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Wet Work Jan 25 2022 Charley Becker, head of one of America's biggest conglomerates, is a man on a mission. His only granddaughter, the beloved Natasha, has been found dead in her flat after taking an accidental overdose of cocaine and now he wants revenge. Determined to find the men responsible, Charley starts by tracking down Natasha's boyfriend, Tim. Then he finds the small-time dealers who supplied him. Charley's way of doing business leaves no room for negotiation. But 'wet work'—the shooting of a victim from up close—is only half the story and the further up the chain Charley gets, the higher the stakes become. To nail Peru's megalomaniac cocaine king, he will have to hire himself some hit men, a gunboat and some truly extraordinary weaponry . . .

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Windy City Apr 03 2020 The acclaimed author of the intensely powerful novel Pretty Birds, Scott Simon now gives us a story that is both laugh-out-loud funny and heart-piercing—as sprawling and brawling as Chicago, where politics is a contact sport. The mayor of Chicago is found in his office late at night, sitting in his boxer shorts, facedown dead in a pizza. The mayor was a hero and a rascal: dynamic, charming, ingenious, corruptible, and a masterful manipulator. The city mourns. But it's discovered that the mayor was murdered—shortly after he may have begun to squeal on some of his colleagues at City Hall. Over the next four days, police race to find the mayor's killer, while the politicians who bemoan his passing scramble for his throne.

Campusland Jun 25 2019 "This high-spirited, richly imagined, and brave novel is a delight to read... Smart and hilarious." — Kirkus Reviews Joyous, fast and funny, Scott Johnston's Campusland is a satiric howl at today's elite educational institutions—from safe spaces to tribal infighting to the sheer sanctimony. A wickedly delightful novel that may remind you of Tom Wolfe and David Lodge. Her room sucks. Her closet isn't big enough for two weeks'-worth of outfits, much less her new Rag & Bone for fall. And there's nothing worth posting. Cruel. To Lulu Harris—It Girl-in-the-Making—her first year at the ultra-competitive Ivy-like Devon University is a dreary impediment. If she's fabulous and no one sees it, what's the point? To Eph Russell, who looks and sounds like an avatar of privilege (shh!-he's anything but) Devon is heaven. All day to think and read and linger over a Welsh rarebit at The Faculty Club, not to mention teach English 240 where he gets to discuss all his 19th Century favorites, like Mark Twain. If Eph could just get tenure, he could stay forever, but there are landmines everywhere. In his seventh year at Devon, Red Wheeler is the alpha dog on top of Devon's progressive hierarchy, the most woke guy on campus. But when his position is challenged, Red is forced to take measures. Before first term is halfway finished, Lulu wangles her social cache with her clubbable upperclass peers, and is forced to reinvent herself. Shedding her designer clothes, she puts on flannel and a brand-new persona: campus victim. For Lulu to claw her way back to the top, she'll build a pyre and roast anyone in her way. Presiding over this ferment is Milton Strauss, Devon's feckless president, who spends his days managing perpetually aggrieved students, scheming administrators, jealous professors, billionaire donors, and bumptious frat boys. He just can't say yes fast enough. And what to do with Martika Malik-Adams? Isn't her giant salary as vice-president of Diversity & Inclusion enough? All paths converge as privileged, marginalized, and radical students form identity alliances, sacrifice education for outrage, and push varied agendas of political correctness that drags every free thought of higher learning into the lower depths of an entitled underclass. Campusland is a riotous, subversive and fresh read.

Has Anyone Seen My Toes? Feb 11 2021 From the bestselling author of Thank You for Smoking and Make Russia Great Again comes a comic tour de force, the story of one man's spiraling journey through lockdown during the Covid-19 pandemic. During the pandemic, an aging screenwriter is holed up in a coastal South Carolina town with his beloved second wife, Peaches. He's been binge-eating for a year and developed a notable rapport with the local fast-food chain Hippo King. He struggles to work—on a ludicrous screenplay about a Nazi attempt to kidnap FDR and, naturally, an article for Etymology Today on English words of Carthaginian origin. He's told Peaches so often about the origins of the world mayonnaise that she's developed an aversion to using the condiment. He thinks he has Covid. His wife thinks he is losing his mind. In short, your typical pandemic worries. Things were going from bad to worse even before his doctor suggested a battery of brain tests. He knows what that means: dementia! But even in these scary times, there are plenty of things to distract him. His iPhone is fat-shaming him. He's been trying to read Proust and thinks the French novelist missed his true calling as a parfumer. And he's discovered nefarious Russian influence on the local coroner's race. Why is Putin so keen to control who decides who died peacefully and who by foul play in Pimento County? Could it be the local military base? Has Anyone Seen My Toes? is a hilarious romp through a time that has been anything but funny.

