

# Now Is The Hour Tom Spanbauer

Reviewing **Now Is The Hour Tom Spanbauer**: Unlocking the Spellbinding Force of Linguistics

In a fast-paced world fueled by information and interconnectivity, the spellbinding force of linguistics has acquired newfound prominence. Its capacity to evoke emotions, stimulate contemplation, and stimulate metamorphosis is actually astonishing. Within the pages of "**Now Is The Hour Tom Spanbauer**," an enthralling opus penned by a very acclaimed wordsmith, readers attempt an immersive expedition to unravel the intricate significance of language and its indelible imprint on our lives. Throughout this assessment, we shall delve in to the book's central motifs, appraise its distinctive narrative style, and gauge its overarching influence on the minds of its readers.

LGBTQ America Today [3 volumes] John Charles Hawley 2008-11-30 Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer culture is a vibrant and rapidly evolving segment of the American mosaic. This book gives students and general readers a current guide to the people and issues

at the forefront of contemporary LGBTQ America. Included are more than 600 alphabetically arranged entries on literature and the arts, associations and organizations, individuals, law and public policy concerns, health and relationships, sexual issues, and numerous other topics. Entries are written by

distinguished authorities and cite works for further reading, and the encyclopedia closes with a selected, general bibliography. Students in social studies, history, and literature classes will welcome this book's illumination of American cultural diversity. LGBTQ Americans have endured many struggles, and during the last decade in particular they have made tremendous contributions to our multicultural society. Drawing on the expertise of numerous expert contributors, this book gives students and general readers a current overview of contemporary LGBTQ American culture. Sweeping in scope, the encyclopedia looks at literature and the arts, associations and organizations, individuals, law and public policy concerns, health and relationships, sexual practices, and various other areas. Entries cite works for further reading, and the encyclopedia closes with a selected, general bibliography. While extensive biographical entries give readers a sense of the lives of prominent lesbian,

gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer Americans, the many topical entries provide full coverage of the challenges and contributions for which these people are known. The encyclopedia supports the social studies curriculum by helping students learn about cultural diversity, and it supports the literature curriculum by helping students learn about LGBTQ writers and their works.

**Still Waters** Jennifer Lauck 2002-03-01 Anger is a poison ivy in the heart and if it grows unchecked, it covers all the soft spaces where you love and understand and feel joy. There's power in anger, sure, a power that can help you survive. But true wisdom is in knowing when to let it go. In *Still Waters*, Jennifer Lauck continues the riveting true story begun in her critically acclaimed memoir, *Blackbird*. Clutching her pink trunk filled with secret treasures, the last relics of a lost childhood, twelve-year-old Jenny steps off a bus in Reno and straight into the wide-open future, where no

path is certain except that of her own heart....Separated from her brother, Bryan, and passed from caretaker to caretaker, Jenny endures as she always has: by following the inner compass of the survivor. But when Bryan chooses a shocking, tragic destiny, Jenny must at last confront the secrets, lies, and loneliness that have held her prisoner for years. Embarking on a search for answers, the adult Jenny discovers that the past cannot be locked away forever -- even when unraveling one's own anger and pain seems an impossible feat. Now, in the warmth and understanding of her marriage, in the eyes of her child, and in powerful conversations with a dynamic young priest, Jennifer finds her own miracles. A hardened heart learns to love. A damaged soul finds peace. And life, once merely a matter of survival, becomes rich with the joys of truly living.

**The Evening Hour** Carter Sickels 2012-01-23  
West Virginia native Cole Freeman, who has avoided a coal-mining job by working as a

nursing home aide and reselling unused prescription drugs, finds his life changing when a disastrous threat forces him to confront his fears.

