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Millions of Christians have struggled with how to reconcile God's love and God's judgment: Has God created billions of people over thousands of years only to select a few to go to heaven and everyone else to

suffer forever in hell? Is this acceptable to God? How is this "good news"? Troubling questions—so troubling that many have lost their faith because of them. Others only whisper the questions to themselves, fearing or being taught that they might lose their faith and their church if they ask them out loud. But what if these questions trouble us for good reason? What if the story of heaven and hell we have been taught is not, in fact, what the Bible teaches? What if what Jesus meant by heaven, hell, and salvation are very different from how we have come to understand them? What if it is God who wants us to face these questions? Author, pastor, and innovative teacher Rob Bell presents a deeply biblical vision for rediscovering a richer, grander, truer, and more spiritually satisfying way of understanding heaven, hell, God, Jesus, salvation, and repentance. The result is the discovery that the "good news" is much, much better than we ever imagined. Love wins. Have you thought about death and the concept of heaven lately? Have you wondered just what the Kingdom of Heaven really is or what the Kingdom of God really means? Would you like to discover the truth for yourself? Would you like to know what heaven is like? Would you like to know how you can actually be a part of the Kingdom of God? The author leads you in your discovery as he gives you this dynamic supplement to your in-depth understanding of the remarkable and astounding truth of God. Shares an account of his religiously transformative near-death experience and revealing week-long coma, describing his scientific study of near-death phenomena while explaining what he learned about the nature of human consciousness. Find out why readers everywhere are clamoring for the next instalment of this thrilling, inspiring series. Audrey Fitzgerald believed she was married to the perfect man - a heroic firefighter who saved lives, even beyond his own death. But a year later she meets a mysterious woman who has some unexplained connection to her husband.... Soon Audrey discovers that her husband was keeping secrets, and she is compelled to dig into his past. Little does she know...this journey of self-discovery will lead her down a new path to the future - a future she never dared to imagine. "Julianne MacLean knows what her audience likes...compelling characters and a soul-baring journey of love." - Reader to Reader While each novel in the series can be read as a standalone, there are many more books to love in this series. Book One: THE COLOR OF HEAVEN Book Two: THE COLOR OF DESTINY Book Three: THE COLOR OF HOPE Book Four: THE COLOR OF A DREAM Book Five: THE COLOR OF A MEMORY Book Six: THE COLOR OF LOVE Book Seven: THE COLOR OF THE SEASON Book Eight: THE COLOR OF JOY Book Nine: THE COLOR OF TIME Isaac McGlynn has it all and he's taking it with him. Isaac is cold, unfeeling, and wildly successful. After experiencing the loss of his mother and living his childhood in an orphanage, he gained everything as a businessman. Everything but emotion. When Isaac is diagnosed with terminal cancer and realizes that his time on Earth is severely limited, he decides to take some of his money with him rather than leaving it all to John Hannebury (his best friend and business partner) or Susan Mitchell (his personal assistant and only other friend). He wants his position of power to continue on the other side. In heaven, Isaac is given the chance to revisit pivotal moments in his life and see them through a different perspective. He visits the present and finds his friends miserable and nearly dysfunctional without him. Will Isaac finally come around and understand what love is through a final act of self-sacrifice? In a philosophical novel, two friends--a cynical, cerebral, blueblood obsessed by the future, and a hedonistic astronomer haunted by the past--are caught up in an angelic emissary's plan to clone one crucial person by the year 2000 With her acclaimed hardcover debut, No Place Like Home, readers enthusiastically welcomed Barbara Samuel into the ranks of bestselling women's fiction, applauding her stirring novel of loss and redemption. In A Piece of Heaven, she shares another poignant tale rich in atmosphere and insight that explores the complexity of relationships, the importance of family, and the healing power of love. In the sun-baked hills of New Mexico, Luna McGraw has lived a lifetime of regrets, struggling to conquer the demons that destroyed her marriage and caused her to lose custody of her beloved daughter. But as Luna fights to rebuild a relationship with the troubled teenager, she remains haunted by images of her own childhood and the father she barely knew. Strong and resilient as the houses he builds, Thomas Coyote comes into Luna's life

