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Weidenfeld
and Nicholson
Winner of the Pulitzer
Prize, Annie Proulx's *The
Shipping News* is a
vigorous, darkly comic,
and at times magical
portrait of the
contemporary North
American family. Quoyle,

a third-rate newspaper
hack, with a "head shaped
like a crenshaw, no neck,
reddish hair...features as
bunched as kissed
fingertips," is wrenched
violently out of his
workaday life when his
two-timing wife meets her
just desserts. An aunt
convinces Quoyle and his
two emotionally disturbed
daughters to return with
her to the starkly
beautiful coastal
landscape of their
ancestral home in

Newfoundland. Here, on
desolate Quoyle's Point, in
a house empty except for
a few mementos of the
family's unsavory past,
the battered members of
three generations try to
cobble up new lives.
Newfoundland is a
country of coast and cove
where the mercury rarely
rises above seventy
degrees, the local culinary
delicacy is cod cheeks,
and it's easier to travel by
boat and snowmobile than
on anything with wheels.

In this harsh place of cruel storms, a collapsing fishery, and chronic unemployment, the aunt sets up as a yacht upholsterer in nearby Killick-Claw, and Quoyle finds a job reporting the shipping news for the local weekly, the Gammy Bird (a paper that specializes in sexual-abuse stories and grisly photos of car accidents). As the long winter closes its jaws of ice, each of the Quoyles confronts private demons, reels from catastrophe to minor triumph—in the company

of the obsequious Mavis Bangs; Diddy Shovel the strongman; drowned Herald Prowse; cane-twirling Beety; Nutbeem, who steals foreign news from the radio; a demented cousin the aunt refuses to recognize; the much-zipped Alvin Yark; silent Wavey; and old Billy Pretty, with his bag of secrets. By the time of the spring storms Quoyle has learned how to gut cod, to escape from a pickle jar, and to tie a true lover's knot.

The Lincoln Highway
Abacus

Perfect for fans of *Thirteen Reasons Why* and *Looking for Alaska*, Jennifer Weiner, #1 New York Times bestselling author, calls Elizabeth LaBan's *The Tragedy Paper* "a beguiling and beautifully written tale of first love and heartbreak." It follows the story of Tim Macbeth, a seventeen-year-old albino and a recent transfer to the prestigious Irving School, where the motto is "Enter here to be and find a friend." A friend is the last thing Tim expects or wants—he just hopes to

get through his senior year unnoticed. Yet, despite his efforts to blend into the background, he finds himself falling for the quintessential “It” girl, Vanessa Sheller, girlfriend of Irving’s most popular boy. To Tim’s surprise, Vanessa is into him, too, but she can kiss her social status goodbye if anyone ever finds out. Tim and Vanessa begin a clandestine romance, but looming over them is the *Tragedy Paper*, Irving’s version of a senior year thesis, assigned by the

school’s least forgiving teacher. Jumping between viewpoints of the love-struck Tim and Duncan, a current senior about to uncover the truth of Tim and Vanessa, *The Tragedy Paper* is a compelling tale of forbidden love and the lengths people will go to keep their secrets.

Big Little Lies Penguin UK

"Should appeal to all rugged individualists who dream of escape to the forest."—The New York Times Book Review Sam Gribley is terribly unhappy living in New York City

with his family, so he runs away to the Catskill Mountains to live in the woods—all by himself. With only a penknife, a ball of cord, forty dollars, and some flint and steel, he intends to survive on his own. Sam learns about courage, danger, and independence during his year in the wilderness, a year that changes his life forever. "An extraordinary book . . . It will be read year after year." —The Horn Book

[Dark Places](#) Revell

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Books of 2019 Selection *
 A Canadian Children's
 Book Center Best Books
 for Kids & Teens Pick *
 From debut author Tina
 Athaide comes a soaring
 tale of empathy, hope,
 and resilience, as two
 best friends living under
 Ugandan President Amin's
 divisive rule must
 examine where—and
 who—they call home.
 Perfect for fans of Half
 from the East and Inside
 Out and Back Again. Asha
 and her best friend,
 Yesofu, never cared about
 the differences between
 them: Indian. African. Girl.