**A Man Without a Country** Kurt Vonnegut  
2017-06-20 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER •  
“For all those who have lived with Vonnegut in their imaginations . . . this is what he is like in person.”-USA Today In a volume that is penetrating, introspective, incisive, and laugh-out-loud funny, one of the great men of letters of this age-or any age-holds forth on life, art, sex, politics, and the state of America’s soul. From his coming of age in America, to his formative war experiences, to his life as an artist, this is Vonnegut doing what he does best: Being himself. Whimsically illustrated by the author, *A Man Without a Country* is intimate, tender, and brimming with the scope of Kurt Vonnegut’s passions. Praise for *A Man Without a Country* “[This] may be as close as Vonnegut ever comes to a memoir.”-Los Angeles Times “Like [that of]

his literary ancestor Mark Twain, [Kurt Vonnegut's] crankiness is good-humored and sharp-witted. . . . [Reading A Man Without a Country is] like sitting down on the couch for a long chat with an old friend."-The New York Times Book Review "Filled with [Vonnegut's] usual contradictory mix of joy and sorrow, hope and despair, humor and gravity."-Chicago Tribune "Fans will linger on every word . . . as once again [Vonnegut] captures the complexity of the human condition with stunning calligraphic simplicity."-The Australian "Thank God, Kurt Vonnegut has broken his promise that he will never write another book. In this wondrous assemblage of mini-memoirs, we discover his family's legacy and his obstinate, unfashionable humanism."-Studs Terkel *In the City of Shy Hunters* Tom Spanbauer 2016-01-07 Shy, afflicted with a stutter, and struggling with his sexuality, Will Parker comes to New York to escape the provincial western towns where he grew up. In New York, he finds

himself surrounded for the first time by people who understand and celebrate his quirks and flaws. He also begins an unforgettable love affair with a volatile, six-foot-five African-American drag queen and performance artist named Rose. But even as he is falling in love with Rose and growing into himself, Will must watch as AIDS escalates from a rumour into a devastating tragedy. When a vicious riot erupts in a local park, Will seizes the chance to repay the city for all it has taught him, in a climax that will leave readers shaken, fulfilled, and changed.

Make Something Up Chuck Palahniuk 2015-05-26 Twenty one stories and one novella from Chuck Palahniuk, literature's favorite transgressive author, *Make Something Up* is a compilation that disturbs and delights in equal measure. In "Expedition," fans will be thrilled to find to see a side of Tyler Durden never seen before in a precursor story to *Fight Club*. And in other stories, the absurdity of both life and death are on full display; in "Zombies," the best and

brightest of a high school prep school become tragically addicted to the latest drug craze: electric shocks from cardiac defibrillators. In "Knock, Knock," a son hopes to tell one last off-color joke to a father in his final moments, while in "Tunnel of Love," a massage therapist runs the curious practice of providing 'relief' to dying clients. Funny, caustic, bizarre, poignant; these stories represent everything readers have come to expect from *The Boy with a Bird in His Chest* Emme Lund. Longlisted for The Center for Fiction 2022 First Novel Prize A "poignantly rendered and illuminating" (The Washington Post) coming-of-age story about "the ways in which family, grief, love, queerness, and vulnerability all intersect" (Kristen Arnett, New York Times bestselling author). Perfect for fans of *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* and *The Thirty Names of Night*. Though Owen Tanner has never met anyone else who has a chatty bird in their chest, medical forums would call him a Terror. From the moment Gail emerged between Owen's ribs,

his mother knew that she had to hide him away from the world. After a decade spent in isolation, Owen takes a brazen trip outdoors and his life is upended forever. Suddenly, he is forced to flee the home that had once felt so confining and hide in plain sight with his uncle and cousin in Washington. There, he feels the joy of finding a family among friends; of sharing the bird in his chest and being embraced fully; of falling in love and feeling the devastating heartbreak of rejection before finding a spark of happiness in the most unexpected place; of living his truth regardless of how hard the thieves of joy may try to tear him down. But the threat of the Army of Acronyms is a constant, looming presence, making Owen wonder if he'll ever find a way out of the cycle of fear. "An honest celebration of life and everything we need right now in a book" (Andrew Sean Greer, Pulitzer Prize-winning author), *The Boy with a Bird in His Chest* grapples with the fear, depression, and feelings of isolation that come with believing that we will

never be loved for who we truly are and learning to live fully and openly regardless.

**Objects in Mirror Are Closer Than They Appear** Kate Carroll De Gutes 2015-04-02

Essays that chronicle some of life's biggest dramas: marriage, divorce, and the quest for the perfect fashion accessory. On the surface, Kate Carroll de Gutes' debut collection of essays considers her sexuality, gender presentation, and the end of her marriage. But, as editor Judith Kitchen says, "peel it back, begin to take it apart, semantically and linguistically and personally, and it all comes clear." Kate Carroll de Gutes invites readers to become collaborators in essays about issues we all face: growing up, identity, love, loss, and sometimes, the quest for the perfect fashion accessory. With wit matched by self-compassion and empathy, the essays offer a lesson on the inevitable journey back to the places we all began. "On every page, de Gutes reminds us that we all traverse life's roads with one eye fixed on the receding and mirrored

past." - Stephanie Kallos, best-selling author of Broken for You.

