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**Spending the Holidays with People I Want to Punch in the Throat Yuletide Yahoos, Ho-ho-humblebraggers, and Other Seasonal Scourges Ballantine Books** "In this hilariously irreverent collection of essays, Jen Mann, nationally bestselling author of *People I Want to Punch in the Throat*, turns her mordant wit on the holidays. On Mann's naughty list: mothers who go way overboard with their Elf on the Shelf, overzealous carolers who can't take a hint, and people who write their Christmas cards in the third person ("Joyce is enjoying Bunko.' Yeah, Joyce, we know you wrote this letter."). And on her nice list... well, she's working on that one. Here, no celebration is off-limits. The essays include: You Can Keep Your Cookies, I'm Just Here for the Booze; Nice Halloween Costume. Was Skank Sold Out?; Why You Won't Be Invited to Our Chinese New Year Party. From hosting an ill-fated Chinese New Year party, to receiving horrible gifts from her husband on Mother's Day, to reluctantly telling her son the truth about the Easter Bunny, Mann knows the challenge of navigating the holidays while keeping her sanity intact."-- *People I Want to Punch in the Throat* Competitive Crafters, Drop-Off Despots, and Other Suburban Scourges Ballantine Books **NATIONAL BESTSELLER** • A debut collection of witty, biting essays laced with a surprising warmth, from Jen Mann, the writer behind the popular blog *People I Want to Punch in the Throat* People I want to punch in the throat: • anyone who feels the need to bling her washer and dryer • humblebraggers • people who treat their pets like children Jen Mann doesn't have a filter, which sometimes gets her in trouble with her neighbors, her fellow PTA moms, and that one woman who tried to sell her sex toys at a home shopping party. Known for her hilariously acerbic observations on her blog, *People I Want to Punch in the Throat*, Mann now brings her sharp wit to bear on suburban life, marriage, and motherhood in this laugh-out-loud collection of essays. From the politics of joining a play group, to the thrill of mothers' night out at the gun range, to the rewards of your most meaningful relationship (the one you have with your cleaning lady), nothing is sacred or off-limits. So the next time you find yourself wearing fuzzy bunny pajamas in the school carpool line or accidentally stuck at a co-worker's swingers party, just think, What would Jen Mann do? Or better yet, buy her book. Praise for *People I Want to Punch in the Throat* "People I Want to Punch in the Throat is so good that it'll make you want to adopt all the cats in the world. I'm not sure about the correlation, but it's that good. It should come with a warning."—Jenny Lawson, author of *Let's Pretend This Never Happened* "Jen Mann has an amazing way of telling stories that will make you cringe and burst out laughing at the same time. From swinger parties to racist toddlers, she makes the suburbs unbelievably funny."—Karen Alpert, author of *I Heart My Little A-Holes* "Jen Mann says the things we're all too afraid to say. Her honest and hilarious writing style reminds me of David Sedaris and Tina Fey."—Robin O'Bryant, author of *Ketchup Is a Vegetable: And Other Lies Moms Tell Themselves* "Jen Mann's shrewd and unrelenting assault on the absurdity of suburban life is an honest peek into the occasional nightmare that is part of living the American dream. I love Jen. I wish she was my neighbor. It's so refreshing to know that I'm not the only one who wants to punch almost everyone in the f\*\*\*ing throat."—Nicole Knepper, author of *Moms Who Drink And Swear Working with People I Want to Punch in the Throat* Cantankerous Clients, Micromanaging Minions, and Other Supercilious Scourges If you've ever toiled away in a cubicle or sat through the third meeting your boss scheduled to plan another meeting, then you can relate to this book. This is the third book in Jen Mann's New York Times best-selling *People I Want to Punch in the Throat* series and it will not disappoint!This is the book you'll want to accidentally on purpose leave on the desk of that blowhard in marketing. This is the book you'll just happen to drop next the microwave in the break room hoping that Jan in accounting reads it before she reheats last night's smelly leftovers for lunch. This is the book you'll mail anonymously to your micromanaging boss with certain passages highlighted.The Punch List:Company-wide happy hours. I barely want to work with you. I definitely don't want to have a beer with you.The Ivy Leaguers. You do know every sentence doesn't have to start with, "When I was at Princeton?"