ventures. From the airline business (Virgin Atlantic Airways), to music (Virgin Records and V2), to cola (Virgin Cola), to retail (Virgin Megastores), and nearly a hundred others, ranging from financial services to bridal wear, Branson has a track record second to none. Losing My Virginity is the unusual, frequently outrageous autobiography of one of the great business geniuses of our time. When Richard Branson started his first business, he and his friends decided that "since we're complete virgins at business, let's call it just that: Virgin." Since then, Branson has written his own "rules" for success, creating a group of companies with a global presence, but no central headquarters, no management hierarchy, and minimal bureaucracy. Many of Richard Branson's companies--airlines, retailing, and cola are good examples--were started in the face of entrenched competition. The experts said, "Don't do it." But Branson found golden opportunities in markets in which customers have been ripped off or underserved, where confusion reigns, and the competition is complacent. And in this stressed-out, overworked age, Richard Branson gives us a new model: a dynamic, hardworking, successful entrepreneur who lives life to the fullest. Family, friends, fun, and adventure are equally important as business in Branson's life. Losing My Virginity is a portrait of a productive, sane, balanced life, filled with rich and colorful stories: Crash-landing his hot-air balloon in the Algerian desert, yet remaining determined to have another go at being the first to circle the globe Signing the Sex Pistols, Janet Jackson, the Rolling Stones, Boy George, and Phil Collins Fighting back when British Airways took on Virgin Atlantic and successfully suing this pillar of the British business establishment Swimming two miles to safety during a violent storm off the coast of Mexico Selling Virgin Records to save Virgin Atlantic Staging a rescue flight into Baghdad before the start of the Gulf War . . . And much more. Losing My Virginity is the ultimate tale of personal and business survival from a man who combines the business prowess of Bill Gates and the promotional instincts of P. T. Barnum. Also available in the UK from Virgin Publishing, and in Canada from General Publishing, From the Hardcover edition.

"Much more than just a memoir, this is Richard Branson's own take on his extraordinary life so far - and a definitive business guide that reveals his unique philosophy on commerce, success and life."--Page 4 of cover. First published in 1993, The Virgin Suicides announced the arrival of a major new American novelist. In a quiet suburb of Detroit, the five Lisbon sisters—beautiful, eccentric, and obsessively watched by the neighborhood boys—commit suicide one by one over the course of a single year. As the boys observe them from afar, transfixed, they piece together the mystery of the family's fatal melancholy, in this hypnotic and unforgettable novel of adolescent love, disquiet, and death. Jeffrey Eugenides evokes the emotions of youth with haunting sensitivity and dark humor and creates a coming-of-age story unlike any of our time. Adapted into a critically acclaimed film by Sofia Coppola, The Virgin Suicides is a modern classic, a lyrical and timeless tale of sex and suicide that transforms and mythologizes suburban middle-American life.

How I Lost My Virginity and Kept My Faith

Reach for the Skies

Losing My Virginity

How I Used My Inner Self to Achieve My Goals

If It's Not Fun, It's Not Worth Doing

How We Popped Our Cherry Over the Last 80 Years

Funny and deeply personal, *Sorry Not Sorry* recounts Glee star Naya Rivera's successes and missteps, urging young women to pursue their dreams and to refuse to let past mistakes define them. Navigating through youth and young adulthood isn't easy, and in *Sorry Not Sorry*, Naya Rivera shows us that we're not alone in the highs, lows, and in-betweens. Whether it's with love and dating, career and ambition, friends, or gossip, Naya inspires us to follow our own destiny and step over--or plod through--all the crap along the way. After her rise and fall from early childhood stardom, barely eking her way through high school, a brief stint as a Hooters waitress, going through thick and thin with her mom/manager, and resurrecting her acting career as Santana Lopez on *Glee*, Naya emerged from these experiences with some key life lessons: **Sorry:** - All those times I scrawled "I HATE MY MOM" in my journal. So many moms and teenage daughters don't get along--we just have to realize it's nothing personal on either side. - At-home highlights and DIY hair extensions. Some things are best left to the experts, and hair dye is one of them. - Falling in love with the idea of a person, instead of the actual person. **Not Sorry:** - That I don't always get along with everyone. Having people not like you is a risk you have to take to be real, and I'll take that over being fake any day. - Laughing at the gossip instead of getting upset by it. - Getting my financial disasters out of the way early--before I was married or had a family--so that the only credit score that I wrecked was my own. Even with a successful career and a family that she loves more than anything else, Naya says, "There's still a thirteen-year-old girl inside of me making detailed lists of how I can improve, who's never sure of my own self-worth." *Sorry Not Sorry* is for that thirteen-year-old in all of us.

A groundbreaking and very personal insight into modern sexuality. Losing our virginity - it happens to all of us. How did it happen for you? What do other people think and feel about it? In February 2007, Kate Monro went on a mission to find out. She decided to ask as many people as possible - how did you lose your virginity? Men and women, old and young, gay, straight, Christian and Muslim; the stories range from the funny and the sad to the happy and occasionally, the unbelievable. Thus was born her much reviewed blog, *The Virginity Project*, and now this book. How do we define the loss of our virginity? What, if any, impact does the first time have on the rest of our lives? And in some cases how do we know for sure when that moment has occurred? After all sorts of conversations with all sorts of people, Kate will reveal the truth about other people's most intimate sexual stories. She also discovers that the answers are not always as straightforward as you might think.

Critically acclaimed by reviewers across the country, Aoibheann Sweeney's beautifully written debut novel is a story of the profound human need for intimacy. For Miranda, the adolescence spent in her fog-shrouded Maine home has been stark and isolated--alone with her troubled father, a man consumed with his work translating Ovid's *Metamorphoses*, her mother mysteriously gone from their lives. Now, having graduated from high school, Miranda's father arranges for her to stay with old friends in Manhattan, and she embarks on a journey that will open up her father's past and her own world, in ways she cannot begin to imagine.