Child 44 Aug 27 2019 OVER 2 MILLION COPIES SOLD MOSCOW, 1953. Under Stalin's terrifying regime, families live in fear. When the all-powerful State claims there is no such thing as crime, who dares disagree? AN INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER IN OVER 30 LANGUAGES An ambitious secret police officer, Leo Demidov believes he's helping to build the perfect society. But when he uncovers evidence of a killer at large - a threat the state won't admit exists - Demidov must risk everything, including the lives of those he loves, in order to expose the truth. A THRILLER UNLIKE ANY YOU HAVE EVER READ But what if the danger isn't from the killer he is trying to catch, but from the country he is fighting to protect? Nominated for seventeen international awards and inspired by a real-life investigation, CHILD 44 is a relentless story of love, hope and bravery in a totalitarian world. From the screenwriter of the acclaimed television series, THE ASSASSINATION OF GIANNI VERSACE: AMERICAN CRIME STORY.

The White House Mess May 29 2022 With a pajama-clad President Reagan refusing to leave the White House on his successor's Inauguration Day, Buckley has given this farce of Oval Office politics a nearly perfect beginning. Parodying the familiar form of the White House memoir, Buckley recounts the turbulent years of the Democratic Tucker administration, as told by loyalist Herbert Wadlough. Through this former

accountant's eyes, we see the infighting that plagues the White House, the President's faltering marriage to a former starlet, and his ongoing crises.

The Sack of Detroit Mar 03 2020 "Vigorous, provocative... The Sack of Detroit is compelling, bold and stylishly written." —Barbara Spindel, *The Wall Street Journal* A provocative, revelatory history of the epic rise—and unnecessary fall—of the U.S. automotive industry, uncovering the vivid story of innovation, politics, and business that led to a sudden, seismic shift in American priorities that is still felt today, from the acclaimed author of *Hoover* In the 1950s, America enjoyed massive growth and affluence, and no companies contributed more to its success than automakers. They were the biggest and best businesses in the world, their leadership revered, their methods imitated, and their brands synonymous with the nation's aspirations. But by the end of the 1960s, Detroit's profits had evaporated and its famed executives had become symbols of greed, arrogance, and incompetence. And no company suffered this reversal more than General Motors, which found itself the main target of a Senate hearing on auto safety that publicly humiliated its leadership and shattered its reputation. In *The Sack of Detroit*, Kenneth Whyte recounts the epic rise and unnecessary fall of America's most important industry. At the center of his absorbing narrative are the titans of the automotive world but also the crusaders of safety, including Ralph Nader and a group of senators including Bobby Kennedy. Their collision left Detroit in a ditch, launched a new era of consumer advocacy and government regulation, and contributed significantly to the decline of American enterprise. This is a vivid story of politics, business, and a sudden, seismic shift in American priorities that is still felt today.

They Eat Puppies, Don't They? Apr 27 2022 In an attempt to gain Congressional approval for a top secret weapons system, Washington lobbyist "Bird" McIntyre and sexy Neo-Con wonkette Angel Templeton start a rumour that the Chinese secret service is trying to assassinate the Dalai Lama. Their outrageous scheme provokes a series of crises involving the White House, the CIA, and a strangely sympathetic and vulnerable Chinese president, with both countries veering perilously towards war. Buckley has drawn his most convincing and outrageous characters to date: Bird, failed novelist of amusingly awful Clancy-esque thrillers; Angel, combination Anne Coulter and Ayn Rand; Bird's demanding, equestrian wife, Myndi; Bewks, his feckless but endearing Civil War re-enactor brother; the mild-mannered Chinese President Fa and his devoted aide Gang, manoeuvring desperately against sinister Politburo hard-liners Minister Lo and General Han. Blending the skewering genius of *Thank You For Smoking* with Dr. Strangelove's dark comedy, *They Eat Puppies Don't They?* has something to offend -- and amuse -- everyone. Praise for Christopher Buckley: "One of the funniest writers in the English language." Tom Wolfe. "A Benchley with *WordPerfect*." John Updike. "An effervescent joy." Joseph Heller.

