

Sheets Collection Bedtime Stories Penthouse

Imagine a world with no limits, one in which your wildest fantasies can, and do, come true. That's exactly what the readers of Penthouse have done in this collection of pulse-quickening letters. From sensual daydreams about hot coworkers to lusty fantasies of swashbuckling lotharios to couples' racy role-playing, Penthouse readers prove that there is no end to their erotic imagination.

Once a worker for an idealistic aid group, a disillusioned Moises Froissard now spends his life seeking the world's most beautiful men, women, and children from among the illegal immigrants, refugees, and dispossessed for Club Olympus, an exclusive international sex club, in a compelling novel about the international sex trade. Reprint. 10,000 first printing.

From the bestselling author of In Her Shoes, All Fall Down and the forthcoming novel Who Do You Love, Good in Bed is a funny and tender story full of heart. Cannie Shapiro never wanted to be famous. The smart, sharp, plus-sized reporter was perfectly happy writing about other people's lives for her local newspaper. And for the past twenty-eight years, things have been tripping along nicely for Cannie. Sure, her mother has come charging out of the closet, and her father has long since dropped out of her world. But she loves her job, her friends, her dog and her life. She loves her apartment and her commodious, quilt-lined bed. She has made a tenuous peace with her body and she even felt okay about ending her relationship with her boyfriend Bruce. But now this... 'Loving a larger woman is an act of courage in our world,' Bruce has written in a national woman's magazine. And Cannie - who never knew that Bruce saw her as a larger woman, or thought that loving her was an act of courage - is plunged into misery, and the most amazing year of her life.

Humiliated to discover that her ex-boyfriend has been chronicling their sex life in a series of articles called "Loving a Larger Woman" in a popular women's magazine, journalist Cannie Shapiro embarks on an adventure-filled odyssey as she confronts her losses, makes peace with the past, and comes to terms with herself

A Book of Ghosts

The 5AM Club

Wanting

One Woman's Search for Everything Across Italy, India and Indonesia

Good in Bed (20th Anniversary Edition)

Penthouse Variations on Kink

"A razor-sharp darkly funny, and deeply human rendering of a future that's nearly upon us. Michael and Wendy Mixner are a Brooklyn-based couple whose marriage is failing in the wake of their daughter's stillbirth. Michael, a Wall Street trader, has secretly lost the couple's life savings. Wendy, a digital marketing strategist, has been hired onto a data-mining project of epic scale, whose mysterious creator has ambitions to reshape America's social and political landscapes. When Michael's best friend is murdered, the evidence leads back to Wendy's client, setting off a dangerous chain of events that will profoundly change the couple-and the country. An endlessly twisty novel of big ideas, Sensation Machines is a brilliantly observed human drama that grapples with greed, automation, universal basic income, revolutionary desires, and a broken justice system. Adam Wilson implicates not only the powerbrokers gaming the system and getting rich at the intersection of Wall Street, Madison Avenue, Silicon Valley, and Capitol Hill, but all of us: each one of us playing our parts, however willingly or unwillingly, in the vast systems that define and control our lives"--

Vito Ricci faces the world with the idea that an honest man's labor cannot give him the good life. Determined to fulfill his quest for wealth and power, he becomes a "made man" in the Frazelli Crime Family and part of the drug underworld in his hometown in Italy. He is encouraged to expand the operation into America and settles in the big city of New York. There he is eventually made a mob boss by the heads of New York's Mafia families and given the right to run his own family as he sees fit and of course maintain control of the cocaine trade. Vito uses his new found drug money to purchase a luxurious condo skyscraper in Manhattan and crowns himself in the penthouse suite. Vito is now living the good life, but just when things can't get any better, his world receives a rude awakening by both law enforcement and his enemies. Vito knows about law enforcement, but he doesn't expect his enemies to be none other than the other wise guys who are not only part of his crime family, but live with him in the skyscraper as well.

