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## **CASTANEDA SANTIAGO**

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*Shoulder Season* HarperCollins UK  
From Screen to Theme: A Guide to Disney  
Animated Film References Found  
Throughout the Walt Disney World(r)  
Resort is your guide to finding references  
to some of your favorite Disney animated  
films. Also within the book, you will find  
recaps of some of your favorite Disney  
animated films, fun facts, and helpful hints  
on where you can meet some of your  
favorite Disney characters. Brent Dodge  
has been a self proclaimed "Disney nerd"  
his entire life. He has been visiting Walt  
Disney World since he was one, and after  
spending more than 600 days in the parks  
and reading up on everything Disney, he

has become known as a Disney "expert"  
by family and friends. He continues to visit  
the parks multiple times a year and  
currently resides in Delafield, Wisconsin.  
*Our Italian Summer* She Writes Press  
Life as she knew it is over. At the next full  
moon, the real trouble begins...  
Epidemiologist Joanie Fisher can't catch a  
break. After her lab burns to the ground,  
her boss simultaneously fires her and ends  
their affair. And though she's inherited her  
grandfather's multimillion-dollar estate,  
Joanie's shocked to discover the property  
comes infested with werewolves.  
Confronted by a ruggedly handsome  
shifter who begs her to continue her  
cutting edge research into the wolves'  
physical changes, Joanie unearths a  
sinister conspiracy that puts her own life in  
danger. And as she pushes hard to find the

cure, shadowy figures will do anything to  
make sure she never develops a  
treatment... including resorting to murder.  
Can Joanie end the wolfish disease before  
she's next on a killer's list? The Wolf's  
Shadow is the first book in the pulse-  
pounding Lycanthropy Files urban fantasy  
series. If you like strong female  
characters, insidious cabals, and medical  
thriller-style storytelling, then you'll love  
Cecilia Dominic's hair-raising genre  
mashup. Buy *The Wolf's Shadow* to claw  
your way to the truth today. Series order:  
The Wolf's Shadow Long Shadows Blood's  
Shadow A Million Shadows: A Lycanthropy  
Files novella \*\*\*This book was formerly  
titled, *The Mountain's Shadow*, originally  
published by Samhain Publishing in  
October 2013\*\*\*  
*Frozen 2: Dangerous Secrets: The Story of*

*Iduna and Agnarr* Random House

From NY Times bestselling author Luanne Rice, a sweeping story of a girl and boy, both troubled in different ways, who take off on a whirlwind road trip. Here are three things to know about Maia: 1. Ever since her mother left, Maia's struggled with depression -- which once got so bad, she had to go to an institution for a while. She doesn't want to go back. 2. Maia's sure that if she finds her mother, if the two of them can talk about whale songs and constellations, then everything will be okay again. 3. She's in love with Billy, the handsome, brooding boy who lives in the group home in town. He doesn't seem to know that Maia exists... until now. When Maia sets off on a road trip in search of her mom, Billy unexpectedly comes along. They drive up the East Coast, stopping along the way for lobster rolls and lighthouses. Maia learns that Billy has dark secrets of his own -- and wants to outrun his past, too. But what will the future hold if they reach their destination? From internationally bestselling author Luanne Rice, this is a sweeping, stunning story about the surprising directions our hearts can take.

*The Curiosity* AIBHS

A mother-daughter story about the strong pull of tradition, and the lure and cost of breaking free of it. When Shoko decided to marry an American GI and leave Japan, she had her parents' blessing, her brother's scorn, and a gift from her husband—a book on how to be a proper American housewife. As she crossed the ocean to America, Shoko also brought with her a secret she would need to keep her entire life... Half a century later, Shoko's plans to finally return to Japan and reconcile with her brother are derailed by illness. In her place, she sends her grown American daughter, Sue, a divorced single mother whose own life isn't what she hoped for. As Sue takes in Japan, with all its beauty and contradictions, she discovers another side to her mother and returns to America unexpectedly changed and irrevocably touched.

Versions of Her Crown

Gorgeously written and deeply felt, this heartrending, ultimately hopeful narrative about motherhood, loss, and the meaning of life becomes a true page-turner. Lawyer turned stay-at-home-mom Sarah Shaw is struggling to be present for her two young

sons and law professor husband, three years after the death of their infant daughter. Then one day, walking in L.A., Sarah's heart catches at the sight of a young homeless mother and toddler, and saving them becomes her secret, obsessive mission. When tragedy threatens them, Sarah discovers she is capable of deceptions and transgressions she never imagined. Her lies unleash a downward spiral that will threaten her marriage, family, and her sanity. *Shelter Us* speaks to the quiet joys and anxieties of parenthood, and illuminates the shadowy space between unconditional love and fear of unbearable loss.

