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*Winner of the International Lannan  
Literary Award for Nonfiction Animal  
tracks, word magic, the speech of stones,  
the power of letters, and the taste of the  
wind all figure prominently in this  
intellectual tour de force that returns us to  
our senses and to the sensuous terrain that  
sustains us. This major work of ecological  
philosophy startles the senses out of  
habitual ways of perception. For a*

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*thousand generations, human beings viewed themselves as part of the wider community of nature, and they carried on active relationships not only with other people with other animals, plants, and natural objects (including mountains, rivers, winds, and weather patters) that we have only lately come to think of as "inanimate." How, then, did humans come to sever their ancient reciprocity with the natural world? What will it take for us to recover a sustaining relation with the breathing earth? In The Spell of the Sensuous David Abram draws on sources as diverse as the philosophy of Merleau-Ponty, Balinese shamanism, Apache storytelling, and his own experience as an accomplished sleight-of-hand of magician to reveal the subtle dependence of human cognition on the natural environment. He explores the character of perception and excavates the sensual foundations of*

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*language, which--even at its most abstract--echoes the calls and cries of the earth. On every page of this lyrical work, Abram weaves his arguments with a passion, a precision, and an intellectual daring that recall such writers as Loren Eiseley, Annie Dillard, and Barry Lopez. My name is Chloe Saunders and my life will never be the same again. All I wanted was to make friends, meet boys, and keep on being ordinary. I don't even know what that means anymore. It all started on the day that I saw my first ghost—and the ghost saw me. Now there are ghosts everywhere and they won't leave me alone. To top it all off, I somehow got myself locked up in Lyle House, a "special home" for troubled teens. Yet the home isn't what it seems. Don't tell anyone, but I think there might be more to my housemates than meets the eye. The question is, whose side are they on? It's up to me to figure out the*

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*dangerous secrets behind Lyle House . . .  
before its skeletons come back to haunt  
me.*

*Casper, the cocky new boy at magic school, challenges Oliver Moon to a scary spell-off, and Oliver is worried even his trusty magic wand will not help him get out of trouble.*

*This companion volume to The Fold-O-Rama Wars at the Blue Moon Roach Hotel centers around outsiders, artists, and freaks (be they natural-born or self-made); three of the stories are interconnected, but they're also designed to stand alone. Each includes an afterword to shine additional light on both the works and their cultural personal inspirations. Here are four novelettes (three of them original to this book) set in a bizarrely fantastic, near-future America, filled with tattoo artists and other creative types, as well as the Hikikomori's Cartoon Kimono,*

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*the Twijfelen challenge of the Pi Zi, and  
the showdown between the Unnatural-  
Born Chimera and the Shadowfox Griefer!  
No one uncovers the naked, bleeding soul  
of modern American culture better than A.  
R. Morlan.*

*Spell On Fire*

*Perception and Language in a More-Than-  
Human World*

*The Spell of the Sensuous*

*Mark Z. Danielewski's House of Leaves*

*Keeper of the Lost Cities*

*Lobster*

*The fascinating and surprising  
history of English spelling  
from David Crystal, everyone's  
favorite expert logophile With  
The Story of English in 100  
Words, David Crystal took us  
on a tour through the history  
of our language. Now, with*

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*Spell It Out*, he takes on the task of answering all the questions about how we spell: "Why is English spelling so difficult?" Or "Why are good spellers so proud of their achievement that when they see a misspelling they condemn the writer as sloppy, lazy, or uneducated?" In thirty-seven short, engaging and informative chapters, *Crystal* takes readers on a history of English spelling, starting with the Roman missionaries' sixth century introduction of the Roman alphabet and ending with where the language might be going. He looks individually at each letter in

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*the alphabet and its origins. He considers the question of vowels and how people developed a way to tell whether or not it was long or short. He looks at influences from other cultures, and explains how English speakers understood that the "o" in "hopping" was a short vowel, rather than the long vowel of "hoping". If you've ever asked yourself questions like "Why do the words "their", "there" and "they're" sound alike, but mean very different things?" or "How can we tell the difference between "charge" the verb and "charge" the noun?" David Crystal's Spell It*

