

## Texas Got It Right

A PLACE CALLED TEXAS is a historical-fictional novel based on a young German immigrant's odyssey as a stow-away in 1845. He left his German home on his 20th birthday and arrived shortly thereafter in "a place called Texas". Though he really wanted to go to New York, America, he arrived in the harbor of Galveston just a few weeks before Texas was admitted to the United States. This novel details his journey and experiences. An action packed novel where good triumphs over evil. A Place Called Texas is Book 1 in a three-part series entitled IN SEARCH OF FREEDOM.

A fascinating collection of oral history interviews details Texas in the early twentieth century and how life in the Lone Star State helped the interviewees achieve success.

Erica Grieder's Texas is a state that is not only an outlier but an exaggeration of some of America's most striking virtues and flaws. Big, Hot, Cheap, and Right is a witty, enlightening inquiry into how Texas works, and why, in the future, the rest of America may look a lot like Texas.

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • Discover the life-changing memoir that has inspired millions of readers through the Academy Award®-winning actor's unflinching honesty, unconventional wisdom, and lessons learned the hard way about living with greater satisfaction. NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY THE GUARDIAN "McConaughey's book invites us to grapple with the lessons of his life as he did—and to see that the point was never to win, but to understand."—Mark Manson, author of *The Subtle Art of Not Giving a F\*ck* I've been in this life for fifty years, been trying to work out its riddle for forty-two, and been keeping diaries of clues to that riddle for the last thirty-five. Notes about successes and failures, joys and sorrows, things that made me marvel, and things that made me laugh out loud. How to be fair. How to have less stress. How to have fun. How to hurt people less. How to get hurt less. How to be a good man. How to have meaning in life. How to be more me. Recently, I worked up the courage to sit down with those diaries. I found stories I experienced, lessons I learned and forgot, poems, prayers, prescriptions, beliefs about what matters, some great photographs, and a whole bunch of bumper stickers. I found a reliable theme, an approach to living that gave me more satisfaction, at the time, and still: If you know how, and when, to deal with life's challenges—how to get relative with the inevitable—you can enjoy a state of success I call "catching greenlights." So I took a one-way ticket to the desert and wrote this book: an album, a record, a story of my life so far. This is fifty years of my sights and seens, felts and figured-outs, cools and shamefuls. Graces, truths, and beauties of brutality. Getting away withs, getting caughts, and getting wets while trying to dance between the raindrops. Hopefully, it's medicine that tastes good, a couple of aspirin instead of the infirmary, a spaceship to Mars without needing your pilot's license, going to church without having to be born again, and laughing through the tears. It's a love letter. To life. It's also a guide to catching more greenlights—and to realizing that the yellows and reds eventually turn green too. Good luck.

Why is Dallas the fastest growing city in America? Find the answers in Dallas Got It Right!

Texas Got It Right!

"Full of schadenfreude and speculation—and solid, timely history too." —Kirkus Reviews "This is a portrait of capitalism as white-knuckle risk taking, yielding fruitful discoveries for the fathers, but only sterile speculation for the sons—a story that resonates with today's economic upheaval." —Publishers Weekly "What's not to enjoy about a book full of monstrous egos, unimaginable sums of money, and the punishment of greed and shortsightedness?" —The Economist Phenomenal reviews and sales greeted the hardcover publication of *The Big Rich*, New York Times bestselling author Bryan Burrough's spellbinding chronicle of Texas oil. Weaving together the multigenerational sagas of the industry's four wealthiest families, Burrough brings to life the men known in their day as the Big Four: Roy Cullen, H. L. Hunt, Clint Murchison, and Sid Richardson, all swaggering Texas oil tycoons who owned sprawling ranches and mingled with presidents and Hollywood stars. Seamlessly charting their collective rise and fall, *The Big Rich* is a hugely entertaining account that only a writer with Burrough's abilities-and Texas upbringing-could have written.

