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In the old restored mill at the edge of the village, it seems like time passes strangely. Henrietta, an eccentric artist with an unapproachable aura, lives there alone with only her large dog Murphy for company. The man who owns the mill is Jared, the head of a local wealthy family. He can't stop himself from being intrigued by the mysterious Henrietta. And on one night in November, he falls from his horse near the old mill and has to ask for help from Henrietta. But she's so cautious, will she even accept his sudden visit...? Ted Hughes married Sylvia Plath in 1956, at the outset of their brilliant careers. Plath's suicide six and a half years later, for which many held Hughes accountable, changed his life, his closest relationships, his standing in the literary world and brought new significance to his poetry. In this stunning new biography of their marriage, Diane Middlebrook renders a portrait of Hughes as a man, as a poet and as a husband, haunted - and nourished - his entire life by the aftermath of his first marriage. Middlebrook presents Hughes as a complicated, conflicted figure: sexually magnetic, fiercely ambitious, immensely caring and shrewd in business. She argues that Plath's suicide, though it devastated Hughes and made him vulnerable to the savage attacks of Plath's growing readership, ultimately gave him his true subject - recreating himself for posterity through his marriage to Sylvia Plath and his struggles within his own historical circumstances. Meet Russell and Judy, Bob and Lorraine. They almost gave up on their marriages. But then they discovered seeds of hope. Here are the true stories of real couples who rebuilt their marriages with strength and intimacy after years of turmoil and conflict. It meant forgiveness and honesty, hard work and the willingness to change. But the love these couples regained overcame the hurt. They learned communication skills that brought new life into their homes. Discover the hope that healed their marriages. It can heal yours, too. The extraordinary and moving story of two women whose courage and charisma made them the most famous women in the First World War. Discusses teenagers and sex, focusing on common myths about sex, sexually transmitted diseases, and how having sex affects a person's relationship with God. Ruby Fae McKeever is realizing that she made a terrible decision when she dropped out of college two years ago to marry that sweet-faced JW Jasper and join his family's traveling revival ministry--or, as her Daddy had put it, when she "run off with the dang-fool Jesus Circus." The author shares stories about her relationship with her husband that underscore the joys and challenges that come with marriage. **THE INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER! OPRAH'S BOOK CLUB 2018 SELECTION** "One of my favorite parts of summer is deciding what to read when things slow down just a bit, whether it's on a vacation with family or just a quiet afternoon . . . An American Marriage by Tayari Jones is a moving portrayal of the effects of a wrongful conviction on a young African-American couple." —Barack Obama "Haunting . . . Beautifully written." —The New York Times Book Review "Brilliant and heartbreaking . . . Unforgettable." —USA Today "A tense and timely love story . . . Packed with brave questions about race and class." —People "Compelling." —The Washington Post "Epic . . . Transcendent . . . Triumphant." —Elle **Newlyweds** Celestial and Roy are the embodiment of both the American Dream and the New South. He is a young executive, and she is an artist on the brink of an exciting career. But as they settle into the routine of their life together, they are ripped apart by circumstances neither could have imagined. Roy is arrested and sentenced to twelve years for a crime Celestial knows he didn't commit. Though fiercely independent, Celestial finds herself bereft and unmoored, taking comfort in Andre, her childhood friend, and best man at their wedding. As Roy's time in prison passes, she is unable to hold on to the love that has been her center. After five years, Roy's conviction is suddenly overturned, and he returns to Atlanta ready to resume their life together. This stirring love story is a profoundly insightful look into the hearts and minds of three people who are at once bound and separated by forces beyond their control. **An American Marriage** is a masterpiece of storytelling, an intimate look deep into the souls of people who must reckon with the past while moving forward—with hope and pain—into the future. **Rivals** form a marriage of convenience in this contemporary cowboy romance, but plan not to fall in love! When Spencer Haviland receives registered mail from his great-uncle's attorney, he figures he'll sell his upcoming inheritance after the old man dies. After all, he's anything but a cowboy. But when Spencer's life suddenly unravels, he retreats to the rundown Montana ranch only to discover his cousin's