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Apr 04 2023 Chris Thrall left the Royal Marines to find fortune in Hong Kong, but following a bizarre series of jobs he ended up homeless and hooked on Crystal Meth. He began working for the 14K, the city's most notorious crime syndicate, as a nightclub doorman in the Wan Chai red-light district. Heavily in psychosis, he uncovered a huge global conspiracy, made all the more confusing by the 'Foreign Triad' - a secretive expat clique in cahoots with the Chinese mafia. Desperate, addicted and alone in the neon glare of Hong Kong's seedy backstreets, Chris was forced to survive in the world's most unforgiving city, addicted to the world's most dangerous drug. Engaging, honest and full of Chris's irrepressible humour, this remarkable memoir combines gripping storytelling with brooding menace as the Triads begin to cast their shadow over him. The result is a truly psychotic urban nightmare.

Leaving Dirty Jersey Jan 01 2023 Traces the author's descent from a life of wealth and privilege into crystal meth addiction and petty crime throughout the course of a year, a period during which he came to an understanding of the side effects of crystal meth use and suffered a near-psychotic event that prompted his decision to get clean. Reprint. 25,000 first printing.

Windy City Magic, Book 3: The Fairest Kind of Love Jan 27 2020 Amber Sand's matchmaking business is threatened by a YouTube star with a flair for showbiz, but when she meets Jane, the fairy behind the new fad, Amber finds a kindred spirit. Jane never got her wings and, like Amber, feels like an outsider in her family. Meanwhile, the gang is enjoying the summer after senior year and gearing up for college. They team up with Jane to track down the rare and difficult to obtain fairy dust and try to restore Ivy's siren powers. Perhaps most risky of all, Jane offers to tell Amber who her match truly is.

Crystal Star Aug 16 2021 .. people who come up from the bottom develop a sheer momentum, which no one lacking that momentum can beat .. "why would your readers care to share one threadbare elderly Jew?" .. a girl, long dead, links the two men .. go back in time with the use of imaginative but practical staging .. singing the holocaust .. the first song titled HAZARD'S CHILDREN begins this seemingly impossible task .. why a devout Zionist scholar should live such a life of contradiction .. mutilating forces from the past must surface to render a harsh and long overdue justice .. early days of the Third Reich .. sacrifice honor and decency to pursue a lust for destiny .. her fate is sealed, when our protagonist chooses to follow the pack .. songs are woven in and around this fast moving drama .. a dark obsession lies in this old man's refusal .. soulds like FUNERAL IN BERLING .. a descent into grief and death and loss .. redemption ..

Still Foolin' 'Em Jun 13 2021 As he prepares to turn 65, one of America's favorite comedians looks back at his extraordinary career, highlighting the most powerful and memorable moments of his long and storied life, and outlines, with his trademark wit and heart, the absurdities and challenges that come with growing old. 1,000,000 first printing.

Crystal Clean Aug 28 2022 "There are precious few things in this life of which I am certain. One is the love I have for my son, Andy... The other thing of which I am certain is this: no one wants to be