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*Out will spell it all out for you. Thanks for checking out another addition from Curious Kids Press. In this book you will find 15 amazing animal facts accompanied by high quality photos! At the end of this book you will also discover 5 quiz questions for testing your knowledge. This book is perfect for a "read-along" learning experience with your child. Grab your copy today!*

*ADHD, ADD, Dyslexia, Learning Styles, Learning Disabilities Introduces the mainstream student and educator to the world of the child who struggles academically. The main*



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*character discovers her father  
is dyslexic, as is one of her  
classmates-- and she tries to  
make sense of it.*

*When his mother accidentally  
invites all of his least favorite  
people to his birthday party,  
Oliver is sure that the party  
will be ruined.*

*Grit, Curiosity, and the Hidden  
Power of Character*

*Julián Is a Mermaid*

*How Children Succeed*

*Zombies Don't Eat Veggies!*

*The Curious Incident of the  
Dog in the Night-Time*

*A Magical Exploration of the  
Marvel Universe*

**Take control of your life with  
this essential handbook of 85**

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everyday easy spells for the modern witch, revised with 10 new spells and filled with beautiful illustrations and helpful tips. Every witch needs a book of spells... The world's most popular fortune-telling techniques—crystal balls, tarot cards, and palm-reading—originated with the Romany people, whose belief in magic, spell-casting, and prophecy has endured for nine centuries. Now you can bring the power of these time-honored magical traditions into your everyday life with this beautifully illustrated new edition of Gillian Kemp ' s The

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Good Spell Book. The 85 easy-to-

follow spells, including 10 new ones, make use of common ingredients like candles, flowers, ribbon, and string, and they can help solve problems we all face, from attracting the one you love to improving your health to landing your dream job.

Whether you ' re a complete beginner, advanced spell caster, or simply curious, these spells will increase your self-worth and empower you to lead a healthier, happier, and more fulfilled life.

The world's foremost expert on the English language takes us on an entertaining and eye-opening tour of the history of our

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vernacular through the ages. In  
The Story of English in 100  
Words, an entertaining history  
of the world's most ubiquitous  
language, David Crystal draws  
on one hundred words that best  
illustrate the huge variety of  
sources, influences and events  
that have helped to shape our  
vernacular since the first  
definitively English  
word— ' roe'—was written  
down on the femur of a roe deer  
in the fifth century. Featuring  
ancient words ( ' loaf'), cutting  
edge terms that reflect our world  
( ' twittersphere'), indispensable  
words that shape our tongue  
( ' and', ' what'), fanciful words

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( ' fopdoodle') and even obscene  
expressions (the "c word" ...),

David Crystal takes readers on a  
tour of the winding byways of  
our language via the rude, the  
obscure and the downright  
surprising.

After Josh is mugged, a kind  
woman takes him to her village  
to tend to his wounds, but upon  
recovering, Josh soon learns of  
the town's strange rules that  
state he is never allowed to  
leave, and Josh is forced to  
devise a plan of escape.

Why is there an 'h' in ghost?  
William Caxton, inventor of the  
printing press and his Flemish  
employees are to blame: without

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a dictionary or style guide to hand in fifteenth century Bruges, the typesetters simply spelled it the way it sounded to their foreign ears, and it stuck.

Seventy-five per cent of English spelling is regular but twenty-five per cent is complicated, and in *Spell It Out*, our foremost linguistics expert David Crystal extends a helping hand to the confused and curious alike. He unearths the stories behind the rogue words that confound us, and explains why these peculiarities entered the mainstream, in an epic journey taking in sixth century monks, French and Latin upstarts, the

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Industrial Revolution and the internet. By learning the history and the principles, Crystal shows how the spellings that break all the rules become easier to get right.

