

A Human Love Story Journeys To The Heart

Author John Jacob Astor met his end in the sinking of the Titanic. Though he was born into wealth, Astor achieved fame as a popular science fiction writer. In this, his best-known work, Astor spins a captivating tale of what life would be like in the twenty-first century, including many technological predictions that are amazingly accurate.

From the world's foremost neuroscientist of romantic love comes a story of a lifetime of connection and heartbreak that has fueled her pioneering work. Until age thirty-five, Stephanie Cacioppo was single: content to study social neuroscience, with a focus on the workings of romantic love, from an academic remove. And then, with a chance meeting Nora Ephron couldn't script, she fell for the foremost neuroscientist of loneliness. They married in Paris on a whim, and it stuck. *Wired for Love* is the sum of Cacioppo's revelatory insights into how we fall in love, and why; what makes love last; and how we process love lost, or never found—all grounded in cutting-edge findings in brain chemistry and behavioral science. Woven through it all is her moving personal story, from astonishment, to unbreakable bond, to grief and healing. With compassion and, yes, love, she offers the work of her life to help us get along with our own.

Reach back through time and shake hands with your ancestors. Run alongside a group of early humans on a blazing African savannah as they take the first steps in a journey that leads -- eventually -- to all of us. Professor Alice Roberts takes you on a voyage of evolution and migration from the first humans around two and a half million years ago to horse riders galloping into the dawn of the Bronze Age.

Documents the journey of a Honduran teen who braved hardship and peril to reunite with his mother after she was forced to leave him behind and seek migratory work in the United States.

Lord Krishna is at once historical and mythological. He is the awesome architect of His age and the illuminating mentor whose discourse, the Bhagavad Gita, is regarded as a light unto all ages. The book *Krishna: A Journey through the Lands & Legends of Krishna* describes well known tourist places and narrates the famous legends associated with them. It also presents places that may not be known to a common man but have witnessed the glorious pastimes of Lord Krishna and associated legends. It is an innovative book that has a happy blending of a travelogue with mythological reminiscences. The centres visited are placed in a setting which gives them a tinge of human emotions; brick and marble speak to the visitor and tell stories. The past and the present mingle, and the visit becomes a memorable experience.

A vision to address our environment, economy, politics, culture, and to catalyze the radical whole-system change we need now. Recasting current problems as emergent opportunities, Terry Patten offers creative responses, practices, and conscious conversations for tackling the profound inner and outer work we must do to build an integral future. In practical and personal terms, he discusses how we can all become active agents of a transformation of human civilization and why that is necessary to our continued survival. Patten's narrative focuses on two aspects of existence--our dynamic but fractured and threatened world, and our underlying wholeness and unity. Only by honoring both of these realities simultaneously can we make sustainable changes in ourselves, our communities, our body politic, and our planetary life-support system. *A New Republic of the Heart* provides a comprehensive understanding and inspiring vision for "being the change" in a way that can address the most intractable problems of our time. Patten shows how we can come together in our communities for conversations that matter and describes new communities, enterprises, and forms of dialogue that integrate both inner personal growth work with outer awareness, activism, and service.

"An archive of real-life stories about all aspects of human relationships" curated by a man traveling on foot throughout Scotland (BBC Arts). Matt Hopwood set off with just a small bag and a walking stick, no possessions and an open mind to walk many hundreds of miles the length and breadth of the country. He relied entirely on the generosity of strangers for shelter and asked people to tell him their transforming stories. They did. All of these deeply enthralling, profoundly honest stories weave a web of tenderness, connection, compassion and community. For some people their love story will span decades and tell a tale of romantic love evolving through the passing years. Others' stories express fleeting moments of connection, care, concern. Most love stories are marked by sadness and loss. Some stories are concerned with maternal and paternal love, others with a love of place, a visceral connection with spirit through landscape. Love stories also connect deeply with our identities, in how we belong and how we are welcomed in society. Each story is different. Each beautiful. Each valuable. "A delicately woven tapestry of human life, collected by a stranger who offered an ear to listen without judgment and who has the depth of soul to interpret the complicated layers of love." —from the foreword by Clare Balding "This thoughtfully presented lexicon of love contains honest accounts from men and women of all ages and offers an antidote to a life where it can be surprisingly hard to say 'I love you.'" —The Wee Review