A Good Morning America Book Club Pick! • A bighearted debut with technicolor characters, plenty of Texas swagger, and a powder keg of a plot in which marriages struggle, rivalries flare, and secrets explode, all with a clever wink toward classical mythology. "Wildly entertaining." —Richard Russo, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Empire Falls* The Briscoe family is once again the talk of their small town when March returns to East Texas two years after he was caught having an affair with his brother's wife. His mother, June, hardly welcomes him back with open arms. Her husband's own past affairs have made her tired of being the long-suffering spouse. Is it, perhaps, time for a change? Within days of March's arrival, someone is dead, marriages are upended, and even the strongest of alliances are shattered. In the end, the ties that hold them together might be exactly what drag them all down. An expansive tour de force, *Olympus*, Texas cleverly weaves elements of classical mythology into a thoroughly modern family saga, rich in drama and psychological complexity. After all, at some point, don't we all wonder: What good is this destructive force we call love?

New York Times bestselling author Jim Dent pens the compelling story of how a black and white player came together to break the color barrier in Texas football in 1965. Jerry LeVias and Bill Bradley bonded as friends at the Big 33 high school all-star game, producing a dramatic finish that fans still talk about. Jim Dent takes the reader to the heart of Texas football with the incredible story of how two young men broke the chain of racism that had existed for more than half a century. In 1965, black and white players barely mixed in Texas. That summer, Jerry LeVias and Bill Bradley came together at the Big 33 game in Hershey, Pennsylvania. When no one else would room with LeVias, Bradley stepped forward. The two became the closest of friends and the best of teammates. LeVias called Bradley "my blue-eyed soul brother." Big-hearted, gregarious, and free-spirited, Bradley looked out for LeVias – one of three black players on the team. The Texas team came to Hershey with a mandate to win. A year earlier, Texas had lost to the Pennsylvania all-stars 12-6 in the most significant defeat in the state's proud history. This was considered blasphemy in a place where football outranked religion. Texas coach Bobby Layne was mad-as-hell that he was forced to play with second stringers in '64. So he and assistant coach Doak Walker traveled to Austin and asked Texas governor John Connally to end the scheduling conflict with the in-state all-star game so he could suit up the best players. Layne also sought permission to recruit black players. After all, Texas was flush with black stars, some of whom would mature into the most notable players in the history of the National Football League. Layne's scheme never would have worked without Bradley and LeVias. Together—and with Layne's indomitable will to win—the two led their team proudly to face down the competition at Hershey Stadium. *The Kids Got It Right* is a moving story, reminiscent of *Remember The Titans*. Jim Dent once again brings readers to cheers and tears with a truly American tale of leadership, brotherhood, and good-ol' Texas-style football.

A New York Times bestseller! "Lively and absorbing. . ." — The New York Times Book Review "Engrossing." —Wall Street Journal "Entertaining and well-researched . . ." —Houston Chronicle Three noted Texan writers combine forces to tell the real story of the Alamo, dispelling the myths, exploring why they had their day for so long, and explaining why the ugly fight about its meaning is now coming to a head. Every nation needs its creation myth, and since Texas was a nation before it was a state, it's no surprise that its myths bite deep. There's no piece of history more important to Texans than the Battle of the Alamo, when Davy Crockett and a band of rebels went down in a blaze of glory fighting for independence from Mexico, losing the battle but

setting Texas up to win the war. However, that version of events, as *Forget the Alamo* definitively shows, owes more to fantasy than reality. Just as the site of the Alamo was left in ruins for decades, its story was forgotten and twisted over time, with the contributions of Tejanos--Texans of Mexican origin, who fought alongside the Anglo rebels--scrubbed from the record, and the origin of the conflict over Mexico's push to abolish slavery papered over. *Forget the Alamo* provocatively explains the true story of the battle against the backdrop of Texas's struggle for independence, then shows how the sausage of myth got made in the Jim Crow South of the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. As uncomfortable as it may be to hear for some, celebrating the Alamo has long had an echo of celebrating whiteness. In the past forty-some years, waves of revisionists have come at this topic, and at times have made real progress toward a more nuanced and inclusive story that doesn't alienate anyone. But we are not living in one of those times; the fight over the Alamo's meaning has become more pitched than ever in the past few years, even violent, as Texas's future begins to look more and more different from its past. It's the perfect time for a wise and generous-spirited book that shines the bright light of the truth into a place that's gotten awfully dark.

In this astute and provocative look at Texan policies, history, and culture, Sam and Andrew Wyly unpack the secrets behind the swagger. Discover how the Lone Star State has become an economic powerhouse and the number-one place to move in the country.

