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## I Is an Other The Secret Life of Metaphor and How it Shapes the Way We See the World

**Harper Collins** *For lovers of language and fans of Blink and Freakonomics, New York Times bestselling author James Geary offers this fascinating look at metaphors and their influence in every aspect of our lives, from art to medicine, psychology to the stock market. From President Obama's political rhetoric to the bursting of the housing bubble, from conversations to commercials, James Geary shows that every aspect of our day-to-day experience is molded by metaphor. Geary takes readers from Aristotle's investigation of metaphor right up to the latest neuroscientific insights into how metaphor works in the brain. Romeo's exclamation "It is the East, and Juliet is the sun!" may be one of the most well-known metaphors in literature, but metaphor is more than a device of love-struck poets. As Geary demonstrates,*

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## The Secret Life of Secrets

# How Our Inner Worlds Shape Well-Being, Relationships, and Who We Are

**Crown** *"If you've ever wondered why we keep secrets and what motivates us to spill them, look no further. Michael Slepian has spent the past decade studying the psychology of secrets, and is ready to reveal his findings to the world."—Adam Grant, #1 New York Times bestselling author of Think Again "The Secret Life of Secrets gracefully blends engaging stories with compelling science."—Sonja Lyubomirsky, University of California professor and author of The How of Happiness Think of a secret that you're keeping from others. It shouldn't take long; behavioral scientist Michael Slepian finds that, on average, we are keeping as many as thirteen secrets at any given time. His research involving more than 50,000 participants from around the world shows that the most common secrets include lies we've told,*

*ambitions, addictions, mental health challenges, hidden relationships, and financial struggles. Our secrets can weigh heavily upon us. Yet the burden of secrecy, Slepian argues, rarely stems from the work it takes to keep a secret hidden. Rather, the weight of our secrets comes from carrying them alone, without the support of others. Whether we are motivated to protect our reputation, a relationship, a loved one's feelings, or some personal or professional goal, one thing is clear: Holding back some part of our inner world is often lonely and isolating. But *The Secret Life of Secrets* shows you that it doesn't have to be. Filled with fresh insight into one of the most universal—yet least understood—aspects of human behavior, *The Secret Life of Secrets* sheds a fascinating new light on questions like: At what age do children develop the cognitive capacity for secrecy? Do all secrets come with the same mental load? How can we reconcile our secrets with our human desires to relate, connect, and be known? When should we confess our secrets? Who makes for the ideal confidant? And can keeping certain types of secrets actually enhance our well-being? Drawing on over a decade of original research, *The Secret Life of Secrets* reveals the surprising ways that secrets pervade our lives, and offers science-based strategies that make them easier to live with. The result is a rare window into the inner workings of our minds, our relationships, and our sense of who we are.*

## The Secret Life of Squirrels

**Little, Brown Books for Young Readers** *An irresistible photographic story featuring wild squirrels in homemade miniature domestic settings -- taking a bath, doing laundry, and barbecuing -- will surprise and amuse readers and animal lovers of all ages! Adorable squirrels as you've never seen them! You may think you know what squirrels do all day...but Mr. Peanuts is no ordinary squirrel. Instead of climbing tress, he plays the piano. ("Moonlight Sonutta" is his favorite.) Instead of scurrying through the woods, he reads books (such as *A Tail of Two Cities*). But everything is more fun with company, so Mr. Peanuts writes a letter to Cousin Squirrel and invites him for a visit! Featuring candid photographs of wild squirrels in handcrafted, homemade miniature settings, this irresistible book is sure to delight readers young and old!*

## Shady Characters: The Secret Life of Punctuation, Symbols, and Other Typographical Marks

**W. W. Norton & Company** *"An absolutely fascinating blend of history, design, sociology, and cultural poetics—highly recommended."—Maria Popova, *Brain Pickings* A charming and indispensable tour of two thousand years of the written word, *Shady Characters* weaves a fascinating trail across the parallel histories of language and typography. Whether investigating the asterisk (\*) and dagger (†)—which alternately illuminated and skewered heretical verses of the early*

