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THE SUMMER HIDEAWAY - SUSAN WIGGS 2014-03-25

CLAIRE, HIDING FROM A DANGEROUS PAST, FINDS SOLACE IN WORKING AS A PRIVATE NURSE FOR THE ELDERLY GEORGE BELLAMY, BUT WHEN GEORGE'S GRANDSON, ROSS, RETURNS HOME FROM WAR, CLAIRE STRUGGLES AGAINST THE ATTRACTION SHE FEELS FOR HIM.

PITCH PERFECT (MOVIE TIE-IN) - MICKEY RAPKIN 2012-09-04

A MUSICAL TALE OF COLLEGIATE A CAPPELLA FILLED OF HIGH NOTES, HIGH DRAMA, AND HIGH JINKS THAT INSPIRED THE HIT FILMS PITCH PERFECT AND PITCH PERFECT 2. GET READY TO BE PITCH SLAPPED. THE ROOTS OF UNACCOMPANIED VOCAL MUSIC STRETCH ALL THE WAY BACK TO GREGORIAN CHANTS OF THE MIDDLE AGES, AND COLLEGIATE A CAPPELLA IS OVER A CENTURY OLD. BUT WHAT WAS ONCE LARGELY AN IVY LEAGUE PHENOMENON HAS, IN THE PAST TWENTY YEARS, EXPLODED. AND IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK. THOUGH THE BLUE BLAZERS AND KHAKIS MAY REMAIN, A CAPPELLA GROUPS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE COUNTRY HAVE BECOME DOWNRIGHT FUNKY. IN PITCH PERFECT, JOURNALIST MICKEY RAPKIN FOLLOWS A SEASON IN A CAPPELLA THROUGH ALL ITS TWISTS AND TURNS, COVERING THE BREATHTAKING DISPLAYS OF VOCAL TALENT, THE GROUPIES (YES, THERE ARE A CAPPELLA GROUPIES), THE ROCK-STAR PARTYING, AND ALL THE BITTER RIVALRIES. RAPKIN BRINGS YOU INTO THE WORLD OF COLLEGIATE A CAPPELLA CHARACTERS - FROM MOVIE-STAR LOOKS AND CELEBRITY-SIZE EGOS TO A TROUBLED NEW SINGER WITH THE MEGAWATT VOICE. INCLUDING ENCOUNTERS WITH A CAPPELLA ALUMS LIKE JOHN LEGEND AND DIANE SAWYER AND FANS FROM PRINCE TO PRESIDENTS, RAPKIN SHOWS THAT A CAPPELLA ISN'T FOR THE FAINT OF HEART-OR LUNGS. SURE TO STRIKE A CHORD WITH FANS OF GLEE AND THE SING-OFF, THIS RAUCOUS STORY OF A CAPPELLA ROCK STARS SHOWS THAT SOMETIMES, TO GET THAT PERFECT HARMONY, YOU HAVE TO EMBRACE A LITTLE DISCORD.

THEATER GEEK - MICKEY RAPKIN 2011-02-15

BEFORE THERE WAS GLEE OR AMERICAN IDOL, THERE WAS STAGEDOOR MANOR, A THEATER CAMP IN THE CATSKILLS WHERE BIG-TIME HOLLYWOOD CASTING DIRECTORS CAME TO FIND THE NEXT GENERATION OF STARS. IT'S WHERE NATALIE PORTMAN, ROBERT DOWNEY, JR., ZACH BRAFF, MANDY MOORE, LEA MICHELE, AND MANY OTHERS GOT THEIR START AS KIDS. AT AGE THIRTY-ONE, MICKEY RAPKIN, A SENIOR EDITOR AT GQ AND SELF-PROCLAIMED THEATER GEEK, WAS LUCKY ENOUGH TO GO, TOO, WHEN HE FOLLOWED THREE DETERMINED TEEN ACTORS THROUGH THE RIVALRIES, HEARTBREAK, AND TRIUMPHS OF A SUMMER AT STAGEDOOR MANOR. EVERY SUMMER SINCE 1975, A NEW CROP OF CAMPERS HAS ENTERED STAGEDOOR MANOR TO BEGIN AN INTENSE, OFTEN WRENCHING INTRODUCTION TO PROFESSIONAL THEATER. THE OFFSPRING OF HOLLYWOOD PLAYERS LIKE RON HOWARD, Nora Ephron, and Bruce Willis work alongside kids on scholarship. Some campers HAVE AGENTS, OTHERS ARE JUST BEGINNING. THE FACULTY-ALL SEASONED PROFESSIONALS-DEMAND ADULT-SIZE DEDICATION AND PERFORMANCES FROM THE KIDS. ADD IN TALENT SCOUTS FROM DISNEY AND PARADIGM AND YOU HAVE AN INTENSE, EXCITING ENVIRONMENT WHERE SOME THRIVE AND OTHERS FAIL. EYE-OPENING, FUNNY, AND FULL OF DRAMA AND HEART, THEATER GEEK OFFERS AN ILLUMINATING ROMP THROUGH THE WORLD OF SERIOUS CHILD ACTORS.