Documents the barrier-breaking 1964 effort of coach Bobby Layne, quarterback Bill Bradley and receiver Jerry Le Vias to recruit talented black players and build Texas's first integrated all-star high-school football team, tracing their considerable achievements and their triumphant Hershey park victory. By the best-selling author of *The Junction Boys*.

A New York Times Notable Book National Book Critics Circle Award Finalist An NPR Best Book of the Year *God Save Texas* is a journey through the most controversial state in America. It is a red state, but the cities are blue and among the most diverse in the nation. Oil is still king, but Texas now leads California in technology exports. Low taxes and minimal regulation have produced extraordinary growth, but also striking income disparities. Texas looks a lot like the America that Donald Trump wants to create. Bringing together the historical and the contemporary, the political and the personal, Texas native Lawrence Wright gives us a colorful, wide-ranging portrait of a state that not only reflects our country as it is, but as it may become—and shows how the battle for Texas's soul encompasses us all.

*Texas Jack: America's First Cowboy Star* is a biography of John B. "Texas Jack" Omohundro, the first well-known cowboy in America. A Confederate scout and spy from Virginia, Jack left for Texas within weeks of Lee's surrender at Appomattox. In Texas, he became first a cowboy and then a trail boss, jobs that would inform the rest of his life. Jack lead cattle on the Chisholm and Goodnight-Loving trails to New Mexico, California, Kansas and Nebraska. In 1868 he met James B. "Wild Bill" Hickok in Kansas and then William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody in Nebraska at the end of the first major cattle drive to North Platte. Texas Jack and Buffalo Bill became friends, and soon the scout and the cowboy became the subjects of a series of dime novels written by Ned Buntline.

Rest your head in the prairies of the Lone Star State! Saddle up, Partner! It's time to adventure to the Great State of Texas! Hike all around Big Bend National Park, swim in the warm beach on Galveston Island, learn about the history of the Alamo, and so much more. Texas has so much to offer from different sceneries to huge historical landmarks. This book is the perfect gift to bring for little Texans everywhere, for birthdays, baby showers, housewarming and going away parties. With the Good Night Our World series, toddlers and preschool-age kids can build listening and memory skills by identifying famous landmarks. Perfect for bedtime or naptime, reading simple, soothing phrases to your young one will help them fall gently to sleep. Our readers love that their child will pick a favorite portion of the story to read along with them, and on top of that, these classic board books were built to last! Made from thick paperboard construction, it was designed with your kids in mind. Introduce stories of exploration to your little one using colorful illustrations and distinct vocabulary with Good Night Books. Be sure to look through our entire line of kids picture books about Texas, including Good Night Dallas/Fort Worth, Good Night Austin, Good Night San Antonio, and many more! Surprise your little traveler today with Good Night Texas!

A provocative and eye-opening look at the most explosive and controversial state in America, where everything is bigger, bolder—and shaping our nation's future in surprising ways To most Americans, Texas has been that love-it-or-hate it slice of the country that has sparked controversy, bred presidents, and fomented turmoil from the American Civil War to George W. Bush. But that Texas is changing—and it will change America itself. Richard Parker takes the reader on a tour across today's booming Texas, an evolving landscape that is densely urban, overwhelmingly Hispanic, exceedingly powerful in the global economy, and increasingly liberal. This Texas will have to ensure upward mobility, reinvigorate democratic rights, and confront climate change—just to continue its historic economic boom. This is not the Texas of George W. Bush or Rick Perry. Instead, this is a Texas that will remake the American experience in the twenty-first century—as California did in the twentieth—with surprising economic, political, and social consequences. Along the way, Parker analyzes the powerful, interviews the insightful, and tells the story of everyday people because, after all, one in ten Americans in this century will call Texas something else: Home.