an addict." - from the book. Here's what readers have to say: "Kim's writing style is clear, lucid, revealing, and on a par with the best of skilled non-fiction authors - Thor Heyerdahl, Thomas Thompson, even James Michener or my favorite, Jan de Hartog, and she is able to make the reader relive her addictions - all of them - to the point that I HAD to put the book down several times and "de-tox" myself, or at least breathe normally, before I could return to it. I've never felt so much inside the skin of someone who is going through the horror of addiction as when reading this biography." "Kim has cleansed her soul by once again facing the demons of her past, and I can only imagine how much strength it took for her to reopen her wounds and recount them one by one." "Crystal Clean is a book I couldn't put down about an amazing woman who was once completely immersed in the world of crystal meth. If you didn't know that she made it through the other side (because she is telling her own story), you might not believe she will come out of it alive. Kim lays out her life story, with memories that help show her state of mind as she started using different drugs and then meth. But it's not a "woe is me" story, and she doesn't dwell on the bad things that contributed to her mental state. It is ultimately a story about how a mother's love can overcome the terrible odds associated with this addiction." "This is a well-written, entertaining book. The author's style is light even when the subject is not. It would have been easy to simply write about the misery that must come with Meth addiction. Instead, the author gives insight into her background and motivations. You can't help but root for the author as she describes her descent into drug addiction "hell," even though she is responsible for all her choices." "Being a mom of a special needs son (only child) and struggling to be everything to that child, while barely hanging on yourself is such a familiar story to me." "While reading this book, it hit home so much I had to stop reading it for moments at a time. So real and writing was so descriptive, I had to separate her feelings from my own in some regard. Thank you for opening up to your readers and trusting us with your story. I picture you kind of like a female "Rocky" winning in the end. Can't help but root for you and Andy!" "What an insightful and bravely written book. What Kim has shared is an amazingly helpful understanding to anyone who has been touched by the outreaching fingers of meth addiction and mental illness. And to those who haven't, a good reminder that not everyone or everything is as it may seem." "A beautiful memoir about one mom's struggle with her lot in life and how she chose to deal with it using illegal drugs. It's told in a brave, clear manner with no careful wording. I loved reading more about Andy and was absolutely rooting for Wollenburg through it all." "At first, you don't understand Kim. Then you love her." "Kim illustrates with graphic detail and genuine emotion the pain of addiction as well as the sometimes circuitous path to recovery. This book is extremely well written. I wish I lived next door to this courageous mother, daughter, and woman of worth." "CRYSTAL CLEAN: A mother's struggle with meth addiction and recovery is an honest and transparent look at the world of meth addiction and recovery. As a reader, I was swallowed up into this world of addiction, pain, anger, and fear. Many times I wanted out -- I wanted to skip to the end of the book and be assured that this young woman was going to be okay. I applaud the author for her obvious courage in sharing her story and exposing her pain and allowing herself to be so vulnerable. The author's writing is superb -- strong imagery and an authentic

The Legend Of The Shining Mountain And A Descent Into Hell : Final rest Nov 18 2021 "Legend of the Shining Mountain and A Descent into Hell: Final Rest" are two stories set in the 1960s. In each story, the characters are affected by incidents relating to the Viet Nam War that lead to a once-in-a-lifetime adventure and deep bonds of family and friendship. In "Legend," after their father is killed in action, two sisters, in hopes of saving the family ranch from foreclosure find an old faded sheet of paper in their miner Grandfather's diary. The paper states, 'Go into the mountain's tusk wherein lies a river of golden sand.' In desperate hope to save the ranch the sisters wander into the wilderness in search of fortune. Will the sisters find this legendary gold deposit in time, or is it merely a campfire tale? In "A Descent into Hell: Final Rest," Frank Gallagher, a mysterious Vietnam War pilot currently on leave seeks the help of outdoor enthusiast, Ed Bradford to search for a long-forgotten mountain-cave. The cave, known as 'The Chimney' to the bygone Native Americans, can only be accessed in early winter. If temperatures rise while they are in the cave, it will mean imminent death for the explorers, and yet Frank is willing to take the risk.

The Transformative Power of Metaphor in Therapy Jul 03 2020 Print+CourseSmart

State of Mind Nov 30 2022 Chris Thrall set out to run an ultramarathon a day from John O'Groats

to Land's End, unsupported and sleeping in a tent by the side of the road. Most said Chris couldn't do it, but to a Royal Marine success is simply a State of Mind ...

Going Commando Dec 20 2021 'TOUGH, TOUCHING... IT'S A RIGHT GOOD READ' - DAILY TELEGRAPH At 16, Mark Time wants to become either a geologist or a Royal Marines Commando. So which does he choose? Despite his love of basalt, he chooses the career that teaches him how to kill... and sh*t in plastic bags. Knowing his weak body will have to shape up to complete thirty weeks of commando training, Mark prepares for the Royal Marines by sleeping in his shed wearing only plastic bags. He braves pain by ordering his mate to attack him while trapped in a sleeping bag. He starves himself in a stupid urban survival exercise, turning down the offer of crispy pancakes from his bewildered mother. He is ready. Some might say for the nut house... Often hilarious and yet shockingly sobering, this is the true story of a boy who joins one of the world's most elite military units with only naivety and incompetence equalling his will to succeed. 'A cover to cover laughathon' - SOLDIER MAGAZINE

The Crystal Ribbon Jan 21 2022 Wonder, mysticism, heartache, and joy are the stones that set the path to one girl's journey as her destiny unfolds. In the village of Huanan, in medieval China, the deity that rules is the Great Huli Jing. Though twelve-year-old Li Jing's name is a different character entirely from the Huli Jing, the sound is close enough to provide constant teasing-but maybe is also a source of greater destiny and power. Jing's life isn't easy. Her father is a poor tea farmer, and her family has come to the conclusion that in order for everyone to survive, Jing must be sacrificed for the common good. She is sold as a bride to the Koh family, where she will be the wife and nursemaid to their three-year-old son, Ju'nan. It's not fair, and Jing feels this bitterly, especially when she is treated poorly by the Koh's, and sold yet again into a worse situation that leads Jing to believe her only option is to run away, and find home again. With the help of a spider who weaves Jing a means to escape, and a nightingale who helps her find her way, Jing embarks on a quest back to Huanan--and to herself.

