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At the Water's Edge Dec 27 2022 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • In this thrilling new novel from the author of *Water for Elephants*, Sara Gruen again demonstrates her talent for creating spellbinding period pieces. *At the Water's Edge* is a gripping and poignant love story about a privileged young woman's awakening as she experiences the devastation of World War II in a tiny village in the Scottish Highlands. After disgracing themselves at a high society New Year's Eve party in Philadelphia in 1944, Madeline Hyde and her husband, Ellis, are cut off financially by his father, a former army colonel who is already ashamed of his son's inability to serve in the war. When Ellis and his best friend, Hank, decide that the only way to regain the Colonel's favor is to succeed where the Colonel very publicly failed—by hunting down the famous Loch Ness monster—Maddie reluctantly follows them across the Atlantic, leaving her sheltered world behind. The trio find themselves in a remote village in the Scottish Highlands, where the locals have nothing but contempt for the privileged interlopers. Maddie is left on her own at the isolated inn, where food is rationed, fuel is scarce, and a knock from the postman can bring tragic news. Yet she finds herself falling in love with the stark beauty and subtle magic of the Scottish countryside. Gradually she comes to know the villagers, and the friendships she forms with two young women open her up to a larger world than she knew existed. Maddie begins to see that nothing is as it first appears: the values she holds dear prove unsustainable, and monsters lurk where they are least expected. As she embraces a fuller sense of who she might be, Maddie becomes aware not only of the dark forces around her, but of life's beauty and surprising possibilities. Praise for *At the Water's Edge* "Breathtaking . . . a daring story of adventure, friendship, and love in the shadow of WWII."—*Harper's Bazaar* "A gripping, compelling story . . . Gruen's characters are vividly drawn and her scenes are perfectly paced."—*The Boston Globe* "A page-turner of a novel that rollicks along with crisp historical detail."—*Fort Worth Star-Telegram* "Powerfully evocative."—*USA Today* "Gruen is a master at the period piece—and [this] novel is just another stunning example of that craft."—*Glamour*

Ape House Mar 18 2022 The wildly entertaining new novel from the bestselling author of *Water for Elephants*. Sam, Bonzi, Lola, Mbongo, Jelani, and Makena are no ordinary apes. These bonobos, like others of their species, are capable of reason and carrying on deep relationships—but unlike most bonobos, they also know American Sign Language. Isabel Duncan, a scientist at the Great Ape Language Lab, doesn't understand people, but animals she gets—especially the bonobos. Isabel feels more comfortable in their world than she's ever felt among humans . . . until she meets John Thigpen, a very married reporter who braves the ever-present animal rights protesters outside the lab to see what's really going on inside. When an explosion rocks the lab, severely injuring Isabel and "liberating" the apes, John's human interest piece turns into the story of a lifetime, one he'll risk his career and his marriage to follow. Then a reality TV show featuring the missing apes debuts under mysterious circumstances, and it immediately becomes the biggest—and unlikeliest—phenomenon in the history of modern media. Millions of fans are glued to their screens watching the apes order greasy take-out, have generous amounts of sex, and sign for Isabel to come get them. Now, to save her family of apes from this parody of human life, Isabel must connect with her own kind, including John, a green-haired vegan, and a retired porn star with her own agenda. *Ape House* delivers great entertainment, but it also opens the animal world to us in ways few novels have done,

securing Sara Gruen's place as a master storyteller who allows us to see ourselves as we never have before. **BONUS:** This edition contains a reader's guide.

Fawnie Stops Pushing Things Off Jun 28 2020 "Fawnie Stops Pushing Things Off" is the first of the "Let's Speak About" series. How can we get Fawnie to stop procrastinating and to stop pushing off walking? Would a gaily-wrapped present get her going? How about a chart with star stickers? What if her brothers put her food and water a little farther away? No, Fawnie would still push off walking. She is happy to just lie on the forest floor. Until..., Fawnie hears about all the fun she missed at cousin deer's birthday party. Will grandma's advice help Fawnie learn to stop pushing things off? Children discover how to change pushing off behavior and how they can start doing the opposite, to motivate themselves. This book is insightful and entertaining. "Fawnie Stops Pushing Things Off" is a sure success with children.

Bookclub-in-a-box Presents the Discussion Companion for Sara Gruen's Novel Water for Elephants Apr 07 2021 Running away with the circus is one of the world's most enduring and romantic ideas. However, the reality of circus life during the Depression era was hard and painful. Jacob Jankowski, now over ninety years old, looks back on that time of desperation, cruelty and prejudice, but at the same time, he recalls a magical atmosphere, the animals, the larger-than-life circus population, love, and, of course, a special elephant named Rosie. Sara Gruen depicts a juxtaposed world of the train circus and the nursing home. The Bookclub-in-a-Box discussion guide for this marvelous novel will uncover the mystery of how to carry water for elephants. In addition, you will explore Gruen's masterful story-telling techniques and how the worlds of aging and circus adventure intersect. Every Bookclub-in-a-Box discussion guide includes complete coverage of the themes and symbols, writing style and interesting background information on the novel and the author.

