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The self-account of the literary journey of an Indian novelist, playwright, short story, non-fiction 'n articles writer, translator, a 'little' thinker and a budding philosopher in 'Addendum to Evolution: Origins of the World by Eastern Speculative Philosophy' that was originally published in The Examined Life On-Line Philosophy Journal, Vol. 05 Issue 18, Summer 2004. "Henry Alford (7 October 1810 - 12 January 1871) was an English churchman, theologian, textual critic, scholar, poet, hymnodist, and writer." -- Wikipedia It's perilous penning this blurb. It's fine when man is modest about his work. It even affords him the aura of an invisible crown! But what about his work? Were it an art or craft, it is there for all to see. What of a literary work of an unheralded author? Well, lauding the same might raise one's eyebrows. Failing to praise wouldn't make a 'jewel-less crown' either! Why not see, if this is the great Indian novel. This is the story of the rise and fall of an ambitious man, the decline, and the decay of his conniving wife, the trials, and tribulations of their wayward son as well as the grit and gall of a spirited woman, who enters into his life. This depiction of their life and times not only pictures the facets of ambition and achievement, intrigue and betrayal, compulsion and compromise, sleaze and scandal, trial and sentence, but also portrays the possibilities of repentance and resolution, love and empathy coupled with compassion and contribution, leading to the spirituality of materialism, and that makes it the saga of our times. The story of a lifetime, truly. At the beginning of the homelessness epidemic in the 1980s, Josephine Ensign was a young, white, Southern, Christian wife, mother, and nurse running a new medical clinic for the homeless in the heart of the South. Through her work and intense relationships with patients and co-workers, her worldview was shattered, and after losing her job, family, and house, she became homeless

herself. She reconstructed her life with altered views on homelessness—and on the health care system. In *Catching Homelessness*, Ensign reflects on how this work has changed her and how her work has changed through the experience of being homeless—providing a piercing look at the homelessness industry, nursing, and our country's health care safety net. How do you define "growing up"? Does it mean you achieve certain cultural benchmarks—a steady income, paying taxes, marriage, and children? Or does it mean leaving behind the expectations of others and growing into the person you were meant to be? If you find yourself in a career, place, relationship, or crisis you never foresaw and that seems at odds with your beliefs about who you are, it means your soul is calling on you to reexamine your path. With *Living an Examined Life*, James Hollis offers an essential guidebook for anyone at a crossroads in life Here this acclaimed author guides you through 21 areas for self-inquiry and growth—such as how to exorcise the ghosts of your past, when to choose meaning over happiness, how to construct a mature spirituality, and how to seize permission to be who you really are With his trademark eloquence and insight, Dr. Hollis offers a potent resource you'll return to time and again to energize and inspire you on your journey to create a life of personal authority, integrity, and fulfillment. A searing, beautifully told memoir by a Native American doctor on the trials of being a doctor-soldier in the Iraq War, and then, after suffering a stroke that left his life irrevocably changed, his struggles to overcome the new limits of his body, mind, and identity. Every juncture in Jon Kerstetter's life has been marked by a crossing from one world into another: from civilian to doctor to soldier; between healing and waging war; and between compassion and hatred of the enemy. When an injury led to a stroke that ended his careers as a doctor and a soldier, he faced the most difficult crossing of all, a recovery that proved as shattering as war itself. *Crossings* is a memoir of an improbable, powerfully drawn life, one that began in poverty on the Oneida Reservation in Wisconsin but grew by force of will to encompass a remarkable medical practice. Trained as an emergency physician, Kerstetter's thirst for intensity led him to volunteer in war-torn Rwanda, Kosovo, and Bosnia, and to join the Army National Guard. His three tours in the Iraq War marked the height of the American struggle there. The story of his work in theater, which involved everything from saving soldiers' lives to organizing the joint U.S.-Iraqi forensics team tasked with identifying the bodies of Saddam Hussein's sons, is a bracing, unprecedented evocation of a doctor's life at war. But war was only the start of Kerstetter's struggle. The stroke he suffered upon returning from Iraq led to serious cognitive and physical disabilities. His years-long recovery, impeded by near-unbearable pain and complicated by PTSD, meant overcoming the perceived limits of his body and mind and reimagining his own capacity for renewal and change. It led him not

