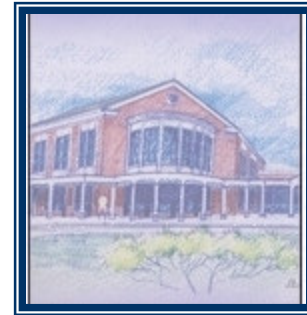


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Reader's Advisory -

Biographies, Autobiographies, & Personal Narratives

By reading these books you can learn about history while getting the "inside story" on men and women who have successfully pursued their dreams and ideals.

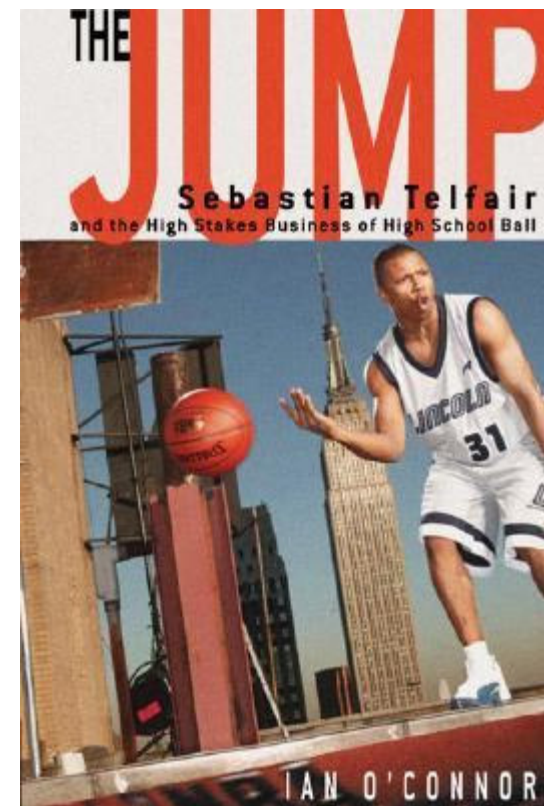
What separates these people from others who seemed equally talented but failed in reaching their dreams?

Nonfiction

The Jump: Sebastian Telfair and the High Stakes Business of High School Ball

by Ian O'Connor

Chronicles the life of New York basketball sensation Sebastian Telfair, describing how he went from abject poverty to riches after becoming one of the sport's greatest point guards.

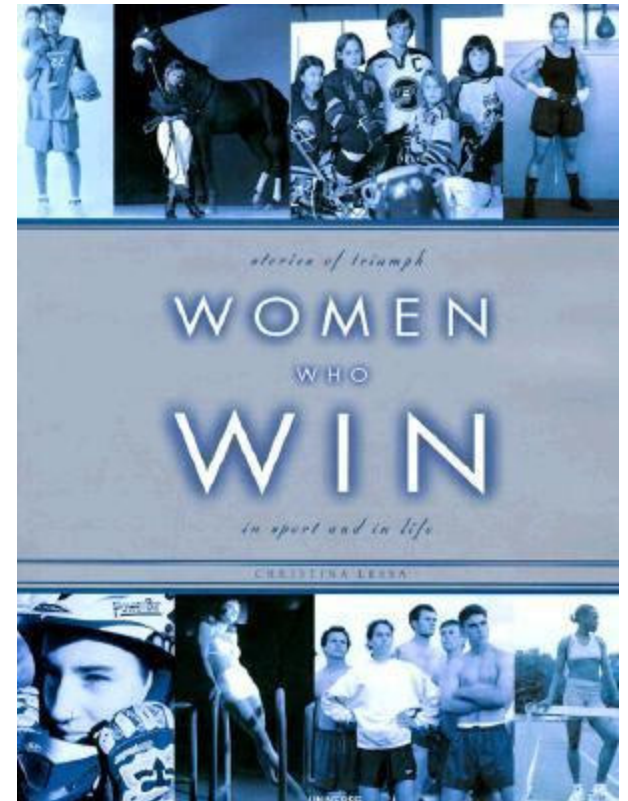


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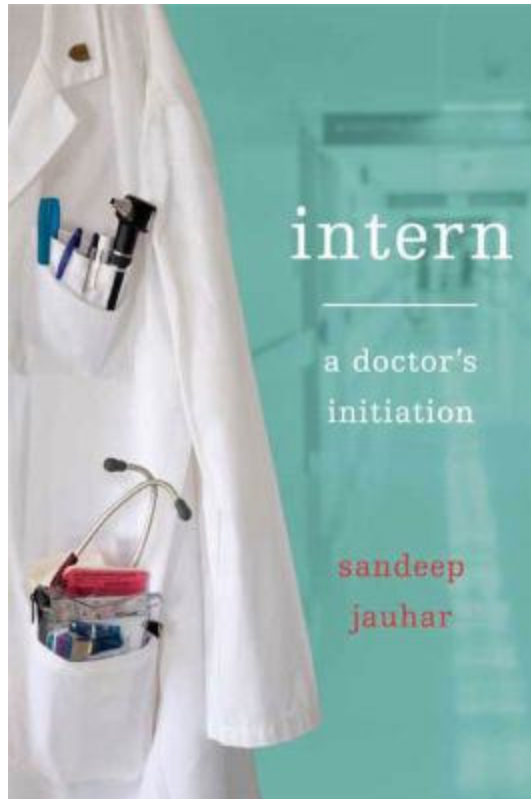
Women Who Win: Stories of Triumph in Sport and in Life

by Christina Lessa

This important book celebrates the stories of courage, challenge, fear, and pride of pioneering women athletes, from Olympic gold-medal-winning skater Peggy Fleming to basketball powerhouse Teresa Edwards.