?The martyrs. You get sick days-use one. Stop dragging your sniffing, snorting, coughing, sneezing ass to work and infecting the rest of us. You're not that important. *Moms Who Drink and Swear True Tales of Loving My Kids While Losing My Mind* Penguin If you feel like your kids are killing you, you've come to the right place. This irreverant, hilarious guide to the trials of motherhood makes the perfect gift for mom—or any woman with a huge heart and a mouth that sometimes needs washing out with soap. Attention all potty-mouthed, cheap-wine-drinking mothers: Prepare to meet your match. Any bad thought you've had about your kids, Nicole Knepper has had worse. Much worse. It's not that she doesn't love her kids. It's that she understands what a mind-f\*% it can be to try to civilize those wild little beasts. Based on her hugely popular Facebook page, "Moms Who Drink and Swear," this book reveals why family dinners are like herpes, how to avoid smashing toys that are being fought over, and the joy of hearing that your son has murdered his imaginary friend. As Nicole rants and raves about caring for children (without crushing their souls), family togetherness (without too many tears), the saving grace of girlfriends (and vodka), and love and marriage (and all the baggage that goes with them), she gets to the heart of what every exasperated mom is thinking, just much funnier. *Midlife Bites Anyone Else Falling Apart, Or Is It Just Me?* Ballantine Books "From the New York Times bestselling author of *People I Want to Punch in the Throat* comes a smart, funny, personal examination of what it's like to be at the crossroads of a woman's midlife crisis. Jen Mann had what appeared to be the perfect life: a successful career as a bestselling author and award-winning blogger, a devoted husband, teenage kids who weren't total jerks, and a badass minivan. So imagine her surprise when, at forty-seven years old, a midlife crisis kicked her straight in the ladybits. In an attempt to deal with the resulting range of emotions and physical changes in midlife, Jen posted a completely honest now-viral post, "Anyone Else Falling Apart Or Is It Just Me?" The response was instantaneous and overwhelming. Women from all over the country flooded the comments section, glad to see they weren't the only ones experiencing this feeling of isolation and dissatisfaction. It was the beginning of a movement. *Midlife Bites* encompasses these important conversations and observations, and creates a space and community for women to navigate through this major point in their lives, together, offering valuable insights and takeaways. Jen shares her own story as well as advice and wisdom from the online community she built. Please note, this is not your mother's midlife crisis. Different from the typical self-help book, Jen tackles everything that bites about midlife and nothing is off-limits with her no-nonsense approach. Subjects include: raging hormones; sex (after forty); finding your purpose; learning to make new friends (yes, even as a grown-up); moving out of your comfort zone; having conversations that count, no more small talk; and how to deal with rogue chin hairs (and other nuisances). *Midlife Bites* is Jen Mann's call to action. She is leading the movement to create a new space where middle-aged women can share openly and honestly with one another. This no-BS collection of essays will help start the conversation and keep it going, because as women, we all have a right to be happy, fulfilled, and to feel whole, no matter what stage of life"-- *Mini Christmas Crochet Search PressLtd Presents* crochet projects with instructions and patterns for twenty Christmas decorations such as doves, snowflakes, angels, pine cones, Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer, snowmen, and poinsettias. *Notes From the Bathroom Line* Humor, Art, and Low-grade Panic from 150 of the Funniest Women in Comedy HarperCollins A collection of never-before-seen humor pieces—essays, satire, short stories, poetry, cartoons, artwork, and more—from more than 150 of the biggest female comedians today, curated by Amy Solomon, a producer of the hit HBO shows *Silicon Valley* and *Barry*. With contributions from: Lolly Adefope • Maria Bamford • Aisling Bea • Lake Bell • Rachel Bloom • Rhea Butcher • Nicole Byer • D'Arcy Carden • Aya Cash • Karen Chee • Margaret Cho • Mary H.K. Choi • Amanda Crew • Rachel Dratch • Beanie Feldstein • Jo Firestone • Briga Heelan • Samantha Irby • Emily V. Gordon • Patti Harrison • Mary Holland • Jen Kirkman • Lauren Lapkus • Riki Lindhome • Kate Micucci • Natalie Morales • Aparna Nancharla • Yvonne Orji • Lennon Parham • Chelsea Peretti • Alexandra Petri • Natasha Rothwell • Amber Ruffin • Andrea Savage • Kristen Schaal • Megan Stalter • Beth Stelling • Cecily Strong • Sunita Mani • Geraldine Viswanathan • Michaela Watkins • Mo Welch • Sasheer Zamata • and