

Living A Beautiful Life Alexandra Stoddard

Willa Cather said that O Pioneers! was her first authentic novel. "the first time I walked off on my own feet--everything before was half real and half an imitation of writers whom I admired." Cather's novel of life on the Nebraska frontier established her reputation as a writer of great note and marked a significant turning point in her artistic development. No longer would she let literary convention guide the form of her writing; the materials themselves would dictate the structure. Cather's O Pioneers! is the sentimental and somewhat controversial story of the Bergsons, a family of Swedish pioneers that settles for life on the American prairie. While Alexandra, the family matriarch, is able to turn the family farm into a financial success, her brother Emil must grapple with the solace and tragedy of forbidden love. A novel surprisingly ahead of its time, this protofeminist work touches on a wide range of enduring themes, including love, marriage, temptation, and isolation.

Violin prodigy Etta Spencer had big plans for her future, but a tragic accident has put her once-bright career at risk. Closely tied to her musical skill, however, is a mysterious power she doesn't even know she has. When her two talents collide during a stressful performance, Etta is drawn back hundreds of years through time. Etta wakes,confused and terrified, in 1776, in the midst a fierce sea battle. Nicholas Carter, the handsome young prize master of a privateering ship, has been hired to retrieve Etta and deliver her unharmed to the Ironwoods, a powerful family in the Colonies—the very same one that orchestrated her jump back, and one Nicholas himself has mysteries ties to. But discovering she can time travel is nothing compared to the shock of discovering the true reason the Ironwoods have snared her in their web. Another traveler has stolen an object of untold value from them, and, if Etta can find it, they will return her to her own time. Out of options, Etta and Nicholas embark on a perilous journey across centuries and continents, piecing together clues left behind by the mysterious traveler. But as they draw closer to each other and the end of their search, the true nature of the object, and the dangerous game the Ironwoods are playing, comes to light—threatening to separate her not only from Nicholas, but her path home... forever.

In Queen Alexandra's Birdwing, young readers will meet the world's largest butterfly found exclusively in the tropical forests of Papua New Guinea. Bright, colorful photographs closely paired with age-appropriate text will engage children as they learn about this unique butterfly's natural habitat, physical characteristics, diet, life cycle, and behavior. Queen Alexandra's Birdwing includes such useful and fun learning features as a detailed diagram that compares the animal's super size to something familiar in kids' own lives.

Eating. Sleeping. Bathing. Chores. These are the things we do every day, yet few of us stop to consider how we perform the routines that occupy 95 percent of our lives: in chaos or serenity, with irritation or with joy. Here, in one elegant, copious and forever rereadable book, Alexandra Stoddard shows how to live a more beautiful, more ordered life, every single day. Drawing on the wisdom of Emerson, Samuel Johnson, Rilke and many others and warmed by Alexandra Stoddard's personal anecdotes, this book deals with life both philosophically and practically -- from discovering the sources of your well-being to buying the right stationery or sheets; from using solitude to replenish your spirit to using fabrics, ribbon, paper and your own five senses to transform your daily life. Living a Beautiful Life demonstrates how to use the ordinary in extraordinary ways, suggesting hundreds of techniques for turning dull, irritating routines into life-enhancing rituals; hundreds of simple ways to transform your days -- or your bedroom, kitchen, bathroom and desk -- into delights of beauty and efficiency. There's a marvelous trick for locating the perfect psychological spot for your bed, a quick way to use "remembrance of things past" to choose color schemes that suit you, suggestions for how to turn a fifteen-minute lunch break into a restorative experience. And throughout, Alexandra Stoddard shows how taking care of "the little things" can ultimately add up to a change in the big things. Most of all, Living a Beautiful Life reveals how a beautiful life can be achieved; how daily motions become truly satisfying patterns of pleasure; and how these patterns of pleasure can add up to a lifelived deeply and well, transforming even the most cluttered and hectic existence.