*Bible—or the at sign (@), which languished in obscurity for centuries until rescued by the Internet, Keith Houston draws on myriad sources to chart the life and times of these enigmatic squiggles, both exotic (¶) and everyday (&). From the Library of Alexandria to the halls of Bell Labs, figures as diverse as Charlemagne, Vladimir Nabokov, and George W. Bush cross paths with marks as obscure as the interrobang (?) and as divisive as the dash (—). Ancient Roman graffiti, Venetian trading shorthand, Cold War double agents, and Madison Avenue round out an ever more diverse set of episodes, characters, and artifacts. Richly illustrated, ranging across time, typographies, and countries, *Shady Characters* will delight and entertain all who cherish the unpredictable and surprising in the writing life.*

## The Secret Life

# A Book of Wisdom from the Great Teacher

**Humanix Books** *In the tradition of *The Four Agreements* and lifelong rabbinical student and scholar Jeffrey Katz reveals the essential wisdom of unconditional love and charity to our fellow man. Based on the philosophy of the great Jewish teacher Maimonides, offers a powerful message for today's divisive society that can transform our lives of finger-pointing and blame to a new way of being based on self-respect and care for others.*

## The Secret Life of Pronouns

# What Our Words Say About Us

**Bloomsbury Publishing USA** *A surprising, and entertaining, explanation of how the words we use (even the ones we don't notice) reveal our personalities, emotions, and identities.*

## The Secret Life of the Seine

**Da Capo Press** *Mort Rosenblum, a celebrated foreign correspondent, invites us aboard his fifty-four-foot launch tied up in the center of Paris and introduces us to the characters who share his life along the river, ranging from eccentric movie stars and reclusive novelists to barge families just scraping by. He then hauls in the bow line for an unforgettable tour of the river itself from its source to its mouth. *The Secret Life of the Seine* is a love story between man and boat and the river that they live on, a discourse on the sensual beauty of France and the art of living well. In the tradition of *A Year in Provence*, *Under the Tuscan Sun*, and *Paris to the Moon*, here is what Garry Trudeau called "a moveable feast [with] a top speed of five knots—fast enough for fun, languid enough for dreaming. Take a trip you'll never take: This is*

what books are for."

## The Secret Life of Bees

**Penguin Books** *After her mother's death, Lily Owens and her African-American maid seek refuge from the racism of their South Carolina hometown with eccentric beekeeping sisters in this coming of age story representing the letter "K" in a new series of twenty-six collectible editions.*

## The Secret Life of Farts

**Pushkin Children's Books** *A laugh-out-loud illustrated journey around the hidden world of the fart. Hilarious verses and outrageous illustrations combine to produce a book about the funniest thing in the world: farts! From the racetrack to the concert hall, from humble bank-robbers to esteemed royals, farts are produced everywhere and by everyone. The Secret Life of Farts is your guide to the rich, colourful, flatulatory world that is all around us.*

## The Secret Life of Puppets

**Harvard University Press** *In one of those rare books that allows us to see the world not as we've never seen it before, but as we see it daily without knowing, Victoria Nelson illuminates the deep but hidden attraction the supernatural still holds for a secular mainstream culture that forced the transcendental underground and firmly displaced wonder and awe with the forces of reason, materialism, and science. In a backward look at an era now drawing to a close, The Secret Life of Puppets describes a curious reversal in the roles of art and religion: where art and literature once took their content from religion, we came increasingly to seek religion, covertly, through art and entertainment. In a tour of Western culture that is at once exhilarating and alarming, Nelson shows us the distorted forms in which the spiritual resurfaced in high art but also, strikingly, in the mass culture of puppets, horror-fantasy literature, and cyborgs: from the works of Kleist, Poe, Musil, and Lovecraft to Philip K. Dick and virtual reality simulations. At the end of the millennium, discarding a convention of the demonized grotesque that endured three hundred years, a Demiurgic consciousness shaped in Late Antiquity is emerging anew to re-divinize the human as artists like Lars von Trier and Will Self reinvent Expressionism in forms familiar to our pre-Reformation ancestors. Here as never before, we see how pervasively but unwittingly, consuming art forms of the fantastic, we allow ourselves to believe.*

