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Guy Gavriel Kay, the international bestselling and multiple award-winning author of *The Fionavar Tapestry*, brings his unique storytelling imagination to an alternate Byzantine world... Sarantium is the golden city: holy to the faithful, exalted by the poets, jewel of the world and heart of an empire. Caius Crispus, known as Crispin, is a master mosaicist, creating beautiful art with colored stones and glass. Still grieving the loss of his family, he lives only for his craft—until an imperial summons draws him east to the fabled city. Bearing with him a Queen's secret mission and seductive promise, and a talisman from an alchemist, Crispin crosses a land of pagan ritual and mortal danger, confronting legends and dark magic. Once in Sarantium, with its taverns and gilded sanctuaries, chariot races and palaces, intrigues and violence, Crispin must find his own source of power in order to survive. He finds it, unexpectedly, high on the scaffolding of his own greatest creation.

From the bestselling author of *The Ragged Edge of Night* comes a powerful and poetic novel of survival and sacrifice on the American frontier. Wyoming, 1876. For as long as they have lived on the frontier, the Bemis and Webber families have relied on each other. With no other settlers for miles, it is a matter of survival. But when Ernest Bemis finds his wife, Cora,

in a compromising situation with their neighbor, he doesn't think of survival. In one impulsive moment, a man is dead, Ernest is off to prison, and the women left behind are divided by rage and remorse. Losing her husband to Cora's indiscretion is another hardship for stoic Nettie Mae. But as a brutal Wyoming winter bears down, Cora and Nettie Mae have no choice but to come together as one family--to share the duties of working the land and raising their children. There's Nettie Mae's son, Clyde--no longer a boy, but not yet a man--who must navigate the road to adulthood without a father to guide him, and Cora's daughter, Beulah, who is as wild and untamable as her prairie home. Bound by the uncommon threads in their lives and the challenges that lie ahead, Cora and Nettie Mae begin to forge an unexpected sisterhood. But when a love blossoms between Clyde and Beulah, bonds are once again tested, and these two resilient women must finally decide whether they can learn to trust each other--or else risk losing everything they hold dear.

Founder of The Boston Beer Company, brewer of Samuel Adams Boston Lager, and a key catalyst of the American craft beer revolution, Jim Koch offers his unique perspective when it comes to business, beer, and turning your passion into a successful company or career. In 1984, it looked like an unwinnable David and Goliath struggle: one guy

against the mammoth American beer industry. When others scoffed at Jim Koch's plan to leave his consulting job and start a brewery that would challenge American palates, he chose a nineteenth-century family recipe and launched Samuel Adams. Now one of America's leading craft breweries, Samuel Adams has redefined the way Americans think about beer and helped spur a craft beer revolution. In *Quench Your Own Thirst*, Koch offers unprecedented insights into the whirlwind ride from scrappy start-up to thriving public company. His innovative business model and refreshingly frank stories offer counterintuitive lessons that you can apply to business and to life. Koch covers everything from finding your own Yoda to his theory on how a piece of string can teach you the most important lesson you'll ever learn about business. He also has surprising advice on sales, marketing, hiring, and company culture. Koch's anecdotes, quirky musings, and bits of wisdom go far beyond brewing. A fun, engaging guide for building a career or launching a successful business based on your passions, *Quench Your Own Thirst* is the key to the ultimate dream: being successful while doing what you love.

Network marketing-also known as direct selling and multilevel marketing-has turned millions of people into successful business owners. But to truly reach their earning potential, network marketers need to

successfully grow their businesses by recruiting the right people. Written by a true network marketing superstar who personally enlisted over 1,000 people in her first year, the book reveals a proven, innovative approach to recruiting that gets results fast. Readers will learn how to:

- \* discover their own recruiting style
- \* identify people who will become a great part of their team
- \* do and say the right things to turn prospects into partners
- \* overcome objections with confidence
- \* attract people who never considered network marketing

Filled with advice and inspiration, this indispensable guide gives network marketers the know-how and confidence they need to grow their enterprise and become top earners. Five men and women from our world face a battle with an evil beyond imagining in the deeply moving conclusion to Guy Gavriel Kay's acclaimed *Fionavar Tapestry*. As the Unraveller's armies assemble, those resisting him must call upon the most ancient of powers, knowing that if this realm of gods and magic is conquered by evil, the ripples of destruction will be felt across all worlds. But despite the sacrifices made and courage shown, all may be undone because of one child's choice. For that one has been born of both Darkness and Light, and he alone must walk the darkest road as the fate of worlds hangs in the balance...