The End of Eve Ariel Gore 2014-02-17 At age 39, Ariel Gore has everything she's always wanted: a successful writing career, a long-term partnership, a beautiful if tiny home, a daughter in college and a son in preschool. But life's happy endings don't always last. If it's not one thing, after all, it's your mother. Her name is Eve. Her epic temper tantrums have already gotten her banned from three cab companies in Portland. And she's here to announce that she's dying. "Pitifully, Ariel," she sighs. "You're all I have." Ariel doesn't want to take care of her crazy dying mother, but she knows she will. It's the right thing to do, isn't it? And, anyway, how long could it go on? "Don't worry," Eve says. "If I'm ever a burden, I'll just blow my brains out." Amidst the chaos of clowns and hospice workers, pie and too much whiskey, Ariel's own ten-year relationship begins to unravel. Darkly humorous and intimately human, The End of Eve redefines

the meaning of family and everything we've ever been taught to call "love."

The Same Embrace Michael Lowenthal 1998 A Jew from Boston travels to Jerusalem to convince his Orthodox twin brother to leave a yeshiva and return to the family in America. The mission fails when the Orthodox twin surprises the new arrival in the arms of a homosexual.

*Jernigan* David Gates 2010-09-29 From Holden Caulfield to Moses Herzog, our best literature has been narrated by malcontents. To this lineage add Peter Jernigan, who views the world with ferocious intelligence, grim rapture, and a chainsaw wit that he turns, with disastrous consequences, on his wife, his teenaged son, his dangerously vulnerable mistress—and, not least of all, on himself. This novel is a bravura performance: a funny, scary, mesmerizing study of a man walking off the edge with his eyes wide open—wisecracking all the way.

*Faraway Places* Tom Spanbauer 2011-10-20 During a fateful summer, 13-year-old Jake Weber

witnesses the brutal murder of a Native American woman by the town banker. Jake's parents forbid him to speak of the killing or name its perpetrator, even as the woman's African American lover stands falsely accused. The crime and what follows it forever alter Jake's view of his parents and the world around him. *Faraway Places* won widespread praise for its vivid narrative and incantatory style, and Spanbauer displays singular skill in inhabiting the mind of a troubled adolescent boy.

**The Residue Years** Mitchell S. Jackson 2013-08-20 Working to reclaim her children after rehab, Rhonda avoids the toxic people of her past, focuses on her faith and worries about her eldest son, who involves himself in drug dealing in a misguided attempt to secure funds for a family home. 30,000 first printing.

Clown Girl Monica Drake 2010-08-24 Clown Girl lives in Baloneytown, a seedy neighborhood where drugs, balloon animals, and even rubber chickens contribute to the local currency.

Against a backdrop of petty crime, she struggles to live her dreams, calling on cultural masters Charlie Chaplin, Kafka, and da Vinci for inspiration. In an effort to support herself and her layabout performance-artist boyfriend, Clown Girl finds herself unwittingly transformed into a "corporate clown," trapping herself in a cycle of meaningless, high-paid gigs that veer dangerously close to prostitution. Monica Drake has created a novel that riffs on the high comedy of early film stars — most notably Chaplin and W. C. Fields — to raise questions of class, gender, economics, and prejudice. Resisting easy classification, this debut novel blends the bizarre, the humorous, and the gritty with stunning skill.