Is it any wonder that the world's number-one writers of erotic fiction have found a home in the world's number-one magazine of erotic entertainment? Now, from the pages of Penthouse, come thirty torrid tales that give new meaning to the words bedtime stories. From the lingerie dressing room that's all about stripping down to the babysitter who picks up a little extra something from the lady of the house, from the woman who holds an entire room in thrall with a single stick of peppermint candy to the indecent encounter between strangers on a London double-decker bus, these are stories that will ignite your imagination and put the sizzle back...

Traces the author's decision to quit her job and travel the world for a year after suffering a midlife crisis and divorce, an endeavor that took her to three places in her quest to explore her own nature, experience fulfillment and learn the art of spiritual balance. (Biography & autobiography). Reissue. A best-selling book. Movie tie-in.

Baring Gould Bestseller Book A Book of Ghosts

Something Borrowed

The Mysterious Life of Huguette Clark and the Spending of a Great American Fortune

The Moonstone

How You Can Negotiate to Succeed in Work and Life

Letters to Penthouse XII

This daily digest of intellectual challenge and learning will arouse curiosity, refresh knowledge, expand horizons, and keep the mind sharp Millions of Americans keep bedside books of prayer and meditative reflection—collections of daily passages to stimulate spiritual thought and advancement. The Intellectual Devotional is a secular version of the same—a collection of 365 short lessons that will inspire and invigorate the reader every day of the year. Each daily digest of wisdom is drawn from one of seven fields of knowledge: history, literature, philosophy, mathematics and science, religion, fine arts, and music. Impress your friends by explaining Plato's Cave Allegory, pepper your cocktail party conversation with opera terms, and unlock the mystery of how batteries work. Daily readings range from important passages in literature to basic principles of physics, from pivotal events in history to images of famous paintings with accompanying analysis. The book's goal is to refresh knowledge we've forgotten, make new discoveries, and exercise modes of thinking that are ordinarily neglected once our school days are behind us. Offering an escape from the daily grind to contemplate higher things, The Intellectual Devotional is a great way to awaken in the morning or to revitalize one's mind before retiring in the evening.

Legendary leadership and elite performance expert Robin Sharma introduced The 5am Club concept over twenty years ago, based on a revolutionary morning routine that has helped his clients maximize their productivity, activate their best health and bulletproof their serenity in this age of overwhelming complexity. Now, in this life-changing book, handcrafted by the author over a rigorous four-year period, you will discover the early-rising habit that has helped so many accomplish epic results while upgrading their happiness, helpfulness and feelings of aliveness. Through an enchanting—and often amusing—story about two struggling strangers who meet an eccentric tycoon who becomes their secret mentor, The 5am Club will walk you through: How great geniuses, business titans and the world ' s wisest people start their mornings to produce astonishing achievements A little-known formula you can use instantly to wake up early feeling inspired, focused and flooded with a fiery drive to get the most out of each day A step-by-step method to protect the quietest hours of daybreak so you have time for exercise, self-renewal and personal growth A neuroscience-based practice proven to help make it easy to rise while most people are sleeping, giving you precious time for yourself to think, express your creativity and begin the day peacefully instead of being rushed " Insider-only " tactics to defend your gifts, talents and dreams against digital distraction and trivial diversions so you enjoy fortune, influence and a magnificent impact on the world Part manifesto for mastery, part playbook for genius-grade productivity and part companion for a life lived beautifully, The 5am Club is a work that will transform your life. Forever.

In the second Ed Eagle novel, #1 New York Times bestselling author Stuart Woods delivers a compulsively readable thriller full of crosses and double-crosses, featuring a shrewd criminal lawyer and his black widow of a wife... Santa Fe lawyer Ed Eagle fell in love with the seductive Barbara Kennerly and married her—against his better judgment. Turns out that Ed should have listened to his intuition. On the morning of his fortieth birthday, he awakens to find that Barbara has vanished, and his money has been wired to the Cayman Islands. Barbara, it appears, drugged his birthday wine, neatly cleaned him out and then fled to Mexico, where she can ' t be extradited. And as if that weren ' t bad enough, when Ed arrives at work that morning he discovers that he ' s been assigned a new client: Joe Big Bear, a part-time mechanic charged with a triple homicide, who, Ed soon discovers, may also be embroiled in Barbara ' s plot...

