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A monumental, genre-defying novel that David Mitchell calls "Michel Faber's second masterpiece," *The Book of Strange New Things* is a masterwork from a writer in full command of his many talents. It begins with Peter, a devoted man of faith, as he is called to the mission of a lifetime, one that takes him galaxies away from his wife, Bea. Peter becomes immersed in the mysteries of an astonishing new environment, overseen by an enigmatic corporation known only as USIC. His work introduces him to a seemingly friendly native population struggling with a dangerous illness and hungry for Peter's teachings—his Bible is their "book of strange new things." But Peter is rattled when Bea's letters from home become increasingly desperate: typhoons and earthquakes are devastating whole countries, and governments are crumbling. Bea's faith, once the guiding light of their lives, begins to falter. Suddenly, a separation measured by an otherworldly distance, and defined both by one newly discovered world and another in a state of collapse, is threatened by an ever-widening gulf that is much less quantifiable. While Peter is reconciling the needs of his congregation with the desires of his strange employer, Bea is struggling for survival. Their trials lay bare a profound meditation on faith, love tested beyond endurance, and our responsibility to those closest to us. Marked by the same bravura storytelling and precise language that made *The Crimson Petal* and *the White* such an international success, *The Book of Strange New Things* is extraordinary, mesmerizing, and replete with emotional complexity and genuine pathos. Now that Akio Yamane's guardian deity has cured him of an illness caused by a family curse, it's time for him to come to terms with this new furry roommate he's named Setsu. Although their relationship got off to a rocky start, is it possible what he's feeling now is the first stirrings of love? -- VIZ Media Thousands of thrilling facts and trivia from murderous cults to UFOs! Did you know legendary skyjacker D. B. Cooper was most likely a Boeing employee? How about the fact that the Manson Family's killing spree was meant to incite racial rioting? Or that rather than arriving from outer space, UFOs have been operating from deep within Earth's oceans for centuries? Learn true, confidential information about these and other—even stranger!—subjects in this mammoth volume. With mind-boggling facts from the most varied sources, find out all about monsters, magic bullets, and mass hysteria, in five unsinkable chapters: • Puzzling Places • Befuddling Beliefs • Strange Subcultures • Peculiar People • Mystifying Mysteries Whether you're interested in conspiracies, ghosts, lucha libre, or the Bermuda Triangle, there is an anti-boredom list, entry, or chronology for everyone in this freakishly huge toilet (or travel) companion. Plunge into the Bizarre Bathroom Reader to find answers to all of those lifelong questions you may have! Featuring interviews with Elizabeth Gracen, J. M. DeMatteis, John H. Newton, Bruce A. Smith, and Preston Dennett! Tsumugi Shiota is your typical high school student. He's handsome, kind, and for some strange reason, surprisingly adept at household chores. On his 16th birthday, a rather unusual but special guest comes to meet him—Master Kurayori, the guardian deity of the Shiota household. Imagine Tsumugi's surprise when he finds out this deity is also his fiancé! -- VIZ Media The power of monarchs has traditionally been as much symbolic as actual, rooted in popular imagery of sovereignty, divinity, and authority. In *Mystifying the Monarch*, a distinguished group of contributors explores the changing nature of that imagery—and its political and social effects—in Europe from the Middle Ages to the present day. They demonstrate that, rather than a linear progression where perceptions of rulers moved inexorably from the sacred to the banal, in reality the history of monarchy has been one of constant tension between mystification and demystification. Akio Yamane's ancestors have died young for generations, and he despises the cursed lineage his family has given him. Then one day, Akio falls ill! But when he unknowingly summons a protector god, a man with long ears and a tail appears before him, completely naked! Sohrab Ahmari was a teenager living under the Iranian ayatollahs when he decided that there is no God. Nearly two decades later, he would be received into the Roman Catholic Church. In *From Fire, by Water*, he recounts this unlikely passage, from the strident Marxism and atheism of a youth misspent on both sides of the Atlantic to a moral and spiritual awakening prompted by the Mass. At once a young intellectual's finely crafted self-portrait and a life story at the intersection of the great ideas and events of