many more. More than four decades ago, the groundbreaking book *Titters: The First Collection of Humor by Women* showcased the work of some of the leading female comedians of the 1970s like Gilda Radner, Candice Bergen, and Phyllis Diller. The book became an essential time capsule of an era, the first of its kind, that opened doors for many more funny women to smash the comedy glass-ceiling. Today, brilliant women continue to push the boundaries of just how funny—and edgy—they can be in a field that has long been dominated by men. In *Notes from the Bathroom Line*, Amy Solomon brings together all-new material from some of the funniest women in show business today—award-winning writers, stand-up comedians, actresses, cartoonists, and more. *Notes from the Bathroom Line* proves there are no limits to how funny, bad-ass, and revolutionary women can—and continue—to be. *Drop Dead Healthy One Man's Humble Quest for Bodily Perfection* Simon and Schuster From the bestselling author of *The Year of Living Biblically* and *The Know-It-All* comes the true and truly hilarious story of one person's quest to become the healthiest man in the world. Hospitalized with a freak case of tropical pneumonia, goaded by his wife telling him, "I don't want to be a widow at forty-five," and ashamed of a middle-aged body best described as "a python that swallowed a goat," A.J. Jacobs felt compelled to change his ways and get healthy. And he didn't want only to lose weight, or finish a triathlon, or lower his cholesterol. His ambitions were far greater: maximal health from head to toe. The task was epic. He consulted an army of experts— sleep consultants and sex clinicians, nutritionists and dermatologists. He subjected himself to dozens of different workouts—from Strollercize classes to Finger Fitness sessions, from bouldering with cavemen to a treadmill desk. And he took in a cartload of diets: raw foods, veganism, high protein, calorie restriction, extreme chewing, and dozens more. He bought gadgets and helmets, earphones and juicers. He poked and he pinched. He counted and he measured. The story of his transformation is not only

brilliantly entertaining, but it just may be the healthiest book ever written. It will make you laugh until your sides split and endorphins flood your bloodstream. It will alter the contours of your brain, imprinting you with better habits of hygiene and diet. It will move you emotionally and get you moving physically in surprising ways. And it will give you occasion to reflect on the body's many mysteries and the ultimate pursuit of health: a well-lived life. I Just Want to Pee Alone Throat\_punch Books Subtitle on cover: A collection of hilarious essays about motherhood. Johanna's Christmas A Festive Coloring Book for Adults Penguin From the creator of the worldwide bestsellers Secret Garden and Lost Ocean, a beautiful new adult coloring book, printed on ivory paper and featuring delicate tangles of holly and ivy, bauble-laden Christmas trees, and mountains of exquisitely wrapped gifts. From flurries of delicate snowflakes to deliciously decorated gingerbread houses and reindeer-led sleighs, Johanna's Christmas is a celebration of this wonderful holiday season that invites you to pick up your pens and pencils to color, complete, or embellish each of the festive artworks. Each of the 37 images in this book is printed single-sided on perforated paper, so you can color and remove the images—the perfect frameable holiday gift! Now printed on specially selected ivory paper. This paper has been specifically created for Johanna Basford's coloring books. It has a medium tooth which is perfect for creating beautiful colored pencil effects or chalk pastel backgrounds but also wonderful for pens, which will glide effortlessly over its surface. But Did You Die? Setting the Parenting Bar Low But Did You Die? is the fifth hilarious installment in the New York Time bestselling I Just Want to Pee Alone series. But Did You Die? is a collection of terrible (but also kind of good) parenting advice from some of the funniest moms and dads on the 'net. And that one super helpful childless friend we all have who loves to tell us we're parenting wrong. Put your kids in front of the TV and let them eat junk while you read this book and laugh your tail off. We set the bar low so you can feel better about your parenting skills. You're welcome. I Don't Want to Wash My Hands! G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers "First published in Great Britain in 2001 by Andersen Press Ltd." It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Zombies A Book of Zombie Christmas Carols Harper Collins The snow is falling, the holidays are approaching and...It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Zombies! This delightfully