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University of
Michigan Press

D. A. Carson's father was a pioneering church-planter and pastor in Quebec. But still, an ordinary pastor-except that he ministered during the decades that brought French Canada from the brutal challenges of persecution and imprisonment for Baptist ministers to spectacular growth and revival in the

1970s. It is a story, and an era, that few in the English-speaking world know anything about. But through Tom Carson's journals and written prayers, and the narrative and historical background supplied by his son, readers will be given a firsthand account of not only this trying time in North American church history, but of one pastor's life and times, dreams and disappointments. With words that will ring true for every person who has devoted themselves to the Lord's work, this unique book serves to remind readers that though the sacrifices of serving God are great, the sweetness of living a faithful, obedient life

is greater still.

Ballast Books

Albert Facey's story is the story of Australia. Born in 1894, and first sent to work at the age of eight, Facey lived the rough frontier life of a labourer and farmer and jackaroo, becoming lost and then rescued by Indigenous trackers, then gaining a hard-won literacy, surviving Gallipoli, raising a family through the Depression, losing a son in the Second World War, and meeting his beloved Evelyn with whom he shared nearly sixty years of marriage. Despite enduring unimaginable hardships, Facey always saw

his life as a fortunate one. A true classic of Australian literature, Facey's simply penned story offers a unique window onto the history of Australian life through the greater part of the twentieth century – the extraordinary journey of an ordinary man. Something Unbelievable Thomas Nelson Inc

An overwhelmed new mom discovers unexpected parallels between life in twenty-first-century America and her grandmother's account of their family's escape from the Nazis in this sharp, heartfelt novel. "A fresh perspective—one that's both haunting and hilarious—on dual-timeline war stories, a feat that only a writer of Kuznetsova's caliber could pull off."—Fiona Davis, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Lions of Fifth Avenue* Larissa is a stubborn, brutally honest woman in her eighties, tired of her home in Kiev, Ukraine—tired of everything really, except for her beloved granddaughter, Natasha. Natasha is tired as well, but that's because she just had a baby, and she's struggling to balance her roles as a new mother, a wife, a struggling actress, and a host to her husband's slacker best friend, Stas, who has been

staying with them in their cramped one-bedroom apartment in upper Manhattan. When Natasha asks Larissa to tell the story of her family's Soviet wartime escape from the Nazis in Kiev, she reluctantly agrees. Maybe Natasha is just looking for distraction from her own life, but Larissa is desperate to make her happy, even though telling the story makes her heart ache. Larissa recounts the nearly three-year period when she fled with her self-absorbed sister, parents, and grandmother to a factory town in the Ural Mountains where they faced starvation, a cholera outbreak, a tragic suicide, and where she was torn in her affections for two brothers from a wealthy family. But neither Larissa nor Natasha can anticipate how loudly these lessons of the past will echo in their present moments. *Something Unbelievable* explores with piercing wit and tender feeling just how much our circumstances shape our lives and what we pass on to the younger generations, willingly or not.

How to Stop, Look, and Listen to Life
Fordham Univ Press

Recounts lessons the author learned through taking on challenging and unique

opportunities, offering commentary on the inherent compatibility of adventure and the Christian life as well as love's ability to encourage and inspire action.

An Ordinary Life Metropolitan Books
How can we bring an effortless yes to this moment? How do we stop running from "the mess of life"—our predicaments, our frustrations, even our search for liberation—and start flowing with all of it? In small venues throughout the UK and Europe, a young teacher named Jeff Foster is quietly awakening a new generation of spiritual inquirers to the experience of abiding presence and peace in our ever-shifting world. His informal gatherings, blogs, and kitchen-table video posts have created a rising tide of interest in his teachings. With *The Deepest Acceptance*, Jeff Foster invites us to discover the ocean of who we are: an awareness that has already allowed every wave of emotion and experience to arrive. While Jeff delightfully admits the irony of writing a book to convey something that is beyond words to teach, here he confirms his ability to guide us in unexpected new ways to a space of absolute acceptance and joy, no matter what's happening in

our lives. Candid, thoughtful, humorous—and deeply compassionate toward those searching for a way out of suffering—this refreshing new luminary inspires us to stop trying to “do” acceptance ... and start falling in love with “what has already been allowed.” “Wise, spacious, and loving. Teachings that can free the heart.” —Jack Kornfield, author of *A Lamp in the Darkness* and *A Path With Heart* “There is a transmission in this book: an alive, compassionate presence that invites awakening right here, this very moment, no matter what is going on in our lives.” —Tara Brach, PhD, author of *Radical Acceptance* and *True Refuge* “A beautifully written guide to the fearlessness and simplicity of living fully immersed in each moment of our lives. The *Deepest Acceptance* rings with the power and authenticity of Jeff Foster's deeply felt, deeply lived wisdom. His affirmation of life and compassion for the full range of human experience is a much needed contribution.” —Judith Blackstone, PhD, author of *Belonging Here* and *The Intimate Life* “Jeff Foster is an honest seeker who has unraveled the many trappings of seeking through his faithfulness to the