Descent into Darkness Feb 28 2020 On December 7, 1941, as the great battleships Arizona, Oklahoma, and Utah lie paralyzed and burning in the aftermath of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, a crack team of U.S. Navy salvage divers headed by Edward C. Raymer are hurriedly flown to Oahu from the mainland. The divers have been given a Herculean task: rescue the sailors and Marines trapped below, and resurrect the pride of the Pacific fleet. Now for the first time, the chief diver of the Pearl Harbor salvage operations, Cmdr. Edward C. Raymer, USN (Ret.), tells the whole story of the desperate attempts to save crewmembers caught inside their sinking ships. *Descent into Darkness* is the only book available that describes the raising and salvage operations of sunken battleships following the December 7th attack. Once Raymer and his crew of divers entered the interiors of the sunken shipwrecks—attempting untested and potentially deadly diving techniques—they experienced a world of total blackness, unable to see even the faceplates of their helmets. By memorizing the ships' blueprints and using their sense of touch, the divers groped their way hundreds of feet inside the sunken vessels to make repairs and salvage vital war material. The divers learned how to cope with such unseen dangers as falling objects, sharks, the eerie presence of floating human bodies, and the constant threat of Japanese attacks from above. Though many of these divers were killed or seriously injured during the wartime salvage operations, on the whole they had great success performing what seemed to be impossible jobs. Among their credits, Raymer's crew raised the sunken battleships West Virginia, Nevada, and California. After Pearl Harbor they moved on to other crucial salvage work off Guadalcanal and the sites of other great sea battles.

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Tweaked Oct 18 2021 Traces the author's twenty-year stint as crystal meth addict, from his lonely childhood in Iowa with his grandmother, an alcoholic artist, to his wild acid trips and experiences navigating through the dark underworld of cooks, users, club kids, dealers, and other

unforgettable characters. Original.

A Very Fine House Sep 28 2022 A very fine house is an intimate memoir of a Christian mother's Norman Rockwell family turned upside down by her daughter's descent into meth addiction and crime. Bright and beautiful, Annie is an unlikely candidate for meth. Living fast and hard on the streets of Bend, Oregon, she commits crimes against herself, the community, and her own family. This is also the story of a mother's revelation and journey where both love and faith are tested--and ultimately redefined. The author chronicles her child's addiction in a way that other writers have not. What begins as an obsession to save her daughter, and a rage against God for allowing drugs to devour her college-age girl, transforms into release and submission to God's will. Barbara Cofer Stoeffen tells not only the story of what happened, but she also weaves throughout the pages the many God-given gifts that are presented on her journey--the insights, epiphanies, lessons, and truths that show her the way to health and restoration. The book is organized into three parts. Part I introduces the reader to the Stoeffen family and Barbara's dream for its idyllic future. Kinks in the perfect life appear. When Annie's alcoholism, drugs, and criminality ensue, Barbara fights to save her. The first section ends with a snapshot of Barbara's all-consuming grief and the devastating loss of not just her daughter, but her dream for her own life as well. In Part II, Barbara turns inward. She finds support and a new way of thinking. She surrenders to God. While Barbara continues the battle to save her daughter, she ultimately finds the courage to save herself. Part III deals with Annie's recovery--and Barbara's. Both experience a spiritual awakening and are transformed. Annie's treatment and recovery teach Barbara much about love and forgiveness, and acceptance over judgment. Her eyes and her heart are opened to a greater humanity. A new and better dream for her life is born. A very fine house is ultimately a celebration. Readers will find hope and inspiration for their own journeys. But the practical advice in this book doesn't lead to the kind of conclusions that are simplistic or idealistic. A Norman Rockwell picture of life gives way to something more substantial and real. While hard truths are faced, freedom is ultimately won.

Hungry Feb 19 2022 An inspiring tale for women of all ages, "Hungry" is an uplifting memoir with a universal message about body image, beauty and self-confidence.

