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The Still Point of the Turning World 2013-03-07

like all mothers emily rapp had ambitious plans for her first and only child ronan he would be smart loyal physically fearless and level headed but fun he would be good at crossword puzzles like his father he would be an avid skier like his mother rapp would speak to him in foreign languages and give him the best education but all of these plans changed when ronan was diagnosed at nine months old with tay sachs disease a rare and always fatal degenerative disorder ronan was not expected to live beyond the age of three he would be permanently stalled at a developmental level of six months rapp and her husband were forced to re evaluate everything they thought they knew about parenting they would have to learn to live with their child in the moment to find happiness in the midst of sorrow to parent without a future the still point of the turning world is the story of a mother s journey through grief and beyond it rapp s response to her son s diagnosis was a belief that she needed to make my world big to make sense of her family s situation through art literature philosophy theology and myth drawing on a broad range of thinkers and writers from c s lewis to sylvia plath hegel to mary shelley s frankenstein rapp learns what wisdom there is to be gained from parenting a terminally ill child in luminous exquisitely moving prose she re examines our most fundamental assumptions about what it means to be a good parent to be a success and to live a meaningful life

Sanctuary 2021-01-19

an often beautiful jewel of a book black s power as a writer means she can take us with her to places that normally our minds would refuse to go the new york times book review editors choice from the new york times bestselling author of the still point of the turning world comes an incisive memoir about how she came to question and redefine the concept of resilience after the trauma of her first child s death congratulations on the resurrection of your life a colleague wrote to emily rapp black when she announced the birth of her second child the line made rapp black pause her first child a boy named ronan had died from tay sachs disease before he turned three years old an experience she wrote about in her second book the still point of the turning world since that time her life had changed utterly she left the marriage that fractured under the terrible weight of her son s illness got remarried to a man who she fell in love with while her son was dying had a flourishing career and gave birth to a healthy baby girl but she rejected the idea that she was leaving her old life behind that she had in the manner of the mythical phoenix risen from the ashes and been reborn into a new story when she still carried so much of her old story with her more to the point she wanted to carry it with her everyone she met told her she was resilient strong courageous in ways they didn t think they could be but what did those words mean really this book is an attempt to unpack the various notions of resilience that we carry as a culture drawing on contemporary psychology neurology etymology literature art and self help emily rapp black shows how we need a more complex understanding of this concept when applied to stories of loss and healing and overcoming the odds knowing that we may be asked to rebuild and reimagine our lives at any moment and often when we least expect it interwoven with lyrical unforgettable personal vignettes from her life as a mother wife daughter friend and teacher rapp black creates a stunning tapestry that is full of wisdom and insight

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not since when breath becomes air has a memoir conveyed such profound loss alongside such luminous and life affirming love adrienne brodeur author of wild game a searing memoir of a mother s love the meaning of resilience and the possibilities of life after grief from the new york times bestselling author of the still point of the turning world congratulations on the resurrection of your life a colleague wrote to emily rapp black when she announced the birth of her second child the line made emily pause her first child ronan had died before he turned three years old from tay sachs disease an experience she wrote about in her first book the still point of the turning world since that time her life had changed utterly she had left the marriage that fractured under the terrible weight of her son s illness remarried the love of her life had a flourishing career and given birth to a healthy baby girl but she rejected the idea that she was leaving her old life behind that she had in the manner of the mythical phoenix risen from the ashes and been reborn into a new story when she carried so much of her old story with her more to the point she wanted to carry it with her everyone she met told her she was resilient strong courageous in ways they didn t think they could be but what did these words mean really sanctuary is an attempt to unpack the various notions of resilience that we carry as a culture drawing on contemporary psychology neurology etymology literature art and self help emily rapp black shows how we need a more complex understanding of this concept when applied to stories of loss and healing interwoven with lyrical unforgettable personal vignettes from her life as a mother wife daughter friend and teacher rapp black creates a stunning tapestry that is full of wisdom and insight

