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For the first time since his death, he is near. FROM THE INTRODUCTION --Book Jacket. An ambitious man and his adoring daughter are separated and estranged by an ocean and by the tides of history in this "marvelous" novel (Los Angeles Times). For Anna Schoene, growing up in the magical world of Shanghai in the 1930s creates a special bond between her and her father. He is the son of missionaries, a smuggler, and a millionaire who leads a charmed but secretive life. When the family flees to Los Angeles in the face of the Japanese occupation, he chooses to stay, believing his connections and luck will keep him safe. He's wrong—but he survives, only to again choose Shanghai over his family during the Second World War. Anna and her father reconnect late in his life, when she finally has a family of her own, but it is only when she discovers his extensive journals that she is able to fully understand him and the reasons for his absences. The Distant Land of My Father is a "beautiful" novel "for everyone who has ever felt himself in exile from any beloved place, or a time that can never return" (The Washington Post Book World). "Seamlessly weaves together Anna's own memories with those of her father, gleaned from the journals . . . An elegant, refined story of families, wartime, and the mystique of memory." —Kirkus Reviews "Vivid with details of prewar Shanghai and Los Angeles." —Publishers Weekly "Lush and epic." —San Jose Mercury News "Remarkable . . . A moving tale of love and the possibility of forgiveness." —Library Journal When Declan Keenan begins to clean out his family's house after his father's death, he makes an unexpected discovery. His father, a former RCMP Security Service agent, left a videotape message that drops responsibility for resolving an old case into his son's lap. Unable to refuse his father's dying wish, Declan begins his search for answers in an attempt to satisfy justice. In the process, the motive, means, and opportunities that led to the 1973 bombing of BOAC Flight 281 are revealed; but so too are the agendas to have the case buried. Solving this thirty-year-old case with its inherent obstacles and challenges is frustratingly elusive, especially when compounded by present-day tragedy and official cover-ups. Despite threats, destruction of evidence, and murder, Declan perseveres, knowing that he must do his utmost to reveal his father's secret and expose a long hidden truth. This entertaining thriller resonates with the themes of justice and injustice, reconciliation and alienation, and duty and denial—together representing both the admirable and dishonorable aspects of the Canadian national identity. A collection of crowd-sourced quips and quotes from real-life dads—from the profound to the hilarious. The author of *Like My Mother Always Said . . .* presents a new volume that focuses on fatherly advice—gathered from contributors around the world. Dads may come from different places and have wildly varying personalities, but sometimes their wisdom is universal. Other times, it's just plain bizarre . . . "You can have as much freedom as you can pay for." "Nothing happens when you stay home." "Drink only one beer at a time." Covering a variety of subjects including "The Facts of Life," "Growing Up Right," and "Ask Your Mother," *Like My Father Always Said . . .* is packed with hundreds of gems—the perfect book for anyone whose dad ever tried to steer them right. A moving memoir of the beloved fortieth president of the United States, by his son. February 6, 2011, is the one hundredth anniversary of Ronald Reagan's birth. To mark the occasion, Ron Reagan has written *My Father at 100*, an intimate look at the life of his father—one of the most popular presidents in American history—told from the perspective of someone who knew Ronald Reagan better than any adviser, friend, or colleague. As he grew up under his father's watchful gaze, he observed the very qualities that made the future president a powerful leader. Yet for all of their shared experiences of horseback rides and touch football games, there was much that Ron never knew about his father's past, and in *My Father at 100*, he sets out to understand this beloved, if often enigmatic, figure who turned his early tribulations into a stunning political career. Since his death in 2004, President Reagan has been a galvanizing force that personifies the values of an older America and represents an important era in national history. Ron Reagan traces the sources of these values in his father's early years and offers a heartfelt portrait of a man and his country—and his personal memories of the president he knew as "Dad." A man mourning his alcoholic father faces a paradox: to pay tribute, lay scorn upon, or pour a drink. A wrenching, dazzling, revelatory debut Weaving between the preparations for his father's funeral and memories of life on both sides of the U.S.