Penthouse Variations on Kink delves deep into the decadent desires of bondage lovers. This collection of unrestrained erotica is filled with tales of couple-friendly kink that spill the secrets of men and women who love to be tied, teased, and pleased. These amorous adventurers find that a coil of rope or a pair of cuffs can unlock sensual fantasies of submission, and indulging in such captivating play sets their passion free. Novice fetishists and experienced players become inspired by these bold tales of bondage bliss from Penthouse Variations magazine. Kink is coming out of the (well-equipped) closet and entering the mainstream thanks to pop culture and sites like wildly popular Fetlife, the "Facebook for fetishes" with millions of users, Kink.com, and even huge events like ComicCon and Wondercon having kink and BDSM workshops. Penthouse Magazine has served up kinky delights to over 360 million readers and goes all the way within this collection of commanding stories.

Short Straw

THE NANNY AND THE CEO

How The Mind Creates Language

How a Friendship Pact Led to Success

For Her Own Good

Passages from the English Note-books of Nathaniel Hawthorne

As of May 2013, 93 children previously diagnosed with regressive autism were able to shed their autism diagnosis, their symptoms, and return to an overall state of health and vitality using the protocols revealed in this book. Kerri Rivera has outlined a very complete approach to autism recovery that includes an understanding of the importance of Biofilm theory and protocol. She recommends safe interventions that do no harm, and are helping to confront a growing epidemic. Kerri Rivera's approach includes common sense dietary recommendations, the use of supplements to restore balance to the body and immune system, as well as mild oxidative therapies to address chronic infection and inflammation. She has taken children who were in the throes of autism (meaning chronic illness) to healing. The symptoms being labeled as autism are fading away, the children are talking and socializing, and their ATEC scores prove beyond a shadow of a doubt what their parents are claiming: their children no longer have autism. Kerri Rivera's grasp of a biomedical approach to Autism recovery, paired with her passion for service has allowed families of all socioeconomic backgrounds to have what they might never have otherwise found: a means by which to help their children. This book contains over 120 testimonials from parents (and some of the children themselves) describing their journey and resulting success.

The classic book on the development of human language by the world's leading expert on language and the mind. In this classic, the world's expert on language and mind lucidly explains everything you always wanted to know about language: how it works, how children learn it, how it changes, how the brain computes it, and how it evolved. With deft use of examples of humor and wordplay, Steven Pinker weaves our vast knowledge of language into a compelling story: language is a human instinct, wired into our brains by evolution. The Language Instinct received the William James Book Prize from the American Psychological Association and the Public Interest Award from the Linguistics Society of America. This edition includes an update on advances in the science of language since The Language Instinct was first published.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • Learn the negotiation model used by Google to train employees worldwide, U.S. Special Ops to promote stability globally (“this stuff saves lives”), and families to forge better relationships. A 20% discount on an item already on sale. A four-year-old willingly brushes his/her teeth and goes to bed. A vacationing couple gets on a flight that has left the gate. \$5 million more for a small business; a billion dollars at a big one. Based on thirty years of research among forty thousand people in sixty countries, Wharton Business School Professor and Pulitzer Prize winner Stuart Diamond shows in this unique and revolutionary book how emotional intelligence, perceptions, cultural diversity and collaboration produce four times as much value as old-school, conflictive, power, leverage and logic. As negotiations underlie every human encounter, this immediately-usable advice works in virtually any situation: kids, jobs, travel, shopping, business, politics, relationships, cultures, partners, competitors. The tools are invisible until you first see them. Then they're always there to solve your problems and meet your goals.

