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 brilliant coming-of-age-and-into-  
 superstardom story of one of the greatest  
 artists of all time, in his own  
 words—featuring never-before-seen  
 photos, original scrapbooks and lyric  
 sheets, and the exquisite memoir he  
 began writing before his tragic death  
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 OF THE YEAR BY THE NEW YORK TIMES  
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 AWARD Prince was a musical genius, one

of the most beloved, accomplished, and  
 acclaimed musicians of our time. He was a  
 startlingly original visionary with an  
 imagination deep enough to whip up  
 whole worlds, from the sexy, gritty funk  
 paradise of “Uptown” to the mythical  
 landscape of Purple Rain to the  
 psychedelia of “Paisley Park.” But his most  
 ambitious creative act was turning Prince  
 Rogers Nelson, born in Minnesota, into  
 Prince, one of the greatest pop stars of  
 any era. *The Beautiful Ones* is the story of  
 how Prince became Prince—a first-person  
 account of a kid absorbing the world  
 around him and then creating a persona,  
 an artistic vision, and a life, before the hits  
 and fame that would come to define him.  
 The book is told in four parts. The first is  
 the memoir Prince was writing before his  
 tragic death, pages that bring us into his  
 childhood world through his own lyrical

prose. The second part takes us through  
 Prince’s early years as a musician, before  
 his first album was released, via an  
 evocative scrapbook of writing and photos.  
 The third section shows us Prince’s  
 evolution through candid images that go  
 up to the cusp of his greatest  
 achievement, which we see in the book’s  
 fourth section: his original handwritten  
 treatment for Purple Rain—the final stage  
 in Prince’s self-creation, where he retells  
 the autobiography of the first three parts  
 as a heroic journey. The book is framed by  
 editor Dan Piepenbring’s riveting and  
 moving introduction about his profound  
 collaboration with Prince in his final  
 months—a time when Prince was thinking  
 deeply about how to reveal more of  
 himself and his ideas to the world, while  
 retaining the mystery and mystique he’d  
 so carefully cultivated—and annotations

that provide context to the book's images. This work is not just a tribute to an icon, but an original and energizing literary work in its own right, full of Prince's ideas and vision, his voice and image—his undying gift to the world.

### **You're the Most Beautiful Thing that Happened** Bloomsbury Publishing USA

A memoir by the woman who knew Bob Marley best—his wife, Rita. Rita Marley grew up in the slums of Trench Town, Jamaica. Abandoned by her mother at a very young age, she was raised by her aunt. Music ran in Rita's family, and even as a child her talent for singing was pronounced. By the age of 18, Rita was an unwed mother, and it was then that she met Bob Marley at a recording studio in Trench Town. Bob and Rita became close friends, fell in love, and soon, she and her girlfriends were singing backup for the Wailers. At the ages of 21 and 19, Bob and Rita were married. The rest is history: Bob Marley and the Wailers set Jamaica and the world on fire. But while Rita displayed blazing courage, joy, and an indisputable devotion to her husband, life with Bob was not easy. There were his liaisons with other women—some of which produced children and were conducted under Rita's roof. The press repeatedly reported that Bob was unmarried to preserve his "image." But Rita kept her self-respect, and when Bob succumbed to cancer in 1981, she was at his side. In the years that followed, she became a force in her own right—as the Bob Marley Foundation's spokesperson and a performer in her reggae group, the I-Three. Written with author Hettie Jones, *No Woman No Cry* is a no-holds-barred account of life with one of the most famous musicians of all time. In *No Woman No Cry*, readers will learn about the never-before-told details of Bob Marley's life, including: How Rita practiced subsistence farming when first married to Bob to have food for her family. How Rita rode her bicycle into town with copies of Bob's latest songs to sell. How Rita worked as a housekeeper in Delaware to help support her family when her children were young. Why Rita chose to befriend some of the women with whom Bob had affairs and to give them advice on rearing the children they had with Bob. The story of the attack on Bob which almost killed the two of them. Bob's last wishes, dreams, and hopes, as well as the details of his death, such as who came to the funeral (and who didn't).