Shelter Us Simon and Schuster

From the New York Times–bestselling author of *Picture This*—a stunning revelation sends a mother and her adopted daughter on a journey of self-discovery. How do you keep a secret so huge that it could devastate everyone you care about? For Kate Malloy, the answer is simple: one lie at a time. That's how she has protected her daughter for more than a dozen years, shielding her from a terrible truth. Sofia, a fifteen-year-old soccer star living in New England, believes

she was born in Mexico and legally adopted by Kate. But a posthumous letter from her stepfather tells Sofia a different story—one of civil unrest and bloodshed, death-defying heroism and child-smuggling, harrowing sacrifice and desperate decisions. Sofia's trust in her mother is shattered. At last Kate must do what she knows is right—accompany Sofia back to Guatemala—the place where Kate found horror and heartache but also the greatest joy of her life. As mother and daughter confront the damage done by years of dangerous yet necessary deceptions, they discover how much love, hope, and happiness may still remain—if they have the courage to face their past. Praise for *The Center of the World*: “Sheehan’s writing is lively and vivid and her feel for historical detail is fine.” —The New York Times “Sheehan uses her skills as both a psychologist and a writer to create a solid, insightful story.” —Kirkus “An emotionally charged tale that explores the mother-daughter bond, set against the backdrop of the Guatemalan Civil War and complete with beautiful prose despite the atrocities. . . . Sheehan places the reader in the middle of war-torn Guatemala and

expertly carries her narrative through war and peace, fear and security, and love and redemption.” —Publishers Weekly  
*We Hope for Better Things* House of Stratus

A gregarious gorilla named Pete and his gorilla companions who live in the zoo are bored and tired of doing the same old thing night after night, so they sneak out in search of an adventure that is sure to excite. Mischief and “monkey business” ensue on the gorillas' unforgettable midnight escapade through the city. On their quest for fun they go shopping at the most lavish clothing store in town, followed by a visit to an old-fashioned ice cream where they feast on every flavor of the finest ice cream. But, the gorillas' adventure is cut short when they are discovered monkeying around in a gymnasium by the night watchman. Will the gorillas find a way to get back to the zoo before morning? *Gorillas' Night Out* is a humorous tale about just how far a gorilla will go in pursuit of the ultimate night on the town.

*The One & Only* Harlequin

Winner of the ALA Reading List Award  
Difficult and obstinate. Thriving under a

set of specific and limited conditions. That pretty much describes me. Maybe that's why I like these roses so much. Roses are Galilee Garner's passion. An amateur breeder, she painstakingly cross-pollinates her plants to coax out new, better traits, striving to create a perfect strain of her favorite flower, the Hulthemia. Her dream is to win a major rose competition and one day have her version of the bloom sold in the commercial market. Gal carefully calibrates the rest of her time to manage the kidney failure she's had since childhood, going to dialysis every other night, and teaching high school biology, where she is known for her exacting standards. The routine leaves little room for relationships, and Gal prefers it that way. Her roses never disappoint her the way people have. Then one afternoon, Riley, the teenaged daughter of Gal's estranged sister, arrives unannounced to live with her, turning Gal's orderly existence upside down. Suddenly forced to adjust to each other's worlds, both will discover a resilience they never knew they had and a bond they never knew they needed.

*The Beautiful Lost* She Writes Press

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • “A clever, entertaining look at the compromises women make—and the dangers of getting what you asked for.”—People  
 Jillian Westfield has a life straight out of the women’s magazines she obsessively reads. She’s got the modern-print rugs of Metropolitan Home, the elegant meals from Gourmet, and the clutterfree closets out of Real Simple. With her investment-banker husband behind the wheel and her cherubic eighteen-month-old in the backseat, hers could be the family in the magazines’ Range Rover ads. Yet somehow all of the how-to magazine stories in the world can’t seem to fix her faltering marriage or stop her from asking “What if?” Then one morning Jillian wakes up seven years in the past. She’s back in her Manhattan apartment. She’s back in her fast-paced job. And she’s still with Jackson, the ex-boyfriend, and star of her what-if fantasies. Armed with twenty-twenty hindsight, she’s free to choose all over again. She can reconnect to the mother who abandoned her, she can use ad campaigns from her future to wow her clients, and she can fix the fights that doomed her relationship with Jackson. Or

