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"The Cotton Fields" is Ms. Whitfield's fourth book. A well written story of farm life in rural Mississippi. Circa 1940 through 1950. Written with great insight into rural life at the time in our history. Filled throughout with wit and humor. You will follow the Blakney Family on their many everyday adventures. Never, will there be a dull moment. It is Ms. Whitfield's wish that you enjoy the stories and tales of "THE COTTON FIELDS" as much as she enjoyed the writing of them. Complimented throughout with poetry, written solely by Ms. Whitfield.

Love Is Not Enough

A young boy's life is shattered when his mentor and older brother breaks his neck playing high school football and lands in a wheelchair. Teetering at poverty line without insurance, all resemblance of a normal family or social life is snatched away from the boy and his family; stress replaces love in the home. Later on, as a young adult, the same little boy witnesses his youngest brother's battle against leukemia, a child killer, and he prays that he doesn't die. As if he hadn't had enough anguish during his youth, twenty years later the same boy, now a man and father himself, is forced to endure the helpless sorrow and pain watching his three year old son fight cancer, a 4 year battle of never ending therapy, pain and tragedy. Hello, my name is Chuck Kesterson, and I am the "young boy" and father who is witness to all the tragedies described above. I have written a 76,000 word, nineteen chapter novel of these non-fictional events. My book's main objectives are to paint a picture with words detailing my wonderful early childhood and how it was shattered with the tragedy of my older brother's accident and my little brother's fight with leukemia. I continue on in biographical sequence to explain my participation as a firefighter during two major airplane crashes, then on to describe the events surrounding my 3 year old boy's four year battle with cancer.

The Cotton Fields

Miracles Of Simple People is a collection of miracles by average people. It is best read in small increments. Actually, that is a plus to many people. You can put it down at any point. It is best to digest a little at a time. Actually, everything in life is. No traditional table of contents, yet a guide to particular stories. We all have miracles. Not claiming anything special. No one is better than anyone else. Miracles are not understood by us, however, it is just another occurrence to God. You will gain a lot of inspiration from these stories. You are not alone! Simple people feel the same in their heart as

they act outwardly. Many miracles are what I thought of as uncommon, but are not. An example would be people disappearing. Tumors too. Anything is possible if you remove doubt. Be it so, according to your faith. If you do not believe in God before you read this, you may afterward. There are many things we cannot explain. Atheist point of view is understandable. Many people claim to be Christian, yet act worse than non believers. Regardless, the truth changes for no one. We change all the time, God never changes. Perhaps we think he does, but he knows the outcome of all things. We look at a day, week, or month. God looks at things from an eternal point of view. We should treat every person like they are Jesus. What you do to the least of your brothers, you have done to me. Bible scripture. Not every person in this book is a Christian. Believers feel the bible was inspired by God. Yet all agree it was written by man. No person could conceive all of the things in the bible. Some feel it is a fairytale. What an incredible imagination. Even the word imagine comes from image. We are an image of God. The biggest difficulty is interpretations. There are millions, yet one truth. Not claiming to totally understand God. You cannot understand the infinite from a finite perspective.

Perpetual Anguish

A historical romance novel set in the 1920s in Tulsa, Oklahoma, *Son of a Preacherman* depicts the highly segregated life of African Americans in the Greenwood District, in Northern Tulsa and the tensions leading up to the Tulsa Race Riots. Billy Ray Matthias is the handsome younger son of the church's new pastor. Benny is the daughter of an oil rich family. Billy Ray is convinced that Benny is the woman God would have him settle down with. Benny, on the other hand, recently had her heart broken. She is not the least bit interested in getting involved anytime soon. As Billy's pursuit of Benny intensifies, so does the political and social climate in the prosperous African American neighborhood known as the Greenwood District.. Racial tensions in Tulsa escalate when Dick Rowland, a black man, is accused by a local newspaper of raping Sarah Page, a white woman, on an elevator. Benny's brother Ethan and a radical white attorney by the name of Maynard Vaughn despite continuous threats put their weight and energy behind helping Dick. Meanwhile, the White Glove Society, a racist group seeks to destroy not only Dick but all the African Americans in this successful black owned community. As tensions come to a head and violence breaks out, Billy and Benny are caught up in the heat of chaos. He vows to keep her safe but will Benny let him? And will faith in God be enough to sustain the people of the community as their lives are being changed forever by deadly acts of hatred?

