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Ancestors Said Ehime Ora 2021-11-04 Ancestors Said is a 365-page debut prose collection by Ehime Ora, a writer who rose to popularity through her social media presence. Ora's debut book holds gentle words of prayer and affirmation to intuitively provide you with peace, joy, and healing all year long. The author intends for the book to be read day-by-day as meditative guides or utilized as journal prompts.

*Bless the Daughter Raised by a Voice in Her Head Warsan Shire 2022-03-10 ** AS HEARD ON BBC RADIO 4** 'Warsan Shire is an extraordinarily gifted poet whose profoundly moving poems so powerfully give voice to the unspoken' Bernardine Evaristo Poems of migration, womanhood, trauma and resilience from the award-winning Somali British poet Warsan Shire, celebrated collaborator on Beyoncé's Lemonade and Black Is King. With her first full-length poetry collection, Warsan Shire introduces us to a girl who, in the absence of a nurturing guide, makes her own stumbling way toward womanhood. Drawing from her own life and the lives of loved ones, as well as pop culture and news headlines, Shire finds vivid, unique details in the experiences of refugees and immigrants, mothers and daughters, Black women and teenage girls. These are noisy lives, full of music and weeping and surahs. These are fragrant lives, full of blood and perfume and jasmine. These are polychrome lives, full of moonlight and turmeric and kohl. The long-awaited collection from one of our most exciting contemporary poets is a blessing, an incantatory celebration of survival. Each reader will come away changed. 'Warsan Shire electrifies... The beautifully crafted poems in this collection are fiercely tender gifts' Roxane Gay 'Vital, moving and courageous, this is a debut not to be missed' Guardian*

Loud Black Girls: 20 Black Women Writers Ask: What's Next? Yomi Adegoke 2020-10-01 An important and timely anthology of black British writing, edited and curated by the authors of the highly acclaimed, ground-breaking Slay In Your Lane. Slay in Your Lane Presents: Loud Black Girls features essays from the diverse voices of twenty established and emerging black British writers.

Black Girl, Call Home Jasmine Mans 2021-03-09 A Most Anticipated Book of 2021 by Oprah Magazine • Time • Vogue • Vulture • Essence • Elle • Cosmopolitan • Real Simple • Marie Claire • Refinery 29 • Shondaland • Pop Sugar • Bustle • Reader's Digest "Nothing short of sublime, and the territory [Mans'] explores...couldn't be more necessary."—Vogue From spoken word poet Jasmine Mans comes an unforgettable poetry collection about race, feminism, and queer identity. With echoes of Gwendolyn Brooks and Sonia Sanchez, Mans writes to call herself—and us—home. Each poem explores what it means to be a daughter of Newark, and America—and the painful, joyous path to adulthood as a young, queer Black woman. Black Girl, Call Home is a love letter to the wandering Black girl and a vital companion to any woman on a journey to find truth, belonging, and healing.

Zimbabwe Tapiwa Mugabe 2013-07-07 Zimbabwe is the first collection of poetry from Zimbabwean born, UK based writer Tapiwa Mugabe. This collection introduces a fresh and bold voice into the rich current that is emerging from young African millennial artists.

Directed by Desire June Jordan 2012-12-28 "Directed by Desire . . . is a powerful addition to the entire canon of American poetry."—Booklist Now in paperback, Directed by Desire is the definitive overview of June Jordan's -poetry. Collecting the finest work from Jordan's ten volumes, as well as dozens of "last poems" that were never published in Jordan's lifetime, these more than six hundred pages overflow with intimate lyricism, elegance, fury, meditative solos, and dazzling vernacular riffs. As Adrienne Rich writes in her introduction, June Jordan "wanted her readers, listeners, students, to feel their own latent power—of the word, the deed, of their own beauty and intrinsic value." From "These Poems": These poems they are things that I do in the dark reaching for you whoever you are and are you ready? The cloth edition of Directed by Desire was selected as a Library Journal Poetry Book of the Year and received the Lambda Book Award for Lesbian Poetry. June Jordan taught at UC Berkeley for many years and founded Poetry for the People. Her twenty-eight books include poetry, essays, fiction, and children's books. She was a regular columnist for The Progressive and a prolific writer whose articles appeared in The Village Voice, The New York Times, Ms. Magazine, and The Nation. After her death in 2002, a school in the San Francisco School District was renamed in her honor. Salt. Nayyirah Waheed 2013-09-24 Poems.