*Living a Beautiful Life* Simon and Schuster "This Beautiful Life is a gripping, potent and blisteringly well-written story of family, dilemma, and consequence. . . . I read this book with white-knuckled urgency, and I

finished it in tears. Helen Schulman is an absolutely brilliant novelist." —Elizabeth Gilbert, author of *Eat, Pray, Love* The events of a single night shatter one family's sense of security and identity in this provocative and deeply affecting domestic drama from Helen Schulman, the acclaimed author of *A Day at the Beach* and *Out of Time*. In the tradition of Lionel Shriver, Sue Miller, and Laura Moriarty, Schulman crafts a brilliantly observed portrait of parenting and modern life, cunningly exploring our most deeply-held convictions and revealing the enduring strengths that emerge in the face of crisis.

*The More Beautiful World Our Hearts Know Is Possible* St. Martin's Press

An exploration of the life and legacy of Prince discusses his vibrant and prolific output, the paradigm-shifting ideas in his music, and his wide-ranging impact on modern culture. 505 0 \$a Foreword / by Questlove -- Introduction: the end -- Man, music. Life can be so nice: his life and its beginnings ; Baby I'm a star: his music and its beginnings ; Brand new groove: his music and its properties ; Musicology: his music and its imitators -- Meaning. Girls and boys: sex in his music ; Walk by the mirror: self in his music ; What time is it?: others in his music ; I wish u heaven: virtue and sin in his music ; America: race and politics in his music -- Methods, madness. What's my name: why he changed his name, and what that wrought ; MPLS: how his hometown made him and how he, in turn, made it ; Call the law: how he grew frustrated with fans and the internet ; It's gonna be a beautiful night: when he was onstage ; The work: how he produced so much for so long -- Memory. Such a shame our friendship had to end -- Appendix: Let's work: annotated discography and song index.

*How to Murder Your Life* Macmillan

While kicking a ball through the dusty streets of his Brazilian hometown, young Edson Arantes do Nascimento was given the nickname Pelé so casually that no one remembers its meaning. Today, the name is famous worldwide as belonging to history's greatest soccer player. Here, in Pelé's own words, is his incredible life story: his five goals in the last two games of the 1958 World Cup at the tender age of 17, his glory years with his Brazilian club FC Santos, his role in four World Cup tournaments, his comeback as a member of the storied New York Cosmos, and his lifelong role as goodwill ambassador for the world's favorite sport. Skyhorse Publishing, along with our Arcade, Good Books, Sports Publishing, and Yucca imprints, is proud to publish a broad range of biographies, autobiographies, and

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Eating. Sleeping. Bathing. Chores. These are the things we do every day, yet few of us stop to consider how we perform the routines that occupy 95 percent of our lives: in chaos or serenity, with irritation or with joy. Here, in one elegant, copious and forever rereadable book, Alexandra Stoddard shows how to live a more beautiful, more ordered life, every single day. Drawing on the wisdom of Emerson, Samuel Johnson, Rilke and many others and warmed by Alexandra Stoddard's personal anecdotes, this book deals with life both philosophically and practically -- from discovering the sources of your well-being to buying the right stationery or sheets; from using solitude to replenish your spirit to using fabrics, ribbon, paper and your own five senses to transform your daily life. *Living a Beautiful Life* demonstrates how to use the ordinary in extraordinary ways, suggesting hundreds of techniques for turning dull, irritating routines into life-enhancing rituals; hundreds of simple ways to transform your days -- or your bedroom, kitchen, bathroom and desk -- into delights of beauty and efficiency. There's a marvelous trick for locating the perfect psychological spot for your bed, a quick way to use "remembrance of things past" to choose color schemes that suit you, suggestions for how to turn a fifteen-minute lunch break into a restorative experience. And throughout, Alexandra Stoddard shows how taking care of "the little things" can ultimately add up to a change in the big things. Most of all, *Living a Beautiful Life* reveals how a beautiful life can be achieved; how daily motions become truly satisfying patterns of pleasure; and how these patterns of pleasure can add up to a lifelived deeply and well, transforming even the most cluttered and hectic existence.

**My Life And The Beautiful Music** Knopf There are two paths in life: Should & Must. We arrive at this crossroads over and over

again, and every day. And we get to choose. Starting out or starting over, making a career change or making a life change, the most life-affirming thing you can do is to honor the voice inside that says you have something special to give, and then heed the call and act. Many have traveled this road before. Here's how you can, too. #choosemust An inspirational gift book for every recent graduate, every artist, every seeker, and every career change.