Journeys To Success: The Millennial Edition is the fourth volume in this extraordinary book series. If you are looking for real-life stories that break the stereotype of today's younger digital natives, this is the book for you. Time to get rid of your Generational Stereotypes. Each author recounts their personal experiences, and sacred moments of complete and utter failure...and the wisdom gained and the lessons learned that gave them the strength to dramatically shift their mindset. Based on the success principles of Napoleon Hill, each author begins their story from the worst moment in their lives—the turning point—revealing the driving force behind what they do today to make this world a better place. Award-winning business author Brad Szollose and Napoleon Hill Instructor Tom Cunningham bring together 21 of the most extraordinary Millennials ever assembled for a deep dive into what it takes to be successful. Believe this is a generation of coddled brats that need emotional stroking to get through life? Guess again. Get ready for an eye-opening journey. Whatever your current circumstances or life situation, the stories in *Journeys to Success: Volume 4: The Millennial Edition* will deeply connect and shed light on the fact that this generation is mentally tough, unwilling to play it safe and doing big things. And we warn you in advance: this book contains strong language and intense situations that would crush a less developed soul. A must read gift for anyone who wants to understand Millennial Thinking. Authors include: Lacey Ann

Moen-Rubleski, Ryan D. Kelly, David Benzaquen, Chad De Luca, Andrew Fayad & Simon Casuto, Katrina Lockard, Sebastian Edmond, Mark Jackson II, Sara Gabriella, David Torres, Danielle Rubenfeld, Gabriel Garcia, Adam Hommey, Kristi Crum, Lee Constantine, Sania Jamil, Chris Ake, Jay Patel, Kirk Holmes and Carmelo "Scotty" Ramos. Foreword by Brad Szollose Introduction by Tom "too tall" Cunningham

This volume contains nine personal essays on six prominent classic authors written for the average reader who is minimally familiar with the authors, probably just heard of them by name, and who would like an introduction to these literary figures and their works. The authors have been carefully chosen to represent the early classical Italian and British tradition, Dante Alighieri, John Donne, John Milton, and the 20th century British and American tradition, Gerard Manley Hopkins, Evelyn Waugh, Flannery O'Connor. The underlying argument of the book is that the authors' Christian faith gave impetus to their creative output. Although all the observations about the authors and their works are fully researched and based on Professor Fiore's years as professor and critic, a conscious effort has been made to avoid esoteric research problems, and their consequent footnotes, in an effort to present a readable and intimate approach to the writers. The book is ideal for the general reader, the undergraduate student, and the lover of great literature.

Nicky Bell, diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma at age thirteen, died five years later, with his mother and best friend at his side. A Journey of Unconditional Love tells Nicky and Michele's story, describing the battle with cancer in great detail. However, this book is about more than cancer and its treatment and the fight to survive. It's about more than a mother and her son who had to face his mortality at such a young age and the despair and anguish that comes in losing that fight. It's about more than death . . . This book is about life. It's about how this mother and son approached the everyday moments of life despite the greater story that was playing out around them and was outside of their control. It's about what each had learned from the other and the influential roles played in their life experiences. It is about how it still affects the life of the one left behind. It's about the depth of human spirit and the soul's ultimate survival, along with what the survivor is supposed to do with that energy. The connection between this mother and her son has lived on long after his passing, and it continues to be a force in this mother's life every day. The inspiration in this story comes from the millions of small everyday moments, the choices made, the words spoken, and the unconditional love that makes such a seemingly senseless experience somehow bearable. This book gives a voice to parents and loved ones, caregivers and patients, those who relate to this loss, and those who know they feel every heartbeat in this story but who also struggle to come to grips with their own experience.

