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Dry Aug 29 2019 "The authors do not hold back." —Booklist (starred review) "The palpable desperation that pervades the plot...feels true, giving it a chilling air of inevitability." —Publishers Weekly (starred review) "The Shustermans challenge readers." —School Library Journal (starred review) "No one does doom like Neal Shusterman." —Kirkus Reviews (starred review) When the California drought escalates to catastrophic proportions, one teen is forced to make life and death decisions for her family in this harrowing story of survival from New York Times bestselling author Neal Shusterman and Jarrod Shusterman. The drought—or the Tap-Out, as everyone calls it—has been going on for a while now. Everyone's lives have become an endless list of don'ts: don't water the lawn, don't fill up your pool, don't take long showers. Until the taps run dry. Suddenly, Alyssa's quiet suburban street spirals into a warzone of desperation; neighbors and families turned against each other on the hunt for water. And when her parents don't return and her life—and the life of her brother—is threatened, Alyssa has to make impossible choices if she's going to survive.

The Honey Bus Jan 27 2022 An extraordinary story of a girl, her grandfather and one of nature's most mysterious and beguiling creatures: the honeybee. Meredith May recalls the first time a honeybee crawled on her arm. She was five years old, her parents had recently split and suddenly she found herself in the care of her grandfather, an eccentric beekeeper who made honey in a rusty old military bus in the yard. That first close encounter was at once terrifying and exhilarating for May, and in that moment she discovered that everything she needed to know about life and family was right before her eyes, in the secret world of bees. May turned to her grandfather and the art of beekeeping as an escape from her troubled reality. Her mother had receded into a volatile cycle of neurosis and despair and spent most days locked away in the bedroom. It was during this pivotal time in May's childhood that she learned to take care of herself, forged an unbreakable bond with her grandfather and opened her eyes to the magic and wisdom of nature. The bees became a guiding force in May's life, teaching her about family and community, loyalty and survival and the unequivocal relationship between a mother and her child. Part memoir, part beekeeping odyssey, *The Honey Bus* is an unforgettable story about finding home in the most unusual of places, and how a tiny, little-understood insect could save a life.

The 57 Bus Nov 05 2022 This riveting nonfiction book for teens about race, class, gender, crime, and punishment tells the true story of an agender teen who was set on fire by another teen while riding a bus in Oakland, California.

I Have a Bad Feeling About This Jan 15 2021 Wilderness Survival Tip #1 Drinking your own sweat will not save your life. Somebody might have told you that, but they were trying to find out if you'd really do it. Henry Lambert would rather play video games than spend time in the great outdoors—but that doesn't make him a wuss. Skinny nerd? Fine. But wuss is a little harsh. Sadly, his dad doesn't agree. Which is why Henry is being shipped off to Strongwoods Survival Camp. Strongwoods isn't exactly as advertised. It looks like the victim of a zombie apocalypse, the "camp director" is a psycho drill sergeant, and Henry's sure he saw a sign written in blood... Wilderness Survival Tip #2 In case of an avalanche, don't despair. You're doomed, but that's a wicked cool death. Wilderness Survival Tip #3 If you're relying on this book for actual survival tips, you're dead already. Praise for Jeff Strand's *A Bad Day For Voodoo*: "A delightfully ludicrous read."—School Library Journal "Just the thing for teen wiseacres."—Booklist "[A] free-wheeling dark comedy that starts off running and doesn't stop until all plausibility is exhausted. Sam Raimi fans should eat it up."—Publishers Weekly

The Antlered Ship Jun 07 2020 An inquisitive fox sets off on a seafaring voyage with a crew of deer and pigeons in this enchanting tale of friendship and adventure. Marco the fox has a lot of questions, like: how deep does the sun go when it sinks into the sea? And why do birds have such lizardy feet? But none of the other foxes share his curiosity. So when a magnificent ship adorned with antlers and with a deer for a captain arrives at the dock looking for a crew, Marco volunteers, hoping to find foxes who are as inquisitive as he is that can answer his questions. The crew finds adventure and intrigue on their journey. And, at last, Marco finds the answer to his most important question of all: What's the best way to find a friend you can talk to?

