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## **SMALL HERMAN**

*Gigantic Book of Teacher's Wisdom* Harper Collins

When young Ryan Coolidge finds himself in trouble with the law, he teams up with a magical old lawyer named Hezekiah who helps Ryan time travel into the law books and find precedents and people who can help defend Ryan in court. Children's BOMC.

**The Complete Beatles Recording Sessions** Vintage

For use in schools and libraries only. Rufus Henry, a young parolee, jeopardizes his life when he refuses to cooperate with the neighborhood street gang.

**A Savage Journey to the Heart of the American Dream** Candlewick Press

A hilarious new middle-grade from Justin A. Reynolds that asks: What happens when five unsupervised kids face the apocalypse under outrageously silly circumstances? Twelve-year-old Eddie Gordon Holloway has concocted his most genius plan ever to avoid chores... especially the dreaded L-A-U-N-D-R-Y. If he can wear all the clothes he owns, he'll only have to do the laundry once during his school break. On the day of the highly anticipated Beach Bash, Eddie's monstrous pile of dirty laundry is found by his mom. And Eddie's day has just taken a turn for the worst. Now he's stuck at home by himself, missing the bash, and doing his whole pile of laundry. But mid-cycle, the power goes out! With his first load of laundry wet and the rest of his stuff still filthy, he sets out to explore the seemingly empty neighborhood in his glow-in-the-dark swim trunks, flip-flops, and a beach towel. He soon meets up with other neighborhood kids: newcomer Xavier (who was mid-haircut and has half his head shaved), Eddie's former friend Sonia (who has spent her entire break trying to beat a video game and was mid-battle with the final boss), and siblings Trey and Sage (who are dealing with major sibling drama). As they group up to cover more ground and find out what happened, they realize that their families aren't coming back anytime soon. And as night falls, the crew realizes that they aren't just the only people left in the neighborhood, they might be the only people left... anywhere.

**1,001 Pearls of Teachers' Wisdom** Crown Publishing Group (NY)

In 1997 Mark Salzman, bestselling author *Iron and Silk* and *Lying Awake*, paid a reluctant visit to a writing class at L.A.'s Central Juvenile Hall, a lockup for violent teenage offenders, many of them charged with murder. What he found so moved and astonished him that he began to teach there regularly. In voices of indelible emotional presence, the boys write about what led them to crime and about the lives that stretch ahead of them behind bars. We see them coming to terms with their crime-ridden pasts and searching for a reason to believe in their future selves. Insightful, comic, honest and tragic, *True Notebooks* is an object lesson in the redemptive power of writing.

**You're Kind of a Big Deal: Level Up by Unlocking Your Audacity** Crown

They were called "the class from Hell": 34 inner-city sophomores whose last teacher had been "pushed over the edge". Now they have a new teacher: a pretty, 98-pound ex-Marine who would bully, bluff, and bribe her students into caring about school. The major motion picture starring Michelle Pfeiffer and Andy Garcia will be released in December. Excerpted in *Reader's Digest*. Martin's.

**Diary of a Freedom Writer** Tate Pub & Enterprises LLC

Overview: Straight from the front line of urban America, the inspiring story of one fiercely determined teacher and her remarkable students. As an idealistic twenty-three-year-old English teacher at Wilson High School in Long beach, California, Erin Gruwell confronted a room of "unteachable, at-risk" students. One day she intercepted a note with an ugly racial caricature, and angrily declared that this was precisely the sort of thing that led to the Holocaust - only to be met by uncomprehending looks. So she and her students, using the treasured books Anne Frank: *The Diary*