depraved book of classic Zombie Christmas carols by Michael P. Spradlin is guaranteed to spread Yuletide cheer to all those good boys and ghouls who devoured the monster New York Times bestsellers Pride and Prejudice and Zombies and World War Z, as well as fans of 28 Days Later and Shaun of the Dead. With an introduction by the inimitable Christopher Moore—bestselling author of Bloodsucking Fiends, You Suck, and the classic “heartwarming tale of Christmas terror” The Stupidest Angel—It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Zombies is a great gift for stuffing into a Christmas stocking...provided you remove the bloody severed foot first! Meaty Faber & Faber ONE OF STYLIST'S BEST NEW BOOKS FOR 2020 'This is an unforgettable book.' Roxane Gay Meditations on the terror of love; tips for getting your disgusting meat carcass ready for some new, hot sex; a frank self-evaluation upon the occasion of one's 30th birthday; and, finally, the answer to the question on everyone's minds: Would dying alone really be so terrible? Blogger and comedian Samantha Irby covers it all with wit and honesty - and serves it with a side of Instagram frittata. I Just Want to Be Perfect Throat\_punch Books I Just Want to Be Perfect is the fourth book in the bestselling I Just Want to Pee Alone series. It brings together 37 hilarious and relatable essays that showcase the foibles of ordinary women trying to be perfect. The cult of perfection is a thing. As women, we are constantly inundated with "helpful" and/or "ah-may-zing" tips to improve our looks, please our men, raise the next Einstein (in a wheat-free, dairy-free, and sugar-free environment), and feng shui the crap out of our homes. Whether it's the hot new diet that involves only eating what you can forage from the floor of your minivan, bleaching everything from your hair to your teeth to your butt hole, or clearing your clutter by mindfully thanking your ratty underwear for its long, dedicated service before you toss them, we've all tried something to be more perfect. We all try strive for perfection and balance in our lives, and most of us fail--spectacularly. These are those stories. I Remember Nothing And Other Reflections Random House If there is any solace in growing older, it is that you will find yourself guffawing in hysterical recognition at the situations Nora Ephron describes, from the impossibility of trying to remember people's names at parties, to struggling with new technology. At His Throat, A Promise Amber Allure I'm Back for More Cash A Tony Kornheiser Collection (Because You Can't Take Two Hundred Newspapers into the Bathroom) Villard I think it's really cool to be on a jury. Take the O.J. jury—the people on that jury got book deals, and they got on Nightline, and some of them even got to meet Greta Van Susteren! They were always being written about in the newspapers: “Juror No. 1, a thirty-six-year-old Caucasian male with a master's degree who works for a high-tech corporation.” Throw in a line about how “he likes to hunt and fish,” and you've got The Dating Game. I wonder what they'd write about me. “Juror No. 4, a fat, bald, old, whiny Caucasian man who dresses like a vagrant and has complained incessantly about the texture of the toilet paper in the jury lavatory.” I try to diet, but unfortunately I've come to the point in life where nearly everything disgusts or disappoints me except food. And so I eat all day long. If I had a family crest, at this point it would be a man with a chicken breast in one hand, a cheeseburger in the other, and a garland of sour-cream-and-onion potato chips around his head. Tony Kornheiser is back. The celebrated Washington Post columnist and ESPN radio and TV personality relates his experience as an OnStar user, a proud new owner of the Ronco Showtime Rotisserie & BBQ, and a “phone-a-friend” on Who Wants to Be a Millionaire. And in between, he dishes out political commentary on Monica and Bill and Al and George W. Read all about his quest to fit into size 36 Dockers and his struggle to buy holiday gifts. And know that in the process you're handing this Kornheiser guy the dough for these columns twice. I got into the stock market late. I was deep in my forties and I still had all my money in the bank, earning 2 percent, like it was low-fat milk. My friends laughed at me. Even the people at the bank laughed at me—they had all their money in the market. So I gave my money to a financial adviser, who promised me he would get me a greater return than the bank. A baboon could do that, Tony. Yes, but would a baboon give me steak knives? —from I'm Back for More Cash Thanks for Waiting The Joy (& Weirdness) of Being a Late Bloomer Ballantine Books An honest, witty, and insightful memoir about what happens when your coming-of-age comes later than expected “Thanks for Waiting is the loving, wise, cuttngly funny older sister we all need in book form.”