only to writing as a vocation but to a deeper understanding of how healing means accepting a new identity, and how that acceptance must be fought for with as much tenacity as any battlefield victory. Stories, poems & essays on 'happy' by B. Kursheed, C. Bierschenk, A. J. Wills, T. M. McDade, L. Tyrrell, R. S. Rosenthal, J. Chronister, Em König, K. McDonald, S. D. Kaluza, N. Ghosh, K. Christianson, R. Beveridge, C. W. Campbell, J. Lambremont Sr, J. E. Cricelli, R. Blum, L. Stice, J. Herold, P. Nieuwland, S. Guthrie, S. Pal, L. Marques, J. S. Battle, A. Robertson, M. J. Porter, M. Serafimova, J. Grey, M. Christmas, JP Lundstrom, D. K. Campbell, M. Hudson, E. Reilly, C. Leslie-Bole, C. P. Palmer, I. Buckler, L. Kuntz, L. N. McLaughlin, KR Rosman, M. Harrison, L. Kohler, K. Hemmings, W. Giersbach, T. Philippart, R. Z. Deming, H. van Didden, A. Grenfell, A. Black, K. Mahony, R. Scotellaro, J. Kiesow, J. Bradley, M. Quigley, M. Waseme, P. Lingard, E. M. Stormo, S. Hughes, P. Pulma Jr, B. Obiri-Asare, R. Walker, S. Carr, M. Webb, DS Levy, T. Fegan, J. Jagoda, E. Bruce, M. Baer, M. Govier, C. McLeod, M. DeVirgiliis, W. Scheer, P. Beckman & G. J. Mintz In this book, the follow-up to the best-selling *Philosophy for Kids*, Dr. David White delves deeper into the philosophical questions kids (and adults) care about deeply. Through vibrant discussions and debate, the book offers ways teachers can help students grapple with age-old questions about the nature of friendship (Aristotle), time (Augustine), knowledge (Plato), existence of God (Aquinas), perception (Berkeley), freedom and society (Rousseau), and many more. The book is divided into three sections. Part 1 presents primary source readings that will encourage discussion and debate; Part 2 offers easy-to-use activities that focus on the direct application of philosophy to areas such as critical thinking, language, and the arts; and Part 3 offers a unique perspective just for teachers—a philosophical look at how teachers can become more reflective philosophers themselves. This is an excellent teachers' handbook for using advanced philosophy in the classroom. Grades 7-12 Shows users how the keys to success in higher education are also the keys to success in life. Conversely, this text shows how the same academic and personal skills for college success will also ensure their success in their professional careers and personal lives. A New York Times Notable Book for 2011 We all want to know how to live. But before the good life was reduced to ten easy steps or a prescription from the doctor, philosophers offered arresting answers to the most fundamental questions about who we are and what makes for a life worth living. In *Examined Lives*, James Miller returns to this vibrant tradition with short, lively biographies of twelve famous philosophers. Socrates spent his life examining himself and the assumptions of others. His most famous student, Plato, risked his reputation to tutor a tyrant. Diogenes carried a bright lamp in broad daylight and announced he was "looking for a man." Aristotle's alliance with Alexander the Great presaged Seneca's

complex role in the court of the Roman Emperor Nero. Augustine discovered God within himself. Montaigne and Descartes struggled to explore their deepest convictions in eras of murderous religious warfare. Rousseau aspired to a life of perfect virtue. Kant elaborated a new ideal of autonomy. Emerson successfully preached a gospel of self-reliance for the new American nation. And Nietzsche tried "to compose into one and bring together what is fragment and riddle and dreadful chance in man," before he lapsed into catatonic madness. With a flair for paradox and rich anecdote, *Examined Lives* is a book that confirms the continuing relevance of philosophy today—and explores the most urgent questions about what it means to live a good life. *Evening Street Review* is centered on the belief that all men and women are created equal, that they have a natural claim to certain inalienable rights, and that among these are the rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. With this center, and an emphasis on writing that has both clarity and depth, it practices the widest eclecticism. *Evening Street Review* reads submissions of poetry (free verse, formal verse, and prose poetry) and prose (short stories and creative nonfiction) year-round. Submit 3-6 poems or 1-2 prose pieces at a time. Payment is one contributor's copy. Copyright reverts to author upon publication. Response time is 3-6 months. Please address submissions to Editors, 2881 Wright St, Sacramento, CA 95821-4819. Email submissions are also acceptable; send to the following address as Microsoft Word or rich text files (.rtf): editor@eveningstreetpress.com. For submission guidelines, subscription information, published works, and author profiles, please visit our website: www.eveningstreetpress.com. *Guns 360* takes a comprehensive and