

# Three Little Words A Memoir

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## **Three Cups of Tea** - Greg Mortenson

2006-03-02

The astonishing, uplifting story of a real-life Indiana Jones and his humanitarian campaign to use education to combat terrorism in the Taliban's backyard Anyone who despairs of the individual's power to change lives has to read the story of Greg Mortenson, a homeless mountaineer who, following a 1993 climb of Pakistan's treacherous K2, was inspired by a chance encounter with impoverished mountain villagers and promised to build them a school. Over the next decade he built fifty-five schools—especially for girls—that offer a balanced education in one of the most isolated and dangerous regions on earth. As it chronicles Mortenson's quest, which has brought him into conflict with both enraged Islamists and uncomprehending Americans, *Three Cups of Tea* combines adventure with a celebration of the humanitarian spirit.

## *Sam Is My Sister* - Ashley Rhodes-Courter

2021-03-23

Evan loves being big brother to Sam and Finn. They do everything together—go fishing, climb trees, and play astronauts. But lately, Evan notices that he and Sam don't look like brothers anymore. Sam wants to have long hair, and even asks to wear a dress on the first day of school. As time goes by, Evan comes to understand why Sam wants to look like a girl—because Sam is a girl. Sam is transgender. And just like always, Sam loves to dream with Evan and Finn about going to the moon together. Based on one family's real-life experiences, this heartwarming story of a girl named Sam and the brothers who

love and support her will resonate with readers everywhere.

## *One Child at a Time* - Yolanda Bryant 2014-12

When children are taken from their family, due to abuse or neglect, they enter the custody of social services and are put into a foster home. Some of these children are lucky enough to be given a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). "One Child at a Time: The Mission of a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)" shares the experiences of CASAs working to give children a voice in court, and a chance to return to a safe home, or to find a new forever home. First, you will meet Kelly, an engaging three-year-old that told her CASA the first time they met, "The people came and took me away from my mommy and daddy. I was crying and crying. I had to go and see a doctor. The doctor gave me a stuffed animal to make me feel better, but it didn't help." The words of this small child floored the author. She seemed to have a better understanding of her feelings than many children much older. It's no wonder that the author would become Kelly's biggest advocate. The second section of the book is a compilation of experiences and feelings from a variety of CASA volunteers. All kinds of people do this work; the only requirement is a love for children. Volunteers are trained for two weeks before starting a case. Along the way, when questions or concerns arise, each volunteer has a supervisor from the CASA office that they can turn to for advice and a listening ear. The joy of seeing a child find the happiness and security each one deserves is an experience that fills a CASA's heart with their own joy and happiness.

It is the reason CASAs become hooked from the moment they take a case and meet their children.

**Signing with a Heavy Hand and Heart, Love Mommy** - Sondra Torres 2013-03-13

Words from Ms. Torres: "I take my FAS and turn it in to a teaching tool to help others learn what I go through every day of my life." "If one person listens to what I have to say, then I have done my job. This is what I was born to do. I have won many awards for my work. The awards I've won have been great, but my biggest award is knowing that my message is being delivered and knowing that I might be helping so many people and unborn babies. . If I can prevent one more child from this awful syndrome I will be happy. My ultimate goal is to get the word out there that FAS is 100% preventable. I want everyone to know about the effects of alcohol on the fetus. My advice, my plea, is that you PLEASE, PLEASE do not drink while you are pregnant, even if you plan on giving your baby up for adoption. Let your baby fulfil his or her dreams and live a normal life. For all the fathers to be, you play an important role in this too. You must be encouraging and supportive. Staying away from alcohol yourself would be helpful." What others are saying: Thank you for sending your book to me. I read it all, and I wanted to cry. What a wonderful sacrifice you and your family took on. It is wonderful what you have done and how Chanel has grown and turned out to be a wonderful young lady. You are certainly a very special person blessed by God from the beginning. I love you very much. Aunt Gloria "Ms. Torres is a true light in a world that needs more education on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and its effects on unborn children. She has opened doors that will never be shut. She has just begun to educate the nation on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome." Deborah Thornton, SEDNET Project Management "Ms. Torres is the epitome of self-advocacy and embodies strength, resilience, and determination. She is courageous and tireless in her quest to educate others regarding FAS; and is compassionate and determined in her mission to empower and advocate for other young adults with disabilities." Barbara Shannon, School Psychologist Last night, I received a copy of Signing with a heavy hand and heart, Love