Boy. Short. Tall. But when
 Idi Amin announces that
 Indians have ninety days
 to leave the country,
 suddenly those
 differences are the only
 things that people in
 Entebbe can see—not the
 shared after-school
 samosas or Asha cheering
 for Yesofu at every cricket
 game. Determined for her
 life to stay the same,
 Asha clings to her world
 tighter than ever before.
 But Yesofu is torn, pulled
 between his friends, his
 family, and a promise of a
 better future. Now as
 neighbors leave and

soldiers line the streets,
 the two friends find that
 nothing seems sure—not
 even their friendship.
 Tensions between Indians
 and Africans intensify and
 the deadline to leave is
 fast approaching. Could
 the bravest thing of all be
 to let each other go?
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 Mastering Suspense,
 Structure, and
 PlotPenguin
**The Red Harlequin -
 Book 1 of Masks and
 Chromes** Vintage
 "Every society honors its
 live conformists and its

dead troublemakers." In an ancient world divided by colors, where everyone wears masks, superstitions abound, and mysterious creatures called the Harlequins exist... Here, a clever teen of the Black Chromes named Asheva loses everything he's ever known and embarks on a treacherous and exciting journey that takes him through the wild forests of the Black Nation to the vast plains of Ayas, a Blue Chrome city of astounding beauty, where further danger lies. But the

journey will also result in an astounding truth, when Asheva ultimately discovers that beneath the masks all Chromes wear, nothing is what it seems.

Conflict, Action, and Suspense Astra Publishing House

After falling overboard from a yacht, Sanger Rainsford swims to a nearby island. There General Zaroff, a big-game hunter who knows of Rainsford from published accounts of his hunting snow leopards in Tibet, invites him to

dinner. Zaroff is bored of hunting because it no longer challenges him; he has moved to Ship-Trap Island in order to capture shipwrecked sailors. Any captives who can elude Zaroff, his manservant Ivan, and a pack of hunting dogs for three days is set free. No one has yet lasted that long, although a couple of sailors had come close. Zaroff offers sailors a choice—should they decline to be hunted, they will be handed over to Ivan, who had once been official knouter for The

Great White Czar. Rainsford denounces this as barbarism, but has no way out. He reluctantly agrees to be hunted...
How to Write a Mystery
 Crown
 After his father is accused of murder, combat veteran and Special Agent John Puller must investigate his past and learn the truth about his mother in this New York Times bestselling thriller--but someone hiding in the shadows wants revenge. Two men. Thirty years. John Puller's mother, Jackie, vanished thirty

years ago from Fort Monroe, Virginia, when Puller was just a boy. Paul Rogers has been in prison for ten years. But twenty years before that, he was at Fort Monroe. One night three decades ago, Puller's and Rogers' worlds collided with devastating results, and the truth has been buried ever since. Until now. Military investigators, armed with a letter from a friend of Jackie's, arrive in the hospital room of Puller's father--a legendary three-star now sinking into dementia--and reveal

that Puller Sr. has been accused of murdering his wife. Aided by his brother Robert Puller, an Air Force major, and Veronica Knox, who works for a shadowy U.S. intelligence organization, Puller begins a journey that will take him into his own past, to find the truth about his mother. Paul Rogers' time is running out. With the clock ticking, he begins his own journey, one that will take him across the country to the place where all his troubles began: a mysterious building on the grounds of

Fort Monroe. There, thirty years ago, the man Rogers had once been vanished too, and was replaced with a monster. And now the monster wants revenge. And the only person standing in his way is John Puller. *The Landlady (A Roald Dahl Short Story)* A&C Black
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absolutely chilling" (Village Voice), from the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Goldfinch*. Under the influence of a charismatic classics professor, a group of clever, eccentric misfits at a New England college discover a way of thought and life a world away from their banal contemporaries. But their search for the transcendent leads them down a dangerous path, beyond human constructs of morality. "A remarkably powerful novel [and] a ferociously well-paced

entertainment.... Forceful, cerebral, and impeccably controlled." —The New York Times