Poster Child 2007

born with a congenital condition that led to the amputation of her left leg a former march of dimes poster child offers an unflinching brutally honest and often darkly humorous account of wrestling with the tyranny of self image and ultimately coming to terms with her own body

PRIME MAGAZINE APR MAY 2014 2021-06-15

a new york times bestselling author s personal examination of how the experiences art and disabilities of frida kahlo shaped her life as an amputee at first sight of frida kahlo s painting the two fridas emily rapp black felt a connection with the artist an amputee from childhood rapp black grew up with a succession of prosthetic limbs and learned that she had to hide her disability from the world kahlo sustained lifelong injuries after a horrific bus crash and her right leg was eventually amputated in kahlo s art rapp black recognized her own life from the numerous operations to the compulsion to create to silence pain here she tells her story of losing her infant son to tay sachs giving birth to a daughter and learning to accept her body she writes of how frida kahlo inspired her to find a way forward when all seemed lost book cover image frida kahlo prosthetic limb frida kahlo diego rivera archives bank of mexico fiduciary in the diego rivera and frida kahlo museum trust

Frida Kahlo and My Left Leg 2015-09-01

in the second half of the eighteenth century celebrated swiss physician samuel auguste tissot 1728 1797 received over 1 200 medical consultation letters from across europe and beyond written by individuals seeking respite from a range of ailments these letters offer valuable insight into the nature of physical suffering plaintive desperate querulous fearful frustrated and sometimes arrogant and self interested in tone the letters to tissot not only express the struggle of individuals to understand the body and its workings but also reveal the close connections between embodiment and politics through the process of writing letters to describe their ailments the correspondents created textual versions of themselves articulating identities shaped by their physical experiences using these identities and experiences as examples sonja boon argues that the complaints voiced in the letters were intimately linked to broader social and political discourses of citizenship in the late eighteenth century a period beset with concerns about depopulation moral depravity and corporeal excess and organized around intricate rules of propriety contributing to the fields of literary criticism history gender and sexuality studies and history of medicine telling the flesh establishes a compelling argument about the connections between health politics and identity

Telling the Flesh 2013-10-10

a compelling collection of essays that address the experiences of many who have genetically based illnesses library journal the contributors to the story within share powerful experiences of living with genetic disorders their stories illustrate the complexities involved in making decisions about genetic diseases whether to be tested who to tell whether to have children and whether and how to treat children medically if treatment is available more broadly they consider how genetic information shapes the ways we see ourselves the world and our actions within it people affected by genetic disease respond to such choices in varied ways these writers reflect that breadth of response yet they share the desire to challenge a restricted sense of what health is or whose life has value they write hoping to expand conversations about genetics and identity to deepen debate and generate questions they or their families are affected by huntington s disease alzheimer s disease cancer genetic deafness or blindness schizophrenia cystic fibrosis tay sachs hypertrophic cardiomyopathy fragile x or fanconi anemia all of their stories remind us that genetic health is complicated dynamic and above all deeply personal contributors include mishka angrist amy boesky kelly cupo michael downing clare dunsford mara faulkner christine kehl o hagan charlie pierce kate preskenis emily rapp jennifer rosner joanna rudnick anabel stenzel isabel stenzel byrnes laurie strongin patrick tracey alice wexler

The Story Within 2019-09-01

most of us expect to meander through the motions of love marriage and textbook baby in the carriage but once in a while life has something a little more special in store special is an uplifting candid companion for those in the early stages of navigating a child s disability offering honest reassuring and relatable insight into a largely

unknown and so initially terrifying part of our world it features antidotes to the obsessions at the forefront of a newly minted special needs parent's mind why has this happened to me will i ever stop comparing my child to typical children how will my relationship survive will i be able to work again should i have another baby and the big one what will my future look like inspired by the author's own crash landing into special needs parenthood and shaped by her conversations with parents of children with wide ranging disabilities alongside specialists psychologists and researchers special shares stories guidance and simple coping strategies to soothe and surprise anyone whose life has taken an unexpected turn