Edward and Alexandra

Living in Love

Daring to Be Yourself

Very Cold People

Born in Blood

Queen Alexandra's Birdwing

Alexandra Stoddard, world famous interior decorator, author and lecturer, originally opened the eyes of millions to the beauty and grace of simplicity in her phenomenal bestseller Living a Beautiful Life and the books that followed. Now, in Making Choices, she teaches us to widen our horizons by helping us feel the pleasure, satifaction, and joy of creative decision making and self-reliance and to discover our inner being, our own destiny, the lifestyle that is ours, and the art of living in the light of self-expression and fulfillment.

Most decorating books omit the most important element of the home: you. Does your home reflect who you really are? Feeling at Home focuses on this most essential aspect of decorating: creating a home that is truly your emotional center. Every room and object should answer your needs and make you feel more human and whole. Alexandra Stoddard gently leads us through a process of self-attunement and self-expression in which we discover not only our practical needs, but also our yearnings--perhaps a sunny spot for reading; a colorful nook for ironing; an inviting place for paperwork. She urges us to question the rules and to never "pre-compromise" by talking ourselves out of our true desires. With imaginative and practical examples from her personal and professional life, she helps us discover countless ways to express ourselves at home and instantly feel comfort, pleasure, and ease. Why settle for merely being "in" our homes when we can be "at home?" Feeling at Home puts us on the path to home as we've always dreamed it could be.

Pursuing happiness sounds easy, but with so many demands on our time and resources, it can be a challenge. So, how do we find happiness in a relationship—when there are two people who want and deserve to be happy? Help is here, from a beloved (and blissfully married) lifestyle philosopher whose books and lectures on personal contentment have helped millions and whose popular Happiness Weekends are filled with dating singles, newlyweds, and long-married couples. In brief, readable essays rich in wisdom, practical strategies, and humor, Alexandra Stoddard shows how two people can be happy together, not at each other's expense. Alexandra's essays help couples make personal happiness a priority ("Encourage each other to do something every day that will boost happiness"), connect in simple, powerful ways ("Give the gift of eye contact"), share decisions ("A home has no boss"), set family priorities ("Don't let children control you"), expand your horizons ("Encourage adventure"), be grateful for each other ("Treat each encounter as though it could be your last"), and have fun ("Live a little!"). Perfect for couples to read alone or together, Happiness for Two brims with useful ideas to help us "love and live happy."

Throughout her life, Alexandra Stoddard has sought inspiration from writers, poets, and people she has met. In Grace Notes, she shares this wisdom and her own learnings, beautifully captured in brief, motivating observations, in 365 daily meditations of warmth, affirmation, encouragement, and optimism. Season by season, day by day, you'll explore different themes: joy, love, loss, risk, courage, wholeness, growth, play, and success. In addition to offering inspirational quotes from many cultures and two "grace notes," each page provides space to write down your own sacred inspirations. With courage and confidence, Grace Notes takes you on a spiritual journey every day of your life—and whenever you feel the need to be transported to serenity and grace.

Choosing Happiness

75 Secrets for Finding More Joy Together

Creating a Beautiful Home

The Life of Alexander Hardcastle and the Greek Temples of Agrigento

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Making Choices

Alexandra Stoddard, internationally celebrated interior designer and bestselling author of the groundbreaking Living a Beautiful Life, has guided people from all walks of life in their quest for creating a home of beauty and grace. Now, in Daring to Be Yourself, this world famous decorator helps you reach new plateaus of immagination, creativity, and personal style. Once you have opened the doors to self-expression, you will enter a boundless new world of beauty, harmony, and indivuality in your home and in the way you dress, entertain, and travel that will become uniquely your own.

For nearly forty years and in numerous books, Alexandra Stoddard has shared her keen eye for design and sure sense of style. Now this renowned decorator and lifestyle philosopher teaches you hoe to see with the expertise and clarity of professional designers. First, Alexandra helps you become more attuned to your surroundings-as you set a table, straighten out a linen closet, stroll through a garden, or browse in a thrift shop. Then, through personal anecdotes; examples from masters; a rich array of ideas, tips, and techniques, she reveals hundreds of ways to see and solve problems or proportion, pattern, color, and composition. Her simple suggestions-whether it's changing a lampshade, rearranging treasured objects on a table, or moving a chair-will yield dramatic results. Filled with practical solutions offered with warmth and encouragement , Open Your Eyes helps make each day a visual feats as it deepens your understanding not only of what makes something beautiful but what makes something beautiful to you.