How to Become a Network Marketing ROCK STAR  
What's being widely regarded as "one of the most

life changing books ever written" may be the simplest approach to achieving everything you've ever wanted, and faster than you ever thought possible. What if you could wake up tomorrow and any-or EVERY-area of your life was beginning to transform? What would you change? The Miracle Morning is already transforming the lives of tens of thousands of people around the world by showing them how to wake up each day with more ENERGY, MOTIVATION, and FOCUS to take your life to the next level. It's been right here in front of us all along, but this book has finally brought it to life. Are you ready? The next chapter of YOUR life-the most extraordinary life you've ever imagined-is about to begin. It's time to WAKE UP to your full potential... The Power of the Positive is a simple, direct, and empowering message that provides you with the tools to discover your passion and live the life you were meant to live. As you read the book, you will learn about building a strong foundation to support a happy and fulfilling future for the rest of your life. In clear, concise language, The Power of the Positive conveys the fundamental principles of connecting with your deepest emotions and living your wildest dreams. The power that led you to read these words is the power that will guide your transformation. Reading The Power of the Positive will change your day, but living The Power of the Positive will change your life. This is the book you have been searching

for. So, are you ready to feel The Power of the Positive?

An atmospheric and intrigue-filled novel of dead gods, buried histories, and a mysterious, protean city--from one of America's most acclaimed young fantasy writers. The city of Bulikov once wielded the powers of the gods to conquer the world, enslaving and brutalizing millions—until its divine protectors were killed. Now Bulikov has become just another colonial outpost of the world's new geopolitical power, but the surreal landscape of the city itself—first shaped, now shattered, by the thousands of miracles its guardians once worked upon it—stands as a constant, haunting reminder of its former supremacy. Into this broken city steps Shara Thivani. Officially, the unassuming young woman is just another junior diplomat sent by Bulikov's oppressors. Unofficially, she is one of her country's most accomplished spies, dispatched to catch a murderer. But as Shara pursues the killer, she starts to suspect that the beings who ruled this terrible place may not be as dead as they seem—and that Bulikov's cruel reign may not yet be over.

False Profits is an in-depth examination of the multi-level marketing industry and related illegal pyramid schemes which have grown rapidly in the last 15 years.

"This book tells the story of fifty years of restoration and management of the forested landscape of the Savannah River Site, a 310-square-mile tract of land in the coastal plain of South Carolina that has been closed to the public for more than five decades. Ecology and Management of a Forested Landscape presents for the first time a complete synthesis and summary of information on the Savannah River Site, providing a detailed portrait of the plant and animal populations and communities on the site and the effects on them of fifty years of management practices." -- WEBSITE.

Merchants of Deception - Written by a former government auditor and high level Amway insider who was the last one who wanted to discover massive consumer fraud. This book is gripping tale for anyone who has been or loves someone who has been recruited into a network marketing business. This well documented book has been utilized by government authorities in both India and the UK to take action against Amway's deceptive business scheme which knowingly has created losses for the majority of all induced to invest. This fun and stylish book is full of exciting things to doodle. Add beaks and hats to penguins, dials and lights to robots, patterns and tongues to snakes, and lot's lot's more.