Thou Aisha Sasha John 2014-04-15 In *THOU*, Aisha Sasha John knows the day - biblically. What if time itself was an object of desire? And the book was a theatre for that? Aisha Sasha John has a crush on time. Which is why she disciplined it. For three years. Also for three months. Also for three months at 33. Ya. Aisha Sasha John has a crush on time and disciplined in time, moving it across her body, watching it, um, course the day. She slowed it down and thought along it, she cut it up. She slowed it down and thunk along it and sped it up. She cut it up and spaced it out and rhythmized it down and laid it flat and looked at it hard. Aisha Sasha John has a crush on time. She did it. She did time. It was gross and funny and it was hard and it was good. The result is/was - *THOU*.

It Begins with the Body Hana Shafi 2018-09-10 Poetry. Art. *IT BEGINS WITH THE BODY* by Hana Shafi explores the milestones and hurdles of a brown girl coming into her own. Shafi's poems display a raw and frank intimacy and address anxiety, unemployment, heartbreak, relationships, identity, and faith. Accompanied by Shafi's candid illustrations that share the same delightful mixture of grotesque and humour found in her poems, *IT BEGINS WITH THE BODY* navigates the highs and lows of youth. It is about feeling like an outsider, and reconciling with pain and awkwardness. It's about arguing with your mum about wanting to wax off your unibrow to the first time you threw up in a bar in your twenties, and everything in between. Funny and raw, personal and honest, Shafi's exciting debut is about finding the right words you wished you had found when you needed them the most.

Sea of Strangers Lang Leav 2018-01-09 This completely original collection of poetry and prose will not only delight her avid fans but is sure to capture the imagination of a whole new audience. With the turn of every page, *Sea of Strangers* invites you to go beyond love and loss to explore themes of self-discovery and empowerment as you navigate your way around the human heart.

That Reminds Me Derek Owusu 2019-11-14 WINNER OF THE DESMOND ELLIOTT PRIZE 2020

'A singular achievement.' Michael Donkor, *Guardian* 'Heartbreaking, important and original.' Christie Watson, author of *THE LANGUAGE OF KINDNESS* 'Derek Owusu's writing is honest, moving, delicate, but tough. Once you lock on to his words, it is hard to break eye contact. A beautiful meditation on childhood, coming of age, the now, and the media. This work is heartfelt.' Benjamin Zephaniah 'Honest and beautiful.' Guy Gunaratne, author of *IN OUR MAD AND FURIOUS CITY* 'When writing is this honest, it soars. What an incredible use of language and truth.' Yrsa Daley-Ward

Anansi, your four gifts raised to nyame granted you no power over the stories I tell... This is the story of K. K is sent into care before a year marks his birth. He grows up in fields and woods, and he is happy, he thinks. When K is eleven, the city reclaims him. He returns to an unknown mother and a part-time father, trading the fields for flats and a community that is alien to him. Slowly, he finds friends. Eventually, he finds love. He learns how to navigate the city. But as he grows, he begins to realise that he needs more than the city can provide. He is a man made of pieces. Pieces that are slowly breaking apart *That Reminds Me* is the story of one young man, from birth to adulthood, told in fragments of memory. It explores questions of identity, belonging, addiction, sexuality, violence, family and religion. It is a deeply moving and completely original work of literature from one of the brightest British writers of today.

Little Big Bully Heid E. Erdrich 2020-10-06 In a new collection that is "a force of nature" (Amy Gerstler), renowned Native poet Heid E. Erdrich applies her rich inventive voice and fierce wit to the deforming effects of harassment and oppression. *Little Big Bully* begins with a question asked of a collective and troubled we - how did we come to this? In answer, this book offers personal myth, American and Native American contexts, and allegories driven by women's resistance to narcissists, stalkers, and harassers. These poems are immediate, personal, political, cultural, even futuristic object lessons. What is truth now? Who are we now? How do we find answers through the smoke of human destructiveness? The past for Indigenous people, ecosystem collapse from near-extinction of bison, and the present epidemic of missing and murdered Indigenous women underlie these poems. Here, survivors shout back at useless cautionary tales with their own courage and visions of future worlds made well.