No Man's Land Penguin
 DON'T MISS THE GOLDEN GLOBE AND EMMY AWARD-WINNING HBO® SERIES STARRING REESE WITHERSPOON, NICOLE KIDMAN, SHAILENE WOODLEY, LAURA DERN, ZOË KRAVITZ, AND MERYL STREEP From the author of *Nine Perfect Strangers*, *Apples Never Fall*, and *The Husband's Secret* comes the #1 New York Times bestselling novel about the dangerous little

lies we tell ourselves just to survive. A murder...A tragic accident...Or just parents behaving badly? What's indisputable is that someone is dead. Madeline is a force to be reckoned with. She's funny, biting, and passionate; she remembers everything and forgives no one. Celeste is the kind of beautiful woman who makes the world stop and stare but she is paying a price for the illusion of perfection. New to town, single mom Jane is so young that another

mother mistakes her for a nanny. She comes with a mysterious past and a sadness beyond her years. These three women are at different crossroads, but they will all wind up in the same shocking place. *Big Little Lies* is a brilliant take on ex-husbands and second wives, mothers and daughters, schoolyard scandal, and the little lies that can turn lethal. *Write! Write! Write!* HarperCollins "...A unique and absolutely invaluable toolbox for any author..."

~Kate White, New York Times best-selling author and former editor-in-chief of *Cosmopolitan* Unlock the secrets to superior plot twists! The key to keeping people on the edge of their seat--from memoirs to thrillers and stage plays to screenplays--is filling your stories with unexpected twists and turns. By integrating Plot Twists, Plot Reversals, and Moments of Heightened Danger (TRDs) at crucial points, you can captivate your readers with I-can't-wait-to-see-what-

happens-next intrigue. The quicker pace and focused action that comes from strategically placed twists form the core of the nuanced, multifaceted books that sell--and that help you find a devoted readership. In *Mastering Plot Twists*, Agatha Award-winning author, Jane K. Cleland goes beyond telling writers what to do; she shows you how to do it. Within these pages, you'll find:

- A proven, five-step process for using TRDs, with detailed examples from best-selling books
- A

deep dive into plotting, structure, pacing, subplots, and more to help you develop surprising yet inevitable twists.

- "Jane's Plotting Roadmap" and worksheets--essential tools for planning your plot

Building on the award-winning instruction provided in *Mastering Suspense, Structure & Plot*, Cleland's newest guide will help you create effective and credible twists, creating the kind of stories that will keep your readers up long into the night. "...A master

class in crafting plots that twist and turn..." ~Hallie Ephron, New York Times best-selling author of *You'll Never Know*, Dear Penguin

A NCTE Notable Poetry Book Twenty-two poems capture the amazing power of writing and will inspire even the most reluctant writer to begin putting words to paper. *Write! Write! Write!* is a poetry collection that explores every stage and every aspect of the writing process, from learning the alphabet to the thrilling moment of

writing a thought for the first time, from writer's block to finding inspiration, and from revision to stapling your finished work into a book. These poems also celebrate how writing teaches patience, helps express opinions, and allows us to imagine the impossible. This book, brimming with imagination and wonder, will leave readers eager to grab a pen, pencil, or keyboard--and write!

Truly Madly Guilty

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The Landlady is a brilliant

gem of a short story from Roald Dahl, the master of the sting in the tail. In *The Landlady*, Roald Dahl, one of the world's favourite authors, tells a sinister story about the darker side of human nature. Here, a young man in need of room meets a most accommodating landlady . . . *The Landlady* is taken from the short story collection *Kiss Kiss*, which includes ten other devious and shocking stories, featuring the wife who pawns the mink coat from her lover with unexpected results; the

priceless piece of furniture that is the subject of a deceitful bargain; a wronged woman taking revenge on her dead husband, and others. 'Unnerving bedtime stories, subtle, proficient, hair-raising and done to a turn.' (San Francisco Chronicle) This story is also available as a Penguin digital audio download read by Tamsin Greig. Roald Dahl, the brilliant and worldwide acclaimed author of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *James and the Giant Peach*, *Matilda*, and

many more classics for children, also wrote scores of short stories for adults. These delightfully disturbing tales have often been filmed and were most recently the inspiration for the West End play, Roald Dahl's *Twisted Tales* by Jeremy Dyson. Roald Dahl's stories continue to make readers shiver today.