Miracles of Simple People

BLEST BE THE TIE is the first volume of *THE GOINS BRICOLAGE*, a comic history of a visionary and his family, and the time and place in which they live. It is the story of Wilton Fox Goins, a highly competent and driven businessman of the first half of the 20th century who aspires to wealth, power and influence for himself, his family, his church and his beloved community of Aschburgh. A clear-eyed fellow, determined to get what he wants out of life, while at the same time doing God's will, Wilton's dreams and aspirations are all too often thwarted by the even greater artistic aspirations of his wife Marva, by the Great Depression and the triumph of his bete noire Franklin Delano Roosevelt, as well as by the grinding provincial realities of life in Tecumseh and Stonewall Counties in the great Hoosier State of Indiana.

Son of a Preacherman

Think! Different is a different kind of self-help book: the author, Andreas Boskugel, is well-known in Europe and appreciated for his clear and direct manner. Boskugel has taken the law of attraction to its systematic and logical conclusion! This book is completely free of otherwise typical references to moral or religious "standards" because the law of attraction – like all natural laws – isn't based on morality or religion. Consequently the author has a very different take than do others on success; for example, he doesn't idolize hard work, honesty and gratitude ad absurdum, for these are only religious and cultural based opinions and actually contradict the law of attraction. The author also forgoes otherwise typical teachings about what is right or wrong; after all, what is "right" is individually defined. Feigned pity or morality sermons are also not included in this work. This work is for those who love the integrity of the law of attraction and prefer clarity over political correctness. And it's for those who really want to get somewhere in life and who therefore question existing opinions. It's for people who are able to think on their own instead of going with the flow. For many, it was not until reading this book that they finally understood the law of attraction, for the topics in this book are more logically organized than in other popular works, and insights are offered that can dramatically improve the lives of readers.

Completely new insights about the existing laws of life can help readers become invincible masters of their own destiny. Keywords: Law of Attraction, Self-Help, Success, Wealth, Dream, Wish Fulfillment, Love, Relationship, Money

The Mayan Magician and Other Stories

Only when we transform our minds can we break the chains of our mental enslavement and find true liberation from our misperceptions about race, crime, and justice. Social commentators and scholars have presented numerous theories on these topics. But while all lament the horrors associated with discrimination and racism, few so far have proposed a viable way to escape these sufferings. By taking a critical look at the writings of novelists, social commentators, and scholars in the fields of sociology, criminology, criminal justice, black studies, philosophy, and law, Professor Leon E. Pettiway presents a series of essays that provide a path that liberates us from these sufferings. In doing so, he provides a unique perspective that reframes the social realities of racial membership and institutional racism in the US and how they impact our perceptions of crime and justice. Buddhism and race are essential elements of these discussions, but Pettiway's commentary is also informed by an Afrocentric perspective. In these ways, Pettiway examines our thoughts concerning race, the causes of crime, and the administration of justice. He uses these frameworks to demonstrate how our current modes of thinking reinforce and perpetuate white supremacy, influence our scholarly endeavors, and frame today's public policies and social agendas. In *Only for the Brave at Heart: Essays Rethinking Race, Crime, and Justice*, readers will: (1) learn new ways of thinking that can liberate our world from injustice (2) assess the ways we create the realities of race, crime, and justice (3) explore how love and compassion lead to meaningful actions that can reduce human suffering. Pettiway has spent his career as an academic and Buddhist monk reflecting on and writing about the African-American experience. *Only for the Brave at Heart* attempts to create an intellectual movement that reimagines how we think about the perceived differences that fracture our society and disenfranchise so many. In the end, *Only for the Brave at Heart* is a critique and commentary on social justice. This powerful collection of essays about discrimination and racism will prove to be one of the most important books about race in America today.

Blest Be the Tie

DIVBeyond practical parenting and good behavior "how-to's," *Next Level Parenting* takes the reader beneath the surface to the heart and soul of the child where the most profound transformations take root./div

Department of Defense Authorization for Appropriations for Fiscal Years 1992 and 1993

This volume makes an important and unique contribution to scholarly understandings of migration and diversity through its focus on Asian contexts. Current scholarship and literature on processes of migration and the consequences of diversity is heavily concentrated on Western contexts and their concerns with "multiculturalism," "integration," "rights and responsibilities," "social cohesion," "social inclusion," and "cosmopolitanism." In contrast, there has been relatively little attention given to migration and growing diversity in Asian contexts which are constituted by highly distinct and varied histories, cultures, geographies, and political economies. This book fills this significant gap in the literature on migration studies with a concentrated focus on communities, cities and countries in the Asian region that are experiencing increased levels of population mobility and subsequent diversity. Not only does it offer analyses of the policies and processes of migration, it also addresses the outcomes and implications of migration and diversity - these include a focus on multiculturalism and citizenship in the Asian region, the emerging complex forms of governance in response to increased diversity, discussions of different settlement experiences, and the practices of everyday life and encounters in increasingly diverse locales.

