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FAT LAND

HOW AMERICANS BECAME THE FATTEST PEOPLE IN THE WORLD

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Takes a close-up look at the social, political, cultural, economic, and nutritional factors that have made Americans the victims of an epidemic of obesity.

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HMH "An in-depth, well-researched, and thoughtful exploration of the 'fat boom' in America." —TheBoston Globe Low carb, high protein, raw foods . . . despite our seemingly endless obsession with fad diets, the startling truth is that six out of ten Americans are overweight or obese. In Fat Land, award-winning nutrition and health journalist Greg Critser examines the facts and societal factors behind the sensational headlines, taking on everything from supersize to Super Mario, high-fructose corn syrup to the high costs of physical education. With a sharp eye and even sharper tongue, Critser examines why pediatricians are now treating conditions rarely seen in children before; why type 2 diabetes is on the rise; the personal struggles of those with weight problems—especially among the poor—and how agribusiness has altered our waistlines. Praised by the New York Times as "absorbing" and by Newsday as "riveting," this disarmingly funny, yet truly alarming, exposé stands as an important examination of one of the most pressing medical and social issues in the United States. "One scary book and a good companion to Eric Schlosser's Fast Food Nation." —Seattle Post-Intelligencer

GENERATION RX

HOW PRESCRIPTION DRUGS ARE ALTERING AMERICAN LIVES, MINDS, AND BODIES

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Based on interviews with scientists and corporate executives in the nation's most powerful pharmaceutical companies, this probing look at the state of the nation's health in the midst of a pharmaceutical revolution concludes that America's love affair with drugs is radically transforming the nation, beginning with the youngest generation. Reprint.

JUMPSTART TO SKINNY

THE SIMPLE 3-WEEK PLAN FOR SUPERCHARGED WEIGHT LOSS

Random House Digital, Inc. Featuring thirteen short-term rules for weight loss, the coach of NBC's "The Biggest Loser" provides a four-part plan that includes a precise breakdown of the proper protein/carbohydrate proportions for every meal and simple exercise routines.

ETERNITY SOUP

INSIDE THE QUEST TO END AGING

Crown Mix the latest and most rigorous scientific research, irrepressible old-fashioned entrepreneurship, and the ancient human desire to live forever (or at least a lot longer) and the result is today's exploding multibillion-dollar antiaging industry. Its achievements are so far mostly marginal, but its promises flow with all the allure of a twenty-first-century fountain of youth. In Eternity Soup, acclaimed science writer Greg Critser takes us to every outpost of the antiaging landscape, home to zealots and skeptics, charlatans, and ingenious clinicians and academics. We visit a conference of the Caloric Restriction Society, whose members—inspired by certain laboratory findings involving mice—live their lives in a state just above starvation. ("It's only the first five years that are uncomfortable," says one.) We meet the new wave of pharmacists who are reviving the erstwhile art of "compounding"—using mortar and pestle to mix extravagantly profitable potions for aging boomers seeking to recapture flagging sexual vitality. Here, too, are the theorists and researchers who are seeking to understand the cellular-level causes of senescence and aging and others who say, Why bother with that? Instead, we should just learn how to repair and replace organs and tissue that break down, like a vintage automobile collector who keeps a century-old Model T shining and running like new. Eternity Soup is a simmering brew of testosterone patches, human growth hormone (so promising and so potentially dangerous), theories that view aging as a curable disease, laboratory-grown replacement organs ("I want to build a kidney," says one proponent. "It is such a stup-eed organ!"), and bountiful other troubling, hilarious, and invigorating ingredients. Critser finds plenty of chicanery and credulousness in the antiaging realm but also a surprising degree of optimism, even among some formerly sober skeptics, that we may indeed be on the cusp of something big. And that elicits its own new set of concerns: How will our society cope with a projected new cohort of a million healthy centenarian Americans? How will they liberate themselves from the age segregation that shunts them off to "God's Waiting Rooms" in the sunbelt? Where will they find joy and meaning to match the inevitable loss that comes with longevity? Eternity Soup is an illuminating, wry, and provocative consideration of a long-dreamed-about world that may now be becoming a reality.

