

The Compassionate Samurai Being Extraordinary In An Ordinary World

PRE-ORDER RUTH OZEKI'S NEW NOVEL, THE BOOK OF FORM AND EMPTINESS, TODAY Shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize 2013 'Hi! My name is Nao, and I am a time being. Do you know what a time being is? Well, if you give me a moment, I will tell you.' Ruth discovers a Hello Kitty lunchbox washed up on the shore of her beach home. Within it lies a diary that expresses the hopes and dreams of a young girl. She suspects it might have arrived on a drift of debris from the 2011 tsunami. With every turn of the page, she is sucked deeper into an enchanting mystery. In a small cafe in Tokyo, sixteen-year-old Nao Yasutani is navigating the challenges thrown up by modern life. In the face of cyberbullying, the mysteries of a 104-year-old Buddhist nun and great-grandmother, and the joy and heartbreak of family, Nao is trying to find her own place - and voice - through a diary she hopes will find a reader and friend who finally understands her. Weaving across continents and decades, and exploring the relationship between reader and writer, fact and fiction, *A Tale for the Time Being* is an extraordinary novel about our shared humanity and the search for home.

These vampires don't sparkle...they bite. Book 1 of the *Blood of Eden* trilogy by Julie Kagawa, New York Times bestselling author of *The Iron Fey*, begins a thrilling dark fantasy series where vampires rule, humans are prey...and one girl will become what she hates most to save all she loves. Allison Sekemoto survives in the Fringe, where the vampires who killed her mother rule and she and her crew of outcasts must hide from the monsters at night. All that drives Allie is her hatred of vampires, who keep humans as prey. Until the night Allie herself dies...a becomes one of the monsters. When she hears of a mythical place called Eden that might have a cure for the blood disease that killed off most of civilization, Allie decides to seek it out. Hiding among a band of humans, she begins a journey that will have unforeseen consequences...to herself, to the boy she's falling for who believes she's human, and to the future of the world. Now Allie must decide what—and who—is worth dying for...again. "A fresh and imaginative thrill ride." —Publishers Weekly, starred review *Books in the Blood of Eden* series: *The Immortal Rules* *The Eternity Cure* *The Forever Song*

From the author of the acclaimed *The Curiosity* comes a compelling and moving story of compassion, courage, and redemption. Deborah Birch is a seasoned hospice nurse whose daily work requires courage and compassion. But her skills and experience are tested in new and dramatic ways when her easygoing husband, Michael, returns from his third deployment to Iraq haunted by nightmares, anxiety, and rage. She is determined to help him heal, and to restore the tender, loving marriage they once had. At the same time, Deborah's primary patient is Barclay Reed, a retired history professor and expert in the Pacific Theater of World War II whose career ended in academic scandal. Alone in the world, the embittered professor is dying. As Barclay begrudgingly comes to trust Deborah, he tells her stories from that long-ago war, which help her find a way to help her husband battle his demons. Told with piercing empathy and heartbreaking realism, *The Hummingbird* is a masterful story of loving commitment, service to country, and absolution through wisdom and forgiveness.

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WINNER OF THE THURBER PRIZE The compelling, inspiring, (often comic) coming-of-age story of Trevor Noah, set during the twilight of apartheid and the tumultuous days of freedom that followed. One of the comedy world's brightest new voices, Trevor Noah is a light-footed but sharp-minded observer of the absurdities of politics, race and identity, sharing jokes and insights drawn from the wealth of experience acquired in his relatively young life. As host of the US hit show *The Daily Show with Trevor Noah*, he provides viewers around the globe with their nightly dose of biting satire, but here Noah turns his focus inward, giving readers a deeply personal, heartfelt and humorous look at the world that shaped him. Noah was born a crime, son of a white Swiss father and a black Xhosa mother, at a time when such a union was punishable by five years in prison. Living proof of his parents' indiscretion, Trevor was kept mostly indoors for the first years of his life, bound by the extreme and often absurd measures his mother took to hide him from a government that could, at any moment, take him away. A collection of eighteen personal stories, *Born a Crime* tells the story of a mischievous young boy growing into a restless young man as he struggles to find his place in a world where he was never supposed to exist. *Born a Crime* is equally the story of that young man's fearless, rebellious and fervently religious mother - a woman determined to save her son from the cycle of poverty, violence and abuse that ultimately threatens her own life. Whether subsisting on caterpillars for dinner during hard times, being thrown from a moving car during an attempted kidnapping, or just trying to survive the life-and-death pitfalls of dating in high school, Noah illuminates his curious world with an incisive wit and an unflinching honesty. His stories weave together to form a personal portrait of an unlikely childhood in a dangerous time, as moving and unforgettable as the very best memoirs and as funny as Noah's own hilarious stand-up. *Born a Crime* is a must read. Nineteen interviews conducted over the past two decades on both sides of the Atlantic and beyond with the author of the Booker Prize-winning *The Remains of the Day*

