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From the author of *Lucky*, A REESE'S BOOK CLUB PICK! NAMED ONE OF 2019'S BEST BEACH READS BY Oprah Magazine • New York Post • PopSugar • The Globe and Mail FEATURED IN Us Weekly • Parade • Hollywood Reporter • Chatelaine "Marissa Stapley's writing is a gift."—Pam Jenoff, New York Times bestselling author Miles Markell is missing, and everyone is a suspect. To the guests at The Harmony Resort, Doctors Miles and Grace Markell appear to be a perfect power

couple. They run a couples' therapy retreat in a luxurious resort in the Mayan Riviera where they help spouses deal with their marriage struggles. Johanna and Ben's relationship looks great on the surface, but in reality, they don't know each other at all. Shell and Colin fight constantly—Colin is a workaholic, and Shell always comes second—but what has really torn them apart is too devastating to talk about. When both couples begin Harmony's intensive therapy program, it becomes clear that Harmony is not all that it seems—and neither are Miles and Grace. What are they hiding, and what price will these couples pay for finding out their secrets? As a deadly tropical storm descends on the coast, trapping the hosts and the guests on the resort, secrets are revealed, loyalties are tested and not one single person—or their marriage—will remain unchanged by what follows. A gripping exploration of relationships and trust, *The Last Resort* is a propulsive read about all the big truths we hide, even from ourselves. Do you want to sell more books? Terrified at the prospect of marketing and 'self promo'? Confused by author branding? Are you wondering whether it's worth all the time and heartache? Bestselling novelist and host of the Worried Writer podcast, Sarah Painter, felt exactly the same way... Until she changed her mindset around marketing, money and selling her work. From worried debut novelist with a traditional publisher to happy and empowered hybrid author, earning a healthy income and connecting with her readers, Sarah shares the tips, strategies, and attitude changes which have helped her to succeed. Sarah will show you how to:

- Treat your writing career as a business
- Value your creative work and earn more money from it
- Find the type of marketing which suits you and learn to embrace it
- Understand author branding

Plus much more! Packed with Sarah's trademark honesty, this is your practical and supportive guide to taking control of your success as an author and building your readership. Don't give into the starving artist myth: Stop Worrying and Start Selling today! Covers the basics of scriptwriting, from deciding on a story and characters through the finished work, and analyzes a sample script Kiyosaki shows how to

reverse the effects of negative programming one receives in school, replacing them with new habits that will set individuals and their children up for financial and emotional success. "Robert Kiyosaki's work in education is powerful, profound, and life-changing."--Anthony Robbins, author of "Unlimited Power" and "Awaken the Giant Within." "My books spent 5 years on the New York Times Best Seller List. They got there through endless hours of hard work. If only Brent had been my marketer, I could have done it in 5 minutes with a simple picture. I'M SO STUPID!"- Tucker Max, 3x #1 NY Times Best Selling Author "Like all good art, this book--and it is definitely a book--exposes a little bit about how society works."- Ryan Holiday, author of the Wall Street Journal bestseller Trust Me, I'm Lying: Confessions of a Media Manipulator "Brent Underwood's book shows the inner workings of the publishing industry and its desire to be the "best". Brent helps create a path toward ending the madness."- Matthew Kepnes, author of the New York Times bestseller How To Travel The World on \$50 a Day "Unputdownable! Hop don't walk, to your nearest Kindle and download it now! The footnotes alone are worth the cover price!"- Brooke Unger, Americas Editor, The Economist "Putting My Foot Down will keep you on your toes at all time."- Young & Sick, musician/artist "Brent Underwood's foot, a more accomplished author than you or I."- The Paris Review "...status is meaningless, and can be bought for just a few dollars."- BoingBoing "Amen, Brent. Amen."- The Daily Dot "A man put a photo of his foot on Amazon."- Gothamist "The game's definitely afoot!"- Neil Gaiman "Amazing how much perception creates reality today."- Nick Bilton, Columnist, New York Times "...had me from the moment this guy takes a photo of his foot."- Laura Bennett, Senior Editor, Slate "Brilliant."- Martin Robbins, Columnist, VICE "...nails the 'biggest lie in publishing'."- Richard Lea, Books Reporter, The Guardian The sensational New York Times bestseller The Mill River Recluse reminds us that friendship, family, and love can come from the most unexpected places. Perfect for fans of Maeve Binchy. From the outside, Mill River looks like any sleepy little Vermont town where everyone knows everyone and people