our time, the book marks the debut of a compelling new Catholic voice. With the ever-looming family curse that has made him the last of his family line, Akio has come to count on his beloved Setsu, the family's outcast demon guardian, to keep him safe. Love has blossomed between the pair, but fate still has more in store for them than a peaceful co-existence. Volume 3 of the popular forbidden love story between a therianthrope and his beloved master is here at last! WARNING: DO NOT READ THIS BOOK! ...For amongst its contents you will find: two extraordinary adventurers... a missing magician's diary... a symphony of spells... and a deadly secret. But wait, you already know too much! It is too late. I'm afraid nothing will stop you now. Open the book if you must. But, please, tell no one. "You think it's murder, don't you?" "There is no proof of that as yet, sir," Bobby answered cautiously. "No, I know, but it's what you think," Glynne answered. After a pause, he added: "So do I." Viscount Byatt was found dead in his car without a mark on him. Millionaire Andy White's corpse was discovered in a remote cottage in Wales - no clue to the cause of death. When a grotesque-looking visitor calls on Detective-Sergeant Bobby Owen in the middle of the night, the latter's help is urgently needed - if a third young man isn't to suffer the same murderous and mystifying fate. Accompanied by his fiancée Olive Farrar, Bobby is up against more than one femme fatale in this delicious and diabolical golden age mystery. *Four Strange Women*, originally published in 1940, is the fourteenth novel in the Bobby Owen mystery series. This new edition features an introduction by crime fiction historian Curtis Evans. "What is distinction? The few who achieve it step - plot or no plot - unquestioned into the first rank... in the works of Mr. E.R. Punshon we salute it every time." Dorothy L. Sayers Akio Yamane's bloodline is cursed! Will his hot guardian deity break the curse...or merely his heart in the process? Between Akio Yamane's cursed bloodline and Tsumugi Shiota's family trickery, guardian deities Setsu and Kurayori have their hands full. Throw love in the mix and it's no wonder fireworks erupt! Since his fiancée's death, Magawa has held a grudge against otherworldly beings, and now his sights are set on Master Kurayori. As the guardian deity slowly disappears, Tsumugi clings desperately to him—the one person he's loved most since childhood. Is there anything he can say to Magawa and Kai to change his beloved's fate? A mindbending new collection of short stories from the unique, internationally acclaimed author of *Norwegian Wood* and *The Wind-up Bird Chronicle*. THE SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER The eight masterly stories in this new collection are all told in the first person by a classic Murakami narrator. From nostalgic memories of youth, meditations on music and an ardent love of baseball to dreamlike scenarios, an encounter with a talking monkey and invented jazz albums, together these stories challenge the boundaries between our minds and the exterior world. Occasionally, a narrator who may or may not be Murakami himself is present. Is it memoir or fiction? The reader decides. Philosophical and mysterious, the stories in *First Person Singular* all touch beautifully on love and solitude, childhood and memory. . . all with a signature Murakami twist. A GUARDIAN AND SUNDAY TIMES 'BOOKS OF 2021' PICK Fantasized about quitting the 9-5? Walking away from credit card debt and student loans? Think living in the South Pacific for two years sounds like a perfect solution and perhaps even a winning idea for your first novel? Maarten Troost does just that, setting up as a devil-may-care islander while his girlfriend, Sylvia, gets to work on saving the planet, or at least a little part of it on an end-of-the-world atoll, Tarawa. Life on Tarawa resembles not so much paradise as a theatre of the absurd where planes fly with the aid of masking tape, Coconut Stalinism prevails as national government and Sylvia is co-opted by the CIA to spy on the Chinese. But abandoning continental hang-ups like barbequing the local dogs and watching on as international industrial fishing trawlers plunder the world's richest tuna supply aren't so easy. Perhaps only by following the locals and letting go, one just might