**Animals Eat Each Other** Elle Nash 2019-05-09

**The Great Spring** Natalie Goldberg 2017-02-14

From the beloved writing teacher behind *Writing Down the Bones* comes a treasury of personal stories reflecting a life filled with journeys—inner and outer—zigzagging around

the world and home again Here, Natalie Goldberg shares those vivid moments that have wakened her to new ways of being. We follow alongside her mapless meanderings in the New Mexican desert and her pilgrimages to Bob Dylan's birthplace and to Larry McMurry's dusty Texas ghost town of rare books. We feel her deep hunger while she sits zazen in a monastery in Japan, and her profound loss when she hears of the passing of a dear friend while teaching in the French countryside. Through it all, she remains grounded in a life informed by two constants: the practices of writing and of Zen. With humor and insight, Natalie encircles around the essential questions these paths compel her toward: Where does this life lead? Who are we? This is a book to be relished one awakening at a time. Each story is a reminder that no matter how hard the situation or desolate you may feel, spring will come again, breaking through a cold winter, bringing early yellow forsythia flowers. And the Great Spring of

enlightenment—that sudden rush of acceptance, pain cracking open, obstructions shattering—will also burst forth.

**Now Is the Hour** Tom Spanbauer 2007 A powerful, entertaining story of self-awakening, the complex bonds of family, and of America during the late 1960s, this novel follows the journeys of 17-year-old Rigby John Klusener who leaves his home and family in Idaho and heads for a new life in San Francisco.

*The Man who Fell in Love with the Moon* Tom Spanbauer 2000 In this title, the plot twists around the questions of humanity in a comic contemporary novel that portrays the trials of Shed, a half-breed, bisexual boy who works at a Victorian whorehouse in the old West.

**Rebent Sinner** Ivan Coyote 2019-11-19 Ivan Coyote is one of North America's preeminent storytellers and performers; they are the author, co-author, or co-editor of eleven previous books, and their TED talk has received over 1.6 million views online. Their most recent book, *Tomboy*

*Survival Guide*, was shortlisted for the Hilary Weston Writers' Trust of Canada Prize for Non-Fiction and was named an American Library Association Stonewall Honor Book. In their latest, Ivan takes on the patriarchy and the political, as well as the intimate and the personal in these beguiling and revealing stories of what it means to be trans and non-binary today, at a time in their life when they must carry the burden of heartbreaking history with them, while combatting those who would misgender them or deny their very existence. These stories span thirty years of tackling TERFs, legislators, and bathroom police, sure, but there is joy and pleasure and triumph to be found here too, as Ivan pays homage to personal heroes like Leslie Feinberg and Ferron while gently guiding younger trans folk to prove to themselves that there is a way out of the darkness. *Rebent Sinner* is the work of an accomplished artist whose plain truths about their experience will astound readers with their utter, breathtaking

humanity.

Invisible Monsters: A Novel Chuck Palahniuk  
2011-03-21 "A harrowing, perverse, laugh-aloud funny rocket ride of catastrophes...Gutsy, terse and cunning, Invisible Monsters may emerge as Palahniuk's strongest book." —Greg Berkman, Seattle Times She's a fashion model who has everything: a boyfriend, a career, a loyal best friend. But when a sudden freeway "accident" leaves her disfigured and incapable of speech, she goes from being the beautiful center of attention to being an invisible monster, so hideous that no one will acknowledge she exists. Enter Brandy Alexander, Queen Supreme, one operation away from becoming a real woman, who will teach her that reinventing yourself means erasing your past and making up something better. And that salvation hides in the last places you'll ever want to look.

**The Literary Review** 2007

*Ruler of the Sky* Pamela Sargent 2014-04-01 A novel of the thirteenth-century Mongolian

warrior, and the women who surrounded him, that offers "a panoramic view of the charismatic leader" (Library Journal). In 1167, in the harsh homeland of Mongol tribes, a child was born who was to change the course of human history. His father named him Temujin, but the world knows him as Genghis Khan. Set amid the barbaric splendor of the Mongol hordes, Ruler of the Sky tells the tale of the warrior who forged one of the greatest and most terrifying armies the world had ever seen, and conquered the world from Peking to Persia. Not only is this the story of Genghis Khan, it is also the story of those who were closest to him, especially the women who played such an important role in his life. From the windswept plains of Mongolia to the opulence of the Chinese court, Ruler of the Sky is unforgettable.

**Fight Club: A Novel** Chuck Palahniuk  
2005-10-17 The first rule about fight club is you don't talk about fight club. Chuck Palahniuk showed himself to be his generation's most

visionary satirist in this, his first book. Fight Club's estranged narrator leaves his lackluster job when he comes under the thrall of Tyler Durden, an enigmatic young man who holds secret after-hours boxing matches in the basements of bars. There, two men fight "as long as they have to." This is a gloriously original work that exposes the darkness at the core of our modern world.