common-sense approach to some of the most difficult issues facing not only the criminal justice system but also society as a whole: firearm possession, regulation, and control. Issues related to firearms cut across all dimensions of society and are a concern to everyone from the members of the general public, law enforcement, academics, politicians, public health agencies, and the media. An interdisciplinary approach is needed to fully understand and appreciate the many facets related to firearms. Firearm related issues cover more than mere ownership and possession. School shootings and mass shootings dominate the headlines and cause fear for both parents and students. Firearm regulation and licensing divide politicians and create solid one issue voting blocks. Firearms used in domestic violence incidents and weapons owned and used by the mentally ill generate more victims than solutions. The marketing, messaging, and purchasing of firearms are all shaped by a variety of criminological, sociological, and psychological forces used to influence commercial behavior. This book combines academics in the fields of criminology, psychology, sociology, philosophy, economics, communications with practical experts with law enforcement, military, management, forensics, public health, medicine, and digital forensics backgrounds. This multidisciplinary approach has been brought together to further our understanding of firearms and their impacts on our society

from every angle. Firearms will never disappear, nor will the controversy surrounding them suddenly turn into agreement. What can be accomplished however is an increased knowledge, understanding, and discussion of the complex topics involved within these debates. The *Examined Life Journal* Vol 8 Fall 2020 Volume 5, *Manifest West* Series, Western Press Books Serenity and severity form a classic Western dichotomy with many manifestations. Beautiful growth and renewal follow a terrifying and destructive forest fire. Rain upon a hayfield can be interpreted as grace or judgment from above, depending on the season. The unpredictability of nature provides hikers with a breathtaking view one day and a life-threatening scenario the next. Yet the nature of the West does not only imply the outdoors. The people of the West encounter serenity and severity in all aspects of life, and this duality impacts their identity and shapes their lifestyles, outlooks, worldviews, and values. This year's collection includes political discussions, philosophical ponderings, and lighthearted humor that are all a part of life in the West. For the fifth volume of *Manifest West*, twenty-nine writers explore this theme, revealing the duality of Western life through many different narrative trails—including governed environment, overwhelming fires, hiking adventures, and the effect of location on family. Creativity and diversity come to this anthology in both content and form, with flash fiction joining *Manifest West*'s standard genres of creative nonfiction, short fiction, and poetry. Their combined reflections enable us to see the intense relationship between humanity and nature; sometimes nature directs humans' lives, to their harm and to their benefit, and other times, humanity abuses the very environment it cherishes as its home. Authors bring their personal styles, voices, and experiences with life in the West to contribute to a balanced and unique interpretation of serenity and severity. Contributors: Rebecca Aronson, Betsy Bernfeld, Heidi E. Blankenship, Kaye Lynne Booth, Sarah B. Boyle, John Brantingham, William Cass, David Lavar Coy, Benjamin Dancer, Gail Denham, Patricia Frolander, John Haggerty, Lyla D. Hamilton, Michael Harty, Rick Kempa, Don Kunz, Ellaraine Lockie, Nathan Alling Long, Sarah Fawn Montgomery, Juan J. Morales, Lance Nizami, Ronald Pickett, Terry Severhill, David Stallings, Scott T. Starbuck, Abigail Van Kirk, Victoria Waddle, Evan Morgan Williams, Steven Wingate *Manifest West* is Western Press Books' literary anthology series. The press, affiliated with Western State Colorado University, produces one anthology annually and focuses on Western regional writing. *Chariton Review* Spring/Summer 2016 This accompaniment to Taylor's documentary film of the same name, which premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival in 2008, is a peripatetic effort to bring philosophy to the streets. Taylor speaks with today's most influential thinkers in settings that give meaning and inspiration to the discussions. Most notable are Peter Singer's thoughts on ethics and consumption in the middle of busy Fifth Avenue, Michael Hardt's talk of revolution in a rowboat in Central Park, and Slavoj iek strolling through a garbage dump while criticizing environmentalism. There are also appearances by Cornel West, Avital Ronell,