It's rule breaker Emily Foster's birthday, and like everyone at The Jungle Room, she just wants to get some action. Unfortunately, she stumbles on the wrong kind, witnessing a mob hit. To protect her, she's entered into the Witness Protection Program with by-the-book Special Agent Jake Ward as her chaperone. When the location of their safe house is compromised, Jake stashes Emily deep in the Texas backwoods. The city-girl might be safe from the Mafia, but she has to contend with a psychotic rooster, a narcoleptic dog, crazy cowboys, and the danger of losing her heart to the one man she can't have. Jake's as hot as he is infuriating, and she can't help but push all his buttons to loosen him up. Their mutual, sizzling sexual attraction poses a dilemma: Jake's determined to keep her safe and out of the wrong hands; she's determined to get into the right ones—his. Each book in the Tangled in Texas series is a standalone, full-length story that can be enjoyed out of order. Series Order: Book #1 Rules of Protection Book #2 Playing With Fire Book #3 Law of Attraction

Riley Hayes, the playboy of the Hayes family, is a young man who seems to have it all: money, a career he loves, and his pick of beautiful women. His father, CEO of HayesOil, passes control of the corporation to his two sons; but a stipulation is attached to Riley's portion. Concerned about Riley's lack of maturity, his father requires that Riley 'marry and stay married for one year to someone he loves'. Angered by the requirement, Riley seeks a means of bypassing his father's stipulation. Blackmailing Jack Campbell into marrying him "for love" suits Riley's purpose. There is no mention in his father's documents that the marriage had to be with a woman and Jack Campbell is the son of Riley Senior's arch rival. Win win. Riley marries Jack and abruptly his entire world is turned inside out. Riley hadn't

counted on the fact that Jack Campbell, quiet and unassuming rancher, is a force of nature in his own right. This is a story of murder, deceit, the struggle for power, lust and love, the sprawling life of a rancher and the whirlwind existence of a playboy. But under and through it all, as Riley learns over the months, this is a tale about family and everything that that word means.

"An illustrated introduction to the state of Texas"--

"You're fired!" Donald Trump became famous bellowing those words in a make-believe boardroom. In November, tens of millions of Americans want to yell it right back at him. Yet Trump has seemed to almost defy the laws of political physics. Paul Begala, one of America's greatest political talents, lays out the strategy that will defeat him and send him and his industrial-strength spray-on tan machine back to Mar-a-Lago. In *You're Fired*, Paul Begala tells us how Trump uses division to distract from the actual reality of his record. Distraction, he argues, is Trump's superpower. And this book is Kryptonite. In it, the man who helped elect Bill Clinton and reelect Barack Obama, details: -The special weapons and tactics needed in the unconventional war against this most unconventional politician -How to drive a wedge—or, rather, a pickup truck—between Trump and many of his supporters, especially blue-collar workers and farmers -Where the votes to defeat Trump will come from, and how the Rising American Electorate can catch Trump flat-footed -How Democrats can run on issues ranging from Coronavirus and healthcare to the economy, as well as climate change and Trump's long-term plan to dominate the federal judiciary -There is one chapter called simply, "This Chapter Will Beat Trump." Find out why Begala is so confident and what issue he says will sink the Trumptanic Full of memorable advice and Begala's trademark wit, *You're Fired* focuses on the lessons we can learn from the party's successes and failures—and the crucial tools Democrats need to beat Trump.

In his new book, *The Immigrant Spirit: How Newcomers Enrich America*, Sam Wyly presents a fascinating, often surprising portrait of the immigrant experience in America, focusing on communities throughout the country and people from all walks of life and parts of the world. Readers will enjoy colorful portraits of diverse cities like Houston, Texas, which Wyly dubs "the new face of immigrant America." They'll discover the inspiring stories of people like Albert Gallatin, a French-speaking Swiss immigrant who became our longest-serving Secretary of the Treasury, and Bill Knudsen, a Dane who took on the most important stateside job during World War II and helped seal victory for America. Then there are the so-called regular people, like contractor Carlos Camuñez, who came from Mexico as a boy, learned English on his own, and now runs a successful contracting company in Aspen, Colorado.

Presents some of the animals, plants, and landmarks that can be found in Florida, in a text with fold-out flaps.