Tweaking the Dream Oct 30 2022 Clea Myers, a young English woman, comes to America to live the dream but experiences the nightmare. She goes from an Ivy League College to Los Angeles Women's Penitentiary in 3 years, emaciated and addicted to crystal meth. How could things go so wrong and in such a short space of time? Myers shares her descent into the hell of crystal methamphetamine dependence. Her story is of An English girl from a privileged background whose addiction journey brings her from an Ivy League College to Los Angeles Women's Penitentiary in only three years, emaciated and addicted to crystal meth. Myers' description of her rapid demise is a sometimes uncomfortable read, as she holds nothing back. The lights of Hollywood twinkled briefly but, once introduced to crystal meth, she became addicted. 'Dumpster diving' became a regular pastime: grovelling in large rubbish containers, 'diving' for articles of value or fascination to her hugely disturbed mind. She was reduced to an animal existence, surrounded by dangerous and sometimes violent people. Arrested and jailed, she hit rock bottom and was offered a chance to leave LA immediately or stay in the drug offenders Programme. Helped by a family member, she returned to England still unable to stop completely. Finally, she did get help and discover a recovery path which combined her buddhist faith and reassures her relationship with the 12-step programme. Crystal meth in England has been reported only on the gay club scene. Part of the reason Myers wrote this book is to warn young people of its dangers. This book could be well used as part of a schools drug education programme.' Review from ADDICTION TODAY Magazine

The Vibrational Spectroscopy of Polymers Dec 28 2019 Describes the theory and practice of infrared and Raman spectroscopy as applied to the study of the physical and chemical characteristics of polymers. Its purpose is to give the beginning researcher in the field a firm foundation and a starting point for the study of more advanced literature. To this end the book concentrates on the fundamentals of the theory and nomenclature, and on the discussion of well-documented illustrations of these fundamental principles, including many now-classic studies in the subject. No previous knowledge of either polymers or vibrational spectroscopy is assumed.

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The Last Year of the War Dec 08 2020 From the acclaimed author of *Secrets of a Charmed Life* and *As Bright as Heaven* comes a novel about a German American teenager whose life changes forever when her immigrant family is sent to an internment camp during World War II. In 1943, Elise Sontag is a typical American teenager from Iowa—aware of the war but distanced from its reach. Then her father, a legal U.S. resident for nearly two decades, is suddenly arrested on suspicion of being a Nazi sympathizer. The family is sent to an internment camp in Texas, where, behind the armed guards and barbed wire, Elise feels stripped of everything beloved and familiar, including her own identity. The only thing that makes the camp bearable is meeting fellow internee Mariko Inoue, a Japanese-American teen from Los Angeles, whose friendship empowers Elise to believe the life she knew before the war will again be hers. Together in the desert wilderness, Elise and Mariko hold tight the dream of being young American women with a future beyond the fences. But when the Sontag family is exchanged for American prisoners behind enemy lines in Germany, Elise will face head-on the person the war desires to make of her. In that devastating crucible she must discover if she has the will to rise above prejudice and hatred and re-claim her own destiny, or disappear into the image others have cast upon her. *The Last Year of the War* tells a little-known story of World War II with great resonance for our own times and challenges the very notion of who we are when who we've always been is called into question.

This Book Is Feminist Mar 30 2020 The follow-up to the New York Times Bestseller *This Book Is Anti-Racist*. 150,000 copies have been sold in the USA.

Descent Into Darkness Mar 03 2023 Book one of the Crystal Sphere series: Accidental contact with a mysterious crystal sphere changes the nature of two humans and a dog, forcing them on a terrifying quest to save the world from the Dark Force, and a mutant creature intent on destroying humanity.

5,000 Miles in a Balloon Jan 09 2021

Descent into Doracheon - Part Two of the Arlanian Trilogy May 25 2022 Led by their visionary strength, the disciples are on the quest of finding the legendary Cosmic Jewel, which is believed to bring peace between the Zimraque and the Arlanian people. Their journey leads them into Doracheon, a sister city of the Arlanian Empire, ruled by the immortal Matriarch, Queen Caetherra, who is believed to use dark necromancy to uphold the might of their subterranean kingdom. Alastryr, Eulalayio and Wempos are resolved to end the rule of Caetherra, but Uranity opposes them, and a bitter battle for the control of Doracheon begins... Anise and Sirina, the other other disciples, decide to join forces with the Arlanian High Priestesses, Thephar-Ka and Hecate, resuming their quest for the Cosmic Jewel. But to find it, they must get to the Ether; the only way for them to get there being the Aquatix Vortex in the Sitarrean Sea, a maelstrom of death, from which nobody has been known to return...

