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## RAFAEL HEATH

Politics, People, and the AIDS Epidemic Penguin

In *Skipping Towards Gomorrah*, Dan Savage eviscerates the right-wing conservatives as he commits each of the Seven Deadly Sins himself (or tries to) and finds those everyday Americans who take particular delight in their sinful pursuits. Among them: Greed: Gamblers reveal secrets behind outrageous fortune. Lust: "We're swingers!"-you won't believe who's doing it. Anger: Texans shoot off some rounds and then listen to Dan fire off on his own about guns, gun control, and the Second Amendment. Combine a unique history of the Seven Deadly Sins, a new interpretation of the biblical stories of Sodom and Gomorrah, and enough Bill Bennett, Robert Bork, Pat Buchanan, Dr. Laura, and Bill O'Reilly bashing to more than make up for their incessant carping, and you've got the most provocative book of the fall.

The Stranger's Guide to College, Sex, Intoxicants, Tacos, and Life Itself Macmillan

Chester Brown reinvents the comic book medium to create the critically acclaimed historical biography Louis Riel. Brown won the Harvey Awards for best writing and best graphic novel for his compelling, meticulous, and dispassionate retelling of the charismatic, and perhaps insane, nineteenth-century Metis leader's life. Brown coolly documents with dramatic subtlety the violent rebellion on the Canadian prairie led by Riel, an embattled figure in Canadian history, regarded by some as a martyr who died in the name of freedom, while others consider him a treacherous murderer.

American Savage Penguin

America's premier sex advice columnist takes on edgier-than-ever sex-positive topics with his signature candor in his first illustrated collection of adults-only essays, coinciding with the 30th anniversary of the Savage Love column. Dan Savage has been talking frankly about sex and relationships for 30 years, and has built an international following thanks to his sex-positive Savage Love column and podcast. To celebrate this milestone comes *Savage Love from A to Z*, an illustrated collection of 26 never-before-published essays that provides a thoughtful, frank dive into Savage's trademark phrases and philosophies. This hardcover book is for anyone who's had sex, is currently having sex, or hopes to have sex! Essays cover a variety of topics: • B Is for Boredom • F Is for Fuck First • G Is for GGG (Good Giving Game) • M Is for Monogamish Whether he's talking about issues

like compatibility or specific sex acts, you can be sure he's giving it to you straight. Short excerpts from his classic columns kick off each essay and cheeky illustrations by his longtime collaborator Joe Newton complement the topic at hand. Savage has moved the needle toward a more open discourse around sex, relationships, and intimacy, and this book will both inspire and inform his legions of fans. An ideal stocking stuffer!

Louis Riel Penguin

Out is a fashion, style, celebrity and opinion magazine for the modern gay man.

The Commitment Penguin Books

Mottier examines the questions around what shapes our sexuality asking if it is a product of our genes, or of society, culture or politics. The changing views of sexual norms are dealt with as are issues surrounding feminism, religion, eugenics, and HIV / AIDS.

Ecologies of Engaged Scholarship Grand Central Publishing

Why do conservatives tell stories? Because it helps them win elections and assail liberal policies like health care reform and economic stimulus. "Why" is important, but the "what" and the "how" behind the stories that conservatives tell are equally interesting, and in this new book, David Ricci reveals all. He shows how conservative activists and candidates tell many tales that come together to project a large-scale story; a cultural narrative; a vision of what America is and what it should do to prosper socially, economically, and politically. Liberals, by contrast, tend to look for theories rather than stories, for mathematical explanations rather than theological axioms, for data rather than anecdotes, and for statistics rather than homilies. The difference is paradoxical. Liberals are unlikely to fashion sweeping narratives that capture the public's attention and commitment. Yet conservatives may tell attractive stories like the ones that got us into Iraq that momentarily capture voter support but end up costing the country more than it can afford."

Learning the Deep Meaning of Happiness Drawn & Quarterly

A provocative collection of essays by distinguished Latino writers--including Dagoberto Gilb, Luis Alberto Urrea, and Martin Espada--explains how Latino men, grounded in the macho tradition, can redefine the essential nature of Latino masculinity. Original.

More Than Two Simon and Schuster

Every story can change a life. Watch a video Growing up isn't easy. Many young people face daily tormenting and bullying, making them feel like they have nowhere to turn. This is especially true for LGBT kids and teens who often hide their sexuality for fear of bullying. Without other openly gay

adults and mentors in their lives, they can't imagine what their future may hold. In many instances, gay and lesbian adolescents are taunted - even tortured - simply for being themselves. After a number of tragic suicides by LGBT students who were bullied in school, syndicated columnist and author Dan Savage uploaded a video to YouTube with his partner Terry Miller to inspire hope for LGBT youth facing harassment. Speaking openly about the bullying they suffered as teenagers, and how they both went on to lead rewarding adult lives, their video launched the It Gets Better Project YouTube channel and initiated a worldwide phenomenon. With over 6,000 videos posted and over 20 million views in the first three months alone, the world has embraced the opportunity to provide personal, honest and heartfelt support for LGBT youth everywhere. It Gets Better is a collection of expanded essays and new material from celebrities, everyday people and teens who have posted videos of encouragement, as well as new contributors who have yet to post videos to the site. While many of these teens couldn't see a positive future for themselves, we can. We can show LGBT youth the levels of happiness, potential and positivity their lives will reach if they can just get through their teen years. By sharing these stories, It Gets Better reminds teenagers in the LGBT community that they are not alone - and it WILL get better.