This women's history classic brilliantly exposed the constraints imposed on women in the name of science and exposes the myths used to control them. Since the the nineteenth century, professionals have been invoking scientific expertise to prescribe what women should do for their own good. Among the experts' diagnoses and remedies: menstruation was an illness requiring seclusion; pregnancy, a disabling condition; and higher education, a threat to long-term health of the uterus. From clitoridectomies to tame women's behavior in the nineteenth century to the censure of a generation of mothers as castrators in the 1950s, doctors have not hesitated to intervene in women's sexual, emotional, and maternal lives. Even domesticity, the most popular prescription for a safe environment for woman, spawned legions of “scientific” experts. Barbara Ehrenreich and Dierdre English has never lost faith in science itself, butinsist that we hold those who interpret it to higher standards. Women are entering the medical and scientific professions in greater numbers but as recent research shows, experts continue to use pseudoscience to tell women how to live. For Her Own Good provides today's readers with an indispensable dose of informed skepticism.

Getting More

Between the Sheets

The Publishers Weekly

Short Story

Revive Your Mind, Complete Your Education, and Roam Confidently with the Culture

The Nubian Prince

The “ Moonstone ” of the title is a large but flawed diamond, looted from India at the time of the Mutiny by an unscrupulous British officer. Many years later, estranged from his family due to his licentious lifestyle, the officer bequeaths the diamond to his sister ' s daughter, Rachel Verrinder, to be given to her on her 18th birthday. Due to the ill-omens surrounding the gem, this may have been an act of revenge rather than reconciliation. The diamond, it appears, was taken from a statue of the Moon God worshipped by a Hindu cult, and it has long been sought by a group of Brahmins determined to return it to their temple. On the night of the birthday party the gem mysteriously disappears from Rachel ' s room. While the first suspicions naturally fall on these Indians, they are eventually exculpated. Rachel becomes hysterical and angry when questioned about the theft and refuses to assist the police. Active efforts to assist them are taken up by Rachel ' s cousin (and sweetheart) Franklin Blake. These efforts simply drive Rachel into further fury, and she becomes completely estranged from him. Suspicion thus falls on her as having some secret reason for wishing to raise money on the diamond. The novel proceeds to slowly uncover the mysteries involved. Published in 1868, The Moonstone is often considered as one of the precursors of the modern detective novel, though this is a label which would not have been used by its author Wilkie Collins and his contemporaries. While it is true that the plot revolves around the mystery of a theft, and that it features Sergeant Cuff “ in the Detective Force of Scotland Yard, ” the novel is much more about character and relationships than the mere revelation of secrets. It also has a good dose of Collins ' humor, as the story is told in large part by eccentric characters such as the old house-steward Gabriel Betteredeg who regards Robinson Crusoe as an oracle; and the ultra-religious Miss Clack, determined to convert everyone to her views. Immensely popular at the time of its publication in serial form, The Moonstone is rightly considered to be one of Collins ' best works, and remains highly regarded today. This book is part of the Standard Ebooks project, which produces free public domain ebooks.

The hero of this story must bed twenty-six women across the alphabet, from Abigail to Zelda to win the wager. He beds divas and debutantes, playgirls and politicos, evangelists and entrepreneurs, throughout a great American 'sin' city.

“ Sometimes, a child is born to a parent who can ' t be a parent, and, like a seedling in the shade, has to grow toward a distant sun. Ariel Leve ' s spare and powerful memoir will remind us that family isn ' t everything—kindness and nurturing are. ” —Gloria Steinem Ariel Leve grew up in Manhattan with an eccentric mother she describes as “ a poet, an artist, a selfappointed troublemaker and attention seeker. ” Leve learned to become her own parent, taking care of herself and her mother ' s needs. There would be uncontrolled, impulsive rages followed with denial, disavowed responsibility, and then extreme outpourings of affection. How does a child learn to feel safe in this topsyturvy world of conditional love? Leve captures the chaos and lasting impact of a child ' s life under siege and explores how the coping mechanisms she developed to survive later incapacitated her as an adult. There were material comforts, but no emotional safety, except for summer visits to her father ' s home in South East Asia-an escape that was terminated after he attempted to gain custody. Following the death of a loving caretaker, a succession of replacements raised Leve-relationships which resulted in intense attachment and loss. It was not until decades later, when Leve moved to other side of the world, that she could begin to emancipate herself from the past. In a relationship with a man who has children, caring for them yields a clarity of what was missing. In telling her haunting story, Leve seeks to understand the effects of chronic psychological maltreatment on a child ' s developing brain, and to discover how to build a life for herself that she never dreamed possible: An unabbreviated life.