Nejma Nayyirah Waheed 2014-06-17 all of theunsleeping. gold sweeping. poems.i have in my hands.

bone Yrsa Daley-Ward 2017-09-26 "yrsa daley-ward's bone is a symphony of breaking and mending. . . . she lays her hands on the pulse of the thing. . . . an expert storyteller. of the rarest. and purest kind." —nayyirah waheed, author of *salt*. From the celebrated poet Yrsa Daley-Ward, a poignant collection of poems about the heart, life, and the inner self. Foreword by Kiese Laymon, author of *Heavy: An American Memoir* Bone.

Visceral. Close to. Stark. The poems in Yrsa Daley-Ward's collection *bone* are exactly that: reflections on a particular life honed to their essence—so clear and pared-down, they become universal. From navigating the oft competing worlds of religion and desire, to balancing society's expectations with the raw experience of being a woman in the world; from detailing the experiences of growing up as a first generation black British woman, to working through situations of dependence and abuse; from finding solace in the echoing caverns of depression and loss, to exploring the vulnerability and redemption in falling in love, each of the raw and immediate poems in *Daley-Ward's bone* resonates to the core of what it means to be human. "You will come away bruised. You will come away bruised but this will give you poetry."

Queer Love in Color Jamal Jordan 2021-05-04 A photographic celebration of the love and relationships of

queer people of color by a former New York Times multimedia journalist "Thank you, Jamal Jordan, for showing the world what true love looks like."—Billy Porter *Queer Love in Color* features photographs and stories of couples and families across the United States and around the world. This singular, moving collection offers an intimate look at what it means to live at the intersections of queer and POC identities today, and honors an inclusive vision of love, affection, and family across the spectrum of gender, race, and age.

These Impossible Things Salma El-Wardany 2022-06-07 A *Read With Jenna Today Show Book Club pick* and razor-sharp debut novel of three best friends navigating love, sex, faith, and the one night that changes it all. It's always been Malak, Kees, and Jenna against the world. Since childhood, under the watchful eyes of their parents, aunts and uncles, they've learned to live their own lives alongside the expectations of being good Muslim women. Staying over at a boyfriend's place is disguised as a best friend's sleepover, and tiredness can be blamed on studying instead of partying. They know they're existing in a perfect moment. With growing older and the stakes of love and life growing higher, the delicate balancing act between rebellion and religion is becoming increasingly difficult to navigate. Malak wants the dream: for her partner, community, and faith to coexist happily, and she wants this so much she's willing to break her own heart to get it. Kees is in love with Harry, a white Catholic man who her parents can never know about. When he proposes, she must decide between her future happiness and the life she knows and family she loves. Jenna is the life of the party, always ready for new pleasures, even though she's plagued by a loneliness she can't shake. Through it all, they have always had each other. But as their college years come to a close, one night changes everything when harsh truths are revealed. As their lives begin to take different paths, Malak, Kees, and Jenna—now on the precipice of true adulthood—must find a way back to each other as they reconcile faith, family, and tradition with their own needs and desires. *These Impossible Things* is a paean to youth and female friendship—and to all the joy and messiness love holds. A Marie Claire Book Club Pick for June 2022 and a Most Anticipated Book by: Bustle, theSkimm, Fortune, Apartment Therapy, and BookRiot

Franklin's Blanket Paulette Bourgeois 2011-02-01 Follows the experiences of Franklin the turtle, who loses a beloved blanket without which he has never been able to sleep.

Malhaar Ambica Uppal 2018-04-13 Beneath every cloud There is a story. A story waiting to burst, A story of love, A story of grief, A story to inspire, Let it pour! Malhaar

Preparing My Daughter for Rain Key Ballah 2014-08-24 A book of lessons dedicated to our daughters and future daughters, on how to survive.