Waiting for the Last Bus Jul 29 2019 Where do we go when we die? Or is there nowhere to go? Is death something we can do or is it just something that happens to us? Now in his ninth decade, former Bishop of Edinburgh Richard Holloway has spent a lifetime at the bedsides of the dying, guiding countless men and women towards peaceful deaths. In *The Last Bus*, he presents a positive, meditative and profound exploration of the many important lessons we can learn from death: facing up to the limitations of our bodies as they falter, reflecting on our failings, and forgiving ourselves and others. But in a modern world increasingly wary of acknowledging mortality, *The Last Bus* is also a stirring plea to reacquaint ourselves with death. Facing and welcoming death gives us the chance to think about not only the meaning of our own life, but of life itself; and can mean the difference between ordinary sorrow and unbearable regret at the end. Radical, joyful and moving, *The Last Bus* is an invitation to reconsider life's

greatest mystery by one of the most important and beloved religious leaders of our time.

Dangerously Ever After Mar 05 2020 Not all princesses are made of sugar and spice--some are made of funnier, fiercer stuff Princess Amanita laughs in the face of danger. Brakeless bicycles, pet scorpions, spiky plants--that's her thing. So when quiet Prince Florian gives her roses, Amanita is unimpressed . . . until she sees their glorious thorns! Now she must have rose seeds of her own. But when huge, honking noses grow instead, what is a princess with a taste for danger to do? For readers seeking a princess with pluck comes an independent heroine who tackles obstacles with a bouquet of sniffing noses. At once lovely and delightfully absurd, here's a story to show how elastic ideas of beauty and princesses can be.

Bus Stop Killer Oct 31 2019 Levi Bellfield was an English serial killer-dubbed the "Bus Stop Killer"-because of his practice of staking out bus stops to find his victims; usually young blonde women who he would then stalk after they rejected him while they walked home before attacking them with a hammer. One victim, Kate Sheedy, did not like the looks of Bellfield or his vehicle and attempted to cross the street to get away. She was subsequently run over by Bellfield-twice. Bellfield was ultimately convicted of killing two young blonde women-Marsha McDonnell and Amelie Delagrang-as well as the attempted murder of Sheedy. He was sentenced to life in prison on 26 February 2008 with a recommendation that he should never be released. Then, evidence of a third murder victim, 13-year-old Amanda "Milly" Dowler, emerged and Bellfield was subsequently convicted of her murder and given another life sentence. Since then he has been implicated in dozens of additional assaults and murders and unsuccessfully tried for three of them.

I Will Always Write Back Feb 02 2020 The New York Times bestselling true story of an all-American girl and a boy from Zimbabwe -- and the letter that changed both of their lives forever. It started as an assignment. Everyone in Caitlin's class wrote to an unknown student somewhere in a distant place. Martin was lucky to even receive a pen-pal letter. There were only ten letters, and fifty kids in his class. But he was the top student, so he got the first one. That letter was the beginning of a correspondence that spanned six years and changed two lives. In this compelling dual memoir, Caitlin and Martin recount how they became best friends--and better people--through their long-distance exchange. Their story will inspire you to look beyond your own life and wonder about the world at large and your place in it.

Cat on the Bus Aug 22 2021 Follow a stray cat as she braves the snowy city streets to find a home in this nearly-wordless picture book. A calico cat with curious eyes cautiously approaches a grocery store. . . . only to be shooed away by the owner with a broom. She keeps wandering, and tries to climb on a city bus-- but the driver tells her to SCRAM! Disheartened, the cat huddles down as snow begins to fall-- until another bus pulls up, and the driver welcomes her aboard. And when an old man sits down beside her, the cat makes a friend for life-- and finally finds the home she's been searching for. A purr-fect pick for cat lovers, this heartwarming picture book features a simple text, heavy with onomatopoeia, and striking, bold illustrations that carry the story, depicting the charming cat's range of emotions. See how a simple act of kindness can change lives forever. Young readers will empathize with the strong emotional content--hunger, loneliness, and rejection, giving way to contentment and joy--and delight in the expressive illustrations.