Nonfiction

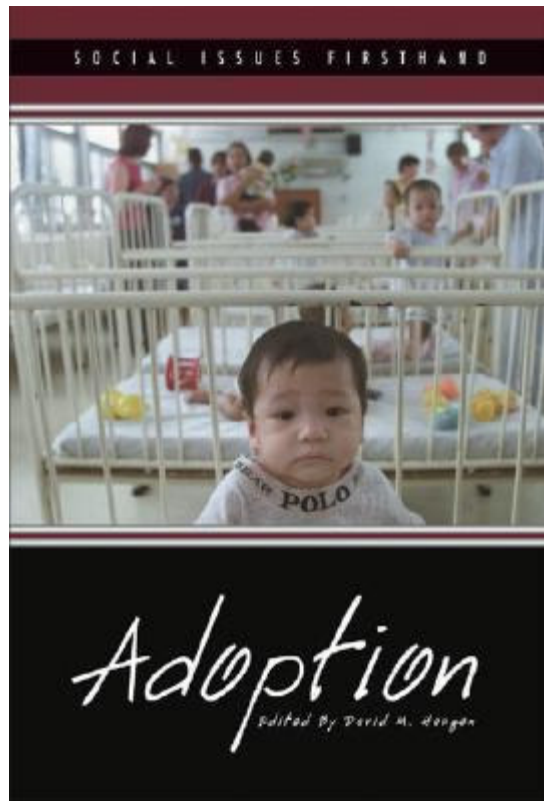


Intern: A Doctor's Initiation

by Sandeep Jauhar

Dr. Sandeep Jauhar recounts his brutal internship at a prominent teaching hospital in New York City, describing how he became disillusioned with the medical system, until he became a patient and was able to view the experience from the other side.

Nonfiction

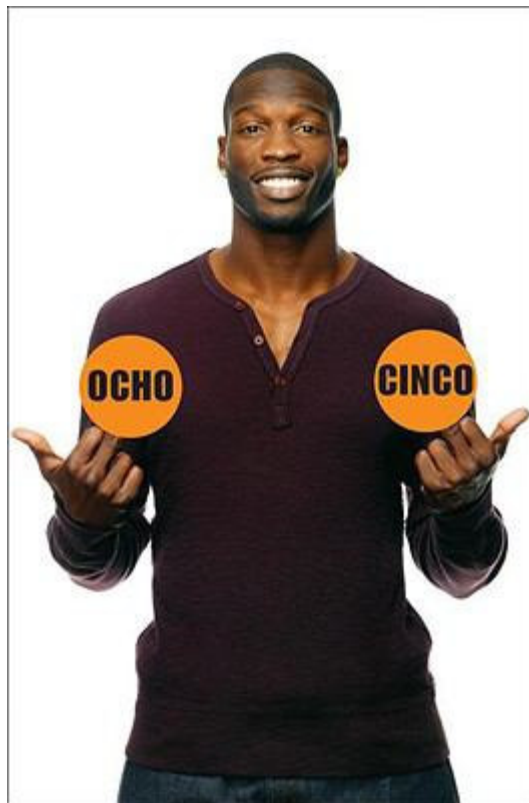


Adoption

David M. Haugen and Matthew J. Box, book editors

Presents a collection of sixteen personal narratives about adoption including those who have given up a child either willing or by force, a birth father who fought to regain custody of his son, adopting a special-needs child, and more.

Nonfiction



Ocho Cinco : what football and life
have thrown my way

by Chad Ochocinco, with Jason
Cole.