With the publication of Living A Beautiful Life, Alexandra Stoddard originated the idea of creating an atmosphere of beauty and tranquility with simple touches that turn the ordinary into the extraordinary. As a world-famous interior decorator, she has worked her magic on interiors large and small, from mansions and embassies to cottages and studio apartments. Through her writing and lectures, she has encouraged millions to brighten their lives and their homes by turning mundane tasks into small pleasurable rituals that add beauty and joy to everything they do. Alexandra Stoddard's secrets of Living A Beautiful Life are yours. With the publication of Living A Beautiful Life, Alexandra Stoddard originated the idea of creating an atmosphere of beauty and tranquillity with simple touches that turn the ordinary into the extraordinary. As a world-famous interior decorator, she has worked her madic on interiors large and small, from mansions and embassies to cottages and studio apartments. Though her writing and lectures, she has encouraged millions to brighten their lives and their homes by turning mundane tasks into small pleasurable rituals that add beauty and joy to everything they do. Alexandra Stoddard's secrets of Living A Beautiful Life are yours.

Alexandra Stoddard has brought beauty and grace to the lives of millions all over the world through her many books, including the phenomenal betseller, Living a Beautiful Life. In Creating a Beautiful Home, Alexandra Stoddard generously shares her professional secrets as an interior designer as well as her personal experiences in renovating and decorating her own 1775 home in Connecticut. Once again, her original and imaginative ideas for every room in the house will inform and inspire you on your own exciting journey of discovery as you transform your living space into a warm and welcoming oasis of harmony, beauty, and joy.

The Timelessness of Simple Truths

Something New Under the Sun

A Novel

Happiness for Two

The Overachievers

Cocktail Hour Under the Tree of Forgetfulness

Feel Satisfied with Who and Where You Are In a world of comparison and discontent, it can feel impossible to be happy with life as we know it. Other people seem to have it all together, to be finding success, to be having more fun. But we weren't meant for a life characterized by dissatisfaction. In this entertaining and relatable book, Alexandra Kuykendall chronicles her nine-month experimt to rekindle her love of her ordinary "actual" life. After wiping her calendar as clean as a mother of four can, Kuykendall focuses on one aspect of her life each month, searching for ways to more fully enjoy her current season. By intentionally adding one thing each month that will make her jump for joy, she provides a practical challenge women can easily replicate. With humor, poignancy, and plenty of personal stories, Kuykendall weaves together spiritual themes and practical application into a holy self-awareness, showing women how a few small changes in their routines can improve their enjoyment of this crazy-busy life. Endorsement "If you ever get the chance to read anything written by Alexandra Kuykendall, take it. She is a gentle, trustworthy storyteller who lives the words she writes about."-Emily P. Freeman, author of Simply Tuesday

Here is a desk calendar designed to be both practical and inspirational. It is beautifully designed, with striped endpapers, four-color layout, and line illustrations throughout. The calendar may be purchased at any time of the year and started on the date of possession. The dates and years are filled in by the user. Full color throughout.

The bestselling author of Pledged returns with a groundbreaking look at the pressure to achieve faced by America's teens In Pledged, Alexandra Robbins followed four college girls to produce a riveting narrative that read like fiction. Now, in The Overachievers, Robbins uses the same captivating style to explore how our high-stakes educational culture has spiraled out of control. During the year of her ten-year reunion, Robbins goes back to her high school, where she follows heart-tuggingly likeable students including "AP" Frank, who grapples with horrifying parental pressure to succeed; Audrey, whose panicked perfectionism overshadows her life; Sam, who worries his years of overachieving will be wasted if he doesn't attend a name-brand college; Taylor, whose ambition threatens her popular girl status; and The Stealth Overachiever, a mystery junior who flies under the radar. Robbins tackles teen issues such as intense stress, the student and teacher cheating epidemic, sports rage, parental guilt, the black market for study drugs, and a college admissions process so cutthroat that students are driven to suicide and depression because of a B. With a compelling mix of fast-paced narrative and fascinating investigative journalism, The Overachievers aims both to calm the admissions frenzy and to expose its escalating dangers.