Tracy Calhoun, a longtime nurse, shares her heart-melting memoir of working alongside JJ, the Therapy Dog, the brightest and most intuitive dog Tracy has ever trained. When not mooching dog treats, JJ is dedicated to helping humans cope with tragedy and loss through love and hugs. Tracy Calhoun, a nurse on staff at Samaritan Evergreen Hospice House in Oregon, paused at the bedside of an elderly patient in a coma. The woman had no family or friends, but the hospice team had learned she liked dogs, so Tracy put her Golden Retriever, JJ, a staff "therapist," on the woman's bed. JJ snuggled up, nuzzled a motionless hand, and then settled in, letting her body warmth cuddle and comfort the patient in her final hours. The woman, who had been unresponsive for days, then performed her final, intentional act. She stroked JJ's head. Tracy recorded the intimate moment on her phone, then uploaded it to Facebook where she was keeping a modest account for friends, family, and community members who knew her and JJ. In August 2015, that video went viral, and was rapidly seen by tens of millions of viewers worldwide. To Tracy, it was a turning point in her mission to explain to a wider audience the joy that therapy dogs provide, and to do it with humor and canine chaos, as only a dog obsessed with bacon, puppies, and swimming can. Along the way, Tracy's own story has grown and changed through her love of animals, and she's found, in difficult times, she has needed the same comfort her pups offer to patients—for herself. "These stories of an unforgettable and deeply intuitive Golden Retriever named JJ, as told by her fabulous handler Tracy, are shared with humor and heart. Many wonderful moments happen when working with therapy dogs and reading about JJ's magic is an extraordinarily moving experience." — Donna Frindt, Executive Director, Project Canine "An emotionally satisfying and entertaining collection of tales not only between a dog and her human, but between this remarkable soul in a Golden Retriever suit and dozens of people in crisis—from hospice care to school shootings." —Janet Velanovsky, Owner, Kaizen Pet Training & Behavior "An inspiring memoir, JJ's Journey illustrates the medical and spiritual benefits of the human-animal bond through JJ's unwavering patience, love, and support for the hospice patients and their grieving families. JJ's Journey brings to light that in our greatest time of need, every person can feel they are loved, honored, and mean something in this world thanks to the unconditional love that comes so naturally from a therapy dog's heart." —Colby Webb, Founder, Sav-a-Bull Rescue and author of Forty One Pit Bulls

In this memoir Ernl W.D. Young tells of growing up as a farm-boy in Bedfordview, Johannesburg, South Africa, and making the unpredictable life-journey to Palo Alto, California; from being a printer, pastor, and political activist in South Africa to becoming a full professor at Stanford University; from having had to leave his native land because of his implacable opposition to the Nationalist governments apartheid policies and he and his family making new lives in their adopted country. It is the story of one trained in ethics primarily concerned about social justice founding in Bloemfontein a branch of the Progressive Party, committed to building a racially integrated South Africa having to make the transition to biomedical ethics and the ethical conduct of research, first at Stanford, and then at NASA's Ames Research Center in Mountain View. It is the story of a fifty-eight-year marriage to his beloved wife Margaret, who believed in him and stood by him through thick and thin of a marriage almost wrecked and then painstakingly salvaged and re-built stronger than ever. It is the story of the achievements and accomplishments of their four children and seven grandchildren.

2013 GOLD MEDAL WINNER: Reader's Favorite International Book Award for Christian Romance. The Missing Piece by international bestselling author Carol McCormick. "Fresh dialogue, realistic characters, a powerful message. McCormick does a great job creating her characters and portraying the struggles they endure," The Romance Readers Connection How does a man pick up the pieces when his world crashes around him? Misplaced priorities shattered his marriage. Problems almost crushed him. Love motivated him to mend the damage, once he found all the pieces. After only a few months of marriage, Lorraine left Dylan on a wintry night after he'd spent one too many nights out with the guys. Unable to cope with the loss, Dylan escapes the painful feelings by drinking them away. This decision costs him a year-and-a-half of his life after he stops in a little mountain town and ends up in the local jail. When he's released, he returns home in search of a job to get his life...and his wife back. The Missing Piece is not only a love story about a man who loves a woman, but is also a love story about a merciful God who loves mankind, even when he falls. The novel is an emotionally-charged journey of hope and redemption with a touch of spunk, a hint of humor, and a few twists along the way.

A Love Story for Susan is a story of hope in our world. This book describes the journey taken by the author into his mind. There, he faced the darkness of his personal hell, earning the right to stand in the brilliance of God's light at journey's end. The journey into self is a journey any person can choose to take. This book appeals to those people who are struggling with the meaning of their existence. It is a struggle many are choosing to face at this time because the desire to discover one's truth is a desire that lives in all of us. A Love Story for Susan convincingly demonstrates the importance of love in the healing of a human mind. The author's story is an inspirational example of how to transmute pain into strength and gain a new life by doing so. His goal was simply to find his true self. Little did he know that God waits patiently for those who make the journey to truth, the journey to self. A Love Story for Susan is the story of the author's journey home.