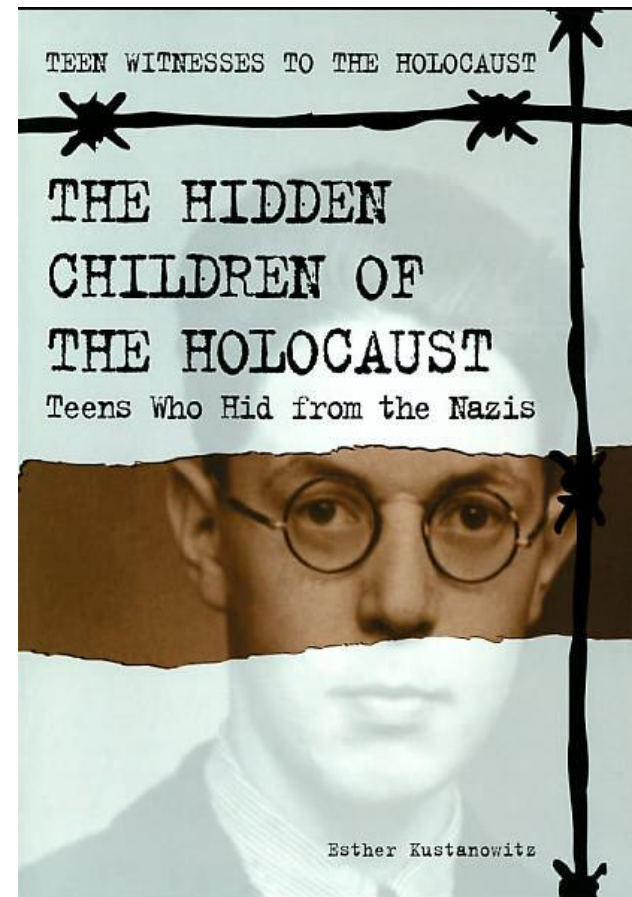
NFL star Chad Johnson, known as
Ochocinco to his fans and
teammates, shares his blunt take on
his own life, discussing his childhood
in Miami, struggles at school, football
career, and other related topics.

Nonfiction

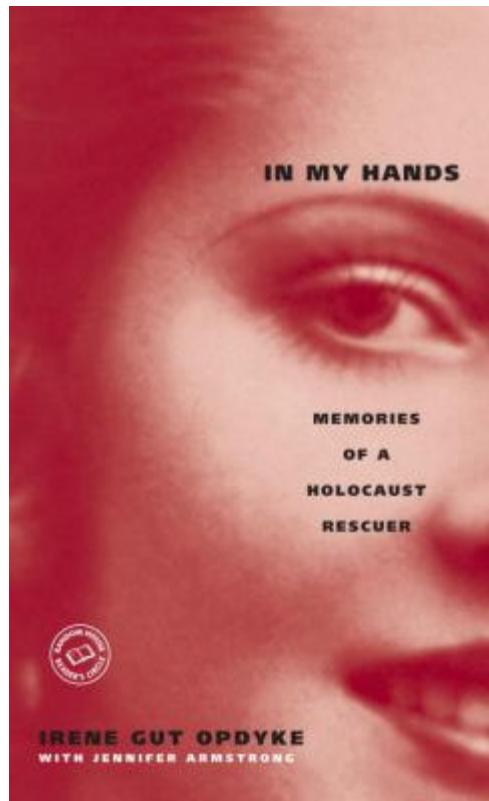
Hidden Children of the Holocaust: Teen Who Hid from the Nazis

by Esther Kustanowitz

Details the experiences of five Jewish teenagers who hid from the Nazis during World War II, also describing their lives after the war.



Nonfiction

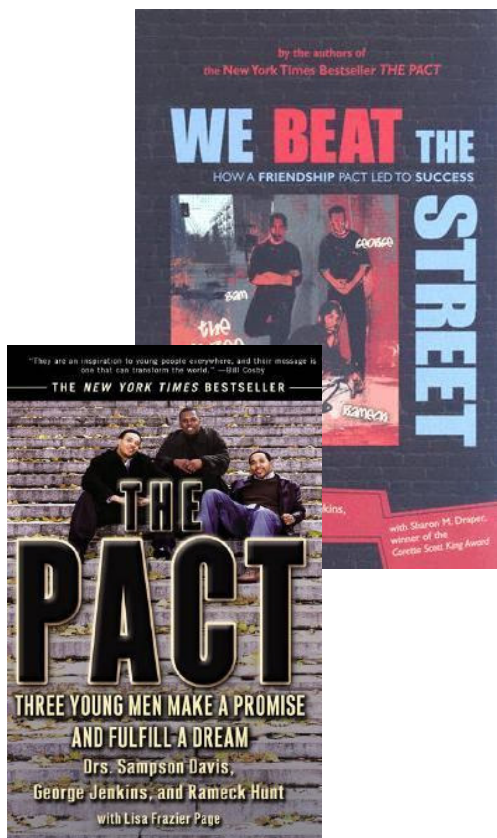


In My Hands: Memories of a Holocaust Rescuer

by Irene Gut Opdyke

Recounts the experiences of the author who, as a young Polish girl, hid and saved Jews during the Holocaust.

Nonfiction



We Beat the Street: How a Friendship Pact Led to Success

by Drs. S. Davis, G. Jenkins, and R. Hunt

Shares anecdotes from the childhoods, teen years, and young adult lives of three men from Newark, New Jersey, who made a pledge to each other in high school to stay safe from drugs, gangs, and crime, and work to become doctors—a goal they have successfully achieved.

Also read The Pact for the whole story.