Special 2018-09-25

a groundbreaking book exploring the little known yet critical connections between anxiety and grief with practical strategies for healing following the renowned küross stages model if you're suffering from anxiety but not sure why or if you're struggling with loss and looking for solace anxiety the missing stage of grief offers help and answers significant loss and unresolved grief are primary underpinnings of anxiety something that grief expert claire bidwell smith discovered in her own life and in her practice with her therapy clients now using research and real life stories smith breaks down the physiology of anxiety giving you a concrete foundation of understanding in order to help you heal starting with the basics of what is anxiety and what is grief and moving to concrete approaches such as making amends taking charge and retraining your brain anxiety takes a big step beyond elisabeth küross's widely accepted five stages to unpack everything from our age old fears about mortality to the bare vulnerability a loss can make us feel with concrete tools and coping strategies for panic attacks getting a handle on anxious thoughts and more smith bridges these two emotions in a way that is deeply empathetic and eminently practical

Anxiety: The Missing Stage of Grief 2019-06-04

an inspirational memoir about how jennifer pastiloff's years of waitressing taught her to seek out unexpected beauty how hearing loss taught her to listen fiercely how being vulnerable allowed her to find love and how imperfections can lead to a life full of wild happiness centered around the touchstone stories jen tells in her popular workshops on being human is the story of how a starved person grew into the exuberant woman she was meant to be all along by battling the demons within and winning jen did not intend to become a yoga teacher but when she was given the opportunity to host her own retreats she left her thirteen year waitressing job and said yes despite crippling fears of her inexperience and her own potential after years of feeling depressed anxious and hopeless in a life that seemed to have no escape she healed her own heart by caring for others she has learned to fiercely listen despite being nearly deaf to banish shame attached to a body mass index and to rebuild a family after the debilitating loss of her father when she was eight through her journey jen conveys the experience most of us are missing in our lives being heard and being told i got you exuberant triumphantly messy and brave on being human is a celebration of happiness and self realization over darkness and doubt her complicated yet imperfectly perfect life path is an inspiration to live outside the box and to reject the all too common belief of i am not enough jen will help readers find accept and embrace their own vulnerability bravery and humanness

On Being Human 2023-11-02

this edited volume brings together contributions on disability studies organized around two themes literary and sociological aspects the contributors include academics disability activists and researchers from within and outside the indian periphery while the book strengthens the disability discourse and contributes to building academic scholarship on this subject it also promotes disability activism by giving space to both direct practitioners and persons with disabilities the chapters discuss various analytical and literary aspects of the marginalization experienced by the disabled community and bring forth new and elaborate perspectives it draws connections across multiple identities and includes personal narratives across nations cultures and societies it is an excellent research resource on disability studies in india for scholars and students in the area of humanities education law sociology and social work while at the same time also addressing the global context

Understanding Disability 2017-11-09

collects parent narratives personal experience and academic research to portray the lives of parent caregivers looking at both the trials and the triumphs inherent in

raising a child with special needs it presents parents as moral individuals struggling to find their own way through relatively unexplored territory in order to provide for their child the best life possible

Extreme Caregiving 2023-01-10

when children are born with disabilities or become disabled in childhood parents often experience bewilderment they find themselves unexpectedly in another world without a roadmap without community and without narratives to make sense of their experiences the disabled child memoirs of a normal future tracks the narratives that have emerged from the community of parent memoirists who since the 1980s have written in resistance of their children's exclusion from culture though the disabilities represented in the genre are diverse the memoirs share a number of remarkable similarities they are generally written by white heterosexual middle or upper middle class able-bodied parents and they depict narratives in which the disabled child overcomes barriers to a normal childhood and adulthood apgar demonstrates that in the process of telling these stories which recuperate their children as productive members of society parental memoirists write their children into dominant cultural narratives about gender race and class by reinforcing and buying into these norms apgar argues special needs parental memoirs reinforce ableism at the same time that they're writing against it