can she? Praise for Time of My Life “A hilarious read.”—Redbook “[Jillian] is easy to understand, a woman trying to figure out who she is and what she wants to do with her life. Scotch is a fluent, spirited writer.”—Boston Globe “A fantastic, often funny novel.”—Hallmark Magazine “Insightful and honest, Winn Scotch keeps it light but delves into the dark doubts of the road not taken.”—Family Circle  
**The Goodbye Year** Penguin  
 A 2020 Michigan Notable Book 2020 WFWA Star Award Winner 2019 Christy Award finalist \*\*\* “In this powerful first novel . . . Bartels successfully weaves American history into a deeply moving story of heartbreak, long-held secrets, and the bonds of family.”—Publishers Weekly, Starred Review “A forbidden interracial marriage, an escaped slave, an expectant mother waiting for her Union soldier to return--all of these stories are deftly told by Bartels, as she explores the hard realities of racism and its many faces during various eras of American history. . . .Compelling characters make this winning debut also appealing for fans of general historical fiction.”--Library Journal “Bartels’ debut tells the story of three Balsam

women, each of a different era, told against the backdrop of racism and violence in America. . . .will appeal to fans of faith-based women's fiction authors like Colleen Coble.”--Booklist \*\*\*\*\* When Detroit Free Press reporter Elizabeth Balsam meets James Rich, his strange request--that she look up a relative she didn't know she had in order to deliver an old camera and a box of photos--seems like it isn't worth her time. But when she loses her job after a botched investigation, she suddenly finds herself with nothing but time. At her great-aunt's 150-year-old farmhouse north of Detroit, Elizabeth uncovers a series of mysterious items, locked doors, and hidden graves. As she searches for answers to the riddles around her, the remarkable stories of two women who lived in this very house emerge as testaments to love, resilience, and courage in the face of war, racism, and misunderstanding. And as Elizabeth soon discovers, the past is never as past as we might like to think. Debut novelist Erin Bartels takes readers on an emotional journey through time--from the volatile streets of 1960s Detroit to the Michigan's Underground Railroad during the Civil War-

-to uncover the past, confront the seeds of hatred, and discover where love goes to hide. \*\*\*\*\* "We Hope for Better Things has it all: fabulous storytelling, an emotional impact that lingers long after you turn the last page, and a setting that immerses you. I haven't read such a powerful, moving story since I read *To Kill a Mockingbird* in high school. This book will change how you look at the world we live in. Highly recommended!"--Colleen Coble, USA Today bestselling author of the Rock Harbor series and *The View from Rainshadow Bay* "A timely exploration of race in America, *We Hope for Better Things* is an exercise of empathy that will shape many a soul."--Julie Cantrell, New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of *Perennials* "I applaud [Erin's] courage, her authenticity, her beautiful turn of phrase, the freshness of her imagery, and the depth of her story that speaks to a contemporary world where understanding is often absent. *We Hope for Better Things* is a remarkable debut novel."--Jane Kirkpatrick, award-winning author of *Everything She Didn't Say* "Erin Bartels's *We Hope for Better Things* shares the joys and sorrows of three women from

different generations. A roller coaster of emotions awaits as you share the lives of these women and hope along with them for better things."--Ann H. Gabhart, bestselling author of *River to Redemption* "Storytelling at its finest. Erin Bartels delivers a riveting story of forbidden love, family bonds, racial injustice, and the power of forgiveness. *We Hope for Better Things* is a timely, sobering, moving account of how far we've come . . . and how much distance remains to be covered. A compulsively readable, incredibly powerful novel."--Lori Nelson Spielman, New York Times bestselling author of *The Life List* "There is the Detroit we think we know, and there is the Detroit full of stories that are never brought to the forefront. With *We Hope for Better Things*, Erin Bartels brings full circle an understanding of contemporary Detroit firmly rooted in the past, with enthralling characters and acute attention to detail. It's a must not just for Detroit lovers but also for those who need to understand that Detroit history is also American history."--Aaron Foley, city of Detroit's chief storyteller and editor of *The Detroit Neighborhood Guidebook*