Describes how couples can bring beauty, order, and elegance to their lives together through self-nurturing and knowing how to share a home in peace and harmony

Their Private and Public Lives

1,000 Simple Ways To Bring Beauty Into Your Home And Life Each Day

Passionate Patron

Celebrate Your Life Every Day

Open Your Eyes

O Pioneers!

Based on her more than thirty years as a noted thinker and speaker on personal contentment, Alexandra Stoddard shares what she has learned about the small but significant changes you can make to be happier day by day. A fun first step: quickly write down ten words that define who you are—perhaps beaches, family, food, home—and what else? This and dozens of other inventive ideas will help you pursue happiness wisely and well. In challenging times, it is easy to question whether happiness is a choice. Alexandra Stoddard affirms that not only is it possible to choose happiness but that happiness is the best choice we can make. It is the "first principle" of life that unites humankind because it is what we all desire. Happiness lies in the passions we pursue and in the pressures we decline. It is in knowing how to work and when to play. It is in the treasured objects we keep nearby and in the ordinary moments we elevate into small celebrations. It is in the note we write to a friend and the kindness we show a stranger. Happiness is what you make it, where you make it. Happiness is our best choice.

“ Fuller brings Africa to life, both its natural splendor and the harsher realities of day-to-day existence, and sheds light on her parents in all their humanness—not a glaring sort of light, but the soft equatorial kind she so beautifully describes in this memoir. ” —Bookpage A story of survival and war, love and madness, loyalty and forgiveness, Cocktail Hour Under the Tree of Forgetfulness is an intimate exploration of Fuller ’ s parents, whom readers first met in Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight, and of the price of being possessed by Africa ’ s uncompromising, fertile, death-dealing land. We follow Tim and Nicola Fuller hopscoching the continent, restlessly trying to establish a home. War, hardship, and tragedy follow the family even as Nicola fights to hold on to her children, her land, her sanity. But just when it seems that Nicola has been broken by the continent she loves, it is the African earth that revives and nurtures her. Cocktail Hour Under the Tree of Forgetfulness is Fuller at her very best. Alexandra Fuller is the author of several memoirs: Travel Light, Move Fast, Leaving Before the Rains Come and Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight.

In The Shared Wisdom of Mothers and Daughters, the inspirational follow up to the beloved Things I Want My Daughters to Know, lifestyle philosopher Alexandra Stoddard reflects on the lessons she ’ s learned from her own daughters and offers more words of wisdom in return. As a mother and grandmother, Stoddard shares some of the most enlightening conversations she ’ s had with other women and their daughters. Filled with enduring and heartfelt stories, Stoddard ’ s The Shared Wisdom of Mothers and Daughters delivers lessons about love and happiness that have been shared and learned by countless generations of mothers and their daughters.

Alexandra Stoddard ’ s The Shared Wisdom of Mothers and Daughters: The Timelessness of Simple Truths is a beautiful keepsake that celebrates the deep connections between mothers and daughters.

With her 25th book, lifestyle philosopher Alexandra Stoddard offers simple steps for taking charge of your life—your way. In brief essays filled with useful examples and optimism, she reveals 50 choices you can make to live joyfully in pursuit of what is true, good, and beautiful. As a pioneering writer and lecturer on personal happiness for the past twenty years, Alexandra has inspired millions to break the "rules" and pursue fulfillment. Now, as scientists have begun to discover the benefits of living a happy life, Alexandra provides practical ways to live happily every day. She puts us in charge of our choices, reminding us that we always have a choice about what we think, feel, and do. When we are true to ourselves, we can fly above stress and conflict, contented and confident that we are the right path. Featuring essays that help us trust ourselves ("Intuition is your guiding light"), stay steady in a storm ("Your choices count most in a crisis"), embrace the new ("Accept opportunity"), address unfinished business ("Have as few regrets as possible"), surround ourselves with delights ("Redefine what is beautiful"), and remember to have fun ("Cheap thrills are thrilling"). Every choice you make is an opportunity to delight in life. You Are Your Choices offers insight and companionship each step of the way.

