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DARIO ANASTASIA

[The Big Book of Christmas Mysteries](#) Portobello Books

This multicultural reference work on Jewish folklore, legends, customs, and other elements of folklife is the first of its kind.

[A Kid's Guide to Arab American History](#) Abingdon Press

Since the fall of Bagdad, women's voices have been largely erased, but four months after Saddam Hussein's statue fell, a 24 year-old woman from Baghdad began blogging. In 2003, a twenty-four-year-old woman from Baghdad began blogging about life in the city under the pseudonym Riverbend. Her passion, honesty, and wry idiomatic English made her work a vital contribution to our understanding of post-war Iraq—and won her a large following. *Baghdad Burning* is a quotidian chronicle of Riverbend's life with her family between April 2003 and September of 2004. She describes rolling blackouts, intermittent water access, daily explosions, gas shortages and travel

restrictions. She also expresses a strong stance against the interim government, the Bush administration, and Islamic fundamentalists like Al Sadr and his followers. Her book "offers quick takes on events as they occur, from a perspective too often overlooked, ignored or suppressed" (*Publishers Weekly*). "Riverbend is bright and opinionated, true, but like all voices of dissent worth remembering, she provides an urgent reminder that, whichever governments we struggle under, we are all the same." —Booklist "Feisty and learned: first-rate reading for any American who suspects that Fox News may not be telling the whole story." —Kirkus

[School Library Journal](#) Teachers College Press

More than one year after the "fall of Baghdad," the reconstruction of Iraq was failing terribly. Ordinary Iraqis waited in line for basic necessities like clean water and fuel, while the number of civilians and soldiers killed escalated in tandem with the billions of U.S. tax dollars spent. In *Iraq, Inc.: A Profitable Occupation*, Pratap Chatterjee delivers an on-the-ground account of the occupation business, exposing private contractors as the only winners in this war. Chatterjee examines the big failings and even bigger swindles of Iraq's corporate managers, from the

dangerous follies of an out-of-touch government-in-exile to the unchecked price gouging by Cheney's successors at Halliburton. In *Iraq, Inc.* Chatterjee contrasts the employment boom of mercenaries--more than 20,000 soldiers of fortune from apartheid-era South Africa, Pinochet's Chile, and elsewhere in Iraq--with the crowds of unemployed locals ripe for recruitment to the resistance. Drawing on years of research and first-hand experience in the region including his live reporting from post-invasion Iraq as he traveled around the country first in December 2003 when Saddam Hussein was captured and in April 2004 during the height of the siege of Fallujah, Chatterjee brings us the dilapidated hospitals, looted ministries, and guarded corporate enclaves that mark the plunderous road to America's free Iraq.

[Less is More](#) H. W. Wilson

Now expanded and updated, this authorized compendium to Kurt Vonnegut's novels, stories, essays, and plays is the most comprehensive and definitive edition to date. Over the course of five decades, Kurt Vonnegut created a complex and interconnected web of characters, settings, and concepts. The *Vonnegut Encyclopedia* is an exhaustive guide to this beloved author's world,

organized in a handy A-to-Z format. The first edition of this book covered Vonnegut's work through 1991. This new and updated edition encompasses his writing through his death in 2007. Marc Leeds, co-founder and founding president of the Kurt Vonnegut Society and a longtime personal friend of the author's, has devoted more than twenty-five years of his life to cataloging the Vonnegut cosmos—from the birthplace of Kilgore Trout (Vonnegut's sci-fi writing alter ego) to the municipal landmarks of Midland City (the midwestern metropolis that is the setting for Vonnegut's 1973 masterpiece *Breakfast of Champions*). The Vonnegut Encyclopedia identifies every major and minor Vonnegut character from Celia Aamons to Zog, as well as recurring images and relevant themes from all of Vonnegut's works, including lesser-known gems like his revisionist libretto for Stravinsky's opera *L'Histoire du soldat* and his 1980 children's book *Sun Moon Star*. Leeds provides expert notes explaining the significance of many items, but relies primarily on extended quotations from Vonnegut himself. A work of impressive scholarship in an eminently browsable package, this encyclopedia reveals countless connections readers may never have thought of on their own. A rarity among authors of serious fiction, Kurt Vonnegut has always inspired something like obsession in his most dedicated fans. The Vonnegut Encyclopedia is an invaluable resource for readers wishing to revisit his fictional universe—and those about to explore it for the first time. Praise for *The Vonnegut Encyclopedia* "An essential collection for fans of the singular satirist."—*San Francisco Chronicle* "Indispensable."—*Publishers Weekly* "If you're somebody who has read one Kurt Vonnegut book then there's a chance you've read them all. For the devout reader of Vonnegut there's a voracious sense of completism. And, Marc Leeds and his new [The Vonnegut] Encyclopedia are here to guide you through it all. Just don't blame him if you become unstuck in time while you're reading."—*Inverse* "Vonnegut enthusiasts will be delighted with Leeds's exhaustive, almost obsessive, treatment of the characters, places, events, and tantalizingly mysterious references for which Vonnegut's five-decade writing career is celebrated. . . . A wonderful and beautifully designed reference source."—*Booklist* (starred review) "Leeds's scholarship and genuine love for his subject matter render this encyclopedia a treasure trove for Vonnegut readers."—*The Nameless Zine*