A high fantasy following a young woman's defiance of her culture as she undertakes a dangerous quest to restore her world's lost magic in Ilana C. Myer's Last Song Before Night. Her name was Kimbralin Amaristoth: sister to a cruel brother, daughter of a hateful family. But that name she has forsworn, and now she is simply Lin, a musician and lyricist of uncommon ability in a land where women are forbidden to answer such callings-a fugitive who must conceal her identity or risk imprisonment and even death. On the eve of a great festival, Lin learns that an ancient scourge has returned to the land of Eivar, a pandemic both deadly and unnatural. Its resurgence brings with it the memory of an apocalypse that transformed half a continent. Long ago, magic was everywhere, rising from artistic expression-from song, from verse, from stories. But in Eivar, where poets once wove enchantments from their words and harps, the power was lost. Forbidden experiments in blood divination unleashed the plague that is remembered as the Red Death, killing thousands before it was stopped, and Eivar's connection to the Otherworld from which all enchantment flowed, broken. The Red Death's return can mean only one thing: someone is spilling innocent blood in order to master dark magic. Now

poets who thought only to gain fame for their songs face a challenge much greater: galvanized by Valanir Ocune, greatest Seer of the age, Lin and several others set out to reclaim their legacy and reopen the way to the Otherworld—a quest that will test their deepest desires, imperil their lives, and decide the future. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

The Hidden Funnel Strategy... That Easily Attracts The RIGHT People, Who Are SO SUPER INTERESTED In What You're Selling, They Actually Raise Their Hands And Ask You To Sign Them Up! This book will take you behind the scenes of the three funnels that have built 99% of ALL successful network marketing companies, and show you how to replicate them online with simple sales funnels. You'll be able to plug your network marketing opportunity into these funnels within just a few minutes. I'll also tell you the one step that everyone forgets. Miss this step and your funnels will never gain the momentum you need to be a top earner. Ready? Good. Me too!

The multiple award-winning fantasy author of *The Fionavar Tapestry* brings his extraordinary imagination to a tale of mythic figures in contemporary times... Ned Marriner is in France with his father, a celebrated photographer shooting the Saint-Sauveur Cathedral of Aix-en-Provence. While exploring the cathedral, Ned meets Kate, an American exchange student with a deep knowledge of the area's history. But even Kate is at a loss when she and Ned surprise a scar-faced stranger, wearing a leather jacket and carrying a knife. "I think you ought to go now," he tells them. "You have blundered into a corner of a very old story..." In this ancient place, where the borders between the living and the long-dead are thin, Ned and his family are about to be drawn into a haunted story, as mythic figures from conflicts of long ago

erupt into the present, changing—and claiming—lives. From world-renowned scientist Jane Goodall, as seen in the new National Geographic documentary *Jane*, comes a provocative look into the ways we can positively impact the world by changing our eating habits. "One of those rare, truly great books that can change the world." - John Robbins, author of *The Food Revolution* The renowned scientist who fundamentally changed the way we view primates and our relationship with the animal kingdom now turns her attention to an incredibly important and deeply personal issue-taking a stand for a more sustainable world. In this provocative and encouraging book, Jane Goodall sounds a clarion call to Western society, urging us to take a hard look at the food we produce and consume-and showing us how easy it is to create positive change.Offering her hopeful, but stirring vision, Goodall argues convincingly that each individual can make a difference. She offers simple strategies each of us can employ to foster a sustainable society. Brilliant, empowering, and irrepressibly optimistic, *HARVEST FOR HOPE* is one of the most crucial works of our age. If we follow Goodall's sound advice, we just might save ourselves before it's too late.

Large Print Edition A gripping and emotional novel that will leave you wondering about the neighbors next door... On a cold January night, Sharon Lemke heads outside to see a lunar eclipse when she notices something odd at the house behind her backyard. Through her neighbor's kitchen window, she sees what appears to be a little girl washing dishes late at night. But the Fleming family doesn't have a child that age, and even if they did, why would she be doing housework at this late hour? It would be easy for Sharon to just let this go, but when eighteen-year-old Niki, a former foster child, comes to live with Sharon, she notices suspicious activity at the Flemings' house as well. When calling social services doesn't

result in swift action, the two decide to investigate on their own.