find a better way to live... 'Laura Thompson's outstanding biography . . . is a pretty much perfect capturing of a life' - Kate Mosse It has been 100 years since Agatha Christie wrote her first novel and created the formidable Hercule Poirot. In this biography, Laura Thompson describes the Edwardian world in which she grew up, explores the relationships she had, including those with her two husbands and daughter, and investigates the mysteries still surrounding Christie's life - including her disappearance in 1926. Agatha Christie is a mystery and writing about her is a detection job in itself. But, with access to all of Christie's letters, papers and writing notebooks, as well as interviews with her grandson, daughter, son-in-law and their living relations, Thompson is able to unravel not only the detailed workings of Christie's detective fiction, but the truth behind her private life as well. First published in 2007 as 'Agatha Christie: An English Mystery', this is a fully updated edition with a new introduction by the author. The detective team of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and Dr. Joseph Bell star in this "ingenious" historical mystery (The New York Times Book Review). As many fans of Sherlock Holmes know, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle found inspiration for the great fictional detective in a brilliant Scottish surgeon named Joseph Bell. In an era when science was not often considered in the course of criminal investigations, Bell's emphasis on observation and deduction made him a pioneer in forensics. In *The Dark Water*, Holmes's creator joins forces with Dr. Bell to take on Victorian vagabonds, criminal masterminds, and all manner of mysteries. The pair relentlessly pursues the vicious killer Thomas Neill Cream—and visits a sleepy seaside town where a seventeenth-century legend known as the Dunwich witch has taken on new life. With "a gripping plot and psychologically sophisticated characters" (Publishers Weekly, starred review), *The Dark Water* is a thrilling, atmospheric adventure for historical mystery lovers, offering "an intellectual treat and a downright guilty pleasure" (The Washington Post). A fragmentary catalogue of poetic derangements that reveals the ways in which mania communicates with an extreme will to annihilation. What kind of circumstances provoke an obsessive focus on the most minute object or activity? And what causes such mania to blossom into the lethal conviction that everything must be annihilated? There is no turning away from the imperative to study this riddle in all its mystifying complexity and its disturbing contemporary resonance—to trace the obscure passage between a lone state of delirium and the will to world-erasure.. A fragmentary catalogue of the thousand-and-one varieties of manic disposition (augomania, dromomania, catoptromania, colossomania...), *Omnicide* enters the chaotic imaginations of the most significant poetic talents of the Middle East in order to instigate a new discourse on obsession, entrancement, excess, and delirium. Placing these voices into direct conversation, Jason Bahbak Mohaghegh excavates an elaborate network of subterranean ideas and interpretive chambers, byways, and burrows by which mania communicates with fatality. Like secret passages leading from one of the multitudinous details of a bustling Persian miniature to the blank burning immanence of the desert, each is a contorted yet effective channel connecting some attractive universe (of adoration, worship, or astonishment) to the instinct for all-engulfing oblivion (through hatred, envy, indifference, rage, or forgetting). A captivating fractal of conceptual prisms in half-storytelling, half-theoretical prose, a rhythmic, poetic, insidious work that commands submission, *Omnicide* absorbs the reader into unfamiliar and estranging landscapes whose every subtle euphoric aspect threatens to become an irresistible invitation to the end of all things. An irresistible, nostalgic, insightful—and totally original—ramble through classic children's literature from *Vanity Fair* contributing editor (and father) Bruce Handy. "Consistently intelligent and funny...The book succeeds wonderfully." —The New York Times Book Review "A delightful excursion...Engaging and full of genuine feeling." —The Wall Street Journal "Pure pleasure." —Vanity Fair "Witty and engaging...Deeply satisfying." —Christian Science Monitor In 1690, the dour New England Primer, thought to be the first American children's book, was published in Boston. Offering children gems of advice such as "Strive to learn" and "Be not a dunce," it was no fun at all. So how did we get from there to "Let the wild rumpus start"? And now that we're living in a golden age of children's literature, what can adults get out of reading *Where the Wild Things Are* and *Goodnight Moon*, or *Charlotte's Web* and *Little House on the Prairie*? In *Wild Things*, Bruce Handy revisits the classics of American childhood, from fairy tales to *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, and explores the backstories of their creators, using context and biography to understand how some of the most insightful, creative, and witty authors and illustrators of their times created their often deeply personal masterpieces. Along the way, Handy learns what *The Cat in the