The Leadership Bus Mar 29 2022 Today, leadership skills are vital in every field and, consequently, are in much demand. Successful leaders must have a clear vision of what they want to achieve. They must also be able to persuade everyone on their team to join with them in achieving their goals. From there on, it is necessary to continue working very hard to keep the team united and totally task focused until the goals are achieved. An excellent analogy is to liken the leader to a bus driver who knows the desired destination. The two vital tasks, then, are to persuade everyone, whose assistance is needed to get there, to board the bus, and, having done so, ensure they all stay on board, until the destination is reached. This book explains what leadership is, which leadership style is your predominant one, what you need to do to get your people on your bus and, finally, how to

keep them there until your goals are achieved. In summary, you will learn how to be a truly effective and successful leader.

Last Stop on Market Street Mar 17 2021 #1 New York Times Bestseller A USA Today Bestseller Winner of the Newbery Medal A Caldecott Honor Book A Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Book This award-winning modern classic—a must-have for every child’s home library—is an inclusive ode to kindness, empathy, gratitude, and finding joy in unexpected places, and celebrates the special bond between a curious young boy and his loving grandmother. Every Sunday after church, CJ and his grandma ride the bus across town. But today, CJ wonders why they don’t own a car like his friend Colby. Why doesn’t he have an iPod like the boys on the bus? How come they always have to get off in the dirty part of town? Each question is met with an encouraging answer from grandma, who helps him see the beauty—and fun—in their routine and the world around them. This energetic ride through a bustling city highlights the wonderful perspective only grandparent and grandchild can share, and comes to life through Matt de la Peña’s vibrant text and Christian Robinson’s radiant illustrations.

Somebody on This Bus Is Going to Be Famous May 07 2020 Who's it going to be? Spencer's the smart kid. Shelly's the diva. Miranda's the scaredy-cat. Matthew's just average (so far). In fact, there's nothing about any of the nine middle-schoolers on Mrs. B's bus route that screams "fame." But before the end of the year, somebody on this bus is going to be famous. Every morning, their school bus waits at an empty bus stop. Nobody ever gets on. Nobody ever gets off. And Mrs. B refuses to answer questions about it. Strangest of all, it's Bender the bully who decides to investigate the mystery. But it will take all nine students to find out the truth, for each of them has a clue to the mystery that will change their lives forever. Award-winning author J.B. Cheaney's new middle grade novel weaves nine distinctive narratives into one fascinating read. Part detective story, part tale of self-discovery, this funny and touching novel is destined to be a modern classic. Praise for J.B. Cheaney "Twists and turns will keep readers in suspense throughout the tale." -School Library Journal on *The Playmakers* "The main characters are particularly well drawn and believable..[for] fans of Jack Gantos' Joey Pigza series." —Booklist on *Middle of Somewhere*

Dog on Board Dec 26 2021 Have you ever met a dog who could ride the bus all by herself? Eclipse can, and her story went viral, catapulting her to national stardom. Now see the world through her eyes in this delightful photographic picture book! All I wanted to do was go to the dog park. I never thought my buddy Jeff would miss the bus. And I certainly never thought I’d become a pup with paparazzi! The story of this online sensation is so compelling you’ll want to share it—like the millions who already have on TV, online, and in newspapers around the world. "Eclipse’s story is perfect for the picture book set, and doggie lovers will get right on board." —Booklist

The Wayward Bus Apr 05 2020 A Penguin Classic In his first novel to follow the publication of his enormous success, *The Grapes of Wrath*, Steinbeck’s vision comes wonderfully to life in this imaginative and unsentimental chronicle of a bus traveling California’s back roads, transporting the lost and the lonely, the good and the greedy, the stupid and the scheming, the beautiful and the vicious away from their shattered dreams and, possibly, toward the promise of the future. This edition features an introduction by Gary Scharnhorst. For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,700 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators.