never need to lock their doors. There are newcomers for whom this appeals, from police officer Kyle Hansen and his daughter Rowen, who are starting over after heartache, to Claudia Simon, the schoolteacher who is determined to reinvent herself. But on closer inspection, there are those in Mill River—including a stealthy arsonist, a covetous nurse, and a pilfering priest—who have things they wish to hide. None more than the widow Mary McAllister, who for the past sixty years has secluded herself in her marble mansion overlooking the town. Most of the residents have never even seen the peculiar woman. Only the priest, Father O'Brien, knows the deep secrets that keep Mary isolated—and that, once revealed, will forever change the community. Praise for *The Mill River Recluse* “[Darcie] Chan’s sweet novel displays her talent. . . . A comforting book about the random acts of kindness that hold communities together.”—Kirkus Reviews “A heartwarming story.”—Examiner “A real page-turner.”—IndieReader

SCI-FI ODYSSEY. COMEDY. LOVE STORY. AND OF COURSE... NIKOLA TESLA. I'll let Chip, the main character tell you more: "I found the journal at work. Well, I don't know if you'd call it work, but that's where I found it. It's the lost journal of Nikola Tesla, one of the greatest inventors and visionaries ever. Before he died in 1943, he kept a notebook filled with spectacular claims and outrageous plans. One of these plans was for an "Interdimensional Transfer Apparatus" - that allowed someone (in this case me and my friend Pete) to travel to other versions of the infinite possibilities around us. Crazy, right? But that's just where the crazy starts." CHIP'S OFFICIAL DISCLAIMER: This is a work of fiction: the events depicted in the collection of emails did not happen. I have never been in contact with a covert government group attempting to suppress knowledge of the lost journal of Nikola Tesla. I have not been threatened with death if I divulge the secrets contained inside. They did not buy me this handsome jacket (oh crap, you're reading this - trust me, it looks great on me). They did not come to my place, and liquor me up, and offer to publish this book as a sci-fi comedy novel to throw the public off the trail of the real truth. Or did they?

I'm kidding. Of course they didn't. Or did they? God, I can't keep my big mouth shut. Where the Hell is Tesla? has been compared to Terry Pratchett (the Discworld Series), Douglas Adams' Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, and even Kurt Vonnegut (I know, that last one is probably a stretch.) Praise for Where the Hell is Tesla? "Smart, funny, and just like its titular scientist, impressively inventive, this is a must-read for anyone who aced science and, even more so, for those of us who didn't. Which means, quite simply, it's a book for everyone." - Michael Zam, Screenwriting Professor, NYU "Reminds me of Vonnegut. Yeah, I said that." - Ruth Sinanian, Literature Reviewer

Reader Reviews: " Without a doubt the funniest and craziest syfy adventure I've ever read... I made the mistake of reading this book in public and was laughing like a crazied mad man with tears in my eyes. NO BS. I had people glaring at me and hiding their children like I was some kind of lunatic. Great book. I can't wait to read more from Rob Dircks." " LOVED IT! I loved this book! Hysterical, interesting, cool, just awesome. I flew through it in a few days and laughed the whole way through. I love sci-fi, I love humor and this is the perfect mix of both. Loved!!" " We need more Bobo! Where The Hell Is Tesla? is one of the funniest books I've read in quite some time." " Best comedy sci fi in a decade... a fun and hilarious romp through the multiverse with a group of very likable characters, witty and addictive writing." " Rob Dircks' narrative style and his characters' surprising wit are a breath of fresh air for a genre that I have a great deal of love for but is all too often hit or miss." " By far the most amusing, funniest and laugh-out-loud audiobook I have ever listened to!"