A teen-ager who was conceived so she could be a bone marrow transplant for her cancer-stricken older sister files a lawsuit against her family.

My Sister's Keeper - Movie Tie-In

Healing the Symptoms Known As Autism

The Language Instinct

Letters to Penthouse XXXXVI

A Memoir

Wet Dreamz A Series of Erotic bedtime stories

Read this classic romance by New York Times bestselling author Penny Jordan, now available for the first time in e-book! This man is more than a match for her! As a model, Heather is accustomed to being regarded as a sex object, but she makes certain no one in her private life treats her that way. She keeps men at a distance, rejecting would-be lovers as retribution for the traumatic experiences of her past. But all that changes when she meets Race Williams. He is a master at the game of enticement and denial, and for the first time Heather knows what it is to burn for something she can ' t have... Originally published in 1984

Something Borrowed Emily Giffin The smash-hit debut novel for every woman who has ever had a complicated love-hate friendship. Rachel White is the consummate good girl. A hard-working attorney at a large Manhattan law firm and a diligent maid of honor to her charmed best friend Darcy, Rachel has always played by all the rules. Since grade school, she has watched Darcy shine, quietly accepting the sidekick role in their lopsided

friendship. But that suddenly changes the night of her thirtieth birthday when Rachel finally confesses her feelings to Darcy's fiance, and is both horrified and thrilled to discover that he feels the same way. As the wedding date draws near, events spiral out of control, and Rachel knows she must make a choice between her heart and conscience. In so doing, she discovers that the lines between right and wrong can be blurry, endings aren't always neat, and sometimes you have to risk everything to be true to yourself.

Some of the stories in this volume have already appeared in print. "The Red-Haired Girl" in The Windsor Magazine; "Colonel Halifax's Ghost Story" in The Illustrated English Magazine; "Gl á mr" I told in my Iceland: Its Scenes and Sagas, published 1863, and long out of print. "The Bold Venture" appeared in The Graphic; "The 9:30 Up-Train" as long ago as 1853 in Once a Week.

Her Last Death begins as the phone rings early one morning in the Montana house where Susanna Sonnenberg lives with her husband and two young sons. Her aunt is calling to tell Susanna her mother is in a coma after a car accident. She might not live. Any daughter would rush the thousands of miles to her mother's bedside. But Susanna cannot bring herself to go. Her courageous memoir explains why. Glamorous, charismatic and a compulsive liar, Susanna's mother seduced everyone who entered her orbit. With outrageous behavior and judgment tinged by drug use, she taught her child the art of sex and the benefits of lying. Susanna struggled to break out of this compelling world, determined, as many daughters are, not to become her mother. Sonnenberg mines tender and startling memories as she writes of her fierce resolve to forge her independence, to become a woman capable of trust and to be a good mother to her own children. Her Last Death is riveting, disarming and searingly beautiful.

Naughty by Nature

Two Centuries of the Experts Advice to Women

Bedding His Virgin Mistress

26 Nights

Her Last Death

Harlequin Comics

Do good girls do it? Do they ever! And month after month, women who love making love tell how they take every pleasure and shatter every taboo in their very own letters to Penthouse-America's premier forum for thrill-seekers of all sexes. From the first time to the wildest time, from bedroom bouts to public performances, from torrid threesomes to lesbian liaisons, from wedding nights to sinful trysts-men (and sometimes women!) everywhere meet their match in wives, bachelorettes, and the girls next door who shamelessly ride the first tremor of desire to an explosion that rocks their world.

Ricardo Salvatore despised greedy women--was Carly just one more? He planned to take over the company that Carly managed. So why not include her in the bargain...? Unloved and unwanted as a child, Carly had never let anyone this close. She and Ricardo were working closely together, and their sizzling attraction boiled over. In the heat of passion, there was no hiding place: Ricardo was stunned when he learned the real truth about Carly, just as she discovered his real reason for bedding her....

