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How I Survived War Zones, Bad Hair, Cancer, and Kathie Lee

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"There's a moment when it comes to amazing books... where you realize that the book you're reading completely and irrevocably owns you... [Surviving Raine] has that moment." - Ash the Book Snob

As the captain of a schooner catering to the elite on the Caribbean Seas, Sebastian Stark does his best to avoid any human encounters. Interacting with people isn't his thing, and he prefers the company of a bottle of vodka, a shot glass, and maybe a whore. There's no doubt he's hiding from a checkered past,

but he does well keeping everything to himself... ..until the night his schooner capsizes, and he's stuck on a life raft with one of the passengers. Raine's young, she's cute, and Bastian would probably be into her if he wasn't suffering from alcohol withdrawal. As the days pass, DTs, starvation, and dehydration become the norm. Even the most closed person starts to open up when he thinks he's going to die, but when she realizes their traumatic pasts are connected, it's no longer the elements that have Bastian concerned. He has no idea how he's going to Survive Raine. "Shay Savage's website almost cockily proclaims that she writes "Fiction with Teeth." HA! Nothing cocky about the truth, my friends. I guarantee, that is maybe the **only** accurate way to sum

up the dark, unsettling, exciting, unapologetic, fascinating, shocking, frank, graphic, primal, crude, sexy, at times horrific, consistently compelling experience that is Surviving Raine!!" - Elizabeth (Sweptawaybyromance.com)

There are moments in Surviving Raine that will make you laugh, make you cry, and make your heart (and other parts) clench. This is one you will definitely want to put on your TBR list! -Kassie and Lauren (fics2flicks.com)

A Cambodian Memoir Scholastic Inc.

"Chronicles the true story of two children from different worlds: a city boy and a country girl. When the persecution of Jews began in the 1940s, both were plucked from their homes and thrust into concentration camps. They were stripped of everything and forced to

navigate a truly incomprehensible, volatile, dangerous and unpredictable world. Despite their exposure to the horrors of the Holocaust, they endured and carried on with a determination that shaped them forever. Follow the lives of Max and Rose as they learned to adapt to a reality beyond belief and emerged stronger than ever. When they were finally liberated from their concentration camps, they navigated a new world individually before finding each other to form what each so tragically lost: a family."-- <https://twowhosurvived.com/>

On the Island Hachette UK

Winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature and Winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award A journalist by trade, who now suffers from an immune deficiency developed while researching this book,

presents personal accounts of what happened to the people of Belarus after the nuclear reactor accident in 1986, and the fear, anger, and uncertainty that they still live with. The Nobel Prize in Literature 2015 was awarded to Svetlana Alexievich "for her polyphonic writings, a monument to suffering and courage in our time."

From the Killing Fields of Cambodia to California and Back Bloomsbury Publishing

"This book blew me away, completely. Gripping from page one, I—quite literally—couldn't put it down."—Christina Lauren, New York Times bestselling author of *The Unhoneymooners* Growing up, Mallory Dodge learned that the best way to survive was to say nothing. And even

though it's been four years since her nightmare ended, she's beginning to worry that the fear that holds her back will last a lifetime. Now, after years of homeschooling, Mallory must face a new milestone—spending her senior year at a public high school. But she never imagined she'd run into Rider Stark, the friend and protector she hasn't seen since childhood, on her very first day. It doesn't take long for Mallory to realize that the connection she shared with Rider never really faded. Yet soon it becomes apparent that she's not the only one grappling with lingering scars from the past. And as she watches Rider's life spiral out of control, Mallory must make a choice between staying silent and speaking out—for the people she loves, the life she wants and the

truths that need to be heard. Praise for The Problem with Forever: "We're left breathless and a little haunted and wanting more."—Danielle Paige, New York Times bestselling author of Dorothy Must Die "Heartbreakingly real...a remarkable novel about the power of first love and the courage it takes to face your fears."—Kami Garcia, #1 New York Times bestselling author Also from #1 bestselling author Jennifer L.