THE SKINNY RULES

THE SIMPLE, NONNEGOTIABLE PRINCIPLES FOR GETTING TO THIN

Ballantine Books THE LAST DIET BOOK YOU'LL EVER NEED With so much conflicting weight-loss advice out there to confuse your efforts, it's no wonder you haven't been successful losing weight and keeping it off. But with Bob Harper, superstar trainer and co-host of NBC's hit show The Biggest Loser as your personal authority and coach, you can and will finally shed the pounds—whether you want to lose two or two hundred! Distilling Bob's vast knowledge of nutrition, weight-loss strategy, and human nature down to twenty simple, nonnegotiable principles, The Skinny Rules will help you step away from a reliance on processed foods and the need for so much sweet and salt and step into a newly thin lifestyle. And Bob's methods couldn't be more straightforward. Taking the guesswork out of implementing the Skinny Rules, Bob offers a month's worth of menu plans and more than 90 delicious, rule-abiding recipes for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks to keep you cooking and eating skinny for life. You'll be happily astounded to see the variety and volume of the tasty food on your plate! He also includes terrific tips for what to stock in your fridge and what to prepare every weekend in order to set yourself up for success during your too-busy-to-cook weekdays. A virtual GPS to your weight-loss goals, The Skinny Rules takes the mystery out of the process, offering the fastest route to your skinny destination. LOSING WEIGHT IS NOW AS SIMPLE AS 1-2-3 . . . AND 3-15-18-20 TOO! Rule #3: Eat protein at every meal, making some kind of fish your go-to protein as often as you can. Take your weight and divide it by two—that's more or less how much protein you should be eating in grams every day. Rule #15: Eat at least ten meals a week at home (and cook them yourself). Restaurant portions are usually 40 to 50 percent bigger than what you'd serve at home—the more you eat out, the more you overeat. Set yourself up for success by preparing my turkey meatballs, hummus, and roasted vegetables on the weekend so that you will have go-to staples and no excuses! Rule #18: Go to bed slightly hungry. Denied fuel for more than five hours, your body will start burning its own fat and sugar. Make a point not to eat after dinner and you'll be burning fat while you're sleeping. Rule #20: Enjoy a splurge meal once a week. Unlike episodic bingeing, splurge meals are an ingredient in your diet. When you plan something, you are in control.

HAMBURGERS IN PARADISE

THE STORIES BEHIND THE FOOD WE EAT

Princeton University Press A fascinating exploration of our past, present, and future relationship with food For the first time in human history, there is food in abundance throughout the world. More people than ever before are now freed of the struggle for daily survival, yet few of us are aware of how food lands on our plates. Behind every meal you eat, there is a story. Hamburgers in Paradise explains how. In this wise and passionate book, Louise Fresco takes readers on an enticing cultural journey to show how science has enabled us to overcome past scarcities—and why we have every reason to be optimistic about the future. Using hamburgers in the Garden of Eden as a metaphor for the confusion surrounding food today, she looks at everything from the dominance of supermarkets and the decrease of biodiversity to organic foods and GMOs. She casts doubt on many popular claims about sustainability, and takes issue with naïve rejections of globalization and the idealization of "true and honest" food. Fresco explores topics such as agriculture in human history, poverty and development, and surplus and obesity. She provides insightful discussions of basic foods such as bread, fish, and meat, and intertwines them with social topics like slow food and other gastronomy movements, the fear of technology and risk, food and climate change, the agricultural landscape, urban food systems, and food in art. The culmination of decades of research, Hamburgers in Paradise provides valuable insights into how our food is produced, how it is consumed, and how we can use the lessons of the past to design food systems to feed all humankind in the future.

SPILOVER: ANIMAL INFECTIONS AND THE NEXT HUMAN PANDEMIC

W. W. Norton & Company Examines the emergence and causes of new diseases all over the world, describing a process called "spillover" where illness originates in wild animals before

being passed to humans and discusses the potential for the next huge pandemic. 70,000 first printing.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH FAT?

Oxford University Press **What's Wrong with Fat?** examines the social implications of understanding fatness as a medical health risk, disease, and epidemic. Examining the ways in which debates over fatness have developed, Abigail Saguy argues that the obesity crisis literally makes us fat, intensifies negative body image, and justifies weight-based discrimination.

CHEW ON THIS

EVERYTHING YOU DON'T WANT TO KNOW ABOUT FAST FOOD

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Examines the fast food industry with facts about its evolution and practices, the effects of fast food consumption on public health, and the international success of fast food.

FAT POLITICS

THE REAL STORY BEHIND AMERICA'S OBESITY EPIDEMIC

Oxford University Press It seems almost daily we read newspaper articles and watch news reports exposing the growing epidemic of obesity in America. Our government tells us we are experiencing a major health crisis, with sixty percent of Americans classified as overweight, and one in four as obese. But how valid are these claims? In *Fat Politics*, J. Eric Oliver shows how a handful of doctors, government bureaucrats, and health researchers, with financial backing from the drug and weight-loss industries, have campaigned to create standards that mislead the public. They mislabel more than sixty million Americans as "overweight," inflate the health risks of being fat, and promote the idea that obesity is a killer disease. In reviewing the scientific evidence, Oliver shows there is little proof that obesity causes so much disease and death or that losing weight is what makes people healthier. Our concern with obesity, he writes, is fueled more by social prejudice, bureaucratic politics, and industry profit than by scientific fact. Misinformation pushes millions of Americans towards dangerous surgeries, crash diets, and harmful diet drugs, while we ignore other, more real health problems. Oliver goes on to examine why it is that Americans despise fatness and explores why, despite this revulsion, we continue to gain weight. *Fat Politics* will topple your most basic assumptions about obesity and health. It is essential reading for anyone with a stake in the nation's--or their own--good health.