Keys to a Joyful Life

Passenger

50 Ways to Live a Good Life

Living a Beautiful Life

So This Is the End

Feeling at Home

To rescue their daughter, a powerful psychic reunites with the man she abandoned in this paranormal romance from a New York Times—bestselling author. The Sentinel assassin, Bas, is facing the greatest challenge of his outcast existence. His young daughter, Molly, has been kidnapped. But her disappearance has brought the return of her mother, Myst,

whom Bas has never forgotten—or forgiven. Haunted by a vision that she's destined to create a weapon that will destroy thousands, Myst was never impulsive—until she met the irresistibly handsome Bas. But with the Brotherhood, the enemy of the high-bloods hunting for her, Myst had to stay on the run, to keep her child, and the world, safe. Now, with the most important thing in both their lives at stake, she and Bas must embark on a treacherous journey to save Molly, to confront the truth of Myst's fate—and to face their fierce desire for one another. Praise for *Born in Blood* “ Ivy's fans will be invested in the development of romances introduced between supporting characters as well as further building of this conflicted universe.” —Publishers Weekly “ An exciting and sizzling new paranormal romance series.” —RT Book Reviews

From moonlight dancing to sunrise swimming, this book explores the sensuous stories of love experienced by one woman during her twenty-three-year marriage while discussing how she has dealt with the occasional trials and tribulations within the relationship.

What happens when you find your soulmate, but you only have one day to live? Perfect for fans of Jojo Moyes’ *Me Before You* and Jill Santopolo’s *The Light We Lost*, comes a powerful romance What if doctors could revive you from death—and give you an extra 24 hours of life? One more day. One more chance to tell your family how much you love them.

One more chance to say goodbye to friends, listen to your favorite song, throw an epic party, feel the grass beneath your feet, or watch the sunset. How would you spend your time? So *This Is The End* follows Nora Hamilton as she navigates her final 24 hours. She’s determined to do something meaningful and make every moment count. Enter: Renzo. Ren, for short. Strong, compassionate, unfairly attractive, with a face that makes Nora’s stomach explode into stars. Their connection is immediate, with white-hot intensity. Nora is wracked with bittersweet joy and confusion as she realizes, “ I’ve finally met the love of my life... on the last day of my life.” Should she tell Ren the truth about her condition—tell him she doesn’t have much time left? How will he react? Is it unethical to allow yourself to fall in love with someone when there’s no possibility of a future together? Or is love a precious gift, no matter how long it lasts, even if it’s just for one day? What happens next is a story about taking chances, making your own rules, and the power of living like there’s no tomorrow. A moving romantic drama: Early readers call *So This Is The End* “a breath of fresh air,” “moving and beautiful,” “an amazing wake-up call,” a book you’ll be “unable to put down,” with a story that makes you “fall in love the instant you start reading.”

In today's fast-paced world, as we juggle family responsibilities, jobs, and social obligations, we seem to be missing out on what we fundamentally crave: a calmer, gentler, sweeter, and more gracious life. In *Gracious Living in a New World*, Alexandra Stoddard offers a rich assortment of ideas for achieving a gracious lifestyle. As a busy professional and dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother who revels in the energy of the city and basks in the tranquility of the village, Alexandra is uniquely poised to help us smooth the frayed edges of our lives. Positive and practical, her path toward gracious living does not require money or "extra hands" around the house. When we give ourselves and others positive time and space, our life expands to gracious proportions: "We are surrounded by opportunities for living with grace—our own hands and our own hearts are all the tools we'll ever need."