widow and child firmly entrenched. The Rocking H is the most secure home Carmen Haviland has ever known until Spencer arrives, claiming to be Great-Uncle Howard's heir. But with the attorney's revelation that his client is considering bestowing the ranch to charity instead, Carmen reluctantly agrees to Spencer's rash plan for the sake of her daughter. Will a marriage of convenience offer them both what they seek, or will their vows become anything but convenient? **About the Montana Ranches Christian Romance series** Welcome to Saddle Springs, the fictional western town that's home to the Montana Ranches Christian Romance Series! Revel in the lush mountain scenery with rocky peaks, tumbling rivers, and peaceful lakes. Meet the cowboys who ride the ranges, mend fences, and are lassoed by romance in this new Christian cowboy romance series. 1. The Cowboy's Christmas Reunion 2. The Cowboy's Mixed-Up Matchmaker 3. The Cowboy's Romantic Dreamer 4. The Cowboy's Convenient Marriage **Join USA Today bestselling author Valerie Comer in this new Christian romance series... with cowboys!** Antiques picker and ex-FBI agent Jeff Talbot figured he was about to make a killing when Nathan Rose offered him all the antiques in his newly deceased aunt's house dirt cheap. What Jeff hadn't bargained for, however, was the bloodstain beneath one of the old pack rat's priceless rugs, indicating that the death of Verena Rose was no accident. But unlike the police, Jeff doesn't think that nephew Nathan is the culprit. Convinced the answer lies somewhere in the old woman's cluttered house, Jeff starts rummaging and unearths an antique marriage casket crammed with old letters. Reading through these, he discovers the old woman had more than her share

of secrets. But now Jeff must determine who hated or feared her enough to commit murder... before he winds up in a casket himself. Today, marriages have a 50 percent chance of lasting. Longing to improve those odds, pastor Clayton King, author of the popular *Dying to Live*, and his wife, Sharie, reveal a revolutionary biblical perspective—at the heart of a godly union is a heart of service. Love is more about understanding one's spouse than being understood. Offering wisdom from God's Word and beneficial advice from their decade of marriage, the Kings present 12 relationship-building questions for couples to ask before they wed. They guide and encourage couples to discuss their: religious backgrounds past relationships desires for family and future financial habits and goals vocational aspirations These questions reveal expectations and concerns and help each person understand the needs and hopes of their loved one. A great resource for churches, counselors, dating couples, and young men and women who dream of a forever marriage. In this counter intuitive book, author Dr. Greg Smalley maintains that fighting is actually good for a marriage. Couples will learn how to fight their way to a better marriage, using the skills, concepts, and exercises shared in this remarkable book. *The Dirt Sack* is a love story interrupted. It is a cross between Grimm's fairy tales and criminal minds. In addition, it proves that God is ever present in our lives and is faithful to those whom he loves. Lady Lavinia Gillingham prefers rocks and dirt to marriage. Her passion is science, and she's determined to marry if--and only if--she finds a man who supports her interests and intellect. So far, she's managed to avoid attention on the Marriage Mart, but when the Duke of Seduction pens anonymous letters singing her praises, she suddenly become the toast of the ton and matrimony seems imminent. William Beckett, Marquess of Northam possesses the reputation of a rake but is secretly a romantic. Spurned at sixteen and knowing his sister was victimized by Society, he uses music and poetry to fill the void in his soul. As the Duke of Seduction, he uses his skill to help Lavinia, never anticipating she has no desire for assistance or that she could be the balm he needs. But when she's on the verge of becoming engaged, can Beck beat back the shadows of the past and open his heart again? In the House upon the Dirt between the Lake and the Woods tells the story of a newly married couple who take up a lonely existence in the title's mythical location. In this blank and barren plot far from the world they've known, they mean to start the family the unnamed husband wants so obsessively. But their every pregnancy fails, and as their grief swells, the husband? a hot-tempered and impatient fisherman and trapper? attempts to prove his dominion in other ways, emptying both the lake and the woods of their many beasts. As the years pass, the wife changes too, her suddenly powerful voice singing some new series of objects into being, including a threatening moon hung above their house, its doomed weight already slowly falling, bending their now-starless sky. In the House upon the Dirt between the Lake and the Woods is about marriage, parenthood, and the dreams parents have for their children? as well as what happens to a marriage whose success is measured solely by the children it produces, or else the grief that marks their absence. Draws on extensive research, counseling workshops with couples and the authors' own 30-year relationship to distill basic, provocative truths about marriage and provide essential tools for rendering a marriage more rewarding and positive. 