Bad Parts Anchor

Don't limit your fiction - LIBERATE IT All too often, following the "rules" of writing can constrict rather than inspire you. With Story Trumps

Structure, you can shed those rules - about three-act structure, rising action, outlining, and more - to craft your most powerful, emotional, and gripping stories. Award-winning novelist Steven James explains how to trust the narrative process to make your story believable, compelling, and engaging, and debunks the common myths that hold writers back from creating their best work. • Ditch your outline and learn to write organically. • Set up promises for readers - and

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write them, forever.

Let's Write a Short Story!

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& Co KG

The use of suspense in ancient literature attracts increasing attention in modern scholarship, but hitherto there has been no comprehensive work analysing the techniques of suspense through the various genres of the Classical literary canon. This volume aspires to fill such a gap, exploring the phenomenon of suspense in the earliest narrative writings of the western world, the literature of the

ancient Greeks. The individual chapters focus on a wide range of poetic and prose genres (epic, drama, historiography, oratory, novel, and works of literary criticism) and examine the means by which ancient authors elicited emotions of tense expectation and fearful anticipation for the outcome of the story, the development of the plot, or the characters' fate. A variety of theoretical tools, from narratology and performance studies to psychological and cognitive approaches, are

exploited to study the operation of suspense in the works under discussion. Suspenseful effects are analysed in a double perspective, both in terms of the artifices employed by authors and with regard to the responses and experiences of the audience. The volume will be useful to classical scholars, narratologists, and literary historians and theorists.

My Side of the Mountain

Simon and Schuster

Ramp up the tension and keep your readers

hooked! Inside you'll find everything you need to know to spice up your story, move your plot forward, and keep your readers turning pages. Expert thriller author and writing instructor James Scott Bell shows you how to craft scenes, create characters, and develop storylines that harness conflict and suspense to carry your story from the first word to the last. Learn from examples of successful novels and movies as you transform your work from ho-hum to high-tension. • Pack the

beginning, middle, and end of your book with the right amount of conflict. • Tap into the suspenseful power of each character's inner conflict. • Build conflict into your story's point of view. • Balance subplots, flashbacks, and backstory to keep your story moving forward. • Maximize the tension in your characters' dialogue. • Amp up the suspense when you revise. Conflict & Suspense offers proven techniques that help you craft fiction your readers won't be able to put down.

Orange for the Sunsets

Roberto Ricci

Radio talk show host Eve Reilly is used to backlash from her pot-stirring on-air commentary and interviews, but now it seems a disgruntled listener is resorting to more than angry words to express their displeasure. When a suspicious package arrives on her doorstep, Eve turns to law enforcement for help. Police detective Brent Lange can't find any evidence to link the string of unsettling incidents that follows, but he's

convinced they're connected. As the harassment grows more menacing, it becomes clear someone wants Eve's voice silenced-- permanently. But unless he can track down her foe, fast, the gutsy woman who is willing to take risks for what she believes--and who is swiftly winning his heart-- may not survive. Bestselling author and three-time RITA Award winner Irene Hannon is back with a heart-stopping new series that will have you turning

pages well into the night. **Wild. Film Tie-In** Vintage When guitarist Ash Hudson suffers a career-ending hand injury, she seeks out the only thing that can heal it--her hometown's darkest secret. The secret involves an organ-swapping demon who has trapped Ash's family within the town for decades. Now Ash must bargain with the demon as she attempts to heal both her hand and her broken relationships. **The Shipping News** Penguin

Libby Day was just seven years old when her brother massacred her family while she hid in a cupboard. Ever since then she has been drifting, but now the money is running out. When she is offered \$500 to do a guest appearance, she feels she has to accept, unaware that the infamous Kill Club's members believe her brother was innocent. [Suspense in Ancient Greek Literature](#) Simon and Schuster Get the Knowledge Without the College! You are a writer. You dream of

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- Generate ideas on demand.
- Outline your book from beginning to end.
- Breathe life into

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- Master point of view, voice, dialogue, and more.
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