Kwame Anthony Appiah, Martha Nussbaum, and Judith Butler. Both the book and the film attempt to make philosophy approachable, and the majority of the discussions here do just that. Taylor, for better or worse, refrains from any overarching theme or commentary, although her interactions with these thinkers do go beyond mere interviews to productive philosophical debates. As in life, in the end it is the walks and the fruitful conversations that are important. Recommended for public libraries. [Look for the DVD review in a future issue.Ed.] Steven Chabot, Ontario Ministry of Labour, Toronto Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. John Steinbeck wrote *The Grapes of Wrath* during an astonishing burst of activity between June and October of 1938. Throughout the time he was creating his greatest work, Steinbeck faithfully kept a journal revealing his arduous journey toward its completion. The journal, like the novel it chronicles, tells a tale of dramatic proportions—of dogged determination and inspiration, yet also of paranoia, self-doubt, and obstacles. It records in intimate detail the conception and genesis of *The Grapes of Wrath* and its huge though controversial success. It is a unique and penetrating portrait of an emblematic American writer creating an essential American masterpiece. The winners of the Shebooks/Good Housekeeping memoir contest offer three slices of life as a mother. In "People Don't Get Me, Mom," Jackie Mercurio carries a troubling secret that will change the life of her brilliant, misunderstood boy. Then a family trip to the Butterfly Garden takes them to a place of healing and wonder. In "Coyote Tales," Jacinta Hart Kehoe recovers from an accident she wasn't supposed to survive but struggles to help her adopted daughter learn to love and trust again. And in "Pulling Rabbits from a Hat," Cynthia Leonard tells her fascinating story of growing up in a magical act, with a mother who disappeared and reappeared nightly. A literary journal of the Carver College of Medicine Preparing a learning portfolio has become a mandatory part of the course work in most clinical professions. Students and educators alike sometimes complain that these mandatory assignments become repetitive and uninspired. However, we all need to be able to speak and write clearly as we work with our colleagues, students and those we care for. In *Portfolio To Go*, Allan D. Peterkin insists that reflective capacity, critical thinking, creative expression, and narrative competence are attributes that should be developed in every health professional – regardless of the discipline or specialty. Trainees will find over 1000 prompts organized under themes highly relevant to students and educators, including those not formally addressed in class, such as coping with uncertainty and ambiguity, team conflict, and resilience through good self-care. Practical tips for writing effectively and for discussing and evaluating narratives in a helpful, respective manner are provided throughout. Peterkin is a pioneer in emphasizing patient-centred, humanistic care and *Portfolio To Go* will help to train and develop more reflective practitioners. *Privileged Presence* is a collection of more than 50 stories that capture both the medical and emotional aspects of the health care experience

through tales from those who have been there, and offers powerful messages about the essential ingredients of "good" health care: respect, compassion, collaboration, open and honest communication, family involvement, and flexibility and responsiveness to individuals and their needs. This updated second edition uses real-world experiences recounted by patients and their families, nurses, doctors, and other health care professionals to illustrate what works and what doesn't and what increases or diminishes people's sense of confidence and well-being. In this deeply felt first collection, Michele Bombardier considers faith, illness, death, and above all, human connection. With humor and compassion she shows us her own family, but also patients, students, strangers. What We Do is a call to empathy, an invitation to listen for what lies underneath. The people inhabiting these poems come to life through such rich, loving detail they all sound like family. Ellen Bass At its center, What We Do is about survival, how quickly things can fall apart, and what it means to live in the aftermath of loss. Resilient and brave, the sonnet cycle in this collection does what poetry is meant to do, shake us into awareness of ourselves and of those around us, whether family or stranger, the rhythms and forms working against grief and pain. Dorianne Laux These are the poems of a fully inhabited life, portrait poems, family poems, poems of sorrow, joy and healing. I admire their attention to detail and their clear honest language. Joseph Millar Michele Bombardier's debut poetry collection, What We Do negotiates the landscape between the critical questions of love, loss, survival, and those revelatory answers found in the dimly lit situations on that road. The work is powerful, has beauty, music, and a tender honesty. There is trust in the details, nothing hidden, everything earned. This is a book of contemplations on what it means to walk in a world of risk, where even the