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Stranger to Nothing Jul 27 2019 Always a poet of memory and invention, Philip Levine has written poems which search for universal truths. In this collection, his poetry addresses the joys and sufferings of industrial life, with radiant feeling, as well as painful irony.

No Way to Treat a First Lady Dec 24 2021 A New York Times Notable Book of the Year Elizabeth Tyler MacMann, the ambitious First Lady of the United States (and known in the tabloids as "Lady Bethmac"), is on trial for the death of her philandering husband, and the only man who can save her is the boyfriend she jilted in law school—now the most shameless defense attorney in America. Published to rave reviews, *No Way to Treat a First Lady* is a hilariously warped love story for our time set in the funniest place in America: Washington, D.C.

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Silent in the Grave Sep 08 2020 Only from New York Times bestselling author Deanna Raybourn, go back to where it all began with the original *Lady Julia Grey* historical mystery series. "Let the wicked be ashamed, and let them be silent in the grave." These ominous words are the last threat that Sir Edward Grey receives from his killer. Before he can show them to Nicholas Brisbane, the private inquiry agent he has retained for his protection, he collapses and dies at his London home, in the presence of his wife, Julia, and a roomful of dinner guests.

Prepared to accept that Edward's death was due to a long-standing physical infirmity, Julia is outraged when Brisbane visits and suggests that her husband was murdered. It is a reaction she comes to regret when she discovers damning evidence for herself, and realizes the truth. Determined to bring the murderer to justice, Julia engages the enigmatic Brisbane to help her investigate Edward's demise. Dismissing his warnings that the investigation will be difficult, if not impossible, Julia presses forward, following a trail of clues that lead her to even more unpleasant truths, and ever closer to a killer who waits expectantly for her arrival. Previously published. Don't miss the complete *Lady Julia Grey* mystery series by Deanna Raybourn! Book # 1: *Silent in the Grave* Book # 2: *Silent in the Sanctuary* Book # 3: *Silent on the Moor* Book # 3.5: *Midsummer Night* (novella) Book # 4: *Dark Road to Darjeeling* Book # 5: *The Dark Enquiry* Book # 5.5: *Silent Night* (novella) Book # 5.6: *Twelfth Night* (novella) Book # 5.7: *Bonfire Night* (novella)

Supreme Courtship Jul 31 2022 President of the United States Donald Vanderdamp is having a hell of a time getting his nominees appointed to the Supreme Court. After one nominee is rejected for insufficiently appreciating *To Kill A Mockingbird*, the president chooses someone so beloved by voters that the Senate won't have the guts to reject her -- Judge Pepper Cartwright, the star of the nation's most popular reality show, *Courtroom Six*. Will Pepper, a straight-talking Texan, survive a confirmation battle in the Senate? Will becoming one of the most powerful women in the world ruin her love life? And even if she can make it to the Supreme Court, how will she get along with her eight highly skeptical colleagues, including a floundering Chief Justice who, after legalizing gay marriage, learns that his wife has left him for another woman. Soon, Pepper finds herself in the middle of a constitutional crisis, a presidential reelection campaign that the president is determined to lose, and oral arguments of a romantic nature. *Supreme Courtship* is another classic Christopher Buckley comedy about the Washington institutions most deserving of ridicule.