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The Autobiography of Mrs. Tom Thumb Jan 04 2021 For anyone who loves the historical novels of Sara Gruen, Geraldine Brooks, and E. L. Doctorow, a barnstorming tale of an irrepressible, brawling, bawdy era and the remarkable woman who had the courage to match the unique spirit of America's Gilded Age. She was only two feet, eight inches tall, but more than a century later, her legend reaches out to us. As a child, Mercy Lavinia "Vinnie" Warren Bump was encouraged to live a life hidden away from the public. Instead, she reached out to the immortal impresario P. T. Barnum, married the tiny superstar General Tom Thumb in the wedding of the century, and became the world's most unexpected celebrity. Vinnie's wedding captivated the nation, preempted coverage of the Civil War, and even ushered her into the White House. But her fame also endangered the person she prized most: her similarly sized sister, Minnie, a gentle soul unable to escape the glare of Vinnie's spotlight. A barnstorming novel of the Gilded Age, *The Autobiography*

of Mrs. Tom Thumb is the irresistible epic of a heroine who conquered the country with a heart as big as her dreams—and whose story will surely win over yours. Look for special features inside. Join the Circle for author chats and more. BONUS: This edition contains a timeline, an interview with Melanie Benjamin, and an excerpt from Melanie Benjamin's *Alice I Have Been*.

Circling the Sun Jun 09 2021 A RICHARD & JUDY BOOK CLUB PICK 'Thrilling...sun-soaked, gin-fuelled...A totally absorbing and compelling read.' Richard & Judy The author of *The Paris Wife* takes us to the heart of another true story: set in 1920s colonial Kenya, *Circling the Sun* is about an unforgettable woman who lives by nobody's rules but her own. She was a daughter of Edwardian England, transplanted to Kenya as a young girl by parents who dreamed of life on an African farm. But by the time Beryl Markham was sixteen, that dream had fallen apart. Catapulted into a disastrous marriage, she emerged from its wreckage with one idea: to take charge of her own destiny. *Circling the Sun* takes us from the brittle glamour of the 1920s Happy Valley set, fuelled by gin and adultery, to the loneliness of life as a scandalous divorcee; from the spectacular beauty of the Kenyan landscape to the manicured lawns of Nairobi's Muthaiga Club. Dazzlingly beautiful, brave, passionate and reckless, Beryl is an unforgettable heroine, whose tragic loss in love compels her to pursue her own dream - of flight, and freedom.

Water for Elephants Summary & Study Guide | Sara Gruen Sep 12 2021

Leaving Time Jul 30 2020 #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • A deeply moving, gripping, and intelligent page-turner about a daughter's search for her mother, *Leaving Time* is Jodi Picoult at the height of her powers. Throughout her blockbuster career, Jodi Picoult has seamlessly blended nuanced characters, riveting plots, and rich prose, brilliantly creating stories that "not only provoke the mind but touch the flawed souls in all of us" (*The Boston Globe*). Now, in *Leaving Time*, she has delivered a book unlike anything she's written before. For more than a decade, Jenna Metcalf has never stopped thinking about her mother, Alice, who mysteriously disappeared in the wake of a tragic accident. Refusing to believe she was abandoned, Jenna searches for her mother regularly online and pores over the pages of Alice's old journals. A scientist who studied grief among elephants, Alice wrote mostly of her research among the animals she loved, yet Jenna hopes the entries will provide a clue to her mother's whereabouts. Desperate to find the truth, Jenna enlists two unlikely allies in her quest: Serenity Jones, a psychic who rose to fame finding missing persons, only to later doubt her gifts, and Virgil Stanhope, the jaded private detective who'd originally investigated Alice's case along with the strange, possibly linked death of one of her colleagues. As the three work together to uncover what happened to Alice, they realize that in asking hard questions, they'll have to face even harder answers. As Jenna's memories dovetail with the events in her mother's journals, the story races to a mesmerizing finish. Praise for *Leaving Time* "Piercing and uplifting . . . a smart, accessible yarn with a suspenseful puzzle at its core."—*The Boston Globe* "Poignant . . . an entertaining tale about parental love, friendship, loss."—*The Washington Post* "A riveting drama."—*Us Weekly* "[A] moving tale."—*People* "A fast-paced, surprise-ending mystery."—*USA Today* "In Jenna, [Jodi] Picoult has created an unforgettable character who will easily endear herself to each and every reader. . . . *Leaving Time* may be her finest work yet."—*Bookreporter* "[A] captivating and emotional story."—*BookPage*

Flying Changes Feb 17 2022 Anxiety rules Annemarie Zimmer's days—the fear that her relationship with the man she loves is growing stagnant; the fear that equestrian daughter Eva's dreams of Olympic glory will carry her far away from her mother . . . and into harm's way. For five months, Annemarie has struggled to make peace with her past. But if she cannot let go, the personal battles she has won and the heights she has achieved will have all been for naught. It is a time of change at Maple Brook horse farm, when loves must be

confronted head-on and fears must be saddled and broken. But it is an unanticipated tragedy that will most drastically alter the fragile world of one remarkable family—even as it flings open gates that have long confined them, enabling them all to finally ride headlong and free.