smallest parts reveal so much on what keeps us going forward. In poem after poem here, there are bodies and souls, no judgments and plenty of truth. Gary Copeland Lilley Jane Hamils life has been a journey of self-discovery, after she learned early in life that her vision of who she was and how she saw the world was different from her family. From her roots in the Mormon Church, she followed a path that led her to a career in social work and professional caregiving, in settings ranging from family counseling to college instruction and geriatric consulting. Along the way she successfully raised four children, who continue to draw strength and comfort from their family connection. Her curiosity for experiencing other cultures took her around the globe, where she has cultivated enduring friendships. The life lessons shared in Janes book deal with raising children, divorce, excommunication, the importance of family structure, and cultivating racial awareness. A confident, natural storyteller, she shares what she has learned about thoughtful decision making and caring for others while finding balance in ones own life. The second edition will be an update and further elaboration of the literature related to subjective well-being, happiness, and life satisfaction. It will have a new substantial section that focuses on reviewing much of the literature of subjective well-being within

specific life domains (social life, material life, leisure life, work life, community life, spiritual life, family life, health life, sex life, travel life, etc.) In the 1st edition the research in these various life domains was discussed only briefly. The second edition will maintain the same organizational structure of the first edition; that is, Part 1 will focus on introduction (definitions and distinctions; examples of measures of subjective well-being, happiness, and life satisfaction; and motives underlying subjective well-being). Part 2 will focus on psychological strategies that are allow people to optimize subjective well-being by engaging in psychological processes related to the relationship between and among life domains (e.g., social life, family life, love life, spiritual life, community life, financial life, etc.) This part will contain four chapters related to these various "inter-domain" processes: bottom-up spillover, top-down spillover, horizontal spillover, and compensation. Part 3 of the book will focus on "intra-domain" psychological strategies designed to optimize subjective well-being. These include re-evaluation based on personal history, re-evaluation based on self-concept, re-evaluation based on social comparison, goal selection, goal implementation and attainment, and re-appraisal. Part 4 of the book will focus on balance processes—how people attempt to create balance in their lives using psychological processes within specific life domains (intra-domain strategies) and processes that relate one domain to another (inter-domain strategies). Written for prospective and practicing visual arts, music, drama, and dance educators, Teaching the Arts to Engage English Language Learners offers guidance for engaging ELLs, alongside all learners, through artistic thinking. By paying equal attention to visual art, music, drama, and dance education, this book articulates how arts classrooms can create rich and supportive contexts for ELLs to grow socially, academically, and personally. The making and relating, perceiving and responding, and connecting and understanding processes of artistic thinking, create the terrain for rich curricular experiences. These processes also create the much-needed spaces for ELLs to gain communicative practice, skill, and confidence. Special features include generative texts such as films, poems, and performances that function as springboards for arts educators to adapt according to the needs of their classroom; teaching tips, formative assessment practices, and related instructional tables and resources; an annotated list of internet sites, reader-friendly research articles, and instructional materials; and a glossary for readers' reference. This volume integrates and makes sense of the growing body of theoretical and empirical research conducted on purpose across the lifespan. It opens with a comprehensive yet detailed discussion of the definitions of purpose most commonly used in studies on the topic. In addition to defining the construct, the author also discusses its philosophical roots and distinguishes it from related concepts, including meaning, goals, and ultimate concerns. This volume discusses the disparate perspectives on the construct and addresses the tendency to position purpose in the broader frame of positive psychology. It synthesizes distinct strands of research on

