

Against The Odds An Autobiography By James Dyson

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Lay Bare the Heart - James Farmer 1998

The founder of CORE recounts the evolution of the civil rights movement and documents previous conditions

James Hunt - Gerald Donaldson 2013-01-31

James Hunt was a towering personality with a commanding presence, a hugely glamorous

public figure who brought Formula One motor racing to the attention of a whole new audience. Triumphant against all odds to become World Drivers' Champion with McLaren in 1976, Hunt sank into a period of decadence and depression, only to be rejuvenated as he found true love for the first time. With that

came personal contentment and a renewed zest for living, so that one of the most colourful and controversial figures in Grand Prix racing is best remembered by those close to him as a fun-loving, caring man who had a genuinely uplifting presence - qualities that shine through in Gerald Donaldson's compelling and moving account of his life.

Breaking Back - James Blake
2009-03-17

James Blake's life was getting better every day. A rising tennis star and People magazine's Sexiest Male Athlete of 2002, he was leading a charmed life and loving every minute of it. But all that ended in May 2004, when Blake fractured his neck in an on-court freak accident. As he recovered, his father—who had been the inspiration for his tennis career—lost his battle with stomach cancer. Shortly after his father's death, Blake was dealt a third blow when he contracted zoster, a rare virus that paralyzed half of his face and threatened to end his already jeopardized career. In

Breaking Back, Blake provides a remarkable account of how he came back from this terrible heartbreak and self-doubt to become one of the top tennis players in the world. A story of strength, passion, courage, and the unbreakable bonds between a father and son, Breaking Back is a celebration of one extraordinary athlete's indomitable spirit and his inspiring ability to find hope in the bleakest of times.

A History of Great Inventions -
James Dyson 2001

A handsome, lavishly illustrated volume celebrates the human genius for invention from the dawn of civilization to the beginning of the new millennium.

Becoming Unique - James
Charles 2015-04-02

Becoming Unique looks at someone only made aware of being possibly Autistic in late adulthood. Living a life of unknown Autism meant struggling with bullying and despair while growing up in Ireland, as well as struggling academically at school. Like many young people in the

1980s James left Ireland to seek employment and new life in England. Over the years James experienced struggles and misunderstandings in different workplaces, as well as struggles in relationships and with his Irish identity. James struggled with his faith but finding his faith again was a big spiritual awakening. Over many years, supportive friends, family and work colleagues helped James believe in himself and achieve a worthwhile career. *Becoming Unique* looks at the many misunderstood struggles of Autism, but also shows "Autism can be wonderful."

[Blessed Experiences](#) - James E. Clyburn 2014-04-22

"Shares lessons learned on his way from the Jim Crow South to a top spot on Capitol Hill . . . [a] remarkably candid new memoir" —NPR From his humble beginnings in Sumter, South Carolina, to his prominence on the Washington, D.C., political scene as the third highest-ranking Democrat in the House of Representatives, US

Congressman James E. Clyburn has led an extraordinary life. In *Blessed Experiences*, Clyburn tells in his own inspirational words how an African American boy from the Jim Crow-era South was able to beat the odds to achieve great success and become, as President Barack Obama describes him, "one of a handful of people who, when they speak, the entire Congress listens." Born in 1940 to a civic-minded beautician and a fundamentalist minister, Clyburn began his ascent to leadership at the age of twelve, when he was elected president of his National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) youth chapter. He broke barriers through peaceful protests and steadfast beliefs in equality and justice. As a civil rights leader at South Carolina State College, as human affairs commissioner under John C. West and three subsequent governors, and as South Carolina's first African American congressman since 1897, Clyburn has established a long and impressive record of

public leadership and advocacy for human rights, education, historic preservation, and economic development.

Includes a foreword from Emmy Award-winning actress and the congressman's longtime friend Alfre Woodard "Blessed Experiences has captured not just the history of this tireless leader's more-than-four decades in public service, but also a sense of the times." —Warren Buffett

Eddie Olczyk - Eddie Olczyk
2019-10-08

When Eddie Olczyk looks at his life, he can't believe how many times he's beaten the odds. At age sixteen, he was selected for the 1984 U.S. Olympic hockey team, and four months after the competition ended he was drafted in the first round by his hometown Chicago Blackhawks. He played alongside Mario Lemieux and Mark Messier and saw his name engraved on the Stanley Cup. He's brought hockey into American homes as one of the most recognizable voices of the sport, and he's even become a respected analyst in the world

of horse racing, thanks to his talent as a bettor—Olczyk once won more than \$500,000 picking the winners of six consecutive races while wagering only \$168. But perhaps there is no greater example of Eddie O. beating the odds than in 2018 when he went into remission eight months after being diagnosed with Stage 3 colon cancer. He will readily admit that this was the greatest victory of his life. This memoir is an honest and emotional account of everything Olczyk has experienced: the sacrifices his parents made so he could pursue a career in the NHL, the joy of playing for the Hawks, the mental and physical stress involved in the life of a professional athlete, the incredible moments he's called from the broadcast booth, and the profound lessons learned while battling cancer.