–Mexico border, Obed Silva chronicles his father's lifelong battle with alcoholism and the havoc it wreaked on his family. Silva and his mother had come north across the border to escape his father's violent, drunken rages. His father had followed and danced dangerously in and out of the family's life until he was arrested and deported back to Mexico, where he drank himself to death, one Carta Blanca at a time, at the age of forty-eight. Told with a wry cynicism, a profane, profound anger, an antic, brutally honest voice, and a hard-won classical frame of reference, Silva channels the heartbreak of mourning while wrestling with the resentment and frustration caused by addiction. The Death of My Father the Pope is a fluid and dynamic combination of memoir and an examination of the power of language—and the introduction of a unique and powerful literary voice. This bracing new nonfiction book by the young superstar Édouard Louis is both a searing j'accuse of the viciously entrenched French class system and a wrenchingly tender love letter to his father This bracing new nonfiction book by the young superstar Édouard Louis is both a searing j'accuse of the viciously entrenched French class system and a wrenchingly tender love letter to his father. Who Killed My Father rips into France's long neglect of the working class and its overt contempt for the poor, accusing the complacent French—at the minimum—of negligent homicide. The author goes to visit the ugly gray town of his childhood to see his dying father, barely fifty years old, who can hardly walk or breathe: "You belong to the category of humans whom politics consigns to an early death." It's as simple as that. But hand in hand with searing, specific denunciations are tender passages of a love between father and son, once damaged by shame, poverty and homophobia. Yet tenderness reconciles them, even as the state is killing off his father. Louis goes after the French system with bare knuckles but turns to his long-alienated father with open arms: this passionate combination makes *Who Killed My Father* a heartbreaking book. By turns heart-tugging and hilarious, Myron Uhlberg's memoir tells the story of growing up as the hearing son of deaf parents—and his life in a world that he found unaccountably beautiful, even as he longed to escape it. "Does sound have rhythm?" my father asked. "Does it rise and fall like the ocean? Does it come and go like the wind?" Such were the kinds of questions that Myron Uhlberg's deaf father asked him from earliest childhood, in his eternal quest to decipher, and to understand, the elusive nature of sound. Quite a challenge for a young boy, and one of many he would face. Uhlberg's first language was American Sign Language, the first sign he learned: "I love you." But his second language was spoken English—and no sooner did he learn it than he was called upon to act as his father's ears and mouth in the stores and streets of the neighborhood beyond their silent apartment in Brooklyn. Resentful as he sometimes was of the heavy burdens heaped on his small shoulders, he nonetheless adored his parents, who passed on to him their own passionate engagement with life. These two remarkable people married and had children at the absolute bottom of the Great Depression—an expression of extraordinary optimism, and typical of the joy and resilience they were able to summon at even the darkest of times. From the beaches of Coney Island to Ebbets Field, where he watches his father's hero Jackie Robinson play ball, from the branch library above the local Chinese restaurant where the odor of chow mein rose from the pages of the books he devoured to the hospital ward where he visits his polio-afflicted friend, this is a memoir filled with stories about growing up not just as the child of two deaf people but as a book-loving, mischief-making, tree-climbing kid during the remarkably eventful period that spanned the Depression, the War, and the early fifties. From the Hardcover edition. "To attain some sort of universal value," Véronique Tadjo has said, "a piece of work has to go deep into the particular in order to reveal our shared humanity." In *Far from My Father*, the latest novel from this internationally acclaimed author, a woman returns to the Côte d'Ivoire after her father's death. She confronts not only unresolved family issues that she had left behind but also questions about her own identity that arise amidst the tensions between traditional and modern worlds. The drama that unfolds tells us much about the evolving role of women, the legacy of polygamy, and the economic challenges of daily life in