She can't forget him. The born rancher who stole her heart, her ex-husband, the tough, tender father of her child . . . Tori Tyler can't let Will Tyler go to prison for a crime that was a simple accident. But she can't deny that her feelings for the man run much deeper than loyalty, and her desire for his strong, sure embrace has never died. Protecting him is second nature, until an unexpected terror threatens to shatter them both . . . and Tori needs Will's fierce love more than ever before. He can't let her go. The sassy, sexy wife he never meant to drive away, the gorgeous woman who haunts his memory and his fantasies . . . Will can accept the blame for the destruction of his marriage, but he can't believe that he and Tori won't have a second chance to make it right. With the ranch in trouble and his freedom on the line, somehow fighting for her is the only thing that matters. "Dailey confirms her place as a top mega-seller." —Kirkus Reviews

A second chance for a veteran and his sweetheart comes at a price in this romance from the New York Times–bestselling author of the *Calder Saga*. He's the one who got away... The cowboy who claimed her heart before taking off on a tour of duty, planning never to return. But Beau Tyler is back, and Natalie Haskell feels defenseless against the powerful pull of the brawny soldier. Especially when she finds herself suddenly widowed and needing the shelter of his strong arms. She's the hometown sweetheart... The girl Beau left behind but never forgot, despite his battle-scarred soul. Now Natalie is the real reason he's staying on at the ranch, despite rumors that he was somehow involved in her late husband's death. Because something in Beau has stirred to life again—something he believed his painful past had destroyed. And not even wild horses can keep him from the woman he still loves.... Praise for the *Tylers of Texas* series "Big, bold, and sexy, Texas True is Janet Dailey at her best!"—Kat Martin "Dailey does the genre proud with plenty of intrigue, subplots, twists and, of course, love. Fans and newcomers alike will revel in the ride."—Publishers Weekly on *Texas Tall*

Winner of the Alex Award "Mike Muñoz Is a Holden Caulfield for a New Millennium--a '10th-generation peasant with a Mexican last name, raised by a single mom on an Indian reservation' . . . Evison, as in his previous four novels, has a light touch and humorously guides the reader, this time through the minefield that is working-class America." --The New York Times Book Review For Mike Muñoz, life has been a whole lot of waiting for something to happen. Not too many years out of high school and still doing menial work--and just fired from his latest gig as a lawn boy on a landscaping crew--he's smart enough to know that he's got to be the one to shake things up if he's ever going to change his life. But how? He's not qualified for much of anything. He has no particular talents, although he is stellar at handling a lawn mower and wielding clipping shears. But now that career seems to be behind him. So what's next for Mike Muñoz? In this funny, biting, touching, and ultimately inspiring novel, bestselling author Jonathan Evison takes the reader into the heart and mind of a young man determined to achieve the American dream of happiness and prosperity--who just so happens to find himself along the way.

One of those rare books, the kind the reader doesn't want to end. –Green Bay Press Gazette The first in Fern Michaels' bestselling Texas series, *Texas Rich* introduces us to passionately compelling Billie Ames. . . Young Billie Ames was naive but a real knockout when she met Moss Coleman at the Philadelphia Navy Yard during World War II. Within a few months she was pregnant and married to him. It was a marriage that brought Billie--and her mother, Agnes--across the country to Austin, to a 250,000-acre spread called Sunbridge, and into the world of the Texas rich. Billie works to acclimate to Texas and her new home at Sunbridge, her role as Moss' wife, and the challenges she faces from her social-climbing mother, her gruff and demanding father-in-law, and the events of the world around her. We see Billie grow stronger in heart, mind, and belief as her children are born, her marriage to Moss changes, and she comes into her own as a Coleman--and a woman in her own right. "A big, rich book in every way. . .I think Fern Michaels has struck oil with this one." –Patricia Matthews "A steaming, sprawling saga. . .As always, Fern Michaels writes a full story with bigger-than-life characters we would look forward to meeting." –Romantic Times "Fine fare for Fern Michaels's fans!" –The Philadelphia Inquirer 302,000 Words

