

My Family And Other Animals Penguin Essentials

Fiancés, friends, and other animals. . . After a year that sees a broken-off engagement and the death of her beloved father, Penny is desperate to get away. Fulfilling a childhood dream, she sets off on a month-long pilgrimage to Corfu--an island idyll she knows only through the pages of Gerald Durrell's My Family and Other Animals. On the island, Penny quickly finds herself drawn into the lives of a tight-knit circle of strangers. Exploring--searching for the places the Durrells knew decades before--she makes unexpected discoveries about the hopes, fears, and secrets of the people living there today. And as strangers start to be friends, lives past and present become entwined in ways none of them could have predicted. . .

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THE SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER NIGEL - One of Britain's favourite dogs! MONTY DON - One of Britain's favourite presenters. When Monty Don's golden retriever Nigel became the surprise star of BBC Gardeners' World inspiring huge interest, fan mail and his own social media accounts, Monty Don wanted to explore what makes us connect with animals quite so deeply. In many respects Nigel is a very ordinary dog; charming, handsome and obedient, as so many are. He is a much loved family pet. He is also a star. By telling Nigel's story, Monty relates his relationships with the other special dogs in his life in a memoir of his dogs past and very much present. Witty, touching and life-affirming, Nigel: My family and other dogs is wonderfully heart-warming. Monty Don is a great writer coming out of the garden and into the hearts and homes of every dog lover in the UK. 'I have always had a dog, or dogs. I cannot imagine life without them. I am just as much a fan of Nigel as any besotted viewer. In the book I explore why we love dogs and what they mean to us emotionally and domestically. I look back on all the dogs in my life - all of which I have loved deeply and which have been an essential part of my life. So, this is the book of Nigel - but also the book of all our dogs in every British family and a celebration of the deep love we feel for them' Monty Don

Barry Broadfoot's Ordinary Russians artfully recounts the author's 1987 month-long trip to the Soviet Union. Skillfully combining his own impressions with the storied experiences of Russians from all walks of life, including a trapper, a policewoman, a poet, and fishermen, Broadfoot presents a society in the midst of rapid change.

A Rescue Journey to Save One of the World's Most Intriguing Creatures from Extinction

Lap Edition

Burn Our Bodies Down

Looking for the Durrells

Weave a Circle Round

A simple guide to a smarter strategy for the individual investor A Wealth of Common Sense sheds a refreshing light on investing, and shows you how a simplicity-based framework can lead to better investment decisions. The financial market is a complex system, but that doesn't mean it requires a complex strategy; in fact, this false premise is the driving force behind many investors' market "mistakes." Information is important, but understanding and perspective are the keys to better decision-making. This book describes the proper way to view the markets and your portfolio, and show you the simple strategies that make investing more profitable, less confusing, and less time-consuming. Without the burden of short-term performance benchmarks, individual investors have the advantage of focusing on the long view, and the freedom to construct the kind of portfolio that will serve their investment goals best. This book proves how complex strategies essentially waste these advantages, and provides an alternative game plan for those ready to simplify. Complexity is often used as a mechanism for talking investors into unnecessary purchases, when all most need is a deeper understanding of conventional options. This book explains which issues you actually should pay attention to, and which ones are simply used for an illusion of intelligence and control. Keep up with—or beat—professional money managers Exploit stock market volatility to your utmost advantage Learn where advisors and consultants fit into smart strategy Build a portfolio that makes sense for your particular situation You don't have to outsmart the market if you can simply outperform it. Cut through the confusion and noise and focus on what actually matters. A Wealth of Common Sense clears the air, and gives you the insight you need to become a smarter, more successful investor.

National Bestseller: The complete trilogy that inspired Masterpiece production The Durrells in Corfu in one volume. The tales of a naturalist and his family, who left England for the Greek island of Corfu—where they interacted with fascinating locals of both human and animal varieties—these memoirs have become beloved bestsellers and inspired the delightful series that aired on PBS television. Included in this three-book collection are: My Family and Other Animals: Ten-year-old Gerald Durrell arrives on sun-drenched Corfu with this family and pursues his interest in natural history, making friends with the island's fauna—from toads and tortoises to scorpions and geckos—while reveling in the joyous chaos of growing up in an unconventional household. Birds, Beasts and Relatives: Written after a boyhood spent studying zoology, this memoir is part nature guide, part coming-of-age tale, and all charmingly funny memoir. The Garden of the Gods: In the conclusion of the trilogy, Durrell shares more tales of wild animals and his even wilder family, including his mother, Louisa, and his siblings Lawrence, Leslie, and Margo, in the years before World War II. "[Durrell's] books have an unfailing charm. . . . It is a tribute to his skill that one never tires of his accounts" (Chicago Tribune). This ebook features an illustrated biography of Gerald Durrell including rare photos from the author's estate.