Alexandra Stoddard's Book of Color

Gift of a Letter

Alexandra Stoddard's Book of Days

Embrace the Darkness

The Shared Wisdom of Mothers and Daughters

The Life of a Child

In seven sections representing essential domains of life—Time, Home, Style, Enthusiasm, Caring, Purpose, and Spirit—Alexandra Stoddard shows us how to celebrate every moment of life. This treasury of brief essays is chock-full of the wise ideas, personal anecdotes, and practical strategies that have inspired millions of her readers and audiences to live more beautifully and meaningfully every day. She helps readers form their own personal philosophy for living as well as discover specific, small actions that build tranquil time into the most hectic day, add lightness and energy when needed most, elevate a passing moment into a vivid memory. She encourages readers to “take stock, and rethink everything. We need to make the connection between how we spend our time and how well we live our lives.” With each essay offering a memorable mindset for living, Alexandra's observations are searching (“What is your deepest desire?”), surprising (“Lower your standards”), encouraging (“You have 8,766 hours a year to act wisely”), and whimsical (“You've gotta have a look”) and are certain to spur readers to new levels of insight and joy.

Sergeant Duncan O'Connor finds himself drawn to diviner Callie Brown, who can see the last moments of murder victims, as they work together to find the powerful necromancer responsible for ripping out an exotic dancer’s heart.

From Alexandra Stoddard - beloved lifestyle philosopher, mother, and author of *Choosing Happiness*, a small book of wisdom about the big questions of life, perfect for new graduates, new mothers, and as a treasured gift from woman to woman. Alexandra Stoddard, a mother, grandmother, and author of more than 25 books on personal fulfilment, shares a series of succinctly – stated principles worth living by. Each statement is fleshed out in a few brief, useful paragraphs. By turns wise (“Pain is inevitable; suffering is a choice”), controversial (“Don't feel guilty about your feelings toward your parents, stepparents, or in–laws”), affirming (“You don't have to prove anything to anyone”), and humorous (“When you discover something you love, stock up”), these short pieces cut to the essence of what’s important and are oases of clarity amid life’s chaos.

Lacey Yeager is young, captivating, and ambitious enough to take the NYC art world by storm. Groomed at Sotheby’s and hungry to keep climbing the social and career ladders put before her, Lacey charms men and women, old and young, rich and even richer with her magnetic charisma and liveliness. Her ascension to the highest tiers of the city parallel the soaring heights--and, at times, the dark lows--of the art world and the country from the late 1990s through today.

Loving My Actual Life

A Small Book About the Big Issues in Life

The World's Largest Butterfly

Things I Want My Daughters to Know

Finding Joy in Changing Times

Time Alive

An elegant vampire goes to hell and back for the demon he loves in this paranormal romance by the New York Times bestselling author of *When Darkness Comes*. Lady Shay is the last of her kind. Half human, half Shalott demon, her blood has healing and aphrodisiac powers that vampires consider more precious than gold. Though Shalotts are renowned assassins, a curse held over Shay lands her on an auction block, where she catches the eye of a Vampire named Viper. The beguiling chief of a deadly vampire clan, Viper can't explain his longing to possess the beautiful Shalott who once saved his life. He desires both her blood and body, but even when she is his, he wants above all for her to surrender willingly. But a hidden evil continues to stalk Shay—one that endangers the very existence of Viper’s kind. But the love he feels for her is enough to make him go to hell and back if it means spending an eternity with her in his arms.

A celebration of the letter as a form of art and a means of communication evaluates different types of paper and the proper occasions for each and examines the epistles of history's great letter-writers