Losing Mum and Pup Jun 17 2021 "I had more or less resolved not to write a book about my parents. But I'm a writer, and when the universe hands you material like this, not writing about it amounts either to waste or a conscious act of evasion." So begins award-winning satirist Christopher Buckley in the most personal and transcendent work of his life, the tragicomic true story of the year in which both of his parents died. In twelve months between 2007 and 2008, Buckley coped with the passing of his father, William F. Buckley, the father of the modern conservative movement, and his mother, Patricia Taylor Buckley, one of New York's most glamorous and colorful socialites. He was their only child and their relationship was close and complicated. Writes Buckley: "They were not -- with respect to every other set of loving, wonderful parents in the world -- your typical mom and dad." As Buckley tells the story of their final year together, he takes readers on a surprisingly entertaining tour through hospitals, funeral homes, and memorial services, capturing the heartbreaking and disorienting feeling of becoming a fifty-five-year-old orphan. Buckley maintains his sense of humor by recalling the words of Oscar Wilde: "To lose one parent may be regarded as a misfortune. To lose both looks like carelessness." Christopher Buckley offers consolation, wit, and warmth to those coping with the death of a parent, while telling a unique personal story of life with legends.

My Name Is Will Dec 12 2020 "Utterly delicious, original, witty, hilarious and brilliant. Shakespeare In Love on magic mushrooms. The Bard has never been this much fun." -- Christopher Buckley, author of *Boomsday* and *Thank You For Smoking* A Tale of two Shakespeares... Struggling UC Santa Cruz grad student Willie Shakespeare Greenberg is trying to write his thesis about the Bard. Kind of... Cut off by his father for laziness, and desperate for dough, Willie agrees to deliver a single giant, psychedelic mushroom to a mysterious collector, making himself an unwitting target in Ronald Reagan's War on Drugs. Meanwhile, would-be playwright (and oppressed Catholic) William

Shakespeare is eighteen years old and stuck teaching Latin in the boondocks of Stratford-upon-Avon. The future Bard's life is turned upside down when a stranger entrusts him with a sacred relic from Rome... This, at a time when adherents of the "Old Faith" are being hanged, drawn, and quartered as traitors. Seemingly separated in time and place, the lives of Willie and William begin to intersect in curious ways, from harrowing encounters with the law (and a few ex-girlfriends) to dubious experiments with mind-altering substances. Their misadventures could be dismissed as youthful folly. But wise or foolish, the bold choices they make will shape not only the 'Shakespeare' each is destined to come... but the very course of history itself.

Little Green Men Jul 19 2021 In 1994, Christopher Buckley published one of the most acclaimed and successful comic novels of the decade, *Thank You for Smoking*. Now Buckley returns to the strange land of Washington, D.C., in *Little Green Men*, a millennial comedy of manners about aliens and pundits . . . and how much they have in common. The reluctant hero of this hilarious novel is John Oliver Banion, a stuffy Washington talk-show host, whose privileged life is thrown into upheaval when aliens abduct him from his exclusive country-club golf course. But were his gray-skinned captors aliens . . . or something far more sinister? After Banion is abducted again--this time in Palm Springs--he believes he has been chosen by the extraterrestrials to champion the most important cause of the millennium, and he embarks on a crusade, appearing before a convention of UFO believers and demanding that Congress and the White House seriously investigate UFOs. His friends and family suspect that Banion is having some kind of manic-depressive midlife crisis and urge him to seek therapy before his credibility as a pillar of the punditocracy is ruined. So John Oliver Banion must choose: keep his establishment status or become the leader of millions of impassioned and somewhat scruffy new friends who want to expose the government's secret alien agenda. *Little Green Men* proves once and for all that the truth is out there. Way out there. And it reaffirms Christopher Buckley's status as the funniest humanoid writer in the universe. Coming soon from Christopher Buckley: *One of Our Whales Is Missing*

The Unit Sep 28 2019 'I liked *The Unit* very much... I know you will be riveted, as I was.' Margaret Atwood 'Echoing work by Marge Piercy and Margaret Atwood, *The Unit* is as thought-provoking as it is compulsively readable.' Jessica Crispin, NPR.org Ninni Holmqvist's eerie dystopian novel envisions a society in the not-so-distant future where men and women deemed economically worthless are sent to a retirement community called the Unit. With lavish apartments set amongst beautiful gardens and state-of-the-art facilities, elaborate gourmet meals, and wonderful music and art, they are free of financial worries and want for nothing. It's an idyllic place, but there's a catch: the residents - known as dispensables - must donate their organs, one by one, until the final donation. When Dorrit Weger arrives at the Unit, she resigns herself to this fate, seeking only peace in her final days. But she soon falls in love, and this unexpected, improbable happiness throws the future into doubt. Clinical and haunting, *The Unit* is a modern-day classic and a spine-chilling cautionary tale about the value of human life.