—Tara Schuster, author of Buy Yourself the F\*cking Lilies Doree Shafrir spent much of her twenties and thirties feeling out of sync with her peers. She was an intern at twenty-nine and met her husband on Tinder in her late thirties, after many of her friends had already gotten married, started families, and entered couples' counseling. After a long fertility struggle, she became a first-time mom at forty-one, joining Mommy & Me classes where most of the other moms were at least ten years younger. And while she was one of Gawker's early hires and one of the first editors at BuzzFeed, she didn't find professional fulfillment until she co-launched the successful self-care podcast Forever35—at forty. Now, in her debut memoir, Shafrir explores the enormous pressures we feel, especially as women, to hit particular milestones at certain times and how we can redefine what it means to be a late bloomer. She writes about everything from dating to infertility, to how friendships evolve as you get older, to why being pregnant at forty-one is unexpectedly freeing—all with the goal of appreciating the lives we've lived so far and the lives we still hope to live. Thanks for Waiting is about how achieving the milestones you thought were so important don't always happen on the time line you imagined. In a world of 30 Under 30 lists, this book is a welcome reminder that it's okay to live life at your own speed. Mother, Can You Not? And You Thought Your Mom Was Crazy... Pan Macmillan 'Happy birthday, spawn. Welcome to the wrong side of twenty-five. The expiration date on your eggs is officially in sight. Tick tock. Love, Mom.' This was the text message Kate Siegel woke up to on the morning of her twenty-sixth birthday, but her mother's maternal adoration and helicopter parenting began while Kate was still in utero. Never shy about pushing her only daughter to study harder, to dump her loser boyfriends, to move to 'less rapey' neighbourhoods, Kate's mum has given some truly hilarious but often sage advice over the years. It wasn't until Kate began sharing her mother's messages online that she realized quite how many people would find her mother as hysterical as she does. Over 700,000 people follow @CrazyJewishMom on Instagram, and this side-splittingly funny mother-daughter duo has been featured in global media around the world. From taking Kate to buy her first bra at a speciality drag-queen shop, to stalking a Princeton admissions officer across state lines, to posing as her daughter on multiple dating sites, Mother, Can You Not? is Kate's brilliantly funny and affectionate story of life with her fabulous, eccentric mother. Fifty Shades of Dorian Gray Skyhorse Meet artist Rosemary Hall and follow her inevitable downfall brought by her lust for the famous Dorian Gray—a tale both familiar and new in this brilliant erotic mash up of one of the world's most beloved novels. With a mix of old fashioned Victorian debauchery and erotic 21st century lust this cleverly sexed-up classic will leave you wanting more! First published to sensational scandal amidst accusations that the novel was hedonist, unclean, and depicted distorted views of morality The Picture of Dorian Gray was a hit back in the day. In 1890 the Daily Chronicle wrote that Wilde's novel “will taint every young mind that comes in contact with it.” Well Victorian critics, gird your loins and prepare to meet Audrey Ember's Fifty Shades of Dorian Gray: hotter, lewder, sexier, steamier, and more morally corrupt than Oscar Wilde's original story! Rediscover this celebrated novel as it traces the moral degeneration of a beautiful young Londoner seduced by art and beauty into a cruel and reckless pursuer of pleasure. Meet artist Rosemary Hall and follow her inevitable downfall brought by her lust for the famous Dorian Gray—a tale both familiar and new in this brilliant erotic mash up of one of the world's most beloved novels. With a mix of old fashioned Victorian debauchery and erotic 21st century lust this cleverly sexed-up classic will leave you wanting more! Spending the Holidays with People I Want to Punch in the Throat A Collection of Essays @throat\_punch Books From the popular, hysterical and award-winning blogger Jen of People I Want to Punch in the Throat.com comes her literary debut. This book is the next destined-to-be holiday classic! This is Jen's latest collection of humorous rants dissecting the “most wonderful time” of the year. She unleashes her biting wit and hilarious opinions on everything from cookie exchanges to annual humble brag Christmas letters from over achieving moms to horrifying Christmas' of her childhood. In this book you'll find