SKINNY HABITS

THE 6 SECRETS OF THIN PEOPLE

Ballantine Books Bob Harper lets us in on the secret behaviors of people who not only lose weight but keep the pounds off for good—and make it look easy. In Bob Harper's #1 New York Times bestselling book *The Skinny Rules*, the trusted trainer and coach of NBC's *The Biggest Loser* laid out the twenty nonnegotiable eating rules for getting thin. In the process of helping countless men and women reach their weight loss goals, Harper has noticed six fundamental patterns in the lifestyle choices of those who succeed long-term—from the unique way they plan ahead to how they organize their environment and social calendars to even the way they dress. With his signature authority, colorful stories, and real-world solutions, Harper draws on the most up-to-date research related to habit formation, neuroplasticity, and cognitive behavioral psychology to show how feeding your brain—"the muscle between your ears"—can wield as much control over your weight as what you put in your mouth. With anecdotes about his clients, guided steps for adopting your new practices, and tips for integrating them into your own daily routine, *Skinny Habits* has everything you need to shape your body and your life!

A BIG FAT CRISIS

THE HIDDEN FORCES BEHIND THE OBESITY EPIDEMIC — AND HOW WE CAN END IT

Nation Books Obesity is the public health crisis of the twenty-first century. Over 150 million Americans are overweight or obese, and across the globe an estimated 1.5 billion are affected. In *A Big Fat Crisis*, Dr. Deborah A. Cohen has created a major new work that will transform the conversation surrounding the modern weight crisis. Based on her own extensive research, as well as the latest insights from behavioral economics and cognitive science, Cohen reveals what drives the obesity epidemic and how we, as a nation, can overcome it. Cohen argues that the massive increase in obesity is the product of two forces. One is the immutable aspect of human nature, namely the fundamental limits of self-control and the unconscious ways we are hard-wired to eat. And second is the completely transformed modern food environment, including lower prices, larger portion sizes, and the outsized influence of food advertising. We live in a food swamp, where food is cheap, ubiquitous, and insidiously marketed. This, rather than the much-discussed "food deserts," is the source of the epidemic. The conventional wisdom is that overeating is the expression of individual weakness and a lack of self-control. But that would mean that people in this country had more willpower thirty years ago, when the rate of obesity was half of what it is today! The truth is that our capacity for self-control has not shrunk; instead, the changing conditions of our modern world have pushed our limits to such an extent that more and more of us are simply no longer up to the challenge. Ending this public health crisis will require solutions that transcend the advice found in diet books. Simply urging people to eat less sugar, salt, and fat has not worked. *A Big Fat Crisis* offers concrete recommendations and sweeping policy changes—including implementing smart and effective regulations and constructing a more balanced food environment—that represent nothing less than a blueprint for defeating the obesity epidemic once and for all

SHAM

HOW THE SELF-HELP MOVEMENT MADE AMERICA HELPLESS

Crown Forum A critique of the self-help movement assesses the pervasive damage that it has done to every aspect of American society, explaining how the notion of victimization has blurred the concept of personal responsibility and right and wrong, and how the idea of empowerment teaches that the belief that we can do something is more important than developing the skills to accomplish the task. Reprint. 20,000 first printing.

POUND FOOLISH

EXPOSING THE DARK SIDE OF THE PERSONAL FINANCE INDUSTRY

Penguin If you've ever bought a personal finance book, watched a TV show about stock picking, listened to a radio show about getting out of debt, or attended a seminar to help you plan for your retirement, you've probably heard some version of these quotes: "What's keeping you from being rich? In most cases, it is simply a lack of belief." —SUZE ORMAN, *The Courage to Be Rich* "Are you latte-ing away your financial future?" —DAVID BACH, *Smart Women Finish Rich* "I know you're capable of picking winning stocks and holding on to them." —JIM CRAMER, *Mad Money* They're common refrains among personal finance gurus. There's just one problem: those and many similar statements are false. For the past few decades, Americans have spent billions of dollars on personal finance products. As salaries have stagnated and companies have cut back on benefits, we've taken matters into our own hands, embracing the can-do attitude that if we're smart enough, we can overcome even daunting financial obstacles. But that's not true. In this meticulously reported and shocking book, journalist and former financial columnist Helaine Olen goes behind the curtain of the personal finance industry to expose the myths, contradictions, and outright lies it has perpetuated. She shows how an industry that started as a response to the Great Depression morphed into a behemoth that thrives by selling us products and services that offer little if any help. Olen calls out some of the biggest names in the business, revealing how even the most respected gurus have engaged in dubious, even deceitful, practices—from accepting payments from banks and corporations in exchange for promoting certain products to blaming the victims of economic catastrophe for their own financial misfortune. *Pound Foolish* also disproves many myths about spending and saving, including: Small pleasures can bankrupt you: Gurus popularized the idea that cutting out lattes and other small expenditures could make us millionaires. But reducing our caffeine consumption will not offset our biggest expenses: housing, education, health care, and retirement. Disciplined investing will make you rich: Gurus also love to show how steady investing can turn modest savings into a huge nest egg at retirement. But these calculations assume a healthy market and a lifetime without any setbacks—two conditions that have no connection to the real world. Women need extra help managing money: Product pushers often target women, whose alleged financial ignorance supposedly leaves them especially at risk. In reality, women and men are both terrible at handling finances. Financial literacy classes will prevent future economic crises: Experts like to claim mandatory sessions on personal finance in school will cure many of our money ills. Not only is there little evidence this is true, the entire movement is largely funded and promoted by the financial services sector. Weaving together original reporting, interviews with experts, and studies from disciplines ranging from behavioral economics to retirement planning, *Pound Foolish* is a compassionate and compelling book that will change the way we think and talk about our money.