Making Sense

A Novel

Oliver Moon and the Spell Off  
Being an Account of the Curious  
Adventures of Mary "Jacky"

Faber, Ship's Boy

The Spell Book for New Witches

The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue

***For fans of Descendants, this spell book, which formerly belonged to Maleficent before she passed it on to Mal, is full***

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**of comments, notes, and  
inside jokes between Mal  
and the other villains' kids.  
Laugh and cry along with  
Mal, Evie, Jay and Carlos as  
they find their way in the  
world of Auradon Prep.  
“Lush with secrets, magic,  
and a past that won't stay  
where it belongs, this novel  
is (quite fittingly)  
spellbinding.”—JODI  
PICOULT, author of Wish  
You Were Here From New  
York Times bestselling  
author Adrienne Young  
comes a deeply  
atmospheric story about  
ancestral magic, an  
unsolved murder, and a**



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***second chance at true love. Emery Blackwood's life changed forever the night her best friend was found dead and the love of her life, August Salt, was accused of murdering her. Years later, she is doing what her teenage self swore she never would: living a quiet existence on the misty, remote shores of Saoirse Island and running the family's business, Blackwood's Tea Shoppe Herbal Tonics & Tea Leaf Readings. But when the island, rooted in folklore and magic, begins to show signs of strange***

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**happenings, Emery knows that something is coming. The morning she wakes to find that every single tree on Saoirse has turned color in a single night, August returns for the first time in fourteen years and unearths the past that the town has tried desperately to forget. August knows he is not welcome on Saiorse, not after the night everything changed. As a fire raged on at the Salt family orchard, Lily Morgan was found dead in the dark woods, shaking the bedrock of their tight-knit community and branding**

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**August a murderer. When he returns to bury his mother's ashes, he must confront the people who turned their backs on him and face the one wound from his past that has never healed—Emery. But the town has more than one reason to want August gone, and the emergence of deep betrayals and hidden promises spanning generations threaten to reveal the truth behind Lily's mysterious death once and for all. This collection of essays explores curiosity from many philosophical**

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***perspectives of relevance to various fields and disciplines such as educational studies, epistemology, political philosophy and history of thought. It advances and enriches scholarly research on curiosity while critiquing current approaches to the epistemic desire to know. Its interest in contemporary accounts of curiosity does not entail neglect of the conceptual history of this notion from antiquity to the present. Its focus on cultural and scientific appreciations of curiosity is global rather than local and***

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***inclusive of standpoints  
beyond established  
divisions such as the  
“modern versus  
postmodern” or the  
“analytic versus  
continental”. The book  
offers fresh and unique  
engagements with what  
motivates us to ask  
questions and how this  
motivation operates from  
an ethical, cultural and  
political point of view.  
Curious George gets  
curious about words in this  
illustrated dictionary  
designed for children from  
preschool through  
kindergarten. In an***

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***illustrated introduction to this unique dictionary, Curious George learns how to look up words before embarking on an educational adventure through a vocabulary list chosen specifically for children ages four to six. The dictionary itself presents approximately 600 words, with six words to a page. Each entry is illustrated with a full-color drawing, and more than half of the illustrations include a sample sentence that puts the word in context. At the end of the book, eight full-page***

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**features present groups of  
thematically related words  
such as colors, shapes, and  
numbers.**

***Spell It Out***

***The Story of English in 100  
Words***

***Doctor Strange: The Book  
of the Vishanti***

***The Glamorous Story of  
English Grammar***

***Interspersed with  
Historical, Critical and  
Political Notes***

***Curious George's Dictionary***

A family relocates to a  
small house on Ash Tree  
Lane and discovers that  
the inside of their new  
home seems to be without

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boundaries  
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A New York Times

Bestseller "Rich in  
dexterous innuendo, laugh-  
out-loud humor and  
illuminating fact. It's  
compulsively readable."

-Los Angeles Times Book  
Review In "Bonk," the best-  
selling author of Stiff  
turns her outrageous  
curiosity and insight on  
the most alluring  
scientific subject of all:  
sex. Can a person think  
herself to orgasm? Why  
doesn't Viagra help women-  
or, for that matter,  
pandas? Can a dead man get  
an erection? Is vaginal



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orgasm a myth? Mary Roach shows us how and why sexual arousal and orgasm—two of the most complex, delightful, and amazing scientific phenomena on earth—can be so hard to achieve and what science is doing to make the bedroom a more satisfying place.