This memoir is based on my experiences in this world. Bob Marley, Princess Diana, His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Mother Theresa, Deepak Chopra, Oprah Winfrey, John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King Jr. have all talked about essentially the same thing: that there is One Universal Love that flows inside us all. And yet, life is often about harmonizing with the co-existence of opposite values. We constantly strive for balance within ourselves between life and death, being happy or sad, up and down, love and fear, pain and growth, and light and dark. One cannot exist without the other. Together, and individually, we all travel this vast spectrum at our own rate of speed and in our own unique ways. Experiencing these opposites is what often makes this journey interesting. Only by keeping our focus on the positive as much as possible, can we achieve, and enjoy, a healthy balance. But, if life is an inevitable balance between up and down, and good and bad, are we all at the mercy of the changing tides? How do we directly impact our experience? Why do so many of us wait for something bad to happen in our lives before we actually wake up and begin to move through life seeing clearly, as Nature intended. All too often we must go through many forms of pain before we discover the true growth that was intended for us. My own conscious contact came about as a result of a devastatingly painful experience, after which I began to realize that nothing is impossible, and that only together, can we realize this truth. I began to understand how much we all share in this life, and I realized we are clearly meant to work through our pain collectively. Together, we will discover happier states of existence. It is only with the true caring and sharing of so many, that I was able to survive a potentially insurmountable ordeal, and I am here today to share with you all I have learned. And this is my story -- of how I came to experience, embrace, and be transformed by, that Universal Love that great men and women before me, have also discovered. My goal is to connect and relate with you, my reader, on the most important and meaningful levels. I have learned that love is the answer, and when we open up to the many ways we can receive love every moment of our lives together, then life takes on a whole new meaning, one that will be better than anything we can imagine. It is my sincere hope that this book helps to heal, and promotes goodness in a world that can often be a tough playing field.

As a couple you are not just living together to survive, you are being called to thrive. Your marriage is called to greatness! This is The Mission of Love. It is an opportunity to discover the inestimable greatness of your calling as a man and woman joined together in marriage and to empower yourselves with a plan to make it happen. This book will help you, as a couple, identify who you are together, your shared vision for the relationship, and tools to make this vision a reality. You can embrace this challenge for your marriage and strive for success in the greatest endeavor you will ever embark upon or you can try the same thing that's been done for decades and expect little more than the same results.

Recounts how the author's marriages to Peter Jennings and the late Richard Holbrooke were shaped by the beauty and allure of Paris, where she found love and healing against a backdrop of historical events.

Black Love Matters: A Journey of Soul Stories is a collection of short stories, poetry, and reflections that explore, analyze, and highlight concepts and dynamics of Love that deeply affect the Black community. This collection fosters a myriad of experiences that celebrate and highlight the significance of Black Love as a catalyst for revolution, freedom, and unity. These experiences range from spirituality, activism, the power of music, sweet romance, and empowerment to stigmas and trauma plaguing our community. Black Love Matters: A Journey of Soul Stories include "Congratulations," a soul story about a young woman who is deeply hurt because the Love of her life chose to marry another, which causes her to make a conscious decision to undergo the process of healing so that she may love freely. The preface of this collection is dedicated to Prince Rogers Nelson-his brilliance and passion in his art is a reflection of pure magic and Love. Thus, sparking inspiration to pen this collection to urge people of African descent to remember the beauty and power of Black Love-that it is revolutionary and that it matters.

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Walt Johnson has been a rolling stone most of his life, moving from town to town and living on the edges of homelessness. Now he has run out of time as lung cancer has left him only months to live. Walt then begins a quest to find the son with whom he lost contact decades earlier. Out of money, he lands a job at a small-town restaurant in an attempt to save enough to buy a bus ticket to the last known whereabouts of his son. The friends Walt makes at his new job soon become family for him, especially 14-year-old Danny who is emotionally paralyzed at the loss of his own father in Iraq. Faced with Danny's struggles to grow up and the struggles of his other new friends, Walt comes to realize he is not only on a journey to find his own son, but he is on a journey to find himself worthy of being a father.