FAT LAND

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THE TRUE AND OUTSTANDING ADVENTURES OF THE HUNT SISTERS

Little, Brown The bestselling status (and subsequent blockbuster film adaptations) of *Bridget Jones's Diary* and *Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood* is proof of the enduring strength of this category. Although the novel is invented, Robinson is a successful Hollywood producer whose credits include *Braveheart* and *Last Orders*.

AMERICAN WASTELAND

HOW AMERICA THROWS AWAY NEARLY HALF OF ITS FOOD (AND WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT)

Da Capo Lifelong Books What Tom Vanderbilt did for traffic and Brian Wansink did for mindless eating, Jonathan Bloom does for food waste. The topic couldn't be timelier: As more people are going hungry while simultaneously more people are morbidly obese, American Wasteland sheds light on the history, culture, and mindset of waste while exploring the parallel eco-friendly and sustainable-food movements. As the era of unprecedented prosperity comes to an end, it's time to reexamine our culture of excess. Working at both a local grocery store and a major fast food chain and volunteering with a food recovery group, Bloom also interviews experts—from Brian Wansink to Alice Waters to Nobel Prize-winning economist Amartya Sen—and digs up not only why and how we waste, but, more importantly, what we can do to change our ways.

PRIMAL FAT BURNER

LIVE LONGER, SLOW AGING, SUPER-POWER YOUR BRAIN, AND SAVE YOUR LIFE WITH A HIGH-FAT, LOW-CARB PALEO DIET

Simon and Schuster Author of the popular *Primal Body*, *Primal Mind* and widely recognized Paleo expert and nutritionist Nora Gedgaudas presents a revolutionary and accessible high-fat diet for maintaining health, losing weight, and reversing some chronic diseases. Popular nutritionist Nora Gedgaudas returns with advice that may sound counterintuitive: Eat fat to burn fat. In *Primal Fat Burner*, she explains the benefits and science behind a ketogenic (or fat-burning) diet, which switches your metabolism from a dependence on sugar to running on healthy fats. As Gedgaudas reveals, numerous studies in recent years refute the long-promoted anti-saturated fat and anti-cholesterol agenda. Now, "with able, funny writing" (Booklist), Gedgaudas explains the science that fat isn't always a bad thing—if you know the right kinds of fats to eat. In her comprehensible, enjoyable style, she also lays out a practical meal plan with recipes. Author of the bestselling *Grain Brain*, Dr. David Perlmutter writes in his foreword that *Primal Fat Burner* is, "Wonderfully actionable, compassionately taking the reader from 'why' to 'how.'" On this diet, you efficiently and effectively metabolize fat (ketones and free fatty acids) as your primary source of fuel, rather than glucose from carbs, starches, and sugars. Because fat is so satisfying, you naturally wind up eating less—without feelings of hunger or deprivation. And natural dietary fat is ultimately the key to feeling better, looking better, thinking clearer, and living longer. Discover all this and more healthy tips in one of the most groundbreaking nutritional books in recent time.

EAT DRINK VOTE

AN ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO FOOD POLITICS

Rodale Books What's wrong with the US food system? Why is half the world starving while the other half battles obesity? Who decides our food issues, and why can't we do better with labeling, safety, or school food? These are complex questions that are hard to answer in an engaging way for a broad audience. But everybody eats, and food politics affects us all. Marion Nestle, whom Michael Pollan ranked as the #2 most powerful foodie in America (after Michelle Obama) in *Forbes*, has always used cartoons in her public presentations to communicate how politics—shaped by government, corporate marketing, economics, and geography—influences food choice. Cartoons do more than entertain; the best get right to the core of complicated concepts and powerfully convey what might otherwise take pages to explain. In *Eat Drink Vote*, Nestle teams up with The Cartoonist Group syndicate to present more than 250 of her favorite cartoons on issues ranging from dietary advice to genetic engineering to childhood obesity. Using the cartoons as illustration and commentary, she engagingly summarizes some of today's most pressing issues in food politics. While encouraging readers to vote with their forks for healthier diets, this book insists that it's also necessary to vote with votes to make it easier for everyone to make healthier dietary choices.