**How Life Gets Better While People Feel Worse** Skipping Towards Gomorrah The Seven Deadly Sins and the Pursuit of Happiness in America

An electrifying, internationally bestselling investigation of the global cocaine trade now a series on Prime Video starring Andrea Riseborough, Dane DeHaan, and Gabriel Byrne, from the author of the #1 international bestseller Gomorrah "Zero zero zero" flour is the finest, whitest available. It is also the nickname among narco-traffickers for the purest cocaine on the market. And it is the title of Roberto Saviano's unforgettable exploration of the inner workings of the global cocaine trade—its rules and armies, and the true depth of its reach into the world economy. Saviano's Gomorrah, his explosive account of the Neapolitan mob, the Camorra, was a worldwide sensation. It struck such a nerve with the Camorra that Saviano has lived with twenty-four-hour police protection for more than eight years. During this time he has come to know law enforcement agencies and officials around the world. With their cooperation, Saviano has broadened his perspective to take in the entire global "corporate" entity that is the drug trade and the complex money-laundering operations that allow it to function, often with the help of the world's biggest banks. The result is a harrowing and groundbreaking synthesis of literary narrative and geopolitical analysis exploring one of the most powerful dark forces in our economy. Saviano tracks the shift in the cocaine trade's axis of power, from Colombia to Mexico, and relates how the Latin American cartels and gangs have forged alliances with crime syndicates across the globe. He charts the increasing sophistication of these criminal entities as they diversify into other products and markets. He also reveals the astonishing increase in the severity of violence as they have fought to protect and extend their power. Saviano is a writer and journalist of rare courage and a thinker of impressive intellectual depth, able to see connections between far-flung phenomena and bind them into a single epic story. Most drug-war narratives feel safely removed from our own lives; Saviano offers no such comfort. Both heart-racing and eye-opening, ZeroZeroZero is an investigative story like none other. Praise for ZerZeroZero: "[Saviano] has developed a literary style that switches from vivid descriptions of human depravity to a philosophical consideration of the meaning of violence in the modern world. . . . Most important of

all is the hope Saviano gives to countless victims of criminal violence by standing up to its perpetrators." —Financial Times

*Envy* Thorntree Press, LLC

A practical handbook for people who want to be safe and do something. Racial profiling does happen. And while cases where victims find themselves looking down the barrel of a policeman's gun make the six o'clock news, dozens of less extreme, yet troubling, examples occur every day. Cabs that whiz by only to be seen stopping for "safer"-looking people just up the block; being asked for multiple pieces of identification when making purchases with credit cards; being followed around a department store by salespeople and security while never being asked if they need any assistance; being detained for hours and extensively searched in an airport or train station--Driving While Black clearly defines the system officially known as CARD (class, age, race, dress) and offers advice about how to handle potentially life-threatening situations with the police, as well as recourse for readers who suspect their civil rights have been denied due to racial profiling. A book written to save lives, Driving While Black is not just for people of color, but for anyone who likes to wear a baseball cap, baggy jeans, sneakers, and a tee shirt and finds they are often treated like a "suspect."

*Latino Men Confront Their Manhood* Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing

An irreverent, opinionated columnist eviscerates conservative critics to celebrate the Seven Deadly Sins--Greed, Lust, Gluttony, Sloth, Anger, Envy, and Pride--and those who delight in their sinful pursuits. Reprint.

*Reordered Love, Reordered Lives* Routledge

The Emmy award-winning former executive producer of The Daily Show and The Colbert Report has assembled a stellar lineup of men who have one thing in common: all have been dumped...and are willing to share their pain and the lessons learned. Relationships end. And in almost all of them, even the most callow among us take something away. This is a book about that something, whether it be major life lessons, like "If you lie, you will get caught," simple truths like, "Flowers work," or something wholly unique like, "Watch out for the high strung brother in the military." This anthology will be comprised of longer and shorter pieces, drawn from an array of impressive celebrities, writers and public figures. Some pieces may be a paragraph in length while others will be full-blown essays. All of them will be about that salient something men take away from a failed relationship. Yes, men learn. This is not a touchy-feely book. This is not a self-help book. This is a book packed with smart, funny and insightful stories from men you probably thought never got dumped, or if they did, would never admit it.