Mommy: A journey through fetal alcohol syndrome by Mrs Sondra A Torres and Miss Chanel E Torres from Ms. Torres. I opened it and couldn't put it down until I was finished. This story of a young woman living with the effects of fetal alcohol syndrome (a birth defect that is 100% preventable-all pregnant women need to do is not drink when pregnant) is moving, sometimes funny and always inspirational. I quickly grew to care about Chanel and her adoptive family. Ms. Torres creates a vivid picture of what it is like to live with and care for children with special needs. In relatively few words, Torres brings her family to life-its struggles and its joys. The feelings of love and joy are powerfully conveyed while not minimizing the challenges presented in raising a child with FAS. As a teacher and parent I laughed and cried and wished I could meet this brave girl and her loving mother. Torres is compassionate towards all, including birth parents, but my heart breaks for the children who struggle with this disability. It is a daily battle for which there are some effective interventions but no cures. I will say that Ms. Torres left me more hopeful for these children than my experience as a teacher had-her powerful home environment is definitely a plus for Chanel."CHANEL TORRES IS AVAILABLE FOR SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS TO BOOK THIS SPEAKER FOR A PRESENTATION, PLEASE GO TO

[advocatefortheunborn.wordpress.com](http://advocatefortheunborn.wordpress.com)

**I Am Nujood, Age 10 and Divorced** - Nujood Ali 2010-03-02

"I'm a simple village girl who has always obeyed the orders of my father and brothers. Since forever, I have learned to say yes to everything. Today I have decided to say no." Nujood Ali's childhood came to an abrupt end in 2008 when her father arranged for her to be married to a man three times her age. With harrowing directness, Nujood tells of abuse at her husband's hands and of her daring escape. With the help of local advocates and the press, Nujood obtained her freedom—an extraordinary achievement in Yemen, where almost half of all girls are married under the legal age. Nujood's courageous defiance of both Yemeni customs and her own family has inspired other young girls in the Middle East to challenge their

marriages. Hers is an unforgettable story of tragedy, triumph, and courage.

**Flight of Remembrance** - Marina Dutzmann Kirsch 2011-12

Now an Award-Winning Finalist in the Non-Fiction: Narrative category of The 2012 USA Best Book Awards, sponsored by USA Book News. Obtain a free 40-page excerpt on [www.kirschstonebooks.com](http://www.kirschstonebooks.com). Against the backdrop of World War II tragedy and devastation in Latvia, Poland and Germany and three decades of European history, this true narrative provides a window into the palpitating heart of wartime upheaval through the lives of Rolf Dutzmann and Lilo Wassull-two people fatefully positioned "on the other side." In December of 1939, swept along on a tide of dire necessity and circumstance due to the imminent Soviet takeover of his homeland, Rolf, a young Latvian aeronautical engineering student, flees with his family to Germany, a country fully under Hitler's control and already engaged in a brutal war. While the account chronicles Rolf's pursuit of his technical dream against daunting wartime odds, it is first and foremost a poignant love story that plays out against a panorama of worldwide chaos and destruction. It is also a story of the seen and unseen forces that coalesce to keep Rolf and Lilo alive after they meet in 1940 Berlin, leading them through a chain of cataclysmic events including Rolf's draft into the Luftwaffe and his father's assignment as chief inspector of V-2 rocket production; the bombing of Berlin; the destruction of their homes; their numerous desperate, cross-country escapes from the bombing, the advancing Soviet troops from the east, and other Allied forces from the west; the POW camp hardships; and the deprivation of the postwar years. Despite the immeasurable evil, suffering and desolation of World War II, a synchronistic chain of events provides an uplifting reminder that love and hope may take wing even out of the ashes of life's most terrifying adversities.

*Memoirs of a Security Contractor* - Paul Yurkin 2015-09-09

Paul "Chuck Norris" Yurkin has never been one to give up. A product of the inner city projects, he pulled himself up by the bootstraps and enlisted in the Marine Corps-serving proudly in Desert Storm before beginning a fifteen-year

career with the Myrtle Beach police force. But when he saw the efforts of his policing failing to create any positive change, it wasn't long before Yurkin became jaded by the system as a whole. Seeking a new life for himself and his daughters, he met up with a private contracting firm and began training for a trip to sunny Afghanistan, where he would work on training the fledgling Afghan National Police. In the midst of two weeks of training in Virginia, he earned the nickname that would stick with him for years to come-and met three best friends that remained by his side through dangerous missions, misadventures, and the frustrations of being stationed abroad. In *Memoirs of a Security Contractor*, Yurkin tells the true story of his time as a security contractor in Afghanistan in candid detail-in an eye-opening tale of determination, friendship, and never giving up.