*The Beautiful Ones* Harper Horizon  
Ryan O'Neal and Farrah Fawcett. He was the handsome Academy Award-nominated star of *Paper Moon* and the classic romance *Love Story*. She was the beautiful, all-American Charlie's Angel, whose poster adorned the bedroom walls of teenage boys everywhere. One of the most storied love affairs in Hollywood history, their romance has captivated fans and media alike for more than three decades. In a tragic turn, the world lost Farrah after a tragic battle with cancer in 2009, but in his intimate memoir *Both of Us*, Ryan brings their relationship to vivid life. Fans of each other from afar, Ryan and Farrah met through her husband, Lee Majors, and fell passionately in love. Soon, however, reality threatened their happiness and they struggled with some serious matters, including the disintegration of Farrah's marriage; Ryan's troubled relationship with his daughter, Tatum, and son, Griffin; mismatched career trajectories; and raising their young son, Redmond—all leading Ryan and Farrah to an inevitable split in 1997. Ryan fought to create a life on his own but never stopped longing for Farrah. Eventually he realized that he had lost his true soul mate. Older and wiser, he and Farrah found their way back to each other and were excited to start a new life together. But their bliss was cut short when Farrah was diagnosed with cancer and passed away just three years later. Ryan's deep love for Farrah and his devotion to preserving her memory are evident in *Both of Us*. Drawing on decades' worth of personal records and keepsakes, he has included never-before-seen photographs, letters exchanged between him and Farrah, and his own diaries, making this a poignant and compelling memento for her fans. Written with candor and emotional honesty, it is a true Hollywood love story.

*Tiny Beautiful Things* Scholastic Inc.  
In the final novel of the acclaimed Wolfe Brothers Trilogy, Cameron Wolfe goes looking for love as he attempts to escape his brother's shadow. Cameron Wolfe is a loser. He knows it. He's the quiet one, not

a soccer star like his brother Steve or a charming fighter with a new girl every week like his brother Rube. Cam would give anything to be near one of those girls, to love her and treat her right. He especially likes Rube's latest, Octavia, with her brilliant ideas and bright green eyes. But what woman like that would want a loser like him? Maybe Octavia would, Cam discovers. Maybe he has talents and passions just waiting to be discovered. And those maybes are about to change everything: winning, loving, losing, the Wolfe brothers, and Cameron himself.

*The Most Beautiful Thing* Random House  
Stars of the hit Netflix series *Dream Home Makeover* Syd and Shea McGee offer fans a new and intimate look into how they built their business in this bestselling autobiography. Do you want to live the best version of your life? Learn how Syd and Shea prioritized their values, defined their goals, and put their dreams into action—going from flat broke to design superstars—all while following their motto to “make life beautiful.” Most importantly, discover how you can do the same! For the one million-plus followers who turn to Syd and Shea McGee for advice on building a beautiful home and life, *Make Life Beautiful* is a behind-the-scenes look into how the couple transformed Shea's small room of fabric samples and big dream of becoming a designer into one of the most successful and fastest-growing interior design businesses in the country. In *Make Life Beautiful*, Syd and Shea inspire you on how to build an authentic life by applying design principles such as: Embrace the process Get to the next level Find balance Elevate the everyday *Make Life Beautiful* is essential for entrepreneurs, interior designers, working parents, couples building a family & career, and anyone else chasing their dreams. Both longtime and new fans will gain insight into how the McGees built such a successful company. Don't miss Shea's long-awaited interior design book, *The Art of Home: A Designer Guide to Creating an Elevated Yet Approachable Home*. Now available.