Changing Faces - James J. Scott
2019-02-06

Changing Faces is the story of a life. It's a story that is at times heartbreaking. Author

James J. Scott brings readers an emotionally charged memoir that begins with a single act of family violence that forever changed a young boy.

Resulting in the incarceration of one parent, the event left him scarred-both physically and emotionally-for life. Set against a backdrop of both the rural South, and the City of Brotherly Love, Scott shares the tragedy that rocked his family to the core, and his subsequent journey to overcome the betrayal. Readers will experience his journey alongside him as he travels all over the country and across continents, searching for answers, working to overcome the tragedy and its resultant trauma. From a childhood spent growing up in the North and the South to the halls of a historically black university to military life, readers will discover just what it took for Scott to deal with the damage and pain from the evil that lurked within his own family. This is the story of James J. Scott-the boy he was, and the man he became-and

the incredible, triumphant life he achieved that stands as proof of the human spirit.

A Mission from God - James Meredith 2012-08-07

"I am not a civil rights hero. I am a warrior, and I am on a mission from God." —James Meredith James Meredith engineered two of the most epic events of the American civil rights era: the desegregation of the University of Mississippi in 1962, which helped open the doors of education to all Americans; and the March Against Fear in 1966, which helped open the floodgates of voter registration in the South. Part memoir, part manifesto, *A Mission from God* is James Meredith's look back at his courageous and action-packed life and his challenge to America to address the most critical issue of our day: how to educate and uplift the millions of black and white Americans who remain locked in the chains of poverty by improving our public education system. Born on a small farm in Mississippi, Meredith returned home in 1960 after nine years

in the U.S. Air Force, with a master plan to shatter the system of state terror and white supremacy in America. He waged a fourteen-month legal campaign to force the state of Mississippi to honor his rights as an American citizen and admit him to the University of Mississippi. He fought the case all the way to the Supreme Court and won. Meredith endured months of death threats, daily verbal abuse, and round-the-clock protection from federal marshals and thousands of troops to become the first black graduate of the University of Mississippi in 1963. In 1966 he was shot by a sniper on the second day of his “Walk Against Fear” to inspire voter registration in Mississippi. Though Meredith never allied with traditional civil rights groups, leaders of civil rights organizations flocked to help him complete the march, one of the last great marches of the civil rights era. Decades later, Meredith says, “Now it is time for our next great mission from God. . . .

You and I have a divine responsibility to transform America.”

Beautiful Things - Hunter Biden 2021-04-06
NEW YORK TIMES

BESTSELLER “I come from a family forged by tragedies and bound by a remarkable, unbreakable love,” Hunter Biden writes in this deeply moving and “unflinchingly honest” (Entertainment Weekly) memoir of addiction, loss, and survival. When he was two years old, Hunter Biden was badly injured in a car accident that killed his mother and baby sister. In 2015, he suffered the devastating loss of his beloved big brother, Beau, who died of brain cancer at the age of forty-six. These hardships were compounded by the collapse of his marriage and a years-long battle with drug and alcohol addiction. In *Beautiful Things*—“an astonishingly candid and brave book about loss, human frailty, wayward souls, and hard-fought redemption” (Dave Eggers, New York Times bestselling author)—Hunter

recounts his descent into substance abuse and his tortuous path to sobriety. The story ends with where Hunter is today—a sober married man with a new baby, finally able to appreciate the beautiful things in life.