Abidjan. On a more autobiographical level, the author depicts a daughter's efforts to come to terms with what she knew and did not know about her father. Set against the backdrop of civil strife that has wracked the Côte d'Ivoire since the turn of the century, this story shows Tadjo's remarkable ability to inhabit a character's inner world and emotional landscape while creating a narrative of great historic and cultural dimensions. CARAF Books: Caribbean and African Literature Translated from the French If your father had superpowers, what would they be? What's your favorite childhood memory of the two of you together? What has your dad accomplished that makes you proud? Thought provoking and celebratory, this fill-in gift book provides 50 prompts that help you capture all the things you love and appreciate about your father: his talents, his quirks, the memories you share, and more. With a fresh illustration style and deluxe production details like a grain-embossed, foil-stamped cover, ribbon markers, and a 4-color interior, this book is the perfect keepsake your father will enjoy for years to come. Rhyming text depicts a father sharing with his child such things as seven words that all mean blue and the name of every kind of cloud. I had ample opportunity to ask Dad these questions when he was alive, But it seemed that a million reasons not to do so could always be found. It was a waste of everything Dad had ever seen, done, and thought about not to hear his answers, and I regret not finding out more about him when I had the chance. Questions for My Father was borne of that regret and has one underlying objective: to develop a blueprint for discovery so that children of any age can start to build a clearer, deeper picture of the man behind the word . -- Vincent Staniforth In this delightful memoir, Jean Renoir, the director of such masterpieces of the cinema as "Grand Illusion" and "The Rules of the Game," tells the life story of his father, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, the great Impressionist painter. Recounting Pierre-Auguste's extraordinary career, beginning as a painter of fans and porcelain, recording the rules of thumb by which he worked, and capturing his unpretentious and wonderfully engaging talk and personality, Jean Renoir's book is both a wonderful double portrait of father and son and, in the words of the distinguished art historian John Golding, it "remains the best account of Renoir, and, furthermore, among the most beautiful and moving biographies we have." Includes 12 pages of color plates and 18 pages of black and white images. In *My Father's Books*, the first volume in Luan Starova's multivolume Balkan Saga, he explores themes of history, displacement, and identity under three turbulent regimes—Ottoman, Fascist, and Stalinist—in the twentieth century. Weaving a story from the threads of his parents' lives from 1926 to 1976, he offers a child's-eye view of personal relationships in shifting political landscapes and an elegiac reminder of the enduring power of books to sustain a literate culture. Through lyrical waves of memory, Starova reveals his family's overlapping religious, linguistic, national, and cultural histories. His father left Constantinople as the Ottoman Empire collapsed, and the young family fled from Albania to Yugoslav Macedonia when Luan was a boy. His parents, cosmopolitan and well-traveled in their youth, and steeped in the cultures of both Orient and Occident, find themselves raising their children in yet another stagnant and repressive state. Against this backdrop, Starova remembers the protected spaces of his childhood—his mother's walled garden, his father's library, the cupboard holding the rarest and most precious of his father's books. Preserving a lost heritage, these books also open up a world that seems wide, deep, and boundless. A young girl suspects that her father is really a dog because he performs such acts as fetching the

newspaper and chasing balls. By the illustrator of *We've All Got Bellybuttons!* 20,000 first printing. Prayer is—as the title suggests—simply talking with your Father. It's having an ongoing conversation with God, where you as His child openly and honestly communicate your praise, repentance, thankfulness, and requests. When we have a humble posture before our Father, it gradually tunes our hearts to His so that our desires line up with His eternal plan. In *Talking with My Father*, Ray Stedman looks at our deep need for prayer and the nature of prayer through the lens of Jesus's parables in Luke 18. Record your father's life story in this beautiful keepsake journal with 200 guided exercises and prompts that take him back through each stage of his life and its accompanying adventures. Fathers are our steady and protective heroes, who, sometimes, become lost when it comes to sentimental celebrations of their importance in our lives. An encouraging voice in times of doubt, a wise teacher in times of uncertainty, a compassionate critic in times of honest feedback, and a silly jokester in times of frustration, a father's caring and nurturing presence shapes us throughout our lives. In *My Father's Life*, both thought-provoking and lighthearted writing prompts and guided exercises are organized into chapters based on your father's life stages to help him record his life's memoir. Beginning with early childhood, questions like *Are there any stories about your birth that were told to you by your parents or other family members?