**Three Little Words** - Ashley Rhodes-Courter 2008-06-20

"Sunshine, you're my baby and I'm your only mother. You must mind the one taking care of you, but she's not your mama." Ashley Rhodes-Courter spent nine years of her life in fourteen different foster homes, living by those words. As her mother spirals out of control, Ashley is left clinging to an unpredictable, dissolving relationship, all the while getting pulled deeper and deeper into the foster care system. Painful memories of being taken away from her home quickly become consumed by real-life horrors, where Ashley is juggled between caseworkers, shuffled from school to school, and forced to endure manipulative, humiliating treatment from a very abusive foster family. In this inspiring, unforgettable memoir, Ashley finds the courage to succeed - and in doing so, discovers the power of her own voice.

**Free Roll** - Brandt Tobler 2017-05-22

Have you ever wondered: What it's like to daily bet hundreds of thousands of dollars working for some of the largest professional gamblers in Las Vegas? ... How to spend a summer house sitting one of the biggest stars in the world's 11,000 square-foot mansion - without an invitation from it's celebrity owner ... Whether the life of crime - specifically, running a shoplifting ring in a middle American mall - pays? ... What causes a son to finally say enough is enough ... and decide "Today is the day I am going to kill my dad."

Comedian Brandt Tobler has the answers in this funny, touching and sometimes downright unbelievable memoir of a small town Wyoming-kid turned "mall-fia" don, turned nationally touring comic. Brand tells his life story with candor, detailing the many pit stops, wrong turns, crazy connections and lucky breaks he experienced along the way to his comedy career, all while trying to balance a toxic relationship with his unreliable jailbird dad. In these pages Brandt will make you laugh (he better - it's his job!) and believe as he does that, when it comes to defining family, blood isn't always thicker than water. -- back cover.

*The Glass Castle* - Jeannette Walls 2007-01-02  
A triumphant tale of a young woman and her difficult childhood, *The Glass Castle* is a remarkable memoir of resilience, redemption, and a revelatory look into a family at once deeply dysfunctional and wonderfully vibrant. Jeannette Walls was the second of four children raised by anti-institutional parents in a household of extremes.

**The Year of Magical Thinking** - Joan Didion 2007-02-13  
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • NATIONAL BOOK AWARD WINNER • From one of America's iconic writers, a stunning book of electric honesty and passion that explores an intensely personal yet universal experience: a portrait of a marriage—and a life, in good times and bad—that will speak to anyone who has ever loved a husband or wife or child. Several days before Christmas 2003, John Gregory Dunne and Joan Didion saw their only daughter, Quintana, fall ill with what seemed at first flu, then pneumonia, then complete septic shock. She was put into an induced coma and placed on life support. Days later—the night before New Year's Eve—the Dunes were just sitting down to dinner after visiting the hospital when John Gregory Dunne suffered a massive and fatal coronary. In a second, this close, symbiotic partnership of forty years was over. Four weeks later, their daughter pulled through. Two months after that, arriving at LAX, she collapsed and underwent six hours of brain surgery at UCLA Medical Center to relieve a massive hematoma. This powerful book is Didion's attempt to make sense of the "weeks and then months that cut loose any fixed idea I ever had

about death, about illness ... about marriage and children and memory ... about the shallowness of sanity, about life itself.

**Emotional Memoirs & Short Stories** - Lani Hall Alpert 2012-09-01

Ten short stories interspersed with brief personal memories of the author's life.

**Finding Me** - Viola Davis 2022-04-26  
OPRAH'S BOOK CLUB PICK • A HARPERS BAZAAR BEST BOOK OF 2022 • A PARADE MOST ANTICIPATED BOOK • A MARIE CLAIRE MOST ANTICIPATED BOOK "It's clear from the first page that Davis is going to serve a more intimate, unpolished account than is typical of the average (often ghost-written) celebrity memoir; *Finding Me* reads like Davis is sitting you down for a one-on-one conversation about her life, warts and all."—USA Today "[A] fulfilling narrative of struggle and success....Her gorgeous storytelling will inspire anyone wishing to shed old labels."—Los Angeles Times In my book, you will meet a little girl named Viola who ran from her past until she made a life-changing decision to stop running forever. This is my story, from a crumbling apartment in Central Falls, Rhode Island, to the stage in New York City, and beyond. This is the path I took to finding my purpose but also my voice in a world that didn't always see me. As I wrote *Finding Me*, my eyes were open to the truth of how our stories are often not given close examination. We are forced to reinvent them to fit into a crazy, competitive, judgmental world. So I wrote this for anyone running through life untethered, desperate and clawing their way through murky memories, trying to get to some form of self-love. For anyone who needs reminding that a life worth living can only be born from radical honesty and the courage to shed facades and be . . . you. *Finding Me* is a deep reflection, a promise, and a love letter of sorts to self. My hope is that my story will inspire you to light up your own life with creative expression and rediscover who you were before the world put a label on you.