Beyond broad shoulders and heaving bosoms. It takes love to face reality and conquer messy feelings. In this modern-day pastiche of Jane Austen novels, Elise is a bright, beautiful law student, focused on a career and distrustful of men, who butts heads with Greg, an alpha male haunted by past relationships. But unable to deny their feelings, they spend a night together. A jilted fiancée exacts revenge and forces them to face who they are and what they really want. A delicious romance with a literary slant, spiced with a twist of whodunit.

The Real Love is a musical based on the Supreme Master's personal life experiences. It tells the story of a young Vietnamese woman (Thanh) living in Munich, deeply involved with the plight of the refugees. A romantic poet at heart, she falls in love with a handsome German doctor (Rolf) and they marry, but an uneasiness grows in her heart. Her work with refugees expands into a concern for all humankind, and it becomes clear to her that she is destined to pursue a spiritual quest in her life - one that must involve traveling to India.

Deeper and deeper as the human spirit roams with fascination unto Divinity. Never enough roaming! This is my eleventh book of Christianity and the human brain. As a neurosurgeon for thirty years, I have found unlimited bonds between the Christian Divinity and the human brain. My neurosurgical humanity eagerly desires to explore Divinity. Since my childhood goes back decades and is deeply rooted, I meditate with my Christian brain searching for common understanding of spirituality in humanity. It is hard to describe this through each book and I find myself seeking more Divine clarifications. My meditation is achieved thorough reading the Holy Bible with my neurosurgical human brain. I try to peel my deep thoughts layer by layer as if I am dissecting the human brain in neurosurgery in actual life. The book touches on many timely aspects of our human life with personal spiritual views and poems. The book consists of Twelve major Sections and each section ranges from 8 to 23 chapters with total of 137 chapters. The main sections include: My Christian Dreams in Neurosurgery, Monasticism in My Life, Mothers and Children: Angels Living, Human Brains and Spirituality, Jesus Love, The Persecuted Christ and Christ Followers, Royalty and Heavens with Jesus, Last Hours in humanity, Spiritual Reflections, Views and Poems, Law and the Spirit, Sacred Medicine and Patients Testimonials. As a Coptic Christian from Egypt, I was raised in keeping up with strong Christian Orthodox practice in daily living. Perhaps the strength of the book is incorporating Jesus the Almighty God in everything I do, not only in daily living but also with my patients in Neurosurgery practice. There is a dire need of such a book especially in an era where Christianity continued to be persecuted worldwide and denied in a daily basis as evidenced through public restraining of Lord Jesus Christ in our daily life. The human brain and Neurosurgery are in Jesus God as Christ the Lord is in human brain and Neurosurgery. I hope for the reader to find spiritual use of the book and a closer relationship to our Holy Trinity: God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

A journalist describes how she overcame personal challenges through a relationship with a famous Arapahoe quadriplegic horse trainer from whom the author learned spiritually transforming life lessons; a personal journey during which she came to deeply love Wyoming's Native American culture.

"With honesty, humor, and grace Heather Alaine spins her tale of dating in the modern age in READY. A memoir for any woman who has been on the roller coaster of First Dates, this is an immensely readable story of love, forgiveness, and redemption. And it's funny as hell. This is a book to turn to for a laugh and a cry as well as a reminder to be brave enough to try again." ~ Katherine Field Rothschild, Author of Hope

and Other Feathered Things

Sometimes pain makes its mark on our lives in such profound ways that it feels like they start to define who we are. The more we try to hide the pain by wearing masks to show the world that "everything is fine", the more that pain does not allow us to have a life full of real love and real joy. My story is about this kind of pain. But beyond that, it's about the real process of healing. It's about how I finally understood the reason for so much suffering. Amid all the mess in my life, I found my way back to my safe harbor, to my truth and my self-love. In this book, my deepest desire is to take you the reader on a journey of love, understanding and acceptance, so that you can: Leave behind the cycle of suffering and experience the relief and support you will need for the next steps; Rebuild your relationships, starting with yourself followed by everyone who is important in your life; Reconnect with your self-value and your own truth, so that you can live according to your purpose in life; Experience forgiveness and allow yourself to be truthfully happy; Free the strength inside yourself!