Although Nicholas Mosley has written two volumes of family biography and a volume of memoirs, he has, until now, avoided writing about his World War Two experiences. The son of Sir Oswald Mosley who, as the leader of the British Union of Fascists, had been jailed with his second wife, Diana (one of the Mitford sisters), early on in the war ostensibly as a security risk. Despite this, Nicholas was dispatched to join his regiment, the Rifle Brigade, as the Allies fought their way up the Italian peninsula. He came of age in the forcing house of war, surrounded by the constant threat of capture by the Germans. At one point in the Italian campaign this very nearly happened. How Nicholas got away and survived is an example of how sometimes fact can be more bizarre than fiction. Time at War is both an absorbing memoir and an intriguing account of a relationship unlike any other in World War Two. How do you live your life as a soldier fighting the Axis powers when your father is the

self-proclaimed British fascist leader?

In a book with foldout pages, Monica's father fulfills her request for the moon by taking it down after it is small enough to carry, but it continues to change in size.

Three Singles to Adventure

Occupational Outlook Handbook

My Family and Other Animals; Birds, Beasts and Relatives; and The Garden of the Gods

The Mockery Bird

Oh Charlie

An account of the adventures and events the author experienced on his expedition to Madagascar to capture the elusive aye-aye

SHORTLISTED FOR THE SLIGHTLY FOXED BEST FIRST BIOGRAPHY AWARD David Aaronovitch grew up in Communist Great Britain - a Britain hidden from view for most, but for those on the inside it was a life filled with picket lines, militant trade unions, solidarity rallies for foreign Communists, the Red Army Choir, copies of the Daily Worker, all underpinned by a quiet love of the Soviet Union. In this idiosyncratic blend of memoir, history and biography, David Aaronovitch uncovers the story of his family's life by picking through letters, diaries and secret service files, which in turn unleash vivid childhood memories of a lost and idealistic world. Party Animals is about personal life and political life becoming tragically intertwined, and one family's search for meaning in the twentieth century.

A collection of short stories by a world-renowned naturalist and author of My Family and Other Animals introduces an eccentric cast of characters including a prize-truffling pig in France and an aging Memphis belle.

The island of Zenkali, in transition to self-government under the supervision of British government representative Peter Foxglove, is thrown into turmoil when the sacred Mockery Bird--long thought extinct--is discovered and revives tribal enmity

The Garden of the Gods

A Wealth of Common Sense

Encounters with Animals

Little Red Riding Hood. Into the Forest Again

My Animals and Other Family

With a wit as sharp as a vodka stinger and a heart as free as her spirit, Auntie Mame burst onto the literary scene in 1955--and today of the most unforgettable characters in contemporary fiction. Wildly successful when it was first published in 1955, Patrick Dennis' Aunt Mame sold over two million copies and stayed put on the New York Times bestseller list for 112 weeks. It was made into a play, a Broadway and Hollywood musical, and a fabulous movie starring Rosalind Russell. Since then, Mame has taken her rightful place in the pantheon of Great Important People as the world's most beloved, madcap, devastatingly sophisticated, and glamorous aunt. She is impossible to resist, and her hilarious story of an orphaned ten-year-old boy sent to live with his aunt is as delicious a read in the twenty-first century as it was in the first. Follow the rollicking adventures of this unflappable flapper as seen through the wide eyes of her young, impressionable nephew and discover for the first time why Mame has made the world a more wonderful place. "Outrageous, hilarious, ribald, sophisticated, slapsatiric." The Denver Post

When Little Red sets out to bring a cake to Grandmother's house, she promises the mirror on her wall that she won't talk to strangers. As shadows of the forest press around her, she finds that keeping that promise is hard to do. After all, safety is found in numbers, isn't it? It depends on what happens when Little Red meets the biggest shadow of all.

