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### ELLIS ISLAND

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Childrens Press Describes the place of Ellis Island in American history, from its early history of being a landing place for ships bearing millions of immigrants to its more recent status as a museum.

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### ELLIS ISLAND

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### A PEOPLE'S HISTORY

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Scribe Us A dramatic, multi-vocal account of the personal agonies and ecstasies that played out within the walls of Ellis Island, as told by Poland's greatest living journalist This is the people's history of Ellis Island--the people who passed through it, and the people who were turned away from it. From Annie Moore, the Irishwoman who was the first to be processed there, to Arne Peterssen, the Norwegian who was the last to be taken away from the island via the official ferry boat in 1954, Ellis Island weaves together the personal experiences of forgotten individuals with those who live on in history: Fiorello La Guardia, Lee Iacocca, and other American leaders whose paths led them to the Island for various reasons through the years. Award-winning journalist Małgorzata Szejnert draws on unpublished testimonies, memoirs, archival photographs, and correspondence from many internees and immigrants, including Russians, Italians, Jews, Japanese, Germans, and Poles. At the book's core is a trove of personal letters from immigrants to their loved ones back home--letters which were confiscated and never delivered, finally discovered in a basement in Warsaw. But also brought to life are the Ellis Island employees: the doctors, nurses, commissioners, interpreters, social care workers, and even chaperones, who controlled the fates of these émigrés--often basing their decisions on pseudo-scientific ideas about race, gender, and disability. Sometimes families were broken up, and new arrivals were detained and quarantined for days, weeks, or even months. All told, the island compound spent longer as an internment camp than as a migration way-point--in addition to filling other roles through the years, including that of rescue station in the immediate aftermath of the 9/11 attacks. Now brought back to life by a master storyteller, this is a story of a place and its people, steeped in politics and history, that reshaped the United States.

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### AT ELLIS ISLAND

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### A HISTORY IN MANY VOICES

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Simon and Schuster Accounts from children, police, immigration officers, and the immigrants themselves come to life in a moving tale about the history of Ellis Island, enhanced with black-and-white photographs.

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### ELLIS ISLAND

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### A TRUE BOOK

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Childrens Press Describes how the immigration station on Ellis Island served as a gateway into the United States for millions of immigrants.

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### AMERICAN PASSAGE

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### THE HISTORY OF ELLIS ISLAND

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Harper Collins "By bringing us the inspiring and sometimes unsettling tales of Ellis Island, Vincent Cannato's American Passage helps us understand who we are as a nation." — Walter Isaacson The remarkable saga of America's landmark port of entry, from immigration post to deportation center to mythical icon. For most of New York's early history, Ellis Island had been an obscure little island that barely held itself above high tide. Today the small island stands alongside Plymouth Rock in our nation's founding mythology as the place where many of our ancestors first touched American soil. American Passage captures a time and a place unparalleled in American immigration and history, and articulates

the dramatic and bittersweet accounts of the immigrants, officials, interpreters, and social reformers who all played an important role in Ellis Island's chronicle. In this sweeping, often heart-wrenching epic, Vincent J. Cannato reveals that the history of Ellis Island is ultimately the story of what it means to be an American.

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## **ELLIS ISLAND**

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### **AN INTERACTIVE HISTORY ADVENTURE**

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Capstone Describes the experiences of immigrants who left their homes in the early 1900s and came to the United States through Ellis Island, in a book where the reader's choices reveal the historical details from three different perspectives.

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### **JOURNEY TO ELLIS ISLAND**

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### **HOW MY FATHER CAME TO AMERICA**

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Combining a moving, American immigrant experience narrative with family photographs and evocative illustrations, this inspiring story of courage follows 7-year-old Julius Weinstein and his family as they travel to the U.S. through Ellis Island after having escaped a pogrom in their Russian village in 1917. Reprint.

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## **ELLIS ISLAND**

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Combines first-hand accounts, historical photographs, and text to explore the experiences of immigrants to North America during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

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## **PUERTO RICO**

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### **A TRUE BOOK**

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Childrens Press Discusses the geography, history, government, people and economy of the island nation of Puerto Rico.

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### **THE LAST DAYS OF ELLIS ISLAND**

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World Editions New York, November 3, 1954: The last immigration officer of Ellis Island looks back at 45 years as gatekeeper to America.