I, Tarzan - Jean-Philippe Soulé
2021-06-07

From a bullied and neglected boy, to living the American Dream, to becoming a well-traveled world adventurer. FROM THE AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR of *Dancing with Death* comes an epic memoir that will delight fans of *The Glass Castle*, *Wild*, and *Unbroken*, as well as *Educated* and *Can't Hurt Me*. The gripping *I, Tarzan* is a deep journey into the author's innermost secrets that will have you questioning your own self-understanding and life goals. By age thirteen, I was an alcoholic - anything to numb myself from my world of emotional abuse. That wasn't who I wanted to be. My dreams of adventure and exploration were so far out of reach. I'd never become Tarzan. I'd never

become Jacques Cousteau. But I was wrong. This is my story? "I, Tarzan, simply put, is the most inspirational memoir of the year." - Chanticleer

Reviews "Jean-Philippe's life is like the ultimate ultra-marathon, where hope, perseverance, and grit determine the outcome. I, Tarzan: Against All Odds is his story of redemption and remembrance that inspires and energizes the reader to believe that far-reaching dreams can come true. Jean-Philippe proves that your attitude determines your altitude - and high he climbs in this must-read memoir!" - Dean Karnazes, ultramarathoner and NY Times bestselling author "Marco Polo meets Tom Sawyer, I, Tarzan is the roller-coaster chronicle of Jean-Philippe Soule's early life of challenge and adventure. ?This is a story of success, wrought in the fires of despair and wrapped up in good old-fashioned storytelling." - Ian Adamson, author and world's most celebrated adventure racer

Beating the Odds - Eddie

Brown 2011-03-10

Beating the Odds is the improbable, inspiring autobiography of financial guru Eddie C. Brown, one of the nation's top stock pickers and money managers. It details how Brown skillfully kept Brown Capital Management afloat through the dot-com bust, 9/11 and the Great Recession. Born to a 13-year-old unwed mother in the rural South, this African-American investment whiz created a Baltimore-based financial firm that amassed more than \$6 Billion under management. Brown delves into the profound heartbreak and disorientation upon the death of his beloved grandmother - who was his surrogate mother -- and recounts how Brown's moonshine-running Uncle Jake subsequently became the dominant adult figure in Brown's life. His unflinchingly honest, easy-to-read memoir details how intellectual curiosity, abiding self-belief, hard work and divine providence helped Brown earn an electrical engineering

degree, become an Army officer, and later a civilian IBM engineer. Readers will learn of the strife that ensued when Brown quit IBM to earn an MBA, leading to investment jobs that prepared him to start his own money management company in 1983.

Boss of the Grips: The Life of James H. Williams and the Red Caps of Grand Central Terminal - Eric K. Washington
2019-10-22

A long-overdue biography of the head of Grand Central Terminal's Red Caps, who flourished in the cultural nexus of Harlem and American railroads. In a feat of remarkable research and timely reclamation, Eric K. Washington uncovers the nearly forgotten life of James H. Williams (1878-1948), the chief porter of Grand Central Terminal's Red Caps—a multitude of Harlem-based black men whom he organized into the essential labor force of America's most august railroad station. Washington reveals that despite the highly racialized and often

exploitative nature of the work, the Red Cap was a highly coveted job for college-bound black men determined to join New York's burgeoning middle class. Examining the deeply intertwined subjects of class, labor, and African American history, Washington chronicles Williams's life, showing how the enterprising son of freed slaves successfully navigated the segregated world of the northern metropolis, and in so doing ultimately achieved financial and social influence. With this biography, Williams must now be considered, along with Cornelius Vanderbilt and Jacqueline Onassis, one of the great heroes of Grand Central's storied past.

The Odd 1s Out - James Rallison 2019-01-10

Hilarious stories and advice about the ups and downs of growing up, from a hugely popular YouTube artist and storyteller.

Maggie's American Dream - James P. Comer 1988

This inspiring black family success story centers on an exceptional woman, Maggie

Comer, whose American dream brought her from abject poverty in the rural South to become the mother of five outstanding achievers. Told first through Maggie's own words, then through those of her son James - an award-winning child psychiatrist and brilliant educator - Maggie's American Dream is an unforgettable chronicle of courage and resourcefulness, of pride and achievement, of daring to dream despite the odds. Book jacket.

LeBron James - Anthony Curcio 2016-10-18

The Boy Who Became King is the inspiring true story of NBA superstar LeBron James. This Fully illustrated picture book biography tells the story of a young boy and his loving, single mother and their struggle to make it on their own. With the help of a coach and his family, LeBron is introduced to the game of basketball. Against all odds, "the kid from Akron" not only makes it to the NBA but becomes a basketball legend who now helps others who are

struggling like he and his mother once were.