"[A] deliriously creepy tale...that'll keep your nightmares up at night." --Melissa Albert, New York Times bestselling author of The Hazel Wood
From the author of the New York Times bestseller Wilder Girls comes a feverishly twisty thriller about a girl whose past has always been a mystery--until she decides to return to her mother's hometown . . . where history has a tendency to repeat itself. Ever since Margot was born, it's been just her and her mother, struggling to get along. But that's not enough for Margot. She wants family. She wants a past. And she's just found the answer: A photograph, pointing her to a town called Phalene. Only, when Margot gets there, it's not what she bargained for. As soon as they see her face, everyone in town knows who Margot belongs to. It's unmistakable--she's a Nielsen. And when a mysterious girl who could be Margot's twin is pulled from a fire, Margot realizes that her mother left Phalene for a reason. But was it to hide her past? Or to protect Margot from what's still there? The only thing Margot knows for sure is there's poison in their family tree, and their roots are buried so deeply into Phalene that now that she's there, she might never escape. Praise for Wilder Girls: 4 STARRED REVIEWS! "Fresh and horrible and beautiful...readers will be consumed and altered by Wilder Girls."-NPR "This thrilling saga...is sure to be one of the season's most talked-about books, in any genre."--EW "The perfect kind of story for our current era."--Hypable "Your new favorite book."--Cosmopolitan

Part of the trilogy of memoirs that inspired the television show The Durrells in Corfu: A naturalist's adventures with animals—and humans on a Greek island. When his family moved to a Greek island, young naturalist Gerald Durrell was able to indulge his passion for wildlife of all sorts. He discovered the new world around him—and the creatures and people who inhabited it. Indeed, Durrell's years growing up on Corfu would inspire the rest of his life. In addition to his tales of wild animals, Durrell recounts stories about his even wilder family—including his widowed mother, Louisa, and elder siblings Lawrence, Leslie, and Margo—with undeniable wit and humor. The final chapter in Durrell's reflections on his family's time in Greece before the start of World War II, The Garden of the Gods is a fascinating look at the childhood of a naturalist who was ahead of his time. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Gerald Durrell including rare photos from the author's estate.

Our Country Friends

Menagerie Manor

The Aye-Aye and I

Auntie Mame

Gerald Durrell, My Family and Other Animals

'What we all need,' said Larry, 'is sunshine . . . a country where we can grow.' 'Yes, dear, that would be nice,' agreed Mother, not really listening. 'I had a letter from George this morning - he says Corfu's wonderful. Why don't we pack up and go to Greece?' 'Very well, dear, if you like,' said Mother unguardedly. Escaping the ills of the British climate, the Durrell family - acne-ridden Margo, gun-toting Leslie, bookworm Lawrence and budding naturalist Gerry, along with their long-suffering mother and Roger the dog - take off for the island of Corfu. But the Durrells find that, reluctantly, they must share their various villas with a menagerie of local fauna - among them scorpions, geckos, toads, bats and butterflies. Recounted with immense humour and charm My Family and Other Animals is a wonderful account of a rare, magical childhood. 'Durrell has an uncanny knack of discovering human as well as animal eccentricities' Sunday Telegraph

From a member of the real-life family portrayed in The Durrells in Corfu, this memoir of the idyllic Greek island is "among the best

books ever written" (The New York Times). Before Lawrence Durrell became a renowned novelist, poet, and travel writer, he spent four youthful years on Corfu, an island jewel with beauty to match the long and fascinating history within its rocky shores. While his brother, Gerald, was collecting animals as a budding naturalist, Lawrence fished, drank, and lived with the natives in the years leading up to World War II, sheltered from the tumult that was engulfing Europe—until finally he could ignore the world no longer. Durrell left for Alexandria, to serve his country as a wartime diplomat, but never forgot the wonders of Corfu. In this "brilliant" journey through that idyllic time and place, Durrell returns to the land that made him so happy, blending his love of history with memories of his adventures there (The Economist). Like the blue Aegean, Prospero's Cell is deep and crystal clear, offering a perfect view straight to the heart of a nation.