one extraordinary night when his grandmother nearly dies while conjuring a fiery brew of spiritual enchantment. Luna does not need a man— especially one with a needy ex-wife—to complicate her fragile dreams of the future. Their attraction pushes them both beyond reason into a place where there is only possibility. Yet it will take more than passion to recover the tattered pieces of Luna’s soul, more than time to forgive the sins of an offending husband, and more than promises to mend the broken heart of a child. A Piece of Heaven is an irresistible novel full of colorful characters and lush settings spiced with the magical flavors of the Southwest, a brilliant tapestry of romance and realism by a master storyteller. From the Paperback edition. Rice from Heaven is a true story about compassion and bravery as a young girl and her community in South Korea help deliver rice via balloons to the starving and oppressed people in North Korea. "We reach a place where mountains become a wall. A wall so high, no one dares to climb. Beyond that wall and across the sea live children just like me, except they do not have food to eat." Yoori lives in South Korea and doesn't know what North Korea is like, but her father (Appa) does. Appa grew up in North Korea, where he did not have enough food to eat. Starving, he fled to South Korea in search of a better life. Yoori doesn't know how she can help as she's only a little "grain of rice" herself, but Appa tells her that they can secretly help the starving people by sending special balloons that carry rice over the border. Villagers glare and grumble, and children protest feeding the enemy, but Yoori doesn't back down. She has to help. People right over the border don't have food. No rice, and no green fields. With renewed spirit, volunteers gather in groups, fill the balloons with air, and tie the Styrofoam containers filled with rice to the tails of the balloons. With a little push, the balloons soar up and over the border, carrying rice in the darkness of the night over to North Korea. Readers can travel with Pip on a journey of discovery as he asks questions about life and God and everything. Illustrations. Is Heaven real, accessible and ready to help us discover our life path? WHAT IF YOU COULD: Feel like you are driving your life, not the other way around? Tap into the power of heaven? Get on the path to living the purpose and passion for the rest of your life? That's exactly what happened to Clifford Michaels, a Wall Street investment advisor, who never believed the "afterlife" existed. Everything changed after a brush with kidney cancer that set him on a reluctant path of spiritual discovery. He first denied, then acknowledged, and finally embraced and interacted with "heavenly" forces he realized want to help all of us find our ideal path in life. The result? Harnessing Heaven, the book that shows you how to actually tap into the power of Heaven, as part of a dynamic process of self-discovery. In Harnessing Heaven, you'll discover: The Seven Principles for Clarifying Your Life's Purpose Spirituality and a higher plane of guidance, grace and wisdom. The divine teachings we need to know in order to evolve in this life How to determine your purpose and passion for the rest of your life. A crash course in understanding the dynamic reality we live in. How to raise your energy vibration for health and listen to heaven. Combining teachings from heaven, and down-to-earth, actionable lessons and strategies, Harnessing Heaven and its core "Seven Principles" opens the door to discovering and mapping out your ideal life path--with confidence, conviction and passion! #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER Michelina Bellsong is on a mission. She is following a missing family to the edge of America . . . to a place she never knew existed—a place of terror, wonder, and shattering revelation. What awaits her there will change her life and the life of everyone she knows—if she can find the key to survival. At stake are a young girl of extraordinary goodness, a young boy with killers on his trail, and Micky’s own wounded soul. Ahead lie incredible peril, startling discoveries, and paths that lead through terrible darkness to unexpected light. In Bowl of Heaven, the first collaboration by science fiction masters Larry Niven (Ringworld) and Gregory Benford (Timescape), the limits of wonder are redrawn once again as a human expedition to another star system is jeopardized by an encounter with an astonishingly immense artifact in interstellar space: a bowl-shaped structure half-englobing a star, with a habitable area equivalent to many millions of Earths...and it's on a direct path heading for the same system as the human ship. A landing party is sent to investigate the Bowl, but when the explorers are separated—one group captured by the gigantic structure's alien inhabitants, the other pursued across its strange and dangerous landscape—the mystery of the Bowl's origins and purpose propel the human voyagers toward discoveries that will transform their understanding of their place in the universe. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied. Timeless, beautiful, and haunting, spirals connect the four episodes of The Ghosts of Heaven, the mesmerizing new novel from Printz Award winner Marcus Sedgwick. They are