All of Us Raymond Carver 2016-01-28 Raymond Carver, who became a master-storyteller of his generation and was hailed in Europe as 'the American Chekhov', wrote of himself: "I began as a poet. My first publication was a poem. So I suppose on my tombstone I'd be very pleased if they put 'Poet and short-story writer - and occasional essayist', in that order." This complete edition allows readers to experience the range and overwhelming power of Carver's poetry for the first time. It brings together in the order of their American publication the poems of *Fires* (1985), *Where Water Comes Together with Other Water* (1986), *Ultramarine* (1988), *A New Path to the Waterfall* (1989) and *No Heroics, Please* (1991). For readers who know Carver's middle period only through his selected poems, *In a Marine Light* (1988), it includes the windfall of 51 poems not previously published in Britain. *All of Us* is edited by Professor William L. Stull of the University of Hartford, and introduced with an essay on Raymond Carver's methods of composition by his widow, the poet Tess Gallagher.

Bone Yrsa Daley-Ward 2017-09-26 You will come away bruised. You will come away bruised but this will give you poetry.' Global star Yrsa Daley-Ward's collection *bone* is something unique and beautiful. Visceral, revealing, and unrelenting, Yrsa's poetry ranges from brief glimpses of stark emotional reality that have won her tens of thousands of Instagram followers to longer, often autobiographical poems that delve deep into her Afro-Caribbean heritage, mental health, and sexuality. This fearless collection from an unflinchingly strong new voice cements Yrsa as one of the most exciting young poets of the day.

The Body's Question Tracy K. Smith 2017-09-05 The debut collection by the Poet Laureate of the United States * Winner of the 2002 Cave Canem Poetry Prize * You are pure appetite. I am pure Appetite. You are a phantom In that far-off city where daylight Climbs cathedral walls, stone by stolen stone. --from "Self-Portrait as the Letter Y" *The Body's Question* by Tracy K. Smith received the 2002 Cave Canem Poetry Prize for the best first book by an African-American poet, selected by Kevin Young. Confronting loss, historical intersections with race and family, and the threshold between childhood and adulthood, Smith gathers courage and direction from the many disparate selves encountered in these poems, until, as she writes, "I was anyone I wanted to be."

Lace Bone Beast N.I. Shompole 2016-12-27 Here is emptiness. Here is a mouth after a recent excavation, black with soot, devoid of kisses. Here are hands, trembling against the soft ache of morning, here are eyes, wet, wide, half-full of sky and loneliness. Here is belly, back, femur, spine, ragged and smooth all at once, all at once. Here are dreams, ink black and speckled, lost behind the eyes. Here is a muted elegy, crow's feet feathered over the eyes like lace. Here are the last strains of a dirge, wild, discordant, free.

What Kind of Woman Kate Baer 2021-05-06 *The Instant* #1 New York Times Bestseller 'Gorgeous.' Glennon

Doyle 'Sharp observations on modern womanhood.' Sunday Times 'Exquisite.' *Fi Glover* A stunning and honest debut poetry collection about the beauty and hardships of being a woman in the world today, and the many roles we play - mother, partner, and friend. 'When life throws you a bag of sorrow, hold out your hands/Little by little, mountains are climbed.' So ends *Kate Baer's* remarkable poem 'Things My Girlfriends Teach Me.' In 'Nothing Tastes as Good as Skinny Feels' she challenges her reader to consider their grandmother's cake, the taste of the sea, the cool swill of freedom. In her poem 'Deliverance' about her son's birth she writes 'What is the word for when the light leaves the body?/What is the word for when it/at last, returns?' Through poems that are as unforgettably beautiful as they are accessible, *Kate Baer* proves herself to truly be an exemplary voice in modern poetry. Her words make women feel seen in their own bodies, in their own marriages, and in their own lives. Her poems are those you share with your mother, your daughter, your sister, and your friends.

Be Not Afraid of Love Mimi Zhu 2022-08-23 "Radical and revolutionary." —Jonny Sun, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Goodbye, Again* A collection of powerful interconnected essays and affirmations that follow Mimi Zhu's journey toward embodying and re-learning love after a violent romantic relationship, a stunning and provocative book that will guide and inspire readers to lean into love with softness In their early twenties, Mimi Zhu was a survivor of intimate-partner abuse. This left them broken, in search of healing and ways to re-learn love. This work is a testament to the strength and adaptability all humans possess, a tribute to love. *Be Not Afraid of Love* explores the intersections of love and fear in self-esteem, friendship, family dynamics, and romantic relationships, and extends out to its effects on society and the greater political realm. In sharing their own intimate encounters with oppression, healing, joy, and community, Mimi invites readers to reflect deeply on their own experiences as well, with the intention of acting as a guide to undoing the hurt or uncertainty within them. In this heartrending and revolutionary book, Mimi reminds us, be not afraid of love.