*Hold Still* - Sally Mann 2015-05-12  
NATIONAL BOOK AWARD FINALIST ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR  
The New York Times, Washington Post, The San Francisco Chronicle, Vogue, NPR, Publishers Weekly, BookPage !--EndFragment-- A revealing and

beautifully written memoir and family history from acclaimed photographer Sally Mann. In this groundbreaking book, a unique interplay of narrative and image, Mann's preoccupation with family, race, mortality, and the storied landscape of the American South are revealed as almost genetically predetermined, written into her DNA by the family history that precedes her. Sorting through boxes of family papers and yellowed photographs she finds more than she bargained for: "deceit and scandal, alcohol, domestic abuse, car crashes, bogeymen, clandestine affairs, dearly loved and disputed family land . . . racial complications, vast sums of money made and lost, the return of the prodigal son, and maybe even bloody murder." In lyrical prose and startlingly revealing photographs, she crafts a totally original form of personal history that has the page-turning drama of a great novel but is firmly rooted in the fertile soil of her own life.

Crazy - H. R. Stokes, III 2012-07-26

CRAZY A MEMOIR is a humorous, adventuresome romp about weed smuggling in the seventies and eighties. The author chronicles his early life in San Antonio and the influence of the growing drug culture during his teen years. He then comically depicts his required military service as a "tie-dyed hippie in army greens" and his determined attempts to stay out of Viet Nam. Lost and unsure about life following the drug related deaths of most of his friends, he later hitchhikes around Mexico and ends up attending college in Cholula where he begins his career in weed smuggling. His entrepreneurial efforts in this area are humorously described in great detail. The book captures a slice of time, tying in political and cultural events with the author's concomitant psychological development during the hippie movement as well as his evolving career as a drug smuggler for the Cause.

Three Little Words - Ashley Rhodes-Courter  
2008-01-08

Traces the author's painful childhood in a series of foster homes, her deteriorating relationship with her emotionally unstable mother, abuse at the hands of a foster family, and her subsequent efforts to advocate for an improved foster care system.

A Three Dog Life - Abigail Thomas 2007

The wife of a man who was institutionalized after

an accident left him violently brain damaged describes her efforts to rebuild her life in a small country town with three dogs, a process during which she struggled with a very different relationship with her husband, passed her days knitting, and found comfort in friendships and her changing perceptions about life. Reader's Guide included. Reprint.

**To the End of June** - Cris Beam 2013-08-13

A New York Times Notable Book that "casts a searing eye on the labyrinth that is the American foster care system" (NPR's On Point). Who are the children of foster care? What, as a country, do we owe them? Cris Beam, a foster mother herself, spent five years immersed in the world of foster care looking into these questions and tracing firsthand stories. The result is *To the End of June*, an unforgettable portrait that takes us deep inside the lives of foster children in their search for a stable, loving family. Beam shows us the intricacies of growing up in the system—the back-and-forth with agencies, the rootless shuffling between homes, the emotionally charged tug between foster and birth parents, the terrifying push out of foster care and into adulthood. Humanizing and challenging a broken system, *To the End of June* offers a tribute to resiliency and hope for real change. "A triumph of narrative reporting and storytelling." —The New York Times "[A] powerful . . . and refreshing read." —Chicago Tribune "A sharp critique of foster-care policies and a searching exploration of the meaning of family."