The Warehouse Rob Hart 2019-08-20 Cloud isn't just a place to work. It's a place to live. And when you're here, you'll never want to leave. "A thrilling story of corporate espionage at the highest level . . . and a powerful cautionary tale about technology, runaway capitalism, and the nightmare world we are making for ourselves."—Blake Crouch, New York Times bestselling author of Dark Matter Film rights sold to Imagine Entertainment for director Ron Howard! • NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY Financial Times • Real Simple • Kirkus Reviews Paxton never thought he'd be

working for Cloud, the giant tech company that's eaten much of the American economy. Much less that he'd be moving into one of the company's sprawling live-work facilities. But compared to what's left outside, Cloud's bland chainstore life of gleaming entertainment halls, open-plan offices, and vast warehouses...well, it doesn't seem so bad. It's more than anyone else is offering. Zinnia never thought she'd be infiltrating Cloud. But now she's undercover, inside the walls, risking it all to ferret out the company's darkest secrets. And Paxton, with his ordinary little hopes and fears? He just might make the perfect pawn. If she can bear to sacrifice him. As the truth about Cloud unfolds, Zinnia must gamble everything on a desperate scheme—one that risks both their lives, even as it forces Paxton to question everything about the world he's so carefully assembled here. Together, they'll learn just how far the company will go...to make the world a better place. Set in the confines of a corporate panopticon that's at

once brilliantly imagined and terrifyingly real, The Warehouse is a near-future thriller about what happens when Big Brother meets Big Business--and who will pay the ultimate price. Praise for The Warehouse "A fun, fast-paced read [that] walks a fine line between a near-future thriller and a smart satire . . . makes you wonder if we're already too far into a disastrous future, or if there's still some hope for humanity."—NPR "I loved The Warehouse, although and because it made my blood run cold. This is what our world could be by this time next year."—S.J. Rozan, Edgar award-winning author of Paper Son "An inventive, addictive, Crichton-esque, page-turning, near-future dystopian thriller."—Paul Tremblay, Stoker award-winning author of A Head Full of Ghostsof Lock Every Door

**Nothing Natural** Jenny Diski 1990

**Queer and Catholic** Amie Evans 2010-11 How does one reconcile the tension between the community of one's own Catholic upbringing and

a sexuality and gender identity that may be in conflict with some of the tenets of the faith – especially when one is a member of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex community? *Queer and Catholic* offers a source of comfort to members of these communities, focusing on not only practicing Catholics, but also the entire experience of growing up Catholic. This unique book discusses Catholicism beyond its religiosity and considers its implications as a culture of origin. This widely varied and entertaining book pulls together a comprehensive collection of essays, stories, and poetry that together represent an honest and engaging reflection of being a queer person within the Catholic experience.

*Sea of Hooks* Lindsay Hill 2013 Christopher Westall, an alarmingly imaginative young man, experiences repeated trauma and transformation. His childhood has shattered into a thousand glints, shards, and tangled threads that are gathered and rewoven by the reader

while following Christopher's pivotal journey from San Francisco to the mountains of Bhutan. As memory, dream, fear and resilience exert their tidal pulls, Christopher's life tilts, collides, reverses, dissolves and re-emerges, while risks and revelations glisten side-by-side in the depths of the Sea of Hooks.

*Under the Wide and Starry Sky* Nancy Horan  
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ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY  
THE WASHINGTON POST AND ST. LOUIS  
POST-DISPATCH From the New York Times  
bestselling author of *Loving Frank* comes a  
much-anticipated second novel, which tells the  
improbable love story of Scottish writer Robert  
Louis Stevenson and his tempestuous American  
wife, Fanny. At the age of thirty-five, Fanny Van  
de Grift Osbourne has left her philandering  
husband in San Francisco to set sail for  
Belgium—with her three children and nanny in  
tow—to study art. It is a chance for this

adventurous woman to start over, to make a  
better life for all of them, and to pursue her own  
desires. Not long after her arrival, however,  
tragedy strikes, and Fanny and her children  
repair to a quiet artists' colony in France where  
she can recuperate. Emerging from a deep  
sorrow, she meets a lively Scot, Robert Louis  
Stevenson, ten years her junior, who falls  
instantly in love with the earthy, independent,  
and opinionated “belle Americaine.” Fanny does  
not immediately take to the slender young  
lawyer who longs to devote his life to  
writing—and who would eventually pen such  
classics as *Treasure Island* and *The Strange  
Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*. In time, though,  
she succumbs to Stevenson's charms, and the  
two begin a fierce love affair—marked by intense  
joy and harrowing darkness—that spans the  
decades and the globe. The shared life of these  
two strong-willed individuals unfolds into an  
adventure as impassioned and unpredictable as  
any of Stevenson's own unforgettable tales.