purpose across the lifespan, it explores studies on the daily and longer-term experience of a purposeful existence, and it delves deeply into the wide range of measurement tools that have been used to assess the purpose construct. Further, it examines the prevalence and forms of purpose among diverse groups of youth and discusses the developmental trajectory of the construct. Other topics discussed include the central role of purpose in supporting optimal well-being and positive youth development. The book closes with empirically-supported steps adults, educators, and mentors can take to effectively and intentionally foster purpose among young people and makes recommendations for future research on the topic. Transitions and the life course: Challenging the constructions of 'growing old' explores and challenges dominant interpretations of transitions as they relate to ageing and the life course. It takes a unique perspective that draws together ideas about late life as expressed in social policy and socio-cultural constructs of age with lived experience. The book is aimed at academics and students interested in social gerontology, policy studies in health and social care, and older people's accounts of experience. 95 million adults have a step relationship, according to a 2011 report. That's 95 million unexpected experiences; 95 million unique perspectives; 95 million laughs, 95 million tears, and 95 million new families. Blended explores stepfamilies from the inside out through the perspectives of thirty writers who know what it's like first hand. Sometimes funny, often poignant, and always deeply personal, the stories in Blended capture the essence of stepfamilies in all of their weird and wonderful varieties. The journeys range from the first encounters between new step-relatives, to marriages, honeymoons, daily experiences, and divorces. The diverse voices in Blended reflect the realities of today's world, in which yesterday's ideas of family structures and types just don't cut it anymore. Parents, children, siblings, aunts, uncles, grandparents, cousins: all of these relationships change when families are melded into one, and the writers of Blended help explore the truth of what these new relationships look like, and, especially, feel like. Blended offers something for everyone: laughter, wisdom, empathy, and guidance, and, above all, the knowledge that you are not alone. "In The Grimke Sisters from South Carolina, Gerda Lerner, herself a leading historian and pioneer in the study of Women's History, tells the story of these determined sisters and the contributions they made to the antislavery and woman's rights movements. The author describes his work as a psychoanalyst over a twenty-five year period, describing his efforts to guide his patients to personal insights into their behaviors and resolutions which can change their lives for the better. Fiction. Billy Bright, intelligent but undisciplined, is one in a group of dissolute high school seniors known as "the boys." During the mid-1960s, Billy struggles to come to grips with his anxiety and insomnia caused by his father's drinking and verbally abusive behavior. Billy vows to get away from his father as soon as he can. As graduation approaches and the Vietnam War escalates, Billy is pressured to make plans for his future. Should he go to college? Should he enlist in the

military? Should he go to the local community college, continue working at the local grocery store and enroll in the store's management program, the safe path his father demands he follow? Billy's father, George Bright, suffers post-traumatic stress disorder brought on by service in World War II. He engages in capricious behavior that is damaging to his son. The roots of George's malady is disclosed through historical vignettes featuring Company G, 119th Infantry Regiment, 30th Infantry Division. It is maddening for George Bright to realize he and his comrades prevailed in WWII only to see their sons become casualties of the war in Vietnam, scenes from which are juxtaposed with WWII battle scenes. Billy Bright's girlfriend, Robin Miller, is an attractive but batty girl who takes it upon herself to map a future for the ambivalent Billy. She secretly harbors a dream for Billy in which he leaves his small hometown, and the boys, and moves to California for college. Billy learns Robin's seemingly ideal life is only a facade as her family suffers financial setbacks resulting from her mother's profligate spending. Robin's father, a retired Air Force officer who monopolizes Billy's visits with ramblings about the glory of war and the honor of military service, is enamored with the war in Vietnam and laments that he is too old to serve as he urges Billy to enlist in the military and participate in the defining event of his generation. Billy's efforts to get away from his father to attend college or enlist in the military presents a classic conflict and in the end he becomes a casualty of everyone's lost dreams."The much-anticipated release of this prequel to the unforgettable Baxter's Friends was well worth the wait. Randle raises the curtain on the formative years of Billy Bright's life, revealing a formula for his adult years that is at once both intoxicating and utterly sobering. DOWN CEMETERY ROAD delves into the disillusionment of adolescence sadly often shot down by mid-life."