Crystal Clear Sep 04 2020 In this gripping first-person account, former Olympian Eric LeMarque recounts a harrowing tale of survival—of eight days in the frozen wilderness, of losing his legs to frostbite, and coming face-to-face with death. But Eric's ordeal on the mountain was only part of his struggle for survival—as he reveals, with startling candor, an even more harrowing and inspiring tale of fame and addiction, healing and triumph. On February 6, 2004, Eric, a former professional hockey player and expert snowboarder, set off for the top of 12,000-foot Mammoth Mountain in California's vast Sierra Nevada mountain range. Wearing only a long-sleeve shirt, a thin wool hat, ski pants, and a lightweight jacket—and with only four pieces of gum for food—he

soon found himself chest-high in snow, veering off the snowboard trail, and plunging into the wilderness. By nightfall he knew he was in a fight for his life...Surviving eight days in subfreezing temperatures, he would earn the name "The Miracle Man" by stunning National Guard Black Hawk Chopper rescuers. But Eric's against-all-odds survival was no surprise to those who knew him. A gifted hockey player in his teens, he was later drafted by the Boston Bruins and a 1994 Olympian. But when his playing days were over, Eric felt adrift. Everything changed when he first tasted the rush of hard drugs—the highly addictive crystal meth—which filled a void left by hockey and fame. By the time Eric reached the peak of Mammoth Mountain in 2004, he was already dueling demons that had seized his soul. A riveting adventure, a brutal confessional, here Eric tells his remarkable story—his climb to success, his long and painful fall, and his ordeal in the wilderness. In the end, a man whose life had been based on athleticism would lose both his legs, relearn to walk—even snowboard—with prosthetics, and finally confront the ultimate test of survival: what it takes to find your way out of darkness, and—after so many lies—to tell truth... and begin to live again.

Ice Age Mar 11 2021

Crystal Rain May 13 2021 The only hope for a planet's delivery from the fearsome Aztecs lies in a mythical artifact said to be hidden somewhere in the frozen north. Tobias S. Buckell is a dazzling new voice, and "Crystal Rain" is an explosive debut.--Hugo Award winner Robert J. Sawyer ("Hominids").

Beyond the Deep Apr 11 2021 The Huautla in Mexico is the deepest cave in the Western Hemisphere, possibly the world. Shafts reach skyscraper-depths, caverns are stadium-sized, and sudden floods can drown divers in an instant. With a two-decade obsession, William Stone and his 44-member team entered the sinkhole at Sotano de San Augustin. The first camp settled 2,328 feet below ground in a cavern where headlamps couldn't even illuminate the walls and ceiling. The second camp teetered precariously above an underground canyon where two subterranean rivers collided. But beyond that lay the unknown territory -- a flooded corridor that had blocked all previous comers, claimed a diver's life, and drove the rest of the team back. Except for William Stone and Barbara am Ende, who forged on for 18 more days, with no hope of rescue, to set the record for the deepest cave dive in the Western Hemisphere.

The Train to Crystal City Jul 27 2022 The New York Times bestselling dramatic and never-before-told story of a secret FDR-approved American internment camp in Texas during World War II: "A must-read....The Train to Crystal City is compelling, thought-provoking, and impossible to put down" (Star-Tribune, Minneapolis). During World War II, trains delivered thousands of civilians from the United States and Latin America to Crystal City, Texas. The trains carried Japanese, German, and Italian immigrants and their American-born children. The only family internment camp during the war, Crystal City was the center of a government prisoner exchange program called "quiet passage." Hundreds of prisoners in Crystal City were exchanged for other more ostensibly important Americans—diplomats, businessmen, soldiers, and missionaries—behind enemy lines in Japan and Germany. "In this quietly moving book" (The Boston Globe), Jan Jarboe Russell focuses on two American-born teenage girls, uncovering the details of their years spent in the camp; the struggles of their fathers; their families' subsequent journeys to war-devastated Germany and Japan; and their years-long attempt to survive and return to the United States, transformed from incarcerated enemies to American loyalists. Their stories of day-to-day life at the camp, from the ten-foot high security fence to the armed guards, daily roll call, and censored mail, have never been told. Combining big-picture World War II history with a little-known event in American history, *The Train to Crystal City* reveals the war-time hysteria against the Japanese and Germans in America, the secrets of FDR's tactics to rescue high-profile POWs in Germany and Japan, and above all, "is about identity, allegiance, and home, and the difficulty of determining the loyalties that lie in individual human hearts" (Texas Observer).