there in prehistory, when a girl picks up a charred stick and makes the first written signs; there tens of centuries later, hiding in the treacherous waters of Golden Beck that take Anna, who people call a witch; there in the halls of a Long Island hospital at the beginning of the 20th century, where a mad poet watches the oceans and knows the horrors it hides; and there in the far future, as an astronaut faces his destiny on the first spaceship sent from earth to colonize another world. Each of the characters in these mysterious linked stories embarks on a journey of discovery and survival; carried forward through the spiral of time, none will return to the same place. This title has Common Core connections. It is the winter of 1945, the last dark days of World War II in occupied Holland. A Nazi collaborator, infamous for his cruelty, is assassinated as he rides home on his bicycle. The Germans retaliate by burning down the home of an innocent family; only twelve-year-old Anton survives. Based on actual events, The Assault traces the complex repercussions of this horrific incident on Anton's life. Determined to forget, he opts for a carefully normal existence: a prudent marriage, a successful career, and colorless passivity. But the past keeps breaking through, in relentless memories and in chance encounters with others who were involved in the assassination and its aftermath, until Anton finally learns what really happened that night in 1945—and why. “Science has a battle for hearts and minds on its hands....How good it feels to have Lisa Randall’s unusual blend of top flight science, clarity, and charm on our side.” —Richard Dawkins “Dazzling ideas....Read this book today to understand the science of tomorrow.” —Steven Pinker The bestselling author of Warped Passages, one of Time magazine’s “100 Most Influential People in the World,” and one of Esquire’s “75 Most Influential People of the 21st Century,” Lisa Randall gives us an exhilarating overview of the latest ideas in physics and offers a rousing defense of the role of science in our lives. Featuring fascinating insights into our scientific future born from the author’s provocative conversations with Nate Silver, David Chang, and Scott Derrickson, Knocking on Heaven’s Door is eminently readable, one of the most important popular science books of this or any year. It is a necessary volume for all who admire the work of Stephen Hawking, Michio Kaku, Brian Greene, Simon Singh, and Carl Sagan; for anyone curious about the workings and aims of the Large Hadron Collider, the biggest and most expensive machine ever built by mankind; for those who firmly believe in the importance of science and rational thought; and for anyone interested in how the Universe began...and how it might ultimately end. Idle immortals, hungry for entertainment, turn their attention to humans in this science fiction novel by the New York Times–bestselling author of Dune. Immortal aliens had observed Earth for centuries, making and viewing full sensory movies of wars, natural disasters, and horrific human activities . . . all to relieve their boredom. Then they finally became jaded by ordinary, run-of-the-mill tragedies, and found ways to create even more inventive spectacles to keep themselves amused. But interfering with human activities is forbidden, and by the time Investigator Kelexel arrives to investigate, things are really getting out of hand . . . A bracing meditation on the nature of evil and a moving evocation of the human heart, Siegfried is one of Harry Mulisch's most powerful novels. After a reading of his work, renowned Dutch author Rudolf Herter, who had recently commented in a television interview that it may be only through fiction that the uniquely evil figure of Adolf Hitler can be truly comprehended, is approached by an elderly couple. The pair reveal that as domestic servants in Hitler's Bavarian retreat in the waning years of the war, they were witness to the jealously guarded birth of Siegfried—the son of Hitler and Eva Braun. For more than fifty years they have kept silent about the child they once raised as their own. Only now and only to Herter are they willing to reveal their astonishing story. 'One of the most entertaining and profound philosophical novels ever written' Washington Post On a cold night in Holland two men meet and change each other's lives forever. Max Delius - a hedonistic, yet brilliant astronomer who loves fast cars, nice clothes and beautiful women - picks up Onno Quist, a cerebral chaotic philologist who cannot bear the ordinariness of everyday life. Despite their differences, they fast become great friends. And when they learn they were conceived on the same day, it is clear that their meeting is no coincidence. As the pair fall into and out of love with the same woman - Ada - so their lives become further intertwined. For all three are on a mysterious journey destined to shape human history. The Discovery of Heaven is internationally recognized as a masterpiece. Rich in philosophical, psychological, historical and theological enquiry, it is an extravagant, bold and satisfying novel of ideas. 'Sparkling, irresistible . . . you'll learn a lot from this novel' The Times 'Anyone who reads The Discovery of Heaven will come away enlightened, challenged and entertained' Wall Street Journal