--K.K. Snyder"During the 60s, the most divisive period of American history since the Civil War, coming of age was abrupt and ambiguous for able bodied boys fated by the shadow of conscription. This insightful novel explores death of boyhood replete with a bathtub baptism comically celebrating the slap dead end of innocence and the abrupt birth into the adult world, where high school graduates must decide to fight, fly or go to jail for resisting an immoral and unjust war. This novel is provocative and carefully written--a good read."--O. Victor Miller On a southern Nebraska prairie in 1919, in small-town Darkwater Creek, an abandoned housemaid with vaudeville memories, a railroad magnate's neglected son, and a runaway Pawnee boy come of age where money is power, the right name brings privilege, and the color of your skin can make you disappear. Witnesses to criminal tragedy, Margaret Rose, Jack and Kuruk gather in their riverside treehouse for courage. Their love and loyalty

are strong, but will the town's corruption divide them? Book One of the River Saga, Seven Kinds of Rain revives three unwanted children's voices, a tall-grass prairie scarred by railroad tracks, the mythic frontier's fading heartbeat, and the violence that stole the West. Gretchen Richard was a vivacious, competent woman who moved to Chicago on her twentieth birthday and began her rise in the hospitality industry. In her off hours, she devoured the nightlife with a string of young swain who wanted to marry her. But in 1950 after she had already become a wife and mother, everything changed for Gretchen when Dr. Walter Freeman pronounced her a paranoid schizophrenic on a Friday and performed a lobotomy the following Monday, robbing her of her drive and sparkle forever. In a compelling memoir and family history, Roberta Reb Allen shares a fascinating glimpse into her mother, Gretchen's, journey before, during, and after the lobotomy as she was adjudged insane and institutionalized for periods of time. Utilizing family letters, diaries, scrapbooks, medical records, an unpublished novel, poetry, photographs, and the writings of Walter Freeman, Allen sheds light on the effects the lobotomy had on her mother and herself as well as the societal and familial forces that fostered their mental illnesses, all while giving a long-awaited voice to the female patient whose lobotomy was completely unnecessary. Examined Lives provides a candid look at mental illness while offering hope for overcoming even the most debilitating psychological conditions with the right kind of support. An exploration of topics of everyday importance in the Socratic tradition. Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Power of Yes! celebrates the empowerment we feel when we say "Yes!" to something that challenges us. Change your life for the better by doing the things that scare you. These 101 true, revealing stories will help you do just that. In a world where "why" is too often asked and "no" is too often an answer, this book encourages us to ask "why not" and celebrates the tremendous power in saying "Yes!" The authors of these 101 stories explain how saying "Yes!" changed their lives for the better. Whether it's something little, like trying a new food or something big, like jumping out an airplane, you'll be ready to shake up your own life after you read about their experiences. One afternoon, during a routine meditation, a strange tingling grips Catherine Klatzker, followed by an explosion of voices crowding out her thoughts. Soon these voices, or "parts," begin to emerge more distinctly in her mind, accompanied by persistent insomnia and bouts of mortifying incontinence. Fearing for her sanity, Klatzker turns to a meditation teacher and psychotherapist. What follows is one woman's unflinching excavation of years of repressed sexual and emotional abuse, manifested many decades later as Traumatic Dissociative Identity Disorder. A daring and unafraid debut memoir, You Will Never Be

Normal delivers an arresting examination of the emotional toil-and toll-required to be made whole again. Running a clinic for seniors requires a lot more than simply providing medical care. In Stories from the Tenth-Floor Clinic, Marianna Crane chases out scam artists and abusive adult children, plans a funeral, signs her own name to social security checks, and butts heads with her staff—two spirited older women who are more well-intentioned than professional—even as she deals with a difficult situation at home, where the tempestuous relationship with her own mother is deteriorating further than ever before. Eventually, however, Crane maneuvers her mother out of her household and into an apartment of her own—but only after a power struggle and no small amount of guilt—and she finally begins to learn from her older staff and her patients how to juggle traditional health care with unconventional actions to meet the complex needs of a frail and underserved elderly population.

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