—Publishers Weekly, starred review "Heart-rending and tentatively hopeful." —Salon

From Scratch - Tembi Locke 2019-04-30

Now a limited Netflix series starring Zoe Saldana! This Reese Witherspoon Book Club Pick and New York Times bestseller is "a captivating story of love lost and found" (Kirkus Reviews) set in the lush Sicilian countryside, where one woman discovers the healing powers of food, family, and unexpected grace in her darkest hours. It was love at first sight when actress Tembi met professional chef, Saro, on a street in Florence. There was just one problem: Saro's traditional Sicilian family did not approve of his marrying a black American woman. However, the couple, heartbroken but undeterred, forged on. They built a happy life in Los Angeles, with fulfilling careers, deep

friendships, and the love of their lives: a baby girl they adopted at birth. Eventually, they reconciled with Saro's family just as he faced a formidable cancer that would consume all their dreams. From Scratch chronicles three summers Tembi spends in Sicily with her daughter, Zoela, as she begins to piece together a life without her husband in his tiny hometown hamlet of farmers. Where once Tembi was estranged from Saro's family, now she finds solace and nourishment—literally and spiritually—at her mother-in-law's table. In the Sicilian countryside, she discovers the healing gifts of simple fresh food, the embrace of a close knit community, and timeless traditions and wisdom that light a path forward. All along the way she reflects on her and Saro's romance—an incredible love story that leaps off the pages. In Sicily, it is said that every story begins with a marriage or a death—in Tembi Locke's case, it is both. "Locke's raw and heartfelt memoir will uplift readers suffering from the loss of their own loved ones" (Publishers Weekly), but her story is also about love, finding a home, and chasing flavor as an act of remembrance. From Scratch is for anyone who has dared to reach for big love, fought for what mattered most, and those who needed a powerful reminder that life is...delicious.

**But I'm Not Depressed** - Lia Rees 2017-03-28  
Brain injury plunged Lia into a world of distortion and chaos, where her own thoughts and senses could no longer be trusted. Searching for medical help, she found doubt and manipulation instead. But I'm Not Depressed is a bleak but ultimately hopeful tale, and a slap in the face to the culture of psychobabble.

**Breaking Night** - Liz Murray 2010-09-07  
In the vein of The Glass Castle, Breaking Night is the stunning memoir of a young woman who at age fifteen was living on the streets, and who eventually made it into Harvard. Liz Murray was born to loving but drug-addicted parents in the Bronx. In school she was taunted for her dirty clothing and lice-infested hair, eventually skipping so many classes that she was put into a girls' home. At age fifteen, Liz found herself on the streets. She learned to scrape by, foraging for food and riding subways all night to have a warm place to sleep. When Liz's mother died of AIDS, she decided to take control of her own

destiny and go back to high school, often completing her assignments in the hallways and subway stations where she slept. Liz squeezed four years of high school into two, while homeless; won a New York Times scholarship; and made it into the Ivy League. Breaking Night is an unforgettable and beautifully written story of one young woman's indomitable spirit to survive and prevail, against all odds.

**Ward of the State** - Karlos Dillard 2020-03-14  
"Ward of the State: A Memoir of Foster Care," tells what happened to a little black boy from the inner city of Detroit. This is the story of Karlos Dillard, severely neglected by his mother who often left him and his siblings at home alone for weeks to fend for themselves. Enduring severe neglect and abuse, the boy was removed by the State of Michigan and put into foster care. Karlos was removed from his mother's care just to end up in foster homes that treated him worse. The book is an emotional rollercoaster. Every time Karlos describes the pain he is feeling you will feel the same pain. Whether it be hunger, anger, or being sexually violated. Karlos' use of words makes sure that you aren't just reading the book, you are actually engaged. What is most enticing are the small victories experienced in the story because they give you a break from the horrors of some of the foster homes. Karlos was told he was not loved, he was not wanted and he was nothing but a ward of the State. Karlos had nothing left to look forward to and that almost ended his life, but his hope to find a family that loved him kept him alive.

**Disguised Blessings** - Chara Davis 2016-11-15

*Three Little Words* - Ashley Rhodes-Courter  
2009-05-05

An inspiring true story of the tumultuous nine years Ashley Rhodes-Courter spent in the foster care system, and how she triumphed over painful memories and real-life horrors to ultimately find her own voice. "Sunshine, you're my baby and I'm your only mother. You must mind the one taking care of you, but she's not your mama." Ashley Rhodes-Courter spent nine years of her life in fourteen different foster homes, living by those words. As her mother spirals out of control, Ashley is left clinging to an unpredictable, dissolving relationship, all the while getting pulled deeper and deeper into the

foster care system. Painful memories of being taken away from her home quickly become consumed by real-life horrors, where Ashley is juggled between caseworkers, shuffled from school to school, and forced to endure manipulative, humiliating treatment from a very abusive foster family. In this inspiring, unforgettable memoir, Ashley finds the courage to succeed - and in doing so, discovers the power of her own voice.

