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The Man Who Never Was The Man Who Never Was The Girl Who Never Was Moonstone The Man Who Never Was The Emperor Who Never Was The King who Never was The Greatest Spy Who Never Was The Spy Who Never Was The Lama Who Never Was The Man who Never Was The Man Who Never Was Never Let Me Go The War That Never Was Everything I Never Told You John Ringo Girl Who Never Was The Ratline The Man Who Never Was The Man Who Never Was The Man Who Never Was My Father, the Man Who Never Was Operation Heartbreak and The Man Who Never Was Omai Ruby Jean Sellers The Girl Who Never Was vol. 2 Ruby Jean Sellers, The Girl Who Never Was Vol. 1 The War That Saved My Life Confessions of the Classmate Who Never Was, Northfield School for Girls Class Of 1964 The Man Who Never Was If He Had Been with Me Let's Pretend This Never Happened They Thought They Were Free Operation Heartbreak The Last Thing He Told Me Night Film The Secret History The Little Engine That Could Drive The Adventurer's Son The Spy who Never Was, and Other True Spy Stories

In the early hours of 30 April 1943, a corpse wearing the uniform of an officer in the Royal Marines was slipped into the waters off the south-west coast of Spain. With it was a briefcase, in which were papers detailing an imminent Allied invasion of Greece. As the British had anticipated, the supposedly neutral government of Fascist Spain turned the papers over to the Nazi High Command, who swallowed the story whole. It was perhaps the most decisive bluff of all time, for the Allies had no such plan: the purpose of 'Operation Mincemeat' was to blind the German High Command to their true objective – an attack on Southern Europe through Sicily. Though officially shrouded in secrecy, the operation soon became legendary (in part owing to Churchill's habit of telling the story at dinner). Ewen Montagu was the operation's mastermind, and in his celebrated post-war memoir, *The Man who Never Was*, he reveals the incredible true story behind 'Operation Mincemeat'. Written by specialists from various fields, this edited volume is the first systematic investigation of the impact of imperialism on twentieth-century Britain. The contributors explore different aspects of Britain's imperial experience as the empire weathered the storms of the two world wars, was subsequently dismantled, and then apparently was gone. How widely was the empire's presence felt in British culture and society? What was the place of imperial questions in British party politics? Was Britain's status as a global power enhanced or underpinned by the existence of its empire? What was the relation of Britain's empire to national identities within the United Kingdom? The chapters range widely from social attitudes to empire and the place of the colonies in the public imagination, to the implications of imperialism for demography, trade, party politics and political culture, government and foreign policy, the churches and civil society, and the armed forces. The volume also addresses the fascinating yet complex question of how, after the formal end of empire, the colonial past has continued to impinge upon our post-colonial present, as contributors reflect upon the diverse ways in which the legacies of empire are interpreted and debated in Britain today.

Adventure and romance set in mythical Norway just before the dawn of the Bronze Age. Dark sorcerers are hunting the elves to extinction. With her home destroyed and her remaining people in danger of annihilation a young woodland elf, Hervor, is taken captive by savage Norse raiders. She has been told that without her, there may be no hope for her people. But how can a slave girl fight demons, another group of dangerous raiders and protect the small group of elf children entrusted to her? She must also find a way to resist the surprising kindness with which she is treated, cope with her dangerously attractive slave master and tame her own rebellious heart, because she has been told that she will have to give up everything, including all that she loves. Her brother is the great hero prophesied to save the elves, but surely the cost for him will be too great. The acclaimed debut novel by the author of *Little Fires Everywhere* and *Our Missing Hearts* "A taut tale of ever deepening and quickening suspense." —O, the Oprah Magazine "Explosive . . . Both a propulsive mystery and a profound examination of a mixed-race family." —Entertainment Weekly "Lydia is dead. But they don't know this yet." So begins this exquisite novel about a Chinese American family living in 1970s small-town Ohio. Lydia is the favorite child of Marilyn and James Lee, and her parents are determined that she will fulfill the dreams they were unable to pursue. But when Lydia's body is found in the local lake, the delicate balancing act that has been keeping the Lee family together is destroyed, tumbling them into chaos. A profoundly moving story of family, secrets, and longing, *Everything I Never Told You* is both a gripping page-turner and a sensitive family portrait, uncovering the ways in which mothers and daughters, fathers and sons, and husbands and wives struggle, all their lives, to