*This Thing Called Life* Vintage  
Create the home--and life--you've always wanted with the help of popular blogger and author of *Cozy Minimalist Home* Myquillyn Smith (The Nester) as she helps you free yourself to take risks and find beauty in imperfection. Myquillyn Smith is all about embracing reality--especially when it comes to decorating a home bursting with kids, pets, and all the unpredictable messes of life. In *The Nesting Place*, Myquillyn shares the secrets of decorating for real people--and

it has nothing to do with creating a flawless look to wow your guests and everything to do with making peace with the natural imperfection and joy of daily living. Drawing on her years of experience creating beauty in her 13 different homes and countless seasons of life, Myquillyn will show you how to think differently about the true purpose of your home, and simply and creatively tailor it to reflect you and your unique style--without breaking the bank. Full of simple steps, practical advice, and beautiful, full-color photos, *The Nesting Place* gives you the tools you need to: Cultivate a home that works for you and your family Transform your home into a place that's inviting and warm for family and friends Discover your own personal style There is beauty in embracing the lived-in, loved-on, and just-about-used-up aspects of our homes and our daily lives--let Myquillyn show you how. Praise for *The Nesting Place*: "This book made me look at every room in my house differently, with a new lens of creativity and beauty and possibility. It inspired me to reclaim my home as sacred space, ripe with opportunities to celebrate and create memories and moments." --Shauna Niequist, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Present Over Perfect* and *I Guess I Haven't Learned That Yet* "This highly personal account about embracing imperfection and finding contentment in your home is like sitting down with a good friend and talking about the stuff that really matters. *The Nesting Place* is full of approachable ideas, encouragement, and a whole lot of heart." --Sherry Petersik, home blogger; bestselling author of *Young House Love* *The Most Beautiful Disaster* Harvest House Publishers  
A warm and surprisingly real-life biography, featuring never-before-seen photos, of one of rock's greatest talents: Prince. Neal Karlen was the only journalist Prince granted in-depth press interviews to for over a dozen years, from before *Purple Rain* to when the artist changed his name to an unpronounceable glyph. Karlen interviewed Prince for three *Rolling Stone* cover stories, wrote "3 Chains o' Gold," Prince's "rock video opera," as well as the star's last testament, which may be buried with Prince's will underneath Prince's vast and private compound, Paisley Park. According to Prince's former fiancée Susannah Melvoin, Karlen was "the only reporter who made Prince sound like what he really sounded like." Karlen quit writing about Prince a quarter-century before the mega-star died, but he never quit Prince, and the two remained friends for the last thirty-one years of the superstar's life.



Well before they met as writer and subject, Prince and Karlen knew each other as two of the gang of kids who biked around Minneapolis's mostly-segregated Northside. (They played basketball at the Dairy Queen next door to Karlen's grandparents, two blocks from the budding musician.) He asserts that Prince can't be understood without first understanding '70s Minneapolis, and that even Prince's best friends knew only 15 percent of him: that was all he was willing and able to give, no matter how much he cared for them. Going back to Prince Rogers Nelson's roots, especially his contradictory, often tortured, and sometimes violent relationship with his father, *This Thing Called Life* profoundly changes what we know about Prince, and explains him as no biography has: a superstar who calls in the middle of the night to talk, who loved *The Wire* and could quote from every episode of *The Office*, who frequented libraries and jammed spontaneously for local crowds (and fed everyone pancakes afterward), who was lonely but craved being alone. Readers will drive around Minneapolis with Prince in a convertible, talk about movies and music and life, and watch as he tries not to curse, instead dishing a healthy dose of "mamma jmmas."

*Ecstasy and Me My Life As a Woman*  
Zondervan

"Angular, smart, and fearless, Arisa White's newest collection takes its titles from words used internationally as hate speech against gays and lesbians, reworking, re-envisioning, and re-embodiment language as a conduit for art, love, and understanding." --

*My Crazy Beautiful Life* Simon and Schuster

Los Angeles, 1988. In a summer of hedonism, everyone wants their share. On Sunset Strip, undiscovered bands dream of emulating their heroes: Mötley Crüe, Van Halen, Poison and all the other chancers who got lucky... Above them in the canyons, the city's privileged youth already live like rock stars. Drifting between these separate worlds is a journalist on the trail of stories that grow darker by the day: a rock star wannabe who may or may not be who he says he is, a guitar player who will do anything to succeed, crossing the line between reality and fantasy. Then comes beautiful Iris, distant Brenna, ambivalent Blair, Lana the singer - taking their chances, losing their way, doing whatever it takes... Set in the glory days when the music business was a vast and amoral empire where stardom seemed arbitrary and sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll were the lifestyle of choice, *My Life*

and the *Beautiful Music* blurs memoir, myth and reality to recreate the last, lost era of a now-vanished world.