50,000 first printing. What do you do if you want a marriage that doesn't just survive, but thrives? That doesn't just begin romantically but ends magnificently? Answer: You do something different. You've seen marriages fail time and again. Even relationships you thought were bulletproof don't last—or maybe worse—fade away to a cold, gray lovelessness. It's no wonder that for today's generation, "getting what you want" is often a substitute for love, and disillusionment about marriage is the new normal. But you can have a long-term, love-blessed marriage. Whether you're still considering it, are about to be wed, or have been married for a while and want to make changes, *Love, Sex & Happily Ever After* delivers an infusion of hope. Author Craig Groeschel clearly and honestly lays out the choices and commitments you can make now to change the way you think and act—to build the relationship you want for the rest of your life. With an invigorating mix of personal story, practical guidance and biblical truth, Craig invites you into a candid conversation about first dates, sex, communication, integrity, forgiveness, and commitment. Along the way, he shows how you can build a soul-enriching, God-honoring relationship with the one you love...and believe together again in your very own "happily ever after." Previously released as *Going All the Way* Ellen is forty-six, divorced, and having no luck with personal ads when her Chinese girlfriend comes up with a plan: she has a brother in China, Zhong-hua, who's lonely too. Maybe they'd like each other? Taking a leap of faith that most of us wouldn't dare, Ellen travels to China to meet him. Though they speak only a few words of each other's language, there's an unspoken connection between them and they decide to marry. What follows is a remarkably touching and humorous story of two people from completely different worlds trying to make a marriage work. Settling in at Ellen's ramshackle farmhouse in upstate New York, they quickly discover the cultural chasm that lies between them. Ellen and her teenage daughter decide to adopt a policy of nonjudgment as Zhong-hua lobbies to sell their refrigerator ("Just three people, no need"), serves them giant sea slugs for dinner, and brusquely nudges Ellen aside without an "excuse me" ("Family no need these kind of words"). Zhong-hua is not the type to offer his wife impromptu smiles or hugs, but in bed at night he holds her tightly like she's "something long lost and precious that might not live until morning." *The Natural Laws of Good Luck* is an unusual and exquisitely written love story—one that will resonate with anyone who has ever contemplated with wonder the spaces that exist between us and those we care about. This book is a personal testimony that reveals God's plan to restore all things to Himself as stated in the first chapter of Ephesians, "... that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things upon the earth." The reconciliation of our marriage represents the value God places on the marriage covenant, both in the earthly realm and in the eternal realm according to His eternal purpose. This is the story of Kate and Ronnie Kray. Scaly, grumpy, but oh so cuddly... As a third daughter on the farming colony of Meterion, Susan's future prospects aren't too promising. A pretty face, top-notch skills, and hard work mean nothing if your dowry doesn't include fertile lands. With her twenty-fifth birthday approaching, and no suitors even remotely sniffing in her general direction, Susan will be forced to leave the family lands to work as an indentured servant in the capital city. Her only way out is to settle for an arranged marriage through the PMA - the Prime Mating Agency. She just never expected to be paired to a grumpy, massive lizardman, and above all not to grow so fond of his scales and quirky ways. With everything going on, the last thing Olix needs is a mate, especially a squishy, scaleless, off-worlder with strange ways, and an obsession with farming. He is a Hunter, not a dirt digger. The Seer must have been mistaken when she insisted that, for the sake of the people, he take a mate from the stars. How can such a tiny thing be their salvation? And yet, his Susan's softness is disturbingly addictive while hiding a surprising resilience. With his ancestral lands on the line and the future of the clans threatened, could this wisp of a woman turn their fate around? *Dirt* is a story about the places where we start. From a single-wide trailer in the mountains of rural West Virginia to the halls of Yale Law School, Mary Marantz's story is