Praise for Under the Wide and Starry Sky “A richly imagined [novel] of love, laughter, pain and sacrifice . . . Under the Wide and Starry Sky is a dual portrait, with Louis and Fanny sharing the limelight in the best spirit of teamwork—a romantic partnership.”—USA Today “Powerful . . . flawless . . . a perfect example of what a man and a woman will do for love, and what they can accomplish when it’s meant to be.”—Fort Worth Star-Telegram “Horan’s prose is gorgeous enough to keep a reader transfixed, even if the story itself weren’t so compelling. I kept re-reading passages just to savor the exquisite wordplay. . . . Few writers are as masterful as she is at blending carefully researched history with the novelist’s art.”—The Dallas Morning News “A classic artistic bildungsroman and a retort to the genre, a novel that shows how love and marriage can simultaneously offer inspiration and encumbrance.”—The New York Times Book Review

*Whistle in the Dark* Emma Healey 2018-07-24

Emma Healey follows the success of her #1 internationally bestselling debut novel *Elizabeth Is Missing*, winner of the Costa First Novel Award, with this beautiful, thought-provoking, and psychologically complex tale that affirms her status as one of the most inventive and original literary novelists today. Jen and Hugh Maddox have just survived every parent’s worst nightmare. Relieved, but still terrified, they sit by the hospital bedside of their fifteen-year-old daughter, Lana, who was found bloodied, bruised, and disoriented after going missing for four days during a mother-daughter vacation in the country. As Lana lies mute in the bed, unwilling or unable to articulate what happened to her during that period, the national media speculates wildly and Jen and Hugh try to answer many questions. Where was Lana? How did she get hurt? Was the teenage boy who befriended her involved? How did she survive outside for all those days? Even when she returns to the family home and her school

routine, Lana only provides the same frustrating answer over and over: "I can't remember." For years, Jen had tried to soothe the depressive demons plaguing her younger child, and had always dreaded the worst. Now she has hope—the family has gone through hell and come out the other side. But Jen cannot let go of her need to find the truth. Without telling Hugh or their pregnant older daughter Meg, Jen sets off to retrace Lana's steps, a journey that will lead her to a deeper understanding of her youngest daughter, her family, and herself. A wry, poignant, and masterfully drawn story that explores the bonds and duress of family life, the pain of mental illness, and the fraught yet enduring connection between mothers and daughters, *Whistle in the Dark* is a story of guilt, fear, hope, and love that explores what it means to lose and find ourselves and those we love. *Old Friend from Far Away* Natalie Goldberg 2009-03-10 In her first book to focus solely on writing since her classic work "Writing Down the

Bones," Goldberg reaffirms her status as one of the foremost teachers by redefining the practice of writing memoir.

*Stay Sexy & Don't Get Murdered* Karen Kilgariff 2019-05-28 The instant #1 New York Times and USA Today best seller by Karen Kilgariff and Georgia Hardstark, the voices behind the hit podcast My Favorite Murder! Sharing never-before-heard stories ranging from their struggles with depression, eating disorders, and addiction, Karen and Georgia irreverently recount their biggest mistakes and deepest fears, reflecting on the formative life events that shaped them into two of the most followed voices in the nation. In *Stay Sexy & Don't Get Murdered*, Karen and Georgia focus on the importance of self-advocating and valuing personal safety over being 'nice' or 'helpful.' They delve into their own pasts, true crime stories, and beyond to discuss meaningful cultural and societal issues with fierce empathy and unapologetic frankness. "In many respects,

Stay Sexy & Don't Get Murdered distills the My Favorite Murder podcast into its most essential elements: Georgia and Karen. They lay themselves bare on the page, in all of their neuroses, triumphs, failures, and struggles. From eating disorders to substance abuse and kleptomania to the wonders of therapy, Kilgariff and Hardstark recount their lives with honesty, humor, and compassion, offering their best unqualified life-advice along the way."