The Disabled Child 2017-11-14

the story of jamie bérubé's journey to adulthood and a meditation on disability in american life published in 1996 life as we know it introduced jamie bérubé to the world as a sweet bright gregarious little boy who loves the beatles pizza and making lists when he is asked in his preschool class what he would like to be when he grows up he responds with one word big at four he is like many kids his age but his down syndrome prevents most people from seeing him as anything but disabled twenty years later jamie is no longer little though he still jams to the beatles eats pizza and makes endless lists of everything from the sixty seven counties of pennsylvania in alphabetical order from memory to the various opponents of the wrestler known as the undertaker in life as jamie knows it michael bérubé chronicles his son's journey to adulthood and his growing curiosity and engagement with the world writing as both a disability studies scholar and a father he follows jamie through his social and academic experiences in school his evolving relationships with his parents and brother nick his encounters with illness and the complexities of entering the workforce with a disability as jamie matures his parents acknowledge his entitlement to a personal sense of independence whether that means riding the bus home from work on his own taking himself to a yankees game or deciding which parts of his story are solely his to share with a combination of stirring memoir and sharp intellectual inquiry bérubé tangles with bioethicists politicians philosophers and anyone else who sees disability as an impediment to a life worth living far more than the story of an exceptional child growing up to be big life as jamie knows it challenges us to rethink how we approach disability and is a passionate call for moving toward a more just more inclusive society

Life as Jamie Knows It 2022-07-11

lysosomal storage disorders enables readers to gain both holistic and specific knowledge on the topic of lysosomal storage disorders in the past few decades we have witnessed a golden age of lysosomal storage disorders lsd's clinical care diagnosis and research and this book is a well timed review of the rapidly developing subject of lsd's contributions from many leading scientists and clinicians in the field provide the reader with a completely comprehensive overview of the subject topics covered in the book include the general aspects of lsd's with special attention paid to physiology and pathology clinical and laboratory diagnosis including newborn screening and the genetics of lsd's individual lsd's such as the various sphingolipidoses mucopolysaccharidoses glycogen storage disease glycoproteinoses galactosialidosis and neuronal ceroid lipofuscinoses other disorders of the lysosome including those involving defects in the lysosomal membrane and in the emerging roles of the lysosome in cellular metabolism the existing and emerging treatments for lsd's key patient issues such as availability and disease awareness including in the third world for researchers and industry professionals in the field of lsd's this book serves as a completely comprehensive reference work to understand both theoretical concepts and how they may be used in practical applications for students of lsd's it provides a solid base of foundational knowledge and serves as a practical guide

Lysosomal Storage Disorders 2019-04-02

at the heart of our current moment lies a universal yearning writes david zahl not to be happy or respected so much as enough what religions call righteous to fill the void left by religion we look to all sorts of everyday activities from eating and parenting to dating and voting for the identity purpose and meaning once provided on sunday morning in our striving we are chasing a sense of enoughness but it remains ever out of reach and the effort and anxiety are burning us out secularity takes a thoughtful yet entertaining tour of american performancism and its cousins highlighting both their ingenuity and mercilessness all while challenging the conventional narrative of religious decline zahl unmasks the competing pieties around which so much of our lives revolve and he does so in a way that s at points playful personal and incisive ultimately he brings us to a fresh appreciation for the grace of god in all its countercultural wonder

Secularity 2017-04-10

which theoretical and methodological approaches of contemporary cultural criticism resonate within the field of disability studies what can cultural studies gain by incorporating disability more fully into its toolbox for critical analysis culture theory disability features contributions by leading international cultural disability studies scholars which are complemented with a diverse range of responses from across the humanities spectrum this essential volume encourages the problematization of disability in connection with critical theories of literary and cultural representation aesthetics politics science and technology sociology and philosophy it includes essays by lennard j davis rosemarie garland thomson dan goodley robert mcruer and margrit shildrick