understand one another. A vivid account of the tragedy of England's first black celebrity, the story of the Tahitian prince brought to England by Captain Cook's companion. Can the man who never was catch the criminals who never get caught? John Milton is used to operating in the shadows, weaving his way through dangerous places behind a fake identity. Now, to avenge the death of a close friend, he must wear his mask of deception once more. Beau Baxter was brutally murdered by a drugs cartel but that doesn't stop Milton from blaming himself for his friend's death. With the help of a trusted team of undercover experts and Beau's son, Milton is determined to track down the killers. And he isn't just after the man who gave the order. He's heading right for the top. Milton plans to follow the trail of cocaine from the nightclubs of Amsterdam all the way to its source in Colombia. Disguised as an ambitious buyer, he's prepared to work his way up the cartel hierarchy one rung at a time. But the ladder can be slippery and, as Milton travels deeper into a world of violence, ruthlessness and greed, he finds himself in a jungle that could prove impossible to escape. Were two men, each lost at sea more than a decade apart, connected by the same fishing boat that each may have been piloting? This claim, by a close friend of the long-lost man sets in motion a string of incidents that serve to affect families and friends of the two lost men in a fast moving novel that leads to a number of surprising conclusions. This is volume 2 of Ruby Jean Sellers, *The Girl Who Never Was* (years 1 through 6) Lots of pictures and family history, but is also an enjoyable read even for people who are not related. An interesting story and a trip back in time. A "now it can be told" story of secret Operation Mincemeat. This was a carefully prepared ruse involving planted documents on a floating body which successfully misled the German commanders as to the Sicily invasion. Told by the British naval officer who originated the plot. *The Lama Who Never Was* features Parshu Dahals debut collection of eight short stories. His stories share one striking similarity An unpredictable twist. Spinning twists are not only his forte. His inimitable knack for juxtaposing many social practices with oft-overlooked societal prejudices even against animals is very striking . In *The River* , *The Narsingha Player*, *The Lama* and the Sikkimese villager of yore, he explores deep relations humans develop with everything they come into contact with musical instrument, animals, river everything. *The Priesthood* and *The Niece* are woven around two aspects of human emotions betrayal and remorse. *The Lama who never was* touches upon bed-wetting, a fairly common ailment amongst children that has a stigma attached to it. *Raise your Standards* is themed on the unbridled infidelity. Parshu Dahal weaves his stories around issues which could appear trivial and insignificant, hence often overlooked. *Dara Shukoh* was the heir-apparent to the Mughal throne in 1659, when he was executed by his brother Aurangzeb. Today Dara is lionized in South Asia, while Aurangzeb, who presided over the beginnings of imperial disintegration, is scorned. *Supriya Gandhi* 's nuanced biography asks whether the story really would have been different with Dara in power. *Recounts the dangerous missions and activities and the fates of the spies, six men and four women, from the American Revolution to the Cold War, from Nathan Hale to Francis Gary Powers* How far would you go to save your child? *David* shares a close bond with his eight-year-old son, Chris, but their family is destroyed when David dies. In the afterlife, he is given an opportunity. He is told that he may be granted three viewings by which to look in on his son. The terms are strict: he cannot help his boy. He cannot reach him, or teach him, or in any way change the course of his life. David agrees, and on three separate occasions observes his son 's unfolding story. The first viewing takes place one year after his own death. The second shows him his son at the age of nineteen. David 's final viewing shows him the final days of Chris 's life. What David sees will not leave him, and he decides to make a simple but impassioned request. *Prince Frederick* spent his childhood in Hanover and was twenty-one when he first arrived in England. He quickly won the affection of the people, and though his informal manners drew criticism from the court, he enjoyed the company of intelligent men and women. A friend of Pope and Dryden, he became the most important royal patron of the arts since Charles I. Many of his acquisitions of paintings and silverware