From Colleen Hoover, the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *It Ends With Us*, comes a moving and haunting novel of family, love, and the power of the truth. Not every mistake deserves a consequence. Sometimes the only thing it deserves is forgiveness. The Voss family is anything but normal. They live in a repurposed church, newly baptized Dollar Voss. The once cancer-stricken mother lives in the basement, the father is married to the mother's former nurse, the little half-brother isn't allowed to do or eat anything fun, and the eldest siblings are irritatingly perfect. Then, there's Merit. Merit Voss collects trophies she hasn't earned and secrets her family forces her to keep. While browsing the local antiques shop for her next trophy, she finds Sagan. His wit and unapologetic idealism disarm and spark renewed life into her--until she discovers that he's completely unavailable. Merit retreats deeper into herself, watching her family from the sidelines, when she learns a secret that no trophy in the world can fix. Fed up with the lies, Merit decides to shatter the happy family illusion that she's never been a part of before leaving them behind for good. When her escape plan fails, Merit is forced to deal with the staggering consequences of telling the truth and losing the one boy she loves. Poignant and powerful, *Without Merit* explores the layers of lies that tie a family together and the power of love and truth.

Losing It

Lessons In Life

Screw It, Let's Do It

The Autobiography

Extra Virginity: The Sublime and Scandalous World of Olive Oil

How Losing Can Help You Win

Sir Richard Branson's amazing memoir is now updated to include the effect on the Virgin Group of 11 September, his views on the war in Iraq, the rise of Virgin Blue and the flotation of Virgin Mobile. Discover how Virgin is moving into the US domestic flight market and why he set up the charitable body "Virgin Unite". As ever, his thirst for challenge is unquenched. Sir Richard reveals the thrills of the world record attempt with the Virgin Atlantic Global Flyer and taking Virgin to the final frontier as Virgin Galactic are poised for a new era of commercial space travel. Compelling. Brilliant. Revealing. Funny. Inspirational. Extraordinary. Revealing Sir Richard's unique story, his personal philosophy on life, the Virgin brand and business Losing My Virginity is an autobiography without equal.

**An Amazon Best Book of the Year optioned for television by Gabrielle Union!* In a series of personal essays, prominent journalist and LGBTQIA+ activist George M. Johnson explores his childhood, adolescence, and college years in New Jersey and Virginia. From the memories of getting his teeth kicked out by bullies at age five, to flea marketing with his loving grandmother, to his first sexual relationships, this young-adult memoir weaves*

together the trials and triumphs faced by Black queer boys. Both a primer for teens eager to be allies as well as a reassuring testimony for young queer men of color, *All Boys Aren't Blue* covers topics such as gender identity, toxic masculinity, brotherhood, family, structural marginalization, consent, and Black joy. Johnson's emotionally frank style of writing will appeal directly to young adults.

In September 2012, a YOUNG poll conducted in Britain found that the person British workers would most like as their manager was Sir Richard Branson. With over 40 years in business, Richard Branson is an inspiring pioneer of humanitarian projects and an iconic business leader. In *The Virgin Way: How to Listen, Learn, Laugh and Lead*, Richard shares and distills his secrets of leadership and success. Featuring anecdotes from his own business dealings, as well as his observations of many others who have inspired him - from politicians, business leaders, explorers, scientists and philanthropists - Richard reflects on the qualities he feels are essential for success in today's world. This is not a conventional book on leadership. There are no rules - but rather the secrets of leadership that he has learned along the way from his days at Virgin Records, to his recent work with The Elders. Whether you're at the beginning of your career, or head of a Fortune 500 company - this is your guide to being your own CEO (Chief Enabling Officer) and becoming a true leader - not just a boss.

The unusual, frequently outrageous autobiography of one of the great business geniuses of our time, Richard Branson. In little more than twenty-five years, Richard Branson spawned nearly a hundred successful ventures. From the airline business (Virgin Atlantic Airways), to music (Virgin Records and V2), to cola (Virgin Cola), and others ranging from financial services to bridal wear, Branson has a track record second to none. Many of his companies were started in the face of entrenched competition. The experts said, "Don't do it." But Branson found golden opportunities in markets in which customers have been ripped off or underserved, where confusion reigns, and the competition is complacent. In this stressed-out, overworked age, Richard Branson gives us a new model: a dynamic, hardworking, successful entrepreneur who lives life to the fullest. Branson has written his own "rules" for success, creating a group of companies with a global presence, but no central headquarters, no management hierarchy, and minimal bureaucracy. Family, friends, fun, and adventure are equally important as business in his life. *Losing My Virginity* is a portrait of a productive, sane, balanced life, filled with rich and colorful stories, including: - Crash-landing his hot-air balloon in the Algerian desert, yet remaining determined to have another go at being the first to circle the globe - Signing the Sex Pistols, Janet Jackson, the Rolling Stones, Boy George, and Phil Collins - Fighting back when British Airways took on Virgin Atlantic and successfully suing this pillar of the British business establishment - Swimming two miles to safety during a violent storm off the coast of Mexico - Staging a rescue flight into Baghdad before the start of the Gulf War And much more. *Losing My Virginity* is the ultimate tale of personal and business survival from a man who combines the business prowess of Bill Gates and the promotional instincts of P. T. Barnum.

Your Weight-Loss Plan for a Flat Belly, Optimum Health & a Body You'll Love at Midlife and Beyond

The Virgin Suicides

Scrappy Little Nobody

Ballooning, Birdmen, and Blasting into Space

Among Other Things, I've Taken Up Smoking

What You See Is What You Get