An immersive in-world guide to all things magical in the Marvel Universe One of the most formidable and powerful items in the Marvel Universe, the sacred Book of the Vishanti contains an infinite number of

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potent spells,  
incantations, and lore  
from fantastic realms.  
Created thousands of years  
ago in the ancient city of  
Babylon to combat demons  
and those who wield dark  
magic, this tome has been  
passed down by the  
greatest sorcerers of the  
ages, each adding their  
own discoveries into its  
ever-expanding pages. Now  
in the possession of  
Doctor Strange, the  
Sorcerer Supreme and  
Earth's foremost protector  
against mystical threats,  
the Book of the Vishanti  
acts as his first line of

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defense. The greatest source of magical knowledge in our dimension, the Book of the Vishanti is the ultimate collection of spells, history, and personal accounts recorded by practitioners over centuries, including notes from Doctor Strange himself. Featuring detailed inscriptions, mind-bending illustrations, and everything you need to know about the heroes, villains, artifacts, creatures, and worlds that make up the mystical and

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supernatural side of the  
Multiverse, this book is a  
must-have for all Marvel  
fans.

In *Making Sense*, David  
Crystal confronts the foe  
of many: grammar. Once  
taught relentlessly to all  
students in the English-  
speaking world, grammar  
disappeared from most  
school curricula, so that  
terms such as  
"preposition" and  
"conjunction" now often  
confound children and  
adults alike. Explaining  
the nuts and bolts of  
grammar presents a special  
challenge, because - far

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more than is the case with spelling and punctuation - the subject is burdened with a centuries-old history of educational practice that many will recall as anything but glamorous. One of the world's foremost authorities on the English language, Crystal sets out to rid grammar of its undeserved reputation as a dry and intimidating subject, pointing out how essential grammar is to clear and effective speech and writing. He moves briskly through the stages by which children acquire

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grammar, along the way demystifying grammar's rules and irregularities and showing us how to navigate its snares and pitfalls. He offers the fascinating history of grammar, explaining how it has evolved from the first grammarians in ancient Greece to our 21st century digital environment of blogging, emailing, and texting. Many find grammar to be a daunting subject, but in this breezy, entertaining book, Crystal proves that grammar doesn't need to make us uneasy—we can all make

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sense of how we make  
sense.

The Good Spell Book  
Happy Birthday, Oliver  
Moon

Fahrenheit 451

The Chimera and the  
Shadowfox Griefer and  
Other Curious People

Bloody Jack

Piranesi

Being a forty-something, newly divorced, single mom comes with its challenges. Finding out I'm a witch is just another one of them. As a new practitioner of tru-craft, I've been told that every witch is called to a single element, and they are sent down one of two paths, the Fade or

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the Bright. Of course, every rule has an exception, and in this case, it's me. My grimoire has revealed a new element I have to learn, and I am walking the ditch between the two paths. I'm going to need the help of a grouchy gnome, a cuddly imp, a fiery ifrit, and a hottie druid to keep me from burning down my life and everything around it. My new reality is nature's cruel midlife trick.

Surviving Earth magic without blowing up my entire world has been hard enough. If I don't master Fire, I'll go down in flames.

Literally.

An original, endlessly thought-provoking, and controversial look at the nature of consciousness and



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identity argues that the key to understanding selves and consciousness is the "strange loop," a special kind of abstract feedback loop inhabiting our brains.

Magic is present within us all-when accessed, it allows us to connect to the natural world, invite in opportunities, and create the change we need in our lives. Whether you're new to spellwork or hoping to expand your skills, *The Spell Book for New Witches* shows you how to tap into your inner power and make spellcasting practical for your everyday. Start your path to practical magic with an introduction to spellwork, including helpful instructions on performing spells,

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prepping your space, and channeling energy to access your power. Easy-to-follow spells will help you find lasting love, protect your family and friends, advance your career, and live the life you deserve. Spells include, Rose Attraction Potion, Confidence Charm Sachet, Friendship Repair Knot Spell, Healing Full Moon Water, Forgiving Shower Steamers, and more! Practical magic, An overview to spellcasting covers fundamental terminology, the differences between witchcraft and Wicca, best practices, and common misconceptions. Sage advice, Find advice on how to create an altar, how to access your power, and how

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t connect with the magic around you using calendars, seasons, cycles, and much more. Spellbound, Practice your new craft daily with easy spells across seven categories, such as Romantic Love, Friends and Family, Money Matters and Prosperity, and Health and Healing. Book jacket.