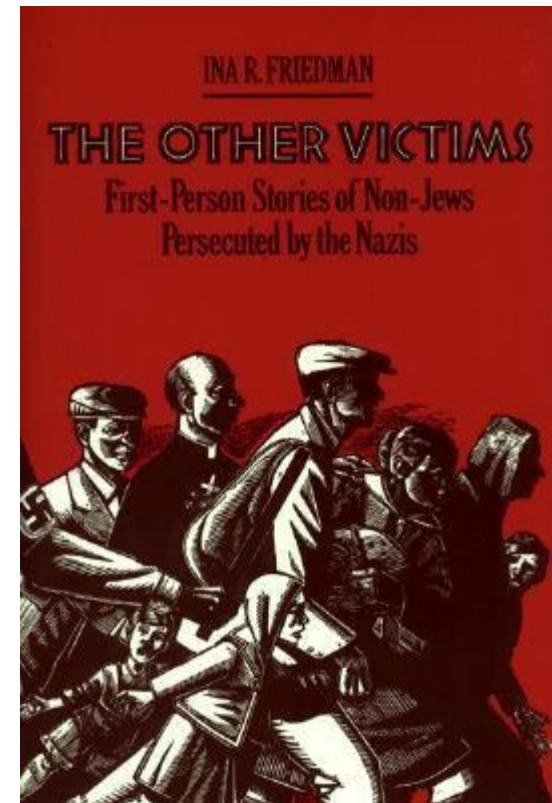
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Nonfiction

The Other Victims: First-Person Stories of Non-Jews Persecuted by the Nazis

by Ina R. Friedman

A series of personal stories from some of the non-Jews, including gypsies, political and religious activists, the physically challenged, and other "undesirables," who were persecuted but escaped the fate of the five million Gentiles murdered by the Nazis.

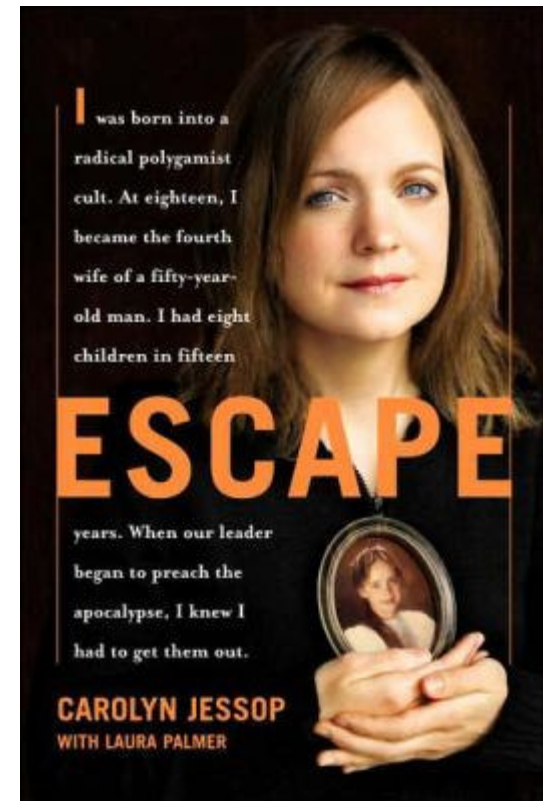


Nonfiction

Escape

by Carolyn Jessop

Carolyn Jessop recounts her involvement in the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which forced her to become the fourth wife of a fifty-year-old man before she managed to escape and expose the group and its practices, leading to the arrest of their notorious leader, Warren Jeffs.



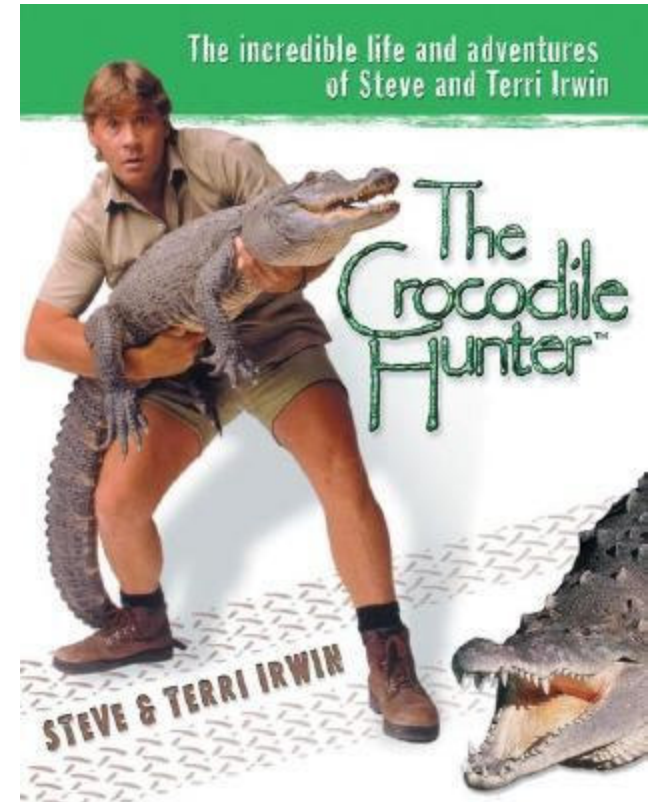
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The Crocodile Hunter:

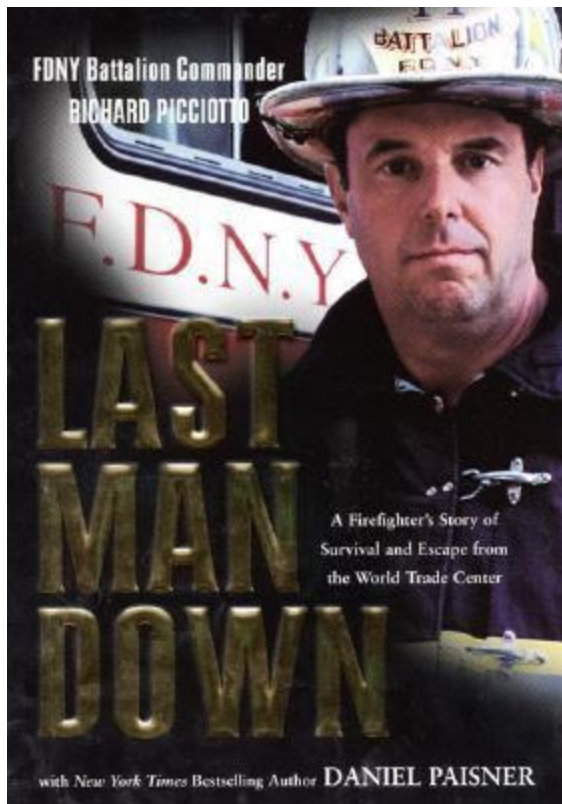
The incredible life and adventures of
Steve and Terri Irwin

by Steve and Terri Irwin

A behind the scenes look at Steve and Terri Irwin whose lives are dedicated to protecting wildlife and nature.



Nonfiction



Last Man Down: a firefighter's story of survival and escape from the World Trade Center

by FDNY Battalion Commander Richard Picciotto ; with Daniel Paisner.

This is the harrowing true story of a true American hero, a man who thought nothing of himself-and gave nearly everything for others during one of New York City's-and the country's-darkest hours.

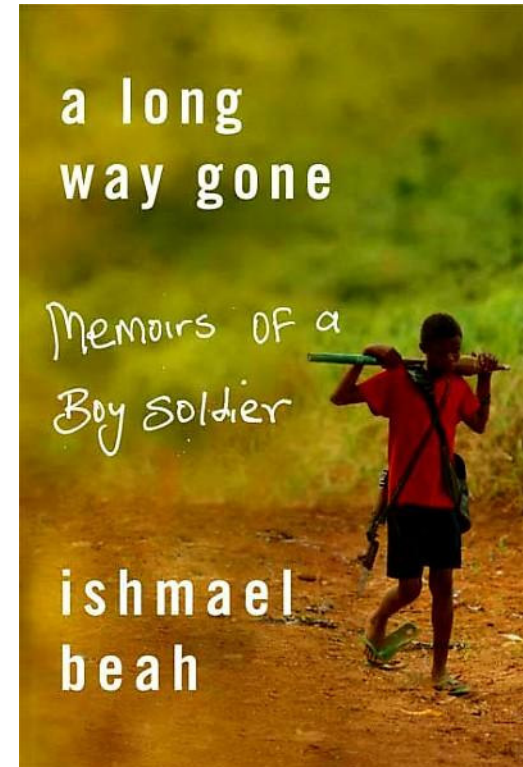
Nonfiction

A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier

by Ishmael Beah

- Ishmael Beah describes his experiences after he was driven from his home by war in Sierra Leone and picked up by the government army at the age of thirteen, serving as a soldier for three years before being removed from fighting by UNICEF and eventually moving to the United States.