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Tiny Changes, Remarkable Results No matter your goals, Atomic Habits offers a proven framework for improving--every day. James Clear, one of the world's leading experts on habit formation, reveals practical strategies that will teach you exactly how to form good habits, break bad ones, and master the tiny behaviors that lead to remarkable results. If you're having trouble changing your habits, the problem isn't you. The problem is your system. Bad habits repeat

themselves again and again not because you don't want to change, but because you have the wrong system for change. You do not rise to the level of your goals. You fall to the level of your systems. Here, you'll get a proven system that can take you to new heights. Clear is known for his ability to distill complex topics into simple behaviors that can be easily applied to daily life and work. Here, he draws on the most proven ideas from biology, psychology, and neuroscience to create an easy-to-understand guide for making good habits inevitable and bad habits impossible. Along the way, readers will be inspired and entertained with true stories from Olympic gold medalists, award-winning artists, business leaders, life-saving physicians, and star comedians who have used the science of small habits to master their craft and vault to the top of their field. Learn how to: make time for new habits (even when life gets crazy); overcome a lack of motivation and willpower; design your environment to make success easier; get back on track when you fall off course; ...and much more. Atomic Habits will reshape the way you think about progress and success, and give you the tools and strategies you need to transform your habits--whether you are a team looking to win a championship, an organization hoping to redefine an industry, or simply an individual who wishes to quit smoking, lose weight, reduce stress, or achieve any other goal. The classic work of writing instruction back in print! The complete, concise guide to writing fiction that sells from one of the most popular instructors of the Writers of the Future and Clarion workshops. Get a master's competitive edge in the writing business. Bestselling writer, editor and renowned writing teacher Algis Budrys, known as "AJ" to his many students, has distilled his fifty years of success into Writing to the Point. Write better stories. Fix mistakes in your current stories. Writing to the Point contains all the writing articles that appeared in the classic tomorrow Magazine, re-edited and expanded. Algis Budrys has taught hundreds of people at scores of workshops, was a well-known critic, editor, and author in his own right. "AJ's information is, and always has been, solid gold. Every

writer can learn from this book."-New York Times bestselling author Kevin J. Anderson There's more to writing a memoir than just writing your life story. A memoir isn't one long diary entry. Rather, it's a well-crafted story about a crucial, often exceptionally difficult, time in someone's life. *Writing & Selling Your Memoir* talks readers through the process of telling their most personal stories in a compelling, relatable, and readable manner. Unlike other books dedicated to the art and craft of writing memoir, it teaches readers how to approach the genre with love, respect, and know-how without sentimentalizing it. Drawing on her experience working with New York Times best-selling memoirists, literary agent Paula Balzer carefully explores the genre and provides readers with step-by-step instruction on how to:

- Identify strong opening and closing points
- Find and develop a strong central hook that readers can relate to
- Structure a memoir to maximize readability
- Use dialogue and pacing to enhance intimacy
- Approach honesty and truthfulness
- Build a successful author platform around their memoir
- Get an agent's attention
- Get published

Full of tips, techniques, detailed exercises, and examples from best-selling memoirs as well as sidebars from well-known memoir authors, *Writing & Selling Your Memoir* teaches you how to approach an often tricky genre and tell your story without sentimentalizing it. A practical guidebook for effective playwriting! This imaginative and enthusiastic book is designed especially for those having the desire to create, to entertain, and to express their emotions and ideas. It features a practical, down-to-earth emphasis on craft and structure rather than on theory as its step-by-step approach shows just what's involved in creating a stageworthy play. Coverage includes basic considerations such as plot and character development, theme and dialogue as well as production and publication considerations. Outstanding features: offers concrete writing guidelines; includes exercises that get the reader going and inspirational anecdotes; presents excerpts from such classics as *Macbeth*, *The Glass Menagerie*, and *The Dumb Waiter* that help the student grasp key concepts; lists plays to read for instruction;