Still Together Manoj Dias 2021-05-05 *Still Together* explores of the ways we feel detached from our lives, goals and relationships, and teaches us how we can begin to reclaim ourselves through mindfulness and meditation. While technology promises us constant connection, the sad reality is that we feel more disconnected than ever before. Expert teacher Manoj Dias takes us step-by-step through the core teachings of Buddhist meditation and shows how to apply this ancient wisdom to modern life. He provides the tools to help develop your own practice at home using mindfulness exercises and meditations, and shows us why cultivating wisdom is so important. *Still Together* will teach you how to apply these learning's to your life, enriching you with a deeper sense of connection to both yourself and the world around you. Including beautiful illustrations by french design duo *Sacree Frangine* (@sacree_frangine). 'Still Together is the exact medicine that we need in these times of great change. Whoever takes this book to heart will experience a profound transformation.' —Yung Pueblo, author of *Inward*

The How Yrsa Daley-Ward 2021-11-02 From the acclaimed poet behind *bone*, an exploration of how we can meet our truest selves, the ones we've always been meant to become *Yrsa Daley-Ward's* words have resonated with hundreds of thousands of readers--through her books of poetry and memoir, *bone* and *The Terrible*; through her writing for *Beyoncé* on *Black Is King*; and through her always illuminating Instagram posts. Now, in *The How*, *Yrsa* encourages readers to begin, as she puts it, the great work of meeting ourselves. This isn't the self we've built up in response to our surroundings, or the self we manufacture to please the people around us, but instead, our most intimate self, the one we visit in dreams, the one that calls to us from a glimmering future. With a mix of short lyrical musings and her signature stunning poetry, *Yrsa* gently takes readers by the hand, encouraging them to join her as she explores how we can remove our filters, and see and feel more of who we really are behind the preconceived notions of propriety and manners we've accumulated with age. With a beautiful design and intriguing meditations, *The How* can be used to start conversations, to prompt writing, to delve deeper--whether you're solo, or with friends, on your feet or writing from the solace of home.

Teaching My Mother How to Give Birth Warsan Shire 2011-12-01 "Literary pointillism on a funk-ed-out canvas."

Tell Me the Truth About Life National Poetry Day 2019-09-12 CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY, THE OFFICIAL NATIONAL POETRY DAY COLLECTION. CURATED AND INTRODUCED BY CERYS MATTHEWS. *Tell Me the Truth About Life* is an indispensable anthology which celebrates poetry's power to tap into the truths that matter. Curated and introduced by Cerys Matthews, this collection draws on the wisdom of crowds: featuring poems nominated for their insight into truth by a range of ordinary and extraordinary people: from Britain's first astronaut, *Helen Sharman*, to sporting heroes and world-famous musicians, teachers, artists and politicians. Their choices include contemporary work by *Yrsa Daley-Ward*, *John Cooper Clarke* and *Kei Miller* alongside classics by *W H Auden*, *Emily Dickinson* and *Dylan Thomas*. Here you will find poems to revive the spirit, ballads to mobilize and life-lines to hold you safe in the dark. Compiled for National Poetry Day's twenty-fifth anniversary, *Tell Me the Truth About Life* is a book that reminds us we are never completely alone in our search to glimpse the truth. Containing nominations from a number of high-profile poetry lovers and poets, including *Michael Morpurgo*, *Mark Gatiss*, *Dolly Alderton*,

and Helen Sharman, among others.