- Child soldiers
- Biography



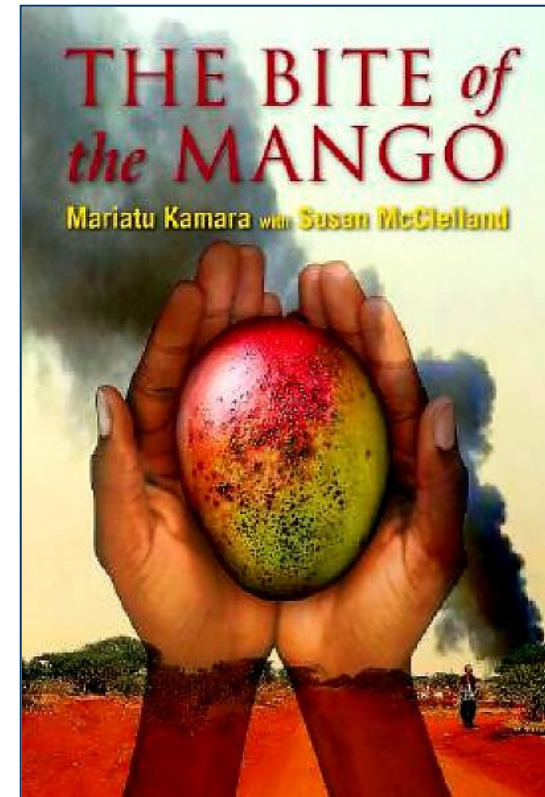
Nonfiction

The Bite of the Mango

by Mariatu Kamara with Susan McClelland

This haunting memoir describes the experiences of Mariatu Kamara as a child during the civil war in Sierra Leone where she was raped, tortured, and had her hands cut off by juvenile rebel soldiers. Even more astonishing than the inconceivable crimes that Kamara endures is the strength, forgiveness, and hope that she discovers as she heals.

- War victims



Nonfiction

Hypocrite in a Pouffy White Dress: Tales of Growing Up Groovy and Clueless

by Susan Jane Gilman

The author presents a collection of fifteen short stories about her childhood, adolescence, and adulthood and all the craziness and bumps that go along with growing up.

hypocrite in a pouffy white dress

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"Thank you, O Lord,
for sending us
Susan Gilman's tales..."
—FRANK MCCOURT



susan jane gilman
author of *Kiss My Tiara*

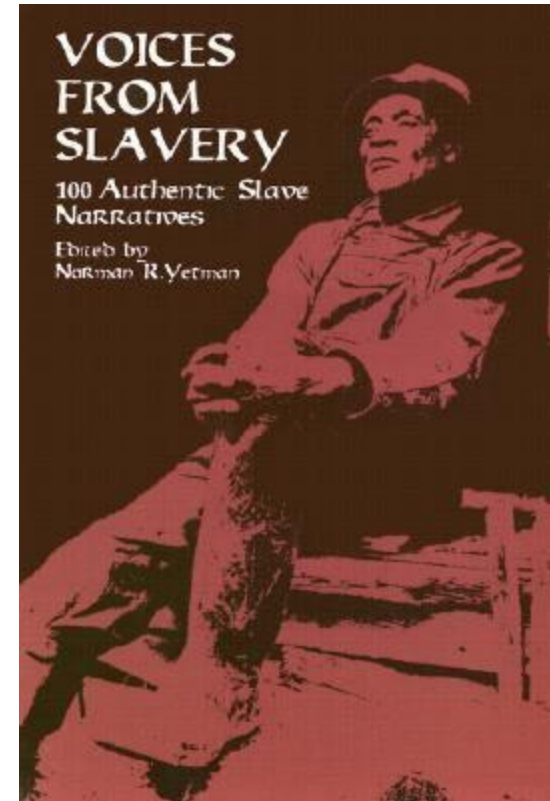
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Voices from Slavery: 100 Authentic Slave Narratives

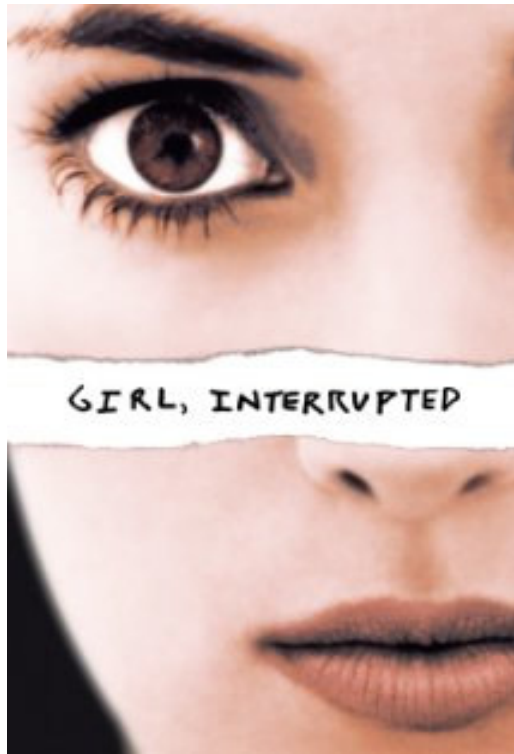
Edited by Norman R. Yetman

Vivid, first-person accounts of what it was like to be a slave in the antebellum South recounted in simple, often poignant language. Stark descriptions of the horrors of slave auctions, and many other unforgettable details of slave life.

Accompanied by 32 compelling photographs and a new preface by the editor.