'Written carefully and ingeniously by a novelist who is also a poet' John Updike, *New Yorker* It is now possible for anyone in a deeply relaxed state to visit Heaven. This new technique has been used successfully for over 50,000 people so far by the Newton Institute. You have a God Switch within yourself that allows you to do this. Follow Regan on his life's Journey that led up to his miraculous Life Between Lives session. In Heaven he met and communicated with teachers, guides, loved ones and he got answers to many of his questions and advice for completing his life's mission. The certified Newton Institute facilitators are scattered around the globe so you can find one and take the journey to Heaven too. Science shamelessly steals from God's creation, yet refuses to give God the glory! How the glow of a cat's eyes innovates road reflectors The naturally sticky inspirations for Velcro and barbed wire A fly's ear, the lizard's foot, the moth's eye, and other natural examples are inspiring improvements and new technologies in our lives Engineers and inventors have long examined God's creation to understand and copy complex, proven mechanics of design in the science known as biomimicry. Much of this inspiration is increasingly drawn from amazing aspects of nature, including insects to plants to man in search of wisdom and insight. We are surrounded daily by scientific advancements that have become everyday items, simply because man is copying from God's incredible creation, without acknowledging the Creator. Bestselling author Cecil Murphey (90 Minutes in Heaven) has enraptured countless readers with his lyrical style and deft storytelling, selling millions of books and winning numerous awards. Yet behind the scenes of his successful career, Murphey is on a personal quest for a deeper knowledge of God and himself. Out of this thirst for the transcendent comes *Knowing God, Knowing Myself*, a collection of reflective statements captured with Murphey's inimitable style. These aphorisms are often surprising, meant to startle the reader out of "common wisdom" into uncommon meditation; the goal is God- and self-discovery. Whether readers begin with a desire to know God or to know themselves, *Knowing God, Knowing Myself* will invite them to discover how these two longings are inextricably entwined. As they reflect and journal through this unforgettable book, readers will experience a growing awareness of God's presence and a deepened inner life. On a normal day in provincial China, a teenager goes about his regular business, but he's also planning the brutal murder of his only friend. He lures her over, strangles her, stuffs her body into the washing machine and flees town, whereupon a perilous game of cat-and-mouse begins. A shocking investigation into the despair that traps the rural poor as well as a technically brilliant excursion into the claustrophobic realm of classic horror and suspense, *A Perfect Crime* is a thrilling and stylish novel about a motiveless murder that echoes Kafka's absurdism, Camus' nihilism and Dostoyevsky's depravity. With exceptional tonal control, *A Yi* steadily reveals the psychological backstory that enables us to make sense of the story's dramatic violence and provides chillingly apt insights into a country on the cusp of enormous social, political and economic change. Bestselling and award-winning author Lee Strobel interviews experts about the evidence for the afterlife and offers credible answers to the most provocative questions about what happens when we die, near-death experiences, heaven, and hell. We all want to know what awaits us on the other side of death, but is there any reliable evidence that there is life after death? Investigative author Lee Strobel offers a lively and compelling study into one of the most provocative topics of our day. Through fascinating conversations with respected scholars and experts--a neuroscientist from Cambridge University, a researcher who analyzed a thousand accounts of near-death experiences, and an atheist-turned-Christian-philosopher--Strobel offers compelling reasons for why death is not the end of our existence but a transition to an exciting world to come. Looking at biblical accounts, Strobel unfolds what awaits us after we take our last breath and answers questions like: Is there an afterlife? What is heaven like? How will we spend our time there? And what does it mean to see God face to face? With a balanced approach, Strobel examines the alternative of Hell and the logic of damnation, and gives a careful look at reincarnation, universalism, the exclusivity claims of Christ, and other issues related to the topic of life after death. With vulnerability, Strobel shares the experience of how he nearly died years ago and how the reality of death can shape our lives and faith. Follow Strobel on this journey of discovery of the entirely credible, believable, and exhilarating life to come. *Journey in Heaven* is a compelling story of personal discovery and encounter with God in eternity. Having lost his battle with cancer, a young architect called Jamie arrives in the city of heaven. With no idea of what to expect, he must adapt to his new life; free from the limitations of his former earthly life. After a dramatic encounter with God in the Throne Room, Jamie sets off with his guardian angel