The Skerge Sep 16 2021 Riley is a sixteen year old boy and his only friends are his two dogs. An encounter with a squirrel in the woods transports him to the magical world of Silwane. A world filled with animals that have lived in peace for an age. The Great White Wolf separated the two worlds after the humans no longer saw animals as equals and began taking over. Years have passed and the animals have kept their warrior ways but the humans have become civilised. Now a new evil threatens Silwane, turning everyone into living nightmares of themselves. The only way to stop this evil is to ask the humans for help. Can the animals trust the humans again? Can Riley help?

Three Views of Crystal Water Aug 04 2020 A literary saga, spanning two generations and two cultures, Canadian and Japanese, reminiscent in writing style and appeal to the work of Isabel Allende. care of her grandfather, who spends long periods away at sea, leaving her alone back in Vancouver. When she reaches her teens, Vera is taken by her grandfather's mistress to a small island in Japan. The women of the island take her in and she learns to dive for pearls. Immersed in her surroundings, she meets a mysterious stranger, a man who is trained as a ceremonial sword polisher, who brings her into touch with the outside world. Every day, they listen to the mounting rhetoric on the radio and must live with the knowledge of the havoc that the Japanese are wreaking in China. she has long thought is dead. World War Two breaks out. The idyll is over. identity. to Japan, to the one place that she truly belonged.

Forty Nights Feb 02 2023 Former Royal Marines Commando Chris Thrall returned from a year in Hong Kong suffering severe psychosis from crystal meth addiction and PTSD. The medical profession said recovery was unlikely. Chris refused all treatment and his life descended into a chaotic cycle of drug use that almost killed him ... until salvation came in a surprising form.

Briefing for a Descent Into Hell Mar 23 2022 In this ambitious novel of madness and release, shortlisted for the Booker Prize, Doris Lessing imagines the fantastical "inner-space" life of an amnesiac. Charles Watkins, a Professor of Classics at Cambridge University, has suffered a breakdown, confined to a mental hospital as his friends and doctors attempt to bring him back to reality. But Watkins has embarked on a tremendous psychological adventure that takes him from a spinning raft in the Atlantic to a ruined stone city on a tropical island to an outer-space journey through singing planets. As he travels in his mind through memory and the farther reaches of imagination, his doctors try to subdue him with ever more powerful drugs in a competition for his soul. In this provocative novel, Lessing takes us on a harrowing voyage into the rarely glimpsed territory of the inner mind.

Stars, Cars and Crystal Meth Apr 23 2022 Jack Sutherland, the narrator and protagonist of this memoir has, you might say, led a charmed life in the face of seeming damnation. A confirmed alcoholic in his early teens, by his twenties he was PA and bodyguard to the Hollywood stars most notably Michael Stipe, Ru Paul and Mickey Rourke. His work took him to exotic destinations around the world and bizarre encounters and requests. It also led him back to a smorgasbord of lethal addictions: alcohol, marijuana, ecstasy and perhaps most damaging of all crystal meth and the crazed chem sex that characterises its use. On the shores of death's coastline, a nine stone skeleton in a frame that once boasted the shape and tone of a bodybuilder, Jack is saved. By his father, one of the literary world's most esteemed personalities: John Sutherland. A son's memoir told through the prism and prose of a father will surely take its place among the classics of contemporary addiction and recovery stories like *A Portrait of an Addict as a Young Man* and *Another Bullshit Night in Suck City*. *Stars, Cars & Crystal Meth* lifts the lid on the shadow world of the Hollywood PA with grim but ultimately inspiring honesty.

The Awakening of a Shattered Dream May 01 2020 As the founding member of the biggest-selling girls' group of all time, TLC, Crystal's descent to the current venue had been a long and treacherous one. Her audience on this day consisted of a group of drug addicts and those seeking to overcome depression and various other forms of mental illness, who were welcoming the opportunity to hear of a fellow's road to recovery; and hers was one wrought with the palpable pain of not only the toll that lifestyle had taken, but also of unimaginable betrayal by those who had ridden to skyrocketing fame and glory along with her. This story is told through a TimeLine Therapy which allows the release of limited beliefs once guided by limited decisions. Crystal has decided for her therapy to become transparent in efforts to motivate as well as inspire others wanting to improve their mental and emotional well being by allowing the healing process to begin.