**Sweet Forgiveness** St. Martin's Press  
This Christmas, love is top of Florence Fairfax's wish list 'Feel-good and enormous fun' Sophie Kinsella 'Full of wit, warmth and heart' Beth O'Leary  
*Imaginary Things* Red Adept Publishing, LLC  
Melanie, a perfectionist mom who views the approaching end of parenting as a type of death, can't believe she has only one more year to live vicariously through her slacker senior son, Dane. Gorgeous mom Sarah has just begun to realize that her only daughter, Ashley, has been serving as a stand-in for her traveling husband, and the thought of her daughter leaving for college is cracking the carefully cultivated façade of her life. Will and his wife are fine—as long as he follows the instructions on the family calendar and is sure to keep secret his whole other life with Lauren, the woman he turns to for fun (and who also happens to have a daughter in the senior class). Told from the points of view of both the parents and the kids, *The Goodbye Year* explores high school peer pressure, what it's like for young people to face the unknown of life after high school, and how a transition that should be the

beginning of a couple's second act together—empty nesting—might possibly be the end. "Often hilarious, sometimes heartbreaking, always engaging. I devoured it!" ~ Meg Mitchell, author of *The Admissions*

[Come Away with Me](#) National Geographic Books

Three women. One family curse. The summer of a lifetime.

*The Drowner* Penguin

One of Purewow's "Best Beach Reads of Summer 2018" Winner for Best Book of 2018 of the Fresh Fiction Awards! New York Times bestselling author Kristan Higgins is beloved for her heartfelt novels filled with humor and wisdom. Now, she tackles an issue every woman deals with: body image and self-acceptance. Emerson, Georgia, and Marley have been best friends ever since they met at a weight-loss camp as teens. When Emerson tragically passes away, she leaves one final wish for her best friends: to conquer the fears they still carry as adults. For each of them, that means something different. For Marley, it's coming to terms with the survivor's guilt she's carried around since her twin sister's death, which

has left her blind to the real chance for romance in her life. For Georgia, it's about learning to stop trying to live up to her mother's and brother's ridiculous standards, and learning to accept the love her ex-husband has tried to give her. But as Marley and Georgia grow stronger, the real meaning of Emerson's dying wish becomes truly clear: more than anything, she wanted her friends to love themselves. A novel of compassion and insight, *Good Luck With That* tells the story of two women who learn to embrace themselves just the way they are.

[Gorillas! Night Out](#) St. Martin's Press  
 "Told with brains and heart" —Michelle Gable, New York Times bestselling author of *A Paris Apartment*  
 "Bristles with charm and curiosity" —Winston Groom, New York Times bestselling author of *Forrest Gump*  
 "A wholly original and superbly crafted work of art, *Beasts of Extraordinary Circumstance* is a masterpiece of the imagination." —Lori Nelson Spielman, New York Times bestselling author of *The Life List* and *Sweet Forgiveness*  
 "Charlotte's Web for grown-ups who, like Weylyn Grey, have their own stories of being different, feared, brave, and loved." —Mo Daviau,

author of *Every Anxious Wave* Ruth Emmie Lang teaches us how to find magic in the ordinary in her magical realism debut *Beasts of Extraordinary Circumstance*. Orphaned, raised by wolves, and the proud owner of a horned pig named Merlin, Weylyn Grey knew he wasn't like other people. But when he single-handedly stopped that tornado on a stormy Christmas day in Oklahoma, he realized just how different he actually was. As amazing as these powers may appear, they tend to manifest themselves at inopportune times and places, jeopardizing not only his own life, but the life of Mary, the woman he loves. *Beasts of Extraordinary Circumstance* tells the story of Weylyn Grey's life from the perspectives of the people who knew him, loved him, and even a few who thought he was just plain weird. Although he doesn't stay in any of their lives for long, he leaves each of them with a story to tell: great storms that evaporate into thin air; fireflies that make phosphorescent honey; a house filled with spider webs and the strange man who inhabits it. There is one story, however, that Weylyn wishes he could change: his own. But first he has to muster

enough courage to knock on Mary's front door.

*House Broken* MIRA

An International Bestseller! A LibraryReads and Indie Next Pick! A trio of second-born daughters sets out on a whirlwind journey through the lush Italian countryside to break the family curse that says they'll never find love, by New York Times bestseller Lori Nelson Spielman, author of *The Life List*. Since the day Filomena Fontana cast a curse upon her sister more than two hundred years ago, not one second-born Fontana daughter has found lasting love. Some, like second-born Emilia, the happily-single baker at her grandfather's Brooklyn deli, claim it's an odd coincidence. Others, like her sexy, desperate-for-love cousin Lucy, insist it's a true hex. But both are bewildered when their great-aunt calls with an astounding proposition: If they accompany her to her homeland of Italy, Aunt Poppy vows she'll meet the love of her life on the steps of the Ravello Cathedral on her eightieth birthday, and break the Fontana Second-Daughter Curse once and for all. Against the backdrop of wandering Venetian canals, rolling Tuscan fields, and

enchancing Amalfi Coast villages, romance blooms, destinies are found, and family secrets are unearthed—secrets that could threaten the family far more than a centuries-old curse.