Sofia never really questioned her upbringing in the home of a ruling Italian family in Rogue City. She has a beautiful girlfriend, the right hand of the family. She lives in a luxurious penthouse and has never wanted for anything. So naturally she finds no reason to question going undercover to infiltrate the head of the rival mafia family's estate. But what she didn't foresee was how mysteriously attractive she would find the regal enemy mob boss, Valencia Bertelli. Sofia quickly discovers the two families' complex criminal histories are riddled with secrets and the woman she's been taught all her life to hate might actually be someone worth loving - that is, if she doesn't kill her first. Take a stroll down the streets of Rogue, through nightclubs, a porn studio and a crooked race track, and witness through Sofia's eyes the sex, violence and betrayals that unfold, as she attempts to navigate a dangerous game in which the potential losses include her family, her love and even her life.

In these uninhibited letters to Penthouse magazine, the writers reveal everything that goes on behind closed doors, as well as in back and front seats of cars, locked offices, airplane toilets and other places.

Empty Mansions

Eat Pray Love

It Just Gets Hotter

Penthouse

Penthouse Uncensored

The Intellectual Devotional

Growing up on the rough streets of Newark, New Jersey, Rameck, George,and Sampson could easily have followed their childhood friends into drug dealing, gangs, and prison. But when a presentation at their school made the three boys aware of the opportunities available to them in the medical and dental professions, they made a pact among themselves that they would become doctors. It took a lot of determination—and a lot of support from one another—but despite all the hardships along the way, the three succeeded. Retold with the help of an award-winning author, this younger adaptation of the adult hit novel The Pact is a hard-hitting, powerful, and inspirational book that will speak to young readers everywhere.

In this totally uncensored omnibus edition featuring the uninhibited letters from "Letters to Penthouse III" and "IV", readers discover everything that goes on behind closed bedroom doors--not to mention kitchen table tops and other erogenous ports of call.

The editors of Penthouse are back, and this time they are taking readers between the sheets. Here are 30 x-rated tales that are sure to reinvent the bedtime story, because after reading these, sleep will be the last thing on anyone's mind.

“ It ’ s Time, for a book of sensual erotic bedtime stories. To arouse the sexual animal deep Inside of you. ” He whispered softly, reaching for her. “ Come, we have something to finish. ” She moved closer to him, he looks her straight in her eyes. “ Are you ready? Are you ready for me? ” Placing his hand on her thigh and slowly inching closer. “ It ’ s time to finish what we started ” His fingers inching their way to her inner thigh.

“ Are you willing? ” He pulls her closer to him. “ To let me deep inside? ” He whispered into her ear as the passion intensified and he moved in to kiss her luscious sweet lips. “ Tell me, Are you? Tell me now ” His mouth now on her neck, their breathing coincide. “ Say it ” He grabs at her hair, a desire untied “ Are you mine? Show me now ” Her back arches as her legs part in reply. She moans and looks deep into his eyes.

“ I ’ m yours. I ’ m all yours ” Her eyes now shut tight, a sight sublime “ Now my love, I ’ m ready ” She said. “ it ’ s time. ”

Books Out Loud

A Novel

Odour Of Chrysanthemums

We Beat the Street

A Sexual Adventure

Good In Bed

“ Odour of Chrysanthemums ” is the story of Elizabeth, a young wife and mother waiting for her alcoholic husband, Walter, to return home from what she assumes is another night of drinking. This assumption, along with Elizabeth ’ s pre-conceptions about her husband and their relationship are broken down when his body is brought home from the coal mine where he works. In “ Odour of Chrysanthemums ” author D. H. Lawrence explores the concept of human isolation and the nature of love and relationships. With the sudden death of her husband Elizabeth is forced to re-examine her opinions and beliefs, shedding light on a marriage she had given up on long before. HarperPerennial Classics brings great works of literature to life in digital format, upholding the highest standards in ebook production and celebrating reading in all its forms. Look for more titles in the HarperPerennial Classics collection to build your digital library. Reese ’ s dream is to establish her own brokerage agency, so when she hears that the world-famous CEO Nicholas Wainwright is looking for a nanny, she decides to interview for the job. Getting to see how he works may teach her something useful for the future! Nicholas is hesitant to hire such a young woman at first, but he soon sees she ’ s well equipped to take care of his son...and she might even be able to teach him how to be a better father. Will Reese be able to keep her cool living under the same roof as this man?