"Swanson has done a crucial public service by exposing the barbarous side of the Rangers." —The New York Times Book Review A twenty-first century reckoning with the legendary Texas Rangers that does justice to their heroic moments while also documenting atrocities, brutality, oppression, and corruption The Texas Rangers came to life in 1823, when Texas was still part of Mexico. Nearly 200 years later, the Rangers are still going--one of the most famous of all law enforcement agencies. In *Cult of Glory*, Doug J. Swanson has written a sweeping account of the Rangers that chronicles their epic, daring escapades while showing how the white and propertied power structures of Texas used them as enforcers, protectors and officially sanctioned killers. *Cult of Glory* begins with the Rangers' emergence as conquerors of the wild and violent Texas frontier. They fought the fierce Comanches, chased outlaws, and served in the U.S. Army during

the Mexican War. As Texas developed, the Rangers were called upon to catch rustlers, tame oil boomtowns, and patrol the perilous Texas-Mexico border. In the 1930s they began their transformation into a professionally trained police force. Countless movies, television shows, and pulp novels have celebrated the Rangers as Wild West supermen. In many cases, they deserve their plaudits. But often the truth has been obliterated. Swanson demonstrates how the Rangers and their supporters have operated a propaganda machine that turned agency disasters and misdeeds into fables of triumph, transformed murderous rampages—including the killing of scores of Mexican civilians—into valorous feats, and elevated scoundrels to sainthood. Cult of Glory sets the record straight. Beginning with the Texas Indian wars, Cult of Glory embraces the great, majestic arc of Lone Star history. It tells of border battles, range disputes, gunslingers, massacres, slavery, political intrigue, race riots, labor strife, and the dangerous lure of celebrity. And it reveals how legends of the American West—the real and the false—are truly made.

Their past never faded—and neither did their passion. Between running his family ranch and dealing with far too many needy relatives, Shaw Jameson doesn't have time for more trouble. But when his first love, former-child-star-turned-businesswoman Sunny Dalton, returns to Lone Star Ridge, Shaw senses things are about to get a whole lot more interesting. Shaw isn't prepared for the memories that come flooding back now...or the reignited spark between them that turns into a raging inferno. Still, this gorgeous cowboy will do everything he can not to get burned a second time. Because Sunny never promised this visit was permanent and Shaw has no intention of giving up the land he loves. Letting Sunny go again is certain to leave a Texas-sized mark on his soul—and a permanent wall around his heart. Unless he can prove their small town holds the promise of the future they both always imagined.

New York Times bestselling author Jodi Thomas creates a spellbinding story of love, family, and passion in an untamed land. . . Texas Ranger Josh Weston is a complete stranger to Bethanie Lane, and her only chance to escape from her uncle's grasp. Without hesitating, she strikes a deal with the rugged lawman to take her with him when he leaves San Antonio. And on the journey to his family's ranch near Fort Worth, they forge a bond as powerful as it is unexpected. When Bethanie's dream of a future with Josh falls apart, she's forced to make a harrowing choice. Yet through every danger and revelation, one thing remains—a love worth living and dying for. . . "Jodi Thomas's writing is breathtaking. . .her name should be at the top of everyone's favorite author list." -Affaire de Coeur

Are you looking to learn more about Texas? Sure, you've heard about the Alamo and JFK's assassination in history class, but there's so much about the Lone Star State that even natives don't know about. In this trivia book, you'll journey through Texas's history, pop culture, sports, folklore, and so much more! In The Great Book of Texas, some of the things you will learn include:- Which Texas hero isn't even from Texas?- Why is Texas called the Lone Star State?- Which hotel in Austin is one of the most haunted hotels in the United States?- Where was Bonnie and Clyde's hideout located?- Which Tejano musician is buried in Corpus Christi?- What unsolved mysteries happened in the state?- Which Texas-born celebrity was voted "Most Handsome" in high school?- Which popular TV show star just opened a brewery in Austin? Whether you consider yourself a Texas pro or you know absolutely nothing about the state, you'll learn something new as you discover more about the state's past, present, and future. Find out about things that weren't mentioned in your history book. In fact, you might even be able to impress your history teacher with your newfound knowledge once you've finished reading! So, what are you waiting for? Dive in now to learn all there is to know about the Lone Star State!

Using historical places, figures, and events specific to the state of Texas, the author of L is for Lone Star introduces young readers to number and math concepts.