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## **ELLIS ISLAND**

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### **THE HISTORY AND LEGACY OF AMERICAS MOST FAMOUS IMMIGRATION GATEWAY**

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Createspace Independent Publishing Platform \*Includes pictures \*Includes accounts of Ellis Island written by immigrants \*Includes online resources and a bibliography for further reading \*Includes a table of contents "So, anyhow, we had to get off of the ship, and we were put on a tender, which took us across to Ellis Island. And when I saw Ellis Island, it's a great big place, I wondered what we were going to do in there. And we all had to get out of the tender, and then into this, and gather your bags in there, and the place was crowded with people and talking, and crying, people were crying. And we passed, go through some of the halls there, and tried to remember that the halls, big halls, big open spaces there, and there was bars, and there was people behind these bars, and they were talking different languages, and I was scared to death. I thought I was in jail." - Mary Mullins, an Irish immigrant By the middle of the 19th century, New York City's population surpassed the unfathomable number of 1 million people, despite its obvious lack of space. This was mostly due to the fact that so many immigrants heading to America naturally landed in New York Harbor, well before the federal government set up an official immigration system on Ellis Island. At first, the city itself set up its own immigration registration center in Castle Garden near the site of the original Fort Amsterdam, and naturally, many of these immigrants, who were arriving with little more than the clothes on their back, didn't travel far and thus remained in New York. Of course, the addition of so many immigrants and others with less money put strains on the quality of life. Between 1862 and 1872, the number of tenements had risen from 12,000 to 20,000; the number of tenement residents grew from 380,000 to 600,000. One notorious tenement on the East River, Gotham Court, housed 700 people on a 20-by-200-foot lot. Another on the West Side was home, incredibly, to 3,000 residents, who made use of hundreds of privies dug into a fifteen-foot-wide inner court. Squalid, dark, crowded, and dangerous, tenement living created dreadful health and social conditions. It would take the efforts of reformers such as Jacob Riis, who documented the hellishness of tenements with shocking photographs in *How the Other Half Lives*, to change the way such buildings were constructed. On New Year's Day 1892, a young Irish girl named Annie Moore stepped off the steamship Nevada and landed on a tiny island that once held a naval fort. As she made her way through the large building on that island, Annie was processed as the first immigrant to come to America through Ellis Island. Like so many immigrants before her, she and her family settled in an Irish neighborhood in the city, and she would live out the rest of her days there. Thanks to the opening of Ellis Island near the end of the 19th century, immigration into New York City exploded, and the city's population nearly doubled in a decade. By the 1900s, 2 million people considered themselves New Yorkers, and Ellis Island would be responsible not just for that but for much of the influx of immigrants into the nation as a whole over the next half a century. To this day, about a third of the Big Apple's population is comprised of immigrants today, making it one of the most diverse cities in the world. *Ellis Island: The History and Legacy of America's Most Famous Immigration Gateway* analyzes the history of Ellis Island and its integral

impact on American history. Along with pictures of important people, places, and events, you will learn about Ellis Island like never before, in no time at all.

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### **AUGUSTUS F. SHERMAN**

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#### **ELLIS ISLAND PORTRAITS, 1905-1920**

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A historical document contains almost one hundred portraits taken from 1904 through 1920 of families, groups, and individuals while they were being held by customs for special investigations at Ellis Island.

#### **ELLIS ISLAND**

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#### **GATEWAY TO THE AMERICAN DREAM**

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Ellis Island--the gateway to America--was the place where millions of newcomers to the United States began new lives. It was a place of joy, hope, and sometimes sadness. Along with the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island remains an inspiring symbol of freedom and opportunity for generations of Americans. This fascinating history, complete with beautiful and poignant photographs and personal reminiscences, brings Ellis Island to life.

#### **ELLIS ISLAND**

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#### **COMING TO THE LAND OF LIBERTY**

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Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Since opening in 1892, Ellis Island has come to symbolize the waves of immigrants from a list of countries that seems endless. In this work, Bial tells the story of Ellis Island itself. Full color.

#### **GITTEL'S JOURNEY**

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#### **AN ELLIS ISLAND STORY**

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Abrams Gittel and her mother were supposed to immigrate to America together, but when her mother is stopped by the health inspector, Gittel must make the journey alone. Her mother writes her cousin's address in New York on a piece of paper. However, when Gittel arrives at Ellis Island, she discovers the ink has run and the address is illegible! How will she find her family? Both a heart-wrenching and heartwarming story, Gittel's Journey offers a fresh perspective on the immigration journey to Ellis Island. The book includes an author's note explaining how Gittel's story is based on the journey to America taken by Lesléa Newman's grandmother and family friend.