Culture - Theory - Disability 2023-07-31

the stories of lived experience offer powerful representations of a nation s complex and often fractured identity personal narratives have taken many forms in american literature from the letters and journals of the famous and the lesser known to the memoirs of former slaves to hit true crime podcasts to lyric essays to the curated archives we keep on social media life writing has been a tool of both the influential and the disenfranchised to spark cultural and political evolution to help define the larger identity of the nation and to claim a sense of belonging within it taken together individual stories of real american lives weave a tapestry of history humanity and art while raising questions about the veracity of memory and the slippery nature of truth this volume surveys the forms of life writing that have contributed to the richness of american literature and shaped american discourse it examines life writing as a rhetorical tool for social change and explores how technological advancement has allowed ordinary americans to chronicle and share their lives with others

The Routledge Introduction to American Life Writing 2017-04-25

set against the unexplained stroke of the author s newborn daughter this stunning unflinchingly honest memoir is a thought provoking reflection on uncertainty in medicine and in life growing up as the daughter of a dedicated surgeon elizabeth l silver felt an unquestioned faith in medicine when her six week old daughter abby was rushed to the neonatal intensive care unit with sudden seizures and scans revealed a serious brain bleed her relationship to medicine began to change the tincture of time is silver s gorgeous and haunting chronicle of abby s first year it s a year of unending tests doctors opinions sleepless nights promising signs and steps backward and above all uncertainty the mysterious circumstances of abby s hospitalization attract dozens of specialists none of whom can offer a conclusive answer about what went wrong or what the future holds as silver explores what it means to cope with uncertainty as a patient and parent and seeks peace in the reality that abby s injury may never be fully understood she looks beyond her own story for comfort probing literature and religion examining the practice of medicine throughout history and reporting the experiences of doctors patients and fellow caretakers the result is a brilliant blend of personal narrative and cultural analysis at once a poignant snapshot of a parent s struggle and a wise meditation on the reality of uncertainty in and out of medicine and the hard won truth that time is often its only cure heart wrenching unflinchingly honest and beautifully written the tincture of time is a powerful story of parenthood an astute examination of the boundaries of medicine and an inspiring reminder of life s precariousness

The Tincture of Time 2018-09-17

this issue of child and adolescent psychiatric clinics guest edited by drs david buxton and natalie jacobowski will cover several important aspects surrounding dealing with death and dying amongst a child and adolescent population this unique volume will include topics such as talking to adolescents about their death continuing to parent when a parent has a terminal illness supporting children and families at a child s end of life collaboration with a pediatric palliative teams current gaps and opportunities to improve care for children at the end of life ethical issues around pediatric death making meaning after losing child family bereavement after a child dies the role of art therapy in bereavement care of children helping healthcare staff cope after a child dies how do providers deal with a child patient who completes suicide managing a suicide in a school system perinatal death and social media consequences of pediatric death

Dealing with Death and Dying, An Issue of Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Clinics of North America 2018-06-27

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2017-09-01

named a best book of the year by the san francisco chronicle survivor cafe feels like the book rosner was born to write each page is imbued with urgency with sincerity with heartache with heart her words alongside the words of other survivors of atrocity and their descendants across the globe can help us build a more humane world san francisco chronicle as firsthand survivors of many of the twentieth century s most monumental events the holocaust hiroshima the killing fields begin to pass away survivor cafe addresses urgent questions how do we carry those stories forward how do we collectively ensure that the horrors of the past are not forgotten elizabeth rosner organizes her book around three trips with her father to buchenwald concentration camp in 1983 in 1995 and in 2015 each journey an experience in which personal history confronts both commemoration and memorialization she explores the echoes of similar legacies among descendants of african american slaves descendants of cambodian survivors of the killing fields descendants of survivors of the bombing of hiroshima and nagasaki and the effects of 9 11 on the general population examining current brain research rosner depicts the efforts to understand the intergenerational inheritance of trauma as well as the intricacies of remembrance in the aftermath of atrocity survivor cafe becomes a lens for numerous constructs of memory from museums and commemorative sites to national reconciliation projects to small group cross cultural encounters beyond preserving the firsthand testimonies of participants and witnesses individuals and societies must continually take responsibility for learning the painful lessons of the past in order to offer hope for the future survivor cafe offers a clear eyed sense of the enormity of our twenty first century human inheritance not only among direct descendants of the holocaust but also in the shape of our collective responsibility to learn from tragedy and to keep the ever changing conversations alive between the past and the present