The masterly debut novel from “ an exquisitely astute writer ” (*The Boston Globe*), about growing up in—and out of—the suffocating constraints of small-town America. “ Compact and beautiful . . . This novel bordering on a novella punches above its weight. ” —*The New York Times* “ Very Cold People reminded me of *My Brilliant Friend*. ” —*The New Yorker* ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR: *The New Yorker*, NPR, Los Angeles Times, *The Guardian*, *Good Housekeeping* “ My parents didn’t belong in Waitsfield, but they moved there anyway. ” For Ruthie, the frozen town of Waitsfield, Massachusetts, is all she has ever known. Once home to the country’s oldest and most illustrious families—the Cabots, the Lowells: the “ first, best people ”—by the tail end of the twentieth century, it is an unforgiving place awash with secrets. Forged in this frigid landscape Ruthie has been dogged by feelings of inadequacy her whole life. Hers is no picturesque New England childhood but one of swap meets and factory seconds and powdered milk. Shame blankets her like the thick snow that regularly buries nearly everything in Waitsfield. As she grows older, Ruthie slowly learns how the town’s prim facade conceals a deeper, darker history, and how silence often masks a legacy of harm—from the violence that runs down the family line to the horrors endured by her high school friends, each suffering a fate worse than the last. For Ruthie, Waitsfield is a place to be survived, and a girl like her would be lucky to get out alive. In her eagerly anticipated debut novel, Sarah Manguso has written, with characteristic precision, a masterwork on growing up in—and out of—the suffocating constraints of a very old, and very cold, small town. At once an ungilded portrait of girlhood at the crossroads of history and social class as well as a vital confrontation with an all-American whiteness where the ice of emotional restraint meets the embers of smoldering rage, *Very Cold People* is a haunted jewel of a novel from one of our most virtuosic literary writers.

PURA BELPRÉ HONOR BOOK ALA NOTABLE BOOK “ An important, must-have addition to the growing body of literature with immigrant themes. ” —*School Library Journal* (starred review) Twelve-year-old Jaime makes the treacherous and life-changing journey from his home in Guatemala to live with his older brother in the United States in this “ powerful and timely ” (*Booklist*, starred review) middle grade novel. Jaime is sitting on his bed drawing when he hears a scream. Instantly, he knows: Miguel, his cousin and best friend, is dead. Everyone in Jaime’s small town in Guatemala knows someone who has been killed by the Alphas, a powerful gang that’s known for violence and drug trafficking. Anyone who refuses to work for them is hurt or killed—like Miguel. With Miguel gone, Jaime fears that he is next. There’s only one choice: accompanied by his cousin Ángela, Jaime must flee his home to live with his older brother in New Mexico. Inspired by true events, *The Only Road* is an individual story of a boy who feels that leaving his home and risking everything is his only chance for a better life. The story is “ told with heartbreaking honesty, ” *Booklist* raved, and “ will bring readers face to face with the harsh realities immigrants go through in the hope of finding a better, safer life, and it will likely cause them to reflect on what it means to be human. ”

The Secret Lives of Driven Kids

Living Beautifully Toget

An Experiment in Relishing What's Right in Front of Me

Blood Lust

You Are Your Choices

Living a beautiful life

'This book is the labour of years of research and scholarship. In Alexandra Richardson's book, the personality of Alexander Hardcastle comes to life in all its many facets. Her detailed account of the history of Agrigento is historically correct and written in a fluid style. Her descriptions of Sicily are accurate and lyrical, her cameos of Sicilians witty and a pleasure to read. Richardson's rigorous research describes his painful and determined iter from London to Girgenti, his stubborness and his resilience.' - Simonetta Agnello Hornby, 'The Almond Picker'

Fresh, original, enlivening -- Alexandra Stoddard's *Book of Color* will reawaken your senses and enable you to bring more color into your home, your office, your life.

A father’s moving memoir of cystic fibrosis “ captures a brave child’s legacy as well as the continuing fight against the genetic disease ” (*The New York Times*). In 1971 a girl named Alex was born with cystic fibrosis, a degenerative genetic lung disease. Although health-care innovations have improved the life span of CF patients tremendously over the last four decades, the illness remains fatal. Given only two years to live by her doctors, the imaginative, excitable, and curious little girl battled through painful and frustrating physical-therapy sessions twice daily, as well as regular hospitalizations, bringing joy to the lives of everyone she touched. Despite her setbacks, brave Alex was determined to live life like a typical girl—going to school, playing with her friends, traveling with her family. Ultimately, however, she succumbed to the disease in 1980 at the age of eight. Award-winning author Frank Deford, celebrated primarily as a sportswriter, was also a budding novelist and biographer at the time of his daughter’s birth. Deford kept a journal of Alex’s courageous stand against the disease, documenting his family’s struggle to cope with and celebrate the daily fight she faced. This book is the result of that journal. Alex relives the events of those eight years: moments as heartwarming as when Alex recorded herself saying “ I love you ” so her brother could listen to her whenever he wanted, and as heartrending as the young girl’s tragic, dawning realization of her own very tenuous mortality, and her parents’ difficulty in trying to explain why. Though Alex is a sad story, it is also one of hope; her greatest wish was that someday a cure would be found. Deford has written a phenomenal memoir about an extraordinary little girl.