Raina was scared to fall in love with a human and no human would love her after knowing who she was, a cursed Witch. Hiding her past in the ancient forests of India; as hauntingly beautiful as they were, But they carried her secret loyally through all those centuries, never betraying her even once. However, she betrayed her own self and fell in love with Jason. She tried her best to stay away from her love, a human. She did not want him to meet the same fate as someone very special did, half a century ago. But love had its ways, and it did manage to creep into their lives. As fantasy merged with reality, they lived their simple and human lives and made a world together. Although love conquers all but fantasy could not become a reality for them. Raina's sweet little love story was going to be shattered into pieces soon...And her own mother would once again come to her to take away her love, her life, and her happiness. However, this time, she will not let life slip by as easily. She will live, and she will love till her final breath. She will not repent loving Jason ever. This is a cross genre literary fantasy aimed at readers interested in reading literary work fused with romance and fantasy.

Mike George takes you on a journey to the very heart of your life where love lives and has always lived. Along the way he dispels the myths about love, clearly defines and locates love, and reveals exactly why we are all so 'emotionally confused' about love.

"Mom, I'm gay." With three little words, gay children can change their parents' lives forever. Yet at the same times it's a chance for those parents to realize nothing, really, has changed at all; same kid, same life, same bond of enduring love. Twenty years ago, during a walk on a Mississippi beach, Ellen DeGeneres spoke those simple, powerful words to her mother. That emotional moment eventually brought mother and daughter closer than ever, but not without a struggle. Coming from a republican family with conservative values, Betty needed time and education to understand her daughter's homosexuality -- but her ultimate acceptance would set the stage for a far more public coming out, one that would change history. In *Love, Ellen*, Betty DeGeneres tells her story; the complicated path to acceptance and the deepening of her friendship with her daughter; the media's scrutiny of their family life; the painful and often inspiring stories she's heard on the road as the first non-gay spokesperson for the Human Rights Campaigns National Coming Out Project. With a mother's love, clear minded common sense, and hard won wisdom, Betty DeGeneres offers up her own very personal memoir to help parents understand their gay children, and to help sons and daughters who have been rejected by their families feel less alone.

A four-year-old girl survives a harrowing escape across the heavily armed border of Czechoslovakia with her mother and brother after the Communist takeover in 1948. The family leaves everything behind to flee to freedom in Canada. Years later, as a young woman living in Toronto, she finds herself drawn to the country of her birth and returns to Prague, along the way finding love, danger, heartbreak, and her family's legacy. Helen Notzl's poignant memoir takes readers on a voyage between two starkly different and conflicting worlds - from affluence and fulfillment in Canada to passion and revolution in Prague. Must she choose between the two? With intense drama, vivid narration, and brilliant detail, *Long Journey Home* tells the story of a woman's quest for those things that truly matter to all of us: love, family, identity and homeland.

Drew Maddox is a rough Private Investigator who believes what his eyes can see and his senses feel. He has very little use for imagination and flights of fantasy annoy him, yet when a naked woman suddenly appears on the road in front of his truck it sends his brain tumbling and his life into a spiral of myth he can barely comprehend. Pandimora wears her name well, causing her own flurries of Pandemonium just by existing. Born to a mother rumored to have the madness in her, Pandimora is different than most fairies in the Realm of Aisywel. She has little regard for the incredible histories of her people, nor of the supposed rules. While not an outright rebel, she skirts the laws of Faerie propriety, but no more so than when she overhears a conversation her ears should never have found. A high elder, one of the strongest and most magical of her people has committed a crime - and now he knows that she has heard, and seen him. Pandimora has fled, but not before the elder, Lukais wraps his dark tentacles of power around her, poisoning her and barring the doors to her realm - forever. Hurt and grieving, Pandimora awakens on a snowy road - moments from being hit by Drew Maddox's fast moving truck. Her senses muddled, her powers muffled and her entire sense of self shaken, Pandimora reaches out to Drew in desperation, finding in him the young boy she once danced with in a field. With cord of attachment fully realized between them, Faerie magic is at play, pulling them both deep into a mire of intrigue and deceit - one that sets this unlikely pair against an entire realm of mystical beings with their own rules, trials and meanings. "Find Me" is Book One in the new *Faeries Lost Trilogy* - an epic journey into the center of the unknown and the hearts of two souls that can never be.