Think! Different

Klufford's Holler Southern humorist Darrell Sroufe brings this delightful little tale about a tiny Smoky Mountain town called Klufford's Holler, a community so far in the backhills, backwoods and backward old time ways that hardly anyone knows or cares it's there at all. Well... hardly anyone until now. A fictional story set within actual historical events, Klufford's Holler tells a witty, creative and heart touching tale about the culture, traditions and religion of mountain people who's lives have always been the same for generations. Then all of a sudden, powerful forces from the outside world come to take the whole

region over. Why? Because there's a whole lot more to things than may appear! Klufford's Holler is a story filled with southern culture humor, lovable mountain townsfolk, some evil villains, a heroic town preacher, a mysterious old hermit and a wealth of Messianic imagery. The story not only entertains, but also educates the reader about the intriguing history of the Smoky Mountains in the late 1930's and early 1940's. The very real part the region played in winning WWII is an amazing story all in itself! The town of Klufford's Holler is a place you'll never forget. This wonderful little tale will make you laugh, keep you in suspense and leave you in awe of the God of the universe who cares for even the most common folks. It's a story you'll want to read over and over again, so go ahead and get started. See ya'll in the mountains! Very inspiring! Klufford's Holler is a positively great eye opener! - Keith Evans, Five Time PBS Television Emmy Award Winner Klufford's Holler is a hoot! Very entertaining, thoughtful and insightful. Here's to good literature! - Bill Glover, Founding Member Of Multiple Grammy Award Winning Recording Artists 'Petra'

Only for the Brave at Heart

All my books are recounts of true happenings. The series: The Century Before 2000 focuses on the suffering of certain women and children of that era. Heroines, of the last Century, selected from specific strata in society, portray normal everyday life and trials and tribulations during wartimes. For some plights began before recorded dates of political conflicts and continued in the aftermath. KATH(E)RINA realistically re-enacts in chronological order what it was like when giant-sized bombs rained from the sky and upon impact shook or collapsed buildings, worse... trapped women, children and the aging beneath. Sometimes other women came to their rescue, sometimes they couldn't. Seldom the rescuers were trained men in their prime, (then serving in the military), they were mainly women; often mothers and children or men too old or too young for the armed services. All events in KATH(E)RINA actually took place, only her name is fictitious. I might point out that geographical orientation matter little when terror, pain, homelessness, hunger and depravation reign. What happened in Germany happened in England, in Poland, to some degree throughout Europe and Asia and to this day violence still reigns in many parts of the world. Apparently Earth's inhabitants still haven't learned yet to live peacefully on our beautiful but rapidly shrinking Planet.

Next Level Parenting

Gold Fever is written in the first person as the author wanted his readers to see the story of Everett "Easy" Edwards through his eyes as he experiences his trials in life. The book starts with an action packed situation on the first page where his partner, Bill Shields and he are under siege by Apache Indians. The story moves quickly in a rapid action packed adventure. Easy travels on to the goldfields. Along the way he meets two miners that become life-long partners in this adventures. The three meet two young people, Al and Karen Harris and the six establish a lucrative gold mine. During this time Easy also meets a powerful, unscrupulous mine owner, Clay Brett, who befriends him then turns on him and hounds him throughout the book. Easy falls in love with Brett's step-daughter, Myra, and elopes with her. This only adds fuel to the fire of Brett's hatred for Easy. Easy is ambushed and is rescued by a fifteen year old orphan girl, Lara Adams, whose parents and brother were killed by Brett's men. She becomes Easy's unlikely partner and is featured in every adventure of Easy's life. The reader will love this girl as she is clever and unique. Their many adventures and narrow escapes will keep the reader on edge throughout the book.

Migration and Diversity in Asian Contexts

A world of mystery and secrets, a world that forgot its past, a world filled with magic . . . Gaianterra. That past is about to reemerge, and with it, chaos. A huge war has broken out because of a power-hungry and delusional emperor. Nation after nation is imperiled by the war taking place on a global scale. But more is going on than even those waging the war know. In the shadows lurks an evil that bends the outcome of the war to their wicked ends. The war is not as simple as it seems; it serves as a catalyst that will pit the forces of good on a path to confront a powerful evil. Can tragedy be avoided, or is history doomed to repeat itself?