Armentrout: If There's No Tomorrow The Harbinger Series The Dark Elements Series

All The Beautiful Things Scholastic Paperbacks

The "incredibly powerful" (Kirkus Reviews) story of the human rights activist who changed the minds of her elders, reformed traditions from the

inside, and is creating a better future for girls and women throughout Africa. Nice Leng`ete was raised in a Maasai village in Kenya. In 1998, when Nice was six, her parents fell sick and died, and Nice and her sister Soila were taken in by their father's brother, who had little interest in the girls beyond what their dowries might fetch. Fearing "the cut" (female genital mutilation, a painful and sometimes deadly ritualistic surgery), which was the fate of all Maasai women, Nice and Soila climbed a tree to hide. Nice hoped to find a way to avoid the cut forever, but Soila understood it would be impossible. But maybe if one of the sisters submitted, the other would be spared. After Soila chose to undergo the surgery, sacrificing herself to save Nice, their lives diverged. Soila married,

dropped out of school, and had children—all in her teenage years—while Nice postponed receiving the cut, continued her education, and became the first in her family to attend college. Supported by Amref, Nice used visits home to set an example for what an uncut Maasai woman can achieve. Other women listened, and the elders finally saw the value of intact, educated girls as the way of the future. The village has since ended FGM entirely, and Nice continues the fight to end FGM throughout Africa, and the world. Nice's journey from "heartbroken child and community outcast, to leader of the Maasai" is an inspiration and a reminder that one person can change the world—and every girl is worth saving.

Lucky Child AuthorHouse

Wounded by a painful divorce, life is slowly shifting into mere existence for Bill, a retired teacher in Anchorage, Alaska. Lonely and depressed, he moves into a retirement community to await the inevitable. But it seems that fate has more in store for Bill. He is convinced that he will never find love again; he is happy to be proven wrong, however, when he meets Gail. In the summer of 2012, to celebrate their one-year anniversary, they fly to up to the beautiful, calm, blue waters of Katchemak Bay for a romantic weekend getaway in his small plane. But several hundred miles into the trip, above the unforgiving Canadian wilderness, the plane loses power with no landing strip in sight. Now, Bill and Gail wait for another kind of inevitable. Battered but

alive, they must now fight to survive. In the fierce challenges of wilderness life, they grow even closer. Hour by hour, what was once a comfortable relationship flourishes into something much more meaningful. In the face of terror, their bond grows even tighter. And in the wilderness, they will encounter more dangers than Gail is prepared to expect. In Bill, Gail finds her knight, and in Gail, Bill finds his lady. As beautiful as a fresh spring flower, their love finds a way to blossom in the harshest of environments. In their faith, they never lose hope that God will deliver them safely from their challenges.

I Too Had a Love Story Harper Collins
The Khmer Rouge ruled Cambodia for three years, eight months and twenty

days. After overthrowing Lon Nol in April 1975 and establishing a so-called Democratic Kampuchea, the Communist-sponsored government was responsible for the deaths of as many as two million people, almost one-third of the country's population. Here, Chileng Pa vividly recalls life under the Cambodian Communists. Attempting to conceal his identity as a policeman for the previous government, Chileng changed his name and moved his family to the village of Prayap, near the Vietnamese border. In April of 1977, after two years of starvation and cruelty at the hands of the Khmer Rouge, Chileng was forced to watch as Communist guerillas brutally murdered his wife and two-year-old son. With nothing left for him in Prayap Chileng fled to Vietnam, but eventually

returned to Cambodia as part of a Vietnamese invasion force that would end the bloody reign of the Khmer regime. In 1981 Chileng and his new family found their way to America. His "simple strand of remembrance" serves to honor all those who died at the hands of the Khmer Rouge.

When Broken Glass Floats: Growing Up Under the Khmer Rouge Simon and Schuster

On April 17, 1975, the Khmer Rouge entered Phnom Penh to open a new and appalling chapter in the story of the twentieth century. On that day, Pin Yathay was a qualified engineer in the Ministry of Public Works. Successful and highly educated, he had been critical of the corrupt Lon Nol regime and hoped that the Khmer Rouge would be the

patriotic saviors of Cambodia. In *Stay Alive, My Son, Pin Yathay* provides an unforgettable testament of the horror that ensued and a gripping account of personal courage, sacrifice and survival. Documenting the 27 months from the arrival of the Khmer Rouge in Phnom Penh to his escape into Thailand, Pin Yathay is a powerful and haunting memoir of Cambodia's killing fields. With seventeen members of his family, Pin Yathay were evacuated by the Khmer Rouge from Phnom Penh, taking with them whatever they might need for the three days before they would be allowed to return to their home. Instead, they were moved on from camp to camp, their possessions confiscated or abandoned. As days became weeks and weeks became months, they became the