one of remembering our roots while turning our faces to the sky. From growing up in that trailer, where it rained just as hard inside as out and the smell of mildew hung thick in the air, Mary has known what it is to feel broken and disqualified because of the muddy scars leaving smudged fingerprints across our lives. Generations of her family lived and logged in those hauntingly treacherous woods, risking life and limb just to barely scrape by. And yet that very struggle became the redemption song God used to write a life she never dreamed of. Mixed with warmth, wit, and the bittersweet, sometimes achingly heartbreaking places we go when we dig in instead of give up, *Dirt* is a story of healing. With gut-wrenching honesty and hard-won wisdom, Mary shares her story for anyone who has ever walked into the world and felt like their scars were still on display, showing that you are braver, better, and more empathetic for what you have survived. Because God does his best work in the muddy, messy, and broken--if we'll only learn to dig in. On May 26, 1854, Arthur Munby met Hannah Cullwick. He was a solicitor for the Ecclesiastical Commission, and he loathed his job. She was a servant, a maid of all work. This first encounter marked the beginning of a relationship which was to endure for more than fifty years. Drawing on their diaries, letters, and Munby's photographs of Hannah, Diane Atkinson paints a picture of the wilder shores of Victorian sexuality. *Love and Dirt* is the story of a deep and lasting love between two extraordinary individuals who breached the barriers of class and endangered their vastly different stations in

Victorian society. All Lady Victoria Kirby wants is to dig in the dirt, take notations, and record history. What she doesn't desire is having to bumble through ballrooms and tolerate the ton's sly insinuations about her less-than-acceptable appearance. Victoria wasn't certain what her rather reckless father has in mind for her future. But she certainly isn't expecting him to gamble her hand in marriage—and lose. After all he witnessed as a child, the Duke of Chase cannot bear to see a woman misused. So when the marquess wagers away his daughter to a lecher of a man, he has no choice but to step in and rescue her. Lady Victoria has a reputation for being as tart as a lemon. He might just have found the perfect wife to keep his age-old promise to never sire an heir. Surely he'd never be tempted to take this lady to bed... Then the duke meets the wit, witty, and intelligent young lady he's bound to marry. Now trouble is certainly headed his way, and she won't just threaten the very vow he swore to keep...she might just undo his heart, too. Each book in The Wedding Wager series is STANDALONE: \* The Wedding Wager \* The Duke's Accidental Bride Dirt, soil, manure, makes you feel nasty but on the contrary, it can help you grow. Whether it's by choice or by force either way, eventually the dirt is exposed. Adding an ingredient to make a lethal combination. What happens when we throw GREED into the equation? Trying to juggle your dirty little secrets and the fact that you can stop... BUT YOU WON'T. When can you determine the time to draw a line, and put a stop to everything. Nevada and Deon a married couple must find this out the hard way. Can their love overpower the greed of cash, and sexual relations to save their marriage? Jessronica, Nevada's best friend has a secret battle of her own, depression and addiction. Can her newfound friend Brandon help her win the fight of her life? This dirt, it can make you beautiful or it can make you look like shit...LITERALLY. Neither Margaret nor Owen has any interest in getting married. But in the small Amish town of Birch Creek, where marriage is on everyone's mind, their plans don't stand a chance. Margaret Yoder can't seem to catch a break. Even though she's dedicated to her Amish faith, her wild rumspringa won't stay in the past, and her mother keeps pressuring her to get married. To placate her mother and get away from former "friends", she decides to return to Birch Creek to visit family—and pretend to find a husband. Like Margaret, Owen Bontrager isn't looking for a spouse, something that's hard to avoid in Birch Creek, where an ad for brides in the local paper has brought a swarm of single women to the thriving town. When he meets Margaret in an unexpected way, they discover they have more in common than they ever expected. In some ways, they are a perfect match. Margaret struggles to keep her goal of avoiding romance in order to focus on being a faithful member of the Amish church, and it doesn't help that she finds Owen intriguing. Knowing they don't have a future together; she returns home and gives in to her mother's insistence that she get married. Can Margaret betray her feelings for Owen and become a dutiful daughter and wife to the man of her mother's choosing? Or will Owen find a way to free Margaret of her past by giving her the future they both are surprised to find they