Hat* says about anarchy and absentee parenting, which themes link *The Runaway Bunny* and *Portnoy's Complaint*, and why *Ramona Quimby* is as true an American icon as *Tom Sawyer* or *Jay Gatsby*. It's a profound, eye-opening experience to reenounter books that you once treasured after decades apart. A clear-eyed love letter to the greatest children's books and authors, from Louisa May Alcott and L. Frank Baum to Eric Carle, Dr. Seuss, Mildred D. Taylor, and E.B. White, *Wild Things* will bring back fond memories for readers of all ages, along with a few surprises. Akio Yamane's bloodline is cursed! Will his hot guardian deity break the curse...or merely his heart in the process? Akio Yamane falls terminally ill, presumably from his family's curse. Remembering his grandfather's final words about their family protector, he follows the old man's instructions out of desperation and accidentally summons a god who promises to cure him—albeit in a rather odd and intimate manner! Akio Yamane's bloodline is cursed! Or at least that's what his relatives would have people think. Now feverish and delusional from a terminal illness, Akio accidentally summons his family's guardian deity. Little did he know this sinfully hot god would appear naked, sporting ears and a tail. Wait until Akio finds out the unconventional and rather intimate manner his protector plans on using to cure him! In 2009 John Safran, a controversial Australian journalist, spent an uneasy few days interviewing one of Mississippi's most notorious white supremacists. A year later, he hears that the man has been murdered by a young black man. But this is far from a straightforward race killing. Safran flies back to Mississippi in a bid to discover what really happened, immersing himself in a world of clashing white separatists, black lawyers, police investigators, oddball neighbours and the killer himself. In the end, he discovers just how profoundly complex the truth about someone's life - and death - can be. A brilliantly innovative true-crime story. Safran paints an engrossing and revealing portrait of race, money, sex and power in the modern American South. 'John Safran's captivating inquiry into a murder in darkest Mississippi is by turns informative, frightening and hilarious' - John Berendt, author of *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* Actor Makoto Aizawa's star has begun to rise, attracting the attention of Jounouchi-sensei's rival director, Taizou Oouchi. When offered a lead part in Oouchi-sensei's new musical, how can Aizawa turn it down? Maybe the fact that he can't sing a note should factor in to his decision? Or perhaps Jounouchi and Oouchi's relationship as bitter adversaries ought to cause Aizawa to steer clear? At the end of the day, is it Aizawa's talent that's motivated Oouchi-sensei to offer him such a plum role, or does the director have other sinister motives? Akio Yamane's bloodline is cursed! Or at least that's what his relatives would have people think. Now feverish and delusional from a terminal illness, Akio accidentally summons his family's guardian deity. Little did he know this sinfully hot god would appear naked, sporting ears and a tail. Wait until Akio finds out the unconventional and rather intimate manner his protector plans on using to cure him! -- VIZ Media Wilful. Heartbroken. Bullheaded. Humbled. Confused. Sartaj, an amateur boxer and a regular engineer from Haryana, is a conflicted man trying to navigate a gentler and more modern version of himself down south in India's Silicon Valley. His 20s are riddled with sex, money, liquor and even love. From terrifying nightmares to weird voices in his head, his bizarre experiences make him question his religious and empirical beliefs. At 30, in his search for something meaningful, he surprises himself when he jumps at a strange opportunity to become a vigilante and proudly brands himself a superhero: Badoga. But does he even have a cause? Or is his vanity getting the better of him? Is he the good guy within this new world of the Music Men? Who defines what is moral and whose game is he playing? Has his past left him susceptible to a hero complex? Are the Music Men taking advantage of this? Can he just walk away from the mess he finds himself in or does he continue to spiral further down into the web of Music Men? Join Sartaj as he narrates his adventures with the powerful and mystifying Music Men. An engrossing examination of the science behind the little-known world of sleep. Like many of us, journalist David K. Randall never gave sleep much thought. That is, until he began sleepwalking. One midnight crash into a hallway wall sent him on an investigation into the strange science of sleep. In *Dreamland*, Randall explores the research that is investigating those dark hours that make up nearly a third of our lives. Taking readers from