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Reflections on Tupac, Musical Theater, Faith, and Being Black in America Redemption Press

With contributions by: William Boyd, Candice Carty-Williams, Imtiaz Dharker, Roddy Doyle, Pico Iyer, Robert Macfarlane, Andy Miller, Jackie Morris, Jan Morris, Sisonke Msimang, Dina Nayeri, Chigozie Obioma, Michael Ondaatje, David Pilling, Max Porter, Philip Pullman, Alice Pung, Jancis Robinson, S.F.Said, Madeleine Thien, Salley Vickers, John Wood and Markus Zusak 'This story, like so many stories, begins with a gift. The gift, like so many gifts, was a book...' So begins the essay by Robert Macfarlane that inspired this collection. In this cornucopia of an anthology, you will find essays by some of the world's most beloved novelists, nonfiction writers, essayists and poets. 'You will see books taking flight in flocks, migrating around the world, landing in people's hearts and changing them for a day or a year or a lifetime. 'You will see books sparking wonder or anger; throwing open windows

into other languages, other cultures, other minds; causing people to fall in love or to fight for what is right. 'And more than anything, over and over again, you will see books and words being given, received and read - and in turn prompting further generosity.' Published to coincide with the 20th anniversary of global literacy non-profit, Room to Read, The Gifts of Reading forms inspiring, unforgettable, irresistible proof of the power and necessity of books and reading. Inspired by Robert Macfarlane Curated by Jennie Orchard
Simon and Schuster

Two award-winning modern classics from #1 New York Times bestselling author Markus Zusak! The Book Thief affirms the ability of books to feed the soul even in the bleakest of times in a story the New York Times described as "brilliant. . . the kind of book that can be life-changing." It is 1939. Nazi Germany. Death has never been busier, and will become busier still. Liesel Meminger is a foster girl living outside of Munich, who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist—books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares

her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement. *I Am the Messenger* is a Printz Honor-winning novel and recipient of five starred reviews that tells the story of Ed Kennedy, an underage cabdriver without much of a future. His life is one of peaceful routine and incompetence until he inadvertently stops a bank robbery. That's when the first ace arrives in the mail. That's when Ed becomes the messenger. Chosen to care, he makes his way through town helping and hurting (when necessary) until only one question remains: Who's behind Ed's mission? Discover the enormous talent that is Marcus Zusak in this extraordinary collection that showcases the intensity and heart inherent in his storytelling. **DON'T MISS BRIDGE OF CLAY, MARKUS ZUSAK'S FIRST NOVEL SINCE THE BOOK THIEF.**

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Underdogs Arthur A. Levine Books

Tooth and Nail Faber & Faber

In this sequel to the award-winning *FIGHTING RUBEN WOLFE*, Cameron explores the ecstasy, the danger, and the cost of love. Cameron Wolfe is a loser. He knows it. He's the quiet one, not a soccer star like his brother Steve or a charming fighter with a new girl every week like his brother Rube. Cam would give anything to be near one of those girls, to love her and treat her right. He especially likes Rube's latest, Octavia, with her brilliant ideas and bright green eyes. But what woman like that would want a loser like him? Maybe Octavia would, Cam discovers. Maybe he'd even have something to say. And those maybes change everything: winning, loving, losing, the Wolfe brothers, and Cameron himself.

Wolfe Brothers #1: the Underdog Worthy Books

Three weeks have passed since the events of *Underdogs*. The British population continues its imprisonment in Nicholas Grant's giant walled Citadels, under the watchful eye of innumerable cloned soldiers. The heroes of Oakenfold Special School remain their last chance of freedom. As a result of their last mission, Grant has been forced to speed up his plans for Great Britain and beyond. Ewan, Kate, McCormick and the rest of the *Underdogs* must face the horrors of his new research, knowing that it raises the stakes as high as they will go. Failing this battle will not merely result in losing soldiers and friends, but in losing the war entirely. According to the odds, the *Underdogs* are near-certain to fail. But they have spent their whole lives being underestimated and did not survive this long by respecting the odds.

Underdogs Random House

What happens when a powerhouse businesswoman meets God? When high achiever, direct-selling superstar, Chris Manion, encountered the idea that Jesus could be her best friend, she was stunned. This set the inspirational natural leader and award winner on a winding path of spiritual discovery that changed her life. "Do you dare enter the pages of peace and holy intimacy? Join the journey that can lead you closer to the still, small voice that hovers near your bandaged places, looking for where the light can get in." Beyond a business memoir, this is a vulnerable, compelling story of one woman's response to God when He started talking to her, and the difference this made in her personal life, her career, and business. A gorgeous memoir of literary sophistication. This lyrical, intelligent, self-effacing writer just blew the roof off my house! I could not put it down. I believe

it will change lives." Suzanne Kingsbury, editor, author of award-winning *The Summer Fletcher Greel Loved Me*, and *The Gospel According to Gracey*.