Through her own gripping story of escape from human trafficking, Rebecca Bender teaches us what trafficking in America looks like - and what we can do about it - as she reveals the light of God in even the darkest places. *In Pursuit of Love* is a riveting read that will give you the confidence to pursue your own purpose and take you on a journey to places you never thought possible. Born and raised in a small Oregon town, all-American girl Rebecca Bender was a varsity athlete and honor roll student with a promising future. Then a predator pretending to be her boyfriend lured her into a web of lies that sent her down a path she never imagined possible. For nearly six years, Rebecca was sold across the underground world of sex trafficking in Las Vegas. She was branded, beaten, told when to sleep and what to wear, and traded between traffickers. Forced into a dark sisterhood, Rebecca formed bonds with her trafficker and three other women, creating a false sense of family. During that time, God began revealing himself to her. And in the midst of her exploitation, she found the hope she needed to survive. After a federal raid, Rebecca escaped. Her life was forever changed as she felt the embrace of her heavenly Father guiding her to healing and wholeness. Rebecca soon began to use her own experiences to change the lives of others as she went back into the darkest places she had known - assisting FBI, VICE, and law enforcement across the country in some of their most difficult cases. Through Rebecca's incredible story of redemption, we remember that our past does not have to determine our destiny.

There were two souls in the universe waiting to be united. One individual was in Rhode Island, and the other was in Massachusetts. One was a tiny toy poodle, and the other was a compassionate human being. Both were struggling with challenges in their lives before the union. Neither one knew they were going to meet someday. The human being had a vision to the universe to find a toy poodle. Perhaps the tiny poodle also had a vision to the universe to find a loving home. The tiny poodle was a scrubby stray found on a hot day under a car, with hair so long and badly matted, he could not even move. He weighed three pounds. The human read about the tiny poodle and went to the shelter, where they cleaned him up so well that he looked so beautiful. Five people were interviewed, but the compassionate human was the lucky one chosen, or they were lucky to find each other. They brought each other peace, comfort, and love in a true, loving bond. It was meant to be. They awakened each other's souls and had such an amazing journey together that will touch your heart.

As you embark on a Milestone Journey of Deceit Called "LOVE", dare to find your voice in my voice and your story in my story. A Milestone like no other. Dare to smile, to be distraught, to accept what is beyond your control and finally learn to move on because the grass is greener on the other side. DARE TO FIND THE DECEITFUL INTRUDER CALLED "LOVE"

Life is a journey of joyful moments and painful moments, including twists and turns that threaten to undo us. But if we allow God to work through the joy and the pain, that journey can lead to the life-sustaining richness of His Grace and an intimate relationship with Him. That truth is the core of international speaker and teacher Darlene Sala's new women's devotional, *Journey into Grace*. With Darlene's heartfelt voice alongside two coauthors, including her daughter, Bonnie, the 150 readings explore themes such as fear, forgiveness, learning, loving, prayer, and relationships. This book offers women quiet moments with God as they bring their real life challenges to His feet.

"A journey through the tangled lives of Adam and Eve"--Front cover.

Trey Humphreys battled love all his life. He couldn't define it, didn't know why he disliked his life or himself, and really didn't believe in love. Then, eight years ago, a business coach asked him a simple question that changed his life forever - "What is your definition of love?" It blindsided him. His answer was awful, and it set him on a journey around the world to define it. *Love Is Bananas - One Man's Journey to Discover the Most Important Word in the World* is his story of enlightenment. From a broken man with a romantic story in Yemen to a snake-handling preacher in Kentucky to a 28-year-old, dying homeless girl in Nashville and countless more, Trey has asked the same three questions about love and been amazed by the answers. From it all, Trey has become a true believer in himself and others. His hope is that you find love in these pages and let it become contagious in your life. For anyone who has been in love, wants to find it, or needs to discover self-love, come laugh, cry, and love with Trey. His witty charm and brutal honesty will wash over you like a refreshing forest stream.