Children's/Kids Picture Book Biography K-6 Be sure to check out the new release: NFL All Stars 2017: Coloring and Activity Book for Adults and Kids featuring 30+ of today's hottest stars including Ezekiel Elliott, Tom Brady, Julio Jones, Aaron Rodgers, Russell Wilson and so many more!

Invention - James Dyson
2021-09-07

Dyson has become a byword for high-performing products, technology, design, and invention. Now, James Dyson, the inventor and entrepreneur who made it all happen, tells his remarkable and inspirational story in *Invention: A Life*, “one of the year’s most relevant and revelatory business books” (The Wall Street Journal). Famously, over a four-year period, James Dyson made 5,127 prototypes of the cyclonic vacuum cleaner that would transform the way houses are cleaned around the world. In devoting all his resources to iteratively setbacks came hard-fought

success. His products—including vacuum cleaners, hair dryer and hair stylers, and fans and purifiers—are not only revolutionary technologies, but design classics. This was a legacy of his time studying at the Royal College of Art in the 1960s, when he was inspired by some of the most famous artists, designers, and inventors of the era, as well as his engineering heroes such as Frank Whittle and Alex Issigonis. In *Invention: A Life*, Dyson reveals how he came to set up his own company and led it to become one of the most inventive technology companies in the world. It is a compelling and dramatic tale, with many obstacles overcome. Dyson has always looked to the future, even setting up his own university to help provide the next generation of engineers and designers. For, as he says, “everything changes all the time, so experience is of little use.” Whether you are someone who has an idea for a better product, an aspiring entrepreneur, whether you

appreciate great design or a page-turning read, *Invention: A Life* is an “entertaining and inspiring memoir” (Kirkus Reviews, starred review) that offers motivation, hope, and much more.

Run, Rose, Run - James Patterson 2022-03-07

THE #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER! From America’s most beloved superstar and its greatest storyteller—a thriller about a young singer-songwriter on the rise and on the run, and determined to do whatever it takes to survive. Every song tells a story. She’s a star on the rise, singing about the hard life behind her. She’s also on the run. Find a future, lose a past. Nashville is where she’s come to claim her destiny. It’s also where the darkness she’s fled might find her. And destroy her. *Run, Rose, Run* is a novel glittering with danger and desire—a story that only America’s #1 beloved entertainer and its #1 bestselling author could have created.

The Los Angeles Diaries - James Brown 2011-03-10

Plagued by the suicides of both his siblings, and heir to alcohol and drug abuse, divorce, and economic ruin, James Brown lived a life clouded by addiction, broken promises, and despair. In *The Los Angeles Diaries*, he reveals his struggle for survival, mining his past to present the inspiring story of his redemption. Beautifully written and limned with dark humor, these twelve deeply confessional, interconnected chapters address personal failure, heartbreak, the trials of writing for Hollywood, and the life-shattering events that finally convinced Brown that he must “change or die.” In “Snapshot,” Brown is five years old and recalls the night his mother “sets fire to an apartment building down the street.” In “Daisy,” Brown purchases a Vietnamese potbellied pig for his wife to atone for his sins, only to find the pig's bulk growing in direct proportion to the tensions in his marriage. Harrowing and brutally honest, *The Los Angeles Diaries* is the chronicle

of a man on a collision course with life, who ultimately finds the strength and courage to conquer his demons and believe once more.

Can't Hurt Me - David Goggins
2021-04-01

New York Times Bestseller
Over 2.5 million copies sold
For David Goggins, childhood was a nightmare - poverty, prejudice, and physical abuse colored his days and haunted his nights. But through self-discipline, mental toughness, and hard work, Goggins transformed himself from a depressed, overweight young man with no future into a U.S. Armed Forces icon and one of the world's top endurance athletes. The only man in history to complete elite training as a Navy SEAL, Army Ranger, and Air Force Tactical Air Controller, he went on to set records in numerous endurance events, inspiring *Outside* magazine to name him The Fittest (Real) Man in America. In this curse-word-free edition of *Can't Hurt Me*, he shares his astonishing life story and reveals that most of

us tap into only 40% of our capabilities. Goggins calls this The 40% Rule, and his story illuminates a path that anyone can follow to push past pain, demolish fear, and reach their full potential.