Butterfly Lovers Aug 31 2020

The Tumbling Turner Sisters May 08 2021 "In 1919, the four Turner sisters and their parents are barely scraping along. Their father is a low-paid boot stitcher in Johnson City, NY, and the Turners are always one paycheck away from eviction. When their father's hand is crushed and he's forced to quit, their domineering mother decides that the vaudeville stage is their best--and only--chance for salvation. With everything at stake, the Tumbling Turners take to the road and the four young women, teenagers Gert, Winnie, and Kit, and Nell, a 22-year-old new mother and recent widow of the Great War, are soon immersed in the tumultuous world of American Vaudeville on a nine-city tour that will make or break them. Swindlers and ne'er-do-wells await in abundance, but so does kindness, and just maybe a chance at love. Equal parts heartwarming, charming, and reflective, *The Tumbling Turner Sisters* is the story of the sacrifices we make in the name of family, and how the most unlikely choice can ultimately be the one to lead us toward our truest selves"--

A Study Guide for Sara Gruen's "Water for Elephants" Mar 26 2020 A Study Guide for Sara Gruen's "Water for Elephants," excerpted from Gale's acclaimed Literary Newsmakers for Students. This concise study guide includes plot summary; character analysis; author biography; study questions; historical context; suggestions for further reading; and much more. For any literature project, trust Literary Newsmakers for Students for all of your research needs.

Rescued Oct 13 2021 From two-time National Book Award finalist Eliot Schrefer comes an unbelievable story of survival. Raja has been raised in captivity. Not behind the bars of a zoo, but within the confines of an American home. He was stolen when he was young to be someone's pet. Now he's grown up . . . and is about to be sent away again, to a place from which there will be no return. John grew up with Raja. The orangutan was his friend, his brother -- never his pet. But when John's parents split up and he moved across the country, he left Raja behind. Now Raja is suffering. There's one last chance to save Raja -- a chance that will force John to confront his fractured family and the captivity he's imposed on himself all of these years. Eliot Schrefer's last two novels, *Endangered* and *Threatened*, were both finalists for the National Book Award. With *Rescued*, he brings his remarkable storytelling to the American landscape, giving us a boy who must redefine his own humanity and an orangutan who will need his help in order to return home.

Water for Elephants Sep 24 2022 When Jacob Jankowski, recently orphaned and suddenly adrift, jumps onto a passing train, he enters a world of freaks, swindlers and misfits in a second-rate circus struggling to survive during the Great Depression. A veterinary student who almost earned his degree, Jacob is put in charge of caring for the circus menagerie.

Damselfly Oct 21 2019 In the wake of crash-landing on a deserted tropical island, a group of private-school teens must rely on their wits and one another to survive. Their survival is in their own hands . . . Samantha Mishra opens her eyes and discovers she's alone and injured in the thick of a jungle. She has no idea where she is, or what happened to the plane taking her and the rest of the Drake Rosemont fencing team across the Pacific for a tournament. Once Sam connects with her best friend, Mel, and they find the others, they set up shelter and hope for rescue. But as the days pass, the teens realize they're on their own, stranded on an island with a mysterious presence that taunts and threatens them. Soon Sam and her companions discover they need to survive more than the jungle . . .

they need to survive each other. This taut novel, with a setting evocative of *Lord of the Flies*, is by turns cinematic and intimate, and always thought-provoking.

Elephant Company Aug 11 2021 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • A NEW YORK TIMES NOTABLE BOOK The remarkable story of James Howard “Billy” Williams, whose uncanny rapport with the world’s largest land animals transformed him from a carefree young man into the charismatic war hero known as Elephant Bill In 1920, Billy Williams came to colonial Burma as a “forest man” for a British teak company. Mesmerized by the intelligence and character of the great animals who hauled logs through the jungle, he became a gifted “elephant wallah.” In *Elephant Company*, Vicki Constantine Croke chronicles Williams’s growing love for elephants as the animals provide him lessons in courage, trust, and gratitude. *Elephant Company* is also a tale of war and daring. When Japanese forces invaded Burma in 1942, Williams joined the elite British Force 136 and operated behind enemy lines. His war elephants carried supplies, helped build bridges, and transported the sick and elderly over treacherous mountain terrain. As the occupying authorities put a price on his head, Williams and his elephants faced their most perilous test. *Elephant Company*, cornered by the enemy, attempted a desperate escape: a risky trek over the mountainous border to India, with a bedraggled group of refugees in tow. Part biography, part war epic, *Elephant Company* is an inspirational narrative that illuminates a little-known chapter in the annals of wartime heroism. Praise for *Elephant Company* “This book is about far more than just the war, or even elephants. This is the story of friendship, loyalty and breathtaking bravery that transcends species. . . . *Elephant Company* is nothing less than a sweeping tale, masterfully written.”—Sara Gruen, *The New York Times* Book Review “Splendid . . . Blending biography, history, and wildlife biology, [Vicki Constantine] Croke’s story is an often moving account of [Billy] Williams, who earned the sobriquet ‘Elephant Bill,’ and his unusual bond with the largest land mammals on earth.”—*The Boston Globe* “Some of the biggest heroes of World War II were even bigger than you thought. . . . You may never call the lion the king of the jungle again.”—*New York Post* “Vicki Constantine Croke delivers an exciting tale of this elephant whisperer-cum-war hero, while beautifully reminding us of the enduring bonds between animals and humans.”—Mitchell Zuckoff, author of *Lost in Shangri-La* and *Frozen in Time*