Klufford's Holler

A CHURCH OF MODERN MORALITITES! In the city of Adamsport, Massachusetts—very similar to Quincy, where Bob Rimmer has lived most of his life—Matt Godwin, with both an MBA and a Doctor of Divinity degree from Harvard—after fifteen years in the business world, is about to be elected president

of a multi billion dollar conglomerate created by his father. But defying both his wife and his father, Matt returns to the Unitarian/Universalist pulpit. He has a vision of a church that offers an entirely new approach to Christian morality. Inspired by the never ending mystery and wonder of procreation, life and death, his religion will preach the exaltation of the human body and mind—and human sexuality will have a joyous, laughing, sacramental quality. Matt's religious humanism is portrayed amidst a background of obsession and adventure. Attempting to build a new style church. Matt's need for funds, leads him on a search for millions of dollars in gold bullion dumped by an American transport plane during World War II in the Himalayas, when we were at war with the Japanese. With the help of an Islamic, Arab oil billionaire he rebuilds and recreates a former Unitarian Universalist church and offers a sexual religious agenda that shocks the conservative Christian community. Originally published in 1985—Bob Rimmer has elaborated the Church of Modern Moralities with a new, 21st century, franchised religion in his novel, —published by toExcel in 1998. It's called Wondering and has churches called Love Dromes. Don't miss it! After you've read it, you'll become a Wonderer, too!

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations for 2015

This is an adventuresome, humorous story of a father and son that takes place in yesteryear of Florida. The story entails fishing tales, fish tails, hunting, and wild, unbridled revelry. Of course, there is a spiced or spiked flavor of a wee dram of spirits to accentuate the frolic and comedy of the characters.

Kath(e)rina

As we struggle to survive the chaos and confusion of the 21st century, we must each reach our own truth and perspective on life. We must gain knowledge and the wisdom to put it to good use. We want to be accepted, to be loved, to feel free to be what we are, and in so doing we strive to be “normal,” even if it doesn't fit our personal agenda. But by being kind, respectful, and tolerant, one by one, we can all make a difference. It Is Normal to Be Normal is an unpretentious yet powerful philosophy that strives to make sense out of this tumultuous world!

Gold Fever

Through an examination of the literary works of popular ministers Max Lucado, Rick Warren, and Joel Osteen, Todd M. Brenneman offers insight into a previously unexplored aspect of American evangelical identity: sentimentality.

Thanks for Asking

The start of each day brings new opportunities to surrender to God. It's often difficult to wake up and dust the troubles of the previous day off while thinking of all the to-dos you still need to get through. In *Rising with God*, Marjorie L. Kimbrough provides inspiration, hope, and encouragement for beginning each day with a fresh focus. This book of daily devotions, each of which includes Scripture and a prayer, will help you balance the day's tasks with the joy of living in Christ.

The Light and the Darkness

Please note: This is a companion version & not the original book. Sample Book Insights: #1 I was born in 1931 in Watertown, South Dakota. My father was an undertaker, and I grew up with grief, though I didn't experience it because I wasn't part of the grieving families. I remember the enormous respect my father had for the deceased. #2 I was programmed to be a doctor from a young age, as my father was very interested in handicapped children. I went to the Mayo Clinic for training, and after that, I worked at the Boston City Hospital. #3 When it came to dealing with Ida's death, I had many feelings. One was tremendous grief about her, because I had enormous respect and affection for her. Another was a sense of remorse: Did we make the wrong decisions in terms of recommending this particular course of therapy. #4 I try to be honest with my patients, and I believe that virtually every diagnosis we deal with today holds the hope of some breakthrough in the foreseeable future. I like to bring this to my patients' attention.

The Immoral Reverend

The Ranch on the Beaver continues the hide-and-hoof Horatio Alger story of Wells Brothers: The Young Cattle Kings (also available as a Bison Book). By 1887 the teenage boys, Joel and Dell, have weathered several seasons as ranchers in northwest Kansas. With help from drovers on the nearby Western Trail,

they have built up a herd. Looking beyond Beaver Creek, the boys acquire grazing rights in Colorado and Texas. As others fail, they persevere, learning all aspects of a rapidly changing operation—from maturing beef to managing, shipping, and selling it. Drawing on firsthand knowledge, the author of *Log of a Cowboy* offers a realistic and spirited story mixing hard work and fun.