Blissfully shallow and carefree, Kate Chastain was your typical twenty something college co-ed. Well, until reality gave her a wake-up call in the form of a diploma, that is. At a crossroads after graduation, a serendipitous coincidence convinced Kate to abandon life as she knew it and jump feet first into the world of working on mega yachts. At first, she stumbled her way through life as a stewardess, just trying to adjust to her new surroundings and clumsily 'learning the ropes' via trial and error. Like shit-tons of error. But now, nearly ten years and a hit reality show later, Kate is finally ready to share the good, the bad, and the downright shocking details about her life at sea with the world's most rich and famous. It was 2008 and we were anchored off of St.Tropez. I had only been a yachtie for two seasons at the time when I turned to the Captain's wife, and said, "You know, I could write a book about all of insane things we see working on these boats.....the sex, the money, the celebrities...." My older, more experienced coworker rolled her eyes and laughed then was quick to dismiss my silly idea, "Kate, of course we could all write a book about what we see on yachts. We've all said it for years.....but, if you actually did that, you would never get hired on another yacht again. " She went back to polishing the crystal wine glass in her hand and I was confused for a second. "But Stacie, if so many people knew about the book that I couldn't get a yacht job, would I still really need one?"

The entrepreneur, angel investor, and bestselling author of Choose Yourself busts the 10,000-hour rule of achieving mastery, offering a new mindset and dozens of techniques that will inspire any professional—no matter their age or managerial level—to pursue their passions and quickly acquire the skills they need to succeed and achieve their dreams. We

live in a hierarchical world where experience has traditionally been the key to promotion. But that period is over! Straight, clear-cut career trajectories no longer exist. Industries disappear, job descriptions change, and people's interests and passions evolve. The key to riding this wave, entrepreneur James Altucher advises, is to constantly be curious about what's next, to be comfortable with uncertainty so you can keep navigating the rough waters ahead, and most important, to pursue the things that interest you. In *Skip the Line*, he reveals how he went from struggling and depressed to making his personal, financial, and creative dreams come true, despite—and perhaps due to—his many failures along the way. Altucher combines his personal story with concrete—and unorthodox—insights that work. But *Skip the Line* isn't about hacks and shortcuts—it's about transforming the way you think, work, and live, letting your interests guide your learning, time, and resources. It's about allowing yourself to do what comes naturally; the more you do what you love, the better you do it. While showing you how to approach change and crisis, Altucher gives you tools to help easily execute ideas, become an expert negotiator, attract the attention of those around you, scale promising ideas, and improve leadership—all of which will catapult you higher than you ever thought possible and at a speed that everyone will tell you is impossible.

In *The Radical Leap Re-Energized*, bestselling author Steve Farber tells the complete stories originally published in *The Radical Leap* and *The Radical Edge* with a fresh new perspective. Whether you're new to "LEAP" or already count yourself as one of Farber's Extreme Leaders, get set for a radical new approach to leadership. Farber, former vice president of The Tom Peters Company, introduces you to an entertaining, engaging and inspirational tale of how today's leaders can renew their excitement for what they do and

encourage others to lead with passion. Find out what it means to take the Radical LEAP: \*Cultivate Love \*Generate Energy \*Inspire Audacity, and \*Provide Proof Learn how to fully and passionately engage in the world and change it for the better, whether it's the world of business, family or community. The Radical Leap Re-Energized is a reading experience that will show you how to create a remarkable future for yourself at work and at home.

The Miracle Morning for Network Marketers uses Hal Elrod's global phenomenon to show you habits you can adopt from the best performers in your field. By changing your strategies, mindsets, and rituals to match the top 1% of network marketers, you'll grow yourself and your business faster than you ever thought possible.

Expert Facebook advertising techniques you won't find anywhereelse! Facebook has exploded to a community of more than half a billionpeople around the world, making it a deliciously fertile playgroundfor marketers on the cutting edge. Whether you want to leverageFacebook Ads to generate "Likes," promote events, sell products,market applications, deploy next-gen PR, ,this unique guide is theultimate resource on Facebook's wildly successful pay-per-clickadvertising platform. Featuring clever workarounds, unprecedentedtricks, and little-known tips for triumphant Facebook advertising,it's a must-have on the online marketer's bookshelf.Facebook advertising expert Marty Weintraub shares undocumenteds how-to advice on everything from targeting methods, advancedadvertising techniques, writing compelling ads, launching acampaign, monitoring and optimizing campaigns, and tons more. Killer Facebook Ads serves up immediately actionable tips &tactics that span the gambit. Learn what Facebook ads are good for, how to set goals,and communicate clear objectives to your boss and stakeholders. Master highly focused demographic targeting