Are You STUCK in a Broken Relationship? We've all been stuck: stuck in traffic, stuck in the mud, stuck in the middle... But getting stuck in a broken relationship is one of the worst places to be stuck. It leaves you hurt and confused: not knowing what to do next. If that's where you find yourself today, then *STUCK* may be the book to help you get unstuck. *A Practical Guide to Broken Relationships* F. Remy Diederich goes beyond anger management and provides his readers with practical, spiritual insight into how to overcome anger. He offers helpful analysis of the question, What is anger? and then carefully suggests approaches, often step-by-step, to help you navigate the process of letting go of your anger and getting your life back on track. *A Bible-based Approach on How to Forgive* F. Remy Diederich's writing is rich in biblical thought and counsel but not simplistic in its application or blind to the realities of human weakness. Issues of anger management, grief, boundaries, and how to forgive are carefully looked at from a spiritual perspective. He also includes a special section on how to forgive yourself. *A Compassion, Realistic Approach to Reconciliation* While encouraging reconciliation, the author is also aware that reconciliation is not always possible and offers alternatives. Because of *STUCK*'s helpful "how-to" nature, you will want to highlight key thoughts and return to them again and again. What will you learn from *STUCK*? The answer to the question: what is anger? Seven reasons why those closest to you often tick you off How to take control of your anger and let it work for you Seven reasons you stay stuck in broken relationships Why grieving is so important after you lose a relationship A

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practical guide on how to forgive others How to help others forgive you and achieve reconciliation How to forgive yourself How to move on from your past and reclaim your life If you are "stuck" in a broken relationship, do yourself a favor and read this book. It could be just the thing you need to help you get unstuck and move on with your life. Still not sure? Go back to the top of this page and check out the "Look Inside The Book" feature to take a glance at how this book can help you "Mend and Move on From Broken Relationships"

The Compassionate Samurai Being Extraordinary in an Ordinary World Hay House, Inc Despite promises of "fast and easy" results from slick marketers, real personal growth is neither fast nor easy. The truth is that hard work, courage, and self-discipline are required to achieve meaningful results—results that are not attained by those who cling to the fantasy of achievement without effort. Personal Development for Smart People reveals the unvarnished truth about what it takes to consciously grow as a human being. As you read, you'll learn the seven universal principles behind all successful growth efforts (truth, love, power, oneness, authority, courage, and intelligence); as well as practical, insightful methods for improving your health, relationships, career, finances, and more. You'll see how to become the conscious creator of your life instead of feeling hopelessly adrift, enjoy a fulfilling career that honors your unique self-expression, attract empowering relationships with loving, compatible partners, wake up early feeling motivated, energized, and enthusiastic, achieve inspiring goals with disciplined daily habits and much more! With its refreshingly honest yet highly motivating style, this fascinating book will help you courageously explore, creatively express, and consciously embrace your extraordinary human journey.

Only one woman can save her world from barbarian invasion but to do so will mean sacrificing everything she holds dear - love, loyalty and maybe life itself . . . Japan, and the year is 1853. Growing up among the samurai of the Satsuma Clan, in Japan's deep south, the fiery, beautiful and headstrong Okatsu has - like all the clan's women - been encouraged to be bold, taught to wield the halberd, and to ride a horse. But when she is just seventeen, four black ships appear. Bristling with cannon and manned by strangers who to the Japanese eyes are barbarians, their appearance threatens Japan's very existence. And turns Okatsu's world upside down. Chosen by her feudal lord, she has been given a very special role to play. Given a new name - Princess Atsu - and a new destiny, she is the only one who can save the realm. Her journey takes her to Edo Castle, a place so secret that it cannot be marked on any map. There, sequestered in the Women's Palace - home to three thousand women, and where only one man may enter: the shogun - she seems doomed to live out her days. But beneath the palace's immaculate facade, there are whispers of murders and ghosts. It is here that Atsu must complete her mission and discover one last secret - the secret of the man whose fate is irrevocably linked to hers: the shogun himself . . .