Nonfiction



Girl, Interrupted

by Susanna Kaysen

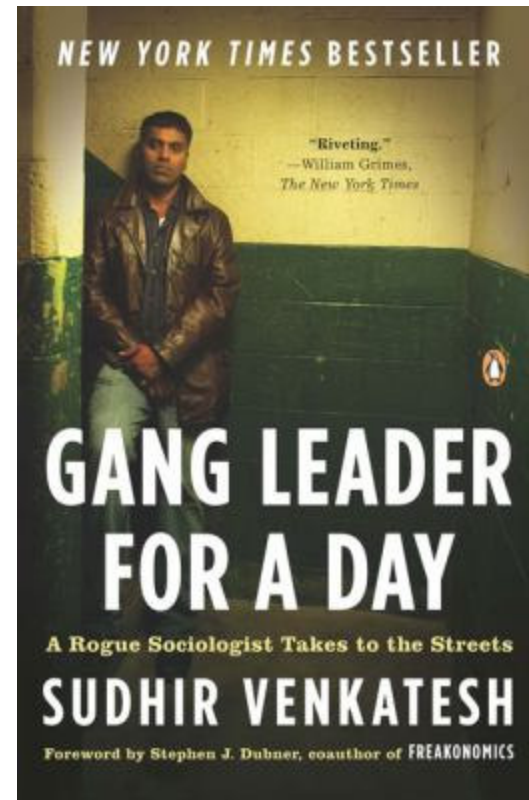
A startling account of the author's two-year stay at a Boston psychiatric hospital.

Nonfiction

Gang Leader for a Day

by Sudhir Venkatesh

Sudhir Venkatesh recounts how he managed to work his way into one of Chicago's most brutal crack-dealing gangs and describes the horrific events he witnessed, and sometimes participated in.

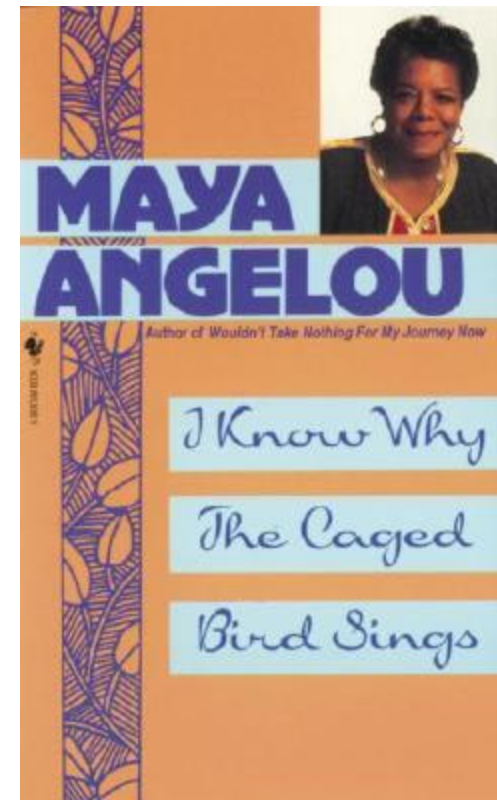


Nonfiction

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings

by Maya Angelou

The moving and beautiful autobiography covering the childhood of a woman who has been a professional dancer, actress, poet, journalist, and television producer.



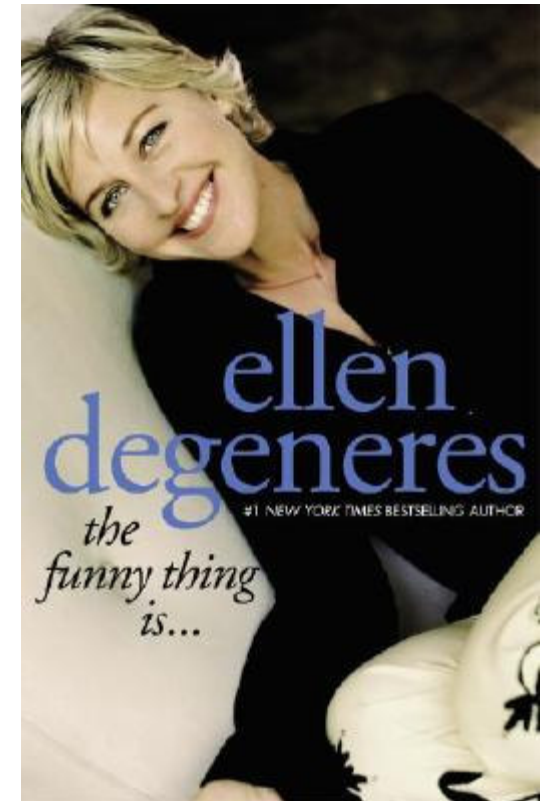
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The Funny Thing Is...