Cross the Tracks - Boosie Badazz
2022-09-20

From one of rap's most personal and evocative writers comes a stirring memoir about how Boosie Badazz, one of the industry's most controversial figures, was able to overcome insurmountable odds to make his music dreams a reality. A Baton Rouge native who began rapping at age fourteen, Boosie Badazz was already a cult hero in Louisiana when, in 2009, he was sentenced to two years in prison. The next year, he was indicted on even more serious charges, eventually landing him on Death Row. Prosecutors played Boosie's music in the courtroom in an attempt to paint him as a thug with no chance of redemption. However, against overwhelming odds and the backdrop of a social media campaign to #FreeBoosie, he

was freed in March of 2014 with a rare second chance to make his music dreams come true. In this evocative and compelling memoir, Boosie explores the relationship between his life on the streets with his ceaseless tear through the rap industry. From near-death experiences to a ruthless bout with kidney cancer to a life-threatening diabetes diagnosis, Boosie has overcome remarkable challenges to make a name for himself as one of rap's most influential voices. A redemptive story with an urgent voice, *Cross the Tracks* is the survival tale of a man who wasn't sure he would live to see another day...but who rose from the ashes to change the rap industry forever.

She's Not There - Jennifer Finney Boylan 2003

A remarkable memoir that tells the story of a person who changed genders chronicles the life of James, a critically acclaimed novelist, who eventually became Jenny, a happy and successful English professor. Reprint.

What Are the Odds? - Lindell

Publishing 2020-04-30

The Color of Water - James McBride 2012-03-01

From the New York Times bestselling author of *Deacon King Kong* and *The Good Lord Bird*, winner of the National Book Award for Fiction: The modern classic that Oprah.com calls one of the best memoirs of a generation and that launched James McBride's literary career. More than two years on The New York Times bestseller list. As a boy in Brooklyn's Red Hook projects, James McBride knew his mother was different. But when he asked her about it, she'd simply say 'I'm light-skinned.' Later he wondered if he was different too, and asked his mother if he was black or white. 'You're a human being! Educate yourself or you'll be a nobody!' she snapped back. And when James asked about God, she told him 'God is the color of water.' This is the remarkable story of an eccentric and determined woman: a rabbi's daughter, born in Poland and raised in the Deep South who fled to

Harlem, married a black preacher, founded a Baptist church and put twelve children through college. A celebration of resilience, faith and forgiveness, *The Color of Water* is an eloquent exploration of what family really means.

The Color of Water - James McBride 2006-02-07

From the bestselling author of *Deacon King Kong* and the National Book Award-winning *The Good Lord Bird*: The modern classic that spent more than two years on The New York Times bestseller list and that Oprah.com calls one of the best memoirs of a generation. Who is Ruth McBride Jordan? A self-declared "light-skinned" woman evasive about her ethnicity, yet steadfast in her love for her twelve black children. James McBride, journalist, musician, and son, explores his mother's past, as well as his own upbringing and heritage, in a poignant and powerful debut, *The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother*. The son of a black minister and a woman who would not admit

she was white, James McBride grew up in "orchestrated chaos" with his eleven siblings in the poor, all-black projects of Red Hook, Brooklyn.

"Mommy," a fiercely protective woman with "dark eyes full of pep and fire," herded her brood to Manhattan's free cultural events, sent them off on buses to the best (and mainly Jewish) schools, demanded good grades, and commanded respect. As a young man, McBride saw his mother as a source of embarrassment, worry, and confusion—and reached thirty before he began to discover the truth about her early life and long-buried pain. In *The Color of Water*, McBride retraces his mother's footsteps and, through her searing and spirited voice, recreates her remarkable story. The daughter of a failed itinerant Orthodox rabbi, she was born Rachel Shilsky (actually Ruchel Dwara Zylska) in Poland on April 1, 1921. Fleeing pogroms, her family emigrated to America and ultimately settled in Suffolk, Virginia, a small town where anti-Semitism and

racial tensions ran high. With candor and immediacy, Ruth describes her parents' loveless marriage; her fragile, handicapped mother; her cruel, sexually-abusive father; and the rest of the family and life she abandoned. At seventeen, after fleeing Virginia and settling in New York City, Ruth married a black minister and founded the all-black New Brown Memorial Baptist Church in her Red Hook living room. "God is the color of water," Ruth McBride taught her children, firmly convinced that life's blessings and life's values transcend race. Twice widowed, and continually confronting overwhelming adversity and racism, Ruth's determination, drive and discipline saw her dozen children through college—and most through graduate school. At age 65, she herself received a degree in social work from Temple University. Interspersed throughout his mother's compelling narrative, McBride shares candid recollections of his own experiences as a mixed-race

child of poverty, his flirtations with drugs and violence, and his eventual self-realization and professional success. The Color of Water touches readers of all colors as a vivid portrait of growing up, a haunting meditation on race and identity, and a lyrical valentine to a mother from her son.