includes valuable information not usually found in comparable collections. *Techniques of the Selling Writer* provides solid instruction for people who want to write and sell fiction, not just to talk and study about it. It gives the background, insights, and specific procedures needed by all beginning writers. Here one can learn how to group words into copy that moves, movement into scenes, and scenes into stories; how to develop characters, how to revise and polish, and finally, how to sell the product. No one can teach talent, but the practical skills of the professional writer's craft can certainly be taught. The correct and imaginative use of these skills can shorten any beginner's apprenticeship by years. This is the book for writers who want to turn rejection slips into cashable checks. #1 New York Times bestselling author Stephen King's beloved novella, *Rita Hayworth and Shawshank Redemption*—the basis for the Best Picture Academy Award-nominee *The Shawshank Redemption*—about an unjustly imprisoned convict who seeks a strangely satisfying revenge, is now available for the first time as a standalone book. A mesmerizing tale of unjust imprisonment and offbeat escape, *Rita Hayworth and Shawshank Redemption* is one of Stephen King's most beloved and iconic stories, and it helped make Castle Rock a place readers would return to over and over again. Suspenseful, mysterious, and heart-wrenching, this iconic King novella, populated by a cast of unforgettable characters, is about a fiercely compelling convict named Andy Dufresne who is seeking his ultimate revenge. Originally published in 1982 in the collection *Different Seasons* (alongside "The Body," "Apt Pupil," and "The Breathing Method"), it was made into the film *The Shawshank Redemption* in 1994. Starring Morgan Freeman and Tim Robbins, this modern classic was nominated for seven Academy Awards, including Best Picture, and is among the most beloved films of all time. Get schooled in the art of writing fiction for teens *Writing & Selling the YA Novel* offers a complete lesson plan for writing and publishing fiction for teens. Structured like a day of high school, award-winning young adult novelist K.L. Going takes her students through every stage of YA



writing. Learn how the YA genre has developed in History class. Toss around ideas during Gym. Create authentic teen characters in "English class". Craft convincing plots during Lunch. Add it all up in Math as you learn about agents and contracts. Along the way you'll find plenty of "homework" exercises to help you hone your skills - as well as input from actual teen readers. At the end of your school day, you'll have all the knowledge a young adult author needs to write a book that speaks to teen readers - and get it published. This book provides solid instruction for persons who want to write and sell fiction, not just to talk and study about it. It gives the background, insights, and specific procedures needed by all beginning writers. Here one can learn how to group words into copy that moves, movement into scenes, and scenes into stories; how to develop characters, how to revise and polish, and finally, how to sell the product. This is the book for writers who want to turn rejection slips into cashable checks. Writing and Selling Children's Books in the Christian Market has practical advice from best-selling Christian authors/consultants Adams and Young. It is a perfect gift to author friends or motivate yourself! Small diary/journal/notebook to write in. for creative writing. for creating lists, for Scheduling, Organizing and Recording your thoughts Make an excellent gift idea for appreciation day, Christmas or any other occasion! -Perfect sized at 6x9 inches -110 page -Softcover bookblinding -Flexible Paperback Take action and purchase this notebook for a limited time discount of only \$6.99 now! You are invited to the rest of your life. Three women, from coast to coast and in between, open their mailboxes to the same intriguing invitation. Although leading entirely different lives, each has found herself at a similar, jarring crossroads. Right when these women thought they'd be comfortably settling into middle age, their carefully curated futures have turned out to be dead ends. The sender of the invitation is Willa Silvester, who is reeling from the untimely death of her beloved husband and the reality that she must say goodbye to the small mountain town they founded together. Yet as Willa mourns her losses, an impossible question keeps staring her

in the face: So now what? Struggling to find the answer alone, fiercely independent Willa eventually calls a childhood friend who happens to be in her own world of hurt—and that's where the idea sparks. They decide to host a weeklong interlude from life, and invite two other friends facing their own quandaries. Soon the four women converge at Willa's Montana homestead, a place where they can learn from nature and one another as they contemplate their second acts together in the rugged wilderness of big sky country. All the hard-earned storytelling skills of Erle Stanley Gardner, creator of *Petty Mason* and still the world's biggest-selling writer, are revealed in this informative, entertaining, and instructive book. The authors clearly present and analyze all the elements of narrative-character, plot, conflict, and resolution-as Gardner used them. Numerous extraordinary charts, diagrams, and outlines makes his hard-earned technical skills available to the reader in practical and useful forms. This book is ideal for Gardner collectors and fans, and equally for students of writing at all levels-would be writers, neophytes, and even published authors-for it offers one of the most practical and professional courses ever in storytelling technique. A stunning collection of essays and memoir from twice Booker Prize winner and international bestseller Hilary Mantel, author of *The Mirror and the Light* Write It Short, Sell It Now Short stories and personal essays have never been hotter--or more crucial for a successful writing career. Earning bylines in magazines and literary journals is a terrific way to get noticed and earn future opportunities in both short- and long-form writing. *Writing & Selling Short Stories & Personal Essays* capitalizes on the popularity of these genres by instructing on the two key steps to publishing short works: crafting excellent pieces and successfully submitting them. You'll learn how to:

- Develop different craft elements--including point of view, character, dialogue, scene writing, and more--specifically for short stories and essays.
- Recognize the qualities of excellent short works, using examples from recently published stories and essays in major journals.
- Understand the business of writing short, from categorizing your

work and meeting submission guidelines to networking and submitting to writing contests. • Master the five-step process for submitting and selling like a pro. Featuring advice and examples from a multitude of published authors, *Writing & Selling Short Stories & Personal Essays* is a must-have for any writer's bookshelf. Take your fiction to the next level! Maybe you're a first-time novelist looking for practical guidance. Maybe you've already been published, but your latest effort is stuck in mid-list limbo. Whatever the case may be, author and literary agent Donald Maass can show you how to take your prose to the next level and write a breakout novel - one that rises out of obscurity and hits the best-seller lists. Maass details the elements that all breakout novels share - regardless of genre - then shows you writing techniques that can make your own books stand out and succeed in a crowded marketplace. You'll learn to: • establish a powerful and sweeping sense of time and place • weave subplots into the main action for a complex, engrossing story • create larger-than-life characters that step right off the page • explore universal themes that will interest a broad audience of readers • sustain a high degree of narrative tension from start to finish • develop an inspired premise that sets your novel apart from the competition Then, using examples from the recent works of several best-selling authors - including novelist Anne Perry - Maass illustrates methods for upping the ante in every aspect of your novel writing. You'll capture the eye of an agent, generate publisher interest and lay the foundation for a promising career. *Writing and Selling Your Novel* is a revision and an expansion, a new edition, but with the same mission: to help you write publishable fiction. In Bickham's book, marketing is twined into the writing. In yours, it will be, too. Follow this proven advice and you can make your work perform on the only two levels that count - as can't-put-it-down storytelling and as can't-turn-it-down manuscript. Here you'll find a mixture of fiction-writing fact and philosophy that will help you bring a professional's approach to your work; use stimulus and response believably, effectively; create excitement and evoke emotion with

scene and sequel; build fascinating complexities into your characters; revise, to turn a rough draft into a polished novel; and all with salability in mind. 'I'm just a nitwit girl who's sort-of stumbling through life learning that we all have our own roads to walk - but that it's still valuable, and rather lovely, to hear about other people's journeys . . . ' Growing up in an online age, becoming an internet sensation with half a million followers on her YouTube Channel, Irish girl Melanie Murphy's journey has been far from ordinary. Here, in her first book, she shares the ups and downs of her life. From dealing with online bullying, to living with anxiety and eating disorders to coping with acne and coming to terms with her sexuality, Melanie shows us how through difficult times we can learn the most about ourselves. And that, by learning to value and love ourselves, we can overcome whatever life throws at us. Get advice from the best in the business on every part of the novel writing and publishing process! In *The Complete Handbook of Novel Writing, 2nd Edition*, you'll learn from the invaluable advice of established writers. Discover new ways to generate ideas, implement intriguing techniques, and find the inspiration you need to finish your work. This fully-revised edition includes a revamped marketing section that covers the unique challenges of today's publishing market and the boundless opportunities of online promotion. Inside you'll find expert advice from dozens of bestselling authors and publishing professionals on how to: Master the elements of fiction, from plot and characters to dialogue and point of view Develop a unique voice and sensibility in your writing Manage the practical aspects of writing, from overcoming writer's block to revising your work Determine what elements your story needs to succeed in a particular genre - science fiction, fantasy, mystery, suspense, inspirational, romance (mainstream and Christian), or historical fiction Find an agent, market your work, and get published - or self-publish - successfully You'll also find interviews with some of the world's finest writers, including Margaret Atwood, Tom Clancy, Brock Clarke, Cory Doctorow, Dave Eggers, Elizabeth George, Jerry Jenkins, Stephen

King, Megan McCafferty, Audrey Niffenegger, Joyce Carol Oates, Chuck Palahniuk, James Patterson, Richard Russo, Anne Tyler, John Updike, and Kurt Vonnegut. Their words will provide you with the guidance and encouragement of your very own writing mentor. The Complete Handbook of Novel Writing is your one-stop resource for everything you need to know about the craft and business of creating a bestseller. A Mystery Writers of America Edgar Award Finalist for Best Critical/Biographical Work Discover the secrets to crafting an unforgettable mystery! To piece together the puzzle of your mystery novel, you need patience, resilience, a solid understanding of the craft, and a clear blueprint for combining the plot, characters, setting, and more. And while patience and resilience must come from you, the essentials of craft and the plan to execute them are right at your fingertips with Writing and Selling Your Mystery Novel. This completely revised and updated edition features solid strategies for drafting, revising, and selling an intriguing novel that grips your readers and refuses to let them go. New York Times best-selling author Hallie Ephron shows you how to:

- Create a compelling sleuth and a worthy villain
- Construct a plot rich in twists, red herrings, and misdirection
- Bring the story to a satisfying conclusion
- Sharpen characters and optimize pace during revision
- Seek publication through both traditional and indie paths

Filled with helpful worksheets and exercises for every step of the process, Writing and Selling Your Mystery Novel Revised and Expanded reveals the keys to writing a memorable story that will have fans of mystery, suspense, and crime clamoring for more.

**TRAIN THE INTERNET TO SELL BOOKS FOR YOU** Book marketing doesn't need to be an exhausting hamster wheel of promotion and publicity. Put your book sales on autopilot... so you can focus on writing your next bestseller.

**FAST AND EFFECTIVE BOOK MARKETING** This book is a crash course on some of the more creative book marketing strategies I've discovered in my first year of publishing fiction. It will provide simple, actionable, measurable steps to publishing a high quality book quickly, doing only as much marketing as is necessary to launch your book like a

rock star, and keep it selling enough to support you while you write another. I only mention the things I actually use, that I know work, and ignore options that don't get results. We'll discuss paid advertising, release strategies, pricing and pre-orders, book giveaways, how to target your audience, viral exposure and press coverage, marketing hacks, and how to reach your first \$1000 on Kindle. LAUNCH BIG EVEN IF YOU'RE STARTING SMALL Guerrilla is a style of warfare intended to surprise and harass enemies. It can also mean using unconventional and usually inexpensive means to generate interest or raise concern among the public. That's basically how I'll use it: book marketing strategies from the trenches to help you win the publishing war. However, instead of "surprise and harass" I will focus on "surprise and delight." First you need to show up and get in front of the right people. Then you need to surprise and delight them. You need to be remarkable enough to be noticed. Few authors are using these strategies (yet) so it's relatively easy to outrank your competition, get more visibility and reach new readers. A powerful secret and a fresh approach to writing bestselling fiction! What's the best way to write a "next level" novel? Some writers start at the beginning and let the story unfold without a plan. They are called "pantsers," because they write by the "seat of the pants." Other writers plan and outline and know the ending before they start. These are the "plotters." The two sides never seem to agree with each other on the best approach. But what if it's not the beginning or the end that is the key to a successful book? What if, amazing as it may seem, the place to begin writing your novel is in the very middle of the story? According to #1 bestselling writing teacher James Scott Bell, that's exactly where you'll find your story's heart and heat. Bell's "Mirror Moment" is the secret, and its power is available to any writer, at any stage of the writing process. Bringing together years of craft study and personal discovery, Bell presents a truly unique approach to writing a novel, one that will stand the test of time and serve you all your writing life. "I need three things before I tackle a new novel: Diet Coke, a laptop, and my dog-eared copies of James

Scott Bell's books on writing craft!"- Kami Garcia, #1 NYT Times & International Bestselling author There's a mantra that real writers know but wannabe writers don't. And the secret phrase is this: **NOBODY WANTS TO READ YOUR SH\*T**. Recognizing this painful truth is the first step in the writer's transformation from amateur to professional. From Chapter Four: "When you understand that nobody wants to read your shit, you develop empathy. You acquire the skill that is indispensable to all artists and entrepreneurs—the ability to switch back and forth in your imagination from your own point of view as writer/painter/seller to the point of view of your reader/gallery-goer/customer. You learn to ask yourself with every sentence and every phrase: Is this interesting? Is it fun or challenging or inventive? Am I giving the reader enough? Is she bored? Is she following where I want to lead her? Techniques of the Selling Writer provides solid instruction for people who want to write and sell fiction, not just to talk and study about it. It gives the background, insights, and specific procedures needed by all beginning writers. Here one can learn how to group words into copy that moves, movement into scenes, and scenes into stories; how to develop characters, how to revise and polish, and finally, how to sell the product. No one can teach talent, but the practical skills of the professional writer's craft can certainly be taught. The correct and imaginative use of these skills can shorten any beginner's apprenticeship by years. This is the book for writers who want to turn rejection slips into cashable checks. Globally bestselling Divergent author Veronica Roth delivers a breathtaking fantasy featuring an unusual friendship, an epic love story, and a galaxy-sweeping adventure. #1 New York Times bestseller \* Wall Street Journal bestseller \* USA Today bestseller \* #1 IndieBound bestseller Praise for Carve the Mark: "Roth skillfully weaves the careful world-building and intricate web of characters that distinguished Divergent." —VOYA (starred review) "Roth offers a richly imagined, often brutal world of political intrigue and adventure, with a slow-burning romance at its core." —ALA Booklist Cyra Noavek and Akos Kereseth