This new edition of Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy: Distinctive Features (MBCT) provides a concise, straightforward overview of MBCT, fully updated to include recent developments. The training process underpinning MBCT is based on mindfulness meditation practice and invites a new orientation towards internal experience as it arises - one that is characterised by acceptance and compassion. The approach supports a recognition that even though difficulty is an intrinsic part of life, it is possible to work with it in new ways. The book provides a basis for understanding the key

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theoretical and practical features of MBCT and retains its accessible and easy-to-use format that made the first edition so popular, with 30 distinctive features that characterise the approach. Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy: Distinctive Features will be essential reading for professionals and trainees in the field. It is an appealing read for both experienced practitioners and newcomers with an interest in MBCT. Miyamoto Musashi (1584?1645) was the legendary samurai known throughout the world as a master swordsman, spiritual seeker, and author of the classic book on strategy, the Book of Five Rings. Over 350 years after his death, Musashi and his legacy still fascinate us and continue to inspire artists, authors, and filmmakers. Here, respected translator and expert on samurai culture William Scott Wilson has created both a vivid account of a fascinating period in feudal Japan and a portrait of the courageous, iconoclastic samurai who wrestled with philosophical and spiritual ideas that are as relevant today as they were in his time. For Musashi, the way of the martial arts was about mastery of the mind rather than simply technical prowess—and it is this path to mastery that is the core teaching in his Book of Five Rings. This volume includes supplemental material on Musashi's legacy as a martial arts icon, his impact on literature and film, and the influence of his Book of Five Rings.

Modern physics tells us that we're dreaming the world into being with every thought. Courageous Dreaming tells us how to dream our world with power and grace. The ancient shamans of the Americas understood that we're not only creating our experience of the world, but are dreaming up the very nature of reality itself—that is, "life is but a dream." When you don't dream your life, you have to settle for the nightmare being dreamed by others. This book shows how to wake up from the collective nightmare and begin to dream a life of courage and grace, a sacred dream that shamans throughout time have known and served. Alberto Villoldo reveals ancient wisdom teachings that explain how to birth reality from the invisible matrix of creation; and reveals how we can interact with this matrix to dream a life of peace, health, and abundance. He shows us that courage is all that is required to create the joy we desire! Award winning Australian biography endorsed by PainAustralia. In 1964 a junior doctor saw two critically burned boys run into a Sydney hospital begging for help. He saved their lives but struggled to reduce their suffering because few pain treatments existed. That doctor dedicated his life to reducing suffering by improving the treatment of pain. In a career that spanned 50 years, Dr Michael Cousins led the pain world, and crusaded tirelessly for access to pain management to be viewed as a universal human right. He developed new treatments such as epidural analgesia and closed-loop spinal stimulation that revolutionised pain management.

Are you a Christian that knows the King, is saved for eternity, but is struggling to apply Kingdom principles to live the extraordinary life you were called to? Then this book is for you. Have you found certain New Testament stories in the Bible either confusing or simply didn't know how to apply them for results in your life? Then this book is for you. Follow Jesus and discover His keys to living an extraordinary life in an ordinary world by applying Kingdom principles through the ten traits of full commitment, personal responsibility, contribution, focus, honesty, honor, trust, abundance, boldness, and knowledge. Jesus as the Ultimate Compassionate Samurai will empower you to: Discover the keys Jesus used for abundance in the midst of scarcity. Learn how Jesus trusted among untrustworthy people. Realize the secret keys to being bold when you

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don't feel courageous. Uncover Jesus' revelations of commitment in a world that lacks it. Master, with Jesus, the art of being responsible even when you aren't. Through the ultimate model of the life of Jesus and his followers, this book will show you how to combine compassion towards others and success in life, making you the victor you were always destined to be. "This study is yet another brilliant work from my good friend, Brian Klemmer. Whether you are in business, ministry, the arts, medicine, or education, this ten-part series will position you to achieve your highest and best! Including teachings from leaders around the globe, Jesus as the Ultimate Compassionate Samurai is a profound look into the ten vital traits of a compassionate samurai. This will turn your ordinary existence into an extraordinary life!" -John Bevere, Best-selling Author & International Speaker, Messenger International, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Best Life magazine empowers men to continually improve their physical, emotional and financial well-being to better enjoy the most rewarding years of their life.