—Entertainment Weekly "Like the podcast, the book offers funny, feminist advice for survival—both in the sense of not getting killed and just, like, getting a job and working through your personal shit so you can pay your bills and have friends." —Rolling Stone At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

**River of Dust** Virginia Pye 2013-05-14 On the windswept plains of northwestern China, Mongol bandits swoop down upon an American missionary couple and steal their small child.

The Reverend sets out in search of the boy and becomes lost in the rugged, corrupt countryside populated by opium dens, sly nomadic warlords and traveling circuses. This upright Midwestern minister develops a following among the Chinese peasants and is christened Ghost Man for what they perceive are his otherworldly powers.

Grace, his young ingénue wife, pregnant with their second child, takes to her sick bed in the mission compound, where visions of her stolen child and lost husband begin to beckon to her from across the plains. The foreign couple's savvy and dedicated Chinese servants, Ahcho and Mai Lin, accompany and eventually lead them through dangerous territory to find one another again. With their Christian beliefs sorely tested, their concept of fate expanded, and their physical health rapidly deteriorating, the Reverend and Grace may finally discover an understanding between them that is greater than the vast distance they have come.

*I Loved You More* Tom Spanbauer 2014-03-17

Tom Spanbauer's first novel in seven years is a love story triangle akin to *The Marriage Plot* and *Freedom*, only with a gay main character who charms gays and straights alike. *I Loved You More* is a rich, expansive tale of love, sex, and heartbreak, covering twenty-five years in the life of a striving, emotionally wounded writer. In New York, Ben forms a bond of love with his macho friend and foil, Hank. Years later in Portland, a now ill Ben falls for Ruth, who provides the care and devotion he needs, though they cannot find true happiness together. Then Hank reappears and meets Ruth, and real trouble starts. Set against a world of struggling artists, the underground sex scene of New York in the 1980s, the drab, confining Idaho of Ben's youth, and many places in between, *I Loved You More* is the author's most complex and wise novel to date.

**Doomed** Chuck Palahniuk 2013-10-08 Madison Spencer, the liveliest and snarkiest dead girl in the universe, continues the afterlife adventure

begun in Chuck Palahniuk's bestseller *Damned*. Just as that novel brought us a brilliant Hell that only he could imagine, *Doomed* is a dark and twisted apocalyptic vision from this provocative storyteller. The bestselling *Damned* chronicled Madison's journey across the unspeakable (and really gross) landscape of the afterlife to confront the Devil himself. But her story isn't over yet. In a series of electronic dispatches from the Great Beyond, *Doomed* describes the ultimate showdown between Good and Evil. After a Halloween ritual gone awry, Madison finds herself trapped in Purgatory—or, as mortals like you and I know it, Earth. She can see and hear every detail of the world she left behind, yet she's invisible to everyone who's still alive. Not only do people look right through her, they walk right through her as well. The upside is that, no longer subject to physical limitations, she can pass through doors and walls. Her first stop is her parents' luxurious apartment, where she encounters the ghost of her long-deceased

grandmother. For Madison, the encounter triggers memories of the awful summer she spent upstate with Nana Minnie and her grandfather, Papadaddy. As she revisits the painful truth of what transpired over those months (including a disturbing and finally fatal meeting in a rest stop's fetid men's room, in which . . . well, never mind), her saga of eternal damnation takes on a new and sinister meaning. Satan has had Madison in his sights from the very beginning: through her and her narcissistic celebrity parents, he plans to engineer an era of eternal damnation. For everyone. Once again, our unconventional but plucky heroine must face her fears and gather her wits for the battle of a lifetime. Dante Alighieri, watch your back; Chuck Palahniuk is gaining on you.