Discover your inner child once again in this debut fantasy adventure for fans of Madeleine L'Engle, Diana Wynne Jones, and E. Nesbit. When the unexpected moves in next door, anything can happen in *Weave a Circle Round*, Kari Maaren's debut into YA-friendly fantasy adventure. Freddy doesn't want people to think she's weird. Her family makes that difficult, though: her dearest stepbrother Roland's a major geek, and her genius little sister Mel's training to be the next Sherlock Holmes. All Freddy wants is to survive high school. Then two extremely odd neighbors move in next door. Cuerva Lachance and Josiah definitely aren't normal. Neither is their house, which defies the laws of physics. Neither is Freddy's situation, when she suddenly finds herself stuck thousands of years in the past with her very, very weird neighbors. And that's only the beginning. "I adored this brilliant book from start to finish. It left me reeling with delight and I can't wait for the rest of the world to get as lost in its pages as I was." —Charles de Lint "I'd have loved this book when I was twelve, and I love it now." —Nebula, Hugo, and World Fantasy-Award winning author Jo Walton

In 1947, returning to the UK with two young children to support, Margaret Durrell starts a boarding house in Bournemouth. Her hopes of respectability are dashed as the tenants reveal themselves to be a host of eccentrics: from a painter of nudes to a glamorous young nurse whose late-night shifts combined with an ever-revolving roster of gentleman callers leading to a neighbourhood rumour that Margo is running a brothel. Margo's own two sons, Gerry and Nicholas, prove to be every bit as mischievous as their famous Uncle Gerald - and he himself returns periodically with weird and wonderful animals, from marmosets to monkeys, that are quite unsuitable for life in a Bournemouth garden.

My Family and Other Animals

A heartwarming, feel-good and uplifting novel bringing the Durrells back to life

Whatever Happened to Margo?

The Tale of Peter Rabbit

Love from Lexie (The Lost and Found)

The follow-up to *My Family and Other Animals* and the inspiration for *The Durrells in Corfu*: A naturalist's memoir of his family's time on a Greek island. In the years before World War II, Gerald Durrell's family left the gloomy shores of England for the sun-drenched island of Corfu. Against this picturesque backdrop, Durrell fondly recalls his family's disorderly household and outrageous antics, including their interactions with locals of both human and animal varieties. After a boyhood spent studying zoology and acquiring the island's exotic insects, reptiles, birds, mammals, and sea creatures as pets, Durrell's budding naturalism would later bloom into a passion for conservation that would last a lifetime. Filled with clever observations, amusing anecdotes, and childlike wonder, *Birds, Beasts and Relatives* is half nature guide, half coming-of-age tale, and all charmingly funny memoir. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Gerald Durrell including rare photos from the author's estate.

"I had spent most of my childhood thinking I was a dog, and suspect I had aged in dog years. By the time I was ten I had discovered the pain of unbearable loss. I had felt joy and jealousy. Most important of all, I knew how to love and how to let myself be loved. All these things I learned through animals. Horses and dogs were my family and my friends. This is their story as much as it is mine."

Clare Balding grew up in an unusual household. Her father a champion horse trainer, they shared their lives with more than one hundred thoroughbred racehorses, mares, foals, and ponies, as well as an ever-present pack of dogs, on a sprawling estate in the Hampshire Downs. As a child, Clare happily rode the legendary racehorse Mill Reef and received her first pony, Valkyrie, as a gift from Her Majesty the Queen of England. But Clare ranked low in the family pecking order—as a girl, she was decidedly below her younger brother, and both of them were certainly below the horses. Left to her own devices, she had to learn life's toughest lessons through the animals, and through her adventures in the stables and the surrounding idyllic English countryside. From her struggles at boarding school to her triumphs as an amateur jockey and event rider, Clare weaves her own coming-of-age story through portraits of the beloved horses and dogs, from the protective Candy to the unruly Frank, who were her earliest friends. The running family joke was that "women ain't people." Clare has to prove them wrong, to make her voice heard—but first she had to make sure she had something to say. *My Animals and Other Family* is a witty, brave, and moving account of stumbling—often literally—into one's true self.

The beloved naturalist and author of *My Family and Other Animals* shares the pleasures and pitfalls of opening a zoo on the English Channel Island of Jersey. Spurred by his passion for animals and a lifelong dream, in the spring of 1959 Gerald Durrell opened the Jersey Zoo—now known as the Durrell Wildlife Park—on the grounds of an old manor house. The menagerie provided a safe habitat for rare and endangered species and exposed its human visitors to the wonders of nature. Dealing with escapee animals and overdrawn bank accounts, Durrell soon discovered that owning and operating a fledgling zoo was no easy task. But despite the setbacks, these charming, often hilarious stories make clear that, for Durrell, ensuring the park's success and helping the creatures he loved so dearly was worth any obstacle. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Gerald Durrell including rare photos from the author's estate. The Durrell family are immortalised in Gerald Durrell's *My Family and Other Animals* and its ITV adaptation, *The Durrells*. But what of the real life Durrells? Why did they go to Corfu in the first place - and what happened to them after they left? The real story of the Durrells is as surprising and fascinating as anything in Gerry's books, and Michael Haag, with his first hand knowledge of the family, is the ideal narrator, drawing on diaries, letters and unpublished autobiographical fragments. *The Durrells of Corfu* describes the family's upbringing in India and the crisis that brought them to England and then Greece. It recalls the genuine characters they encountered on Corfu - Theodore the biologist, the taxi driver Spiro Halikiopoulos and the prisoner Kostis - as well as the visit of American writer Henry Miller. And Haag has unearthed the story of how the Durrells left Corfu, including Margo's and Larry's last-