#### **AMERICAN PASSAGE**

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#### **THE HISTORY OF ELLIS ISLAND**

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Harper Collins For most of New York's early history, Ellis Island had been an obscure little island that barely held itself above high tide. Today the small island stands alongside Plymouth Rock in our nation's founding mythology as the place where many of our ancestors first touched American soil. Ellis Island's heyday—from 1892 to 1924—coincided with one of the greatest mass movements of individuals the world has ever seen, with some twelve million immigrants inspected at its gates. In American Passage, Vincent J. Cannato masterfully illuminates the story of Ellis Island from the days when it hosted pirate hangings witnessed by thousands of New Yorkers in the nineteenth century to the turn of the twentieth century when massive migrations sparked fierce debate and hopeful new immigrants often encountered corruption, harsh conditions, and political scheming. American Passage captures a time and a place unparalleled in American immigration and history, and articulates the dramatic and bittersweet accounts of the immigrants, officials, interpreters, and social reformers who all play an important role in Ellis Island's chronicle. Cannato traces the politics, prejudices, and ideologies that surrounded the great immigration debate, to the shift from immigration to detention of aliens during World War II and the Cold War, all the way to the rebirth of the island as a national monument. Long after Ellis Island ceased to be the nation's preeminent immigrant inspection station, the debates that once swirled around it are still relevant to Americans a century later. In this sweeping, often heart-wrenching epic, Cannato reveals that the history of Ellis Island is ultimately the story of what it means to be an American.

#### **ARRIVING AT ELLIS ISLAND**

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World Almanac Education - Time line- Focus boxes- Maps- Primary source documents- Glossary, Index

#### **ENCOUNTERING ELLIS ISLAND**

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#### **HOW EUROPEAN IMMIGRANTS ENTERED AMERICA**

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JHU Press Encountering Ellis Island lays bare the profound and sometimes-victorious story of people chasing the American Dream: leaving everything behind, facing a new language and a new culture, and starting a new American life.

#### **LANDING AT ELLIS ISLAND**

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Rourke Publishing Group This Graphic Illustrated Book Will Take Children Through History To Experience Immigrating To America Through Ellis Island.

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## WHAT WAS ELLIS ISLAND?

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Penguin Describes the history of Ellis Island, a gateway for many immigrants coming to the United States in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, and details the restoration of the landmark and its reopening as a museum.

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## AN ELLIS ISLAND CHRISTMAS

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Penguin A moving story about one family's daring journey from Poland to America and their hope for a better future in their new home. Krysia does not want to leave her home and her friend, Michi, but there are soldiers with guns on the streets and her mother says that they must go. Krysia, her two brothers, and her mother pack their favorite belongings and begin the long, harrowing journey to America. Krysia is scared but she finds courage when she thinks of her father waiting for her in America with the promise of a better tomorrow. Inspired by Maxinne Rhea Leighton's father's journey from Poland to America, this is a powerful reminder of the beacon of hope and opportunity that Ellis Island symbolized and the importance of family at Christmastime.

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## IMAGINING ATLANTIS

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Vintage Ever since Plato created the legend of the lost island of Atlantis, it has maintained a uniquely strong grip on the human imagination. For two and a half millennia, the story of the city and its catastrophic downfall has inspired people--from Francis Bacon to Jules Verne to Jacques Cousteau--to speculate on the island's origins, nature, and location, and sometimes even to search for its physical remains. It has endured as a part of the mythology of many different cultures, yet there is no indisputable evidence, let alone proof, that Atlantis ever existed. What, then, accounts for its seemingly inexhaustible appeal? Richard Ellis plunges into this rich topic, investigating the roots of the legend and following its various manifestations into the present. He begins with the story's origins. Did it arise from a common prehistorical myth? Was it a historical remnant of a lost city of pre-Columbians or ancient Egyptians? Was Atlantis an extraterrestrial colony? Ellis sifts through the "scientific" evidence marshaled to "prove" these theories, and describes the mystical and spiritual significance that has accrued to them over the centuries. He goes on to explore the possibility that the fable of Atlantis was inspired by a conflation of the high culture of Minoan Crete with the destruction wrought on the Aegean world by the cataclysmic eruption, around 1500 b.c., of the volcanic island of Thera (or Santorini). A fascinating historical and archaeological detective story, *Imagining Atlantis* is a valuable addition to the literature on this essential aspect of our mythohistory.