military battlefields to children's bedrooms, *Dreamland* shows that sleep isn't as simple as it seems. Why did the results of one sleep study change the bookmakers' odds for certain Monday Night Football games? Do women sleep differently than men? And if you happen to kill someone while you are sleepwalking, does that count as murder? This book is a tour of the often odd, sometimes disturbing, and always fascinating things that go on in the peculiar world of sleep. You'll never look at your pillow the same way again. Presents a guide to maintaining a relationship with an adult diagnosed with the disorder, with information on the basics, challenges, and options for treatment. Thanks to his grandmother's trickery, high school student Tsumugi has been betrothed to Master Kurayori, the family's guardian deity. Although Kurayori is rather miffed over the deception, Tsumugi is serious about his relationship with the guardian deity and about saving his home. However, as the two spend more time together, nothing seems to change. What's an inexperienced high school student betrothed to a very reluctant fox spirit to do? -- VIZ Media Raymond Roussel, one of the most outlandishly compelling literary figures of modern times, died in mysterious circumstances at the age of fifty-six in 1933. The story Mark Ford tells about Roussel's life and work is at once captivating, heartbreaking, and almost beyond belief. Could even Proust or Nabokov have invented a character as strange and memorable as the exquisite dandy and graphomaniac this book brings to life? Roussel's poetry, novels, and plays influenced the work of many well-known writers and artists: Jean Cocteau found in him "genius in its pure state," while Salvador Dalí, who died with a copy of Roussel's *Impressions d'Afrique* on his bedside table, believed

him to be one of France's greatest writers ever. Edmond Rostand, Marcel Duchamp, André Breton, Michel Foucault, and Alain Robbe-Grillet all testified to the power of his unique imagination. By any standards, Roussel led an extraordinary life. Tremendously wealthy, he took two world tours during which he hardly left his hotel rooms. He never wore his clothes more than twice, and generally avoided conversation because he dreaded that it might turn morbid. Ford, himself a poet, traces the evolution of Roussel's bizarre compositional methods and describes the idiosyncrasies of a life structured as obsessively as Roussel structured his writing. Akio Yamane's bloodline is cursed! Will his hot guardian deity break the curse...or merely his heart in the process? Akio Yamane falls terminally ill, presumably from his family's curse. Remembering his grandfather's final words about their family protector, he looks to where his grandfather pointed and finds a tooth. Upon holding it, he accidentally summons a god who promises to cure him, albeit in a rather odd and intimate manner! Tsumugi, a high school student and temporary bride of his family's guardian deity, is slowly breaking through Master Kurayori's crusty exterior with his pure, earnest feelings for him. One day while the two are out together, they happen across a quiet man and his strange companion. Little do Tsumugi and Kurayori know that this odd couple is searching the countryside looking for a certain type of bone, destroying shrines like Kurayori's in the process! Akio Yamane's bloodline is cursed! Will his hot guardian deity break the curse...or merely his heart in the process? Akio Yamane falls terminally ill, presumably from his family's curse. Acting on his grandfather's final words, he accidentally summons a god who promises to cure him, albeit in a rather odd and intimate manner! Thurs begins the story of certain cursed families' strange and mystifying relationships with supernatural protectors. Tsumugi Shirota is your typical high school student. He's handsome, kind, and for some strange reason, surprisingly adept at household chores. On his sixteenth birthday, a rather unusual but special guest comes to meet him—Master Kurayori, the guardian deity of the Shirota household. Imagine Tsumugi's surprise when he finds out this deity is also his fiancé! High schooler Tsumugi is the temporary bride of the otherworldly Master Kurayori. Recently, their everyday life has become complicated by the arrival of a strange man named Magawa, who, in his grief over losing his fiancée, is seeking to use beings like Master Kurayori for his own ends. Tsumugi's love for Master Kurayori is so great and pure it overcomes gender, age, and species. But is love enough to save his beloved from the ill fate awaiting him? -- VIZ Media A Best Book of the Year: NPR, Vogue, The Huffington Post, The Chicago Review of Books, The National Post, Electric Literature, Kirkus 'Wields such a subtle and alien power . . . Wonderfully spooky' Jia Tolentino, The New Yorker 'A feminist