Boomsday Jun 29 2022 Inciting a culture war when she suggests that baby boomers should be given government incentives to commit suicide, twenty-nine-year-old blogger and political malcontent Cassandra Devine catches the attention of an ambitious senator seeking the presidency, with whom she launches a campaign during which euthanasia is a forefront issue.

Pagan Babies Jul 07 2020 *Pagan Babies* is classic crime fiction from the master of suspense, New York Times bestselling author Elmore Leonard. Father Terry Dunn thought he'd seen everything on the mean streets of Detroit, but that was before he went on a little retreat to Rwanda to evade a tax-fraud indictment. Now the whiskey-drinking, Nine Inch Nails T-shirt-wearing padre is back trying to hustle up a score to help the little orphans of Rwanda. But the fund-raising gets complicated when a former tattletale cohort pops up on Terry's tail. And then there's the lovely Debbie Dewey. A freshly sprung ex-con turned stand-up comic, Debbie needs some fast cash, too, to settle an old score. Now they're in together for a bigger payoff than either could finagle alone. After all, it makes sense...unless Father Terry is working a con of his own.

Wry Martinis Nov 22 2021 A NEW YORK TIMES NOTABLE BOOK OF THE YEAR • "One of the best and surest political humorists in America."—Los Angeles Times In the most inebriating humor book of the year, the author of *Steaming to Bamboola* and *The White House Mess* goes straight for the funny bone with essays and mischief that includes such gems of gullibility as the pope's appearance on Oprah, O.J. Simpson's search for a new apartment, the true story behind *Whitewater*, and so much more. "Funny and devastating."—Entertainment Weekly "Clever, erudite, sophisticated, funny and flip. Buckley shows that his antennae are ever alert to the absurdities in our world."—Cleveland Plain Dealer

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Christopher Buckley: 2-Book Bundle Sep 20 2021 **BOOMSDAY: One of America's most hilarious novelists and bestselling author of *Thank You For Smoking* takes on the plight of aging Baby Boomers in this Swiftian comedy about generational warfare. *SUPREME COURTSHIP: The President of the United State, ticked off at the Senate for rejecting his nominees, decides to get even by nominating America's most popular TV judge to the supreme court. (I'm just using the two book descriptions for ease).***

Steaming to Bamboola Jan 13 2021 *The Columbianna*, an ancient tramp steamer with a notably eccentric crew, 200 layers of paint on her decks, a sailing history going back to 1945, and demons in her plumbing, was crossing the Atlantic for the umpteenth time--but on this occasion with a sharp-eyed observer, whose brilliant account brings to life the harshness, humor, and bizarreness of life on board. *Steaming to Bamboola* is a story of the author's time at sea. He tells first-hand about typhoons, cargoes, smuggling, mid-ocean burials, rescues, stowaways, hard places, hard drinking and hard romance. It is the tale of a ship and her crew, men fated to wander for a living--always steaming to, but never quite reaching, Bamboola. The was the first book by renowned author and humorist Christopher Buckley, which was originally published in 1982 to glowing reviews. Forty years and over a twenty books and hundreds of articles later, Buckley introduces *Columbianna* and her roguish crew to a new generation of readers.

A Hole in Texas Oct 10 2020 With this rollicking novel hailed equally for its satiric bite, its lightly borne scientific savvy, and its tender compassion for foible-prone humanity, one of America's preeminent storytellers returns to fiction. Guy Carpenter is a regular guy, a family man, an obscure NASA scientist, when he is jolted out of his quiet life and summoned to the corridors of power in Washington, D.C. Through a turn of events as unlikely as it is inevitable, Guy finds himself compromised by scandal and romance, hounded by Hollywood, and agonizingly alone at the white-hot center of a firestorm ignited as three potent forces of American culture -- politics, big science, and the media -- spectacularly collide.