Survivor Café 2022-04-12

a good morning america recommended book a buzzfeed most anticipated book of the year a lit hub most anticipated book of the year a rumpus most anticipated book of the year a hustle most anticipated book of the month a pathbreaking feminist manifesto impossible to put down or dismiss gina frangelo tells the morally complex story of her adulterous relationship with a lover and her shortcomings as a mother and in doing so highlights the forces that shaped silenced and shamed her everyday misogyny puritanical expectations regarding female sexuality and maternal sacrifice and male oppression adrienne brodeur author of wild game gina frangelo spent her early adulthood trying to outrun a youth marked by poverty and violence now a long married wife and devoted mother the better life she carefully built is emotionally upended by the death of her closest friend soon awakened to fault lines in her troubled marriage frangelo is caught up in a recklessly passionate affair leading a double life while continuing to project the image of the perfect family when her secrets are finally uncovered both her home and her identity will implode testing the limits of desire responsibility love and forgiveness blow your house down is a powerful testimony about the ways our culture seeks to cage women in traditional narratives of self sacrifice and erasure frangelo uses her personal story to examine the place of women in contemporary society the violence they experience the rage they suppress the ways their

bodies often reveal what they cannot say aloud and finally what it means to transgress being good in order to reclaim your own life

Blow Your House Down 2013-02

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Buzz Books 2013 2024-02-27

the volume addresses the pertinent need to examine childhood trauma revolving around themes of war sexual abuse and disability drawing narratives from spatial temporal and cultural contexts the book analyses how conflict abuse domestic violence contours of gender construction and narratives of ableism affect a child's transactions with society while exploring complex manifestations of children's experience of trauma the volume seeks to understand the issues related to translatability representation of trauma bearing in mind the fact that children often lack the language to express their sense of loss the book in its study of childhood trauma does a close exegesis of select literary pieces drawings done by children memoirs and graphic narratives academicians and research scholars from the disciplines of childhood studies trauma studies resilience studies visual studies gender studies cultural studies disability studies and film studies stand to benefit from this volume the ideas that have been expressed in this volume will richly contribute towards further research and scholarship in this domain

Articulating Childhood Trauma 2016-04-25

including both theoretical discussions and practical information for congregational use or pastoral use this rich accessible book explores biblical text historical and theological issues of disability and examples of successful ministry by people with disabilities disability faith and the church inclusion and accommodation in contemporary congregations draws from a range of christian theologians denominational statements writings of people with disabilities and experiences of successful ministries for people with disabilities to answer the deep need of many christian communities to live out their calling by welcoming all people by focusing on 20th and 21st century thinkers and political and religious practices the book outlines best practices for congregations and supplies practical information that readers can apply in classroom or church settings the author draws on thinkers from a variety of christian traditions including roman catholicism episcopalianism lutheranism and the reform traditions to provide a theologically robust discussion that remains accessible to churchgoers without formal theological training emphasis is placed on connecting formal theological reflection and the experiences of ordinary people with disabilities to existing congregational practices and denominational statements thereby enabling readers to decide on the best ways to successfully include people with disabilities into their communities within the rich and diverse christian theological tradition

Disability, Faith, and the Church 2017-10-19

a philosophical exploration of the relationships between spirituality well being religion and philosophy examining specific spiritual practices and spiritually informed virtues

Spirituality and the Good Life 2009-08-03

intelligent but accessible and often poignant by the biggest talents on the essay and blog beat publishers weekly on vol 2 anyone still asking what is creative nonfiction will find the answer in this collection of artfully crafted true stories selected by lee gutkind the godfather behind creative nonfiction and the staff of creative nonfiction these stories ranging from immersion journalism to intensely personal essays illustrate the genre's power and potential edwidge danticat recalls her uncle moise's love of a certain four letter word and finds in his abandonment of the word near the end of his life the true meaning of exile in literary murder julianna baggott traces her roots as a novelist to her family's strange desperate sometimes conniving and glorious past and writes about her decision in the madam to kill off a character based on her grandfather and sean rowe explains why if you must get arrested selma alabama is the place to do it this exciting and expansive array of works and voices is sure to impress and delight