manifesto threaded through imaginative fiction; it's the most evocative, impressive collection I've read this year' Daniel Johnson, The Paris Review Step into The Dark Dark, where an award-winning, acclaimed novelist debuts her first collection of short stories and conjures entire universes in just a few pages - conjures, splits in half, mines for humor, destroys with absurdity, and regenerates. In prose that sparkles and haunts, Samantha Hunt playfully pushes the bounds of the expected and fills every corner with vibrant life, imagining numerous ways in which the weird might poke its way through the mundane. Each of these ten haunting, inventive tales brings us to the brink of creation, mortality and immortality, infidelity and transformation, technological innovation and historical revision, loneliness and communion, and every kind of love. Laced with lyricism, hope, Hunt's characteristic sly wit, and her unflinching gaze into the ordinary horrors of human existence, The Dark Dark celebrates the mysteries and connections that swirl around us. It's never all the same, Hunt tells us. It changes a tiny bit every time. See for yourself. A facsimile of an object of unknown authorship that has been the source of study and speculation for centuries and remains undecipherable to this day. Winner of The Saroyan International Prize for Writing, the John Burroughs Medal, and the National Outdoor Book Award in Natural History Literature "Brilliant." —The New York Review of Books "Exquisite." —The Huffington Post "Magical." —Minneapolis Star Tribune In a work that beautifully demonstrates the rewards of closely observing nature, Elisabeth Tova Bailey shares an inspiring and intimate story of her encounter with a Neohelix albolabris—a common woodland snail. While an illness keeps her bedridden, Bailey watches a wild snail that has taken up residence on her nightstand. As a result, she discovers the solace and sense of wonder that this mysterious creature brings and comes to a greater understanding of her own place in the world. Intrigued by the snail's molluscan anatomy, cryptic defenses, clear decision making, hydraulic locomotion, and courtship activities, Bailey becomes an astute and amused observer, offering a candid and engaging look into the curious life of this underappreciated small animal. The Sound of a Wild Snail Eating is a remarkable journey of survival and resilience, showing us how a small part of the natural world can illuminate our own human existence, while providing an appreciation of what it means to be fully alive. From the author of Spare and Found Parts, described as "fierce and fearless" by V. E. Schwab and "beautifully written and compelling" by Marian Keyes, comes a story of a haunted house, magic behind the wallpaper, and the strangest summer ever. The house at the end of the lane burned down, and Rita Frost and her teenage ward, Bevan, were never seen again. The townspeople never learned what happened. Only Mae and her brother Rossa know the truth; they spent two summers with Rita and Bevan, two of the strangest summers of their lives... Because nothing in that house was as it seemed: a cat who was more than a cat, and a dark power called Sweet James that lurked behind the wallpaper, entrancing Bevan with whispers of neon magic and escape. And in the summer heat, Mae became equally as enthralled with Bevan. Desperately in the grips of first love, she'd give the other girl anything. A dangerous offer when all that Sweet James desired was a taste of new flesh... The bestselling author of The Sex Lives of Cannibals returns with a sharply observed, hilarious account of his adventures in China—a complex, fascinating country with enough dangers and delicacies to keep him, and readers, endlessly entertained. Maarten Troost has charmed legions of readers with his laugh-out-loud tales of wandering the remote islands of the South Pacific. When the travel bug hit again, he decided to go big-time, taking on the world's most populous and intriguing nation. In Lost on Planet China, Troost escorts readers on a rollicking journey through the new beating heart of the modern world, from the megalopolises of Beijing and Shanghai to the Gobi Desert and the hinterlands of Tibet. Lost on Planet China finds Troost dodging deadly drivers in Shanghai; eating Yak in Tibet; deciphering restaurant menus (offering local favorites such as Cattle Penis with Garlic); visiting with Chairman Mao (still dead, very orange); and hiking (with 80,000 other people) up Tai Shan, China's most revered mountain. But in addition to his trademark gonzo adventures, the book also delivers a telling look at a vast and complex country on the brink of transformation that will soon shape the way we all work, live, and think. As Troost shows, while we may be familiar with Yao Ming or dim sum or the cheap, plastic products