GodPretty in the Tobacco Field Sep 19 2019 A rural Kentucky teenager comes of age in the summer of 1969 in this novel by the New York Times–bestselling author of *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*. Nameless, Kentucky, in 1969 is a hardscrabble community where jobs are few and poverty is a simple fact—just like the hot Appalachian breeze or the pests that can destroy a tobacco field. RubyLyn Bishop is luckier than some. Her God-fearing uncle, Gunnar, has a short fuse and high expectations, but he’s given her a good home ever since she was orphaned at the age of five. Yet now a month shy of her sixteenth birthday, RubyLyn itches for more. Maybe it’s something to do with the paper fortunetellers RubyLyn has been making for townsfolk, each covered with beautifully wrought, prophetic drawings. Or perhaps it’s because of Rainey Ford, her black neighbor who works alongside her in the tobacco field and with whom she has a kinship—despite the disapproval of others. RubyLyn’s predictions are just wishful thinking, not magic at all, but through them she’s imagining life as it could be, away from the prejudice and hardship that ripple through Nameless. . . . “A voice rich and authentic, steeped in the somber beauty that defines life in the South.”—David Joy, author of *When These Mountains Burn* “Richardson’s brilliant writing made me feel as though I were transported back in time...and actually there witnessing this poignant heartfelt story.”—Charles Belfoure, New York Times–bestselling author of *The Fallen Architect* “A reader always recognizes when the author has poured her soul into a body of work. [This] is a tender, beautifully written second novel.”—Ann Hite, author of the *Black Mountain* series

The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek Aug 19 2019 RECOMMENDED BY DOLLY PARTON IN PEOPLE MAGAZINE! A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER A USA TODAY BESTSELLER A LOS ANGELES TIMES BESTSELLER A PBS BOOK PICK The bestselling historical fiction novel from Kim Michele Richardson, this is a novel following Cussy Mary, a packhorse librarian and her quest to bring books to the Appalachian community she loves, perfect for readers of William Kent Kreuger and Lisa Wingate. The perfect addition to your next book club! The hardscrabble folks of Troublesome Creek have to scarp for everything—everything except books, that is. Thanks to Roosevelt's Kentucky Pack Horse Library Project, Troublesome's got its very own traveling librarian, Cussy Mary Carter. Cussy's not only a book woman, however, she's also the last of her kind, her skin a shade of blue unlike most anyone else. Not everyone is keen on Cussy's family or the Library Project, and a Blue is often blamed for any whiff of trouble. If Cussy wants to bring the joy of books to the hill folks, she's going to have to confront prejudice as old as the Appalachias and suspicion as deep as the holler. Inspired by the true blue-skinned people of Kentucky and the brave and dedicated Kentucky Pack Horse library service of the 1930s, *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* is a story of raw courage, fierce strength, and one woman's belief that books can carry us anywhere—even back home. Look for *The Book Woman's Daughter*, the next novel from Kim Michele Richardson coming in May 2022. Other Bestselling Historical Fiction from Sourcebooks Landmark: *The Mystery of Mrs. Christie* by Marie Benedict *The Engineer's Wife* by Tracey Enerson Wood *Sold on a Monday* by Kristina McMorris

The Madonna of The Mountains Apr 26 2020 1923 Maria Vittoria is embroidering a sheet for her dowry trunk. Her father has gone to find her a husband. He's taken his mule, a photograph and a pack of food: home-made sopressa sausage, cold polenta, a little flask of wine - no need to take water - the world is full of water. There are no eligible men in this valley or the next one, and her father will not let her marry just anyone, and now, despite Maria's years, she is still healthy. Her betrothed will see all that. He'll be looking for a woman who can do the work. Maria can do the work. Everyone in the contrà says that. And the Lord knows Maria will need to be able to work. Fascism blooms as crops ripen, the state craves babies just as the babies cry for food. Maria faces a stony path, but one she will surely climb to the summit. In this sumptuous and elegant novel you will taste the bigoli co l'arna, touch the mulberry leaves cut finer than organdie, and feel the strain of one woman attempting to keep her family safe in the most dangerous of times.

Wonder When You'll Miss Me Nov 02 2020 Follow sixteen-year-old Faith Duckle in this audacious and darkly funny tale as she moves through the difficult journey from the schoolyard to the harlequin world of the circus. At fifteen, Faith was lured under the bleachers by a bunch of boys at a football game and raped. Now, almost a year later, a newly thin Faith is haunted by her past, and by the cruel, flippant ghost of her formerly fat self, who is bent on revenge. This quest for retribution eventually compels Faith to violence, forcing her to flee home in search of the only friend she has -- a troubled but caring busboy named Charlie, who is the lover of a sideshow performer -- and to tumble into the colorful, transient world of the circus. But as she leaves her old life behind and dives headfirst into a world of adult passions and dreams, mercurial allegiances, and exhilarating self-discovery (while paying considerable dues with a shovel in the elephant tent), Faith ultimately begins to discover who she is and all that she is capable of. *Wonder When You'll Miss Me* combines tender wit with page-turning energy and characters as original as they are memorable. By turns harrowing and poignant, lyrical and hilarious, it is a vibrant, compelling novel readers won't forget.

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eighteen, a tragic accident destroyed her riding career and Harry, the beautiful horse she cherished. Now, twenty years later, Annemarie is coming home to her dying father's New Hampshire horse farm. Jobless and abandoned, she is bringing her troubled teenage daughter to this place of pain and memory, where ghosts of an unresolved youth still haunt the fields and stables—and where hope lives in the eyes of the handsome, gentle veterinarian Annemarie loved as a girl . . . and in the seductive allure of a trainer with a magic touch. But everything will change yet again with one glimpse of a white striped gelding startlingly similar to the one Annemarie lost in another lifetime. And an obsession is born that could shatter her fragile world.