## The Secret Life of Squirrels: A Love Story

**Little, Brown Books for Young Readers** *Love is in the air with another irresistible photographic story of wild squirrels in homemade miniature settings, delighting*

readers and animal lovers of all ages. A companion to *The Secret Life of Squirrels* and *Merry Christmas, Squirrels!* sure to surprise and enchant readers young and old! Mr. Peanuts spends his days climbing trees and gathering nuts--but he wishes he had another squirrel to share his time with. When he meets a special squirrel friend, he soon finds himself falling in love! They visit the bookstore, go to the park, and have a romantic candlelit dinner. Will Mr. Peanuts get his happily ever after?

## The Secret Life of Sleep

**Simon and Schuster** *Unlock the astonishing facts, myths, and benefits of one of the most endangered human resources—sleep. It has become increasingly clear that our sleep shapes who we are as much as, if not more than, we shape it. While most sleep research hasn't ventured far beyond research labs and treatment clinics, *The Secret Life of Sleep* taps into the enormous reservoir of human experiences to illuminate the complexities of a world where sleep has become a dwindling resource. With a sense of infectious curiosity, award winning author Kat Duff mixes cutting-edge research with insightful narratives, surprising insights, and timely questions to help us better understand what we're losing before it's too late. *The Secret Life of Sleep* tackles the full breadth of what sleep means to people the world over. Embark on an exploration of what lies behind and beyond our eyelids when we surrender to the secret life of sleep.*

## The Secret Life of Plants

# A Fascinating Account of the Physical, Emotional, and Spiritual Relations Between Plants and Man

**HarperCollins** *Explore the inner world of plants and its fascinating relation to mankind, as uncovered by the latest discoveries of science. A perennial bestseller. In this truly revolutionary and beloved work, drawn from remarkable research, Peter Tompkins and Christopher Bird cast light on the rich psychic universe of plants. Now available in a new edition, *The Secret Life of Plants* explores plants' response to human care and nurturing, their ability to communicate with man, plants' surprising reaction to music, their lie-detection abilities, their creative powers, and much more. Tompkins and Bird's classic book affirms the depth of humanity's relationship with nature and adds special urgency to the cause of protecting the environment that nourishes us.*

## A Secret Life

**Skyhorse Publishing Inc.** Examines the life and presidency of the only man to serve two non-consecutive terms, reveals what really happened on the night President Grover Cleveland's illegitimate son was conceived, and explores the scandal surrounding the child.

## The Secret Life of Anna Blanc

**Simon and Schuster** *It's 1907 Los Angeles. Mischievous socialite Anna Blanc is the kind of young woman who devours purloined crime novels—but must disguise them behind covers of more domestically-appropriate reading. She could match wits with Sherlock Holmes, but in her world women are not allowed to hunt criminals. Determined to break free of the era's rigid social roles, Anna buys off the chaperone assigned by her domineering father and, using an alias, takes a job as a police matron with the Los Angeles Police Department. There she discovers a string of brothel murders, which the cops are unwilling to investigate. Seizing her one chance to solve a crime, she takes on the investigation herself. If the police find out, she'll get fired; if her father finds out, he'll disown her; and if her fiancé finds out, he'll cancel the wedding and stop pouring money into her father's collapsing bank. Midway into her investigation, the police chief's son, Joe Singer, learns her true identity. And shortly thereafter she learns about blackmail. Anna must choose—either hunt the villain and risk losing her father, fiancé, and wealth, or abandon her dream and leave the killer on the loose. From the Trade Paperback edition.*