to explore the stunning city of heaven with its spectacular buildings. These include; the Library, Praise Pavilion, the Hall of Honours, the Observatory, Angel Headquarters, the Banqueting Hall and even the University. During his fascinating journey, he finds answers to many of his questions about God's eternal purposes for believers beyond death. Jamie discovers that heaven is full of citizens enjoying eternity in the presence of God, along with countless angels who are busily engaged in their assignments. He's reunited with members of his own family and soon makes new friends as well as meeting citizens from previous generations, including some people mentioned in the Bible. He also learns about the important role of angels, who serve God in heaven as well as on earth. Follow Jamie on his epic journey in heaven and get a glimpse of what believers can expect in eternity for themselves. This is the story of the miners and the union they wanted, of the people who loved them and the people who wanted to kill their dreams. Annadel, West Virginia, was a small town rich in coal, farms, and close-knit families, all destroyed when the coal company came in. It stole everything it hadn't bothered to buy—land deeds, private homes, and ultimately, the souls of its men and women. Four people tell this powerful, deeply moving tale: Activist Mayor C. J. Marcum. Fierce, loveless union man Rondal Lloyd. Gutsy nurse Carrie Bishop, who loved Rondal. And lonely, Sicilian immigrant Rosa Angelelli, who lost four sons to the deadly mines. They all bear witness to nearly forgotten events of history, culminating in the final, tragic Battle of Blair Mountain—when the United States Army greeted ten thousand unemployed pro-union miners with airplanes, bombs, and poison gas. It was the first crucial battle of a war that has yet to be won. Internationally renowned essayist and cultural commentator Ilan Stavans spent five years traveling from across a dozen countries in Latin America, in search of what defines the Jewish communities in the region, whose roots date back to Christopher Columbus's arrival. In the tradition of V.S. Naipaul's explorations of India, the Caribbean, and the Arab World, he came back with an extraordinarily vivid travelogue. Stavans talks to families of the desaparecidos in Buenos Aires, to "Indian Jews," and to people affiliated with neo-Nazi groups in Patagonia. He also visits Spain to understand the long-term effects of the Inquisition, the American Southwest habitat of "secret Jews," and Israel, where immigrants from Latin America have reshaped the Jewish state. Along the way, he looks for the proverbial "seventh heaven," which, according to the Talmud, out of proximity with the divine, the meaning of life in general, and Jewish life in particular, becomes clearer. *The Seventh Heaven* is a masterful work in Stavans's ongoing quest to find a convergence between the personal and the historical. Julius Caesar is dead, assassinated on the senate floor, and the glory that is Rome has been torn in two. Octavian, Caesar's ambitious great-nephew and adopted son, vies with Marc Antony and Cleopatra for control of Caesar's legacy. As civil war rages from Rome to Alexandria, and vast armies and navies battle for supremacy, a secret conflict may shape the course of history. Juba, Numidian prince and adopted brother of Octavian, has embarked on a ruthless quest for the Shards of Heaven, lost treasures said to possess the very power of the gods-or the one God. Driven by vengeance, Juba has already attained the fabled Trident of Poseidon, which may also be the staff once wielded by Moses. Now he will stop at nothing to obtain the other Shards, even if it means burning the entire world to the ground. Caught up in these cataclysmic events, and the hunt for the Shards, are a pair of exiled Roman legionnaires, a Greek librarian of uncertain loyalties, assassins, spies, slaves . . . and the ten-year-old daughter of Cleopatra herself. Michael Livingston's *The Shards of Heaven* reveals the hidden magic behind the history we know, and commences a war greater than any mere mortal battle. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied. A child angel discovers that the special purpose of children in Heaven is to care for pets until they are reunited with their human companions. *The Discovery of Heaven*, Harry Mulisch's magnum opus, is a rich mosaic of twentieth-century trauma in which many themes—friendship, loyalty, family, art, technology, religion, fate, good, and evil—suffuse a suspenseful and resplendent narrative. The story begins with the meeting of Onno and Max, two complicated individuals whom fate has mysteriously and magically brought together. They share responsibility for the birth of a remarkable and radiant boy who embarks on a mandated quest that takes the reader all over Europe and to the land where all such quests begin and end. Abounding in philosophical, psychological and theological inquiries, yet laced with humor that is as infectious as it is willful, *The Discovery of Heaven* lingers in the mind long after it has been read. It not only tells an accessible story, but also convinces one that it just might be possible to bring order into the chaos of the world through a story.