Become an extraordinary results-producing champion for humanity and yourself! In life there are two types of people. The first are those who are nice, good-hearted, and compassionate but can't make much happen. The other kind can make everything happen—they're the creators, the go-getters, and the aggressive producers in society—however, they're often self-centered, greedy, and unethical. Wouldn't it be great if you could make things happen in a really big way but not lose your integrity? The Compassionate Samurai will show you the way to produce extraordinary results in a dog-eat-dog world and still maintain the highest levels of ethics. You'll learn:

- How to always be satisfied and motivated regardless of your circumstances
- Why all people have freedom but very few have liberty
- What competing commitments are and how they prevent you from having what you want in life
- The secret to operating optimally in an untrustworthy environment
- How to make the shift from scarcity to abundance even if you're knee deep in debt . . .and much, much more!

Merri-jo Hillaker is a lover. She is a lawyer, entrepreneur and a life evangelist who pours her heart out to the world. Her thirst for adventure has taken her to 25 countries, through the forests of Belize on archeological digs, playing cricket in Australia, bike riding in Alaska, orangutan parks in Thailand, to the villages in South Africa. Her Global Mindset Mastery Association supports people the world over in breaking through their disempowering beliefs on the way to the fullness of their calling. "In a world with so many distractions, my hope for us is to live life to our greatest purpose. Unexpected circumstances may steal away people that we treasure dearly. My prayer is to meet you in that impossible place and lead you to the forgiveness that is elusive for so many. The world is awaiting your light." Love always, Merri-jo Hillaker

More than just a book, Play Your Bigger Game is a concept that will take you only nine minutes to understand but a lifetime to play. It was designed from the premise that life itself is one big game. And, if it is, then why not play one that excites, fulfills, and challenges you to develop and express your talents completely? By the way, there's nothing wrong with wanting that. It's a natural expression of who we are, and since each of us is blessed with talents, we're naturally hungry to develop and put them to use. Too often we suppress that desire for full engagement and self-expression because we think it's the grown-up thing to do. We consciously turn down our hunger dials, because we're afraid of expecting too much from life. We also think: If I settle for less, I won't be disappointed. Play Your Bigger Game was created to counteract that self-limiting, fear-based approach to life. It's also designed to keep you forever in play, meaning that you'll never be stuck again, since you'll always have the game

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board to guide your next move. Michelangelo said, "The great danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short but in setting our aim too low and hitting the mark." This book is not just about making a living; it's about making an impact. Curiously enough, I find that once players begin to make a positive impact, their incomes often rise, too. Still, if you're interested in simply making a living and just surviving in life, I'm afraid that this book is not for you. If you want to make an impact in the world and thrive in your life while earning a very good living, please read on. The purpose of this book is to: Reveal the Bigger Game player you already are, help you find the Bigger Games that excite and challenge you to fully deploy all of your energy and gifts, teach you to consciously design the person you're destined to become, allow you to feed the hunger in your soul, help you to make a major impact, and allow you to leave a lasting legacy.

Drawn from His Holiness the Dalai Lama's bestselling THE ART OF HAPPINESS, with Dr Howard C. Cutler, this little book contains simple advice on how to achieve lasting happiness in our everyday lives. Going straight to the heart of the matter, each page offers a gem of spiritual wisdom to enable us to defeat depression, anxiety, anger, jealousy - and the many and varied emotions that form a barrier to our happiness. Melding the knowledge of 2500 years of Buddhist meditations with modern Western psychology, THE ESSENCE OF HAPPINESS offers great spiritual balance and joy, and a source of profound wisdom that can be called upon anywhere, anytime.

The Politics of Passion is the first comprehensive collection of the writing and art of Dr Norman Bethune. A Canadian medical pioneer and a communist, Bethune gained fame during the 1930s while serving in the Spanish Civil War and participating in China's struggle against Japanese invasion. This book sheds light on the man, the artist, and the revolutionary. It uncovers new historical material relating to several controversies surrounding Bethune. A remarkable document obtained from the Communist International Archives in Moscow, for instance, discusses why Bethune was sent home in disgrace from the Spanish Civil War. It refers to a mysterious Swedish woman, Kajsa von Rothman, who was Bethune's lover and who was believed by left-wing Spanish authorities to be politically suspect. This collection of Bethune's writings and art reveals that politics preoccupied him only during the last four years of his life. Earlier, his passionate nature found expression in medical and surgical innovation, as well as in painting, sketching, photography, writing - from poetry and short stories to letters, radio broadcasts, and plays - and public speaking. The Politics of Passion reveals the many sides of Bethune's identity, exploring not only the life of a revolutionary doctor, but of an intense and compassionate artist.