Florence of Arabia Feb 23 2022 The bestselling author who made mincemeat of political correctness in *Thank You for Smoking*, conspiracy theories in *Little Green Men*, and Presidential indiscretions *No Way to Treat a First Lady* now takes on the hottest topic in the entire world--Arab-American relations--in a blistering comic novel sure to offend the few it doesn't delight. Appalled by the punishment of her rebellious friend Nazrah, youngest and most petulant wife of Prince Bawad of Wasabia, Florence Farfarletti decides to draw a line in the sand. As Deputy to the deputy assistant secretary for Near East Affairs, Florence invents a far-reaching, wide-ranging plan for female emancipation in that part of the world. The U.S. government, of course, tells her to forget it. Publicly, that is. Privately, she's enlisted in a top-secret mission to impose equal rights for the sexes on the small emirate of Matar (pronounced "Mutter"), the "Switzerland of the Persian Gulf." Her crack team: a CIA killer, a snappy PR man, and a brilliant but frustrated gay bureaucrat. Her weapon: TV shows. The lineup on TV Matar includes *A Thousand and One Mornings*, a daytime talk show that features self-defense tips to be used against boyfriends during Ramadan; an addictive soap opera featuring strangely familiar members of the Matar royal family; and a sitcom about an inept but ruthless squad of religious police, pitched as "Friends from Hell." The result: the first deadly car bombs in the country since 1936, a fatwa against the station's entire staff, a struggle for control of the kingdom, and, of course, interference from the French. And that's only the beginning. A merciless dismantling of both American ineptitude and Arabic intolerance, *Florence of Arabia* is Christopher Buckley's funniest and most serious novel yet, a biting

satire of how U.S. good intentions can cause the Shiite to hit the fan.

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Something Missing Jun 05 2020 "The story of an obsessive-compulsive housebreaker whose every waking moment is jam-packed with finicky clockwork ritual--the kind of intense micro-planning that might have made even Napoleon back off...Matthew Dicks has created an unforgettable character that will have you torn between wanting to throttle him--or adopt him." --Alan Bradley, author of the New York Times bestselling Flavia de Luce novels A career criminal with OCD tendencies and a savant-like genius for bringing order to his crime scenes, Martin considers himself one of the best. After all, he's been able to steal from the same people for years on end--virtually undetected. Of course, this could also be because of his unique business model--taking only items that will go unnoticed by the homeowner. After all, who would notice a missing roll of toilet paper here, a half-used bottle of maple syrup there, or even a rarely used piece of china buried deep within a dusty cabinet? Even though he's never met these homeowners, spending hours in their houses, looking through their photo albums and reading their journals, he feels like he knows them. So Martin decides to meddle more in their lives--playing the part of a rather odd guardian angel--even though it means breaking many of his neurotic rules. In this hilarious, suspenseful and often profound novel about a man used to planning every second of his life, Martin comes to realize that life is much better lived on the edge (at least some of the time).

God Is My Broker Aug 20 2021 This is an incredible story. The author, a failed, alcoholic Wall Street trader, had retreated to a monastery. It, too, was failing. Then, one fateful day, Brother Ty decided to let God be his broker--and not only saved the monastery but discovered the 7 1/2 Laws of Spiritual and Financial Growth. Brother Ty's remarkable success has been studied at the nation's leading business schools and scrutinized by Wall Street's greatest minds, but until now the secret to his 7 1/2 Laws of Spiritual and Financial Growth have been available only to a select few: • 87 percent of America's billionaires • 28 recent Academy Award winners • Over half the recipients of the Nobel Peace Prize • No members of the U.S. Congress Now, for the first time, Brother Ty reveals the secrets he has gleaned from the ancient texts of the monks, and tells how you can get God to be your broker. *God Is My Broker* is the first truly great self-help business novel. Open this book and open your heart. It will change your life.