on Facebook's social graph. Zero in on relevant customers now. Get extraordinary advice for using each available element—headline, body text, images, logos, etc.—for maximum effect How to launch a Facebook advertising campaign and crucial monitoring and optimizing techniques Essential metrics and reporting considerations Captivating case studies drawn from the author's extensive Facebook advertising experience, highlighting lessons from challenges and successes Tasty bonus: a robust targeting appendix jam-packed with amazing targeting combos Packed with hands-on tutorials and expert-level techniques and tactics for executing an effective advertising campaign, this one-of-a-kind book is sure to help you develop, implement, measure, and maintain successful Facebook ad campaigns.

#1 New York Times bestselling author Tami Hoag's fan-favorite Minneapolis investigators, Sam Kovac and Nikki Liska, hunt a serial killer in this haunting thriller. On a frigid New Year's Eve in Minneapolis, a young woman is found brutally murdered—the ninth so far this year in a string of grisly slayings. Homicide detectives Sam Kovac and Nikki Liska fear that it's the work of a serial killer they call Doc Holiday, a transient who has brought his gruesome game to a new and more terrifying level. But as Kovac and Liska uncover the truth, they find that the monsters in the ninth girl's life may live closer to home. And even as another young woman disappears, they have to ask the question: Which is the greater evil—the devil you know or the devil you don't?

Robert's Rules of Order was originally published in 1876, as a guide for groups when they met to maximize the efficiency of their meetings and conduct their business in an orderly fashion. The book highlights how to properly motion for an argument or change, and the subsequent steps required for a motion to pass. Additionally, it elaborates on decorum,

etiquette, voting procedures, positions within the group, and more. With a new foreword by Chris MacDonald, author of The Business Ethics Blog, this edition is sure to provide readers with the most comprehensive version of Robert's classic guide. It's sure to make meetings run more smoothly, and help whatever your cause achieve greater success.

"River of Stars is a major accomplishment, the work of a master novelist in full command of his subject."—Michael Dirda, in The Washington Post "Game of Thrones in

China."—Salon.com Ren Daiyan was still just a boy when he took the lives of seven men while guarding an imperial magistrate. That moment on a lonely road changed his life in entirely unexpected ways, sending him into the forests of Kitai among the outlaws. From there he emerges years later—and his life changes again, dramatically, as he circles toward the court and emperor, while war approaches Kitai from the north. Lin Shan is the daughter of a scholar, his beloved only child. Educated by him in ways young women never are, gifted as a songwriter and calligrapher, she finds herself living a life suspended between two worlds. Her intelligence captivates an emperor—and alienates women at the court. But when her father's life is endangered by the savage politics of the day, Shan must act in ways no woman ever has. In an empire divided by bitter factions circling an exquisitely cultured emperor who loves his gardens and his art far more than the burdens of governing, dramatic events on the northern steppe alter the balance of power in the world, leading to events no one could have foretold, under the river of stars.

Alfie and Bet are off on a quest to discover the letter they like the best ... and they just can't seem to agree! With colorful characters, pop-ups on every page and tons of alliterative enthusiasm, this is an adventure readers won't soon forget! (And they'll learn their letters, too!)

The murder of a world-famous physicist raises fears that the

Illuminati are operating again after centuries of silence, and religion professor Robert Langdon is called in to assist with the case.