such topics as: The White Trash Dollhouse Like a Neon Virgin in Guess Jeans and Swatch Watches A Very Special Christmas: Hoarders Style and, of course, the viral sensation: Over Achieving Elf on the Shelf Mommies Best. State. Ever. A Florida Man Defends His Homeland Penguin A New York Times bestseller—a brilliantly funny exploration of the Sunshine State from the man who knows it best: Pulitzer Prize winner Dave Barry. We never know what will happen next in Florida. We know only that, any minute now, something will. Every few months, Dave Barry gets a call from some media person wanting to know, “What the hell is wrong with Florida?” Somehow, the state's acquired an image as a subtropical festival of stupid, and as a loyal Floridian, Dave begs to differ. Join him as he goes in hunt of the legendary Skunk Ape; hobnobs with the mermaids of Weeki Wachee Springs; and visits Cassadaga, the psychic capital of the world, to have his dog's aura read (apparently, she's "very spiritual"). Hitch a ride for the non-stop thrills of alligator-wrestling (“the gators display the same fighting spirit as a Barcalounger”), the hair-raising spectacle of a clothing-optional bar in Key West, and the manly manliness of the Machine Gun Experience in Miami. It's the most hilarious book yet from “the funniest damn writer in the whole country” (Carl Hiaasen, and he should know). By the end, you'll have to admit that whatever else you might think about Florida—you can never say it's boring. You Can't Drink All Day If You Don't Start in the Morning St. Martin's Griffin From the author of the bestselling classics We're Just Like You, Only Prettier, and Bless Your Heart, Tramp, comes a collection of essays so funny, you'll shoot co'cola out of your nose. Topics include such gems as: • Why Miss North Carolina is too nice to hate • How Gwyneth Paltrow wants to improve your pathetic life • Strapped for cash? Try cat whispering • Sex every night for a year? How do you wrap that? • Get yer Wassail on: It's carolin' time • Airlines serving up one hot mess • Action figure Jesus • Why Clay Aiken ain't marrying your glandular daughter • And much more! Complete with a treasure trove of Celia's genuine southern recipes, You Can't Drink All Day if You Don't Start in the Morning is sure to appeal to anyone who lives south of something. I Just Want to Be Alone @throat\_punch Books The second volume in the best-selling I Just Want to Pee Alone series! Don't get us wrong, we love the men in our lives -- we do (most of the time). It's just that sometimes we would like them to go away. Not forever or anything like that. Just for an hour ... or a day ... or a weekend. We want some time to ourselves to read a good book or take a walk or do anything other than try to make a dent in the never ending mound of dirty clothes that keeps piling up on his side of the bed. We just want to be alone. All alone. Is that too much to ask? I Just Want to Be Alone is a collection of humorous essays from 37 of the most Super Cool Lady Writers you'll find on the web. Including: People I Want to Punch in the Throat, Baby Sideburns, A.K. Turner, My Husband Ate All My Ice Cream, and Bad Parenting Moments. Not Taco Bell Material Three Rivers Press (CA) The popular podcaster collects

new favorite rants about things that drive him crazy, sharing stories from his underdog youth that offer insight into his views and career. Just A Few People I Want to Punch in the Throat: Volumes 1 - 6 "Jen Mann has a hard time keeping her mouth shut. She tends to say out loud what everyone else is thinking. For the first time ever, the first six volumes of Just A Few People I Want to Punch in the Throat is available in one complete collection." - from the back cover. I Just Want to Hang Out with You Parenting humor Family The Ties that Bind-- and Gag! Fawcett The well-known humorist takes a witty, compassionate, poignant, and nostalgic look at the small and large triumphs of American family life in the 80s The Chocolate Lovers' Club the feel-good, romantic, fan-favourite series from the Sunday Times bestseller Hachette UK THE BESTSELLING SERIES FROM THE MULTI-MILLION-COPY-SELLING AUTHOR CAROLE MATTHEWS For Lucy Lombard, there's nothing that chocolate can't cure. From heartache to headache, it's the one thing she can rely on - and she's not alone. Fellow chocolate addicts Autumn, Nadia and Chantal share her passion, and together they form a select group known as The Chocolate Lovers' Club. Whenever there's a crisis, they meet in their sanctuary: a cafe called Chocolate Heaven. And with a cheating boyfriend, a flirtatious boss, a gambling husband and a loveless marriage, there's always plenty to discuss . . . The Chocolate Lovers' Club is the first novel in Carole Matthews' much-loved series, promising