minute escapes before the War. An extended epilogue looks at the emergence of Larry as a world famous novelist, and Gerry as a naturalist and champion of endangered species, as well as the lives of the rest of the family, their friends and other animals. The book is illustrated with family photos from the Gerald Durrell Archive, many of them reproduced here for the first time.

Notes on Gerald Durrell's

The Whispering Land

The Corfu Trilogy

Ordinary Russians

An Otter on the Aga

Ever since Jacob Reckless was a child, he has been escaping to a hidden world through a portal in his father's abandoned study. Over the years, he has made a name for himself as a finder of enchanted items and buried secrets. He's also made many enemies and allies--most important, Fox, a beautiful shape-shifting vixen whom Jacob cares for more than he lets on. But life in this other world is about to change. Tragedy strikes when Jacob's younger brother, Will, follows him through the portal. Brutally attacked, Will is infected with a curse that is quickly transforming him into a Goyl--a ruthless killing machine, with skin made of stone. Jacob is prepared to fight to save his brother, but in a land built on trickery and lies, Jacob will need all the wit, courage, and reckless spirit he can summon to reverse the dark spell--before it's too late.

A British naturalist and his wife acquire a menagerie of animals and set up their own zoo in this delightful memoir by the author of the Corfu Trilogy. For many years I had wanted to start a zoo. . . . Any reasonable person smitten with an ambition of this sort would have secured the zoo first and obtained the animals afterwards. But throughout my life I have rarely if ever achieved what I wanted by tackling it in a logical fashion. After a decade of supplying creatures for other people's zoos, in 1957 Gerald Durrell and his wife set off on an adventurous journey to the Cameroons in West Africa, where they collected numerous mammals, birds, and reptiles. The wild nature of the animals created quite a bit of chaos, but the Durrells' problems really began when they attempted to return to Britain with their exotic new friends. Not only did they have to get them safely home, they also had to find somewhere able and--more importantly--willing to house them. Told with wit and a zest for all things furry and feathered, Durrell's *A Zoo in My Luggage* is a brilliant account of how a pioneer of wildlife preservation came to found a new type of zoo. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Gerald Durrell including rare photos from the author's estate.

Journey to South America on a search for endangered species with the author of *My Family and Other Animals*. In 1950, Gerald Durrell set off for British Guiana (now Guyana) to collect native wildlife and bring it back to his Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust on the island of Jersey in the English Channel. On his journey, Durrell experienced all kinds of adventures: some amusing, some thrilling, and some extremely irritating. He traveled up the Essequibo River into the lush tropical forests and trekked across a landscape teeming with life and color. He encountered the sakiwinki monkey and the sloth with curiously green fur, heard the horrifying sounds of rampaging piranhas, and learned how to lasso a galloping anteater. He even met an ill-tempered anaconda and an overly affectionate bird. This remarkable memoir will take you into a wild place in another time, accompanied by the highly entertaining naturalist whose writings inspired popular *Masterpiece* series *The Durrells in Corfu*. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Gerald Durrell including rare photos from the author's estate.

Accounts of animals Gerald Durrell discovered and observed, based on broadcasts he made for the BBC. Here are entertaining accounts of the courtships, wars, and characters of animals encountered in West Africa, South America, Greece, etc., including the stories of Sarah Huggersack, an orphaned baby giant anteater, and Pavlo, a marmoset from Guiana.

Prospero's Cell

The Overloaded Ark

A Zoo in My Luggage

The Colossus of Maroussi

Time at War

He was famous for telling stories. He could always make the story interesting. He had a way of seeing the best or funniest of every situation. He wrote down over 180 of his best stories in his last few years for all his family and friends. You will laugh, and relate to the stories of childhood, school years, and growing up during the depression. From his northern New Jersey, small town home he shares what it was like growing up in the 20's and 30's. From logging to working with horses, the stories provide a great view of the life style from that time period.