desire? Sweet Amish romance Second in the Amish Mail-Order Bride series, but can be read in any order Book 1: A Double Dose of Love Book 2: Matched and Married Book 3: Love in Plain Sight Book length: 77,000 words Includes discussion questions for book clubs "The word charm is pretty much synonymous with Lauren Layne." —Hypable One of O, The Oprah Magazine's "22 Romance Novels That Are Set to Be the Best of 2020" and one of Goodreads's "28 of the Hottest Romances of 2020" From New York Times bestselling author Lauren Layne, the "queen of witty dialogue" (Rachel Van Dyken, New York Times bestselling author), comes the final installment of the Central Park Pact series, a heartfelt and laugh-out-loud romantic comedy that's perfect for fans of Sally Thorne and Christina Lauren. Can guys and girls ever be just friends? According to Audrey Tate and Clarke West, absolutely. After all, they've been best friends since childhood without a single romantic entanglement. Clarke is the charming playboy Audrey can always count on, and he knows that the ever-loyal Audrey will never not play along with his strategy for dodging his matchmaking mother—announcing he's already engaged...to Audrey. But what starts out as a playful game between two best friends turns into something infinitely more complicated, as just-for-show kisses begin to stir up forbidden feelings. As the faux wedding date looms closer, Audrey and Clarke realize that they can never go back to the way things were, but deep down, do they really want to? Men and women are different. That probably doesn't come as a surprise to you, but most couples are eventually surprised by it. To improve your relationship, you not only have to learn how to understand the differences between men and women, but how to enjoy discovering those differences on a daily basis for the rest of your lives. No book can guarantee you a long and happy relationship, even if the author didn't know about your secret hygiene problem. But the cover of a book is no place to discuss that. In Dave Barry's Guide to Marriage and/or Sex, one of America's most beloved writers turns his keen, if somewhat rheumy, eye to the institution of marriage. Dating. "These are nonstereotypical times we live in, by which I mean that it is the responsibility of the woman to think up excuses that get progressively more obvious until the man figures out that the woman would rather chew on a rat pancreas." Sex. "I'm afraid that we must talk here about sex in a very explicit manner, because we want to expand the Frontiers of Human Understanding, and also we want to sell as many books as possible to adolescent boys." Marriage. "Most squabbles start with money. For example, you want to buy food, while your spouse wants to buy a thoroughbred racehorse. It's important, in these situations, for both of you to be willing to sit down and try to achieve a workable compromise. In this case, you could buy a thoroughbred racehorse and eat it." 'An immense work of love and anger, a book Bram Presser was born to write.' Joan London They chose not to speak and now they are gone...What's left to fill the silence is no longer theirs. This is my story, woven from the threads of rumour and legend. Jakub Rand flees his village for Prague, only to find himself trapped by the Nazi occupation. Deported to the Theresienstadt concentration camp, he is forced to sort through Jewish books for a so-called Museum of the Extinct Race. Hidden among the rare texts is a tattered prayer book, hollow inside, containing a small pile of dirt. Back in the city, Františka Roubířková picks over the embers of her failed marriage, despairing of her conversion to Judaism. When the Nazis summon her two eldest daughters for transport, she must sacrifice everything to save the girls from certain death. Decades later, Bram Presser embarks on a quest to find the truth behind the stories his family built around these remarkable survivors. The Book of Dirt is a completely original novel about love, family secrets, and Jewish myths. And it is a heart-warming story about a grandson's devotion to the power of storytelling and his family's legacy. Bram Presser was born in Melbourne in 1976. His stories have appeared in Best Australian Stories, Award Winning Australian Writing, The Sleepers Almanac and Higher Arc. His 2017 debut novel, The Book of Dirt, won the 2018 Goldberg Prize for Debut Fiction in the US National Jewish Book Awards, the 2018 Voss Literary Prize and three awards in the 2018 NSW Premier's Literary Awards: the Christina Stead Prize for Fiction, the UTS Glenda Adams Award for New Writing and The People's Choice Award. 'The lyrical, impassioned and culturally rich prose of The Book of Dirt, and its moral force, bears echoes of such great Jewish writers as Franz Kafka (Presser inherited his grandfather's copy of The Trial), Elie Wiesel, Primo Levi, Isaac Bashevis Singer and Cynthia Ozick...It is a major book, and one for the times: while I was reading it, neo-Nazis in America brought fatal violence to Charlottesville, and, in Melbourne, neo-Nazis placed posters in schools calling for the killing of Jews to be legalised...The Book of Dirt is a courageous work, as necessary for us to read as it was for Presser to write.' Saturday Paper 'A beautiful literary mind.' A.S. Patri? 