Hunters of Chaos Oct 06 2020 Four girls at a southwestern boarding school discover they have amazing feline powers and must unite to stop an ancient evil in this riveting adventure. Ana's average, suburban life is turned upside down when she's offered a place at the exclusive boarding school in New Mexico that both of her late parents attended. As she struggles to navigate the wealthy cliques of her new school, mysterious things begin to occur: sudden power failures, terrible storms, and even an earthquake! Ana soon learns that she and three other girls—with Chinese, Navajo, and Egyptian heritages—harbor connections to priceless objects in the school's museum, and the museum's curator, Ms. Benitez, is adamant that the girls understand their

ancestry, and it's importance. It turns out that the school sits on top of a mysterious temple, the ancient meeting place of the dangerous Brotherhood of Chaos. And when one of the priceless museum objects is shattered, the girls find out exactly why their heritage is so important: they have the power to turn into wildcats! Now in their powerful forms of jaguar, tiger, puma, and lion they must work together to fight the chaos spirits unleashed in the ensuing battle...and uncover the terrifying plans of those who want to resurrect the Brotherhood of Chaos.

Bird Jul 15 2021 Entrenched secrets, mysterious spirits, and an astonishing friendship weave together in this extraordinary and haunting debut that School Library Journal calls "a powerful story about loss and moving on." Nothing matters. Only Bird matters. And he flew away. Jewel never knew her brother Bird, but all her life she has lived in his shadow. Her parents blame Grandpa for the tragedy of their family's past: they say that Grandpa attracted a malevolent spirit—a duppy—into their home. Grandpa hasn't spoken a word since. Now Jewel is twelve, and she lives in a house full of secrets and impenetrable silence. Jewel is sure that no one will ever love her like they loved Bird, until the night that she meets a mysterious boy in a tree. Grandpa is convinced that the boy is a duppy, but Jewel knows that he is something more. And that maybe—just maybe—the time has come to break through the stagnant silence of the past.

Counting Descent Jun 01 2020 Black Harvard Doctorate in Poetics launches poetry that explores modern blackness. Clint Smith's debut poetry collection, *Counting Descent*, is a coming of age story that seeks to complicate our conception of lineage and tradition. Smith explores the cognitive dissonance that results from belonging to a community that unapologetically celebrates black humanity while living in a world that often renders blackness a caricature of fear. His poems move fluidly across personal and political histories, all the while reflecting on the social construction of our lived experiences. Smith brings the reader on a powerful journey forcing us to reflect on all that we learn growing up, and all that we seek to unlearn moving forward. - Winner, 2017 Black Caucus of the American Library Association Literary Award - Finalist, 2017 NAACP Image Awards - 2017 'One Book One New Orleans' Book Selection

Growing Upheaval Nov 06 2020 This all text litzine contains essays addressing themes of dieting, youth, drug use, parental relationships, children, romantic relationships, and standards of beauty. Topics include: a student's descent into crystal meth abuse, a mother's semi-abusive treatment that results in an anxious child, a woman's unsatisfying relationship with a much older man, and anecdotes about children.

Noble House Feb 07 2021 "Clavell's biggest triumph yet . . . storytelling done with dash and panache . . . a rousing read."--Washington Post The setting is Hong Kong, 1963. The action spans scarcely more than a week, but these are days of high adventure: from kidnapping and murder to financial double-dealing and natural catastrophes--fire, flood, landslide. Yet they are days filled as well with all the mystery and romance of Hong Kong--the heart of Asia-- rich in every trade. . . money, flesh, opium, power. Praise for Noble House "Fiction for addicts . . . extravagantly romantic . . . a book that you can get lost in for weeks . . . staggering complexity . . . not only is it as long as life, it's also as rich with possibilities."--New York Times "Tremendous entertainment . . . a seamless marvel of pure storytelling."--Cleveland Plain Dealer "A mesmerizer . . . spellbinding."--Los Angeles Times "Breathtaking . . . only terms like colossal, gigantic, titanic, incredible, unbelievable, gargantuan, are properly descriptive . . . Clavell has made himself the king of super-adventure thrillers."--Chicago Tribune Book World

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