## The Secret Life of Another Indian Nationalism

## Transitions from the Pax Britannica to the Pax Americana

**Cambridge University Press** *It highlights shifts over two centuries as the geopolitical context has transitioned from the Pax Britannica to the Pax Americana.*

## The Secret Life of the Sloth

**Astra Publishing House** *A year in the life of a sloth is revealed in this stunningly illustrated nonfiction picture book, the latest in the popular The Secret Life series. Meet Perezoso, a brown-throated three-fingered sloth who lives in a rainforest habitat. Young readers will be fascinated as they learn all about her life -- how she searches for food, keeps herself safe from prey, and gives birth to a baby. Gorgeous*

*realistic illustrations celebrate these intriguing creatures, and the story is filled with important facts and terms. The back matter at the conclusion of the book provides more in-depth information, a glossary, and further resources.*

## The Secret Life of Science

### How It Really Works and Why It Matters

**Princeton University Press** *A revealing and provocative look at the current state of global science We take the advance of science as given. But how does science really work? Is it truly as healthy as we tend to think? How does the system itself shape what scientists do? The Secret Life of Science takes a clear-eyed and provocative look at the current state of global science, shedding light on a cutthroat and tightly tensioned enterprise that even scientists themselves often don't fully understand. The Secret Life of Science is a dispatch from the front lines of modern science. It paints a startling picture of a complex scientific ecosystem that has become the most competitive free-market environment on the planet. It reveals how big this ecosystem really is, what motivates its participants, and who reaps the rewards. Are there too few scientists in the world or too many? Are some fields expanding at the expense of others? What science is shared or published, and who determines what the public gets to hear about? What is the future of science? Answering these and other questions, this controversial book explains why globalization is not necessarily good for science, nor is the continued growth in the number of scientists. It portrays a scientific community engaged in a race for limited resources that determines whether careers are lost or won, whose research visions become the mainstream, and whose vested interests end up in control. The Secret Life of Science explains why this hypercompetitive environment is stifling the diversity of research and the resiliency of science itself, and why new ideas are needed to ensure that the scientific enterprise remains healthy and vibrant.*

## The Secret Life of Stuff

### A Manual for a New Material World

**Random House** *Wouldn't you like: - Products that don't damage the environment? - A better way of life without agonising about your 'footprint'? - To really know your stuff? Climate change? Biofuels? Nuclear power? Landfills? Recycling? Renewable energy? Environmental issues can feel overwhelming. But, in fact, it is simple; it all comes down to one thing - stuff. Our use of the Earth's resources - whether a crisp packet or a cargo ship, a T-shirt or a wind turbine - has an inescapable impact on our future. In The Secret Life of Stuff, Julie Hill uncovers the origins and the true cost of what we use. Her inventory of over-consumption may shock but it is the first step*

towards overcoming waste. The misuse of stuff is not your fault, it's a product of history. But it is only by understanding what has gone wrong, that everyone - politicians, business people and us as consumers - can create a new and better material world.

## In His Secret Life

**JMS Books LLC** Allan has always tried to do the sensible thing. So when his sister Elsie became pregnant eight years ago and was ditched by her boyfriend, he stepped up to the plate. Since then, he's been his sister's support system and father figure to his niece. Allan's world is turned upside down when Elsie becomes engaged and he meets her fiancé's older brother, Davinder -- a beautiful, brooding artist with a thousand secrets in his eyes. But Davinder is a married man and father of two young boys. From the moment they meet, Allan and Davinder walk along the edge of their secret lives, never allowed to push open the gates. Though their love is a head-on collision, a meeting of the minds, a fusing of two lost souls, both men know that it is also -- and above all -- impossible.