"New People," displaced urban dwellers compelled to live and work as peasants, their days were filled with forced manual labor and their survival dependent on ever more meager communal rations. The body count mounted, first as malnutrition bred rampant disease and then as the Khmer Rouge singled out the dissidents for sudden death in the darkness. Eventually, Pin Yathay's family was reduced to just himself, his wife, and their one remaining son, Nawath. Wracked with pain and disease, robbed of all they had owned, living on the very edge of dying, they faced a future of escalating horror. With Nawath too ill to travel, Pin Yathay and his wife, Any, had to make the heart-breaking decision whether to leave him to the care of a Cambodian hospital in order to make a

desperate break for freedom. "Stay alive, my son," he tells Nawath before embarking on a nightmarish escape to the Thai border. First published in 1987, the Cornell edition of *Stay Alive, My Son* includes an updated preface and epilogue by Pin Yathay and a new foreword by David Chandler, a world-renowned historian of Cambodia, who attests to the continuing value and urgency of Pin Yathay's message.

The Memoir of a Cambodian Orphan
McFarland

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER In this poignant novel of longing and salvation, a hopeful widow and a resilient war hero discover the promise of love's magic and new beginnings. After surviving the Napoleonic Wars, Sir Benedict Harper is struggling to move on, his body and

spirit in need of a healing touch. Never does Ben imagine that hope will come in the form of a beautiful woman who has seen her own share of suffering. After the lingering death of her husband, Samantha McKay is at the mercy of her oppressive in-laws—until she plots an escape to distant Wales to claim a house she has inherited. Being a gentleman, Ben insists that he escort her on the fateful journey. Ben wants Samantha as much as she wants him, but he is cautious. What can a wounded soul offer any woman? Samantha is ready to go where fate takes her, to leave behind polite society and even propriety in her desire for this handsome, honorable soldier. But dare she offer her bruised heart as well as her body? The answers to both their questions may be found in

an unlikely place: in each other's arms. Includes Mary Balogh's charming short story, "The Suitor." Praise for *The Escape* "Bestseller [Mary] Balogh delivers an outstanding third installment of her *Survivors' Club* series. . . . This exquisitely written Regency will appeal to Balogh's legions of fans."—*Publishers Weekly* (starred review) "A heroine who has never felt valued and a hero in search of a new purpose learn to take life as it comes and live each moment to the fullest. This tender, deeply insightful, and beautifully plotted romance shimmers with hope, possibility, and love."—*Library Journal* (starred review) "Regency romance star Balogh continues her poignant *Survivors' Club* series with a quietly intense love story that speaks to open-heartedness,

courage and faith in new beginnings.”—Kirkus Reviews “A beautifully rendered love story of two wounded and lost souls who find each other and together discover strength and love. Tender, touching and mature, Balogh’s story slowly unfolds, reaching deep into the characters’ emotions demonstrating how love empowers, heals and redeems. Everything about this story is lovely and near perfect.”—RT Book Reviews (4-1/2 stars, Top Pick) “The Escape is such an apt title—two people escape from unhappy pasts, finding love in their mutual journey. Their capacity for happiness astonishes and delights them and the reader, as they both so deserve their hard-won happily-ever-after.”—Heroes and Heartbreakers “The Escape is full of

excitement, adventure, and enchanting romance. The main characters are so well-developed, and Mary Balogh does such a wonderful job giving the reader a window into their thoughts, that by the end of the book you feel as though you know them intimately.”—Fresh Fiction Surviving Raine U of Nebraska Press A young woman walks into a hospital. Never in her 27 years of life would she have thought that her world would be changed forever. She feared the worst. The cancer cells developing within her body, surgical findings, ups and downs, and then those three most fearful words, “You have Cancer”, changed everything from that point on.