BIRDS AND POETS. WITH OTHER PAPERS - JOHN BURROUGHS 1884

It's Not a School Bus, It's a Pirate Ship - Mickey Rapkin 2020-06-16 A boy overcomes his first-day-of-school fears by imagining It's Not a School Bus, It's a Pirate Ship! Set sail on the high-seas with him in this picture book Martinez's whimsical flights of fancy fill the illustrations to bursting. Imagination conquers fear yet again." —Kirkus Reviews

- Norman Rush 2014-06-03

A NEW YORK TIMES NOTABLE BOOK In a sophisticated romp through the tribulations and joys of marriage and friendship, a group of college friends reunites two decades after graduation. After the sudden death of Douglas, once the ringleader of a clique of self-styled wits, his four best friends are summoned to his Catskills estate to mourn his passing. Responding to a mysterious sense of emergency in the call, Ned flies in from San Francisco with his wife Nina in furious pursuit; they're at a critical point in their attempts to conceive and she won't let a funeral get in the way. It is Nina who gives us a pointed, irreverent commentary as the men reconvene, while Ned tries to understand what it was that made this clutch of souls his friends to begin with—before time, sex, work, and the brutal quirks of history reshaped them. Filled with unexpected, funny, telling aper? Us, Norman Rush's Subtle Bodies is also a deeply moving exploration of the meanings of life.

ROSENCRANTZ AND GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD - TOM STOPPARD 2007-12-01 ACCLAIMED AS A MODERN DRAMATIC MASTERPIECE, ROSENCRANTZ & GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD IS THE FABULOUSLY INVENTIVE TALE OF HAMLET AS TOLD FROM THE WORM'S-EVE BROW OF THE BROWLDERED ROSENCRANTZ AND GUILDENSTERN, TWO MINOR CHARACTERS IN SHAKESPEARE'S PLAY. IN TOM STOPPARD'S BEST-KNOWN WORK, THIS SHAKESPEAREAN LAUREL AND HARDY FINALLY GET A CHANCE TO TAKE THE LEAD ROLE, BUT DO SO IN A WORLD WHERE ECHOES OF WAITING FOR GODOT RESOUND, WHERE REALITY AND ILLUSION INTERMIX, AND WHERE FATE LEADS OUR TWO HEROES TO A TRAGIC BUT INEVITABLE END. TOM STOPPARD WAS CATAPULTED INTO THE FRONT RANKS OF MODEM PLAYWRIGHTS OVERNIGHT WHEN ROSENCRANTZ AND GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD OPENED IN LONDON IN 1967. ITS SUBSEQUENT RUN IN NEW YORK BROUGHT IT THE SAME ENTHUSIASTIC ACCLAIM, AND THE PLAY HAS SINCE BEEN PERFORMED NUMEROUS TIMES IN THE MAJOR THEATRICAL CENTERS OF THE WORLD. IT HAS WON TOP HONORS FOR PLAY AND PLAYWRIGHT IN A POLL OF LONDON THEATER CRITICS, AND IN ITS PRINTED FORM IT WAS CHOSEN ONE OF THE "NOTABLE BOOKS OF 1967" BY THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

- Brad Goreski 2012-03-06

Celebrity stylist and fashion icon Brad Goreski takes readers inside his whirlwind Life, from his small-town Canadian roots to his worldwide successes, sharing a wealth of style tips, tricks, and photos along the way to help every reader look and feel their absolute best. Fans of The Rachel Zoe Project and It's a Brad, Brad World already know that there's no one on reality TV more fearless or savvy when it comes to style. But Born to Be Brad gives the world its first behind-the-scenes look at how Brad became the stylist he is. This is not just a how-to style book. It's a sublimely written, riveting life story with the power to take you to the top of your fashion game—right along with Brad. **The Seduction of Water** - Carol Goodman 2003-12-30

IRIS GREENFEDER, ABD (ALL BUT DISSERTATION), FEELS THE "BUTS" ARE TAKING OVER HER LIFE: ALL BUT PUBLISHED, ALL BUT A PROFESSOR, ALL BUT MARRIED. YET THE SUDDEN IMPULSE TO WRITE A STORY ABOUT HER MOTHER, KATHERINE MORRISSEY, LEADS TO A SHOT AT LITERARY SUCCESS. THE PIECE RECOUNTS AN EERIE IRISH FAIRY TALE HER MOTHER USED TO TELL HER AT BEDTIME—AND NESTLED INSIDE IT IS THE SAD STORY OF HER DEATH. IT CAPTURES THE ATTENTION OF HER MOTHER'S FORMER LITERARY AGENT, WHO IS CONVINCED THAT KATHERINE WROTE ONE FINAL MANUSCRIPT BEFORE HER STRANGE, UNTIMELY END IN A FIRE THIRTY YEARS AGO. SO IRIS GOES BACK TO THE REMOTE HOTEL EQUINOX IN THE CATSKILLS, THE PLACE WHERE SHE GREW UP, TO WRITE HER MOTHER'S BIOGRAPHY AND SEARCH FOR THE MISSING MANUSCRIPT—AND THERE SHE UNRAVELS A HAUNTING MYSTERY, ONE THAT HOLDS MORE SECRETS THAN SHE EVER EXPECTED....

ADVENTURE BY WRITER MICKEY RAPKIN AND ILLUSTRATOR TERESA MARTINEZ! THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL MEANS THE FIRST RIDE ON THE SCHOOL BUS. BUT WHO WILL I SIT WITH? WHAT IF NO ONE TALKS TO ME? LUCKILY THIS ISN'T A SCHOOL BUS, IT'S A PIRATE SHIP! AND THIS CREW HAS ONE MOTTO: "ONE FOR ALL AND ALL FOR FUN!" SO SET SAIL ON A VOYAGE ACROSS THE HIGH SEAS! AND PREPARE TO MAKE SOME PIRATE BUDDIES ALONG THE WAY IN THIS ADVENTURE ABOUT OVERCOMING YOUR ANXIETY. AN IMPRINT BOOK "RAPKIN AND MARTINEZ BUILD ON THE IMAGINATIVE FUN OF IT'S NOT A BED, IT'S A TIME MACHINE ...

Subtle Bodies