Iraq, Inc. Titan Books

This adventurous work records Robert Edison Fulton's solo round-the-world tour on a two-cylinder Douglas motorcycle between July, 1932 and December, 1933. First published in 1937.

Mirrors DigiCat

Gadsby is a novel by Ernest Vincent Wright. A fading fictitious city known as Branton Hills is rejuvenated due to the efforts of central character John Gadsby and a youth organizer. A humorous read!

God Is Not Great Routledge

Many Americans, educators included, mistakenly believe all Arabs share the same culture, language, and religion, and have only recently begun immigrating to the United States. *A Kid's Guide to Arab American History* dispels these and other stereotypes and provides a contemporary as well as historical look at the people and experiences that have shaped Arab American culture. Each chapter focuses on a different group of Arab Americans including those of Lebanese, Syrian, Palestinian, Jordanian, Egyptian, Iraqi, and Yemeni descent and features more than 50 fun activities that highlight their distinct arts, games, clothing, and food. Kids will love dancing the dabke, constructing a derbekke drum, playing a game of senet, making hummus, creating an arabesque design, and crafting an Egyptian-style cuff bracelet. Along the way they will learn to count in Kurdish, pick up a few Syrian words for family members, learn a Yemeni saying, and speak a little Iraqi. Short biographies of notable Arab Americans, including actor and philanthropist Danny Thomas, singer Paula Abdul, artist Helen Zughuib, and activist Ralph Nader, demonstrate a wide variety of careers and contributions.

The Realm of the Impossible Routledge

Less Is More is full of powerful ideas for teaching with short, provocative text. This book broadens and extends our available teaching tools and materials, and can help engage all students. It is a valuable resource for language arts teachers. --Cris Tovani Language arts teachers want all of their students to love literature and embrace the novels they assign. The classroom reality is that many students are not ready or motivated to immerse themselves in an entire novel. In order to reach and engage all students, teachers need to look beyond novels alone and embrace a richer variety of literature. In *Less Is More* Kimberly Hill Campbell draws on research as well as her own classroom experiences to show how short texts engage a wide range of middle and high school students. She shares her discovery of the power of short texts to support her students' skills as

readers, writers, and students of literature. Kimberly shows how short texts can be integrated into the curriculum, without sacrificing required novels. Chapters examine different genres of short text, such as short stories, essays, memoir, and graphic novels. Each chapter provides reading, writing, and response strategies as well as a broad selection of short text resources that have proven effective with a wide range of students.

Gadsby Oxford University Press, USA

"...a landmark anthology, which establishes that the crafting of brilliant short impossible crime fiction is not an exclusively Anglo-American endeavor." *Publishers Weekly* (Starred review) Here is a groundbreaking collection of 26 impossible crime stories from over 20 countries, demonstrating the global reach of this most fiendishly ingenious tale. Several stories appear here for the first time, many have never been anthologized, and a few classics are included. Also included are 12 short anecdotes of real-life impossibilities: How can a man locked in his room without alcohol get drunk every night? How can heavy stone coffins in a sealed crypt be moved? How can hundreds of rare French books be stolen from an ancient library? These are just a few of the actual impossibilities that are explained in *The Realm of the Impossible*. In his Foreword, Otto Penzler writes: "The range of authors collected in this surprising and welcome volume, and the diversity of their backgrounds, is a tribute to the detective skills of the editors, who have somehow unearthed a cornucopia of virtually unknown stories that deserve the attention they will now receive. It is... well... impossible to applaud loudly enough..." John Pugmire is the publisher of *Locked Room International*, whose books have appeared in *Washington Post* and *Publishers Weekly* "Best of" lists for 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016. Brian Skupin is the co-publisher of *Mystery Scene Magazine*, for which he has won the *Mystery Writers of America Ellery Queen Award*, the *Poirot Award* from *Malice Domestic*, and the *Anthony award* from *Bouchercon*.