## The Secret Life of Literature

**MIT Press** An innovative account that brings together cognitive science, ethnography, and literary history to examine patterns of "mindreading" in a wide range of literary works. For over four thousand years, writers have been experimenting with what cognitive scientists call "mindreading": constantly devising new social contexts for making their audiences imagine complex mental states of characters and narrators. In *The Secret Life of Literature*, Lisa Zunshine uncovers these mindreading patterns, which have, until now, remained invisible to both readers and critics, in works ranging from *The Epic of Gilgamesh* to *Invisible Man*. Bringing together cognitive science, ethnography, and literary studies, this engaging book transforms our understanding of literary history. Central to Zunshine's argument is the exploration of mental states "embedded" within each other, as, for instance, when Ellison's *Invisible Man* is aware of how his white Communist Party comrades pretend not to understand what he means, when they want to reassert their position of power. Paying special attention to how race, class, and gender inform literary embeddings, Zunshine contrasts this dynamic with real-life patterns studied by cognitive and social psychologists. She also considers community-specific mindreading values and looks at the rise and migration of embedment patterns across genres and national literary traditions, noting particularly the use of deception, eavesdropping, and shame as plot devices. Finally, she investigates mindreading in children's literature. Stories for children geared toward different stages of development, she shows, provide cultural scaffolding for initiating young readers into a long-term engagement with the secret life of literature.

# The Secret Life Of Walter Mitty

## Short Story

**Harper Collins** *Walter Mitty, a mild-mannered forty-year-old man, drives into Connecticut with his wife for their weekly shopping trip. Tired of his drab, schedule-driven life, Walter escapes into five elaborate daydreams, and finally becomes the hero he always hoped to be. "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty" was originally published in a 1939 issue of The New Yorker. It is considered to be an American classic, and author James Thurber's masterpiece. It has been adapted for film, first in 1947, and most recently for the 2013 feature film starring Ben Stiller and Kristen Wiig. HarperCollins 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 HarperCollins short stories collection to build your digital library.*

## The Secret Life of Souls

**Pegasus Books** *At the heart of this psychological suspense novel is the haunting depiction of a family's fall and the extraordinary gifted dog, Caity, who knows the truth. As the drama unfolds Caity evolves from protector to savior, from scapegoat to prop, and eventually, from avenger to survivor. She is an unselfish soul in a selfish world—and she is written with depth and grace by authors Ketchum and Mckee, who display a profound understanding of a dog's complex emotions. With her telling instincts and her capacity for joy and transformative love, Caity joins the pantheon of great dogs in contemporary literature. Eleven year old actress Delia Cross is beautiful, talented, charismatic. A true a star in the making. Her days are a blur of hard work on set, auditions and tutors. Her family—driven, pill-popping stage mother Pat, wastrel dad Bart, and introverted twin brother Robbie—depends on her for their upscale lifestyle. Delia in turn depends on Caity, her beloved ginger Queensland Heeler—and loyal friend—for the calming private space they share. Delia is on the verge of a professional break through. But just as the contracts are about to be signed, there is a freak accident that puts Delia in the danger zone with only Caity to protect her.*

## The Secret Life of the Forest

**New Word City** *In any given year, millions of people visit one or more of the 154 national forests in the United States, not to mention the hundreds of thousands who spend some time in the private forests of the nation. All of them - hikers, hunters, fishermen, campers, and canoeists - are drawn to the woods for some special reason. Yet few of them see the forest as a whole, as the web of life it truly is. Here, from New York Times bestselling author Richard M. Ketchum, is the extraordinary story of forests and the trees that comprise them.*

# The Secret Life of Mrs. Claus

**Kensington Books** *For three very different women trying to get what they want, it's a Christmas where miracles happen. Love is magical, and changing their lives is as close as changing their outfits--or their Mrs. Claus costume.*