A Compassionate Samurai is a bold, ethical, results-producing person who makes a difference for others as well as himself. THE COMPASSIONATE SAMURAI In life there are two types of people. The first are those who are nice, good-hearted, and compassionate but can't make much happen. The other kind can make everything happen - they're the creators, the go-getters, and the aggressive producers in society - however, they're often self-centered, greedy, and unethical. Wouldn't it be great if you could make things happen in a really big way but not lose your integrity? The Compassionate Samurai will show you the way to produce extraordinary results in a dog-eat-dog world and still maintain the highest levels of ethics. You'll learn: the way to always be satisfied and motivated regardless of your circumstances; why all people have freedom but very few have liberty; what competing commitments are and the ways they prevent you from having what you want in life; the secret to operating optimally in an untrustworthy environment; ways to make the shift from scarcity to abundance even if you're knee-deep in debt ... and much, much more! Brian Klemmer, a graduate of the United States Military Academy, is a best-selling author and highly respected speaker and seminar leader. His company, Klemmer & Associates Leadership Seminars, Inc., has worked with hundreds of thousands of people throughout the world, helping them produce measurable and long-lasting

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changes in their lives. His clients include Aetna Life Insurance, American Suzuki Corporation, General Electric, Walt Disney Attractions, and a dozen network-marketing and direct-sales companies.

Everyone wants to love and be loved unconditionally, but in such a broken world, how is this possible? In *Love ANYWAY*, author and pastor Adrienne Cooley shares how, as you grow confident in God's love for you, you can love others like never before! In this six-week devotional, each section includes a lesson, plus fun activities, quotes, and Bible verses to engage your brain and heart. Discover the power of the L.O.V.E. Method--a tool to help you put love into action: L - Journal Love notes from heaven and scriptures that speak to you O--Observe and share your biggest "aha" moment V--Vow action and be a doer of the Word E--Examine your heart in prayer *Love ANYWAY* is designed for daily personal devotions or to be enjoyed as a small group curriculum, a book club, or a conference discussion guide. No matter what you've been through, who may have hurt you, or the condition of your relationships, you can learn how to genuinely *Love ANYWAY!*

"In this book I have written about some aspects of the war which, I believe, the world must know and remember, not only as a memorial of men's courage in tragic years, but as a warning of what will happen again-surely-if a heritage of evil and of folly is not cut out of the hearts of peoples. Here it is the reality of modern warfare not only as it appears to British soldiers, of whom I can tell, but to soldiers on all the fronts where conditions were the same." This book is part of the World War One Centenary series; creating, collating and reprinting new and old works of poetry, fiction, autobiography and analysis. The series forms a commemorative tribute to mark the passing of one of the world's bloodiest wars, offering new perspectives on this tragic yet fascinating period of human history. Each publication also includes brand new introductory essays and a timeline to help the reader place the work in its historical context. Did you know that people in Indonesia have a word that means 'to take off your clothes in order to dance'? Or how many words the Albanians have for eyebrows and moustaches? Or that the Dutch word for skimming stones is plimpplamppletteren? Drawing on the collective wisdom of over 154 languages, this intriguing book is arranged by theme so you can compare attitudes all over the world to such subjects as food, the human body and the battle of the sexes. Here you can find not only those words for which there is no direct counterpart in English (such as the Japanese age-otori which means looking less attractive after a haircut), but also a frank discussion of exactly how many 'Eskimo' terms there are for snow, and a vast array of information exploring the wonderful and often downright strange world of words. Oh, and tingo means 'to take all the objects one desires from the house of a friend, one at a time, by asking to borrow them'.

Explains how social intelligence is a character trait that can be used to achieve scholarly success.

"Giving birth is the pivotal moment of a woman's life but it is often treated as a medical procedure, and not as a rite of passage. *Birthing from Within* offers parents engaging and memorable ways for pregnant women, and their partners, to activate personal, social and spiritual resources that will guide them through labour and afterwards. Many birth classes teach from the 'outside', from the perspective of the professional. Yet, knowledge of anatomy and the stages of labour can often seem irrelevant in the intensity of contraction. The pregnant woman needs to know about labour and birth from her own perspective, she needs to be prepared for birthing from within. Pam England offers a method that allows a woman to fully understand her own strengths and resources. The self-discoveries made during pregnancy makes birth life-enhancing and empowers the future of the family. It is a multi-sensory and holistic approach that aims to make parents feel positively informed about what they are about to experience,

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confident about the birth of their child. Pain is an inevitable part of childbirth but Birthing from Within provides resources for building pain-coping confidence in parents. It gives detailed instructions on dealing with normal labour pain and when the humane use of drugs may be called for."--Cover.