heart-warming friendships, breath-taking romance, and a whole lot of sweet and delicious treats! Perfect for fans of Milly Johnson, Cathy Bramley and Sarah Morgan YOUR FAVOURITE AUTHORS LOVE CAROLE MATTHEWS: 'A life-affirming story full of joy and hope' CATHY BRAMLEY 'A sun-filled, fun-filled wonderful escapist adventure' MILLY JOHNSON 'A wonderful setting where dark clouds part to reveal a happy ending' KATIE FFORDE 'An irresistibly warm-hearted story' TRISHA ASHLEY 'Warm, witty and hopeful - I was charmed' SARAH MORGAN 'The queen of funny, feel-good fiction' MIKE GAYLE \*Don't forget to pick up the rest in the series: The Chocolate Lovers' Diet, The Chocolate Lovers' Christmas and The Chocolate Lovers' Wedding\* My Lame Life Queen of the Misfits Throat\_punch Books My name is Plum Parrish, I'm fourteen, and I'm pretty sure I'm invisible. Not like super power invisible, more like loser invisible. There's a big difference. I live with my dad who doesn't realize that a job transfer to Kansas is not a promotion; my s'mother who thinks journaling, cheesy inspo slogans, and mani-pedis can solve my problems; and my twin brother Pax who is so perfect I'm convinced we share absolutely no DNA. Unfortunately, I'm not invisible to them. I love them, but they embarrass me on the daily. Honestly, they would probably say the same about me, because I'm weird, sarcastic, and just a lot. My best friend is ghosting me, and my other best friend is a teacher. The move to Kansas is my opportunity to reinvent myself and embrace my a lot-ness (yes, that is too a word). Sure, I will literally have to battle a live bat, a Queen Bee, and my unruly hair, but I will find my tribe and own who I am. I Still Just Want to Pee Alone Throat\_punch Books Motherhood is tough. You'll laugh or cry, so you might as well laugh. I STILL Just Want to Pee Alone is the third book in the New York Times bestselling I Just Want to Pee Alone series! Motherhood is STILL the toughest - and STILL the funniest - job you'll ever love. We know that raising kids is hard work. The pay sucks, your boss is a tyrant, and the working conditions are pitiful - TGIF means nothing to a mother! You said it before and you're saying it again, "I STILL just want to pee alone!" I STILL Just Want to Pee Alone is ANOTHER collection of hilarious and heartwarming essays from 40 MORE of the most kick ass mom bloggers on the web. Including: People I Want to Punch in the Throat Bad Parenting Moments Let Me Start By Saying The Sh\*tastrophe. Featuring essays like: It's Not Pee. It's You. Open Letter to My Daughter: My Mother was Right and You Should Think I Am, Too. And Then God Laughed Flames, Knives, and Fear: A Family Dinner Let's Piss Off the Babies Bitter is the New Black Hachette UK Jen Lancaster had the perfect man, the perfect job, the perfect life and there was no reason to think it wouldn't last. Or maybe there was, but Jen Lancaster was too busy being manicured, pedicured, and generally adored to notice. Fired from a Vice President sales job two weeks after September 11, she is forced to cope with the indignity of unemployment lines and the loss of her quarter million dollar salary, jewels and designer purses. Bitter? Absolutely. We follow Jen as she searches for jobs to the point of harassing headhunters and media figures. Her application letters are written with such wit and hilarity you wonder how she wasn't hired. We are at her marriage in Vegas; the adoption of two dogs; her search for a new, less expensive apartment; and weight gain. We journey with her through her initial high point of confident, well-paid employment, through the lows of drinking cask wine and the reality of possible eviction, and back to the relative high solvency and discovery of a new career. Jen slowly changes from a self-absorbed, self-involved, selfish yuppie to a frugal, more self-aware and self-assured person. Her stylish road map to ruin and back will resonate with those who wish they were rich and also those who sometimes wish that the rich could become poor. Filled with caustic wit and unusual insight, BITTER IS THE NEW BLACK is a rollicking read as speedy and unpredictable as the trajectory of a burst balloon. I Heart My Little A-Holes A bunch of holy-crap moments no one ever told you about parenting Harper Collins Following the success of Go the F\*\*k to Sleep, Confessions of a Scary Mommy, and Ketchup Is a Vegetable, a collection of funny, warm, and charmingly profane tales from the frontlines of parenthood by the author of the popular Baby Sideburns blog. Once upon a time you and your partner had a perfect life: dinners out, weekend mornings cuddling in bed, brunch with friends. Then you gave birth to a poop machine (or two). Now, it's all about the pediatrician, breast pumps, princess dresses, and