Last Bus to Wisdom Sep 22 2021 Named a Best Book of the Year by the Seattle Times and Kirkus Review The final novel from a great American storyteller. Donal Cameron is being raised by his grandmother, the cook at the legendary Double W ranch in Ivan Doig’s beloved Two Medicine Country of the Montana Rockies, a landscape that gives full rein to an eleven-year-old’s imagination. But when Gram has to have surgery for “female trouble” in the summer of 1951, all she can think to do is to ship Donal off to her sister in faraway Manitowoc, Wisconsin. There Donal is in for a rude

surprise: Aunt Kate—bossy, opinionated, argumentative, and tyrannical—is nothing like her sister. She henpecks her good-natured husband, Herman the German, and Donal can't seem to get on her good side either. After one contretemps too many, Kate packs him back to the authorities in Montana on the next Greyhound. But as it turns out, Donal isn't traveling solo: Herman the German has decided to fly the coop with him. In the immortal American tradition, the pair light out for the territory together, meeting a classic Doigian ensemble of characters and having rollicking misadventures along the way. Charming, wise, and slyly funny, *Last Bus to Wisdom* is a last sweet gift from a writer whose books have bestowed untold pleasure on countless readers.

The Berenstain Bears Catch the Bus Aug 10 2020 It's 7:45 a.m. and Gus the bus driver is on his way. But the Cubs aren't even up yet! Will they miss the bus? Told in humorous easy-to-read text, this simple story offers up a blow-by-blow description of just another morning in the Bear household—which readers will find not all that different from their own!

Children of the Storm Jun 19 2021 Imagine being one of twenty children, ages seven to fourteen, stranded in a makeshift school bus for thirty-three hours during the worst blizzard to hit Colorado in over fifty years. The gripping narrative of "Children of the Storm" leads you through this haunting experience. The morning of March 26, 1931 began with sixty-degree weather and students excitedly running to board Carl Miller's bus for their routine ride to Pleasant Hill School. By the time they arrived at the schoolhouses, it was dark, windy, and cold—obvious signs of a spring snowstorm. Soon after, following the teachers' orders to drive the children to a nearby home for safety, Miller lost his sense of direction in the ensuing whiteout and lodged the bus in a ditch. When rescuers found the survivors a day and a half later, the blizzard had taken its deadly toll. The media avidly pursued the story, and the children became national and international celebrities. Ariana Harner and Clarkk Secrest have written the first comprehensive account of the tragedy, culling details from interviews, newspaper clippings, and archival documents. This is a tale of media exploitation, false heroism, lifelong heartbreak, and hard-won survival.

Move Your Bus Nov 12 2020 A guidebook to successful leadership explains that by looking at an organization as a bus and the employees as the people on it, managers can identify who is helping the bus move, and who is hindering it.

Let's Take the Bus May 31 2022 Five foolish animal friends have trouble getting home on the bus.

The Energy Bus Oct 04 2022 Enjoy the ride of your life with the Wall Street Journal bestseller *None of us can expect to get through life without any challenges. Life isn't always a constant daydream of unbridled pleasure and happiness. But that doesn't mean you can't approach everything with some zing - a big dose of positive energy is what you need to feel great, be successful and love life! And the international bestselling The Energy Bus can help you live your life in a positive, forward-thinking way. Learn the 10 secrets that will help you overcome adversity and harness the power of positive, infectious energy, so that you can create your own success. International bestselling author Jon Gordon draws on his experience of working with thousands of leaders and teams to provide insights, actionable strategies and positive energy. The Energy Bus: Shows you how to ditch negativity and infuse your life with positive energy Provides tools to build a positive team and culture Contains insights from working with some of the world's largest companies Foreword by Ken Blanchard, co-author of The One-Minute Manager*

Here Comes a Bus Jul 09 2020 A family waits to take a bus to the park, and must wait while buses going to the zoo, aquarium, and farm go by. On board pages.