enhance the Royal Collection today. *The #1 New York Times bestselling (mostly true) memoir from the hilarious author of Furiously Happy*. "Gaspably funny and wonderfully inappropriate." —O, The Oprah Magazine *When Jenny Lawson* was little, all she ever wanted was to fit in. That dream was cut short by her fantastically unbalanced father and a morbidly eccentric childhood. It did, however, open up an opportunity for Lawson to find the humor in the strange shame-spiral that is her life, and we are all the better for it. In the irreverent *Let 's Pretend This Never Happened*, Lawson 's long-suffering husband and sweet daughter help her uncover the surprising discovery that the most terribly human moments—the ones we want to pretend never happened—are the very same moments that make us the people we are today. For every intellectual misfit who thought they were the only ones to think the things that Lawson dares to say out loud, this is a poignant and hysterical look at the dark, disturbing, yet wonderful moments of our lives. *Readers Guide Inside This title* tells the story of a secret war fought by British mercenaries in the Yemen in the early 1960s. The book features British military history, much in the spirit of Ben McIntyre's 'Agent Zigzag' and 'Operation Mincemeat'. *The New*

York Times bestseller that gives readers a paradigm-shattering new way to think about motivation from the author of *When: The Scientific Secrets of Perfect Timing*. Most people believe that the best way to motivate is with rewards like money—the carrot-and-stick approach. That's a mistake, says Daniel H. Pink (author of *To Sell Is Human: The Surprising Truth About Motivating Others*). In this provocative and persuasive new book, he asserts that the secret to high performance and satisfaction—at work, at school, and at home—is the deeply human need to direct our own lives, to learn and create new things, and to do better by ourselves and our world. Drawing on four decades of scientific research on human motivation, Pink exposes the mismatch between what science knows and what business does—and how that affects every aspect of life. He examines the three elements of true motivation—autonomy, mastery, and purpose—and offers smart and surprising techniques for putting these into action in a unique book that will change how we think and transform how we live.

Nora Baron assumes the identity of a notorious femme fatale—who technically doesn't exist—in a powerhouse thriller from the bestselling author of *Mrs. John Doe*. “Tom Savage is a master of the high-speed thriller.” —Michael Connelly In a Manhattan safe house, Nora Baron—a Long Island mother and drama teacher leading a double life as a CIA operative—meets a spymaster who offers her a top-secret mission. Nora is to take on the role of Chris Waverly, a legend in the field—literally. As Nora's handler explains, Waverly isn't so much a person as she is an alias, a cover name shared by several American agents throughout the world. Now, a mysterious ransom note threatens these agents with exposure and certain death. As the new “Chris Waverly,” Nora travels to Paris to trap the anonymous blackmailer. But from the start, the mission is more dangerous than she could have anticipated. She encounters secrets and lies from her own people, and she's stalked by shadowy assassins. From the City of Light to a remote village high in the Swiss Alps, Nora follows the trail to a chilling international conspiracy—and the shocking truth about “Chris Waverly.” Be sure to read all three titles in Tom Savage's exciting Nora Baron series: *MRS. JOHN DOE* | *THE WOMAN WHO KNEW TOO MUCH* | *THE SPY WHO NEVER WAS* And don't miss his standalone thriller *A PENNY FOR THE HANGMAN!* As plans got under way for the Allied invasion of Sicily in June 1943, British counter-intelligence agent Ewen Montagu masterminded a scheme to mislead the Germans into thinking the next landing would occur in Greece. The innovative plot was so successful that the Germans moved some of their forces away from Sicily, and two weeks into the real invasion still expected an attack in Greece. This extraordinary operation called for a dead body, dressed as a Royal Marine officer and carrying false information about a pending Allied invasion of Greece, to wash up on a Spanish shore near the town of a known Nazi agent... “Romantic, suspenseful, and witty all at once—Alice in Wonderland meets Neverwhere.” —Claudia Gray, New York Times bestselling author of the *Evernight* series “Today is my birthday.” In Selkie's family, you don't celebrate birthdays. You don't talk about birthdays. And you never, ever reveal your birth date.” Until now. The instant Selkie blurts out the truth to Ben in the middle of Boston Common, her whole world shatters. Because her life has been nothing but a lie—an elaborate enchantment meant to conceal the truth: Selkie is a half-faerie princess. And her mother wants her dead.