The Best Creative Nonfiction 2024-07-02

comprising eight revised essays and seven new pieces this work provides a comprehensive resource for students scientists bioethicists physicians and laypeople to better understand and discuss the ethical issues underlying this technology that has the potential to forever change the world

The Promise and Peril of CRISPR 2020-07-21

award winning writer heather lanier s memoir about raising a child with a rare syndrome defying the tyranny of normal and embracing parenthood as a spiritual practice that breaks us open in the best of ways like many women of her generation writer heather lanier did everything by the book when she was expecting her first child she ate organic foods recited affirmations and drew up a birth plan for an unmedicated labour in the hopes that she could create a superbaby an ultra healthy human destined for a high achieving future but her daughter fiona challenged all of lanier s preconceptions born with an ultra rare syndrome known as wolf hirschhorn fiona received a daunting prognosis she would experience significant developmental delays and might not reach her second birthday not only had lanier failed to produce a superbaby she now fiercely loved a child that the world would sometimes reject the diagnosis obliterated lanier s perfectionist tendencies along with her most closely held beliefs about certainty vulnerability and love with tiny bits of mozzarella cheese a walker rolled to library story time a talking ipad app and a whole lot of rock and reggae mother and daughter spend their days doing whatever it takes to give fiona nourishment movement and language they also confront society s attitudes toward disability and the often cruel assumptions made about fiona s worth lanier realises the biggest question is not will my daughter walk or talk but how can i best love my girl just as she is loving fiona opens lanier up to new understandings of what it means to be human what it takes to be a mother and above all the aching joy and wonder that come from embracing the unique life of her rare girl

Raising A Rare Girl 2017-07-25

we either think our lives are so special that everyone should be interested in what s happened to us or so ordinary that we can t imagine anyone would care the truth lies somewhere in between yes we are all special and no people will not care unless we write with them in mind joanne fedler a beloved writing teacher and mentor has written your story to help all people even those who don t necessarily identify as writers value their life stories and write them in such a way that they transcend the personal and speak into a universal story she shows how to write from your life but for the benefit of others filled with practical wisdom and tools this book tackles mind set issues that prevent us from writing ways to develop trust in yourself the process the mystery triggers or prompts to elicit our own stories joanne s original techniques for lifewriting developed over a decade of teaching and mentoring and much more joanne understands the writer s loneliness says one such writer whose life she s touched the award winning author nava semel in this book she has created a menu of encouraging possibilities on how to overcome our fears and dig deep into our souls so that our true voice can emerge

Your Story 2020-03-02

read an interview with karen thornber in global healing literature advocacy care karen laura thornber analyzes how narratives from diverse communities globally engage with a broad variety of diseases and other serious health conditions and advocate for empathic compassionate and respectful care that facilitates healing and enables wellbeing the three parts of this book discuss writings from africa the americas asia europe the middle east and oceania that implore societies to shatter the devastating social stigmas which prevent billions from accessing effective care to increase the availability of quality person focused healthcare and to prioritize partnerships that facilitate healing and enable wellbeing for both patients and loved ones thornber s global healing remaps the contours of comparative literature world literature the medical humanities and the health humanities watch a video interview with thornber by the mahindra humanities center part of their conversations on covid 19 read an interview with thornber on brill s humanities matter blog

Global Healing 2015-12

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2013-03-25

there are more than 54 000 new blogs started every day around the world the stark reality is that most will fail because bloggers don t have enough information on marketing themselves the key to any successful marketing plan is a strong brand branding for bloggers features tried and true it worked for me methods of branding from a rich mix of professional bloggers and branding experts bloggers will learn how to define their brand establish it to grow the reach of their blog and use their new brand identities to start earning money online