In an exuberant picture book, a glimpse of costumed mermaids leaves one boy flooded with wonder and ready to dazzle the world. While riding the subway home from the pool with his abuela one day, Julián notices three women spectacularly dressed up. Their hair billows in brilliant hues, their dresses end in fishtails, and their joy fills the train car. When Julián gets home,

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daydreaming of the magic he's seen, all he can think about is dressing up just like the ladies in his own fabulous mermaid costume: a butter-yellow curtain for his tail, the fronds of a potted fern for his headdress. But what will Abuela think about the mess he makes — and even more importantly, what will she think about how Julián sees himself? Mesmerizing and full of heart, Jessica Love's author-illustrator debut is a jubilant picture of self-love and a radiant celebration of individuality.

¶The¶ Harleian Miscellany, Or a Collection of Scarce, Curious, and Entertaining Pamphlets and Tracts, as Well in Ms. as in Print, Found in

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the Late (Edward Harley, Second)  
Earl of Oxford's Library

Human Presence

Essential Spells to Change Your  
Life

Garden Spells

The Sketch

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At age twelve, Sophie learns that the  
remarkable abilities that have always  
caused her to stand out identify her  
as an elf, and after being brought to  
Eternalia to hone her skills, discovers  
that she has secrets buried in her  
memory for which some would kill.

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Challenges conventional views about standardized testing to argue that success is more determined by self-discipline, and describes the work of pioneering researchers and educators who have enabled effective new teaching methods.

"What we have here is a bad case of stripes. One of the worst I've ever seen!" Camilla Cream loves lima beans, but she never eats them.

Why? Because the other kids in her school don't like them. And Camilla Cream is very, very worried about what other people think of her. In fact, she's so worried that she's about to break out in...a bad case of stripes!

A Bad Case of Stripes

A Paranormal Women's Fiction Novel

The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar

Wao

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Making a Point  
I Am a Strange Loop

If You're So Smart How Come You  
Can't Spell Mississippi? (A Book  
About Dyslexia)

*A bestselling modern classic—both poignant and funny—narrated by a fifteen year old autistic savant obsessed with Sherlock Holmes, this dazzling novel weaves together an old-fashioned mystery, a contemporary coming-of-age story, and a fascinating excursion into a mind incapable of processing emotions.*

*Christopher John Francis Boone knows all the countries of the world and their capitals and every prime number up to 7,057. Although gifted with a superbly logical brain, Christopher is autistic. Everyday interactions and admonishments have little meaning for him. At fifteen, Christopher's carefully constructed world falls apart when he finds his neighbour's*

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*dog Wellington impaled on a garden fork, and he is initially blamed for the killing. Christopher decides that he will track down the real killer, and turns to his favourite fictional character, the impeccably logical Sherlock Holmes, for inspiration. But the investigation leads him down some unexpected paths and ultimately brings him face to face with the dissolution of his parents' marriage. As Christopher tries to deal with the crisis within his own family, the narrative draws readers into the workings of Christopher's mind. And herein lies the key to the brilliance of Mark Haddon's choice of narrator: The most wrenching of emotional moments are chronicled by a boy who cannot fathom emotions. The effect is dazzling, making for one of the freshest debut in years: a comedy, a tearjerker, a mystery story, a novel of exceptional literary merit that is great fun*



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to read.