'Meet Bram Presser, aged five, smoking a cigarette with his grandmother in Prague. Meet Jakub Rand, one of the Jews chosen to assemble the Nazi's Museum of the Extinct Race. Such details, like lightning flashes, illuminate this audacious work about the author's search for the grandfather he loved but hardly knew. Working in the wake of writers like Modiano and Safran Foer, Presser brilliantly shows how fresh facts can derail old truths, how fiction can amplify memory. A smart and tender meditation on who we become when we attempt to survive survival.' Mireille Juchau 'The Book of Dirt is a grandson's tender act of devotion, the product of a quest to rescue family voices from the silence, to bear witness, drawing on legend, journey and history, and shaped by extraordinary storytelling.' Arnold Zable 'A remarkable tale of Holocaust survival, love and genealogical sleuthing...A beautiful tale that will stay with the reader long after the book's end.' Books+Publishing 'It's hard not to be captured from the opening epigraph...[A] magnificent ode to all that is lost.' Longin to Be 'It is difficult to convey the breadth and nuance of this extraordinary work. It is a

book about how history is made—and about who is allowed the privilege to remake it. There are echoes here of Sebald’s biting honesty and Chabon’s long and rewarding vignettes. An absolute pleasure to read.’

Readings ‘As in Sebald’s prose narratives, Presser’s novel inhabits and the dynamic region between fiction and non-fiction.’ Australian Book Review ‘An impressive and captivating story of remembrance, a journey into the past for the sake of deciphering our present.’ Dasa Drndic ‘In *The Book of Dirt* the fractured lines of memory create a gripping story of survival and love.’ Leah Kaminsky ‘I found Bram Presser’s *The Book of Dirt* impossible to forget. Penetrating, soulful, and surprisingly welcoming, it reminded me of my own ancestors and how easy it is to sidestep the past.’ Barry Scott, Australian Book Review, 2017

Publisher Picks ‘Presser blurs the boundaries of fact and fiction in a compelling way...A wonderful and original book, told in rich, lyrically beautiful prose that is laden with history and cultural meaning.’ Good Reading ‘A combination of homage, mystery, family history and a sepia-toned love story...*The Book of Dirt* is magnificent.’ ANZ LitLovers ‘A heartfelt and original attempt to bridge the ever-growing gaps between history, memory and silence...Its heart beats so earnestly, and so loud...What Presser has produced is a meditation on the ethics of storytelling, of the duties we owe to the people whose stories we tell, and to the people whose stories we don’t.’ Australian ‘Always surprising and beautifully complex, and both deft and sensitive in its handling of its intertwined narratives and materials. It is an incredibly affecting book, one that lingers long after reading—and a remarkably assured debut.’ Age ‘A gripping tale of survival and an absorbing novelisation of his family’s extraordinary lives...Presser fills in the gaps in his grandfather’s story with vivid character studies; together with poignant black and white snapshots, he brings them evocatively to life. His poetic narrative is a perfect foil for the silences of his forbears.’ Toowoomba Chronicle

‘*The Book of Dirt* is both a loving, honest portrayal of lives that would have been erased, and an incorporation of the broader lessons of their experience into contemporary mythology. It keeps the discussion about trauma, memory, and intergenerational acts of transfer alive for those generations that follow, that risk forgetting. It is a potent achievement for a debut novel.’ Sydney Review of Books Provides advice and tips on dating and relationships from a Christian perspective. A guide to healthy romantic partnerships cites the importance of fairness as an essential component in addition to good communication skills and compatibility, in a resource for couples that explains how differences in perceived fairness are at the core of most interpersonal conflicts. “Garrison Keillor made it possible, after twenty years of black humor...to be both funny and nice, hip and winsome, scathing and loving, all in the flick of a single many-barbed quip—The Washington Post Book World “Keillor’s literary style is as flexible and assured as his vocal delivery. It can slip from mood to mood so subtly and quickly you’re never quite sure where you are.... [His] writing has the silvery slip of running water, so graceful and easy it’s hard to believe it can carry so much that is jagged and unresolved. His integrity lies in his not smoothing away those rough edges in the swift current of his prose; they’re bruisingly, sometimes cuttingly there.” —The