Branding for Bloggers 2007-12

2024-04-02

a wondrous hopeful heart breaking witness to one of the darkest journeys imaginable this will be one of those rare books that people re read think about and encourage others to read bruce d perry m d ph d author with oprah winfrey of what happened to you i love this book i absolutely could not put it down it is beautifully written and cuts to the very heart of life and love the story of havi s short beautiful life and early death from tay sachs is harrowing heartbreaking uplifting profound and sometimes funny havi will charm the socks off you anne lamott life is unfolding as planned for myra sack and her husband matt until their beautiful year old daughter havi is diagnosed with tay sachs a fatal neurodegenerative disease and given only a year to live myra and matt decide to celebrate havi s short life and vow to show her as much of the world as they can surrounded by friends and family who relocate to be in havi s orbit tapping their judaism they transform friday night shabbats into birthday parties shabbirthdays to replace the birthdays havi will never have

Fifty-seven Fridays 2014-02-04

the friendship between mary and nix had endured since childhood a seemingly unbreakable bond until the mid 1980s when the two young women embarked on a summer vacation in greece it was a trip initiated by nix who had just learned that mary had been diagnosed with a disease that would cut her life short and who was determined that it be the vacation of a lifetime but by the time their visit to greece was over nix had withdrawn from their friendship and mary had no idea why three years later nix is dead and mary returns to europe to try to understand what went wrong in the process she meets the first of many men that she will spend time with as she travels throughout the world through them she experiences not only a sexual awakening but a spiritual and emotional awakening that allows her to understand how the past and the future are connected and to appreciate the freedom to live life adventurously

A Life in Men 2019-06-25

the jason bourne of fertility the new york times book review presents a personal and deeply informative account of one woman s journey through the global fertility industry on paper conception may seem like a simple biological process yet this is often hardly the case while many would like to have children the road toward conceiving and maintaining a pregnancy can be unexpectedly rocky and winding lawyer elizabeth katkin never imagined her quest for children would ultimately involve seven miscarriages eight fresh ivf cycles two frozen ivf attempts five natural pregnancies four ivf pregnancies ten doctors six countries two potential surrogates nine years and roughly 200 000 despite her three ivy league degrees and wealth of resources katkin found she was woefully undereducated when it came to understanding and

confronting her own difficulties having children after being told by four doctors she should give up but without an explanation as to what exactly was going wrong with her body katkin decided to look for answers herself the global investigation that followed revealed that approaches to the fertility process taken in many foreign countries are vastly different than those in the us and uk in conceivability elizabeth katkin now a mother of two exposes eye opening information about the medical financial legal scientific emotional and ethical issues at stake a well researched informative and positive account of a very long journey to motherhood kirkus reviews conceivability sheds light on the often murky and baffling world of conception science her book is an invaluable and inspiring text that will be a boon to others navigating the deep and choppy waters of fertility treatment publishers weekly and her chronicle of one of the most difficult painful rewarding and loving journeys a woman can take is as informative as it is poignant

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new york times editors choice a powerful heartbreaking necessary masterpiece cheryl strayed 1 new york times bestselling author of wild the moving story of what one woman learned from fostering a newborn about injustice about making mistakes about how to better love and protect people beyond our immediate kin may you always feel at home after their decision not to have a biological child sarah sentilles and her husband eric decide to adopt via the foster care system despite knowing that the system s goal is the child s reunification with the birth family sarah opens their home to a flurry of social workers who question them evaluate them and ultimately prepare them to welcome a child into their lives even if it means most likely having to give the child back after years of starts and stops and endless navigation of the complexities and injustices of the foster care system a phone call finally comes a three day old baby girl named coco in immediate need of a foster family sarah and eric bring this newborn stranger home you were never ours sarah tells coco yet we belong to each other a love letter to coco and to the countless children like her stranger care chronicles sarah s discovery of what it means to mother in this case not just a vulnerable infant but the birth mother who loves her too ultimately coco s story reminds us that we depend on family and that family can take different forms with prose that nick flynn has called fearless stirring rhythmic sentilles lays bare an intimate powerful story with universal concerns how can we care for and protect one another how do we ensure a more hopeful future for life on this planet and if we re all related tree bird star person how might we better live

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