As the co-host of MSNBC's popular show Morning Joe, Mika Brzezinski has established herself as a leading political news journalist and beloved television personality. But success hasn't always come easy for Mika. Growing up the only daughter of former national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski, she struggled to find an identity in a family of overachievers. She worked her way up the ranks of network television to surpass even her own ambitions, reaching the very top of the ladder, only to get canned less than a year later. After an unsuccessful stint as a stay-at-home mom, Mika went back to the workplace with encouragement from her eight-year-old daughter. She decided to start all over again with a beginner's job at age forty, a step back that proved to be a brilliant career move. Mika stumbled into Morning Joe and the rest is history. Now, in a time when many women are losing their jobs or struggling to find the perfect balance between work and home, Mika guides women of all ages to a place where they can find peace and fulfillment in their lives. In the tradition of Gail Sheehy's classic *Passages*, this illuminating book shows women how to reach their full potential in all areas of life and at every stage of their journey. Blending the personal with the prescriptive, Brzezinski's book will address the perpetual question of how to "have it all" when it comes to work and family; the importance of remaining equally humble in the face of great success and seemingly devastating setbacks; as well as the necessity of knowing and embracing our limitations so that we may transcend them.

Skin-clad barbarians ransacking Rome remains a popular image of the "decline and fall" of the Roman Empire, but why, when, and how the Empire actually fell are still matters of

debate among students of classical history. In this pioneering study, Ralph W. Mathisen examines the "fall" in one part of the western Empire, Gaul, to better understand the shift from Roman to Germanic power that occurred in the region during the fifth century AD. Mathisen uncovers two apparently contradictory trends. First, he finds that barbarian settlement did provoke significant changes in Gaul, including the disappearance of most secular offices under the Roman imperial administration, the appropriation of land and social influence by the barbarians, and a rise in the overall level of violence. Yet he also shows that the Roman aristocrats proved remarkably adept at retaining their rank and status. How did the aristocracy hold on? Mathisen rejects traditional explanations and demonstrates that rather than simply opposing the barbarians, or passively accepting them, the Roman aristocrats directly responded to them in various ways. Some left Gaul. Others tried to ignore the changes wrought by the newcomers. Still others directly collaborated with the barbarians, looking to them as patrons and holding office in barbarian governments. Most significantly, however, many were willing to change the criteria that determined membership in the aristocracy. Two new characteristics of the Roman aristocracy in fifth-century Gaul were careers in the church and greater emphasis on classical literary culture. These findings shed new light on an age in transition. Mathisen's theory that barbarian integration into Roman society was a collaborative process rather than a conquest is sure to provoke much thought and debate. All historians who study the process of power transfer from native to alien elites will want to consult this work.

Alfie and Bet's ABC

Mama Hook reminisces about her great experiences sailing the Never Sea and the stories she told young James Hook when he was growing up. Written by Sharon Osbourne, the

stories are reminiscent of familiar fables like "The Tortoise and the Hare," set in Jake and the Never Land Pirates' world of fun pirate playfulness and daring adventures.

From the bestselling author of *Yellow Crocus* and *Mustard Seed* comes the empowering novel of two generations of American women connected by the past and fighting for a brighter future. It's 1894.

Jordan Wallace and Sadie Wagoner appear to have little in common. Jordan, a middle-aged black teacher, lives in segregated Chicago. Two thousand miles away, Sadie, the white wife of an ambitious German businessman, lives in more tolerant Oakland, California. But years ago, their families intertwined on a plantation in Virginia. There, Jordan's and Sadie's mothers developed a bond stronger than blood, despite the fact that one was enslaved and the other was the privileged daughter of the plantation's owner. With Jordan's mother on her deathbed, Sadie leaves her disapproving husband to make the arduous train journey with her mother to Chicago. But the reunion between two families is soon fraught with personal and political challenges. As the harsh realities of racial divides and the injustices of the Gilded Age conspire to hold them back, the women find they need each other more than ever. Their courage, their loyalty, and the ties that bind their families will be tested. Amid the tumult of a quickly changing nation, their destiny depends on what they're willing to risk for liberation.

Jack Canfield's insights and life tools will enable you to become the happy, successful person you know you are meant to be. Whether you want greater success and fulfilment at work, financially, in your relationships, with your health, in sports or creativity, Canfield will show you how.