Odds On - Matt Hall

2016-04-12

Evidence Is the Key to Investment Success Odds On: The Making of an Evidence-Based Investor isn't just another investment advice book. It's a memoir, a manifesto, and a guide to the way investing should be. Odds On describes author Matt Hall's role in an ongoing revolution in the investment world: the shift from a traditional sales-driven, active-management model to a model that draws on academic evidence to better serve the real interests of investors. Matt's story begins with his first exposure to Wall Street, where he becomes disillusioned with the traditional investing model due

to its inability to truly help clients. He stumbles into the emerging evidence-based investing world, and learns how to help investors reach their goals through methods that reflect the limits of our abilities to predict which investments will deliver the highest returns. Matt's unique approach to investing is built on a dual foundation of knowledge and purpose: knowledge gained through evidence-based strategies involving research, data, and logic, and purpose gained by personal reflection on what money and success truly mean. In *Odds On*, Matt's storytelling makes financial topics truly relevant and easy to understand, while his investment philosophy offers readers a chance to move beyond decisions based on anxiety and confusion, and manage wealth in ways that lead to greater success and a richer life.

Bad - James Edward Carr
2002-10-01

THE prison autobiography from the man who never

stopped fighting.

The Mighty Odds (The Odds Series #1) - Amy Ignatow
2016-09-13

From the renowned author/illustrator of the *Popularity Papers* series, Amy Ignatow, comes the first installment in a new series about a diverse crew of middle school kids who develop very limited superhero powers after a strange accident and manage to become unlikely friends on the adventure of a lifetime. When a sweet nerd, an artsy cartoonist, a social outcast, and the most popular girl in school are involved in a mysterious bus accident, this seemingly random group of kids starts to notice some very strange abilities they did not have before. Artsy Martina can change her eye color. Nerdy Nick can teleport . . . four inches to the left. Outcast Farshad develops super strength, but only in his thumbs. And Cookie, the *It Girl* of school's most popular clique, has suddenly developed the ability to read minds . . . when those minds are thinking about

directions. They are oddly mighty—especially together. This group—who would never hang out under normal circumstances—must now combine all of their strengths to figure out what happened during the bus accident. With alternating narratives from each of the heroes, including illustrated pieces from Martina, and featuring bold female superheroes and a multicultural cast, *The Mighty Odds* is *The Breakfast Club* for a new generation. For more books by Amy Ignatow, check out her critically acclaimed Popularity Papers series: Book One: Research for the Social Improvement and General Betterment of Lydia Goldblatt and Julie Graham Chang; Book Two: The Long-Distance Dispatch; Book Three: Words of (Questionable) Wisdom; Book Four: The Rocky Road Trip; Book Five: The Awesomely Awful Melodies; Book Six: Love and Other Fiascos; and Book Seven: The Less-Than-Hidden Secrets and Final Revelations. *The Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man* - James Weldon

Johnson 2021-01-26

A gifted musician's decision to navigate society as a white man causes an internal debate about anti-blackness and the explicit nature of intent versus impact. James Weldon Johnson presents a distinct conflict driven by a person's desires and overwhelming fear. The *Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man* follows the story of an unnamed narrator and his unique experience as a fair-skinned Black person. As a child, he is initially unaware of his race, but his mother soon clarifies their family's ancestry. The young man's ability to pass for white allows him to negate the harsh and discriminatory treatment most Black people face. This leads to a series of events that significantly shape the way he views his place in society. James Weldon Johnson delivers a captivating tale of identity politics in the U.S. and abroad. The main character is living a life of omission that provides public gain at a personal cost. This story maintains its relevance as a critical examination of race in

society. With an eye-catching new cover, and professionally typeset manuscript, this edition of *The Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man* is both modern and readable.