*The Book of Beautiful Questions* Vintage  
A beautiful and touching true story about a refugee family and a girl whose grandmother helps her find beauty in a most unexpected way  
*Khalida and the Most Beautiful Song*  
Zondervan

This is the autobiography of Hedy Lamarr, who is famous for two things: First: Her movie career, as she was regarded as the most beautiful woman in Hollywood. She was also the first woman ever to appear nude in a movie. Second: She is famous as an inventor, a scientist and a researcher, especially during the Second World War, as she developed and patented a method to defend against torpedoes and missiles. She also developed an anti-aircraft system where the anti-aircraft fire would not hit the aircraft but would explode nearby. Nowadays, in the aftermath of the shooting down of Malaysian Airline 17 over Eastern Ukraine, killing 298 passengers, a new look is being taken at the process developed by Hedy Lamarr. The missile that shot down the Malaysian Airplane used a system similar to the one developed by Hedy Lamarr, and the defense against torpedoes she developed might have applications to prevent future commercial aircraft from being knocked down.

*More Than I Love My Life* Hachette Books  
A photo journal of the successful pop star's life on tour details her creative process throughout the creation of a new album and shares insights into the highs and lows of her daily routines on stage and behind the scenes.

*Creating a Beautiful Life* Simon and Schuster

From the New York Times bestselling author and former beauty editor Cat Marnell, a "vivid, maddening, heartbreaking, very funny, chaotic" (The New York Times) memoir of prescription drug addiction and self-sabotage, set in the glamorous world of fashion magazines and downtown nightclubs. At twenty-six, Cat Marnell was an associate beauty editor at *Lucky*, one of the top fashion magazines in America—and that's all most people knew about her. But she hid a secret life. She was a prescription drug addict. She was also a "doctor shopper" who manipulated Upper East Side psychiatrists for pills, pills, and more pills; a lonely bulimic who spent hundreds of dollars a week on binge foods; a promiscuous party girl who danced barefoot on banquets; a weepy and hallucination-prone insomniac who would take anything—anything—to

sleep. This is a tale of self-loathing, self-sabotage, and yes, self-tanner. It begins at a posh New England prep school—and with a prescription for the Attention Deficit Disorder medication Ritalin. It continues to New York, where we follow Marnell's amphetamine-fueled rise from intern to editor through the beauty departments of *NYLON*, *Teen Vogue*, *Glamour*, and *Lucky*. We see her fight between ambition and addiction and how, inevitably, her disease threatens everything she worked so hard to achieve. From the Condé Nast building to seedy nightclubs, from doctors' offices and mental hospitals, Marnell "treads a knife edge between glamorizing her own despair and rendering it with savage honesty....with the skill of a pulp novelist" (The New York Times Book Review) what it is like to live in the wild, chaotic, often sinister world of a young female addict who can't say no. Combining "all the intoxicating intrigue of a thriller and yet all the sobering pathos of a gifted writer's true-life journey to recover her former health, happiness, ambitions, and identity" (Harper's Bazaar), *How to Murder Your Life* is mesmerizing, revelatory, and necessary.

*Living My Life Crown Archetype*

At the one-year anniversary of his death, legendary musician Prince's first wife shares a uniquely intimate, candid, and revelatory look inside the personal and professional life of one of the world's most beloved icons. In *The Most Beautiful*, a title inspired by the hit song Prince wrote about their legendary love story, Mayte Garcia for the first time shares the deeply personal story of their relationship and offers a singular perspective on the music icon and their world together: from their unconventional meeting backstage at a concert (and the long-distance romance that followed), to their fairy-tale wedding (and their groundbreaking artistic partnership), to the devastating losses that ultimately dissolved their romantic relationship for good. Throughout it all, they shared a bond more intimate than any other in Prince's life. No one else can tell this story or can provide a deeper, more nuanced portrait of Prince -- both the famously private man and the pioneering, beloved artist -- than Mayte, his partner during some of the most pivotal personal and professional years of his career. *The Most Beautiful* is a book that will be returned to for decades, as Prince's music lives on with generations to come.

*The Crossroads of Should and Must One World*

Writer and artist Heather Stillufsen elegantly captures the joys of sisterhood in this charming keepsake book that affirms what anyone who has a sister

already knows is true... sisters really do make life more beautiful!