A Novel Stacey Lynn

“Breathtaking....Crazy for the Storm will keep you up late into the night.”

—Washington Post Book World Norman Olstead’s New York Times bestselling memoir *Crazy for the Storm* is the story of the harrowing plane crash the author miraculously survived at age eleven, framed by the moving tale of his complicated relationship with his charismatic, adrenaline-addicted father. Destined to stand with other classic true stories of man against nature—*Into Thin Air* and *Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer; Sebastian Junger’s *The Perfect Storm*—it is a literary triumph that novelist Russell Banks (*Affliction*) calls, “A heart-stopping story beautifully told....Norman Olstead has written a book that may well be read for generations.”

Beautiful Hero Dial Press Trade
Paperback

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one baby bottle, a family of eight fought for their lives in the killing fields and land mines of Cambodia. Heroes emerge in the most unlikely places, under the most dangerous conditions. They are often the most ordinary of people facing extraordinary times. Surrounded by unimaginable adverse forces, one woman would ultimately lead her entire family to survive. *Beautiful Hero* is an autobiographical narrative told from a daughter's perspective. The story centers around Meiyeng, the eponymous *Beautiful Hero*, and her innate ability to sustain everyone in her family. Meiyeng's acumen in solving problems under extreme circumstances is thought-provoking and awe-inspiring. She shepherded her entire family through starvation, diseases, slavery and

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death. It is the ultimate story of love, sacrifice, survival, and redemption--and lives pushed to the limits. It reaffirms the good in humanity by showing how one family lived and survived with grace and dignity.

The Ones Who Got Away W. W. Norton & Company

The New York Times bestseller with more than 1 million copies sold worldwide Inspired by the incredible true story of one Jewish family separated at the start of World War II, determined to survive—and to reunite—*We Were the Lucky Ones* is a tribute to the triumph of hope and love against all odds. “Love in the face of global adversity? It couldn't be more timely.” —*Glamour* It is the spring of 1939 and three generations of the Kurc family are doing their best to

live normal lives, even as the shadow of war grows closer. The talk around the family Seder table is of new babies and budding romance, not of the increasing hardships threatening Jews in their hometown of Radom, Poland. But soon the horrors overtaking Europe will become inescapable and the Kurcs will be flung to the far corners of the world, each desperately trying to navigate his or her own path to safety. As one sibling is forced into exile, another attempts to flee the continent, while others struggle to escape certain death, either by working grueling hours on empty stomachs in the factories of the ghetto or by hiding as gentiles in plain sight. Driven by an unwavering will to survive and by the fear that they may never see one another again, the Kurcs must rely

on hope, ingenuity, and inner strength to persevere. An extraordinary, propulsive novel, *We Were the Lucky Ones* demonstrates how in the face of the twentieth century's darkest moment, the human spirit can endure and even thrive.

Maid CreateSpace

When disaster strikes, heroes are made. New York Times bestselling author Lauren Tarshis brings history's most exciting and terrifying events to life in the thrilling *I SURVIVED* series. In this collection, witness unforgettable kids who, against all odds, survived sinking ships, shark attacks, the most destructive hurricane to hit North America, and the bombing that launched the United States into World War II.
I Survived Luminosity Publishing

After enduring years of hunger, deprivation, and devastating loss at the hands of the Khmer Rouge, ten-year-old Loung Ung became the "lucky child," the sibling chosen to accompany her eldest brother to America while her one surviving sister and two brothers remained behind. In this poignant and elegiac memoir, Loung recalls her assimilation into an unfamiliar new culture while struggling to overcome dogged memories of violence and the deep scars of war. In alternating chapters, she gives voice to Chou, the beloved older sister whose life in war-torn Cambodia so easily could have been hers. Highlighting the harsh realities of chance and circumstance in times of war as well as in times of peace, Lucky Child is ultimately a testament to the

resilience of the human spirit and to the salvaging strength of family bonds.