*In Human Presence Erickson offers a thoughtful study of some fundamental features of human nature central to a theoretical and therapeutic understanding of human existence. Though the language employed is largely philosophical, interfaces with psychoanalysis and religion are made in order to stimulate dialogue that reaches beyond the traditional boundaries of discipline. It is toward more such dialogue that Human Presence serves as preparation. The author provides a probing contrast between traditional psychoanalysis and existential conceptions of time consciousness and he articulates the issues involved in experience or lived time in their centrality to human self-understanding. The author suggests how both conceptions, the existential and the psychoanalytic, enlarge yet limit*

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*awareness and insight. -- Publisher  
description.*

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**INDIE BESTSELLER THE**

**WASHINGTON POST BESTSELLER**

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Real Simple, NPR, Slate, and Oprah  
Magazine #1 Library Reads*

*Pick—October 2020 #1 Indie Next*

*Pick—October 2020 BOOK OF THE  
YEAR (2020) FINALIST—Book of The  
Month Club A “Best Of” Book From:*

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PopSugar \* BuzzFeed \* Barnes & Noble \*  
Kirkus Reviews \* Lambda Literary \*  
Nerdette \* The Nerd Daily \* Polygon \*  
Library Reads \* io9 \* Smart Bitches  
Trashy Books \* LiteraryHub \* Medium \*  
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*vein of The Time Traveler's Wife and Life After Life, The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue is New York Times bestselling author V. E. Schwab's genre-defying tour de force. A Life No One Will Remember. A Story You Will Never Forget. France, 1714: in a moment of desperation, a young woman makes a Faustian bargain to live forever—and is cursed to be forgotten by everyone she meets. Thus begins the extraordinary life of Addie LaRue, and a dazzling adventure that will play out across centuries and continents, across history and art, as a young woman learns how far she will go to leave her mark on the world. But everything changes when, after nearly 300 years, Addie stumbles across a young man in a hidden bookstore and he remembers her name. Also by V.*

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*E. Schwab Shades of Magic A Darker  
Shade of Magic A Gathering of Shadows  
A Conjuring of Light Villains Vicious  
Vengeful At the Publisher's request, this  
title is being sold without Digital Rights  
Management Software (DRM) applied.  
Reduced to begging and thievery in the  
streets of London, a thirteen-year-old  
orphan disguises herself as a boy and  
connives her way onto a British warship  
set for high sea adventure in search of  
pirates.*

*Sang Spell*

*The Singular Story of English Spelling  
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*lies a thousand stories. The punctuation of English, marked with occasional rationality, is founded on arbitrariness and littered with oddities. For a system of a few dozen marks it generates a disproportionate degree of uncertainty and passion, inspiring organizations like the Apostrophe Protection Society and sending enthusiasts, correction-pens in hand, in a crusade against error across the United States. Professor Crystal leads us through this minefield with characteristic wit, clarity, and commonsense. In David Crystal's Making a Point, he gives a fascinating account of the origin and progress of every kind of punctuation mark over one and a half millennia and offers sound*

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be used to meet the needs of  
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self--discovery, and the power of  
acceptance. It's a delectable tale  
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*Descendants: Mal's Spell Book*  
*Something in the Water*

*The Persnickety Story of English  
Punctuation*

*Just Curious about Curiosity  
Toward New Philosophical  
Explorations of the Epistemic  
Desire to Know*

*The Summoning*

*Erin is a documentary filmmaker  
on the brink of a professional  
breakthrough, Mark a handsome  
investment banker with big plans.  
Passionately in love, they embark  
on a dream honeymoon to the  
tropical island of Bora Bora,  
where they enjoy the sun, the*

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*sand, and each other. Then, while scuba diving in the crystal blue sea, they find something in the water.... Suddenly the newlyweds must make a dangerous choice: to speak out or to protect their secret. After all, if no one else knows, who would be hurt? Their decision will trigger a devastating chain of events....*

*A successful caterer in Bascomb, North Carolina, Claire has always remained tied to the long and magical legacy of the Waverly family, until her peaceful life is transformed by Tyler Hughes, an art teacher and new next-door neighbor, and by the return of her prodigal sister, Sydney, who has arrived with her five-year-old*

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all books to be destroyed, but one  
of the book burners suddenly  
realizes their merit.*

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