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## ELLIS ISLAND

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Pan Macmillan Rural Irish girl Ellie loves living in New York, working as a lady's maid for a wealthy socialite. She tries to persuade her husband, John, to join her but he is embroiled in his affairs in Ireland, and caught up in the civil war. Nevertheless Ellie is extremely happy and fully embraces her sophisticated new life. When her father dies she must return home, but she intends to sort her affairs quickly and then return to her beloved America. But once home her sense of duty kicks in and she decides, painfully, that she must stay to look after her mother and resume her marriage. Ellie is suddenly thrown into the simple, rural life she believed she had grown out of...

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## A NATION OF IMMIGRANTS, GRADES 5-8

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Teacher Created Resources Encourage students to take an in-depth view of the people and events of specific eras of American history. Nonfiction reading comprehension is emphasized along with research, writing, critical thinking, working with maps, and more. Most titles include a Readers Theater.

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## ELLIS ISLAND

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## A NOVEL

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William Morrow & Company In the early 1900s, five young men and women make their ways to America from their respective homelands and enter the distinct, but interconnected, segments of American life

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## TOWARD A BETTER LIFE

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## AMERICA'S NEW IMMIGRANTS IN THEIR OWN WORDS FROM ELLIS ISLAND TO THE PRESENT

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Prometheus Books This book offers a balanced, poignant, and often moving portrait of America's immigrants over more than a century. The author has organized the book by decades so that readers can easily find the time period most relevant to their experience or that of family members. The first part covers the Ellis Island era, the second part America's new immigrants—from the closing of Ellis Island in 1955 to the present. Also included is a comprehensive appendix of statistics showing immigration by country and decade from 1890 to the present, a complete list of famous immigrants, and much more. This rewarding, engrossing volume documents the diverse mosaic of America in the words of the people from many lands, who for more than a century have made our country what it is today. It distills the larger, hot-topic issue of national immigration down to the personal level of the lives of those who actually lived it.

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## **TATIANA COMES TO AMERICA**

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### **AN ELLIS ISLAND STORY**

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Scholastic Paperbacks Lila and Rose are going to spend the year with their grandmother, and they are not pleased. Their grandmother dresses like a hippie, she doesn't own a TV, and she runs a doll hospital. But then she begins to tell them the story of a doll named Tatiana... Long ago, Tatiana belonged to Anya, a wealthy Russian girl. When Anya's town became dangerous, her father decided she should go to America. Anya and Tatiana were supposed to be in the first-class section of the ship with family friends, but they ended up in third class -- by themselves. What would happen once they got to Ellis Island? Would Anya and Tatiana be all alone in America? Book jacket.

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### **ELLIS ISLAND AND IMMIGRATION FOR KIDS**

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#### **A HISTORY WITH 21 ACTIVITIES**

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Ellis Island and Immigration for Kids explores all angles of immigration and its history in the United States. Readers will learn about the establishment of Ellis Island and its forerunner, Castle Garden, as well as the western immigration station, Angel Island. Along with activities to further enrich kids' knowledge of immigration, this book gives its readers a thorough understanding of its impact on the United States from the earliest arrivals to today. Activities include instructions on writing a letter home after a journey in steerage to graphing and comparing immigrant populations since the first US census in 1790. Information will challenge kids to reflect on their own feelings about immigration and guide them in writing to their congressional representative or senators about their thoughts on this important and impactful issue. Readers will broaden their understanding of issues that center on immigration with cross-curriculum activities, such as poetry and letter writing, graphing, and other math analyses.

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### **ANCESTRY MAGAZINE**

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Ancestry magazine focuses on genealogy for today's family historian, with tips for using Ancestry.com, advice from family history experts, and success stories from genealogists across the globe. Regular features include "Found!" by Megan Smolenyak, reader-submitted heritage recipes, Howard Wolinsky's tech-driven "NextGen," feature articles, a timeline, how-to tips for Family Tree Maker, and insider insight to new tools and records at Ancestry.com. Ancestry magazine is published 6 times yearly by Ancestry Inc., parent company of Ancestry.com.