Two who Survived Macmillan
Damn her. His body was still on fire. Damn her, why had she responded that way? So honestly. With no coyness. No affectation. Her mouth had been so receptive. Her kisses so generous. Her breasts so soft... Only two survive the small plane crash in the Canadian wilderness miles from civilization: Rusty Carlson, a real estate agent from Beverly Hills, who has never faced anything more perilous than L.A.'s rush hour traffic; and Cooper Landry, an embittered Vietnam veteran, who has endured the horrors of warfare and a POW camp. Rusty wouldn't have believed herself capable of dragging her unconscious fellow passenger from the

wreckage, but that was only the first challenge confronting her. The man himself is as hostile and unforgiving as the mountainous terrain in which they're stranded. If they had a choice, they would go their separate ways. But they don't. If they want to live, they must stay together. Teamed against the harsh elements, injury, and a pair of conniving cutthroats, Rusty and Cooper must rely on each other in order to survive. In a one room cabin they find shelter. . .but, as winter closes in, they have no protection against the sexual attraction that becomes the real test of their fortitude. Within those four rough walls, Rusty discovers that Cooper's brusqueness arises from immeasurable heartache, and, to Cooper's dismay, his credo of No romance, no love, no thanks

becomes his desperate chant to ward against Rusty's allure.

The Arrangement Simon and Schuster
 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER AND
 INSPIRATION FOR THE UPCOMING
 NETFLIX SERIES "A single mother's personal, unflinching look at America's class divide, a description of the tightrope many families walk just to get by, and a reminder of the dignity of all work." -PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA, Obama's Summer Reading List At 28, Stephanie Land's dreams of attending a university and becoming a writer quickly dissolved when a summer fling turned into an unplanned pregnancy. Before long, she found herself a single mother, scraping by as a housekeeper to make ends meet. Maid is an emotionally raw, masterful account of Stephanie's years

spent in service to upper middle class America as a "nameless ghost" who quietly shared in her clients' triumphs, tragedies, and deepest secrets. Driven to carve out a better life for her family, she cleaned by day and took online classes by night, writing relentlessly as she worked toward earning a college degree. She wrote of the true stories that weren't being told: of living on food stamps and WIC coupons, of government programs that barely provided housing, of aloof government employees who shamed her for receiving what little assistance she did. Above all else, she wrote about pursuing the myth of the American Dream from the poverty line, all the while slashing through deep-rooted stigmas of the working poor. Maid is Stephanie's story, but it's not hers

alone. It is an inspiring testament to the courage, determination, and ultimate strength of the human spirit.

Escaping the Khmer Rouge Cornell University Press

San Tran Croucher's earliest memories are of fleeing ethnic attacks in her Vietnamese village, only to be later tortured in Cambodia by the Khmer Rouge. Katya Cengel met San when San was seventy-five years old and living in California, having miraculously survived the Cambodian genocide with her three daughters, Sithy, Sithea, and Jennifer. But San's family's troubles didn't end after their resettlement in California. As a teenager under the Khmer Rouge, San's daughter Sithy had been the family's savior, the strong one who learned how to steal food to keep them

alive. In the United States, Sithy's survival skills were best suited for a life of crime, and she was eventually jailed for drug possession. U.S. immigration law enforces deportation of any immigrant or refugee who is found guilty of certain illegal activities, and San has hired a lawyer to fight Sithy's deportation case. Only time will tell if they are successful. In *Exiled* Cengel follows the stories of four Cambodian families, including San's, as they confront criminal deportation forty years after their resettlement in the United States. Weaving together these stories into a single narrative, Cengel finds that violence comes in many forms and that trauma is passed down through generations. With no easy answers, Cengel reveals a cycle of violence,

followed by safety, and then loss.

Two Alone Harper Collins

They came on a mission of mercy, but now they're in a fight for their lives. High schooler Will Peterson and three friends journeyed to Central America to help rebuild a school. In a poor, secluded mountain village, they won the hearts of the local people with their energy and kindness. But in one sudden moment, everything went horribly wrong. A revolution swept the country. Now, guns and terror are everywhere—and Americans are being targeted as the first to die. Will and his friends have got to get out fast. But streets full of killers . . . hills patrolled by armies . . . and a jungle rife with danger stand between them and the border. Their one hope of escape lies with a veteran warrior who

has lost his faith and may betray them at any moment. Their one dream is to reach freedom and safety and home. If they can just survive.

If We Survive Penguin UK

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