New York Times bestselling author Howard Blum expertly weaves together three narratives to tell the true story of the 1897 Klondike Gold Rush. It is the last decade of the 19th century. The Wild West has been tamed and its fierce, independent and often violent larger-than-life figures--gun-toting wanderers, trappers, prospectors, Indian fighters, cowboys, and lawmen--are now victims of their own success. But then gold is discovered in Alaska and the adjacent Canadian Klondike and a new frontier suddenly looms: an immense unexplored territory filled with frozen waterways, dark spruce forests, and towering mountains capped by glistening layers of snow and ice. In a true-life tale that rivets from the first page, we meet Charlie Siringo, a top-hand sharp-shooting cowboy who becomes one of the Pinkerton Detective Agency's shrewdest; George Carmack, a California-born American Marine who's adopted by an Indian tribe, raises a family with a Taglish squaw, and makes the discovery that starts off the Yukon Gold Rush; and Jefferson "Soapy" Smith, a sly and inventive conman who rules a vast criminal empire. As we follow this trio's lives, we're led inexorably into a perplexing mystery: a fortune in gold bars has somehow been stolen from the fortress-like Treadwell Mine in Juneau, Alaska. Charlie Siringo discovers that to run the thieves to ground, he must embark on a rugged cross-territory odyssey that will lead him across frigid waters and through a frozen wilderness to face down "Soapy" Smith and his gang of 300 cutthroats. Hanging in the balance: George Carmack's fortune in gold. At once a compelling true-life mystery and an unforgettable portrait of a time in America's history, *The Floor of Heaven* is also an exhilarating tribute to the courage and undaunted spirit of the men and women who helped shape America. A poetic memoir of a man's journey from a tiny island in the Mediterranean to America as he understands his sexuality, finds acceptance, and rediscovers his faith. When we think of "heaven," we generally conjure up positive, blissful images. Heaven is, after all, where God is and where good people go after death to receive their reward. But how and why did Western cultures come to imagine the heavenly realm in such terms? Why is heaven usually thought to be "up there," far beyond the visible sky? And what is the source of the idea that the post mortem abode of the righteous is in this heavenly realm with God? Seeking to discover the roots of these familiar notions, this volume traces the backgrounds, origin, and development of early Jewish and Christian speculation about the heavenly realm -- where it is, what it looks like, and who its inhabitants are. Wright begins his study with an examination of the beliefs of ancient Israel's neighbors Egypt and Mesopotamia, reconstructing the intellectual context in which the earliest biblical images of heaven arose. A detailed analysis of the Hebrew biblical texts themselves then reveals that the Israelites were deeply influenced by images drawn from the surrounding cultures. Wright goes on to examine Persian and Greco-Roman beliefs, thus setting the stage for his consideration of early Jewish and Christian images, which he shows to have been formed in the struggle to integrate traditional biblical imagery with the newer Hellenistic ideas about the cosmos. In a final chapter Wright offers a brief survey of how later Jewish, Christian, and Islamic traditions envisioned the heavenly realms. Accessible to a wide range of readers, this provocative book will interest anyone who is curious about the origins of this extraordinarily pervasive and influential idea.

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