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The Sara Gruen Collection Jun 21 2022 FROM INTERNATIONALLY-BESTSELLING AUTHOR SARA GRUEN, A COLLECTION OF HER MOST BELOVED NOVELS 'ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST COMPELLING STORYTELLERS' Kathryn Stockett, author of *The Help* 1 - *WATER FOR ELEPHANTS* The international phenomenon - with over 10 million copies sold, made into a film with Reese Witherspoon and Robert Pattinson. 'I loved *Water for Elephants*' Stephen King 'You are so immersed in circus life that you are blinded by the thrilling, fatal dazzle of sequins and sawdust' *The Telegraph* 'An imaginative modern fairy story, teeming with eccentric characters' *The Times* *The Great Depression* 1929 - when Jacob Jankowski, recently orphaned and suddenly adrift, jumps onto a passing train, he enters a world of freaks, grifters, and misfits in the Benzini Brothers Most Spectacular Show on Earth a second-rate travelling circus struggling to survive making one-night stands in town after endless town. He meets Marlena, the beautiful young star of the equestrian act, married to August, the charismatic but twisted animal trainer. He also meets Rosie, an elephant who seems untrainable until he discovers a way to reach her... 2 - *AT THE WATER'S EDGE* A gripping and poignant love story set in a remote village in the Scottish Highlands at the end of the Second World War. 'The only fault I can find with this book is that I've already finished it' Jodi Picoult 'Truly enthralling' *Scotsman* 'Breathtaking' *Harper's Bazaar* 1945. After disgracing themselves at a high society party, spoiled young Philadelphia socialites Maddie and Ellis Hyde are cut off from the family without a penny. Ellis decides their salvation will be to hunt down the Loch Ness Monster, a venture his father very publicly failed at. So, oblivious to WW2 raging around them, they make their way to the Scottish Highlands, where Maddie has to face reality and decide just who the real monsters are. 3 - *APE HOUSE* The New York Times bestseller. 'If you love animals like I do, it's a must read' Ellen DeGeneres 'Had me instantly enraptured' *Dallas Morning News* 'Wildly entertaining' *Booklist* (starred review) These bonobos are no ordinary apes. Like others of their species, they are capable of reason and carrying on deep relationships - but, unlike most bonobos, they also know American Sign Language. Isabel Duncan, a scientist at the Great Ape Language Lab, doesn't understand people, but animals she gets, especially the bonobos. Isabel feels more comfortable in their world than she's ever felt among humans . . . until she meets John Thigpen, a very married reporter who braves the ever-present animal

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Water for Elephants: A Novel by Sara Gruen (Trivia-On-Books) Feb 05 2021 Trivia-on-Book: Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen Take the challenge yourself and share it with friends and family for a time of fun! You may have read the book, but not have liked it. You may have liked the book, but not be a fan. You may call yourself a fan, but few truly are. Are you a fan? Trivia-on-Books is an independently curated trivia quiz on the book for readers, students, and fans alike. Whether you're looking for new materials to the book or would like to take the challenge yourself and share it with your friends and family for a time of fun, Trivia-on-Books provides a unique approach to Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen that is both insightful and educational! Features You'll Find Inside: • 30 Multiple choice questions on the book, plots, characters and author • Insightful commentary to answer every question • Complementary quiz material for yourself or your reading group • Results provided with scores to determine "status" Promising quality and value, come play your trivia of a favorite book!

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The Giant's House Dec 23 2019 "McCracken mixes the proper amount of lunacy with exactly the right amount of sorrow. The blend is reminiscent of such late-20th-century treasures as *The Accidental Tourist*, *The World According to Garp*, or *A Confederacy of Dunces*."—Denver Post The year is 1950, and in a small town on Cape Cod twenty-six-year-old librarian Peggy Cort feels like love and life have stood her up. Until the day James Carlson Sweatt— the "over-tall" eleven-year-old boy who's the talk of the town—walks into her library and changes her life forever. Two misfits whose lonely paths cross at the circulation desk, Peggy and James are odd candidates for friendship, but nevertheless they soon find their lives entwined in ways that neither one could have predicted. In James, Peggy discovers the one person who's ever really understood her, and as he grows— six foot five at age twelve, then seven feet, then eight—so does her heart and their most singular romance. Praise for *The Giant's House* "Remarkable . . . McCracken has wit and subtlety to burn, as well as an uncanny ability to tap into the sadness that runs through the center of her characters' worlds. This book is so lovely that, when you're reading, you'll want to sleep with it under your pillow."—Salon A true marvel . . . thoroughly enjoyable from its unlikely beginning to its bittersweet end. . . McCracken knows all kinds of subtle, enticing secrets of the heart and conveys them in silky, transparent language."—San Francisco Chronicle "Lovely . . . a tribute to the quiet passion of people trapped in isolation."—Los Angeles Times "Fascinating . . . The reader finds herself entangled, body and soul, in this tender and endlessly strange novel, which is in all senses a hymn to human growth gone haywire and to a love so big it can't hold its own magnificent limbs upright."—Elle "Such is the incantatory power of McCracken's eccentric tale that by its close we are completely in the grip of its strangely conceived ardor. . . .