In *AN OTTER ON THE AGA*, Rex Harper brings to life the story of the incredible animal sanctuary that he and his family spent over forty years building. From small beginnings, the Harpers' haven became a magnet for an extraordinary array of animal waifs and strays and was designated the official RSPCA centre for Cornwall in the late 1970s, taking in more than 50,000 abused and abandoned creatures by the time Rex and his wife retired. In this tale he introduces us to the colourful cast of characters that have become his family - Patti the unlikely guard dog poodle, Odin the Machiavellian raven and One Eye the seemingly indestructible cat. He describes, too, the dark side of his work as an RSPCA warden, chronicling

some of the inhuman cruelty he witnessed during his years at the forefront of animal welfare in Cornwall. Inspiring and poignant, warm and witty, **AN OTTER ON THE AGA** is an evocation of life close to nature, a book that will touch - and sometimes break - the hearts of animal lovers everywhere.

Naturalist Gerald Durrell recalls his expedition to South America to find exotic animals in this follow-up to **A Zoo in My Luggage**. After bringing multiple species of African animals back to the Channel Island of Jersey to populate their new zoo, British naturalist Gerald Durrell and his wife followed their passion for wildlife preservation on a journey to South America. With a team of helpers, they spent eight months on safari searching for exotic specimens. Through windswept Patagonian shores and tropical forests in the Argentine, from ocelots to penguins, fur seals to parrots to pumas, the author who inspired the public television drama **The Durrells in Corfu** captures the landscape and its inhabitants with his signature charm and humor. Filled with adventure, exploration, and the spirit of conservation, **The Whispering Land** is a memoir that animal lovers of all ages will enjoy. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Gerald Durrell including rare photos from the author's estate.

Peter disobeys his mother by going into Mr. McGregor's garden and almost gets caught.

Reckless

A Guide to the Landscape and Manners of the Island of Corfu

Why Simplicity Trumps Complexity in Any Investment Plan

The Durrells of Corfu

Papa, Please Get the Moon for Me

The author's quest for spiritual renewal is illuminated in descriptions of his impressions of Greece and its people

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YEAR: The New York Times Book Review, Financial Times, The Washington Post, Time, Los

Angeles Times, New York Post, Town & Country, Good Housekeeping, Kirkus Reviews "A

perfect novel for these times and all times, the single textual artifact from the

pandemic era I would place in a time capsule as a representation of all that is good and

true and beautiful about literature."—Molly Young, The New York Times Eight friends, one

country house, and six months in isolation—a novel about love, friendship, family, and

betrayal hailed as a "virtuoso performance" (USA Today) and "an homage to Chekhov with

four romances and a finale that will break your heart" (The Washington Post) In the

rolling hills of upstate New York, a group of friends and friends-of-friends gathers in a

country house to wait out the pandemic. Over the next six months, new friendships and

romances will take hold, while old betrayals will emerge, forcing each character to

reevaluate whom they love and what matters most. The unlikely cast of characters includes

a Russian-born novelist; his Russian-born psychiatrist wife; their precocious child

obsessed with K-pop; a struggling Indian American writer; a wildly successful Korean

American app developer; a global dandy with three passports; a Southern flamethrower of

an essayist; and a movie star, the Actor, whose arrival upsets the equilibrium of this

chosen family. Both elegiac and very, very funny, **Our Country Friends** is the most

ambitious book yet by the author of the beloved bestseller **Super Sad True Love Story**.

Ever since Lexie's mum vanished, her world hasn't stopped spinning. A new home, a new

school - even a new family but Lexie never gives up hope that her mum will come back and

writes her letters every day to tell her all about her new life. There's plenty to tell -

the new group of misfits she calls friends, the talent for music she never knew she had

and the gorgeous boy with blue eyes and secrets to hide. But her letters remain

unanswered and she's starting to feel more alone than ever. Lexie's about to learn that

sometimes you need to get lost in order to be found. The first in a gorgeous new series

from the bestselling author of the **Chocolate Box Girls** and the perfect next step for fans

of Jacqueline Wilson.

In his first and funniest book, Gerald Durrell describes an expedition to the Cameroons

before independence.

A Novel

Marrying Off Mother and Other Stories

my family and other dogs

An Irreverent Escapade