I Am the Messenger Unbound Publishing

Part coming of age, part call to action, this fast-paced #ownvoices novel about a Deaf teenager is a unique and inspiring exploration of what it means to belong. Smart, artistic, and independent, sixteen year old Piper is tired of trying to conform. Her mom wants her to be "normal," to pass as hearing, to get a good job. But in a time of food scarcity, environmental collapse, and political corruption, Piper has other things on her mind—like survival. Piper has always been told that she needs to compensate for her Deafness in a world made for those who can hear. But when she meets Marley, a new world opens up—one where Deafness is something to celebrate, and where resilience means taking action, building a community, and believing in something better. Published to rave reviews as *Future Girl* in Australia (Allen & Unwin, Sept. 2020), this empowering, unforgettable story is told through a visual extravaganza of text, paint, collage, and drawings. Set in an ominously prescient near future, *The Words in My Hands* is very much a novel for our turbulent times.

Horror Hotel Underdogs

Award-winning author Eve Ainsworth returns with a stark, honest and deeply moving novella exploring the difficult subject of alcohol addiction.

Fighting Ruben Wolfe Delacorte Press

"A brilliant, twisty thriller--I loved it!" —KAREN M. MCMANUS, bestselling author of *One of Us is Lying* From the author of *We*

Were Liars, which John Green called "utterly unforgettable," comes a mind-bending, New York Times bestselling thriller told in reverse. "Compulsively readable." —Entertainment Weekly "An addictive and shocking feminist thriller." —Lena Dunham Imogen lives at the Playa Grande Resort in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. She spends her days working out in the hotel gym and telling other guests how she was forced out of Stanford. But Imogen isn't really Imogen. She's Jule. And she's on the run from something. Or someone. Which means . . . where is the real Imogen? Rewind: Jule and Imogen are the closest of friends. Obsessed with each other, even. Imogen is an orphan, an heiress; she and Jule spend a summer together in a house on Martha's Vineyard, sharing secrets they'd never reveal to another soul. But that was months ago. Where is Imogen now? And why is Jule using her name? "You will devour it." —Gayle Forman, bestselling author of *If I Stay* "Fans of E. Lockhart's *We Were Liars* will love this . . . and definitely won't see the ending coming." —HelloGiggles Online "Tangled secrets, diabolical lies and, ultimately, a mind-blowing outcome are crafted with the plotted precision we expect (and love!) from E. Lockhart." —Justine Magazine "Moves at a breakneck speed." —Marie Claire "As with E. Lockhart's previous novel, the best-selling *We Were Liars*, [readers] will likely finish the last page and flip right back to the beginning to search for clues they missed." —Chicago Tribune Don't miss, *Family of Liars*, the eagerly anticipated prequel to the New York Times Bestselling phenomenon, *We Were Liars*. Available in May 2022! *The Book Thief: Enhanced Movie Tie-in Edition* Random House As a 6'2" dreadlocked black man, Tyler Merritt knows what it feels like to be stereotyped as threatening, which can have

dangerous consequences. But he also knows that proximity to people who are different from ourselves can be a cure for racism. Tyler Merritt's video "Before You Call the Cops" has been viewed millions of times. He's appeared on Jimmy Kimmel and Sports Illustrated and has been profiled in the New York Times. The viral video's main point—the more you know someone, the more empathy, understanding, and compassion you have for that person—is the springboard for this book. By sharing his highs and exposing his lows, Tyler welcomes us into his world in order to help bridge the divides that seem to grow wider every day. In *I Take My Coffee Black*, Tyler tells hilarious stories from his own life as a black man in America. He talks about growing up in a multi-cultural community and realizing that he wasn't always welcome, how he quit sports for musical theater (that's where the girls were) to how Jesus barged in uninvited and changed his life forever (it all started with a Triple F.A.T. Goose jacket) to how he ended up at a small Bible college in Santa Cruz because he thought they had a great theater program (they didn't). Throughout his stories, he also seamlessly weaves in lessons about privilege, the legacy of lynching and sharecropping and why you don't cross black mamas. He teaches readers about the history of encoded racism that still undergirds our society today. By turns witty, insightful, touching, and laugh-out-loud funny, *I Take My Coffee Black* paints a portrait of black manhood in America and enlightens, illuminates, and entertains—ultimately building the kind of empathy that might just be the antidote against the racial injustice in our society.

The Great Pearl of Wisdom Random House

Welcome to *It's Behind You!*, the reality game show that will

scare you to death. Five contestants must sit tight through the night in dark and dangerous UMBER GORGE caves, haunted by a ghost called the Puckered Maiden. But is it the malevolent spirit they should fear. or each other?