Otherworld Series: The Girl Who Never Was (Book 1) The Boy With The Hidden Name (Book 2) From the Booker Prize-winning author of *The Remains of the Day* and *When We Were Orphans*, comes an unforgettable edge-of-your-seat mystery that is at once heartbreakingly tender and morally courageous about what it means to be human. Hailsham seems like a pleasant English boarding school, far from the influences of the city. Its students are well tended and supported, trained in art and literature, and become just the sort of people the world wants them to be. But, curiously, they are taught nothing of the outside world and are allowed little contact with it. Within the grounds of Hailsham, Kathy grows from schoolgirl to young woman, but it's only when she and her friends Ruth and Tommy leave the safe grounds of the school (as they always knew they would) that they realize the full truth of what Hailsham is. *Never Let Me Go* breaks through the boundaries of the literary novel. It is a gripping mystery, a beautiful love story, and also a scathing critique of human arrogance and a moral examination of how we treat the vulnerable and different in our society. In exploring the themes of memory and the impact of the past, Ishiguro takes on the idea of a possible future to create his most moving and powerful book to date. *The Man Who Never Was*, first published in 1954, is a fascinating account of the ingenious Second World War counter-intelligence plot by the British Intelligence service known as “Operation Mincemeat.” The goal of the operation, which took place in 1943, was to mislead the Germans as to where the next Allied landing in the Mediterranean would occur. Operation Mincemeat, because of its thorough planning and careful execution, successfully misled the Germans into a belief that the landings would occur in Greece, rather than in Sicily—the true invasion target. As a result, a number of German forces were removed from Sicily to prepare for the believed location of the Allied invasion. To carry out the ruse, Operation Mincemeat used a dead body, dressed as a Royal Marine officer, and carrying false information about the supposed upcoming Allied invasion of Greece. The body would, according to the plan, wash up on a beach in

Spain near the town of a known Nazi agent. The body was discovered as planned, the officer's documents examined and verified by German intelligence, and action was taken. By any measure, the Allied operation was a success, and likely saved many lives. Even two weeks into the invasion of Sicily, German leaders still believed that the main attack would be in Greece. The Man Who Never Was remains a classic book of a World War Two intelligence operation. Included are 25 pages of photographs and diagrams. If he had been with me everything would have been different... I wasn't with Finn on that August night. But I should've been. It was raining, of course. And he and Sylvie were arguing as he drove down the slick road. No one ever says what they were arguing about. Other people think it's not important. They do not know there is another story. The story that lurks between the facts. What they do not know—the cause of the argument—is crucial. So let me tell you... A READ WITH JENNA BOOK CLUB PICK • INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER • A contemporary literary classic and "an accomplished psychological thriller ... absolutely chilling" (Village Voice), from the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Goldfinch*. Under the influence of a charismatic classics professor, a group of clever, eccentric misfits at a New England college discover a way of thought and life a world away from their banal contemporaries. But their search for the transcendent leads them down a dangerous path, beyond human constructs of morality. "A remarkably powerful novel [and] a ferociously well-paced entertainment.... Forceful, cerebral, and impeccably controlled." —The New York Times Major Ronnie Reed was Case Officer for Agent Zigzag, Eddie Chapman, our most daring double-agent in WWII. Ronnie's photo was also used for the Identity Card of the famous deception plan *The Man Who Never Was*, also known as Operation Mincemeat. First published in 1950, *Operation Heartbreak* tells the fictional story of Willie Marygton, a career soldier who was too young for WWI and too old for WWII. Born into a military family, Willie's one goal in life is to take part in a battle, so he is exhilarated when he receives his commission, and is scheduled to leave for the Western Front on November 9, 1918. However, news of the Armistice changes his orders, and he instead spends the next 20 years in various posts in India and Africa, where his main occupation seems to be big game hunting and polo. With the rise of fascism, he is ready to