NEW YORK TIMES EDITORS’ CHOICE • A novelist discovers the dark side of Hollywood and reckons with ambition, corruption, and environmental collapse in “ a darkly satirical reflection of ecological reality ” (*Time*) LONGLISTED FOR THE JOYCE CAROL OATES PRIZE • ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR: *The New York Times* Book Review, *Time*, Los Angeles Times, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Vulture*, *Thrillist*, *Literary Hub* “ An urgent novel about our very near future, and a deeply addictive pleasure. ” —Katie Kitamura, author of *Intimacies* Novelist Patrick Hamlin has come to Los Angeles to oversee the film adaptation of one of his books and try to impress his wife and daughter back home with this last-ditch attempt at professional success. But California is not as he imagined. Drought, wildfire, and corporate corruption are everywhere, and the company behind a mysterious new brand of synthetic water seems to be at the root of it all. Patrick finds an unlikely partner in Cassidy Carter—the cynical starlet of his film—and the two investigate the sun-scorched city, where they discover the darker side of all that glitters in Hollywood. *Something New Under the Sun* is an unmissable novel for our present moment—a bold exploration of environmental catastrophe in the age of alternative facts, and “ a ghost story not of the past but of the near future ” (*The New York Times*).

A Love Story

Grace Notes

Travel Light, Move Fast

Five Hundred Ways to Add Elegance, Order, Beauty, and Joy to Every Day of Your Life

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Defining Who You Are and How You Want to Live

Offers more than 500 techniques for transforming the way we spend 95% of our lives: eating, sleeping, working, doing everyday tasks. 46 black and white photos.

From bestselling author Alexandra Fuller, the utterly original story of her father, Tim Fuller, and a deeply felt tribute to a life well lived Six months before he died in Budapest, Tim Fuller turned to his daughter: “ Let me tell you the secret to life right now, in case I suddenly give up the ghost.” Then he lit his pipe and stroked his dog Harry’s head. Harry put his paw on Dad’s lap and they sat there, the two of them, one man and his dog, keepers to the secret of life. “ Well?” she said. “ Nothing comes to mind, quite honestly, Bobo,” he said, with some surprise. “ Now that I think about it, maybe there isn’t a secret to life. It’s just what it is, right under your nose. What do you think, Harry?” Harry gave Dad a look of utter agreement. He was a very superior dog. “ Well, there you have it,.” Dad said. After her father’s sudden death, Alexandra Fuller realizes that if she is going to weather his loss, she will need to become the parts of him she misses most. So begins *Travel Light, Move Fast*, the unforgettable story of Tim Fuller, a self-exiled black sheep who moved to Africa to fight in the Rhodesian Bush War before settling as a banana farmer in Zambia. A man who preferred chaos to predictability, to revel in promise rather than wallow in regret, and who was more afraid of becoming bored than of getting lost, he taught his daughters to live as if everything needed to happen all together, all at once—or not at all. Now, in the wake of his death, Fuller internalizes his lessons with clear eyes and celebrates a man who swallowed life whole. A master of time and memory, Fuller moves seamlessly between the days and months following her father’s death, as she and her mother return to his farm with his ashes and contend with his overwhelming absence, and her childhood spent running after him in southern and central Africa. Writing with reverent irreverence of the rollicking grand misadventures of her mother and father, bursting with pandemonium and tragedy, Fuller takes their insatiable appetite for life to heart. Here, in Fuller’s Africa, is a story of joy, resilience, and vitality, from one of our finest writers.

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