Orange You Glad It's Halloween, Amber Brown? Teen Fiction

Anxiety Interrupted grapples with the anxiety that creeps in when we can't answer our questions and helps us hold to the promises and hope of Jesus.

I Take My Coffee Black Annick Press

An all-new story arc begins in the New York Times bestselling series, with author Amy Ignatow and illustrator Jarrett Krosoczka in *Star Wars: Jedi Academy!* Starring Christina Starspeeder!

HarperCollins

Keep it clean, fellas. Fair fight. Okay. Do it. Don't go down. If you go down, get up. The bell, the fists, the fight. It begins, and the first round is death. The second round is the coffin. The third is the funeral. The Wolfe brothers know how to fight

Underdogs Penguin

Presents three novels in which two brothers, Ruben and Cameron Wolfe, strive to overcome the limitations of their family's poverty, taking jobs as fighters, and Cameron, the younger brother, tries to find love with his brother's ex-girlfriend.

It's Behind You (the New Read-In-one-sitting Thriller by Author of Bestselling Good Girls Die First) Knopf Books for Young Readers

The unforgettable, New York Times bestselling family saga from Markus Zusak, the storyteller who gave us the extraordinary bestseller *THE BOOK THIEF*, lauded by the New York Times as "the kind of book that can be life-changing." NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY • THE

WALL STREET JOURNAL "One of those monumental books that can draw you across space and time into another family's experience in the most profound way." —The Washington Post "Mystical and loaded with heart, it's another gorgeous tearjerker from a rising master of them." —Entertainment Weekly "Devastating, demanding and deeply moving." —Wall Street Journal The breathtaking story of five brothers who bring each other up in a world run by their own rules. As the Dunbar boys love and fight and learn to reckon with the adult world, they discover the moving secret behind their father's disappearance. At the center of the Dunbar family is Clay, a boy who will build a bridge—for his family, for his past, for greatness, for his sins, for a miracle. The question is, how far is Clay willing to go? And how much can he overcome? Written in powerfully inventive language and bursting with heart, BRIDGE OF CLAY is signature Zusak. *Fighting Ruben Wolfe* Carolrhoda Lab™

Enduring a dysfunctional existence with her father and new stepmother, snarky Mim learns that her mother is sick and hops a bus to visit her, experiencing a journey filled with unexpected revelations. A first novel. Simultaneous eBook.

God's Patient Pursuit of My Soul New Hope Publishers (AL) I say, 'Don't lose your heart, Rube.' And very clearly, without moving, my brother answers me. He says, 'I'm not tryin' to lose it, Cam. I'm tryin' to find it.' The Wolfe brothers know how to fight. They've been fighting all their lives. Now there's something more at stake than just winning. A powerful, poignant novel from the author of the international bestseller, *The Book Thief*. *Revenge of the Sis (Star Wars: Jedi Academy #7)* Underlined Three sports. Three broken brothers. Torn apart by tragedy and

forever bound by traumatic pasts. Thrust together once again when their paths cross in Seattle. MELTING ICE Brimming with attitude and broken beyond repair, Isaac "Ice" Wolfe has a heart as cold as his nickname, and he likes it that way--until he meets his neighbor Avery Maxwell. When Isaac is warned away from Avery, he sees the writing on the wall. It's Avery or his career. To Isaac, a life without hockey wouldn't be a life worth living. But what about a life without Avery? BLINDSIDED Tanner Wolfe is blindsided--by his dysfunctional family, his plummeting career, and the one thing he least expected--by love. After photos with Emma go viral, Tanner is caught in a lie and tells a bigger one to get out of it. Now he's shoulder-pads deep in a temporary marriage while struggling to resurrect his disastrous career and reunite his broken family. BOTTOM OF THE NINTH Zeke Wolfe, the man who's written off his entire family, rescues a young woman and three children on a stormy Seattle night. Before he knows it, he has an instant family and a fake fiancé he's certain he doesn't want.

Inspirational and Motivational Words to Live By Penguin Adopted by the alpha of a werewolf pack after a rogue wolf brutally killed her parents right before her eyes, fifteen-year-old Bryn knows only pack life, and the rigid social hierarchy that controls it. That doesn't mean that she's averse to breaking a rule or two. But when her curiosity gets the better of her and she discovers Chase, a new teen locked in a cage in her guardian's basement, and witnesses him turn into a wolf before her eyes, the horrific memories of her parents' murders return. Bryn becomes obsessed with getting her questions answered, and Chase is the only one who can provide the information she needs.

But in her drive to find the truth, will Bryn push too far beyond the constraints of the pack, forcing her to leave behind her

friends, her family, and the identity that she's shaped? An exciting new paranormal adventure, with a heroine that rivals Buffy, *Raised by Wolves* will leave you howling for more.