One Man Caravan World Wisdom, Inc

It's been 15 years since his first memoir but Bruce is still living the dream as a "B" movie king in an "A" movie world. Bruce Campbell makes his triumphant return from where he left off in *If Chins Could Kill* with further hilarious, gut-wrenchingly honest confessions. Bruce brings us through his life in the decade since his first memoir and his roles as varied as they are numerous- from his roles in the *Spider-man* movies to his self-referential *My Name is Bruce* to his role on #1 show *Burn Notice* and his new STARZ hit series *Ash vs Evil Dead*. Over the last 15 years, Bruce has become a regular on the *Wizard World* convention circuit, has created his @GroovyBruce twitter account with over 400,000 followers and a Facebook page with almost 250,000 likes. His profile and reach is lightyears beyond where it was for Chins. Check him out at www.Bruce-Campbell.com. Hail to the Chin will be bursting with pictures and the signature humor that Bruce brought to *If Chins Could Kill* and will be devoured by his legions of fans across the country.

Value-Packed Booktalks Seven Stories Press

The most complete collection of Yuletide whodunits ever assembled • The Edgar Award-winning editor collects sixty of his all-time favorite holiday crime stories—from Arthur Conan Doyle and Thomas Hardy to Sara Paretsky and Ed McBain. "Anyone who cares about the best mystery writing of the past century and beyond would be lucky to receive this thick volume during the holidays." —*The Washington Post* This collection touches on all aspects of the holiday season, and all types of mysteries. They are suspenseful, funny, frightening, and poignant. Included are puzzles by Mary Higgins Clark, Isaac Asimov, and Ngaio Marsh; uncanny tales in the tradition of *A Christmas Carol* by Peter Lovesey and Max Allan Collins; O. Henry-like stories by Stanley Ellin and Joseph Shearing, stories by pulp icons John D. MacDonald and Damon Runyon; comic gems from Donald E. Westlake and John Mortimer; and many, many more. Almost any kind of mystery you're in the mood for--suspense, pure detection, humor, cozy, private eye, or police procedural—can be found in these pages. FEATURING: • Unscrupulous Santas • Crimes of Christmases Past and Present • Festive felonies • Deadly puddings • Misdemeanors under the mistletoe • Christmas cases for classic characters including Sherlock Holmes, Brother Cadfael, Miss Marple, Hercule Poirot, Ellery Queen, Rumpole of the Bailey, Inspector Morse, Inspector Ghote, A.J. Raffles, and Nero Wolfe.

Encyclopedia of Jewish Folklore and Traditions Farrar, Straus and Giroux

The Instant #1 New York Times Bestseller. From President-Elect Joe Biden, winner of the 2020 United States presidential election, *Promise Me Dad* is his deeply moving memoir about the year that would forever change both a family and a country. 'Biden splices a heartbreaking story with an election story and a foreign affairs story. And in so doing, he offers something for everyone, no matter which strand draws you in' - *The New York Times Book Review* In November 2014, thirteen members of the Biden family gathered for their traditional Thanksgiving celebration. But this year

felt different from previous. Joe and Jill Biden's eldest son, Beau, had been diagnosed with a malignant brain tumour fifteen months earlier, and his survival was uncertain. 'Promise me, Dad,' Beau had told his father. 'Give me your word that no matter what happens, you're going to be all right.' Joe Biden gave him his word. *Promise Me, Dad* chronicles the year that followed, which would be the most momentous and challenging in Joe Biden's extraordinary life and career. Vice President Biden travelled more than a hundred thousand miles that year, across the world, dealing with crises in Ukraine, Central America and Iraq. While Beau fought for, and then lost his life, the Vice President balanced the twin imperatives of living up to his responsibilities to his country and his responsibilities to his family, while contemplating the insistent and urgent question of whether he should seek the presidency in 2016. Even in the worst times, Biden was able to lean on the strength of his long, deep bonds with his family, on his faith, and on his deepening friendship with the man in the Oval Office, Barack Obama. *Promise Me, Dad* is a story of how family and friendships sustain us and how hope, purpose and action can guide us through the pain of personal loss into the light of a new future.