Against All Odds - Richard Harris 2020-08-04

Born of this Land - □□□ 2019

The Undocumented Americans

- Karla Cornejo Villavicencio
2021-04-06

NATIONAL BOOK AWARD FINALIST • One of the first undocumented immigrants to graduate from Harvard reveals the hidden lives of her fellow undocumented Americans in this deeply personal and groundbreaking portrait of a nation. “Karla’s book sheds light on people’s personal experiences and allows their stories to be told and their voices to be heard.”—Selena Gomez FINALIST FOR THE NBCC JOHN LEONARD AWARD • NAMED A BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR BY THE LOS ANGELES TIMES, THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW, NPR, THE NEW

YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY, BOOK RIOT, LIBRARY JOURNAL, AND TIME Writer Karla Cornejo Villavicencio was on DACA when she decided to write about being undocumented for the first time using her own name. It was right after the election of 2016, the day she realized the story she’d tried to steer clear of was the only one she wanted to tell. So she wrote her immigration lawyer’s phone number on her hand in Sharpie and embarked on a trip across the country to tell the stories of her fellow undocumented immigrants—and to find the hidden key to her own. Looking beyond the flashpoints of the border or the activism of the DREAMers, Cornejo Villavicencio explores the lives of the undocumented—and the mysteries of her own life. She finds the singular, effervescent characters across the nation often reduced in the media to political pawns or nameless laborers. The stories she tells are not deferential or naively inspirational but show the love, magic, heartbreak, insanity,

and vulgarity that infuse the day-to-day lives of her subjects. In New York, we meet the undocumented workers who were recruited into the federally funded Ground Zero cleanup after 9/11. In Miami, we enter the ubiquitous botanicas, which offer medicinal herbs and potions to those whose status blocks them from any other healthcare options. In Flint, Michigan, we learn of demands for state ID in order to receive life-saving clean water. In Connecticut, Cornejo Villavicencio, childless by choice, finds family in two teenage girls whose father is in sanctuary. And through it all we see the author grappling with the biggest questions of love, duty, family, and survival. In her incandescent, relentlessly probing voice, Karla Cornejo Villavicencio combines sensitive reporting and powerful personal narratives to bring to light remarkable stories of resilience, madness, and death. Through these stories we come to understand what it truly means to be a stray. An

expendable. A hero. An American.

The Man Who Ate Too Much: The Life of James Beard - John Birdsall 2020-10-06

A Finalist for the 2022 James Beard Foundation Cookbook Award (Writing) The definitive biography of America's best-known and least-understood food personality, and the modern culinary landscape he shaped. In the first portrait of James Beard in twenty-five years, John Birdsall accomplishes what no prior telling of Beard's life and work has done: He looks beyond the public image of the "Dean of American Cookery" to give voice to the gourmet's complex, queer life and, in the process, illuminates the history of American food in the twentieth century. At a time when stuffy French restaurants and soulless Continental cuisine prevailed, Beard invented something strange and new: the notion of an American cuisine. Informed by previously overlooked correspondence, years of archival research, and a close

reading of everything Beard wrote, this majestic biography traces the emergence of personality in American food while reckoning with the outwardly gregarious Beard's own need for love and connection, arguing that Beard turned an unapologetic pursuit of pleasure into a new model for food authors and experts. Born in Portland, Oregon, in 1903, Beard would journey from the pristine Pacific Coast to New York's Greenwich Village by way of gay undergrounds in London and Paris of the 1920s. The failed actor-turned-Manhattan canapé hawker-turned-author and cooking teacher was the jovial bachelor uncle presiding over America's kitchens for nearly four decades. In the 1940s he hosted one of the first television cooking shows, and by flouting the rules of publishing would end up crafting some of the most expressive cookbooks of the twentieth century, with recipes and stories that laid the groundwork for how we cook and eat today. In stirring,

novelistic detail, *The Man Who Ate Too Much* brings to life a towering figure, a man who still represents the best in eating and yet has never been fully understood—until now. This is biography of the highest order, a book about the rise of America's food written by the celebrated writer who fills in Beard's life with the color and meaning earlier generations were afraid to examine.

Touching Distance - Beverley Turner 2012-10-25

Double Olympic gold-medal winner, James Cracknell. His story before and after his life-changing accident. In October 2011 James Cracknell, two-time Olympic gold-medal rower and one of the greatest endurance athletes the world has ever known, suffered a seizure at home as his young son looked on in horror. A man who had known no limits, a man who had practically achieved the impossible, was now struggling to master life's simple challenges. A year earlier, as James undertook yet another endurance challenge in Arizona, he was knocked off his

bike by the wing mirror of a petrol tanker. It had smashed into the back of his head at high speed, causing severe frontal lobe damage. The doctors weren't sure if he would recover and, if he did, whether he would ever be the same again. *Touching Distance* is an extraordinary, honest and powerful account as James and his wife Bev confront for the first time the lasting effects that the accident has had on their lives. It is the story of a marriage, of a family and of one man's fight back to be the best husband and father he can be.