The Geography of You and Me - Amy Bickers  
2015-09-30

Magazine editor and single mother Amy Bickers was finally putting her life together after a long divorce when, on an August night in 2009, she witnessed the suicide of her ex-husband. In 2009, 36,909 suicides were reported in the United States. In the years since, that number has increased. In 2013, the most recent year for which statistics are available, there were 41,149 suicides reported in the U.S. Around the world, more than 800,000 people will die by suicide this year. It is said that each suicide intimately affects six friends and family members. A suicide every 13.7 minutes in the U.S. is tragically multiplied by six: six people who are called "survivors." The Geography of You and Me is a deeply personal and honest exploration of what came next: grief, post-traumatic stress, and healing. It is a journey filled with dark humor, rap songs by Ludacris, too much cursing, and a perfectly healthy fixation on George Clooney. The Geography of You and Me is ultimately a story of forgiveness and hope. Amy forgave her ex-husband almost immediately. The struggle after his death was to forgive herself and to find a way forward in an uncertain landscape. Every year, millions are faced with the complexities of grief and guilt in the wake of unexpected violence and death. This book is for anyone whose reality in the wake of tragedy has not matched up with the books, movies and television shows that tell us how we're supposed to feel and behave. This book is for anyone who is thrust by tragedy into a world they no longer recognize. The Geography of You and Me is for anyone who no longer knows where they stand when the world is turned upside down.

**Hope's Boy** - Andrew Bridge 2008-02-05

From the moment he was born, Andrew Bridge and his mother Hope shared a love so deep that

it felt like nothing else mattered. Trapped in desperate poverty and confronted with unthinkable tragedies, all Andrew ever wanted was to be with his mom. But as her mental health steadily declined, and with no one else left to care for him, authorities arrived and tore Andrew from his screaming mother's arms. In that moment, the life he knew came crashing down around him. He was only seven years old. Hope was institutionalized, and Andrew was placed in what would be his devastating reality for the next eleven years--foster care. After surviving one of our country's most notorious children's facilities, Andrew was thrust into a savagely loveless foster family that refused to accept him as one of their own. Deprived of the nurturing he needed, Andrew clung to academics and the kindness of teachers. All the while, he refused to surrender the love he held for his mother in his heart. Ultimately, Andrew earned a scholarship to Wesleyan, went on to Harvard Law School, and became a Fulbright Scholar. Andrew has dedicated his life's work to helping children living in poverty and in the foster care system. He defied the staggering odds set against him, and here in this heartwrenching, brutally honest, and inspirational memoir, he reveals who Hope's boy really is.

**The Facts of My Life** - Charlotte Rae  
2015-11-01

"It's about time a book came out about one of the most talented and beloved performers in the American theater. Charlotte is the consummate actress, comedienne, entertainer. Her work on stage and screen is always hilarious and somehow also gets you right in the gut. Her story is every bit as brilliant. Read it and smile." -Comedy Legend, Carl Reiner "To think of Charlotte Rae is to smile. Consequently, when I began to read "The Facts of My Life," I was unprepared for the emotional impact it would have on me. By the time I finished the first chapter, dealing as it does with her severely troubled son Andy, I was in tears. "As an old friend of Charlotte's, I thought I knew her fairly well. But as I read on, I discovered that the 'facts of her life' were constantly surprising (as well as amusing and engrossing)! There is so much that I don't know about Charlotte and so much that I now want to know, when the book is finally

completed and published, I'll be first in line to get my copy!" -Sheldon Harnick (Composer, Fiddler on the Roof) Charlotte Rae's career spans more than seventy years, from the golden age of television to Shakespeare in the Park, the New York Cabaret scene of the late 1940's and 50's to her hit series, The Facts of Life and well beyond. Off stage and screen, Charlotte's life has been one of joy and challenge, raising an autistic son, coming to terms with alcoholism, the heartache of a broken marriage, the revelation of a gay husband and the sudden challenge of facing middle-age with financial and emotional uncertainties-an crisis she ultimately turned into the determination that brought her stardom. The Facts of My Life is the first opportunity for Charlotte fans to explore the fascinating story of her extraordinary life: poignant and hilarious, a story of courage and triumph, one that speaks for a generation of women breaking barriers, taking on challenges, overcoming personal tragedy, and paving the way for others.