PALE RIDER

THE SPANISH FLU OF 1918 AND HOW IT CHANGED THE WORLD

PublicAffairs In 1918, the Italian-Americans of New York, the Yupik of Alaska and the Persians of Mashed had almost nothing in common except for a virus—one that triggered the worst pandemic of modern times and had a decisive effect on the history of the twentieth century. The Spanish flu of 1918-1920 was one of the greatest human disasters of all time. It infected a third of the people on Earth—from the poorest immigrants of New York City to the king of Spain, Franz Kafka, Mahatma Gandhi and Woodrow Wilson. But despite a death toll of between 50 and 100 million people, it exists in our memory as an afterthought to World War I. In this gripping narrative history, Laura Spinney traces the overlooked pandemic to reveal how the virus travelled across the globe, exposing mankind's vulnerability and putting our ingenuity to the test. As socially significant as both world wars, the Spanish flu dramatically disrupted—and often permanently altered—global politics, race relations and family structures, while spurring innovation in medicine, religion and the arts. It was partly responsible, Spinney argues, for pushing India to independence, South Africa to apartheid and Switzerland to the brink of civil war. It also created the true "lost generation." Drawing on the latest research in history, virology, epidemiology, psychology and economics, *Pale Rider* masterfully recounts the little-known catastrophe that forever changed humanity.

MEATONOMICS

HOW THE RIGGED ECONOMICS OF MEAT AND DAIRY MAKE YOU CONSUME TOO MUCH AND HOW TO EAT BETTER, LIVE LONGER, AND SPEND SMARTER

Mango Media Inc. In this "provocative and persuasive work," the health advocate reveals the dirty economics of meat—an industry that's eating into your wallet (Publishers Weekly). Few Americans are aware of the economic system that supports our country's supply of animal foods. Yet these forces affect us in a number of ways—none of them good. Though we only pay a few dollars per pound of meat at the grocery store, we pay far more in tax-fueled government subsidies—\$38 billion more, to be exact. And subsidies are just one layer of meat's hidden cost. But in *Meatonomics*, lawyer and sustainability advocate David Robinson Simon offers a path toward lasting solutions. Animal food producers maintain market dominance with artificially low prices, misleading PR, and an outsized influence over legislation. But counteracting these manipulations is easy—with the economic sanity of plant-based foods. In *Meatonomics*, Simon demonstrates: How government-funded marketing influences what we think of as healthy eating How much of our money is spent to prop up the meat industry How we can change our habits and our country for the better "Spectacularly important." —John Robbins, author of *The Food Revolution* "[A] well-researched, passionately written book." —Publishers Weekly

CHASING APHRODITE

THE HUNT FOR LOOTED ANTIQUITIES AT THE WORLD'S RICHEST MUSEUM

HMH A "thrilling, well-researched" account of years of scandal at the prestigious Getty Museum (Ulrich Boser, author of *The Gardner Heist*). In recent years, several of America's leading art museums have voluntarily given up their finest pieces of classical art to the governments of Italy and Greece. Why would they be moved to such unheard-of generosity? The answer lies at the Getty, one of the world's richest and most troubled museums, and scandalous revelations that it had been buying looted antiquities for decades. Drawing on a trove of confidential museum records and candid interviews, these two journalists give us a fly-on-the-wall account of the inner workings of a world-class museum, and tell a story of outlandish characters and bad behavior that could come straight from the pages of a thriller. "In an authoritative account, two reporters who led a Los Angeles Times investigation reveal the details of the Getty Museum's illicit purchases, from smugglers and fences, of looted Greek and Roman antiquities. . . . The authors offer an excellent recap of the museum's misdeeds, brimming with tasty details of the scandal that motivated several of America's leading art museums to voluntarily return to Italy and Greece some 100 classical antiquities worth more than half a billion dollars." —Publishers Weekly, starred review "An astonishing and penetrating look into a veiled world where beauty and art are in constant competition with greed and hypocrisy. This engaging book will cast a fresh light on many of those gleaming objects you see in art museums." —Jonathan Harr, author of *The Lost Painting*

FORMULA 50

A 6-WEEK WORKOUT AND NUTRITION PLAN THAT WILL TRANSFORM YOUR LIFE

Penguin Get fit like 50 Cent: The phenomenally fit superstar rapper reveals his strategic six-week workout plan for achieving a ripped body—and developing the mental toughness to stay in shape for a lifetime. Survival is a recurring theme of 50 Cent's lyrics, and his life. That's why, with obesity rates soaring and fitness levels declining, he wants to give everyone an all-access pass to his premium plan for lifelong fitness. In *Formula 50*, the mega-successful entertainer and entrepreneur unleashes the power of metabolic resistance training (MRT), the key ingredient that has helped him achieve the famously buff physique that makes his music videos sizzle. Through MRT, 50 Cent's fitness plan breaks down the barriers between traditional weight training and cardio workouts, accelerating fat loss while building muscle and improving overall fitness. Designed for a six-week rollout for total mind-body transformation, the *Formula 50* regimen builds willpower while it builds physical power. In addition to motivation, nutrition is another key element; readers will discover the unique dietary combinations that fuel 50 Cent's workouts. Coauthored with Jeff O'Connell, health journalist and editor-in-chief at *Bodybuilding.com* (the world's largest fitness website), the book delivers a payoff that goes beyond six-pack abs and flab-free pecs: This is a fitness plan that boosts energy, endurance, flexibility, and mobility. The result is a body you've always dreamed of—and the mindset to attain the rest of your dreams.