Twisted Emma Dabiri 2020-06-23 A Kirkus Best Book of the Year Stamped from the Beginning meets You Can't Touch My Hair in this timely and resonant essay collection from Guardian contributor and prominent BBC race correspondent Emma Dabiri, exploring the ways in which black hair has been appropriated and stigmatized throughout history, with ruminations on body politics, race, pop culture, and Dabiri's own journey to loving her hair. Emma Dabiri can tell you the first time she chemically straightened her hair. She can describe the smell, the atmosphere of the salon, and her mix of emotions when she saw her normally kinky tresses fall down her shoulders. For as long as Emma can remember, her hair has been a source of insecurity, shame, and—from strangers and family alike—discrimination. And she is not alone. Despite increasingly liberal world views, black hair continues to be erased, appropriated, and stigmatized to the point of taboo. Through her personal and historical journey, Dabiri gleams insights into the way racism is coded in society's perception of black hair—and how it is often used as an avenue for discrimination. Dabiri takes us from pre-colonial Africa, through the Harlem Renaissance, and into today's Natural Hair Movement, exploring everything from women's solidarity and friendship, to the criminalization of dreadlocks, to the dubious provenance of Kim Kardashian's braids. Through the lens of hair texture, Dabiri leads us on a historical and cultural investigation of the global history of racism—and her own personal journey of self-love and finally, acceptance. Deeply researched and powerfully resonant, *Twisted* proves that far from being only hair, black hairstyling culture can be understood as an allegory for black oppression and, ultimately, liberation.

Bone Fae Myenne Ng 2015-11-03 "We were a family of three girls. By Chinese standards, that wasn't lucky. In Chinatown, everyone knew our story. Outsiders jerked their chins, looked at us, shook their heads. We heard things." In this profoundly moving novel, Fae Myenne Ng takes readers into the hidden heart of San Francisco's Chinatown, to the world of one family's honor, their secrets, and the lost bones of a "paper father." Two generations of the Leong family live in an uneasy tension as they try to fathom the source of a brave young girl's sorrow. Oldest daughter Leila tells the story: of her sister Ona, who has ended her young, conflicted life by jumping from the roof of a Chinatown housing project; of her mother Mah, a seamstress in a garment shop run by a "Chinese Elvis"; of Leon, her father, a merchant seaman who ships out frequently; and the family's youngest, Nina, who has escaped to New York by working as a flight attendant. With Ona and Nina gone, it is up to Leila to lay the bones of the family's collective guilt to rest, and find some way to hope again. Fae Myenne Ng's luminous debut explores what it means to be a stranger in one's own family, a foreigner in one's own neighborhood—and whether it's possible to love a place that may never feel quite like home.

The Collected Poems of Lucille Clifton 1965-2010 Lucille Clifton 2015-06-20 Winner of the 2013 Hurston/Wright Legacy Award for Poetry "The Collected Poems of Lucille Clifton 1965-2010 may be the most important book of poetry to appear in years."--Publishers Weekly "All poetry readers will want to own this book; almost everything is in it."--Publishers Weekly "If you only read one poetry book in 2012, *The Collected Poems of Lucille Clifton* ought to be it."—NPR "The 'Collected Clifton' is a gift, not just for her fans...but for all of us."--The Washington Post "The love readers feel for Lucille Clifton—both the woman and her poetry—is constant and deeply felt. The lines that surface most frequently in praise of her work and her person are moving declarations of racial pride, courage, steadfastness."—Toni Morrison, from the Foreword *The Collected Poems of Lucille Clifton 1965-2010* combines all eleven of Lucille Clifton's published collections with more than fifty previously unpublished poems. The unpublished poems feature early poems from 1965-1969, a collection-in-progress titled *the book of days* (2008), and a poignant selection of final poems. An insightful foreword by Nobel Prize-winning author Toni Morrison and comprehensive afterword by noted poet Kevin Young frames Clifton's lifetime body of work, providing the definitive statement about this major America poet's career. On February 13, 2010, the poetry world lost one of its most distinguished members with the passing of Lucille Clifton. In the last year of her life, she was named the first African American woman to receive the \$100,000 Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize honoring a US poet whose "lifetime accomplishments warrant extraordinary recognition," and was posthumously awarded the Robert Frost Medal for lifetime achievement from the Poetry Society of America. "mother-tongue: to man-kind" (from the unpublished *the book of days*): all that I am asking is that you see me as something more than a common occurrence, more than a woman in her ordinary skin.