Pilzer exposes the truth about why half the U.S. population is unhealthy and overweight and explains why consumers will turn away from consuming more material goods and instead seek to achieve internal self-improvement. A critical must-read for entrepreneurs who want to know where the greatest opportunities lie ahead in the next two decades and for business people and consumers wanting to control where one-seventh of their earnings go every year. Pilzer offers an exhilarating vision of health and fitness -- true wellness that is far more than skin deep

There is a magical realm called Angel Academy, where new angels are born. The latest addition to Angel Academy is Braeden. A lifetime ago, he was mortal and lived on earth. His good deeds were recognized by an earth angel and when he died, he was reborn with his new identity. A small team of angels help him decide what angel occupation he will choose. His mentors, Morgan and Taylor guide and direct him on his adventure through Angel Academy and Heaven. Life as an angel can be exciting as a Warrior, challenging as a Guardian,

enchanting as a Cupid, and rewarding as an Angel of Light. This wholesome "good" reading will captivate readers as Braeden explores legendary worlds like Atlantis. It will warm your heart as you cross over the Rainbow Bridge into Dog Heaven. Angels are accepted by every religion around the world. The world is ready to believe.

The day before Christmas, everyone in Jose's neighborhood seems grumpy, including his mother who is homesick for Puerto Rico, but when he and his parents return from the pizzeria where they borrowed an oven to cook their roast, the heavenly aroma reminds those they pass of all they have to celebrate.

Award-winning author Guy Gavriel Kay evokes the dazzling Tang Dynasty of 8th-century China in an masterful story of honor and power. It begins simply. Shen Tai, son of an illustrious general serving the Emperor of Kitai, has spent two years honoring the memory of his late father by burying the bones of the dead from both armies at the site of one of his father's last great battles. In recognition of his labors and his filial piety, an unlikely source has sent him a dangerous gift: 250 Sardinian horses. You give a man one of the famed Sardinian horses to reward him greatly. You give him four or five to exalt him above his fellows, propel him towards rank, and earn him jealousy, possibly mortal jealousy. Two hundred and fifty is an unthinkable gift, a gift to overwhelm an

emperor. Wisely, the gift comes with the stipulation that Tai must claim the horses in person. Otherwise he would probably be dead already...

A fresh, spirited and engaging biography of a fascinating and influential woman who was absolutely instrumental in shaping modern Australia - but whose influence and importance has largely been forgotten. Caroline Chisholm was a take-no-prisoners game-changer of colonial Australia - as well as a charming, wholly committed, and utterly determined force of nature. Arriving in Australia in 1838, she was appalled by the plight of young female immigrants in Australia - there were no jobs for them, no accommodation, and many of them resorted to prostitution to survive. In response to this need, Caroline became a woman on a mission. She met every immigrant ship and became a familiar figure on the wharves, finding positions for immigrant girls and sheltering many of them in her home. As the government of the day refused to help, Chisholm established accommodation, services and the first employment office in the colony, drawing up the first ever employment contracts in Australia. She established minimum wages, found jobs and homes, created employment agencies in a dozen rural centres as well, and she managed to do all this without any assistance from the government of the time. In many ways a proto-feminist and committed social activist, she utterly transformed life in

Australia. A long overdue, contemporary and lively reassessment of Caroline, which brings to life her spirited character, her modern relevance, her feminist credentials and her egalitarian spirit. 'Sarah Goldman's biography of 19th-century humanitarian Caroline Chisholm vividly conveys the flesh-and-blood reality of someone long stereotyped as 'rotund and frumpy' and too virtuous to be interesting. It is full of surprises about her character and her work ... Perhaps the most striking success of the book is Goldman's picture of Caroline the woman, one that will resonate with many female readers. Goldman delivers a refreshing, three-dimensional portrait of a great campaigner, who thought strategically, used the media like a professional, and who was very persuasive personally. It leaves the reader in no doubt that Chisholm was indeed 'an irresistible force'.' The Australian 'A lively and interesting look at one of history's great women.' Daily Telegraph

The Radical Leap is a business parable originally launched in 2004. In the last 10 years, the book has sold over 100,000 copies and inspires business leaders all over the world to bring Love, Energy, Audacity, and Proof to their work and their life.

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