Lift as You Climb Jul 21 2021 Learn about the civil rights activist Ella Baker in this inspiring picture book from Sibert Honor winner Patricia Hruby Powell and Caldecott Honor winner R. Gregory Christie. "What do you hope to accomplish?" asked Ella Baker's granddaddy when she was still a child. Her mother provided the answer: "Lift as you climb." Long before the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 60s, Ella Baker worked to lift

others up by fighting racial injustice and empowering poor African Americans to stand up for their rights. Her dedication and grassroots work in many communities made her a valuable ally for leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and she has been ranked as one of the most influential women in the civil rights movement. In the 1960s she worked to register voters and organize sit-ins, and she became a teacher and mentor to many young activists. Caldecott Honor winner R. Gregory Christie's powerful pictures pair with Patricia Hruby Powell's poignant words to paint a vivid portrait of the fight for the freedom of the human spirit.

Starfish Dec 14 2020 From a debut author comes a gorgeous and emotionally resonant debut novel about a half-Japanese teen who grapples with social anxiety and her narcissist mother in the wake of a crushing rejection from art school. 5 1/2 x 8 5/16.

Bus! Stop! Feb 13 2021 Few words are needed in this inventive and fun transportation adventure! "Bus! Stop!" a boy yells, as his bus pulls away one early morning. He must wait for the next bus. But the next one does NOT look like his bus at all. And neither does the next one, or the next. At first, the boy is annoyed. Then he is puzzled. Then intrigued. The other buses look much more interesting than his bus. Maybe he should try a different bus after all, and he's glad he does! Here is a book with few words and delightful illustrations that shows very young children that trying something a little different can be a lot of fun.

In Case You Get Hit by a Bus Feb 25 2022 A step-by-step program for getting your life in order, so you're prepared for the unexpected. The odds of getting hit by a bus are 495,000 to 1. But the odds that you're going to die some day? Exactly. Even the most disorganized among us can take control of our on- and off-line details so our loved ones won't have to scramble later. The experts at Everplans, a leading company in digital life planning, make it possible in this essential and easy-to-follow book. Breaking the task down into three levels, from the most urgent (like granting access to passwords), to the technical (creating a manual for the systems in your home), to the nostalgic (assembling a living memory), this clear, step-by-step program not only removes the anxiety and stress from getting your life in order, it's actually liberating. And deeply satisfying, knowing that you're leaving the best parting gift imaginable. When you finish this book, you will have: A system for managing all your passwords and secret codes Organized your money and assets, bills and debts A complete understanding of all the medical directives and legal documents you need—including Wills, Powers of Attorney, and Trusts A plan for meaningful photos, recipes, and family heirlooms Records of your personal history, interests, beliefs, and life lessons An instruction manual for your home and vehicles Your funeral planned and obituary written (if you're up for it)

Last Bus Out Aug 02 2022 Includes reading group discussion/teacher guide.

Queen of the Road Jul 01 2022 A pampered Long Island princess hits the road in a converted bus with her wilderness-loving husband, travels the country for one year, and brings it all hilariously to life in this offbeat and romantic memoir. Doreen and Tim are married psychiatrists with a twist: She's a self-proclaimed Long Island princess, grouchy couch potato, and shoe addict. He's an affable, though driven, outdoorsman. When Tim suggests "chucking it all" to travel cross-country in a converted bus, Doreen asks, "Why can't you be like a normal husband in a midlife crisis and have an affair or buy a Corvette?" But she soon shocks them both, agreeing to set forth with their sixty-pound dog, two querulous cats—and no agenda—in a 340-square-foot bus. Queen of the Road is Doreen's offbeat and romantic tale about refusing to settle, about choosing the unconventional road with all the misadventures it brings (fire, flood, armed robbery, and finding themselves in a nudist RV park, to name just a few). The marvelous places they visit and delightful people they encounter have a life-changing effect on all the travelers, as Doreen grows to appreciate the simple life, Tim mellows, and even the pets pull together. Best of all, readers get to go along for the ride through forty-seven states in this often hilarious and always entertaining memoir, in which a boisterous marriage of polar opposites becomes stronger than ever.

Tanya Takes the School Bus Nov 24 2021 Tanya gets to ride the bust to school this year! She meets her bus driver and learns how to be safe

around the school bus. She waits with her dad at the bust stop, and she even gets to sit by a friend on the bus! Find out what else happens on the way to school.