*Things I've Learned from Women Who've Dumped Me* Penguin

The Bible Literacy Project curriculum will be unique in eight distinctive ways: (1) It was created to fulfill the standards of The Bible & Public Schools: A First Amendment Guide, co-published by the Bible Literacy Project and the First Amendment Center. The Guide provides a consensus statement about how the Bible can be taught in public schools, and was endorsed by 21 national educational and religious organizations, including the National Education Association, the American Federation of Teachers, the National School Boards Association, the National Association of Evangelicals and the American Jewish Congress, among many others. \*\* (2) It has been examined by 40 reviewers, with

their feedback incorporated into the editing of the text. The reviewers include prominent literature academics as well as high school teachers and scholars from the Roman Catholic, Protestant Evangelical, Mainline Protestant, Eastern Orthodox and Jewish traditions. \*\* (3) It is uniquely a student textbook. While some curricula offer only a teacher's guide, the Bible Literacy Project textbook will be the only student textbook produced in nearly 30 years. The 40 chapters of the textbook are encompassed in 14 units, seven units for Hebrew Scriptures and seven units for the New Testament. It presents a straightforward explanation of the narratives, themes, and characters of the Bible, written to respect, but not promote various faith perspectives. The course includes direct reading from the Bible. Students will use the translation of the Bible with which they are most comfortable. \*\* (4) It broadly covers the cultural contexts and influences of the Bible, with examples of art, literature, rhetoric and music. The textbook contains engaging features entitled Historical Connections, The Bible in Literature, Cultural Connections (music, art, rhetoric), and Into Everyday Language. Special one or two-page features include "Abraham Lincoln and the Bible," "Handel's Messiah," "The Bible and Emancipation," Shakespeare and the Bible," among many others. \*\* (5) It preserves the ability of parents to teach their view of the Bible's religious significance. The text presents a fair and academic presentation of the Bible, without prejudice to a particular view of canon and doctrine. \*\* (6) It has been pilot tested both in public high schools and in a university training course for English teachers. \*\* (7) There is an accompanying teacher's manual in development (scheduled for Summer 2006). \*\* (8) There will be a university-based, online teacher training program available.

#### **ZeroZeroZero** Routledge

Dan Savage's nationally syndicated sex advice column, "Savage Love," enrages and excites more than four million people each week. In *The Kid*, Savage tells a no-holds-barred, high-energy story of an ordinary American couple who wants to have a baby. Except that in this case the couple happens to be Dan and his boyfriend. That fact, in the face of a society enormously uneasy with gay adoption, makes for an edgy, entertaining, and illuminating read. When Dan and his boyfriend are finally presented with an infant badly in need of parenting, they find themselves caught up in a drama that extends well beyond the confines of their immediate world. A story about confronting homophobia, falling in love, getting older, and getting a little bit smarter, *The Kid* is a book about the very human desire to have a family.

#### *A Practical Guide to Ethical Polyamory* Harper Collins

An examination of the AIDS crisis exposes the federal government for its inaction, health authorities

for their greed, and scientists for their desire for prestige in the face of the AIDS pandemic.

#### **A Parody for Voters** Algonquin Books

A writer's journey with the fan bases of Phish and Insane Clown Posse describes his unexpected discovery of how both groups have tapped the human need for community, a finding that coincided with his diagnosis of bipolar disorder.

#### *Advice on Sex and Relationships, Dating and Mating, Exes and Extras* Simon and Schuster

In *The Progress Paradox*, Gregg Easterbrook draws upon three decades of wide-ranging research and thinking to make the persuasive assertion that almost all aspects of Western life have vastly improved in the past century—and yet today, most men and women feel less happy than in previous generations. Detailing the emerging science of "positive psychology," which seeks to understand what causes a person's sense of well-being, Easterbrook offers an alternative to our culture of crisis and complaint. He makes a compelling case that optimism, gratitude, and acts of forgiveness not only make modern life more fulfilling but are actually in our self-interest. An affirming and constructive way of seeing life anew, *The Progress Paradox* will change the way you think about your place in the world—and about our collective ability to make it better.

#### **The Quotable Stoner** University of Chicago Press

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#### What Happened After My Boyfriend and I Decided to Go Get Pregnant Crown

Collects 65 top-selected interviews as published in *The New York Times Book Review's* "By the Book" feature to share literary reflections by such personalities as David Sedaris, Michael Chabon and James Patterson.

#### The New Philosophy Macmillan

The world has changed since the early Christian theologians named envy as one of the seven deadly sins, but it seems that the human heart has stayed much the same. *Envy: Exposing a Secret Sin* by Mary Louise Bringle finds that what once was viewed as destructive to the soul is now desirable. From the Texas woman who tried to kill the mother of her daughter's rival for a position on the cheerleading squad to the market's use of envy to sell everything from cars to cat food, the "green-eyed monster" is alive and well. Perhaps the only thing that's changed is our attitude to envy. In this illuminating and lively volume, Bringle examines the evolution of envy from something to be avoided to something to be achieved. Drawing on a variety of sources from Gregory the Great to Cinderella, from Hieronymus Bosch to *Vogue* magazine, she explores ways to avoid the dangers of envy by reminding us of the ancient cure for this disease of the soul: gratitude.