that line the shelves of every store, the real China remains a world—indeed, a planet—unto itself. Maarten Troost brings China to life as you've never seen it before, and his insightful, rip-roaringly funny narrative proves that once again he is one of the most entertaining and insightful armchair travel companions around. Longing to escape an unhappy marriage and an interfering mother, Ellen hopes to recapture the magic of her childhood when she returns to the small village where she spent her summer holidays. Her elderly uncle welcomes her with the rather mystifying advice to play it 'civil and strange' - meaning she should be polite to people, but keep her distance. Ellen makes good friends and she finds out how sustaining village life can be. But she also sees its narrow side when she, tentatively, starts a new relationship and becomes the focus of gossip. Her uncle's words resonate in a new way and she starts to question what she's doing with her life and whether she's made the right decision in abandoning city life. But as the events of this tumultuous year play out, it becomes clear to Ellen that starting over again isn't about where you are but what's going on inside. . . . Victor Jenner is a sociopath. After ten years in prison for shooting - and permanently crippling - a young policeman, Victor is released to a strange new world and told to make a new life for himself. It's hard to adjust to civilian life, but at least there's one blessing - he was never convicted for all those rapes he committed. Then Victor meets David, the policeman he shot, and David's beautiful girlfriend, Clare. And suddenly Victor's new life is starting to look an awful lot like the old one. Proclaimed handsome elite businessman, Yuto Shinonome, falls in love at first sight with Tamaki, a beauty who's exactly his type. It hits him like a ton of bricks when he finds out Tamaki is actually a guy!! Nevertheless, Yuto still acts like a kid with a crush and teases Tamaki like there's no tomorrow ... How can perverse Yuto handle love!? The explosive, untold story of the Cold War's biggest secret. The REAL X-Files. It is the most famous military installation in the world. And no credible insider has ever divulged the truth about his time inside of it. Until now. This is the first book based on interviews with scientists, pilots, and engineers - 58 in total - who provide an unprecedented look into the mysterious activities of a top-secret base, from the Cold War to today. With a jaw-dropping ending, it proves that facts are often more fantastic than fiction, especially when the distinction is almost impossible to make. Ten-year-old Sandeep, an only child in a Bombay high-rise, visits his extended family in Calcutta during the school holidays—leaving the smooth silence of his parents' modern flat for a world of enchantment in his uncle's home. Everything is different here. In a short novel filled with indelible characters, we witness the beautiful ordinariness of daily life in a middle-class family dependent on a failing business. Whether they are push-starting a stubborn Ambassador, combating heatwaves and thunderstorms or saying their prayers, the young narrator's keen eye misses nothing. Widely hailed as a poet of the mundane, the renowned Amit Chaudhuri gives us contemporary India as you never see it. In this 25th anniversary edition of his exquisite debut, comprising a novel and nine stories, revisit this acute portrait of Calcutta from one of our finest novelists: a small masterpiece. National Book Award Finalist: "This man's ideas may be the most influential, not to say controversial, of the second half of the twentieth century."—Columbus Dispatch At the heart of this classic, seminal book is Julian Jaynes's still-controversial thesis that human consciousness did not begin far back in animal evolution but instead is a learned process that came about only three thousand years ago and is still developing. The implications of this revolutionary scientific paradigm extend into virtually every aspect of our psychology, our history and

culture, our religion—and indeed our future. “Don’t be put off by the academic title of Julian Jaynes’s *The Origin of Consciousness in the Breakdown of the Bicameral Mind*. Its prose is always lucid and often lyrical...he unfolds his case with the utmost intellectual rigor.”—The New York Times “When Julian Jaynes . . . speculates that until late in the twentieth millennium BC men had no consciousness but were automatically obeying the voices of the gods, we are astounded but compelled to follow this remarkable thesis.”—John Updike, *The New Yorker* “He is as startling as Freud was in *The Interpretation of Dreams*, and Jaynes is equally as adept at forcing a new view of known human behavior.”—*American Journal of Psychiatry*

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