"Look out, world! There's a new cowboy in town." —CAROLYN BROWN, New York Times Bestselling Author IT TOOK 32 SECONDS TO END HIS CAREER. BUT IT ONLY TOOK 1 TO CHANGE HIS LIFE. Thirty-two seconds. That's how long it took for Delon Sanchez's life to end. One minute he was the best bronc rider in the Panhandle and the next he was nothing. Knee shattered, future in question, all he can do is pull together the pieces...and wonder what cruel trick of fate has thrown him into the path of his ex, the oh-so-perfect Tori Patterson. Tori's finally come home, intent on escaping the public eye. It's just her luck that Delon limps into her physical therapy office, desperate for help. All hard-packed muscle and dark-eyed temptation, he's never been anything but a bad idea. And yet, seeing him again, Tori can't remember what made her choose foolish pride over love...or why, with this second, final chance to right old wrongs, the smartest choice would be to run from this gorgeous rodeo boy as fast as her boots can take her. Texas Rodeo Series: Reckless in Texas (Book 1) Tangled in Texas (Book 2) Tougher in Texas (Book 3) What People Are Saying: "Passionate...realistic and believable."—Publishers Weekly for Tangled in Texas "Dell's ability to immerse her readers in the world of rodeo, coupled with her stellar writing, makes this a contemporary Western not to miss." —Kirkus for Tangled in Texas "Illuminating...a standout in western romance."—Publishers Weekly for Reckless in Texas "Dell takes you on a fun, wild ride!" —B.J. DANIELS, New York Times Bestselling Author Rough and tumble, cocky and charming, Joe's everything a rodeo superstar should be... And he's way out of Violet's league. Violet Jacobs is fearless. At least, that's what the cowboys she snatches from under the hooves of bucking horses think. Outside the ring, she's got plenty of worries rattling her bones: her young son, her mess of a love life, and lately, her family's struggling rodeo. When she takes business into her own hands and hires on a hotshot bullfighter, she expects to start a ruckus. She never expected Joe Cassidy. Joe came to Texas to escape a life spiraling out of control. He never planned on sticking around, and he certainly never expected to call this dry and dusty backwater home. But Violet is everything he never knew he was missing, and the deeper he's pulled into her beautiful mess of a family, the more he realizes this fierce rodeo girl may be offering him the one thing he never could find on his own. Texas Rodeo Series: Reckless in Texas (Book 1) Tangled in Texas (Book 2) Tougher in Texas (Book 3) Fearless in Texas (Book 4) Mistletoe in Texas (Book 5) What People Are Saying about the Texas Rodeo series: "Look out, world! There's a new cowboy in town." —CAROLYN BROWN, New York Times Bestselling Author "An extraordinarily gifted writer."—KAREN TEMPLETON, author of Wed in the West series "Real Ranches. Real Rodeo. Real Romance."—LAURA DRAKE, author of Sweet on a Cowboy series "A sexy, engaging romance set in the captivating world of rodeo."—Kirkus "Illuminating...a standout in western romance."—Publishers Weekly

DIVNEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER AND NATIONAL BOOK AWARD FINALIST A lyrical and authentic book that recounts the story of a border-town family in Brownsville, Texas in the 1980's, as each member of the family desperately tries to assimilate and escape life on the border to become "real" Americans, even at the expense of their shared family history. This is really un-mined territory in the memoir genre that gives in-depth insight into a previously unexplored corner of America./div

Stand-alone Wishing Well romance, complete with HEA--and plenty of heat and heart along the way! One fateful night four years ago, Destiny Rose Porter gave in to her desires and ended up with a shattered heart. A heart that, with time, learned to heal and guard itself. But when Jefferson James Briggs returns to their small hometown of Wishing Well, Texas, memories of that unforgettable night come back with

him....JJ Briggs knew he had started something he couldn't finish four years ago. But now, he was back to set it right. The sexy Major League pitcher never forgot about his fiery redhead. The love and passion he felt for his "Pip" never faded. They say old wounds cut deep...will JJ be able to heal the pain he caused all those years ago? Or will history repeat itself, keeping his Destiny just out of reach? To Rory Yates being a Texas Ranger is about justice, but all of that changes when he is brought to a small southern town to help uncover the mysteries behind a local woman's death—only to discover corruption and lies. Texas Ranger Rory Yates is not keen for hero status. But it's unavoidable once his girlfriend, country singer Willow Dawes, writes a song about his bravery. Rory escapes his newfound fame when he's sent to the remote West Texas town of Rio Lobo, a municipality with two stoplights. And now, according to the Chief of Police, it has one too many Texas Rangers. Rio Lobo Detective Ariana Delgado is the one who requested Rory, and the only person who believes a local councilwoman's seemingly accidental death is a murder. Then Rory begins to uncover a tangle of small-town secrets, favors, and lies as crooked as Texas law is straight. To get to the truth before more people die, Rory is forced to take liberties with the investigation. The next ballad of Rory Yates may not be about a hero, but rather an outlaw song.