Early Times

At twenty-three Murphy White had his life all planned out. He knew what he wanted and how to get it. Then duty called and blew that life to hell. Fleeing from the fall-out, Murphy lands in Australia, doing whatever he can to forget the innocent lives lost and the guilty life he took. But no amount of partying can wipe away the horror. Sitting in a café one morning, he looks up ... into the eyes of evil, the eyes of a man he sentenced to death. Terrified, Murphy calls the police but, as soon as they arrive, the shooting starts and his life goes to hell all over again. Thirty-five-year-old Remus Mazarin comes from a family of nightmares. But he is determined to be better than them all. His family have put hits out on innocent people. People whose only crime was to do their duty. Remus won't stand for it. He will be the one to save the beautiful man he's only ever seen from a distance, a man he was instantly drawn to. Hiding out in small town rural Australia, Murphy and Remus discover common ground and a growing love between them. But Remus' family will not rest until Murphy is dead. When duty costs you everything you wanted, can fate repay you by giving you who you need?

It Is Normal to Be Normal

Have you ever wondered what God may be saying to you on any given day. When we experience life God can help grow us spiritually if we will just take a moment to "Think!" This book is all about applying Godly principals to everyday happenings. Take a few moments and "Think on these things..."

Legislative History of H.R. 11970, 87th Congress, Trade Expansion Act of 1962

Filipino farmworkers sat down in the grape fields of Delano, California, in 1965 and began the strike that brought about a dramatic turn in the long history of farm labor struggles in California. Their efforts led to the creation of the United Farm Workers union under Cesar Chavez, with Philip Vera Cruz as its vice-president and highest-ranking Filipino officer. Philip Vera Cruz (1904–1994) embodied the experiences of the manong generation, an enormous wave of Filipino immigrants who came to the United States between 1910 and 1930. Instead of better opportunities, they found racial discrimination, deplorable living conditions, and oppressive labor practices. In his deeply reflective and thought-provoking oral memoir, Vera Cruz explores the toll these conditions took on both families and individuals. Craig Scharlin and Lilia V. Villanueva met Philip Vera Cruz in 1974 as volunteers in the construction of Agbayani Village, the United Farm Workers retirement complex in Delano, California. This oral history, first published in 1992, is the product of hundreds of hours of interviews. Elaine H. Kim teaches Asian American studies at the University of California, Berkeley, and is the author of *Asian American Literature: An Introduction to the Writings and Their Social Context*.

Alzheimer Diary

Ghosts In the Wire is a vivid first-person account of what many veterans experienced upon their return from the war in Vietnam. It is a sequel to Rast's first book--*Don's Nam*, which quintessentially depicts his tour of duty in Vietnam during 1969 and 70 with the Orient Express. Rast eloquently and passionately takes the reader on a gut-wrenching roller coaster ride of flash-backs, horror, courage, and outlandish humor that is presented unlike the headlines and TV news could ever hope to depict. It is essential, poignant reading for those veterans who were in Nam and cannot forget, and also for those who were not there, but strive to understand the electrifying intensity, and often surrealistic events that war and its aftermath creates. The events and characters jump to life from his old muddy diary, which was locked in a footlocker for twenty-eight years, and leave the reader crying, laughing, or just plainly boiling with rage as this dramatic story unfolds in a manner that is truly spellbinding.

Homespun Gospel

*** Includes 33 colored illustrations *** Join James in a Merry Dance. •Step lightly from the picturesque mountains of England's Lake District to the enduring Great Pyramid of Ancient Egypt. Before you start your journey •Check at the end of your garden for fairies and dragons. •Look under flowerpots turned upside down for pebbles or stones. •Ensure there is no container of water harboring frogspawn. During

your travels •Find the time to visit the Library of Congress, in Washington D.C. •Explore a ghost town in New Jersey. •Avoid an icebound prison planet, located in a distant galaxy. •Do not hold a conversation with brown bears. •Do not bring home samples of tree fungus. •Hide under the covers when things go bump in the night Merry Dance is a collection of 22 short stories and 3 poems, covering a cross-section of genres, which are full of surprises, thought-provoking, and sometimes humorous. Originally available online, they have been expanded and revised. One story is a short 500 words, while others are up to 3300 words long. The average length is 1700 words. Enjoy.