* followed by early adulthood prompts such as *What is something that you felt very strongly about when you were in your twenties?* and then concluding with questions about his wisdom he has learned and would like to share like *What is the best piece of advice you were ever given and who gave it to you?*, the *My Father's Life* journal jump starts the reflective writing process to open his mind to dig deeper into who he is, where he started, and, most importantly, what he has learned. Complemented with poignant quotes about fathers throughout history, this beautifully designed journal will give your father everything he needs to record his life's experiences to not only shed light on the events that shaped him into the man he is today, but also to preserve his life's memories and stories for you and your family to learn from, become inspired by, and cherish for future generations. With so much of our lives and contact going digital, the *Creative Keepsakes* journals offer an intimate way to nurture your connection with yourself and the people around you. An entertaining way to get off your screen, these guided and free-form journals are great for writers and artists alike. Each journal offers content around a different theme, including silly prompts for a laugh, random yet thoughtful questions, inspiration for art and composition, interactive prompts to learn about your heritage, and blank interiors on high-quality paper stock to use as your creative canvas. Beautifully designed and full of mindful prompts, channel your inspiration as you put pen (or pencil, or marker, or crayon!) to paper to learn more about yourself, your talents, and the people you love. Also in this Series: *3,001 Questions All About Me*, *301 Things to Draw*, *301 Writing Ideas*, *Create Comics: A Sketchbook*, *Inner Me*, *Internet Password Book*, *My Grandmother's Life*, *My Life Story*, *My Mother's Life*, *3,001 This or That Questions*, *My Grandfather's Life*, *Create the Poem*, *Complete the Drawing Journal*, *Mom and Me Journal*, *Why I Love You Journal*, *Create the Story*, and *Destroy & Design This Journal*. In this touching book with a moral message, a child retells the story of her father's youth when an impromptu baseball game gets out of hand and some unthinking boys end up destroying an old man's garden. Every year my father and I plant a garden. Tomatoes, peppers, onions, marigold, and zinnias grow in neat, straight rows...and every spring my father tells me about Mr. Bellavista and the summer my father was ten. That was the summer a boy lost a baseball under a tomato plant in Mr. Bellavista's garden. And someone tossed a tomato back instead of the baseball. A lively battle took place, which seemed like great fun at the time, but in the end, Mr. Bellavista's garden was ruined. In a touching story of one boy's efforts to make amends, we see the rebuilding of a garden and the forming of a relationship across generations. With luminous, beautifully detailed watercolors, this excellent book for the whole family shows how we can turn our mistakes into some of life's greatest moments. Bernard Malamud was one of the most accomplished American novelists of the postwar years. From the Pulitzer Prize winner *The Fixer* as well as *The Assistant*, named one of the best "100 All-Time Novels" by *Time Magazine*—to mention only two of the more than a dozen published books—he not only established himself in the first rank of American writers but also took the country's literature in new and important directions. In her signature memoir, *Smith* explores her renowned father's life and literary legacy. Malamud was among the most brilliant novelists of his era, and counted among his friends Philip Roth, Saul Bellow, Theodore Roethke, and Shirley Jackson. Yet Malamud was also very private. Only his family has had full access to his personal papers, including letters and journals that offer unique insight into the man and his work. In her candid, evocative, and loving memoir, his daughter brings Malamud to vivid life. A personal story of learning to trust our