The Judge Hunter Apr 15 2021 The latest comic novel from Christopher Buckley, in which a hapless Englishman embarks on a dangerous mission to the New World in pursuit of two judges who helped murder a king. London, 1664. Twenty years after the English revolution, the monarchy has been restored and Charles II sits on the throne. The men who conspired to kill his father are either dead or disappeared. Baltasar "Balty" St. Michel is twenty-four and has no skills and no employment. He gets by on handouts from his brother-in-law Samuel Pepys, an officer in the king's navy. Fed up with his needy relative, Pepys offers Balty a job in the New World. He is to track down two missing judges who were responsible for the execution of the last king, Charles I. When Balty's ship arrives in Boston, he finds a strange country filled with fundamentalist Puritans, saintly Quakers, warring tribes of Indians, and rogues of every stripe. Helped by a man named Huncks, an agent of the Crown with a mysterious past, Balty travels colonial America in search of the missing judges. Meanwhile, on the other side of the Atlantic, Samuel Pepys prepares for a war with the Dutch that fears England has no chance of winning. Christopher Buckley's enchanting new novel spins adventure, comedy, political intrigue, and romance against a historical backdrop with real-life characters like Charles II, John Winthrop, and Peter Stuyvesant. Buckley's wit is as sharp as ever as he takes readers to seventeenth-century London and New England. We visit the bawdy court of Charles II, Boston under the strict Puritan rule, and New Amsterdam back when Manhattan was a half-wild outpost on the edge of an unmapped continent. *The Judge Hunter* is a smart and swiftly plotted novel that transports readers to a new world.

But Enough About You Mar 27 2022 An irreverent selection of essays by the best-selling author of *Wry Martinis* traces his literary friendships, family experiences and travels in such entries as "How to Teach Your Four-Year-Old to Ski," "A Short History of the Bug Zapper" and "The Art of Sacking."

Spy: The Funny Years Nov 30 2019 Just in time for the 20th anniversary of *Spy*'s creation comes the definitive anthology, inside story, and scrapbook. *Spy: The Funny Years* will remind the magazine's million readers why they loved and depended on *Spy* and bring to a new generation the jewels of its reporting and writing, photography, illustration, design, and world-class mischief-making. It will demonstrate *Spy*'s singular niche in American magazine and cultural history. But it is also intended to be enjoyed on its own: one beautiful volume containing *Spy*'s funniest and most creative work, along with the ultimate insiders account of how it all came to be. All the best is here: Separated at Birth; Naked City; The Fine Print; Logrolling in Our Time; the Blurp-o-Mat; those hysterical (and now ubiquitous) charts; the inside stories on the New York Times and Hollywood by J.J. Hunsecker and Celia Brady; the covers; investigative features; and the hilarious stories on pretty much everyone who was anyone during the late 80s and early 90s. Not to mention the often grisly but always entertaining regular cast of characters from *Spy*'s pages -- the churlish dwarf billionaires; beaver-faced moguls; bull-whip-wielding uber-agents; knobby-kneed socialites; and, of course, short-fingered vulgarians. During its heyday, from 1986 through 1993, *Spy* broke important ground in journalism and design, defining smartness for its generation. It was a once-in-a-lifetime creation that shaped the zeitgeist and succeeded (for a while) against all odds. *Spy: The Funny Years* will be the fun, stylish, hilarious holiday gift of the year.

Washington Schlep Oct 22 2021 The father of our country slept with Martha, but schlepped in the District. Now in the great man's footsteps comes humorist and twenty-year Washington resident Christopher Buckley with the real story of the city's founding. Well, not really. We're just trying to get you to buy the book. But we can say with justification that there's never been a more enjoyable, funny, and informative tour guide to the city than Buckley. His delight as he points out things of interest is contagious, and his frequent digressions about his own adventures as a White House staffer are often hilarious. In *Washington Schlep*, Buckley takes us along for several walks around the town and shares with us a bit of his "other" Washington. They include "Dante's Paradiso" (Union Station); the "Zero Milestone of American democracy" (the U.S. Capitol); the "Almost Pink House" (the White House); and many other historical (and often hysterical) journeys. Buckley is the sort of wonderful guide who pries loose the abalone-like clichés that cling to a place as mythic as D.C. Wonderfully insightful and eminently practical, *Washington Schlep* Here shows us that even a city whose chief industry is government bureaucracy is a lot funnier and more surprising than its media-ready image might let on. From the Hardcover edition.