FAT NATION

A HISTORY OF OBESITY IN AMERICA

Rowman & Littlefield The estimated annual health care cost of obesity-related illness in the United States is \$190 billion, with countless more costs in lost mobility, vigor, and life-years. Here, Jonathan Engel reviews the sources of the problem as they have developed over the past 70 years and offers a realistic plan for helping address obesity.

DIABESITY

A DOCTOR AND HER PATIENTS ON THE FRONT LINES OF THE OBESITY-DIABETES EPIDEMIC

[Bantam](#) An expert in the prevention and treatment of diabetes discusses the soaring epidemic of type 2 diabetes that is affecting American society, explaining how excess weight destroys the body's ability to process sugar properly and its dangerous implications, and offers an innovative series of changes on every level of society that can help alleviate the problem. Reprint. 35,000 first printing.

PANDORA'S LUNCHBOX

HOW PROCESSED FOOD TOOK OVER THE AMERICAN MEAL

[Simon and Schuster](#) "From breakfast cereal to frozen pizza to nutrition bars, processed foods are a fundamental part of our diet, accounting for 65% of our nation's yearly calories. Over the past century, technology has transformed the American meal into a chemical-laden smorgasbord of manipulated food products that bear little resemblance to what our grandparents ate. Despite the growing presence of farmers' markets and organic offerings, food additives and chemical preservatives are nearly impossible to avoid, and even the most ostensibly healthy foods contain multisyllabic ingredients with nearly untraceable origins. The far-reaching implications of the industrialization of the food supply that privileges cheap, plentiful, and fast food have been well documented. They are dire. But how did we ever reach the point where 'pink slime' is an acceptable food product? Is anybody regulating what makes it into our food? What, after all, is actually safe to eat? Here the author, a former York Times health columnist combines deep investigatory reporting, culinary history, and cultural analysis, to find out how we got here and what it is we are really eating. This book blows the lid off the largely undocumented world of processed foods and food manipulation. From the vitamin "enrichments" to our fortified cereals and bread, to the soy mixtures that bolster chicken (and often outweigh the actual chicken included), the author lays bare the dubious nutritional value and misleading labels of chemically-treated foods, as well as the potential price we, and our children, may pay"-Provided by publisher.

THE NEW GEOGRAPHY

HOW THE DIGITAL REVOLUTION IS RESHAPING THE AMERICAN LANDSCAPE

[Random House](#) In the blink of an eye, vast economic forces have created new types of communities and reinvented old ones. In *The New Geography*, acclaimed forecaster Joel Kotkin decodes the changes, and provides the first clear road map for where Americans will live and work in the decades to come, and why. He examines the new role of cities in America and takes us into the new American neighborhood. *The New Geography* is a brilliant and indispensable guidebook to a fundamentally new landscape.

FAT LAND

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TRAVELER CALIFORNIA

[National Geographic Books](#) National Geographic Traveler: California brings you the best of the Golden State, from its flashy film industry to its towering redwood trees. This is the essential guide to the most progressive, dynamic, and visited state in the country.

HOW STARBUCKS SAVED MY LIFE

A SON OF PRIVILEGE LEARNS TO LIVE LIKE EVERYONE ELSE

[Penguin](#) Now in paperback, the national bestselling riches-to-rags true story of an advertising executive who had it all, then lost it all—and was finally redeemed by his new job, and his twenty-eight-year-old boss, at Starbucks. In his fifties, Michael Gates Gill had it all: a mansion in the suburbs, a wife and loving children, a six-figure salary, and an Ivy League education. But in a few short years, he lost his job, got divorced, and was diagnosed with a brain tumor. With no money or health insurance, he was forced to get a job at Starbucks. Having gone from power lunches to scrubbing toilets, from being served to serving, Michael was a true fish out of water. But fate brings an unexpected teacher into his life who opens his eyes to what living well really looks like. The two seem to have nothing in common: She is a young African American, the daughter of a drug addict; he is used to being the boss but reports to her now. For the first time in his life he experiences being a member of a minority trying hard to survive in a challenging new job. He learns the value of hard work and humility, as well as what it truly means to respect another person. Behind the scenes at one of America's most intriguing businesses, an inspiring friendship is born, a family begins to heal, and, thanks to his unlikely mentor, Michael Gill at last experiences a sense of self-worth and happiness he has never known before. Watch a QuickTime trailer for this book.