heavenly Father when you feel your earthly father has let you down. Blair Linne's personal story of growing up without a father at home reflects the experiences of millions. She weaves her personal story with thoughtful theological reflection, inviting readers to learn from God what "father" really means and to trust him, even if they feel their earthly father has let them down. This book will help readers to shift their eyes from what they do not have in their earthly fathers (who, whether present or absent, loving or the opposite, can never be perfect) to what they do have in their eternal Father, who will never disappoint, reject or abandon them. Readers will see that the gospel promises not just forgiveness but also a place in God's family, experienced in a local church, where they can enjoy the fullness of his fatherly joy, care, wisdom, provision, protection and security. Also includes a chapter by Blair's husband, the Christian hip-hop artist Shai, on his own story of fatherlessness and faith. This letter is the closest that Kafka came to setting down his autobiography. He was driven to write it by his father's opposition to his engagement with Julie Wohryzek. The marriage did not take place; the letter was not delivered. In this beautiful debut collection of stories about relationships between men and women--daughters and fathers in particular--the dads emerge as charismatic, seductive, and brilliant men who loom large in their homes. Broyard's unsentimental prose captures the passages of daughters as they grow into young women. *A Card For My Father* by Samantha Thornhill with illustrations by Morgan Clement is the first title in a trilogy of picture books exploring the lasting effects, big and small, of a father's incarceration on his first-grade daughter, Flora. In *A Card For My Father*, how can Flora complete her class assignment to write a father's day card when she's never known her father? Unable to sleep, a young boy climbs into his father's arms and asks about birds, foxes, and whether his mother will ever awaken, then under a starry sky, the father provides clear answers and assurances. The author of "Living, Loving, and Learning" commemorates his father, discussing his life, his own relationship with him, and what he learned from him #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • ONE OF ESSENCE'S 50 MOST IMPACTFUL BLACK BOOKS OF THE PAST 50 YEARS In this iconic memoir of his early days, Barack Obama "guides us straight to the intersection of the most serious questions of identity, class, and race" (*The Washington Post Book World*). "Quite extraordinary."—Toni Morrison In this lyrical, unsentimental, and compelling memoir, the son of a black African father and a white American mother searches for a workable meaning to his life as a black American. It begins in New York, where Barack Obama learns that his father—a figure he knows more as a myth than as a man—has been killed in a car accident. This sudden death inspires an emotional odyssey—first to a small town in Kansas, from which he retraces the migration of his mother's family to Hawaii, and then to Kenya, where he meets the African side of his family, confronts the bitter truth of his father's life, and at last reconciles his divided inheritance. Praise for *Dreams from My Father* "Beautifully crafted . . . moving and candid . . . This book belongs on the shelf beside works like James McBride's *The Color of Water* and Gregory Howard Williams's *Life on the Color Line* as a tale of living astride America's racial categories."—Scott Turow "Provocative . . . Persuasively describes the phenomenon of belonging to two different worlds, and thus belonging to neither."—*The New York Times Book Review* "Obama's writing is incisive yet forgiving. This is a book worth savoring."—Alex Kotlowitz, author of *There Are No Children Here* "One of the most powerful books of self-discovery I've ever read, all the more so for its illuminating insights into the problems not only of race, class, and color, but of culture and ethnicity. It is also beautifully written, skillfully layered, and paced like a good novel."—Charlayne Hunter-Gault, author of *In My Place* "Dreams from My Father is an exquisite, sensitive study of this wonderful young author's journey into adulthood, his search for community and his place in it, his quest for an understanding of his roots, and his discovery of the poetry of human life. Perceptive and wise, this book will tell you something about yourself whether you are black or white."