*Somebody's Someone* - Regina Louise  
2009-02-28

In this poignant and heart wrenching true story, Regina Louise recounts her childhood search for connection in the face of abuse, neglect, and rejection. What happens to a child when her own parents reject her and sit idly by as others abuse her? In this poignant, heart wrenching debut work, Regina Louise recounts her childhood search for someone to feel connected to. A mother she has never known--but long fantasized about-- deposited her and her half sister at the same group home that she herself fled years before. When another resident beats Regina so badly that she can barely move, she knows that she must leave this terrible place--the only home she knows. Thus begins Regina's fight to survive, utterly alone at the age of 10. A stint living with her mother and her abusive boyfriend is followed by a stay with her father's lily white wife and daughters, who ignore her before turning to abuse and ultimately kicking her out of the house. Regina then tries everything in her search for someone to care for her and to care about, from taking herself to jail to escaping countless foster homes to be near her beloved counselor. Written in her distinctive and unique voice, Regina's story offers an in-depth look at the life of a child who no one wanted. From her

initial flight to her eventual discovery of love, your heart will go out to Regina's younger self, and you'll cheer her on as she struggles to be Somebody's Someone.

Four Letter Words - Krista Wilbur 2016-05-20

When Krista Wilbur was a little girl, she dreamed of one day becoming a teacher. But those dreams changed as she faced sexual abuse, an unplanned teen pregnancy, abandonment by her mother, and a violent rape, all within a decade. In spite of these circumstances, Krista found friends who gave her stability and hope and who showed her the love of Jesus... until those things were also taken from her, and her confidence and trust in people and the Church were crushed. Four Letter Words is Krista's story of resilience. It is a story of surviving devastating abuse and tragedy, finding and losing (and finding again) one's faith, and hope being written from a pile of ashes. Four Letter Words is, above all, the story of God's great and abiding love, even in a life that doesn't seem to make any sense.

Knucklehead - Jon Scieszka 2009-07-10

Babysitting mishaps, lazy summer days by the lake, and silly childhood pranks are remembered in this amusing memoir of the life of an adventurous young boy growing up in a family with six brothers. Simultaneous.

**Let's Pretend This Never Happened** - Jenny Lawson 2012-04-17

The #1 New York Times bestselling (mostly true) memoir from the hilarious author of *Furiously Happy*. "Gaspingly funny and wonderfully inappropriate."—O, The Oprah Magazine When Jenny Lawson was little, all she ever wanted was to fit in. That dream was cut short by her fantastically unbalanced father and a morbidly eccentric childhood. It did, however, open up an opportunity for Lawson to find the humor in the strange shame-spiral that is her life, and we are all the better for it. In the irreverent *Let's Pretend This Never Happened*, Lawson's long-suffering husband and sweet daughter help her uncover the surprising discovery that the most terribly human moments—the ones we want to pretend never happened—are the very same moments that make us the people we are today. For every intellectual misfit who thought they were the only ones to think the things that Lawson dares to say out loud, this is a poignant

and hysterical look at the dark, disturbing, yet wonderful moments of our lives. Readers Guide Inside

Daddy's Briefcase - Ashley Murphy 2010-12

*Interrupted* - Kathrine Lee 2016-12-15

Kathrine Lee...has an amazing ability to cheer people on to become who God designed them to be by communicating life changing stories wrapped in God's truth.-Lysa TerKeurst, President of Proverbs 31 Ministries and New York Times best-selling author The world can be full of challenges. Often, we must fight to see the good in the world. Kathrine Lee refuses to give up the fight. She believes there is good in the world, despite the pain and challenges we face. Learn how she found the spiritual strength and courage to stand up to disappointments and pain and find her path forward. A path that leads to joy, hope, and adventure. Lee left the church at a young age and wandered through dark valleys until she found her way back to the light. Once there, she became a passionate crusader for love and justice. In *Interrupted*, Lee discusses how she made the decisions that have given her such a fulfilling, satisfying spiritual and emotional existence. She shares her concern for anyone-but especially women-who has not felt the transformative power of God's grace. As Lee writes, that pain can be turned into an amazing purpose! Proceeds of her book will help her continue her work with Pure Hope Foundation, her nonprofit that assists in the restoration of those victimized by sex trafficking. "

**Personal History** - Katharine Graham 2011-02-09

The captivating, inside story of the woman who helmed the Washington Post during one of the most turbulent periods in the history of American media. Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Biography In this bestselling and widely acclaimed memoir, Katharine Graham, the woman who piloted the Washington Post through the scandals of the Pentagon Papers and Watergate, tells her story—one that is extraordinary both for the events it encompasses and for the courage, candor, and dignity of its telling. Here is the awkward child who grew up amid material wealth and emotional isolation; the young bride who watched her brilliant, charismatic husband—a confidant to John F.

Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson—plunge into the mental illness that would culminate in his suicide. And here is the widow who shook off her grief and insecurity to take on a president and a pressman's union as she entered the profane boys' club of the newspaper business. As timely now as ever, *Personal History* is an exemplary record of our history and of the woman who played such a shaping role within them, discovering her own strength and sense of self as she confronted—and mastered—the personal and professional crises of her fascinating life.

**Three Little Words** - Jenny Holiday 2019-01-29

From the USA Today bestselling author who is a "master of witty banter" (Entertainment Weekly) comes a hilarious road trip romance that proves opposites don't just attract, they ignite. Gia Gallo is officially in bridesmaid hell. Stranded in New York with her best friend's wedding dress, Gia has six days to make it to Florida in time for the ceremony. And oh-so-charming best man Bennett Buchanan has taken the last available rental car. Looks like she's in for one long road trip with the sexiest - and most irritating - Southern gentleman she's ever met... Bennett's pretty sure that if there was ever a woman to break his "no flings" rule, Gia would be it. Sure, she's stubborn. She's also funny, smart, and the attraction between them is getting hotter with every state line they cross. While Bennett doesn't do casual, Gia doesn't do "relationships." But if they break the rules, this unlikely pair might discover that their impromptu road trip could turn out to be the best ride of their lives. "Intense, heartfelt, mature and sexy as hell." - NPR "A great rom-com... brilliantly executed romance." -Booklist (starred review) "Pure fun." - Publishers Weekly "If you enjoy contemporary romances by Jill Shalvis, Kate Clayborn, and Lucy Parker, you'll want to add Jenny Holiday to your reading list!" -Harlequin Junkie, Top Pick What readers are saying about *Three Little Words*: "It made me smile, swoon and even shed a tear. I couldn't have asked for a better story!" "This is a must read." "Where can I sign myself up for a Bennett Buchanan?" "These were two flawed, beautifully complicated, engaging, easy to love characters....HIGHLY recommend." "Extremely fun.... A delightful read." The Bridesmaids Behaving Badly series:Once Upon a Bride: A NovellaOne and OnlyIt Takes

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Three Little Words

**Losing Your Job and Finding Yourself -**

Nancy Brout 2016-11-29

Whether losing a job by layoff or by choice, this memoir and guide offers solace, insights, and actions to navigate a transition that can be traumatic, turbulent, and triumphant. Reading Nancy's story is like having a conversation with a trusted confidant and coach.

*Garbage Bag Suitcase* - Shenandoah Chefalo  
2016-02-02

*Garbage Bag Suitcase* is the true story of Shenandoah Chefalo's wholly dysfunctional journey through a childhood with neglectful, drug-and alcohol addicted parents. She endured numerous moves in the middle of the night with just minutes to pack, multiple changes in schools, hunger, cruelty, and loneliness. Finally at the age of 13, Shen had had enough. After being abandoned by her mother for months at her grandmother's retirement community, she asked to be put into foster care. Surely she would fare better at a stable home than living with her mother? It turns out that it was not the storybook ending she had hoped for. With foster parents more interested in the income received by housing a foster child, Shen was once again neglected emotionally. The money she earned working at the local grocery store was taken by her foster parents to "cover her expenses." When a car accident lands her in the hospital with grave injuries and no one came to visit her

during her three-week stay, she realizes she is truly all alone in the world. Overcoming her many adversities, Shen became part of the 3% of all foster care children who get into college, and the 1% who graduate. She became a successful businesswoman, got married, and had a daughter. Despite her numerous achievements in life though, she still suffers from the long-term effects of neglect, and the coping skills that she adapted in her childhood are not always productive in her adult life. *Garbage Bag Suitcase* is not only the inspiring and hair-raising story of one woman's journey to overcome her desolate childhood, but it also presents grass-root solutions on how to revamp the broken foster care system.

Three More Words - Ashley Rhodes-Courter  
2015-06-30

A sequel to *Three Little Words* traces the author's post-foster care years, describing her adventures in college, her relationship with her spouse and her decision to have both biological and foster children.

Double Double - Martha Grimes 2016-01-12

The popular mystery writer and her son present a dual account of their struggles with alcoholism and sobriety, a parallel journey marked by poignant episodes of relapse, travel, and friendship.

**Where are the Jelly Beans?** - Nancy Streza  
2015-06-28

Three sisters love jelly beans and discover a fun surprise in this cute children's book from Nancy Streza.