McCracken is as original a writer as they come. . . . I fell in love.”—Daphne Merkin, *The New Yorker*

Geek Love Jan 16 2022 A National Book Award Finalist: This 'wonderfully descriptive' novel from an author with a 'tremendous imagination' tells the unforgettable story of the Binewskis, a carny family whose mater- and paterfamilias have bred their own exhibit of human oddities. (The New York Times Book Review) The Binewskis are a circus-geek family whose matriarch and patriarch have bred their own exhibit of human oddities (with the help of amphetamine, arsenic, and radioisotopes). Their offspring include Arturo the Aquaboy, who has flippers for limbs and a megalomaniac ambition worthy of Genghis Khan, Iphy and Elly, the lissome Siamese twins, albino hunchback Oly, and the outwardly normal Chick, whose mysterious gifts make him the family's most precious - and dangerous - asset. As the Binewskis take their act across the backwaters of the US, inspiring fanatical devotion and murderous revulsion; as its members conduct their own Machiavellian version of sibling rivalry, *Geek Love* throws its sulfurous light on our notions of the freakish and the normal, the beautiful and the ugly, the holy and the obscene. Family values will never be the same. Praise for *Geek Love* 'If Flannery O'Connor had consumed vast quantities of LSD, she might have written like this' Literary Review 'The most romantic novel about love and family I have read. It made me ashamed to be so utterly normal' Terry Gilliam 'I felt electrocuted when I read that first page with Crystal Lil and her freak brood. I stood there in the bookstore and my jaw came unhinged. No book I've read, before or since, has given me that specific jolt' Karen Russell, author of *Swamplandia*

Water for Elephants Aug 23 2022 Ninety-something-year-old Jacob Jankowski remembers his time in the circus as a young man during the Great Depression, and his friendship with Marlena, the star of the equestrian act, and Rosie, the elephant, who gave them hope. Reader's Guide included. Reprint.

The Book Woman's Daughter Mar 06 2021 THE INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER! "A powerful portrait of the courageous women who fought against ignorance, misogyny, and racial prejudice." —William Kent Krueger, New York Times bestselling author of *This Tender Land* and *Lightning Strike* The new novel from the New York Times bestselling author of *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*! Bestselling historical fiction author Kim Michele Richardson is back with the perfect book club read following *Honey Lovett*, the daughter of the beloved *Troublesome* book woman, who must fight for her own independence with the help of the women who guide her and the books that set her free. In the ruggedness of the beautiful Kentucky mountains, Honey Lovett has always known that the old ways can make a hard life harder. As the daughter of the famed blue-skinned, *Troublesome Creek* packhorse librarian, Honey and her family have been hiding from the law all her life. But when her mother and father are imprisoned, Honey realizes she must fight to stay free, or risk being sent away for good. Picking up her mother's old packhorse library route, Honey begins to deliver books to the remote hollers of Appalachia. Honey is looking to prove that she doesn't need anyone telling her how to survive. But the route can be treacherous, and some folks aren't as keen to let a woman pave her own way. If Honey wants to bring the freedom books provide to the families who need it most, she's going to have to fight for her place, and along the way, learn that the extraordinary women who run the hills and hollers can make all the difference in the world. Praise for *The Book Woman's Daughter*: "In Kim Michele Richardson's beautifully and authentically rendered *The Book Woman's Daughter* she once again paints a stunning portrait of the raw, somber beauty of Appalachia, the strong resolve of remarkable women living in a world dominated by men, and the power of books and sisterhood to prevail in the harshest circumstances. A critical and profoundly important read for our time. Badassery

womanhood at its best!"—Sara Gruen, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Water for Elephants* "Fierce, beautiful and inspirational, Kim Michele Richardson has created a powerful tale about brave extraordinary heroines who are downright haunting and unforgettable."—Abbott Kahler, New York Times bestselling author (as Karen Abbott) of *The Ghosts of Eden Park*

Juliet Jan 24 2020 A sweeping novel of intrigue and identity, of love and legacy, as a young woman discovers that her own fate is irrevocably tied—for better or worse—to literature's greatest star-crossed lovers. Twenty-five-year-old Julie Jacobs is heartbroken over the death of her beloved aunt Rose. But the shock goes even deeper when she learns that the woman who has been like a mother to her has left her entire estate to Julie's twin sister. The only thing Julie receives is a key—one carried by her mother on the day she herself died—to a safety-deposit box in Siena, Italy. This key sends Julie on a journey that will change her life forever—a journey into the troubled past of her ancestor Giulietta Tolomei. In 1340, still reeling from the slaughter of her parents, Giulietta was smuggled into Siena, where she met a young man named Romeo. Their ill-fated love turned medieval Siena upside-down and went on to inspire generations of poets and artists, the story reaching its pinnacle in Shakespeare's famous tragedy. But six centuries have a way of catching up to the present, and Julie gradually begins to discover that here, in this ancient city, the past and present are hard to tell apart. The deeper she delves into the history of Romeo and Giulietta, and the closer she gets to the treasure they allegedly left behind, the greater the danger surrounding her—superstitions, ancient hostilities, and personal vendettas. As Julie crosses paths with the descendants of the families involved in the unforgettable blood feud, she begins to fear that the notorious curse—"A plague on both your houses!"—is still at work, and that she is destined to be its next target. Only someone like Romeo, it seems, could save her from this dreaded fate, but his story ended long ago. Or did it? Praise for *Juliet* "One of those rare novels that have it all . . . I was swept away"—Sara Gruen, author of *Water for Elephants* "Juliet leads us on a thrilling treasure hunt through present-day Italy that makes the classic tragedy itself spellbinding all over again."—Elle "Boldly imagined, brilliantly plotted, beautifully described, *Juliet* will carry you spellbound until the gripping end."—Susan Vreeland, author of *Clara and Mr. Tiffany* "The Shakespearean scholarship on display is both impressive and well-handled."—The Washington Post