—Marian Wright Edelman "For countless millions, Humphrey Bogart's screen performances and real-life persona merged to make him one of the world's most fabled figures - a legend of mythic proportions. Or, as his Sam Spade would have put it - the stuff that dreams are made of." "But for his only son, Stephen, eight years old in 1957 when his father died of lung cancer, Humphrey Bogart's giant shadow was a burden he carried until he finally came to understand the private man behind his father's public face. And now, in this candid and insightful biography, Stephen Bogart explores and illuminates Humphrey Bogart's life, work, and relationships as they never have been before." "Writing with the encouragement of his famous mother, Lauren Bacall, Stephen calls on his memories, and takes full advantage of the extraordinary access he has had to friends and colleagues of his father. The result is an intimate and personal profile of an enigmatic man whose tough image contrasted with very human ambitions and vulnerabilities. It is also a vastly entertaining book, filled with fascinating stories involving Frank Sinatra, Katharine Hepburn, "Swiftly" Lazar, John Huston, Stephen Bogart's stepfather, Jason Robards, and many others."--BOOK JACKET. Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved A #1 New York Times bestselling author traces her father's life from turn-of-the-century Warsaw to New York City in an intimate memoir about family, memory, and the stories we tell. "An accomplished, clear-eyed, and affecting memoir about a man who is at once ordinary and extraordinary."—Forward Long before she was the acclaimed author of a groundbreaking book about women and men, praised by Oliver Sacks for having "a novelist's ear for the way people speak," Deborah Tannen was a girl who adored her father. Though he was often absent during her childhood, she was profoundly influenced by his gift for writing and storytelling. As she grew up and he grew older, she spent countless hours recording conversations with her father for the account of his life she had promised him she'd write. But when he hands Tannen journals he kept in his youth, and she discovers letters he saved from a woman he might have married instead of her mother, she is forced to rethink her assumptions about her father's life and her parents' marriage. In this memoir, Tannen embarks on the poignant, yet perilous, quest to piece together the puzzle of her father's life. Beginning with his astonishingly vivid memories of the Hasidic community in Warsaw, where he was born in 1908, she traces his journey: from arriving in New York City in 1920 to quitting high school at fourteen to support his mother and sister, through a vast array of jobs, including prison guard and gun-toting alcohol tax inspector, to eventually establishing the largest workers' compensation law practice in New York and running for Congress. As Tannen comes to better understand her father's—and her own—relationship to Judaism, she uncovers aspects of his life she would never have imagined. *Finding My Father* is a memoir of Eli Tannen's life and the ways in which it reflects the near century that he lived. Even more than that, it's an unflinching account of a daughter's struggle to see her father clearly, to know him more deeply, and to find a more truthful story about her family and herself. Ezell's father finagles a Little League team for Ezell and his friends with himself as coach, a job he's never had before. Frank Sinatra seemed to have it all: genius, wealth, the love of beautiful women, glamorous friends from Las Vegas to the White House. But in this startling and remarkably outspoken memoir, his youngest daughter reveals to us an acutely restless, lonely and conflicted man. Through his marriages and front-page romances and the melancholy gaps between, Frank Sinatra searched for a contentment that eluded him. For the first time Tina writes candidly about the wedge his manipulative fourth wife, Barbara Marx, drove between father and daughter. *MY FATHER'S DAUGHTER*, with its unflinching account of Sinatra's flaws and foibles, will shock many of his fans. At the same time, it is a deeply affectionate portrait written with love and warmth, a celebration of a daughter's fond esteem for her father and a respect for his great legacy. The world remembers Frank Sinatra as one of the giants of the show business. In this book from someone inside the legend, Tina Sinatra remembers him as something more: a father, and a man. In this companion to Urs Widmer's novel *My Mother's Lover*, the narrator is again the son who pieces together the fragments of his parents' stories. Since the age of twelve, Karl, the father, has observed the family tradition of recording his life in a single notebook, but when his book is lost soon after his death, his son resolves to rewrite it. Here, we get to know Karl's friends—a collection of anti-fascist painters and architects known as Group 33. We learn of the early years of Karl's marriage and follow his military service as the Swiss fear a German invasion during World War II, his political activity for the Communist Party, and his brief career as a teacher. ? Widmer brilliantly combines family history and historical events to tell the story of a man more at home in the world of the imagination than in the real world, a father who grows on the reader, just as he grows on his son. Henry Slesar, as we have said before, is a young advertising executive who has rapidly become one of the better known writers in the field. Here is an off-trail story that is guaranteed to make some of you take a very searching second look at some of the young