It is November 25, 1960, and three beautiful sisters have been found near their wrecked Jeep at the bottom of a 150-foot cliff on the north coast of the Dominican Republic. The official state newspaper reports their deaths as accidental. It does not mention that a fourth sister lives. Nor does it explain that the sisters were among the leading opponents of Gen. Rafael Leonidas Trujillo ’ s dictatorship. It doesn ’ t have to. Everybody knows of Las Mariposas—“ The Butterflies. ” In this extraordinary novel, the voices of all four sisters—Minerva, Patria, Mar í a Teresa, and the survivor, Ded é —speak across the decades to tell their own stories, from hair ribbons and secret crushes to gunrunning and prison torture, and to describe the everyday horrors of life under Trujillo ’ s rule. Through the art and magic of Julia Alvarez ’ s imagination, the martyred Butterflies live again in this novel of courage and love, and the human cost of political oppression.

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY Janet Maslin, The New York Times • St. Louis Post-Dispatch When Pulitzer Prize – winning journalist Bill Dedman noticed in 2009 a grand home for sale, unoccupied for nearly sixty years, he stumbled through a surprising portal into American history. Empty Mansions is a rich mystery of wealth and loss, connecting the Gilded Age opulence of the nineteenth century with a twenty-first-century battle over a \$300 million inheritance. At its heart is a reclusive heiress named Huguette Clark, a woman so secretive that, at the time of her death at age 104, no new photograph of her had been seen in decades. Though she owned palatial homes in California, New York, and Connecticut, why had she lived for twenty years in a simple hospital room, despite being in excellent health? Why were her valuables being sold off? Was she in control of her fortune, or controlled by those managing her money? Dedman has collaborated with Huguette Clark ’ s cousin, Paul Clark Newell, Jr., one of the few relatives to have frequent conversations with her. Dedman and Newell tell a fairy tale in reverse: the bright, talented daughter, born into a family of extreme wealth and privilege, who secrets herself away from the outside world. Huguette was the daughter of self-made copper industrialist W. A. Clark, nearly as rich as Rockefeller in his day, a controversial senator, railroad builder, and founder of Las Vegas. She grew up in the largest house in New York City, a remarkable dwelling with 121 rooms for a family of four. She owned paintings by Degas and Renoir, a world-renowned Stradivarius violin, a vast collection of antique dolls. But wanting more than treasures, she devoted her wealth to buying gifts for friends and strangers alike, to quietly pursuing her own work as an artist, and to guarding the privacy she valued above all else. The Clark family story spans nearly all of American history in three generations, from a log cabin in Pennsylvania to mining camps in the Montana gold rush, from backdoor politics in Washington to a distress call from an elegant Fifth Avenue apartment. The same Huguette who was touched by the terror attacks of 9/11 held a ticket nine decades earlier for a first-class stateroom on the second voyage of the Titanic. Empty Mansions reveals a complex portrait of the mysterious Huguette and her intimate circle. We meet her extravagant father, her publicity-shy mother, her star-crossed sister, her French boyfriend, her nurse who received more than \$30 million in gifts, and the relatives fighting to inherit Huguette ’ s copper fortune. Richly illustrated with more than seventy photographs, Empty Mansions is an enthralling story of an eccentric of the highest order, a last jewel of the Gilded Age who lived life on her own terms.

Sensation Machines

Dirty Dares & Red-Hot Hookups

Own Your Morning. Elevate Your Life.

An Abbreviated Life

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The Mob Game