Clinical ethicists encounter the most emotionally eviscerating medical cases possible. They struggle to facilitate resolutions founded on good reasoning embedded in compassionate care. This book fills the considerable gap between current texts and the continuing educational needs of those actually facing complex ethics consultations in hospital settings. 28 richly detailed cases explore the ethical reasoning, professional issues, and the emotional aspects of these impossibly difficult consultations. The cases are grouped together by theme to aid teaching, discussion and professional growth. The cases inform any reader who has a keen interest in the choices made in real-life medical dilemmas as well as the emotional cost to those who work to improve the situations. On a more advanced level, this book should be read by ethics committee members who participate in ethics consultations, individual ethics consultants, clinicians who seek education about complex clinical ethics cases, and bioethics students.

When Edy Phelps falls hard for her best friend, she knows nothing can come from it. Forget actual chemistry, or the fact that she cherishes his mother more than her own; centuries of tradition say that Hassan Pradhan will grow up, marry the girl his parents select, and think nothing of his best friend: the dancer with the bursting smile. Except he can't. He won't. In a world erupting with possibilities for the boy with a body of steel and dreams of the NFL, everything seems promised while nothing at all is; when he's denied the girl he wants most. Two hearts. Two families devoted through generations of friendship. Could Edy and Hassan really risk all that? And yet ... how could they not?

Teenaged Christine Wainwright's parents regard her and her musical ambitions as inconveniences. Christine's earnest, vain elder brother David is the star of the family: an up-and-coming novelist who has married into the richest family in State City, Iowa. The middle child, Melissa, is struggling with her teaching career and a choice between two men: steady, pragmatic Leander Washington and worshipful Connor Lowe. When Christine disappears, suspicion falls on the Wainwrights' scheming neighbor, Andy Palinkas, who loathes Christine's parents. The unfolding mystery exposes the truth behind the Wainwrights' respectable facade: a convoluted saga of unwanted children, disastrous marriages, romantic double-crosses, and domestic plots and counter-plots.

Joseph Dobrian's new novel, *Ambitions* (Rex Imperator, 426 pps., trade paperback, \$17.95, ISBN 978-0-9835572-3-4) is a stark, elegantly written family drama set in a Midwestern university town. It's a story of aspiration, adoration, and betrayal that explores some of the ugliest realities of human interactions. At the same time, it conveys a message of hope to readers who strive to realize their own ambitions.

REVIEW BY JEFF-CHARIS CARLSON, in the IOWA CITY PRESS-CITIZEN: Like "Anna Karenina," Joseph Dobrian's new novel, "Ambitions," should be required reading in premarital counseling or pre-parenting classes. Like Leo Tolstoy 140 years before him, Dobrian understands intimately the profound truth within the axiom: "Happy families are all alike; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way." And like the thousand-page Russian masterpiece, Dobrian's 440-page "Ambitions" provides a veritable catalog of various unhappy marriages and parent-child relationships. Unlike Tolstoy's Konstantin Levin, however, Dobrian's authorial stand-in character, Andy

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Palinkas, isn't working his way through one of the family relationships in question. Instead, as the middle-aged owner of a men's clothing store, he remains an unmarried, well-dressed man who, disappointedly, tends to give off the wrong vibe to the women he finds attractive. Yet Andy's bachelor-status also leaves him free to observe, gossip about and learn from the failings of his coupled and kidded customers, colleagues and fellow citizens. And his mentoring relationship with his neighbors' teenage daughter - whose life he saved when she was a child - provides him with a good deal of behind-the-scenes dirt on the main characters. Throw in Andy's many business contacts and his frequent appearances at various School of Music concerts, and the character soon has all the information he needs to narrate a compelling story, seven years after the fact, from a third-person, limited-omniscient (and highly snarky) perspective. Dobrain's own sepia-tinged narrative style often makes the 2000s setting of the novel feel more like a half-century earlier. And despite the novel's dramatic opening with the disappearance of that teen-age neighbor, "Ambitions" is much more a multi-generational character study than a plot-driven mystery. Set against the backdrop of a thinly fictionalized version of Iowa City - State City, a UNESCO-designated "City of Music" - Dobrian's already on-target psychological insights hit even closer to home. Although there are many times in which both Andy and Dobrian seem to be having almost too much fun at others' expense, Dobrian generally is empathetic with his characters whose mundane lives are drowning in their own ordinariness. As with Dobrian's Writers' Group columns and his earlier essay collection, "Seldom Right But Never in Doubt," there are a few times when you feel like throwing the book across the room - mainly in frustration at the blitheness in which the characters go about ruining their lives. But the novel proves to be surprisingly addictive. (I found it so hard to put down that I made it through 300 pages in the first night and had to go to work bleary-eyed the next day.)"