minivans. And discovering that your pride and joy is actually a little A-hole. When your son wakes you up at 3:00 A.M. because he wants to watch Caillou, he's an a-hole. When your daughter outlines every corner of your living room with a purple crayon, she's an a-hole. When your rug rats purposely paint the kitchen ceiling with their smoothies, they're a-holes. At times like these, it's only natural to want to kill them (or yourself). But it's against the law (and there's the suicide hotline). Plus, there's that whole loving them more than anything in the whole world thing. In I Heart My Little A-Holes, Karen Alpert shares hilarious stories, lists, and deep thoughts on the joys and horrors of raising children. Accompanied by cheery illustrations and photos I Heart My Little A-Holes will make you laugh so hard you'll wish you were wearing a diaper. Merry Un-Christmas Harper Collins Noelle celebrates the only day in Christmas City that is not Christmas, by undecorating the tree, greeting the postman, and going to school. The Christmas Genie Simon and Schuster It's the last day of school before Christmas vacation and Alex, Chase, and the rest of Mrs. Walter's fifth-grade class couldn't wish more for the final bell to ring. But the day takes a crazy turn when a mysterious meteorite crashes through the classroom window—and a genie pops out! Bob, as he's called, is willing to grant only one wish for the class to share, and if they can't agree on something before the bell rings in an hour, they'll get nothing at all. What follows is a debate that is at turns thought-provoking and hilarious—and at all times irresistible. Shall I Knit You a Hat? A Christmas Yarn When Mother Rabbit knits a warm winter hat for Little Rabbit, he likes it so much that he suggests they make hats for all of their friends as Christmas gifts. A History of Illuminated Manuscript Phaidon Press Medieval manuscripts are counted among the greatest glories of Western civilization. With their gold and painted decoration and their charming miniatures, they have always had immense appeal, and images from them can be seen everywhere - from greeting cards and wrapping paper to expensive facsimiles. This entertaining and authoritative book is the first to provide a general introduction to the whole subject of the making of books from the Dark Ages to the invention of printing and beyond. Christopher de Hamel vividly describes the widely different circumstances in which manuscripts were created, from the earliest monastic Gospel Books to university textbooks, secular romances, Books of Hours and classical texts for humanist bibliophiles. As the story unfolds the wonderful variety of manuscripts and their illumination is revealed, and many fundamental questions are answered - who wrote the books, what texts they contained, who read them, how they were made and what purposes they served. Illuminated manuscripts have always been highly valued, and among them are some of the world's great masterpieces of art. With its lively narrative and many new and superb illustrations, this new edition of a much-praised book provides the perfect introduction to a large and fascinating subject. The Throat Blue Rose Trilogy (3) Anchor Peter Straub's chilling Blue Rose Trilogy comes to an astonishing close—secrets unearthed, demons revisited, and mysteries solved. The Throat. Tim Underhill, now an acclaimed novelist, travels back to his hometown of Millhaven, Illinois after he gets a call from John Ransom, an old army buddy. Ransom believes there's a copycat killer on the loose, mimicking the Blue Rose murders from decades earlier—he thinks his wife could be a potential victim. Underhill seeks out his old friend Tom Pasmore, an aging hermit who has attained minor celebrity as an expert sleuth, to help him investigate. They quickly discover that Millhaven is a town plagued by horrifying secrets and there is a twisted killer on the loose who is far more dangerous than they ever imagined. Expertly tying together the events of Koko and Mystery, The Throat proves Peter Straub to be the master of the suspense novel. We Are Never Meeting in Real Life Faber & Faber 'I cannot remember the last time I was so moved by a book. We Are Never Meeting in Real Life is as close to perfect as an essay collection can get.' - Roxane Gay, New York Times bestselling author of Difficult Women and Bad Feminist In this painfully funny collection, Samantha Irby captures powerful emotional truths while chronicling the rubbish bin she calls her life. From an ill-fated pilgrimage to Nashville to scatter her estranged father's ashes to awkward sexual encounters to the world's first completely honest job application, and more, sometimes you just have to laugh, even when your life is permanently pear-shaped.