DEVELOPING CRITICAL READING SKILLS

[McGraw-Hill Humanities/Social Sciences/Languages](#) Designed for reading courses at the intermediate and advanced level, *Developing Critical Reading Skills* uses practice prose similar to the kind that students will encounter in the classroom, encouraging them to analyze, interpret, question, and even challenge the words of the writer. The seventh edition continues to feature a wide range of interesting and diverse selections, excellent coverage of critical reading skills, and a concluding section on reading short stories. It now also includes coverage of reading textbooks and interpreting visuals.

SECOND LIVES

A JOURNEY THROUGH VIRTUAL WORLDS

[Random House](#) We've always dreamed of perfect places: Eden, heaven, Utopia. Imagine gambling without loss, love without heartbreak, sex without exposure, experience without risk. Welcome to the fascinating world of online virtual reality, the land of invented places and populations that is entered and inhabited every week by nearly fifty million people worldwide. Each participant creates a virtual body, works at virtual jobs, and makes virtual friends and family. In *Second Lives*, Tim Guest, an internationally acclaimed young journalist, takes us on a revelatory journey through the electronic looking glass as he investigates one of the most bizarre phenomena of the twenty-first century. From *Second Life* to *EverQuest* and beyond, here are the computer-generated environments and characters that can easily become more engrossing and fulfilling than earthly existence. With the click of a mouse you can select eye color, face shape, height—you can even give yourself wings. Your character, or avatar, can build houses, make and sell works of art, earn money, get married and divorced. In this fascinating and groundbreaking book, Guest meets people who found meaningful love and friendship despite never having met in person, catches up with the companies that have used virtual worlds to make big money, investigates the U.S. military's massive online global model that trains soldiers to fight anyone anywhere, and travels all the way to gaming-crazed Korea to get a taste for just how big this phenomenon really is. At first glance, these new computer-generated places seem free from trouble and sorrow. But Guest examines the dark side of this technology too, including the online criminals who plague imaginary worlds, from cyber mafiosos and prostitutes to real hackers and terrorists. It seems that one cannot escape greed, corruption, and human weakness—even inside a computer screen. Are these virtual worlds a way to enhance life or to escape it? Guest explores this question personally as he lets himself be transported into myriad parallel universes. By turns provocative, inspiring, and disturbing, *Second Lives* is a crucial book for this millennium. After all, real life is so twentieth century. Advance praise for *Second Lives* "Tim Guest is a young writer with the literary goods. My *Life in Orange*, his hit memoir of growing up in a commune, looked at his past; his riveting new book, *Second Lives*, looks at our future: the world of virtual reality and the spellbound people who inhabit it. The book is some kind of revelation—by turns compelling, chilling, and illuminating. Curious, intelligent, offbeat, and artful, Guest is at the beginning of a big career." —John Lahr, senior drama critic, *The New Yorker*, author of *Prick Up Your Ears: The Biography of Joe Orton* Praise from *England for Second Lives* "An anthropological adventure but also Guest's personal voyage . . . a fascinating portrait of rainbow landscapes and their inhabitants." —*Time Out London* "Rich and colourful . . . an important mapping of a new social frontier." —*The Guardian* "Remarkably timely." —*The Sunday Telegraph* "Astonishing." —*The Sunday Times*

FAT COW, FAT CHANCE

THE SCIENCE AND PSYCHOLOGY OF SIZE

[Random House](#) 'A powerful, poignant tale of dieting and despair.' *The Times* 'A moving, brutally honest memoir about what it feels like to be fat-shamed.' *Mail on Sunday* At sixty-four, Jenni Murray's weight had become a disability. She avoided the scales, she wore a uniform of baggy black clothes, refused to make connections between her weight and health issues and told herself that she was fat and happy. She was certainly fat. But the happy part was an Oscar-worthy performance. In private she lived with a growing sense of fear and misery that her weight would probably kill her before she made it to seventy. Interwoven with the science, social history and psychology of weight management, *Fat Cow, Fat Chance* is a refreshingly honest account of what it's like to be fat when society dictates that skinny is the norm. It asks why we overeat and why, when the weight is finally lost through dieting, do we simply pile the pounds back on again? How do we help young people become comfortable with the way they look? What are the consequences of the obesity epidemic for an already overstretched NHS? And, whilst fat shaming is so often called out, why is it that shouting 'fat cow' at a woman in the street hasn't been included in the list of hate crimes? Fusing politics, science and personal pain, this is a powerful exploration of our battle with obesity. _____ 'Agony and confusion, humour and hope. A beautiful book.' *Susie Orbach*, author of *Fat is a Feminist Issue* 'A perceptive look at health and happiness.' *Sunday Express*

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TRAVELER: CALIFORNIA, 5TH EDITION

[National Geographic Traveler](#) This beautifully illustrated guidebook takes you on a tour of California's different geographical areas, each with its own character and exciting excursions, from the Golden State's main attractions to hidden gems in off-the-beaten path destinations. California is a vast territory that is unquestionably the most diversified in all of the