The Magician's Lie Nov 14 2021 *Water for Elephants* meets *The Night Circus* in *The Magician's Lie*, a debut novel in which the country's most notorious female illusionist stands accused of her husband's murder—and she has only one night to convince a small-town policeman of her innocence.

Sarah's Key May 28 2020 The Multi-Million Copy International Bestseller Released in 2010 as a major motion picture starring Kristin Scott Thomas, *Sarah's Key* is perfect for fans of *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* and *All the Light We Cannot See*. 'A remarkable novel. Like *Sophie's Choice*, it's a book that impresses itself upon one's heart and soul forever' Naomi Ragen, author of *The Saturday Wife* Paris, July 1942. Sarah, a ten-year-old Jewish girl, is arrested by the French police in the middle of the night, along with her mother and father. Desperate to protect her younger brother, she locks him in a cupboard and promises to come back for him as soon as she can. Paris, May 2002. Julia Jarmond, an American journalist, is asked to write about the 60th anniversary of the Vel' d'Hiv' roundup - the infamous day in 1942 when French police rounded up thousands of Jewish men, women and children, in order to send them to concentration camps. *Sarah's Key* is the poignant story of two families, forever linked and haunted by one of the darkest days in France's past. In this emotionally intense, page-turning novel, Tatiana de Rosnay reveals the guilt brought on by long-buried secrets and the damage that the truth can inflict when

they finally come unravelled.

Flying Changes Jul 22 2022 A novel of riding and romance, the sequel to *Riding Lessons* takes up the story of equestrienne, Annemarie Zimmer in a poignant and exhilarating story of embracing life and riding free, from the best-selling author of *Water For Elephants*

The Life She Was Given Dec 15 2021 A GREAT GROUP READS Selection of the Women's National Book Association and National Reading Group Month A GOODREADS Best of the Month Selection "A powerful, poignant novel." —*In Touch*, Grade A From the internationally bestselling author of *The Orphan Collector* comes a beautifully written and moving tale of family secrets and the importance of a mother's love—and how it can shape a life—even in the most shocking ways. A painful saga of strength and reinvention perfect for fans of Jojo Moyes and Lisa Wingate—set in two different times, as two young women come of age and uncover the mysteries of their families, and find their own ways in the world... On a summer evening in 1931, Lilly Blackwood glimpses circus lights from the grimy window of her attic bedroom. Lilly isn't allowed to explore the meadows around Blackwood Manor. She's never even ventured beyond her narrow room. Momma insists it's for Lilly's own protection, that people would be afraid if they saw her. But on this unforgettable night, Lilly is taken outside for the first time—and sold to the circus sideshow. More than two decades later, nineteen-year-old Julia Blackwood has inherited her parents' estate and horse farm. For Julia, home was an unhappy place full of strict rules and forbidden rooms, and she hopes that returning might erase those painful memories. Instead, she becomes immersed in a mystery involving a hidden attic room and photos of circus scenes featuring a striking young girl. At first, The Barlow Brothers' Circus is just another prison for Lilly. But in this rag-tag, sometimes brutal world, Lilly discovers strength, friendship, and a rare affinity for animals. Soon, thanks to elephants Pepper and Jojo and their handler, Cole, Lilly is no longer a sideshow spectacle but the circus's biggest attraction...until tragedy and cruelty collide. It will fall to Julia to learn the truth about Lilly's fate and her family's shocking betrayal, and find a way to make Blackwood Manor into a place of healing at last. Moving between Julia and Lilly's stories, Ellen Marie Wiseman portrays two extraordinary, very different women in a novel that, while tender and heartbreaking, offers moments of joy and indomitable hope. "Perfect for book clubs and readers who admired Sara Gruen's *Like Water for Elephants*." —*Library Journal*, STARRED REVIEW "A vibrant maze of desires." —*ForeWord Reviews* "Seamlessly blends mystery and history with compelling and well-researched details." —*The Historical Novels Review* "Vividly drawn and complex...Fans of Karen White and Sara Gruen will be drawn in by the drama and mystery of Wiseman's novel." —*BookPage*

Dark Horses Apr 19 2022 A "sweeping and raw story of courage, resilience, and clear-eyed grace" (Sara Gruen, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author) about a teenage girl's fierce struggle to reclaim her life from her abusive father in the vein of *My Absolute Darling* and *Room*. Fifteen-year-old equestrian prodigy Roan Montgomery has only ever known two worlds: inside the riding arena, and outside of it. Both, for as long as she can remember, have been ruled by her father, who demands strict obedience in all areas of her life. The warped power dynamic of coach and rider extends far beyond the stables, and Roan's relationship with her father has long been inappropriate. She has been able to compartmentalize that dark aspect of her life, ruthlessly focusing on her ambitions as a rider heading for the Olympics, just as her father had done. However, her developing relationship with Will Howard, a boy her own age, broadens the scope of her vision. "[A] heart-pounding, can't-take-your-eyes-off-it debut novel" (*O, The Oprah Magazine*), *Dark Horses* explores the themes of abuse and resilience in a way that will leave you transfixed. This is "a provoking and needed book" (*Booklist*, starred review).