resign his commission to fight in Spain, but is persuaded otherwise and spends WWII training recruits, lamenting his military status. But in an ironic twist of fate, he does end up playing an important part in the war effort.... Meet Hugo Dare. Schoolboy turned super spy. Both stupidly dangerous and dangerously stupid. Thirteen year old Hugo's life is turned upside down when his part-time job as a toilet boy in secret organisation, SICK, is unexpectedly upgraded eight levels to that of a spy. His first assignment - to go deep undercover with Agent One and assist him in any way he can. Sounds easy, right? Wrong. Very wrong. A robbery at the Bottle Bank. Diamond smuggling at the Pearly Gates Cemetery. The theft of priceless artifact, Cooamba's Idol. Hugo is there on each and every occasion, but then so, too, is someone else. Wrinkles, the town of Crooked Elbow's oldest criminal mastermind. She needs to be stopped and fast. No, quicker than that. Double fast. Before it's too late. In a battle of good versus evil, young versus old, ugly versus even uglier, there can only be one winner ... and it better be Hugo otherwise we're all in trouble! A laugh-out-loud, thrill-a-minute adventure story for children aged 7+. #1 NEW YORK TIMES BLOCKBUSTER * REESE WITHERSPOON BOOK CLUB PICK * SOON TO BE AN APPLE TV+ LIMITED SERIES STARRING JENNIFER GARNER * MORE THAN 2 MILLION COPIES SOLD The "page-turning, exhilarating" (PopSugar) and "heartfelt thriller" (Real Simple) about a woman who thinks she's found the love of her life—until he disappears. Before Owen Michaels disappears, he smuggles a note to his beloved wife of one year: Protect her. Despite her confusion and fear, Hannah Hall knows exactly to whom the note refers—Owen's sixteen-year-old daughter, Bailey. Bailey, who lost her mother tragically as a child. Bailey, who wants absolutely nothing to do with her new stepmother. As Hannah's increasingly desperate calls to Owen go unanswered, as the FBI arrests Owen's boss, as a US marshal and federal agents arrive at her Sausalito home unannounced, Hannah quickly realizes her husband isn't who he said he was. And that Bailey just may hold the key to figuring out Owen's true identity—and why he really disappeared. Hannah and Bailey set out to discover the truth. But as they start putting together the pieces of Owen's past, they soon realize they're also building a new future—one neither of them could have anticipated. With its breakneck pacing, dizzying plot twists, and evocative family drama, *The Last Thing He Told Me* is a "page-turning, exhilarating, and unforgettable" (PopSugar) suspense novel. Volume 1 is the early years of my life, including how, at the age of 18, I learned what my birth name was. Lots of family history and pictures. In the early hours of 30 April 1943, a corpse, wearing the uniform of an officer in the Royal Marines, was slipped into the waters off the south-west coast of Spain. With it was a briefcase, in which were papers detailing an imminent Allied invasion of Greece. 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Europe through Sicily. Though officially shrouded in secrecy, the operation soon became legendary (in part owing to Churchill's post-war habit of telling the story at dinner). It gave rise to two very different books. In 1950 came Duff Cooper's poignant navel Operation Heartbreak, a romantic tale, one which the government - right up to PM Clement Attlee - attempted to suppress. Its publication prompted the intelligence service to pressurise the operation's mastermind, Ewen Montagu, into writing a factual account, *The Man Who Never Was*. This book presents two accounts, fictional and factual, of one of the greatest intelligence operations ever undertaken, with an introduction by Duff Cooper's son, John Julius Norwich. NATIONAL BESTSELLER "Destined to become an adventure classic." —Anchorage Daily News Hailed as "gripping" (New York Times) and "beautiful" (Washington Post), *The Adventurer's Son* is Roman Dial's extraordinary and widely acclaimed account of his two-year quest to unravel the mystery of his son's disappearance in the jungles of Costa Rica. In the predawn hours of July 10, 2014, the twenty-seven-year-old son of preeminent Alaskan scientist and National Geographic Explorer Roman Dial, walked alone into Corcovado National Park, an untracked rainforest along Costa Rica's remote Pacific Coast that shelters miners, poachers, and drug smugglers. He carried a light backpack and machete. Before he left, Cody Roman Dial emailed his father: "I am not sure how long it will take me, but I'm planning on doing 4 days in the jungle and a day to walk out. I'll be bounded by a trail to the west and the coast everywhere else, so it should be difficult to get lost forever." They were the last words Dial received from