A World of Bus Toys and Models Oct 24 2021 Toy and model buses are closely examined in this book. Bus transportation from the 1920s to the present appears in over 500 gorgeous color photos of over 1100 toy buses. This is the missing link in the transportation toy library, the book that bus lovers have been waiting for.

The Freedom Bus Sep 10 2020 This is the story of a brave little girl on a quest for adventure, love and belonging. Jenny Rossiter has spent decades encouraging others to improve their lives. In this book she peels back the layers of her own life in a bid to connect with herself. Her journey of self-discovery is often difficult and sometimes surprising. Will it be the key to unlocking the truth, and with it understanding? "This is my story, but it could have been yours. Our journeys might be different, but our humanity is universal-regardless of our experiences. When we find ourselves, we find each other." - Jenny Rossiter

The Sweet Hereafter Apr 17 2021 When fourteen children from the small town of Sam Dent are lost in a tragic accident, its citizens are confronted with one of life's most difficult and disturbing questions: When the worst happens, whom do you blame, and how do you cope? Masterfully written, it is a large-hearted novel that brings to life a cast of unforgettable small-town characters and illuminates the mysteries and realities of love as well as grief. *The Sweet Hereafter* was released as a major motion picture by Atom Egoyan in 1997 and won the Grand Prix at the Cannes Film Festival. Egoyan also received Academy Award nominations for Best Director and Best Adapted Screenplay that year.

The Short Bus Jan 03 2020 Once labeled profoundly learning disabled, an honors graduate from Brown University describes his cross-country odyssey to meet other individuals who had found unique and magical ways to overcome the obstacles that separated them from the "normal" world, in an irreverent, profound, and poignant account. Reprint.

The Finest Hours (Young Readers Edition) Oct 12 2020 On the night of February 18, 1952, during one of the worst winter storms that New England has ever seen, two oil tankers just off the shore of Cape Cod were torn in half by the force of the storm. This middle-grade adaptation of an adult nonfiction book tells the story of the shipwreck and a harrowing Coast Guard rescue when four men in a tiny lifeboat overcame insurmountable odds and saved more than 30 stranded sailors. This is a fast-paced, uplifting story that puts young readers in the middle of the action. It's a gripping story of heroism and survival with the same intensity as the bestselling book and movie *The Perfect Storm*. A Christy Ottaviano Book

Moose's Book Bus Jun 27 2019 In Inga Moore's charming companion to *A House in the Woods*, Moose's library outing soon has the whole woodland community crowding into his house to read together. Leave it to Moose to find a solution—on wheels! Distinguished author-illustrator Inga Moore reunites the cast of *A House in the Woods* for another tale of friendship and ingenuity. When Moose runs out of stories to tell his family after dinner, he ventures to the town library for books. No sooner is he settled in at home to read them aloud than Bear, Badger, Fox, Hare, Mole, the Three Wild Pigs, and even the Beavers crowd in to listen. Soon everyone is packed in like sardines. What's a clever Moose to do? With its warm, whimsical cast and a snug woodland setting evoked by earthy illustrations, this playful nod to the power of books and libraries to create community will reward new and returning fans alike.

That's Not My Hedgehog Sep 30 2019 There are lots of hedgehogs for children to meet, and lots of new textures to touch and feel, in this colourful board book.

Babylon by Bus Apr 29 2022 This all-access, inside-out view of what the American occupation of Iraq really looks like on the ground is the story of two young Americans who went to Baghdad without any real plan and discovered they weren't the only ones. Underqualified but ingenious, Ray and

Jeff found work with the Coalition Provisional Authority providing humanitarian aid to the Iraqi people amid an appalling atmosphere of corruption, incompetence, and horror. Gritty and irreverent, this is a wild ride inside the Red Zone and a strikingly original portrait of the real Iraq.