of a Young Girl and Zlata's *Diary: A Child's Life in Sarajevo* as their guides, undertook a life-changing, eye-opening, spirit-raising odyssey against intolerance and misunderstanding. They learned to see the parallels in these books to their own lives, recording their thoughts and feelings in diaries and dubbing themselves the "Freedom Writers" in homage to the civil rights activists "The Freedom Riders." With funds raised by a "Read-a-thon for Tolerance," they arranged for Miep Gies, the courageous Dutch woman who sheltered the Frank family, to visit them in California, where she declared that Erin Gruwell's students were "the real heroes." Their efforts have paid off spectacularly, both in terms of recognition - appearances on "Prime Time Live" and "All Things Considered," coverage in *People* magazine, a meeting with US Secretary of Education Richard Riley - and educationally. All 150 Freedom Writers have graduated from high school and are now attending college. With powerful entries from the students' own diaries and a narrative text by Erin Gruwell, *The Freedom Writers Diary* is an uplifting, unforgettable example of how hard work, courage, and the spirit of determination changed the lives of a teacher and her students. The authors' proceeds from this book will be donated to The Tolerance Education Foundation, an organization set up to pay for the Freedom Writers' college tuition. Erin Gruwell is now a visiting professor at California State University, Long Beach, where some of her students are Freedom Writers.

**Quotations on Life and Learning** Crown

The author describes her life and work as a teacher and advocate for at-risk youngsters, introducing the principles and practices of her innovative educational program designed to teach tolerance through literature and writing.

**Stories from the Freedom Writer Teachers and Erin Gruwell** Vintage

Over 400 pages packed with quotations, inspiration, humor, and wisdom on the art of teaching.

**Walking on Water** McGraw Hill Professional

Suhaila's wish to know her deceased grandmother is granted when a golden ladder appears at her window and Grandma Annie invites her on a journey to the moon, where they welcome people who are facing tragedy. Includes facts about the painting and woman who inspired the story.

**Teaching Hope** Broadway

Unlock your inner audacity and become the leader you were born to be Women are often told that dreaming bigger and exuding confidence is the key to achieving professional success. While big dreams and confidence might get you started, they won't fuel you throughout the marathon and over the finish line. In order to keep going through thick and thin, you need audacity. You're Kind of a Big Deal provides the strategies, tools, and inspiration you need to power up your potential, break free from limiting beliefs, and make your biggest dreams a reality. International keynote speaker and successful entrepreneur Erin King helps you step into the role of CEO of your own life and better execute your responses to challenging feedback from the world around you, so you can: Move through any and all obstacles between you and your goals Be more present, honest, and authentic in your professional and personal life Increase your energy to take on the toughest challenges Develop greater clarity on your place and purpose in life Handle social settings and meet new people with a new sense of confidence Drop the automatic negative thoughts and stay positive even in the face of adversity You're Kind of a Big Deal dares you to listen more closely to your intuition when it comes to pulling the trigger on big, courageous business decisions—even if those decisions might initially shock those in your orbit. Get ready to finally break through all barriers standing between you and the goals you were born to absolutely crush because the fact is, You're Kind of a Big Deal.

**The True Story of Two Jewish Sisters' Resistance in the Heart of Nazi Territory** American Bar Association

The author documents her experiences during World War II through a secret diary she kept during her time in a concentration camp and the years following the war.

Based on a True Story Scholastic Inc.

50th Anniversary Edition • With an introduction by Caitly Weaver, acclaimed New York Times journalist This cult classic of gonzo journalism is the best chronicle of drug-soaked, addle-brained, rollicking good times ever committed to the printed page. It is also the tale of a long weekend road trip that has gone down in the annals of American pop culture as one of the strangest journeys ever undertaken. Also a major motion picture directed by Terry Gilliam, starring Johnny Depp and Benicio del Toro.

The Freedom Writers Diary Harper Collins

Everyone has something to hide—especially high school juniors Spencer, Aria, Emily, and Hanna. Spencer covets her sister's boyfriend. Aria's fantasizing about her English teacher. Emily's crushing on the new girl at school. And Hanna uses some ugly tricks to stay beautiful. But they've all kept an even bigger secret since their friend Alison vanished. How do I know? Because I know everything about the bad girls they were and the naughty girls they are now. And guess what? I'm telling.