his son. As soon as he realized Cody Roman's return date had passed, Dial set off for Costa Rica. As he trekked through the dense jungle, interviewing locals and searching for clues—the authorities suspected murder—the desperate father was forced to confront the deepest questions about himself and his own role in the events. Roman had raised his son to be fearless, to be at home in earth's wildest places, travelling together through rugged Alaska to remote Borneo and Bhutan. Was he responsible for his son's fate? Or, as he hoped, was Cody Roman safe and using his wilderness skills on a solo adventure from which he would emerge at any moment? Part detective story set in the most beautiful yet dangerous reaches of the planet, *The Adventurer's Son* emerges as a far deeper tale of discovery—a journey to understand the truth about those we love the most. *The Adventurer's Son* includes fifty black-and-white photographs. On a damp October night, the body of young, beautiful Ashley Cordova is found in an abandoned warehouse in lower Manhattan. By all appearances her death is a suicide—but investigative journalist Scott McGrath suspects otherwise. Though much has been written about the dark and unsettling films of Ashley's father, Stanislas Cordova, very little is known about the man himself. As McGrath pieces together the mystery of Ashley's death, he is drawn deeper and deeper into the dark underbelly of New York City and the twisted world of Stanislas Cordova, and he begins to wonder—is he the next victim? In this novel, the dazzlingly inventive writer Marisha Pessl offers a breathtaking mystery that will hold you in suspense until the last page is turned. "When this book was first published it received some attention from the critics but none at all from the public. Nazism was finished in the bunker in Berlin and its death warrant signed on the bench at Nuremberg." That's Milton Mayer, writing in a foreword to the 1966 edition of *They Thought They Were Free*. He's right about the critics: the book was a finalist for the National Book Award in 1956. General readers may have been slower to take notice, but over time they did—what we've seen over decades is that any time people, across the political spectrum, start to feel that freedom is threatened, the book experiences a ripple of word-of-mouth interest. And that interest has never been more prominent or potent than what we've seen in the past year. *They Thought They Were Free* is an eloquent and provocative examination of the development of fascism in Germany. Mayer's book is a study of ten Germans and their lives from 1933-45, based on interviews he conducted after the war when he lived in Germany. Mayer had a position as a research professor at the University of Frankfurt and lived in a nearby small Hessian town which he disguised with the name "Kronenberg." "These ten men were not men of distinction," Mayer noted, but they had been members of the Nazi Party; Mayer wanted to discover what had made them Nazis. His discussions with them of Nazism, the rise of the Reich, and mass complicity with evil became the backbone of this book, an indictment of the ordinary German that is all the more powerful for its refusal to let the rest of us pretend that our moment, our society, our country are fundamentally immune. A new foreword to this edition by eminent historian of the Reich Richard J. Evans puts the book in historical and contemporary context. We live in an age of fervid politics and hyperbolic rhetoric. *They Thought They Were Free* cuts through that, revealing instead the slow, quiet accretions of change, complicity, and abdication of moral authority that quietly mark the rise of evil. The mind-bending miniature historical epic is Sjón's specialty, and *Moonstone: The Boy Who Never Was* is no exception. But it is also Sjón's most realistic, accessible, and heartfelt work yet. It is the story of a young man on the fringes of a society that is itself at the fringes of the world—at what seems like history's most tumultuous, perhaps ultimate moment. Máni Steinn is queer in a society in which the idea of homosexuality is beyond the furthest extreme. His city, Reykjavik in 1918, is