The Relic Master Aug 08 2020 Christopher Buckley's "hilarious, bawdy, and irreverent frolic of a tale" about a sixteenth-century relic hunter and the artist Albrecht Dürer who conspire to fabricate Christ's burial shroud reads "like Indiana Jones gone medieval" (USA TODAY). The year is 1517. Dismas is a relic hunter who procures "authentic" religious relics for wealthy and influential clients. His two most important patrons are Frederick the Wise and soon-to-be Cardinal Albrecht of Mainz. While Frederick is drawn to the recent writing of Martin Luther, Albrecht pursues the financial and political benefits of religion and seeks to buy a cardinalship through the selling of indulgences. When Albrecht's demands for grander relics increase, Dismas and his artist friend Dürer fabricate a shroud to sell to the unsuspecting noble. Unfortunately Dürer's reckless pride exposes the trickery, so Albrecht puts Dismas and Dürer in the custody of four mercenaries and sends them all to steal Christ's burial cloth (the Shroud of Chambéry), Europe's most celebrated artifact. On their journey to Savoy where the Shroud will be displayed, they battle a lustful count and are joined by a beautiful female apothecary. It is only when they reach their destination they realize they are not alone in their intentions to acquire a relic of dubious legitimacy. "A rollicking good time, Christopher Buckley has transported his signature wit and irreverence from the Beltway to sixteenth-century Europe in *The Relic Master*" (GQ). This epic quest, "as rascally and convivial as any that Mr. Buckley has written" (The Wall Street Journal), is filled with fascinating details about art, religion, politics, and science; Vatican intrigue; and Buckley's signature wit "holds the reader till the very last page" (The New York Times Book Review).

Butter May 05 2020 A riveting debut that combines the relentless immediacy of *Thirteen Reasons Why* with the can't-look-away drama of *TV*

shows like *Biggest Loser*. A lonely obese boy everyone calls "Butter" is about to make history. He is going to eat himself to death-live on the Internet-and everyone is invited to watch. When he first makes the announcement online to his classmates, Butter expects pity, insults, and possibly sheer indifference. What he gets are morbid cheerleaders rallying around his deadly plan. Yet as their dark encouragement grows, it begins to feel a lot like popularity. And that feels good. But what happens when Butter reaches his suicide deadline? Can he live with the fallout if he doesn't go through with his plans? With a deft hand, Erin Jade Lange allows readers to identify with both the bullies and the bullied in this all-consuming look at one teen's battle with himself. Acclaim for Butter An ABC New Voices Pick Abraham Lincoln Masterlist Nevada Young Readers Award nominee Iowa High School Book Award nominee Sakura Medal winner Waterstones Children's Book Prize nominee South Carolina Young Adult Book Award nominee Blue Hen Book Award nominee TAYSHAS List Teens' Top Ten Pick

Thank You for Smoking Nov 10 2020 Nobody blows smoke like Nick Naylor. He's a spokesman for the Academy of Tobacco Studies-in other words, a flack for cigarette companies, paid to promote their product on talk and news shows. The problem? He's so good at his job, so effortlessly unethical, that he's become a target for both anti-tobacco terrorists and for the FBI. In a country where half the people want to outlaw pleasure and the other want to sell you a disease, what will become of the original Puff Daddy?

Narcosis Jan 01 2020 After losing his mother at birth and being abandoned by his father, Lorenzo is taken to live with his aunt, who makes the decision to send him away to boarding school. There the little Lorenzo witnesses children being ill-treated and some mysterious murders. In an unexpected twist, Lorenzo's life takes a surprising turn when he receives a family inheritance. After spending his whole childhood in penury, the young Lorenzo receives an inheritance. However, he squanders his fortune and with what is left over he tries to become a policeman, intending to solve the mysterious murders he witnessed, find those responsible and bring them to justice. In this relentless quest, Lorenzo ends up finding the love of his life and follows his destiny to its very end. Translator: Philip Walker PUBLISHER: TEKTIME

Make Russia Great Again Mar 15 2021 Herb Nutterman, a long-time Trump Organization employee, unexpectedly becomes President Trump's White House chief of staff and finds himself entangled in Russian intrigue and leading the president's reelection campaign.

Get What's Yours Oct 29 2019 Helps those nearing retirement make the best decisions about their Social Security benefits by detailing techniques and options like "file and suspend" and "start stop start" to maximize their benefit income for a variety of different life situations.