The Many Daughters of Afong Moy Oct 01 2020 INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER A Read With Jenna Today Show Book Club Pick! "One of the most beautiful books of motherhood and what we pass on to those that come after us." —Jenna Bush Hager, Today The New York Times bestselling author of the "mesmerizing and evocative" (Sara Gruen, author of *Water for Elephants*) *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* returns with a powerful exploration of the love that binds one family across the generations. Dorothy Moy breaks her own heart for a living. As Washington's former poet laureate, that's how she describes channeling her dissociative episodes and mental health struggles into her art. But when her five-year-old daughter exhibits similar behavior and begins remembering things from the lives of their ancestors, Dorothy believes the past has truly come to haunt her. Fearing that her child is predestined to endure the same debilitating depression that has marked her own life, Dorothy seeks radical help. Through an experimental treatment designed to mitigate inherited trauma, Dorothy intimately connects with past generations of women in her family: Faye Moy, a nurse in China serving with the Flying Tigers; Zoe Moy, a student in England at a famous school with no rules; Lai King Moy, a girl quarantined in San Francisco during a plague epidemic; Greta Moy, a tech executive with a unique dating app; and Afong Moy, the first Chinese woman to set foot in America. As painful recollections affect her present life, Dorothy discovers that trauma isn't the only thing she's inherited. A stranger is searching for her in each time period. A stranger who's loved her through all of her genetic memories. Dorothy endeavors to break the cycle of pain and abandonment, to finally find peace for her daughter, and gain the love that has long been waiting, knowing she may pay the ultimate price.

At the Water's Edge: A Novel by Sara Gruen (Trivia-On-Books) Nov 21 2019 Trivia-on-Book: *At the Water's Edge* by Sara Gruen After a drunken episode on New Years, Ellis Hyde and his wife Madeline (Maddie) are disowned by his Philadelphia elite society father. To get back into his father's good graces, Ellis, Maddie and friend Hank travel to Scotland during World War II to hunt the Loch Ness Monster. Ellis' father had evidence of the monster, but it was viewed as a hoax. Ellis believed if he found proof of the monster's existence, his father would set him back up as before. The trio go to Scotland and are put up in a very simple inn. Maddie, who never had a life of her own, has a life-awakening experience there. She makes friends, has an affair and becomes her own woman all while battling her husband's drunkenness. Who was the monster? The mythical beast in the loch or her husband, the drunk. You may have read the book, but not have liked it. You may have liked the book, but not be a fan. You may call yourself a fan, but few truly are. Are you? Trivia-on-Books is an unofficial independently quiz-formatted trivia on the book for readers, students, and fans alike. Whether you're looking for new materials to the book or would like to take the challenge yourself and share it with your friends and family for a time of fun, Trivia-on-Books provides a unique approach that is both insightful and educational! Features You'll Find Inside: • 30 Multiple choice questions on the book, plots, characters and author • Insightful commentary to answer every question • Complementary quiz material for yourself or your reading group • Results provided with scores to determine "status" Promising quality and value, grab your copy of Trivia-on-Books!

The Edge of Lost Jul 10 2021 From bestselling author Kristina McMorris comes an ambitious and heartrending story of immigrants, deception, and second chances. On a cold night in October 1937, searchlights cut through the darkness around Alcatraz. A prison guard's only daughter—one of the youngest civilians who lives on the island—has gone missing. Tending the warden's greenhouse, convicted bank robber Tommy Capello waits anxiously. Only he knows the truth about the little girl's whereabouts, and that both of their lives depend on the search's outcome. Almost two decades earlier and thousands

of miles away, a young boy named Shanley Keagan ekes out a living in Dublin pubs. Talented and shrewd, Shan dreams of shedding his dingy existence and finding his real father in America. The chance finally comes to cross the Atlantic, but when tragedy strikes, Shan must summon all his ingenuity to forge a new life in a volatile and foreign world. Skillfully weaving these two stories, Kristina McMorris delivers a compelling novel that moves from Ireland to New York to San Francisco Bay. As her finely crafted characters discover the true nature of loyalty, sacrifice, and betrayal, they are forced to confront the lies we tell—and believe—in order to survive. “Will grab your heart on page one and won’t let go until the end. I absolutely love this book, and so will you.” —Sara Gruen, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Water for Elephants* “An absorbing, addictive read.” —Beatriz Williams, New York Times bestselling author

Baby Proof Feb 23 2020 They are the perfect couple - until he wants a child, and she doesn't ... Ever since their first date, when they discovered neither of them wanted children, Claudia and Ben's relationship seemed destined to succeed. They envisaged a life filled with freedom, possibility and exploration and their married life starts out exactly that way. But things don't always stay the same. When Ben's best friend and his wife announce they are having a baby, suddenly Ben changes his mind. He realises he does want children after all. But Claudia hasn't changed - and now she finds herself facing the most difficult decision of her life...

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