A revolutionary memoir about domestic abuse by the award-winning author of *Her Body and Other Parties* In the Dream House is Carmen Maria Machado's engrossing and wildly innovative account of a relationship gone bad, and a bold dissection of the mechanisms and cultural representations of psychological abuse. Tracing the full arc of a harrowing relationship with a charismatic but volatile woman, Machado struggles to make sense of how what happened to her shaped the person she was becoming. And it's that struggle that gives the book its original structure: each chapter is driven by its own narrative trope—the haunted house, erotica, the bildungsroman—through which Machado holds the events up to the light and examines them from different angles. She looks back at her religious adolescence, unpacks the stereotype of lesbian relationships as safe and utopian, and widens the view with essayistic explorations of the history and reality of abuse in queer relationships. Machado's dire narrative is leavened with her characteristic wit, playfulness, and openness to inquiry. She casts a critical eye over legal proceedings, fairy tales, *Star Trek*, and Disney villains, as well as iconic works of film and fiction. The result is a wrenching, riveting book that explodes our ideas about what a memoir can do and be.

After six years and too much self-recrimination, rancher Mitch Landry is ready to admit he was wrong. He'd been in love with Olivia Montgomery but he hadn't been ready for the lifetime commitment. That was his first mistake. He's divorced his second. He'll not make the same mistake twice and he'll do whatever it take to convince Olivia to give them a second chance. Through hard work, determination and more than a few tears, Olivia Montgomery survived the break-up with the love of her life. She's rebuilt her life around her business and the son she loves more than life itself. She's not proud of the mistakes she's made—particularly the secret she's kept—but when life serves up manure, you use it to mold yourself into something better. At a hot, muggy Dallas wedding, they reconnect. Olivia's first instinct is to play it cool, but after one devastating kiss things quickly flare out of control. A quick night together should dampen those flames but instead only feeds the fires burning and now she's left trying to protect the secret she's held on to for all these years.

For John Nance "Cactus Jack" Garner, there was one simple rule in politics: "You've got to bloody your knuckles." It's a maxim that applies in so many ways to the state of Texas, where the struggle for power has often unfolded through underhanded politicking, backroom dealings, and, quite literally, bloodshed. The contentious history of Texas politics has been shaped by dangerous and often violent events, and been formed not just in the halls of power but by marginalized voices omitted from the official narratives. *A Single Star and Bloody Knuckles* traces the state's conflicted and dramatic evolution over the past 150 years through its pivotal political players, including oft-neglected women and people of color. Beginning in 1870 with the birth of Texas's modern political framework, Bill Minutaglio chronicles Texas political life against the backdrop of industry, the economy, and race relations, recasting the narrative of influential Texans. With journalistic verve and candor, Minutaglio delivers a contemporary history of the determined men and women who fought for their particular visions of Texas and helped define the state as a potent force in national affairs.

Cemeteries become open-air museums when Tui Snider takes you on a playful-but-informative tour of Texas burial grounds. Along the way you will see photos of and learn stories about: Forgotten HistoryGold buried under a cemetery treeBlack man whose grave taunts the KKKReal cowboys who inspired Larry McMurtry's "Lonesome Dove" Tragic TalesLittle girl who inspired the Amber Alert systemNuclear power whistleblower's graveMonument for slaughtered conscientious objectors Unusual CharactersFrenemies chained together in deathBuried whisky and an air tube at his graveBuried at her husband's feet Unsolved MysteriesWho killed Diamond Bessie?Unnamed one-legged tightrope walkerSpace alien grave Unique MonumentsJesus in cowboy bootsGrand piano graveFamous lizard in a velvet-lined casket...and many more! *6 Feet Under Texas* explores the unique, famous, and historic burials of the Lone Star State. It is the first in a series of books revealing the stories behind the stones. It just may inspire you to take a road trip or two. Grab your copy today!

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