Carmen and Other Stories Motorbooks

Taking a critical, research-oriented perspective, this book explores the theoretical, empirical, and pedagogical connections between reading and teaching young adult literature in middle and secondary classrooms and adolescent identity development.

The Library Screen Scene Bloomsbury Publishing USA

In the past two decades, several U.S. states have explored ways to mainstream media literacy in school curriculum. However one of the best and most accessible places to learn this necessary skill has not been the traditional classroom but rather the library. In an increasing number of school, public, and academic libraries, shared media experiences such as film screening, learning to computer animate, and video editing promote community and a sense of civic engagement. The *Library Screen Scene* reveals five core practices used by librarians who work with film and media: viewing, creating, learning, collecting, and connecting. With examples from more than 170 libraries throughout the United States, the book shows how film and media literacy education programs, library services, and media collections teach patrons to critically analyze moving image media, uniting generations, cultures, and communities in the process.

War Surgery in Afghanistan and Iraq Pan Macmillan

INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER After a decade abroad, the National Book Award- and Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Evan Osnos returns to three places he has lived in the United States—Greenwich, CT; Clarksburg, WV; and Chicago, IL—to illuminate the origins of America's political fury. Evan Osnos moved to Washington, D.C., in 2013 after a decade away from the United States, first reporting from the Middle East before becoming the Beijing bureau chief at the *Chicago Tribune* and then the China correspondent for *The New Yorker*. While abroad, he often found himself making a case for America, urging the citizens of Egypt, Iraq, or China to trust that even though America had made grave mistakes throughout its history, it aspired to some foundational moral commitments: the rule of law, the power of truth, the right of equal opportunity for all. But when he returned to the United States, he found each of these principles under assault. In search of an explanation for the crisis that reached an unsettling crescendo in 2020—a year of pandemic, civil unrest, and political turmoil—he focused on three places he knew firsthand: Greenwich, Connecticut; Clarksburg, West Virginia; and Chicago, Illinois. Reported over the course of six years, *Wildland* follows ordinary individuals as they navigate the varied landscapes of twenty-first-century America. Through their powerful, often poignant stories, Osnos traces the sources of America's political dissolution. He finds answers in the rightward shift of the financial elite in Greenwich, in the collapse of social infrastructure and possibility in Clarksburg, and in the compounded effects of segregation and violence in Chicago. The truth about the state of the nation may be found not in the slogans of political leaders but in the intricate details of individual lives, and in the hidden connections between them. As *Wildland* weaves in and out of these personal stories, events in Washington occasionally intrude, like flames licking up on the horizon. A dramatic, prescient examination of seismic changes in American politics and culture, *Wildland* is the story of a crucible, a period bounded by two shocks to America's psyche, two assaults on the country's sense of itself: the attacks of September 11 in 2001 and the storming of the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. Following the lives of everyday Americans in three cities and across two decades, Osnos illuminates the country in a startling light, revealing how we lost the moral confidence to see ourselves as larger than the sum of our parts.

Promise Me, Dad Fontaine Press

Using an approach similar to that in his book *Parables from the Back Side*, popular author J. Ellsworth Kalas brings a new perspective to selected Old Testament stories by approaching them from the “back side”—through a unique starting point, a creative retelling, a new “lens,” or the eyes of a minor or unsympathetic character. Chapter titles and Scripture: “The Second Sin” (Genesis 3:1-13); “The Importance of Naming Joseph” (Genesis 30:22-24); “Because My Mother Told Me” (Exodus 2:1-10); “Moses’ Midlife Crisis” (Exodus 2:11-22); “Patron Saint of the Minority Report” (Numbers 13:1-3, 25-33); “Tragic Son, Tragic Father” (Judges 11:1-6, 30-35); “Honey in the Lion” (Judges 14:5-14); “Beauty and the Beast” (1 Samuel 25:2-42); “A Refugee at the King’s Table” (2 Samuel 9:1-13); “In Defense of Job’s Wife” (Job 2:1-10); “Jonah’s Christmas Story” (Jonah 3:1-6, 10; Matthew 12:38-42); “God Is Better Than His Plans” (Ruth 1:1-5; 4:13-17). Includes 12 Sessions with a study guide.