You may remember visiting a grandparent or elder friend who lived in a nursing home memory unit. When you were a child you may recall sights, sounds, and smells that caused you to feel uneasy. Step into any one of today's 16,000 long-term care facilities across the US, and suddenly those memories reemerge. Nurse Supervisor K. Allen tells of the emotional investments found while working with seniors inside the Van Gogh, a large upscale urban assisted living complex. Located at its core is found a locked memory care unit, the Rembrandt, where he and his heroic support team struggle to comfort those suffering from Alzheimer's and other types of Dementia. Emotionally rich and deeply moving, *Remembering What I Forgot* tells of a day in the life of a memory unit nurse and the unimaginable obstacles faced by today's health care workers. A first of its kind, the story provides its reader with a rare glimpse into "life on a memory unit" including the emotional torment experienced by visitors who witness their loved one slip into ever increasing apathy and confusion. In its truest sense a love story of the need to cope and how to find hope when someone we love suddenly cannot remember well and is handed a diagnosis of Dementia. Insightful, humorous and heartfelt, *Remembering What I Forgot* conveys a message of inspiration and helps us connect with those in the final chapter of their life. Let us not forget them.

Just as down-and-out Linden Kozlowski is about to end it all, he's intercepted by a monk who convinces him that if he runs away from life, he'll have to return, and his problems will just get worse. To escape the pain of the world forever, Linden stays alive long enough to make a mystical deal to never be reborn again....

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SINOPSIS Ada dua jenis manusia. Pertama, mereka yang baik dan penuh perhatian tapi tak mampu mewujudkan apa pun. Kedua, mereka yang dapat mewujudkan segala sesuatu—mereka lah sang kreator, penggagas, dan pembangun yang agresif di masyarakat. Namun mereka acapkali egosentris, tamak, dan tak berperasaan. Sang Samurai Pengasih (The Compassionate Samurai) adalah perpaduan kedua jenis manusia tersebut. Dialah sosok individu yang tegas, efektif, sekaligus terhormat dan baik budi. Bukankah menyenangkan bila Anda dapat mewujudkan hal-hal besar dengan cara yang mulia tanpa kehilangan integritas Anda? Buku ini menyuguhkan berbagai cara jitu untuk menghasilkan hal-hal luar biasa dalam hidup. Di dalamnya Anda akan menemukan: Bagaimana agar dapat selalu bersemangat dalam situasi apa pun. Mengapa hanya sedikit yang mempunyai kebebasan, padahal semua orang memiliki kemerdekaan. Apa saja yang menghalangi Anda untuk mewujudkan keinginan Anda. Cara untuk fokus sembari tetap bersenang-senang. Rahasia bisa bekerja optimal di lingkungan yang kurang mendukung. Rahasia dapat beralih dari kekurangan menuju keberlimpahan, sekalipun posisi Anda sedang terlilit utang. ENDORSEMENT “Brian menguraikan setidaknya sepuluh jalan hidup yang harus dilakukan untuk bisa meraih impian tanpa mencelakakan orang lain. Komitmen, bertanggung jawab secara pribadi, kontribusi, fokus, kejujuran, kehormatan, kepercayaan, kelimpahan, keberanian, dan pengetahuan. Semua dirangkum beserta contoh-contoh nyata sehingga mudah bagi pembaca untuk membayangkan apa yang seharusnya dilakukan.” —Republika “Sukses karier, banyak teman, dan memiliki hubungan sosial yang baik adalah pujaan banyak orang. Buku ini berusaha menuntun kita bagaimana kita bisa mencapai jalan yang menjadi pujaan banyak orang itu. Dengan penyajian bahasa populer dan penjelasan yang gamblang, buku ini patut menjadi bacaan siapa pun tanpa memandang profesi dan usia.” —Muhammad Husnil, Koran Jakarta “Samurai adalah anggota kasta ksatria Jepang yang mulai berkuasa pada abad ke-12 dan mendominasi pemerintahan sampai 1868. Mereka terkenal sebagai ksatria paling ditakuti dan dihormati pada masanya, juga termasyhur pandai mengendalikan hawa nafsu dan sama sekali tak terpengaruh keadaan sekitar. Para ksatria itu hidup berlandaskan nilai-nilai amat ketat—selanjutnya dikenal sebagai Bushido—yang mengutamakan keberanian, kehormatan, dan kesetiaan pribadi. Bushido secara harfiah bermakna “jalan ksatria”. Dan karena itu, konsep “samurai yang baik hati” kelihatannya mengandung pertentangan. Padahal kata samuraisendiri berarti “melayani”. Pada hakikatnya, keinginan orang yang demikian adalah menolong orang lain. Jadi, saya memperluas aspek ini dengan membuat istilah samurai pengasih untuk menunjuk seseorang yang memiliki nilai-nilai kuat, yang dapat mewujudkan apa pun sekaligus mengabdikan seluruh hidupnya untuk melayani.”—Brian Klemmer