Putney Sofka Zinovieff 2018-07-12 'Among the hottest books of this blazing summer' (Daily Telegraph): a bold, lushly written novel that will compel and disquiet in equal measure A BOOK OF THE YEAR 2018 - CHOSEN BY THE OBSERVER, NEW STATESMAN AND SPECTATOR It is the 1970s and Ralph, an up-and-coming composer, is visiting Edmund Greenslay at his riverside home in Putney to discuss a collaboration. Through the house's colourful rooms and unruly garden flits nine-year-old Daphne - dark, teasing, slippery as mercury, more sprite than boy or girl. From the moment their worlds collide, Ralph is consumed by an obsession to make Daphne his. But Ralph is twenty-five and Daphne is only a child, and even in the bohemian abandon of 1970s London their fast-burgeoning relationship must be kept a secret. It is not until years later that Daphne is forced to confront the truth of her own childhood - and an act of violence that has lain hidden

for decades. Putney is a bold, thought-provoking novel about the moral lines we tread, the stories we tell ourselves and the memories that play themselves out again and again, like snatches of song.

O Zeina Hashem Beck 2022-07-05 "O is so full of music and passion for life . . . Zeina Hashem Beck's poems unfold the abundance of our world." —Ilya Kaminsky, author of *Deaf Republic* From a "brilliant, absolutely essential voice" whose "poems feel like whole worlds" (Naomi Shihab Nye), a poetry collection considering the body physical, the body politic, and the body sacred Zeina Hashem Beck writes at the intersection of the divine and the profane, where she crafts elegant, candid poems that simultaneously exude a boundless curiosity and a deep knowingness. Formally electrifying—from lyrics and triptychs to ghazals and Zeina's own duets, in which English and Arabic echo and contradict each other—O explores the limits of language, notions of home and exile, and stirring visions of motherhood, memory, and faith.

Fairytales for Lost Children Diriyee Osman 2013-09-01 FAIRYTALES FOR LOST CHILDREN is narrated by people constantly on the verge of self-revelation. These characters - young, gay and lesbian Somalis - must navigate the complexities of family, identity and the immigrant experience as they tumble towards freedom. Set in Kenya, Somalia and South London, these stories are imbued with pathos, passion and linguistic playfulness, marking the arrival of a singular new voice in contemporary fiction. Praise for FAIRYTALES FOR LOST CHILDREN: 'Fantastic writing. I am most highly impressed. I've read some of the stories more than once and saw in each of them plenty of talent everywhere - in every sinew and vein.' - NURUDDIN FARAH 'There is nothing more humbling than good writing except when the author is fiercely beautiful and ferociously generous of heart. That Diriyee Osman should possess so much talent is only fair in light of his goodness. Read this book.' - MESHELL NDEGEOCELLO -The characters in these fairy tales are displaced in multiple, complicated ways. But Osman's storytelling creates a shelter for them; a warm place which is both real and imaginary, in which they find political, sexual, and ultimately psychic liberation.' - ALISON BECHDEL 'East Africa. South London. Queer. Displaced. Mentally Ill. My excitement over Osman and his writing comes, in part, out of delight at the impossibility of categorisation.' - ELLAH ALLFREY The Telegraph
The Terrible Yrsa Daley-Ward 2018-06-05 **WINNER of the 2019 PEN Ackerley Prize** 'A major literary talent . . . speaks about the power and powerlessness that young women are subject to in a wholly fresh, clear-eyed way . . . you'll find it hard to come away from The Terrible without a stab of recognition in your chest' Stylist 'You may not run away from the thing that you are because it comes and comes and comes as sure as you breathe.' This is the story of Yrsa Daley-Ward, and all the things that happened - 'even the Terrible Things (and God, there were Terrible Things)'. It's about her childhood in the north-west of England with her beautiful, careworn mother and her little brother who sees things written in the stars. It's also about growing up and discovering the power and fear of sexuality, about pitch grey days of pills and powder: going under, losing yourself, and finding your voice. 'Yrsa's work is like holding the truth in your hands' Florence Welch

Floating, Brilliant, Gone Franny Choi 2014-08-22 In her electrifying debut, Franny Choi leads readers through the complex landscapes of absence, memory, and identity. Beginning in loss and ending in reflective elation, *Floating, Brilliant, Gone* explores life as a brief impossibility, "infinite / until it isn't." Punctuated with haunting illustrations by Jess X. Chen, Choi's poems read like lucid dreams that jolt awake at the most unexpected moments.