The Publishers Weekly U.S. Government Printing Office

Stories, edited by bestselling authors Neil Gaiman (author of *The Ocean at the End of the Lane* and the epic *American Gods*) and Al Sarrantonio, is ‘an unmissable collection’ (*Guardian*), filled with distinctive, original and thrilling tales from writers such as Jodi Picoult, Lawrence Block, Roddy Doyle and many more. Rather than being dictated by genre, for co-editors Gaiman and Sarrantonio there is only one true distinction in fiction: the one dividing realistic and imaginative fiction. *STORIES* is a collection of the very best original fiction from some of the most imaginative writers in the world, as well as a showcase for some of fiction’s newer stars. One hell of a huge book of great, exciting stories which will become a uniting force for readers of all forms of imaginative fiction.

Old Testament Stories from the Back Side Indiana University Press

Carmen, M’erim ‘ee’s classic tale of passion and power, provided the inspiration for one of the world’s most enduringly popular operas, and numerous films. Like Carmen, the other stories in this

book, including Mateo Falcone, The Etruscan Vase, and The Venus of Ille, explore the clash of primitive and civilized values. This is the only selection of M’erim ‘ee’s short stories available [Stories](#) Bloomsbury Publishing USA

How does a supermarket cashier and single Mum become a fearless Baghdad bodyguard in the battlefields of Iraq? This is the true story of Neryl Joyce, a young Australian woman, struggling to pay the bills, who signed up to be a soldier. After a stint with the Australian Army’s elite Close Personal Protection Unit, Neryl joined a private security firm inside Baghdad’s heavily guarded Green Zone. Here, she defended high-risk foreign targets from opportunistic assassination inside Iraq. As a female bodyguard in the Middle East, Neryl had to be as good as—or even better than—any of her fellow soldiers. With courage and heart, she navigated sexual discrimination and abuse, operations on the world’s most dangerous road, and the unrelenting brutality of a man’s world. But the longer she stayed, the more convinced she became that disaster was imminent. Somehow, Neryl survived to return home to her son and tell this heart-stopping and inspirational story.

[Hail to the Chin](#) Hachette UK

I feel that I have been sleeping all my life and I have woken up and opened my eyes to the world. A beautiful world! But impossible to live in. These are the words of fifteen-year-old Hadiya, blogging from the city of Mosul, Iraq, to let the world know what life is really like as the military occupation of her country unfolds. In many ways, her life is familiar. She worries about exams and enjoys watching *Friends* during the rare hours that the electricity in her neighborhood is running. But the horrors of war surround her everywhere—weeklong curfews, relatives killed, and friends whose families are forced to flee their homes. With black humor and unflinching honesty, Hadiya shares

the painful stories of lives changed forever. “Let’s go back,” she writes, “to my un-normal life.” With her intimate reflections on family, friendship, and community, *IraqiGirl* also allows us to witness the determination of one girl not only to survive, but to create, amidst the devastation of war, a future worth living for. “Hadiya’s authentically teenage voice, emotional struggles and concerns make her story all the more resonant.” —*Publishers Weekly* “Despite all the news coverage about the war in Iraq, very little is reported about how it affects the daily lives of ordinary citizens. A highschooler in the city of Mosul fills in the gap with this compilation of her blog posts about living under U.S. occupation. She writes in English because she wants to reach Americans, and in stark specifics, she records the terrifying dangers of car bombs on her street and American warplanes overhead, as well as her everyday struggles to concentrate on homework when there is no water and electricity at home. Her tone is balanced: she does not hate Americans, and although she never supported Saddam Hussein, she wonders why he was executed... Readers will appreciate the details about family, friends, school, and reading Harry Potter, as well as the ever-present big issues for which there are no simple answers.” —Hazel Rochman, *Booklist* “*IraqiGirl* has poured reflections of her daily life into her blog, reaching all over the cyber-world from her home in northern Iraq. She writes about the universals of teen life—school, family, TV, food, Harry Potter—but always against the background of sudden explosions, outbursts of gunfire, carbombs, death... [A]n important addition to multicultural literature.” —Elsa Marston, author of *Santa Claus in Baghdad and Other Stories About Teens in the Arab World* “A book as relevant to adults as teenagers and children. Hadiya’s clear, simple language conveys the feelings of a teenager, offering a glimpse into the daily life of a professional middle-class Iraqi family in an ancient-modern city subjected to a brutal occupation.” —Haifa Zangana, author of *City of Widows: An Iraqi Woman's Account of War and Resistance*