have grown up in enemy countries locked in a long-standing fight for dominance over their shared planet. When Akos and his brother are kidnapped by the ruling Noavek family, Akos is forced to serve Cyra, the sister of a dictator who governs with violence and fear. Cyra is known for her deadly power of transferring extraordinary pain unto others with simple touch, and her tyrant brother uses her as a weapon against those who challenge him. But as Akos fights for his own survival, he recognizes that Cyra is also fighting for hers, and that her true gift—resilience—might be what saves them both. When Akos and Cyra are caught in the middle of a raging rebellion, everything they've been led to believe about their world and themselves must be called into question. But fighting for what's right might mean betraying their countries, their families, and each other. When the time comes, will they choose loyalty or love? And don't miss *The Fates Divide*, Veronica Roth's powerful follow-up novel!

What if you could change your life--without changing your life? Gretchen had a good marriage, two healthy daughters, and work she loved--but one day, stuck on a city bus, she realized that time was flashing by, and she wasn't thinking enough about the things that really mattered. "I should have a happiness project," she decided. She spent the next year test-driving the wisdom of the ages, current scientific studies, and lessons from popular culture about how to be happier. Each month, she pursued a different set of resolutions: go to sleep earlier, quit nagging, forget about results, or take time to be silly. Bit by bit, she began to appreciate and amplify the happiness that already existed in her life. Written with humour and insight, Gretchen's story will inspire you to start your own happiness project. Now in a beautiful, expanded edition, Gretchen offers a wealth of new material including happiness paradoxes and practical tips on many daily matters: being a more light-hearted parent, sticking to a fitness routine, getting your sweetheart to do chores without nagging, coping when you forget someone's name and more. The author shares his insights into the craft of writing and offers a humorous perspective on his own experience as a writer. Drawing on



approaches from literary studies, media and cultural studies, book history, cultural policy, and the digital humanities, this book asks: What is the significance of authors communicating directly to readers via social media? How does digital media reframe the “live” author-reader encounter? And does the growing army of reader-reviewers signal an overdue democratizing of literary culture or the atomizing of cultural authority? In exploring these questions, *The Digital Literary Sphere* takes stock of epochal changes in the book industry while probing books’ and digital media’s complex contemporary coexistence. The first-ever resource guide showing all writers—traditional and online—how to sell their work to and get top prices from online markets. *Online Markets for Writers* is an all-encompassing database of submission guidelines and pay-rate and policy information for over 200 paying online magazines, electronic newsletters, and custom corporate online publications, plus advice from confidential writer surveys about specific markets. Designed for everyone, from the experienced journalist to the novice writer, it features exclusive interviews with the top editors of the major online markets as well as tips from the top online writers on how best to contact the editors, how to negotiate contracts, and how to get the highest rates—often up to two dollars per word. Readers will find: --authoritative advice on writing and selling freelance material online--tips on adapting your writing to the Web--how to write e-queries and negotiate electronic rights and rates --sample contracts--[www.marketsforwriters.com](http://www.marketsforwriters.com), offering free updates to the book With support and contributions from the American Society of Journalists and Authors and the National Writers Union, this book is an essential resource if you want to make money by selling your writing on the Internet. Creating a platform isn't just beneficial--it's essential! In today's world of blogging, websites, Twitter feeds, and Facebook updates, building a writer platform from the ground up can seem a daunting task. Never fear--author and editor Chuck Sambuchino provides expert, practical advice for increasing your visibility, selling more books, and launching a successful career. In

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