# The Secret Life of Damian Spinelli

**Disney Electronic Content** *"Brusque Lady . . . Please meet the Jackal at the bar in the Metro Court at 10:00 PM sharp. Although it is somewhat past my his bedtime, he must speak with you on a grave matter concerning many of your clientele. Do not fail me him. Regards, The Jackal" So begins an evening unlike any other in Port Charles. When high-powered attorney Diane Miller agrees to meet with computer hacker extraordinaire Damian Spinelli, otherwise known as The Jackal, she knows she's in for an interesting night. But the stories he has to tell about some of Port Charles's most famous, and infamous, inhabitants are beyond her wildest imagination. Could these tales possibly be true? Or is Spinelli using her for some other purpose? From the deck of the Smilin' Lila to the halls of General Hospital, from the Case of the Vamping Valkyrie to the Case of the Contrived Contralto, here are Spinelli's tales of intrigue, kidnapping, murder, and more. The office of Spinelli/McCall, P.I., has never been busier. Spinelli may be a gumshoe like no other, but he will save, defend, and protect the citizens of Port Charles until the bitter end!*

# Bad Connection

**Multnomah** *Meet Samantha McGregor She seems like your average teen, but Samantha is unusually gifted. God gives her visions and dreams that offer unconventional glimpses into other people's lives and problems. It's a powerful gift with a lot of responsibility... Bad Connection: Book One Kayla Henderson lives on the edge. She likes to break the rules, considers partying an extracurricular activity, and can't stand her parents. So, most people aren't surprised when she goes missing. Like everyone else, Samantha McGregor assumes Kayla has run away. But then she has a vision where Kayla is tied up with duct tape over her mouth. Freaked by the image, Samantha wonders, Is Kayla alive or dead? Was the vision real or just a silly dream? Most important, can Kayla be found before it's too late? Reaader's Guide Included! Story Behind the Book "The secular world has become very interested in 'supernatural' gifts. Take, for example, shows like Joan of Arcadia , The Medium, Monk, and Dead Zone . Yet it's God who gives every good and perfect gift. My guess is that we humans barely tap into the vast variety of gifts that He has to offer. Not only that, but our fast-paced, high-tech culture rarely relies on those good 'old-fashioned' character traits like insight, intuition, wisdom, and foresight. My hope is that this series will provide a fun way for teens to explore deeper levels of spirituality and creativity while inspiring them to a greater love for God." — Melody Carlson*

# The Secret Life of Books

## Why They Mean More Than Words

*We love books. We take them to bed with us. They weigh down our suitcases on holiday. We display them on our bookshelves, give them as gifts, write our names in them. We take them for granted. And all the time, our books are leading a double life. The Secret Life of Books is about everything that isn't just the words. It's about how books transform us as individuals, the stories they tell us about ourselves. It's about how books - and readers - have evolved over time. And it's about why, even with the arrival of other media, books still have the power to change our lives. In this stylish and thought-provoking meditation, Tom Mole looks at everything from binding innovations to binding errors, to books defaced by lovers, to those imprisoning professors in their offices, to books in art, to burned books, to the books that create nations, to those we'll leave behind. A striking text in a stunning package, it will change how you think about books.*

## The Secret Life of Dust

### From the Cosmos to the Kitchen Counter, the Big Consequences of Little Things

**Wiley** *Hannah Holmes* A mesmerizing expedition around our dusty world Some see dust as dull and useless stuff. But in the hands of author Hannah Holmes, it becomes a dazzling and mysterious force; *Dust*, we discover, built the planet we walk upon. And it tinkers with the weather and spices the air we breathe. Billions of tons of it rise annually into the air--the dust of deserts and forgotten kings mixing with volcanic ash, sea salt, leaf fragments, scales from butterfly wings, shreds of T-shirts, and fireplace soot. Eventually, though, all this dust must settle. The story of restless dust begins among exploding stars, then treks through the dinosaur beds of the Gobi Desert, drills into Antarctic glaciers, filters living dusts from the wind, and probes the dark underbelly of the living-room couch. Along the way, Holmes introduces a delightful cast of characters--the scientists who study dust. Some investigate its dark side: how it killed off dinosaurs and how its industrial descendents are killing us today. Others sample the shower of Saharan dust that nourishes Caribbean jungles, or venture into the microscopic jungle of the bedroom carpet. Like *The Secret Life of Dust*, however, all of them unveil the mayhem and magic wrought by little things. Hannah Holmes (Portland, ME) is a science and natural history writer for the Discovery Channel Online. Her freelance work has been widely published, appearing in the Los Angeles Times Magazine, the New York Times Magazine, Outside, Sierra,