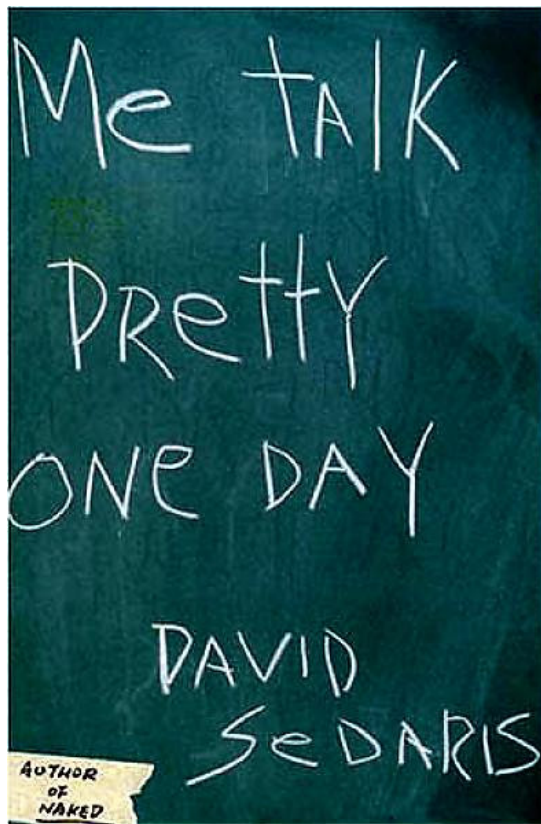
by Ellen DeGeneres

The comic superstar and "New York Times" bestselling author returns to the page with another hilarious tour de force.

- American wit and humor
- Essay collection



Nonfiction



Me Talk Pretty One Day

by David Sedaris



In humorous autobiographical essays, David Sedaris describes the struggles he has had in life due to his voice problems, focusing on the time he spent in France, where he lived with his boyfriend, Hugh.

Nonfiction

Born on the Fourth of July

by Ron Kovic

A veteran of Vietnam (from Long Island) describes his experiences in the war and his reentry into American society after he was paralyzed.

BORN ON THE FOURTH OF JULY

"CLASSIC AND TIMELESS."
New York Times

RON KOVIC

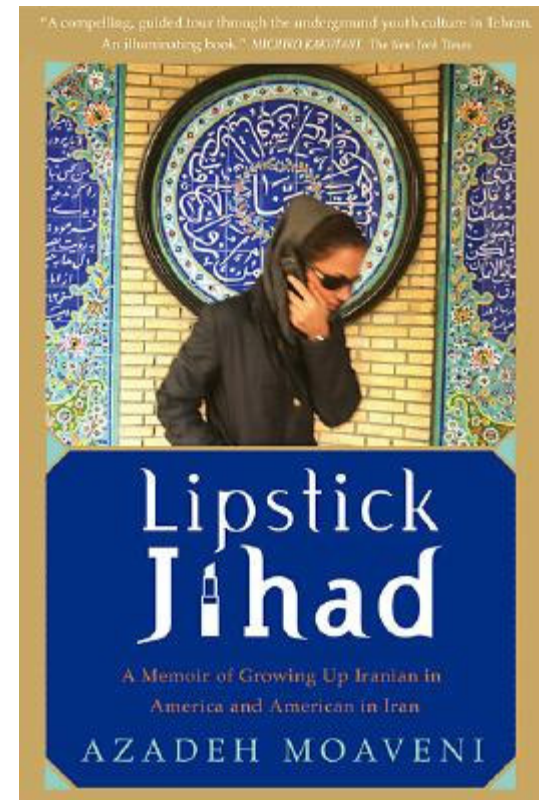
WITH A NEW INTRODUCTION BY THE AUTHOR

Nonfiction

Lipstick Jihad

by Azadeh Moaveni

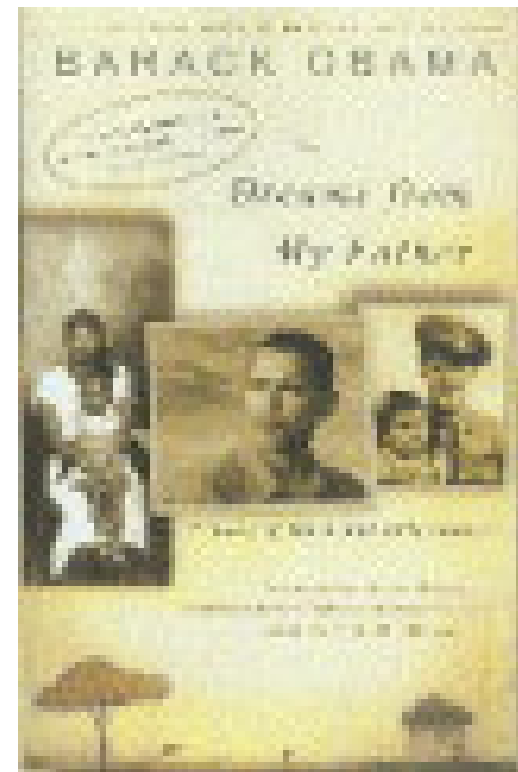
The author examines her life as an American-born Iranian and the frustration and confusion of trying to live in both worlds, and describes her decision to move to Tehran as a journalist and the cultural, political, and social upheaval she encountered. American wit and humor.



Nonfiction

Dreams from My Father by Barack Obama

Barack Obama tells the story of his life as the son of a black African father and a white American mother, searching for a workable meaning to his life as an African American.



Nonfiction

Even Buffett Isn't Perfect

by V. Janjigian

Describes the investment career of Warren Buffett and explains his investment techniques, including how to tell the difference between a value stock and an undervalued stock and what to do when a "good" investment goes bad.

- Stocks
- Investments