They Call Me Mad Dog! Erika Lopez 2001-04  
When Tomato Rodriguez's main squeeze, Hooter Mujer, swagers off the fidelity wagon, Tomato eschews passive new age sentiment and instead plots an operatic revenge. Her cunning plan,

involving whipped cream, a Bic pen, and some four-by-two goes awry, surprisingly enough, and Tomato finds herself facing a murder rap. Traumatized by tough B movie one liners and tedious lesbian orgies, Tomato transforms herself into Mad Dog, a bitch to be watched. Illustrated! 'A side-splitting romp through queer and pop culture' - Lambda Book Report

**Dora: A Headcase** Lidia Yuknavitch 2012-08-07  
Dora: A Headcase is a contemporary coming-of-age story based on Freud's famous case study—retold and revamped through Dora's point of view, with shotgun blasts of dark humor and sexual play. Ida needs a shrink . . . or so her philandering father thinks, and he sends her to a Seattle psychiatrist. Immediately wise to the head games of her new shrink, whom she nicknames Siggy, Ida begins a coming-of-age journey. At the beginning of her therapy, Ida, whose alter ego is Dora, and her small posse of pals engage in "art attacks." Ida's in love with her friend Obsidian, but when she gets close to

intimacy, she faints or loses her voice. Ida and her friends hatch a plan to secretly film Siggy and make an experimental art film. But something goes wrong at a crucial moment—at a nearby hospital Ida finds her father suffering a heart attack. While Ida loses her voice, a rough cut of her experimental film has gone viral, and unethical media agents are hunting her down. A chase ensues in which everyone wants what Ida has.

**In the City of Shy Hunters** Tom Spanbauer  
2007-12-01 A young gay man comes of age amid the AIDs epidemic of “an expertly drawn, starkly authentic, early-1980s Manhattan” in this novel by the acclaimed author (Publishers Weekly). Shy, afflicted with a stutter, and struggling with his sexuality, Will Parker comes to New York to escape his provincial western hometown. In New York, he finds himself surrounded for the first time by people who understand and celebrate his quirks and flaws. He also begins an unforgettable love affair with a volatile, six-foot-

five African American drag queen and performance artist named Rose. But even as he is falling in love with Rose and growing into himself, Will must watch as AIDS escalates from a rumor into a devastating tragedy. When a vicious riot erupts in a local park, Will seizes the chance to repay the city for all it has taught him. Tom Spanbauer is the critically acclaimed author of *The Man Who Fell in Love with the Moon* and founder of the successful workshop *Dangerous Writing*, where he’s taught students including Chuck Palahniuk. With *In the City of Shy Hunters*, he offers a “rich and colorful” historical novel told with “raw power” (San Francisco Chronicle). “Spanbauer’s genius resides even in the asides . . . teas[ing] out the genuine complexity of human love.” —The Washington Post Book World “Ambitious and compelling . . . a mixture of the ghastly, the hilarious, and the curiously touching.” —The Seattle Times “In the *City of Shy Hunters* has the earmarks of a literary landmark . . . Its importance and

originality are unmistakable.” —The Baltimore Sun “A big ambitious stylefest of a novel.”  
—Village Voice

**The Alehouse at the End of the World** Stevan Allred 2018-11-06 When a fisherman receives a mysterious letter about his beloved’s demise, he sets off in his skiff to find her on the Isle of the Dead. *The Alehouse at the End of the World* is an epic comedy set in the sixteenth century, where bawdy Shakespearean love triangles play out with shapeshifting avian demigods and a fertility goddess, drunken revelry, bio-dynamic gardening, and a narcissistic, bullying crow, who may have colluded with a foreign power. A raucous, aw-aw-aw-awe-inspiring romp, Stevan Allred’s second book is a juicy fable for adults, and a hopeful tale for our troubled times.

Little Wonder Kat Gardiner 2018-10-05 Asymmetric and misremembered, Kat Gardiner fictionalizes the experience of opening and closing an all-ages music venue and café with her husband in the small Pacific Northwest town

of Anacortes, Washington in 2008. An adult coming-of-age story told in fragments, *Little Wonder*, explores the bittersweet love affair that takes place between despair and hope whenever you try with all your heart to do something you believe in, and fail. Illustrations by Jessica Lynch. All musical references are real and feature indie greats such as Little Wings, Mirah, Neko Case, Karl Blau, Tiny Vipers, Calvin Johnson, and many others.

*The Pet Thief* Kassten Alonso 2013-03-11 *The Pet Thief* is a dystopian fable of science, rebellion, humankind's inhumanity, and the struggle for identity and survival in a post-human world.

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