Life of the Party Olivia Gatwood 2019-08-29 _____ "I am stirred by the poems in this book - it is a sharp, unflinching collection of poems about girlhood, wonder, casual everyday violence." Yrsa Daley-Ward, author of 'bone' and 'The Terrible' In this multi-faceted collection of odes, anecdotes, sonnets and prose, Olivia Gatwood weaves together the trials and triumphs of growing up and explores the many ways that fear and violence can be internalized in a woman's psyche. At times blistering and riotous, at times soulful and exuberant, *Life of the Party* is about what it means to be a girl and a woman in today's world and the challenge of briefly being both. In powerful, piercingly candid language, Gatwood asks: How does one grow from a girl to a woman in a world wracked by violence? What happens to our bodies that make us who we are? Is this fear really irrational? A dazzling collection of raw and explosive poems from a thrilling new feminist voice.

The Crane Wife CJ Hauser 2022-07-12 A memoir in essays that expands on the viral sensation "The Crane Wife" with a frank and funny look at love, intimacy, and self in the twenty-first century. From friends and lovers to blood family and chosen family, this "elegant masterpiece" (Roxane Gay, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Hunger*) asks what more expansive definitions of love might offer us all. "An intellectually vigorous and emotionally resonant account of how a self gets created over time, *The Crane Wife* will satisfy and inspire anyone who has ever asked, 'How did I get here, and what happens now?'... Hauser builds her life's inventory out of deconstructed personal narratives, resulting in a reading experience that's rich like a complicated dessert—not for wolfing down but for savoring in small bites." —The *New York Times*
Ten days after calling off her wedding, CJ Hauser went on an expedition to Texas to study the whooping crane. After a week wading through the gulf, she realized she'd almost signed up to live someone else's life. In this intimate, frank, and funny memoir-in-essays, Hauser releases herself from traditional narratives of happiness and goes looking for ways of living that leave room for the unexpected, making plenty of mistakes

along the way. She kisses Internet strangers and officiates at a wedding. She rereads Rebecca in the house her boyfriend once shared with his ex-wife and rewinds Katharine Hepburn in *The Philadelphia Story* to learn how not to lose yourself in a relationship. She thinks about Florence Nightingale at a robot convention and grief at John Belushi's rock and roll gravesite, and the difference between those stories we're asked to hold versus those we choose to carry. She writes about friends and lovers, blood family and chosen family, and asks what more expansive definitions of love might offer us all. Told with the late-night barstool directness of your wisest, most bighearted friend, *The Crane Wife* is a book for everyone whose life doesn't look the way they thought it would; for everyone learning to find joy in the not-knowing; for everyone trying, if sometimes failing, to build a new sort of life story, a new sort of family, a new sort of home, to live in.

The Scent of Burnt Flowers Blitz Bazawule 2022-06-28 Fleeing persecution in 1960s America, a Black couple seeks asylum in Ghana, but fresh dangers and old secrets threaten their newfound freedom in this hypnotic debut novel. "I am truly blown away by this novel."—Jacqueline Woodson, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Red at the Bone* When the windshield of his Chevy Impala shatters in a dark diner parking lot in Alabama, Melvin moves without thinking. A split-second reaction marrows in his bones from the days of war, but this time it is the safety of his fiancé, Bernadette, at stake. Impulse keeps them alive, and yet they flee with blood on their hands. What is life like now that they are fugitives? Pack passports. Empty bank accounts. Set their old life on fire. The couple disguise themselves as a pastor and a reluctant pastor's wife who's hiding a secret from her fiancé. With a persistent FBI agent on their trail, they travel to Ghana to seek the help of Melvin's old college friend who happens to be the country's embattled president, Kwame Nkrumah. The couple's chance encounter with Ghana's most beloved highlife musician, Kwesi Kwayson, who's on his way to perform for the president, sparks a journey full of suspense, lust, magic, and danger as Nkrumah's regime crumbles around them. What was meant to be a fresh start quickly spirals into chaos, threatening both their relationship and their lives. Kwesi and Bernadette's undeniable attraction and otherworldly bond cascades during their three-day trek, and so does Melvin's intense jealousy. All three must confront one another and their secrets, setting off a series of cataclysmic events. Steeped in the history and mythology of postcolonial West Africa at the intersection of the civil rights movement in America, this gripping and ambitious debut merges political intrigue, magical encounters, and forbidden romance in an epic collision of morality and power.