Village Voice A novel about love, marriage, and the murder it takes to make it last... Tag and Lori are the couple on the top of the wedding cake. Everything about their relationship is perfect and they’re both deliriously happy - except for one tiny little, earth-shattering problem. Her name is Marcie and despite the fact that Tag likes to think of himself as a pretty decent guy, he just can't shake his desire to do some... well, some not so decent things with her. When his obsession with Marcie gets to the point that he finally breaks down and confesses his struggles to Lori, Tag is touched by her compassionate and understanding response. He breathes a sigh of relief - until the next day when Marcie turns up dead. Could sweet, dainty, couldn't-hurt-a-fly Lori be a... be a... Tag can't even bring himself to think it. But could she? Detective Steiner doesn't think so. The way he sees it, Tag is guilty as hell and it's only a matter of time before the truth comes spilling out of him. Of course Tag knows that's impossible because he doesn't even know the truth himself - and he's not sure if he wants to. Of course the truth may come out anyway if Susan keeps poking around. Susan is Tag and Lori's recently widowed next door neighbor whose hobbies include gardening, drinking and hypochondria. She also has a thing for Tag and a poor understanding of the concept of boundaries, so there's a small chance that Lori might want to murder her too. Assuming of course that Lori is capable of something like... something like... On second thought, Tag and Lori have more than one tiny little problem. Community farms. Mud spas. Mineral paints. Nematodes. The world is waking up to the beauty and mystery of dirt. This anthology celebrates the Earth's generous crust, bringing together essays by award-winning scientists, authors, artists, and dirt lovers to tell dirt's exuberant tales. Geographically broad and topically diverse, these essays reveal life as lived by dirt fanatics - admiring the first worm of spring, taking a childhood twirl across a dusty Kansas farm, calculating how soil breathes, or baking mud pies. Essayists build a dirt house, center a marriage around dirt, sink down into marshy heaven, and learn to read dirt's own language. Scientists usher us deep underground with the worms and mycorrhizae to explore the vast and largely ignored natural processes occurring beneath our feet. Whether taking a trek to Venezuela to touch the oldest dirt in the world or reveling in the blessings of our own native soils, these muscular essays answer the important question: How do you get down with dirt? A literary homage to dirt and its significance in our lives, this book will interest hikers, gardeners, teachers, urbanites, farmers, environmentalists, ecologists, and others intrigued by our planet's alluring skin. Essayists include Vandana Shiva, Peter Heller, Janisse Ray, Bernd Heinrich, Linda Hogan, Wes Jackson, BK Loren, David Montgomery, Laura Pritchett, and Deborah Koons Garcia. Arthur Munby, barrister and published poet, met Hannah Cullwick, Shropshire scullery maid, on London’s Oxford Street in 1854. They had in common a sexual obsession: Munby adored watching Hannah ‘in her dirt’ and she responded to him with a literally slavish devotion. Amply documented in their letters and diaries, this is the compelling tale of a clandestine love affair that was to last for over fifty years. ‘Shadowy figures at the edge of Victorian life, they might almost have stepped out of a Dickens plot.’ - Claire Tomalin, Evening Standard ‘Arthur and Hannah have been lucky with their biographer.... Diane Atkinson has a generous appreciation of all the nuances and paradoxes of their bizarre relationship.’ - Mail on Sunday ‘In the letters and diaries of Hannah Cullwick and Arthur Munby, Diane Atkinson has discovered a gem of a story.... Love & Dirt successfully presents an important historical document in a highly readable, accessible form.... a fascinating insight into aspects of Victorian sexuality.’ - Sunday Independent From Rags to Riches is the true story of two strangers who find each other in midlife and turn rags into riches and make their Christian marriage and businesses a success. Joseph and Annette Trawick were both born in small, rural areas, Wilkinson and Hancock Counties in Georgia, approximately sixteen miles apart—only separated by pine trees, dirt, and gravel roads. Both had previous marriages and have adult children. Although they felt it was love at first sight, there were many obstacles in their path that undermined what God had set as their destiny. There were many struggles, from starting their business to maintaining their marriage and maintaining the bond between their adult children. Throughout this book, they will take you on a journey of good and ugly. Believing in the faith of God and each other, they discovered that being rich is not all about money but about love, family, health, and happiness.

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