*National Geographic Traveler, and Escape. Her broadcast work has been featured on Living on Earth and the Discovery Channel Online's Science Live.*

## The Secret Life of Language

### Discover the Origins of Global Communication

**Secret Life of** Like its companion titles, *The Secret Life of Language* uses quirky illustrations, helpful diagrams and clear text to unlock the fascinating workings behind the development of the world's languages. Readers will gain insight into the extraordinary underlying stories and facts about the language (or languages) they speak, as well as those that they perhaps would like to learn. Six chapters cover all of the world's language groups from their historic origins to today as well as the physical mechanics of speech. Language is essential to us all -- spoken, heard, written, read -- no matter which we use. Today, cultures move and meld across the globe in waves of migration taking their languages with them. *The Secret Life of Language* is sure to pique the interest of all general readers, language learners and those curious about the future of language.

## A Secret Life

**Bantam Books for Young Readers** It's Sydney Bristow's first mission--in Paris. Her first alias. Her first real enemy. Her first real crush. And her first big mistake. There are a lot of firsts for Sydney. But no second chances.

## The Secret Life of Bees

### Meet the Bees of the World, with Buzzwing the Honeybee

**Words & Pictures** Listen to tiny tales from Buzzwing the hardworking honeybee. Combining nonfiction with a splash of fantasy, *The Secret Life of Bees* is a book to get lost in, time and again.

## Secret Life

**Drawn & Quarterly** An uncanny and eye-opening journey into a mysterious building, adapted from a short story by Jeff VanderMeer *To the west: trees. To the east: a mall. North: fast food. South: darkness. And at the centre is The Building, an office building wherein several factions vie for dominance. Inside, the walls are infiltrated with vines, a mischief of mice learn to speak English, and something eerie*

*happens once a month on the fifth floor. In Secret Life, Theo Ellsworth uses a deep-layered style to interpret Nebula award-winning author Jeff VanderMeer's short story. What emerges is a mind-bending narrative that defamiliarizes the mundanity of office work and makes the arcane rituals of The Building home. When his manager borrows his pen for a presentation, a man is driven to unspeakable acts as he questions the role the pen has played in his workplace success. The despised denizens of the second floor develop their own tongue, incomprehensible to everyone else in The Building. A woman plants a seed of insurgency that quickly permeates every corner of the building with its sweet, nostalgic perfume. With deft insight, Secret Life observes the sinister individualism of bureaucratic settings in contrast with an unconcerned natural world. As the narrative progresses you may begin to suspect that the world Ellsworth has brought to life with hypnotic visuals is not so secret after all; in fact, it's uncannily similar to our own.*

## Our Secret Life

# Lead an Authentic, Confident, Fearless Life by Creating Your Unique Character Code

## The Secret Life of Mac

**Kensington Books** *MacGuyver the cat is back at his mischievous matchmaking ways in this romance inspired by the true story by the author of Talk to the Paw. MacGuyver the tabby is feeling very pleased with himself after helping his human, Jamie Snyder, find the perfect packmate. By stealing personal items from the home of Jamie's handsome neighbor, MacGuyver brought these two LA singles together. Now, while the newlyweds are off on their honeymoon, MacGuyver is ready for his next matchmaking challenge—his cat sitter Briony. After making the tough decision to leave her fiancé at the altar, Briony jumps at the chance to cat sit for her cousin Jamie's cat. But MacGuyver has more than just cuddles and reality TV in mind. He lures Briony to a local retirement community—and to the charming young man in charge. Briony and Nate hit it off instantly. But Briony feels skittish about starting another relationship. And with someone sabotaging his community, Nate has problems of his own. Crazy humans. Why can't they follow their instincts and go after the love they deserve? MacGuyver is on the case. And this time, he's not pussyfooting around . . . Crazy humans. Why can't they follow their instincts and go after the love they deserve? MacGuyver is on the case. And this time, he's not pussyfooting around . . . RAVES FOR TALK TO THE PAW "Filled with romance and adorable kitty antics . . . a light and cozy read!" —Modern Cat "Surpassingly cute story of a matchmaking cat determined to pair off his human with a neighbor through the power of stinky laundry." —Kirkus Reviews "Whimsical . . . fans of cozy*