United States. With so much to see and do, *National Geographic Traveler: California* is an essential tool for every visitor, providing itinerary ideas for every type of tourist—from beach-lovers to city-dwellers to road trippers. Offering ideas, advice, and suggestions from true Golden State connoisseurs, this book is filled with expert information that takes the guesswork out of planning your California vacation. Much of California's fascination lies in its informal, cosmopolitan lifestyle, but there is so much more to see and do beyond the busy city highways. With a variety of landscapes and attractions to choose from, you'll want to visit it all, including: California's beaches. There are so many, you can visit a different sandy shore every day for a month and still not see half of them. Museums, theme parks, and historical attractions, including an insider's guide to iconic destinations like Disneyland. The Colorado Desert, carved with sand dunes, and the Mojave Desert, punctuated by yucca treas. Luxury and sophistication in Palm Springs. Solitude and natural beauty in Death Valley. The states largest and oldest national parks: Yosemite, Kings Canyon, and Sequoia National Park. The tallest trees on the planet and seldom-visited volcanic landscapes. And so much more! Discover legendary walking and driving tours, history, and modern culture, as well as excursions to exceptional places and suggestions from *National Geographic* photographers and travel experts in this one-stop resource to on of America's most iconic states. It is packed with all the information you need to plan your next grand adventure.

FAT

FIGHTING THE OBESITY EPIDEMIC

Oxford University Press on Demand The author of *Eve's Rib* takes a close up look at scientific efforts to understand and control human obesity, examining the pharmaceutical and weight control programs available, the history of obesity research, and the science of body weight, and arguing that the real problem with obesity is not losing the weight, but keeping it off.

THE AMERICAN WAY OF EATING

UNDERCOVER AT WALMART, APPLEBEE'S, FARM FIELDS AND THE DINNER TABLE

Simon and Schuster An award-winning journalist traces her 2009 immersion into the national food system to explore issues about how working-class Americans can afford to eat as they should, describing how she worked as a farm laborer, Wal-Mart grocery clerk and Applebee's expediter while living within the means of each job. 25,000 first printing.

MY LIFE IN ORANGE

GROWING UP WITH THE GURU

HMH A memoir of formative years spent on a series of communes: A "wonderful account of a frankly ghastly childhood . . . Hilarious and heartbreaking" (*Daily Mail*). At the age of six, Tim Guest was taken by his mother to a commune modeled on the teachings of the notorious Indian guru Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. The Bhagwan preached an eclectic doctrine of Eastern mysticism, chaotic therapy, and sexual freedom, and enjoyed inhaling laughing gas, preaching from a dentist's chair, and collecting Rolls Royces. Tim and his mother were given Sanskrit names, dressed entirely in orange, and encouraged to surrender themselves into their new family. While his mother worked tirelessly for the cause, Tim—or Yogesh, as he was now called—lived a life of well-meaning but woefully misguided neglect in various communes in England, Oregon, India, and Germany. In 1985 the movement collapsed amid allegations of mass poisonings, attempted murder, and tax evasion, and Yogesh was once again Tim. In this extraordinary memoir, Tim Guest chronicles the heartbreaking experience of being left alone on earth while his mother hunted heaven. "An intelligent, wry, openhearted memoir of surviving a childhood and a cultural phenomenon that were both extraordinary." —*Booklist* (starred review)

THE SECRET LIFE OF FAT: THE SCIENCE BEHIND THE BODY'S LEAST UNDERSTOOD ORGAN AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU

W. W. Norton & Company A biochemist shows how we can finally control our fat—by understanding how it works. Fat is not just excess weight, but actually a dynamic, smart, and self-sustaining organ that influences everything from aging and immunity to mood and fertility. With cutting-edge research and riveting case studies—including the story of a girl who had no fat, and that of a young woman who couldn't stop eating—Dr. Sylvia Tara reveals the surprising science behind our most misunderstood body part and its incredible ability to defend itself. Exploring the unexpected ways viruses, hormones, sleep, and genetics impact fat, Tara uncovers the true secret to losing weight: working with your fat, not against it.

THE GOSPEL OF FOOD

EVERYTHING YOU THINK YOU KNOW ABOUT FOOD IS WRONG

Harper Collins Enjoy what you eat. From the author of the national bestseller *The Culture of Fear* comes a rallying cry to abandon food fads and myths for calmer and more pleasurable eating. For many Americans, eating is a religion. We worship at the temples of celebrity chefs. We raise our children to believe that certain foods are good and others are bad. We believe that if we eat the right foods, we will live longer, and if we eat in the right places, we will raise our social status. Yet what we believe to be true about food is, in fact, quite contradictory. Offering part exposé, part social commentary, sociologist Barry Glassner talks to chefs, food chemists, nutritionists, and restaurant critics about the way we eat. Helping us recognize the myths, half-truths, and guilt trips they promulgate, *The Gospel of Food* liberates us for greater joy at the table.