**Beasts of Extraordinary Circumstance**

Harper Collins

*The Curiosity* is a gripping, poignant, and thoroughly original thriller that raises disturbing questions about the very nature of life and humanity—man as a scientific subject, as a tabloid plaything, as a living being, as a curiosity.... Dr. Kate Philo and her scientific exploration team make a breathtaking discovery in the Arctic: the body of a man buried deep in the ice. Remarkably, the frozen man is brought back to the lab and successfully reanimated. As the man begins to regain his memories, the team learns that he was—is—a judge, Jeremiah Rice, and the last thing he remembers is falling overboard into the Arctic Ocean in 1906. Thrown together by circumstances beyond their control, Kate and Jeremiah grow closer. But the clock is ticking and Jeremiah's new life is slipping away...and all too soon, Kate must decide how far she is willing to go to protect the man she has

come to love.

*The Center of the World* Penguin

In this compelling and poignant debut novel, a woman skilled at caring for animals must learn to mend the broken relationships in her family.... For veterinarian Geneva Novak, animals can be easier to understand than people. They're also easier to forgive. But when her mother, Helen, is injured in a vodka-fueled accident, it's up to Geneva to give her the care she needs. Since her teens, Geneva has kept her self-destructive mother at arm's length. Now, with two slippery teenagers of her own at home, the last thing she wants is to add Helen to the mix. But Geneva's husband convinces her that letting Helen live with them could be her golden chance to repair their relationship. Geneva isn't expecting her mother to change anytime soon, but she may finally get answers to the questions she's been asking for so long. As the truth about her family unfolds, however, Geneva may find secrets too painful to bear and too terrible to forgive. CONVERSATION GUIDE INCLUDED

**Good Luck with That** Indigo River  
The Drowner, one of many classic novels

from crime writer John D. MacDonald, the beloved author of *Cape Fear* and the Travis McGee series, is now available as an eBook. Lucille Hanson left her rich husband, a man who lived casually and loved carelessly. She found a new man, one who appeared to treat her right. Lucille was putting together the pieces of her life, determined not to make the old mistakes, the foolish ones that had almost wrecked her the first time around . . . until all of her hopes came to rest at the bottom of the lake where her body is found. It must have been an accident, most people say. It might have been suicide, others think. But among her mourners, just one person refuses to believe it was anything other than murder. Features a new Introduction by Dean Koontz Praise for John D. MacDonald “The great entertainer of our age, and a mesmerizing

storyteller.”—Stephen King “My favorite novelist of all time.”—Dean Koontz “To diggers a thousand years from now, the works of John D. MacDonald would be a treasure on the order of the tomb of Tutankhamen.”—Kurt Vonnegut “A master storyteller, a masterful suspense writer . . . John D. MacDonald is a shining example for all of us in the field. Talk about the best.”—Mary Higgins Clark  
*Time of My Life* Penguin  
#1 international bestselling author Lori Nelson Spielman follows *The Life List* with *Sweet Forgiveness*, in which a woman’s receipt of two “forgiveness stones” sends her searching for atonement The *Forgiveness Stones* craze is sweeping the nation—instantly recognizable pouches of stones that come with a chain letter and two simple requests: to forgive, and then to seek forgiveness. But New Orleans’

favorite talk show host, Hannah Farr, isn’t biting. Intensely private and dating the city’s mayor, Hannah has kept her very own pouch of *Forgiveness Stones* hidden for two years—and her dark past concealed for nearly two decades. But when Fiona Knowles, creator of the *Forgiveness Stones*, appears on Hannah’s show, Hannah unwittingly reveals on air details of a decades-old falling out with her mother. Spurned by her fans, doubted by her friends, and accused by her boyfriend of marring his political career, Hannah reluctantly embarks on a public journey of forgiveness. As events from her past become clearer, the truth she’s clung to since her teenage years has never felt murkier. Hannah must find the courage to right old wrongs, or risk losing her mother, and any glimmer of an authentic life, forever.