Rising with God

Includes Susan G. Cole interviewing Gloria Steinem and writing by Margaret Atwood, Susan Crean, June Callwood, and Marian Engel. Broadside: A Feminist Review was a groundbreaking Canadian feminist newspaper published between 1979 and 1989. While Broadside paid attention to everything from feminists making art to street activism, it also covered the mainstream, from pop culture to peacemaking. The Broadside team uncovered the work of female artists and developed challenging and risky new ideas, all while participating in the day-to-day organizing of a grassroots movement. Broadside helped reinvent journalism to make room for a feminist voice. This collection looks at the impact of the newspaper on the lives of women. Through a selection of key articles, the book explores the issues and events, the conflicts and controversies, and the debates and discoveries of feminist theory and activism that formed the context and content of a decade of change.

Summary of Studs Terkel's Will the Circle Be Unbroken?

During a cave expedition in the Jaintia Hills of Meghalaya, India, the body of the Doloi(Chief of the Nongkhlieh elaka), who had gone missing, was found brutally murdered, at the bottom of a deep shaft. Thrang Kharwan, the organizer of the Expedition, was caught up in the web and intrigues of the coal and limestone miners, who felt threatened by the cry of 'save the caves' raised by the cavers. Thrang had filed a Public Interest Litigation in the Apex Court of the country against the destruction of the environment, especially of the caves and its unique cave eco-systems, by the indiscriminate and unscientific quarrying. Thrang survived the attempts on his life, including a heinous attempt to toss him into the deep dark shaft where the Daloi's body was earlier found murdered; ironically, a cave that had become his dream and fantasy - to finally achieve his goal of cave conservation. In this murderous raging attrition of deceit and power and against all odds, he finally came out triumphant, to find the meaning of life and love.

The Ranch on the Beaver

From across the country and around the world, over 30 couples have opened the doors of their lives. Go behind the scenes with us to meet real people with real stories. The messy parts aren't sanitized. The joys aren't minimized. You might see them broken, bruised and yet abundantly blessed. As each page of their story is turned, you will be sure to ask how some could find hope in the middle of their circumstances. Yet, the joy they each found in their marriage will grip you. Intricately threaded through their lives is the real author of their story, Jesus. Come with us to discover how each marriage was touched with His fingerprints of hope.

Congressional Record

Little Emma was only a baby when her 16-year-old mother brought her home to be raised under the care of her grandparents, Alma and Joe. A tiny bundle from heaven was all they knew and, despite the hardships and illnesses they must face together, Alma and Joe raised her as best as they could on their beautiful farm of Lilac Thyme. Eventually, Emma and her mother move away from the farm and now Emma must struggle to live with a mentally challenged sister as well as deal with her own incapacitating illness. It is more than anyone is prepared to handle, especially a sweet little girl like Emma, but Alma and Joe are not about to let their granddaughter lose hope. A beautiful, poignant story, as told by her grandmother, about a brave, young girl and the unforeseen circumstances that we must sometimes face...but not always on our own. Barb Bissonette grew up in Brampton, Ontario. She has successfully written various short stories and poems and is currently working on a new murder mystery. Barb is a nurse in Orillia where she lives with her husband, John. She has three children and three grandchildren. <http://SBPRA.com/BarbBissonette>

Duty Bound

Poignant, honest, and heartfelt letters to a sister who perished in the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing Lisa McNair was born in 1964, one year after her older sister, Denise, was murdered in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. *Dear Denise* is a collection of forty letters from Lisa addressed to the sister she never knew, but in whose shadow of sacrifice and lost youth she was raised. These letters offer an intimate look into the life of a family touched by one of the most heinous tragedies of the Civil Rights Movement. Written in a genuine, accessible, familiar, and easy-to-read voice, Lisa's letters apprise her late sister of all that has come to pass in the years since her death. Lisa considers her own challenges and accomplishments as a student in remarkably different—and very racially complex—schools; the birth of their baby sister, Kim; their father's election to the Alabama legislature; her evolving sense of faith and place, and sometimes lack thereof, within the Black church; her college experiences; and her own sense of self as she's matured into adulthood. She reveals some of the family's difficulties and health challenges, and shares some of their joys and celebrations. The letters are accompanied by 29 black-and-white photographs, most of them from the McNair family collection, many of them taken by her father, a professional photographer who documented the Civil Rights Movement in Alabama both before and after Denise's murder. An unswervingly candid, gentle, and nuanced book, *Dear Denise* is a testament to one singular life lived bravely and truthfully (if sometimes confusedly or awkwardly), during decades of bewildering social change and in the shadow of one life never fully lived.

Oil Tanker Pollution

JUST THINKING!