Pretty Little Liars TV Tie-in Edition Crown Publishing Group (NY)

The child's diary that awakened the conscience of the world When Zlata's Diary was first published at the height of the Bosnian conflict, it became an international bestseller and was compared to The Diary of Anne Frank, both for the freshness of its voice and the grimness of the world it describes. It begins as the day-to-day record of the life of a typical eleven-year-old girl, preoccupied by piano lessons and birthday parties. But as war engulfs Sarajevo, Zlata Filipovic becomes a witness to food shortages and the deaths of friends and learns to wait out bombardments in a neighbor's cellar. Yet throughout she remains courageous and observant. The result is a book that has the power to move and instruct readers a world away.

The Experience Vintage

The Arab American author uses a graphic novel format to provide a fictional account of his childhood experiences in the United States.

**Stories of Hardship and Hope from the Next Generation** IAP

A collection of over 3,000 entries from hundreds of professors, scholars, politicians, and celebrities who offer thoughts on the art of teaching and the acquisition of knowledge.

What the Best Leaders See Harper Paperbacks

Now a popular Netflix feature film, starring Jennifer Aniston, Danielle Macdonald, and Dove Cameron, as well as a soundtrack from Dolly Parton! The #1 New York Times bestseller and feel-good YA of the year—about Willowdean Dixon, the fearless, funny, and totally unforgettable heroine who takes on her small town's beauty pageant. Self-proclaimed fat girl Willowdean Dickson (dubbed "Dumplin'" by her former beauty queen mom) has always been at home in her own skin. Her thoughts on having

the ultimate bikini body? Put a bikini on your body. With her all-American beauty best friend, Ellen, by her side, things have always worked . . . until Will takes a job at Harpy's, the local fast-food joint. There she meets Private School Bo, a hot former jock. Will isn't surprised to find herself attracted to Bo. But she is surprised when he seems to like her back. Instead of finding new heights of self-assurance in her relationship with Bo, Will starts to doubt herself. So she sets out to take back her confidence by doing the most horrifying thing she can imagine: entering the Miss Clover City beauty pageant—along with several other unlikely candidates—to show the world that she deserves to be up there as much as any girl does. Along the way, she'll shock the hell out of Clover City—and maybe herself most of all.

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The Freedom Writers Diary (20th Anniversary Edition)How a Teacher and 150 Teens Used Writing to Change Themselves and the World Around ThemCrown

**An American Childhood** Crown

The unforgettable story of two unsung heroes of World War II: sisters Janny and Lien Brilleslijper who joined the Dutch Resistance, helped save dozen of lives, were captured by the Nazis, and ultimately survived the Holocaust. Eight months after Germany's invasion of Poland, the Nazis roll into The Netherlands, expanding their reign of brutality to the Dutch. But by the Winter of 1943, resistance is growing. Among those fighting their brutal Nazi occupiers are two Jewish sisters, Janny and Lien Brilleslijper from Amsterdam. Risking arrest and death, the sisters help save others, sheltering them in a clandestine safehouse in the woods, they called "The High Nest." This secret refuge would become one of the most important Jewish safehouses in the country, serving as a hiding place and underground center for resistance partisans as well as artists condemned by Hitler. From The High Nest, an underground web of artists arises, giving hope and light to those living in terror in Holland as they begin to restore the dazzling pre-war life of Amsterdam and The Hague. When the house and its occupants are eventually betrayed, the most terrifying time of the sisters' lives begins. As Allied troops close in, the Brilleslijper family are rushed onto the last train to Auschwitz, along with Anne Frank and her family. The journey will bring Janny and Lien close to Anne and her older sister Margot. The days ahead will test the sisters beyond human imagination as they are stripped of everything but their courage, their resilience, and their love for each other. Based on meticulous research and unprecedented access to the Brilleslijpers' personal archives of memoirs and photos, Sisters of Auschwitz is a long-overdue homage to two young women's heroism and moral bravery--and a reminder of the power each of us has to change the world.

Leapholes Turtleback

An account of a teacher and her class as they undertake a life-changing odyssey toward understanding and racial tolerance.

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