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### **THE BOOK OF NEGROES**

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Random House Abducted from her West African village at the age of eleven and sold as a slave in the American South, Aminata Diallo thinks only of freedom - and of finding her way home again. After escaping the plantation, torn from her husband and child, she passes through Manhattan in the chaos of the Revolutionary War, is shipped to Nova Scotia, and then joins a group of freed slaves on a harrowing return odyssey to Africa. Lawrence Hill's epic novel, winner of the Commonwealth Writers' Prize, spans three continents and six decades to bring to life a dark and shameful chapter in our history through the story of one brave and resourceful woman.

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### **ELLIS ISLAND**

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Arcadia Publishing Delivers the history of Ellis Island from a small island in NY harbor, to the flagship of the U.S. Bureau of Immigration, to its present day function as a museum.

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### **THE AMAZING ADVENTURES OF KAVALIER AND CLAY**

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HarperCollins UK Winner of the 2001 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, THE AMAZING ADVENTURES OF KAVALIER & CLAY is a heart-wrenching story of escape, love and comic-book heroes set in Prague, New York and the Arctic.

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### **AMERICAN BOOK PUBLISHING RECORD**

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### **THE NEXT SHIP HOME**

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### **A NOVEL OF ELLIS ISLAND**

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Sourcebooks Landmark "Disembarking on Ellis Island, Francesca arrives on the shores of America with her sights set on a better life than the one she left in Italy. That same day, aspiring linguist Alma reports to her first day of work at the immigrant processing center. Ellis, though, is not the refuge it first appears thanks to President Roosevelt's attempts to deter crime. Francesca and Alma will have to rely on each other to escape its corruption and claim the American dreams they were promised. A thoughtful historical story inspired by true events, this novel probes America's history of prejudice and exclusion-when entry at Ellis Island promised a better life but often delivered something drastically different, immigrants needed strength, resilience, and friendship to fight for their futures"--

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### **LUNAR PARK**

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Pan Macmillan He became a bestselling novelist while still in college, immediately famous and wealthy. He watched his insufferable father reduced to a bag of ashes in a safety-deposit box. He was lost in a haze of booze, drugs and vilification. Then he was given a second chance. This is the life of Bret Easton Ellis, the author and subject of this remarkable novel. Confounding one expectation after another, Lunar Park is equally hilarious, horrifying and

heartbreaking. It's the most original novel of an extraordinary career - and best of all: it all happened, every word is true.

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### **ISLAND OF THE BLUE DOLPHINS**

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Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Records the courage and self-reliance of an Indian girl who lived alone for eighteen years on an isolated island off the California coast when her tribe emigrated and she was left behind.

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### **BEST JEWISH BOOKS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS**

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#### **A JPS GUIDE**

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Jewish Publication Society Linda Silver selected the titles that "represent the best in writing, illustration, reader appeal, and authentically Jewish content--in picture books, fiction and non-fiction, for readers ranging from early childhood through the high school years."--P. [4] of cover.

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### **THE TWILIGHT WORLD**

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#### **THE FIRST NOVEL FROM ICONIC FILMMAKER WERNER HERZOG**

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Random House 'A potent, vaporous fever dream; a meditation on truth, lies, illusion and time' - NEW YORK TIMES  
 'Herzog's writing bristles with the same eerie and uncompromising energy as his films. His jungle pulses with hallucinatory life' - Sam Byers, Guardian  
 In his first novel, the great filmmaker, Werner Herzog, tells the incredible story of a Japanese soldier who defended a small island for twenty-nine years after the end of World War II. Hold the island until the Imperial army's return. You are to defend its territory by guerrilla tactics, at all costs... There is only one rule: you are forbidden to die by your own hand. In the event of your capture by the enemy, you are to give them all the misleading information you can. In 1944, on Lubang Island in the Philippines, with Japanese troops about to withdraw, Lieutenant Hiroo Onoda was given orders by his superior officer. So began Onoda's long campaign, during which he became fluent in the hidden language of the jungle. Soon weeks turned into months, months into years, and years into decades - until eventually time itself seemed to melt away. All the while Onoda continued to fight his fictitious war, at once surreal and tragic, at first with other soldiers, and then, finally, alone, a character in a novel of his own making. The Twilight World immortalizes and imagines Onoda's years of absurd yet epic struggle in an inimitable, hypnotic fever dream. It is a moving and profound meditation on the purpose and meaning we give our lives.