A rare, intimate account of a world-renowned Buddhist monk's near-death experience and the life-changing wisdom he gained from it "One of the most inspiring books I have ever read."—Pema Chödrön, author of *When Things Fall Apart* "This book has the potential to change the reader's life forever."—George Saunders, author of *Lincoln in the Bardo* At thirty-six years old, Yongey Mingyur Rinpoche was a rising star within his generation of Tibetan masters and the respected abbot of three monasteries. Then one night, telling no one, he slipped out of his monastery in India with the intention of spending the next four years on a wandering retreat, following the ancient practice of holy mendicants. His goal was to throw off his titles and roles in order to explore the deepest aspects of his being. He immediately discovered that a lifetime of Buddhist education and practice had not prepared him to deal with dirty fellow travelers or the screeching of a railway car. He found he was too attached to his identity as a monk to remove his robes right away or to sleep on the Varanasi station floor, and instead paid for a bed in a cheap hostel. But when he ran out of money, he began his life as an itinerant beggar in earnest. Soon he became deathly ill from food poisoning—and his journey took a startling turn. His meditation practice had prepared him to face death, and now he had the opportunity to test the strength of his training. In this powerful and unusually candid account of the inner life of a Buddhist master, Yongey Mingyur Rinpoche offers us the invaluable lessons he learned from his near-death experience. By sharing with readers the meditation practices that sustain him, he shows us how we can transform our fear of dying into joyful living. Praise for *In Love with the World* "Vivid, compelling . . . This book is a rarity in spiritual literature: Reading the intimate story of this wise and devoted Buddhist monk directly infuses our own transformational journey with fresh meaning, luminosity, and life."—Tara Brach, author of *Radical Acceptance* and *True Refuge* "In *In Love with the World* is a magnificent story—moving and inspiring, profound and utterly human. It will certainly be a dharma classic."—Jack Kornfield, author of *A Path with Heart* "This book makes me think enlightenment is possible."—Russell Brand

Author's Summary Sharing your truth with the world is rarely easy, especially when it contradicts history and a major world religion. But truth, much like love, can't stay buried forever. *Redvelations* is my story of remembering and reclaiming Sarah, the forgotten daughter of Jesus and Mary Magdalene, as the lost part of my own soul. If your eyebrows have raised, I understand. Your doubts and disbelief are well-warranted, and you're welcome to interpret my story however you wish. What's more important than believing in my soul's reality is believing in your soul's reality. Above all else, this book champions the importance of recovering and embodying the lost parts of your soul so you can become fully human, wildly alive, and contribute to the well-being of this planet. I hope my soul's journey reminds you to trust your unique journey, cherish the entire human experience, and share your soul's truth—no matter what others think. This book is an unorthodox offering, a fiery reminder, and a living testament. But most of all, *Redvelations* is my heart smashed onto pages. Handle with care. Publisher's Summary In her remarkable spiritual memoir *Red Hot & Holy* (Sounds True, 2013), Sera Beak told the story of how she lost and found her soul as a modern woman. With *Redvelations*, Sera ventures further down the soul path, revealing her unorthodox experiences of the daughter of Jesus and Mary Magdalene and the undeniable power of the soul that this forgotten figure brings to life. By transparently sharing her soul's journey, Sera illuminates our common struggles in an uncommon way and explores one of the most profound spiritual mysteries: Why do souls incarnate? Why does something that is perfect and whole choose to enter an imperfect world where it can be wounded, shattered, and betrayed? ? As Sera reveals, our souls choose the adventure of embodiment so we may learn about the strength that can only come from vulnerability, the love that can only grow in the presence of heartbreak, and the achingly beautiful gift of being fully human.

The Journey to Love is your first step toward learning to accept love from others and to love those around you. Love. Real, experiential love is ever-present in movies. But in real life, finding love in our everyday lives and relationships is elusive. In this collection of 40 short, story-driven readings, Matt Mikalatos shows you how to open yourself to experiencing love, to become aware of love in the world around you, and to set aside control to embrace the wild, untamed vulnerability of loving and being loved. This is an easy book to read over 40 days-or finish in a couple of hours. Reflection questions and exercises will help you process the teachings, whether you ponder internally, journal your journey, or discuss with friends. The goal of this trek is to find yourself more loving and to be able to receive more love. Are you ready to join the Journey to Love?

"Hill puts the letters into biographical and historical context in an introductory essay that also explains their theoretical and historical importance. The edited and annotated letters then follow in chapters, each preceded by an introductory

essay. The book concludes with a biographical sketch of the remaining thirty-five years of Gilman's life, together with an assessment of the letters' historical and biographical significance."--BOOK JACKET.

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