Riding the Bus with My Sister Sep 03 2022 A “heartwarming, life-affirming” memoir of a relationship with an intellectually disabled sibling: “Read this book. It might just change your life” (Boston Herald). Beth is a spirited woman with an intellectual disability who lives intensely and often joyfully, and spends most of her days riding the buses in Pennsylvania. The drivers, a lively group, are her mentors; her fellow passengers, her community—though some display less patience or kindness than others. Her sister, Rachel, a teacher and writer, camouflages her emotional isolation by leading a hyperbusy life. But one day, Beth asks Rachel to accompany her on public transportation for an entire year—and Rachel accepts. This wise, funny, deeply affecting book is the chronicle of that remarkable time, as Rachel learns how to live in the moment, how to pay attention to what really matters, how to change, how to love—and how to slow down and enjoy the ride. Weaving in anecdotes and memories of terrifying maternal abandonment, fierce sisterly loyalty, and astonishing forgiveness, Rachel Simon brings to light a world that is almost invisible to many people, finds unlikely heroes in everyday life, and, without sentimentality, wrestles with her own limitations and portrays Beth as the endearing, feisty, independent person she is. “With tenderness and fury, heartbreak and acceptance . . . Simon comes to the inescapable conclusion that we are all riders on the bus, and on the bus we are all the same.” —Jacquelyn Mitchard, author of *The Deep End of the Ocean*

All He Knew Dec 02 2019 A novel in verse about a young deaf boy during World War II, the sister who loves him, and the conscientious objector who helps him. Inspired by true events. Henry has been deaf from an early age—he is intelligent and aware of language, but by age six, he has decided it's not safe to speak to strangers. When the time comes for him to start school, he is labeled “unteachable.” Because his family has very little money, his parents and older sister, Molly, feel powerless to help him. Henry is sent to Riverview, a bleak institution where he is misunderstood, underestimated, and harshly treated. Victor, a conscientious objector to World War II, is part of a Civilian Public Service program offered as an alternative to the draft. In 1942, he arrives at Riverview to serve as an attendant and quickly sees that Henry is far from unteachable—he is brave, clever, and sometimes mischievous. In Victor's care, Henry begins to see how things can change for the better. Heartbreaking and ultimately hopeful, Helen Frost's *All He Knew* is inspired by true events and provides sharp insight into a little-known element of history.

Into the Wild May 19 2021 Krakauer's page-turning bestseller explores a famed missing person mystery while unraveling the larger riddles it holds: the profound pull of the American wilderness on our imagination; the allure of high-risk activities to young men of a certain cast of mind; the complex, charged bond between fathers and sons. “Terrifying... Eloquent... A heart-rending drama of human yearning.” —New York Times In April 1992 a young man from a well-to-do family hitchhiked to Alaska and walked alone into the wilderness north of Mt. McKinley. He had given \$25,000 in savings to charity, abandoned his car and most of his possessions, burned all the cash in his wallet, and invented a new life for himself. Four months later, his decomposed body was found by a moose hunter. How Christopher Johnson McCandless came to die is the unforgettable story of *Into the Wild*. Immediately after graduating from college in 1991, McCandless had roamed through the West and Southwest on a vision quest like those made by his heroes Jack London and John Muir. In the Mojave Desert he abandoned his car, stripped it of its license plates, and burned all of his cash. He would give himself a new name, Alexander Supertramp, and, unencumbered by money and belongings, he would be free to wallow in the raw, unfiltered experiences that nature presented. Craving a blank spot on the map, McCandless simply threw the maps away. Leaving behind his desperate parents and sister, he vanished into the wild. Jon Krakauer constructs a clarifying prism through which he reassembles the disquieting facts of McCandless's short life. Admitting an interest that borders on obsession, he searches for the clues to the drives and desires that propelled McCandless. When McCandless's innocent mistakes turn out to be irreversible and fatal, he becomes the stuff of tabloid headlines and is dismissed

for his naiveté, pretensions, and hubris. He is said to have had a death wish but wanting to die is a very different thing from being compelled to look over the edge. Krakauer brings McCandless's uncompromising pilgrimage out of the shadows, and the peril, adversity, and renunciation sought by this enigmatic young man are illuminated with a rare understanding--and not an ounce of sentimentality. Mesmerizing, heartbreaking, *Into the Wild* is a tour de force. The power and luminosity of Jon Krakauer's storytelling blaze through every page.