*romances will root for these . . . appealing characters.” —*

## The Secret Life of the Movies

**Hachette UK** *Get ready to spot hundreds of things you've never seen before across a wide range of films, in this brand new book from the creator of Den Of Geek. From the small references and inspirations, through to clues, hidden meanings and moments in frame that you may have simply missed, this indispensable guide is both a love letter to cinema, and a jam-packed treasure trove that no film fan will want to miss!*

## The Mermaid Chair

### A Novel

**Penguin** *A transcendent tale of a woman's self-discovery—the New York Times–bestselling second work of fiction by the author of *The Secret Life of Bees* and *The Book of Longings* Inside the church of a Benedictine monastery on Egret Island, just off the coast of South Carolina, resides a beautiful and mysterious chair ornately carved with mermaids and dedicated to a saint who, legend claims, was a mermaid before her conversion. When Jessie Sullivan is summoned home to the island to cope with her eccentric mother's seemingly inexplicable behavior, she is living a conventional life with her husband, Hugh, a life “molded to the smallest space possible.” Jessie loves Hugh, but once on the island, she finds herself drawn to Brother Thomas, a monk about to take his final vows. Amid a rich community of unforgettable island women and the exotic beauty of marshlands, tidal creeks, and majestic egrets, Jessie grapples with the tension of desire and the struggle to deny it, with a freedom that feels overwhelmingly right, and with the immutable force of home and marriage. Is the power of the mermaid chair only a myth? Or will it alter the course of Jessie's life? What happens will unlock the roots of her mother's tormented past, but most of all, it will allow Jessie to discover selfhood and a place of belonging as she explores the thin line between the spiritual and the erotic.*

## The Secret Life of Walter Mitty and Other Pieces

**Penguin Modern Classics** *James Thurber is universally admired for his hilarious sense of humour, off-beat imagination and unique take on the world around him. *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty*, in which a young man's fantasies have a much more powerful hold on him than reality, is probably his best-known prose work, but this selection also contains wonderfully entertaining essays, poetry and cartoons gathered from all of Thurber's collections. Poking fun at his own weaknesses and those of other people (and dogs) - the English teacher who looked only at figures of speech, the Airedale who refused to include him in the family, the botany lecturer*

*who despaired of him totally - James Thurber is essential reading for everyone who loves to laugh.*

## Inventing Ourselves

# The Secret Life of the Teenage Brain

**PublicAffairs** *A tour through the groundbreaking science behind the enigmatic, but crucial, brain developments of adolescence and how those translate into teenage behavior. The brain creates every feeling, emotion, and desire we experience, and stores every one of our memories. And yet, until very recently, scientists believed our brains were fully developed from childhood on. Now, thanks to imaging technology that enables us to look inside the living human brain at all ages, we know that this isn't so. Professor Sarah-Jayne Blakemore, one of the world's leading researchers into adolescent neurology, explains precisely what is going on in the complex and fascinating brains of teenagers--namely that the brain goes on developing and changing right through adolescence--with profound implications for the adults these young people will become. Drawing from cutting-edge research, including her own, Blakemore shows: How an adolescent brain differs from those of children and adults. Why problem-free kids can turn into challenging teens. What drives the excessive risk-taking and all-consuming relationships common among teenagers. And why many mental illnesses--depression, addiction, schizophrenia--present during these formative years. Blakemore's discoveries have transformed our understanding of the teenage mind, with consequences for law, education policy and practice, and, most of all, parents.*