God likes sex. He made it, and He likes everything He made. Sex is an amazing experience that can be the perfect moment in a beautiful, covenant relationship. Except when it isn't. No one likes sex that is troublesome, unfulfilling and wounding. Not even God. But sex was never designed to just be a stand-alone experience. God designed it to function within a system in the same way He created the universe to work within a system. In fact, God started the whole thing with naked-good naked, and not afraid or ashamed. Good Naked promises practical insight for sexual wholeness with a simple, seven-layer look into God's

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A director reveals the original inspirations for his films, their history, his methods of work, and the problems of visual creativity

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WARRIOR. SAMURAI. LEGEND. The remarkable life of history's first foreign-born samurai, and his astonishing journey from Northeast Africa to the heights of Japanese society. The man who came to be known as Yasuke arrived in Japan in the 16th century, an indentured mercenary arriving upon one of the Portuguese ships carrying a new language, a new religion and an introduction to the slave trade. Curiously tall, bald, massively built and black skinned, he was known as a steadfast bodyguard of immense strength and stature, and swiftly captured the interest, and thence the trust, of the most powerful family in all of Japan. Two years later, he vanished. Yasuke is the story of a legend that still captures the imagination of people across the world. It brings to life a little known side of Japan - a gripping narrative about an extraordinary figure in a fascinating time and place.

Inner Voice: Unlock Your Purpose and Passion tells the story of how one man's struggle to find the true meaning of life evolved into a worldwide movement known as Inner Voice™. Internationally recognized businessman, financial expert, and real-estate icon Russ Whitney spent five years and 20,000 hours researching and developing this program. It is built on simple yet powerful principles and strategies that guide readers to identify their purpose; develop their passion; and have a peaceful, joyful, and successful life that's richer and more fulfilling than they ever dreamed possible. Inner Voice is a dramatic departure from Whitney's earlier best-selling books, which all focused on financial success, real estate, and wealth-building strategies. Instead, he now teaches from personal experience the happiness that can be found in humility; the importance of living in the moment; the need to understand, recognize, and master the immutable laws of the universe; and how to surrender and find real answers and peace with what you can't control. In addition, he introduces readers to powerful life-changing tools, including the Discovery Chart and two-way conscious contact, to achieve and maintain a connection with their Inner Voice. This step-by-step guide demonstrates exactly how to apply Inner Voice principles and strategies on a daily basis in order to be free of anxiety, frustration, fear, doubt, guilt, and shame so that you can have the spectacular life your creator intended for you.

"She'd gone home once to her mama's house trying to get out of it, but her mama told her that 'a good woman don't go off on her husband'..." [pg. 4] Annie Huckaby is almost resigned to life on the farm with Tom, who works at a coal mine during the week, leaving Annie to take care of the house and their infant

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son while an ex-convict named Jim takes care of the farm. Twila visits every day and helps Annie make a little money of her own selling eggs to the café. And there's church on Sunday. Annie is not always alone, but still, she's lonely...until one afternoon, a peddler named Jake Stern wanders onto the porch wearing a clean white shirt, selling notions and tenderness. "This novel rings true on many levels and women will especially grasp its message" - Alan Caruba, Charter Member of The National Book Critics Circle "Tom's Wife is a compelling read" - Dr. Arthur Dechene, Austin City College "A poignant story of a dirt poor family during the Great Depression" - Kaye Trout Books

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