homogeneous and isolated and seems entirely defenseless against the Spanish flu, which has already torn through Europe, Asia, and North America and is now lapping up on Iceland's shores. And if the flu doesn't do it, there's always the threat that war will spread all the way north. And yet the outside world has also brought Icelanders cinema! And there's nothing like a dark, silent room with a film from Europe flickering on the screen to help you escape from the overwhelming threats--and adventures--of the night, to transport you, to make you feel like everything is going to be all right. For Máni Steinn, the question is whether, at Reykjavik's darkest hour, he should retreat all the way into this imaginary world, or if he should engage with the society that has so soundly rejected him. The special anniversary edition of *The Little Engine That Could™* contains the entire text and original artwork. Young readers, as well as parents and grandparents, will treasure the story of the blue locomotive who exemplifies the power of positive thinking. *Newbery Honor book *Winner of the Schneider Family Book Award This #1 New York Times bestseller is an exceptionally moving story of triumph against all odds set during World War II, from the acclaimed author of *Fighting Words*, and for fans of *Fish in a Tree* and *Sarah, Plain and Tall*. Ten-year-old Ada has never left her one-room apartment. Her mother is too humiliated by Ada's twisted foot to let her outside. So when her little brother Jamie is shipped out of London to escape the war, Ada doesn't waste a minute—she sneaks out to join him. So begins a new adventure for Ada, and for Susan Smith, the woman who is forced to take the two kids in. As Ada teaches herself to ride a pony, learns to read, and watches for German spies, she begins to trust Susan—and Susan begins to love Ada and Jamie. But in the end, will their bond be enough to hold them together through wartime? Or will Ada and her brother fall back into the cruel hands of their mother? "Achingly lovely...Nuanced and emotionally acute."—*The Wall Street Journal* "Unforgettable...unflinching."—*Common Sense Media* "Brisk and honest...Cause for celebration."—*Kirkus*, starred review "Poignant."—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review "Powerful."—*The Horn Book*, starred review "Affecting."—*Booklist* "Emotionally satisfying...[A] page-turner."—*BCCB* "Exquisitely written...Heart-lifting."—*SLJ* "Astounding...This book is remarkable."—Karen Cushman, author *The Midwife's Apprentice* "Beautifully told."—Patricia MacLachlan, author of *Sarah, Plain and Tall* "I read this novel in two big gulps."—Gary D. Schmidt, author of *Okay for Now* "I love Ada's bold heart...Her story's riveting."—Sheila Turnage, author of *Three Times Lucky* "Romantic, suspenseful, and witty all at once—*Alice in Wonderland meets Neverwhere*."—Claudia Gray, *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Evernight* series "Today is my birthday." In Selkie's family, you don't celebrate birthdays. You don't talk about birthdays. And you never, ever reveal your birth date." Until now. The instant Selkie blurts out the truth to Ben in the middle of Boston Common, her whole world shatters. Because her life has been nothing but a lie—an elaborate enchantment meant to conceal the truth: Selkie is a half-faerie princess. And her mother wants her dead. At 16-years-old, Melanson spent the summer waitressing at the summer conferences at Northfield School for Girls. The New England backdrop included the 125-room Schell Chateau. Her adventures include a grand tour of the Chateau under the cloak of darkness and is documented with photos and floor plans. She pleaded with her parents to send her to the boarding school, but their answer was "No". Nevertheless she retained an attachment to the school. When she became an adult she began giving to the alumnae fund because she believed in the ethic of the school. One year a flustered alumnae secretary phoned asking what class she had been affiliated with, presuming the undocumented alum had probably flunked out. Her answer was "Why 1964!" After that she was invited to reunions and her "news" appeared in the alumnae publications. In 2004, came the announcement that the Northfield campus was closing. That was the spark that prompted her to return for "her" 40th Reunion. This is that story. He was the deadliest gun in the West. Or was he? Ringo: the very name has come to represent the archetypal Western gunfighter and has spawned any number of fictitious characters laying claim to authenticity. John Ringo's place in western lore is not without basis: he rode with outlaw gangs for thirteen of his thirty-two years, participated in Texas's Hoodoo War, and was part of the faction that opposed the Earp brothers in Tombstone, Arizona. Yet his life remains as mysterious as his grave, a bouldered cairn under a five-stemmed blackjack oak. Western historian Jack Burrows now challenges popular views of Ringo in this first full-length treatment of the myth and the man. Based on twenty years of research into historical archives and interviews with Ringo's family, it cuts through the misconceptions and legends to show just what kind of man Ringo really was. "Originally published in Great Britain in 2020 by Weidenfeld & Nicolson, an imprint of The Orion Publishing Group Ltd., London."

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