men you know. "He wondered if I'd told her everything, and, faltering, I had to admit that I hadn't. She was wonderful—but human." Foster a loving relationship between father and child in this beautiful picture book! Through simple verse and bright illustrations, P.K. Hallinan illustrates the unconditional love that a father has for his child. Dads are more than parents, they can be friends too! They can spend quality time with you, play sports like tennis or catch, or simply be a role model. Fathers are there for their boys and girls no matter what, by teaching them lessons about hard work, responsibility, and growing up. There's no true friend like a dad! Through the easy-to-read verses of this adorable illustrated book, your child will learn that their dad will always be their best friend. Whether you read it at bedtime or any point of the day, *My Father and I* is the perfect book for showing your child just how much you love them as they're growing up. A memoir in which "writer Chris Offutt struggles to understand his recently deceased father based on his reading of the 400-plus novels [Andrew Offutt]—a well-known writer of pornography in the 1970s and 80s—left him in his will"—Publisher marketing. As his father nears death in his retirement home in Mexico, John H. Richardson begins to unravel a life filled with drama and secrecy. John Sr. was a CIA "chief of station" on some of the hottest assignments of the Cold War, from the back alleys of occupied Vienna to the jungles of the Philippines—and especially Saigon, where he became a pivotal player in the turning point of the Vietnam War: the overthrow of South Vietnamese president Ngo Dinh Diem. As John Jr. and his sister came of age in exotic postings across the world, they struggled to accommodate themselves to their driven, distant father, and their conflict opens a window on the tumult of the sixties and Vietnam. Through the daily happenings at home and his father's actions, reconstructed from declassified documents as well as extensive interviews with former spies and government officials, Richardson reveals the innermost workings of a family enmeshed in the Cold War—and the deeper war that turns the world of the fathers into the world of the sons. Charting the life of exile and displacement, terror and betrayal, repression and the subjugation of women, family love, flight, survival, and the mixed blessings of a mixed marriage in Britian, this book is a collection of poetry. Amjad Ali Khan offers an insider's view of this era, through the life and times of his father, the famous sarod icon, Ustad Haafiz Ali Khan. PART MEMOIR AND PART ELEGY, *READING MY FATHER IS THE STORY OF A DAUGHTER COMING TO KNOW HER FATHER AT LAST— A GIANT AMONG TWENTIETH-CENTURY AMERICAN NOVELISTS AND A MAN WHOSE DEVASTATING DEPRESSION DARKENED THE FAMILY LANDSCAPE*. In *Reading My Father*, William Styron's youngest child explores the life of a fascinating and difficult man whose own memoir, *Darkness Visible*, so searingly chronicled his battle with major depression. Alexandra Styron's parents—the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Sophie's Choice* and his political activist wife, Rose—were, for half a century, leading players on the world's cultural stage. Alexandra was raised under both the halo of her father's brilliance and the long shadow of his troubled mind. A drinker, a carouser, and above all "a high priest at the altar of fiction," Styron helped define the concept of The Big Male Writer that gave so much of twentieth-century American fiction a muscular, glamorous aura. In constant pursuit of The Great Novel, he and his work were the dominant force in his family's life, his turbulent moods the weather in their ecosystem. From Styron's Tidewater, Virginia, youth and precocious literary debut to the triumphs of his best-known books and on through his spiral into depression, *Reading My Father* portrays the epic sweep of an American artist's life, offering a ringside seat on a great literary generation's friendships and their dramas. It is also a tale of filial love, beautifully written, with humor, compassion, and grace.

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