I Make My Own Rules - L. L. Cool J 1998-09-15

The autobiography of the hip-hop and rap star, television actor, and positive role model details his career, childhood, private life, public service, and views on the music business
Against the Odds - James Dyson 2003

In this updated autobiography, the British inventor of the bagless vacuum cleaner tells the story of his incredible struggle to design and launch a

machine that worked better than all others.

Man of the Hour - Jennet Conant 2017-09-19

"Gripping...an outstanding portrait" (The Wall Street Journal) of one of the most influential men of the greatest generation, James B. Conant—a savvy architect of the nuclear age and the Cold War—told by his granddaughter, New York Times bestselling author Jennet Conant. James Bryant Conant was a towering figure. He was at the center of the mammoth threats and challenges of the twentieth century. As a young eminent chemist, he supervised the production of poison gas in World War I. As a controversial president of Harvard University, he was a champion of meritocracy and open admissions. As an advisor to FDR, he led the interventionist cause for US entrance in World War II. During that war, Conant oversaw the development of the atomic bomb and argued that it be used against the industrial city of Hiroshima in Japan. Later, he urged the Atomic Energy

Commission to reject the hydrogen bomb and devoted the rest of his life to campaigning for international control of atomic weapons. As Eisenhower's high commissioner to Germany, he helped to plan German recovery and was an architect of the United States' Cold War policy. Now New York Times bestselling author Jennet Conant recreates the cataclysmic events of the twentieth century as her grandfather James experienced them. She describes the guilt, fears, and sometimes regret of those who invented and deployed the bombs and the personal toll it took. "A masterly account...a perceptive portrayal of a major player in world events throughout the mid-twentieth century" (Publishers Weekly), *Man of the Hour* is based on hundreds of documents and diaries, interviews with Manhattan Projects scientists, Harvard colleagues, and Conant's friends and family, including her father, James B. Conant's son. This is "a most serious

work, well written and evocative of an era when the American foreign establishment exuded gravitas...[a] new, relentless, and personally invested account" (The New York Times Book Review).

Unsinkable - James Sullivan
2020-12-08

In the bestselling tradition of *Indianapolis* and *In Harm's Way* comes a "captivating...gripping" (Kirkus Reviews, starred review) account of the USS *Plunkett*—a US Navy destroyer that sustained the most harrowing attack on any Navy ship by the Germans during World War II, later made famous by John Ford and Herman Wouk. "A reflection on the nature of storytelling itself" (The Wall Street Journal), *Unsinkable* traces the individual journeys of five men on one ship from Casablanca in North Africa, to Sicily and Salerno in Italy and then on to *Plunkett's* defining moment at Anzio, where a dozen-odd German bombers bore down on the ship in an assault so savage, so

prolonged, and so deadly that one Navy commander was hard-pressed to think of another destroyer that had endured what Plunkett had. After a three-month overhaul and with a reputation rising as the “fightin’ est ship” in the Navy, Plunkett (DD-431) plunged back into the war at Omaha Beach on D-Day, and again into battle during the invasion of Southern France—perhaps the only Navy ship to participate in every Allied invasion in the European theatre. Featuring five incredibly brave men—the indomitable skipper, who will receive the Navy Cross; the gunnery officer, who bucks the captain every step of the way to Anzio; a first lieutenant, who’s desperate to get off the ship and into the Pacific; a seventeen-year-old water tender, who’s trying to hold onto his hometown girl against all odds, and another water tender, who mans a 20mm gun when under aerial assault—the dramatic story of each plays out on the decks of the Plunkett as the ship’s story

escalates on the stage of the Mediterranean. Based on Navy logs, war diaries, action reports, letters, journals, memoirs, and dozens of interviews with the men who were on the ship and their families, *Unsinkable* is a timeless evocation of young men stepping up to the defining experience of their lives. “If you were moved by Norman Maclean’s *A River Runs Through It*, by William Kent Krueger’s *This Tender Land...by the values we hold dear, decency, sacrifice, steadfastness*, then *Unsinkable* will take you to a place long dead in your soul, and flood it with light” (Doug Stanton, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Horse Soldiers*).

I Am Jesse James - Eric Hameister 2004

A collection of photographs pays tribute to the American rebel and the customized, hand-built motorcycles he creates, in a volume that looks at his choppers, his lifestyle, and his shop, West Coast Choppers.

James Mason - Sheridan

Morley 1989