humble ground of being here, now, and his book is a gentle and helpful companion on the journey.” —Mark Nepo, author of *Staying Awake* and *Seven Thousand Ways to Listen* “The *Deepest Acceptance* is the story of a merciful awareness, which offers us the heart's inborn destination we were born to discover. Love is the highest form of acceptance. Judgment is the mechanics of non-acceptance.” —Stephen Levine, author of *A Year to Live* “The *Deepest Acceptance* is a multi-faceted spiritual gem. Every page transparently illuminates our real nature as naturally accepting, centerless awareness. Jeff has performed a great service in revealing awareness as the already-present source for living our lives in the most loving and meaningful way possible. I am immensely grateful to Jeff for bringing forth the essence of his teaching with such great power, love and sensitivity. A timeless classic through which numberless people will connect with the source of ultimate fulfillment.” —Peter Fenner, PhD, author of *Radiant Mind* and *The Edge of Certainty* “Jeff has achieved something wonderful with this honest and insightful book - something that benefits all of us and sheds much-needed light on

the mystery we call life.” —Stephen Gawtry, Managing Editor, *Watkins Mind Body Spirit* magazine “Throughout *The Deepest Acceptance*, Jeff Foster offers sentence after sentence that penetrate the mind and heart in a fresh, thrilling, life-changing way.” —Raphael Cushnir, author of *The One Thing Holding You Back* and *Surfing Your Inner Sea*

Ordinary Is Extraordinary Algonquin Books

If anybody had told Prissy, a conservative Southern housewife, she would one day be driving around town with a stoned, drunk black man named Willie in her backseat while she begged--no, ordered--him into her house for the night, she would have told them they were nuts. But it happened. An emotionally honest account, *Far Outside the Ordinary* chronicles the period in Prissy's life when, during a routine physical, her fifty-year-old husband is given less than a year to live. Southern black caregivers move into her home and work around the clock to aid her family. Soon, Prissy finds herself a spectator in her own home, observing events far outside the boundaries of her once ordinary life. *Far Outside the Ordinary* is

also a story of happily ever after, a romantic fairy tale. When her high school boyfriend reappears in her life, Prissy learns love has no expiration date.

Sometimes a second chance at love can come disguised, and when least expected.

This Truth Never Fails Penguin

From Condoleezza Rice, former secretary of state and New York Times bestselling author of *Democracy: Stories from the Long Road to Freedom*, comes a captivating memoir of her remarkable childhood. Condoleezza Rice's life began in Birmingham, Alabama in the 1950s, a place and time where black people lived in a segregated parallel universe away from their white neighbors. She grew up during the violent and shocking 1960s, when bloodshed became a part of daily life in the South. Rice's portrait of her parents, John and Angelena, highlights their ambitions and frustrations and shows how much they sacrificed to give their beloved only child the best chance for success. Rice also discusses the challenges of being a precocious child who was passionate about music, ice skating, history, and current affairs. Her memoir reveals with vivid clarity how her early experiences

sowed the seeds of her political beliefs and helped her become a vibrant, successful woman. *Condoleezza Rice: A Memoir of My Extraordinary, Ordinary Parents and Me* is a fascinating and inspirational story for young people, adapted from Condoleezza Rice's adult sensation *Extraordinary, Ordinary People: A Memoir of Family*. Includes a 16-page photo insert. Praise for *Extraordinary, Ordinary People: A Memoir of Family*: "An origins story . . . memoir is teeming with fascinating detail." —The New York Times "A thrilling, inspiring life of achievement." —Publishers Weekly "Surprisingly engrossing . . ." —Daily Beast "Vivid and heartfelt writing . . . Highly recommended." —Library Journal

ORDINARY LIFE Harper Collins

This Truth Never Fails is a playful yet well-grounded narrative of a year in the life of an unusual Zen master. Far from the silent and detached stereotype of Zen teachers, Rynick writes with disarming humor, offering both the struggles and the joys of ordinary life as opportunities for insight. Anyone looking for inspiration to bring a simple spiritual awareness into their daily lives, and also those interested in finding

ways to more deeply integrate faith (in any tradition) with practice will find this book reassuring and encouraging. This book appeals to the broad "mindfulness" and "general spirituality" audiences that transcend any one formal tradition.

Leaning toward Anne Lamott's humor, universal spirituality, and Mary Oliver's love of the natural world, Rynick's writing bypasses Zen theory and doctrine. Simple, clear prose illustrates, vividly, an insightful and tender appreciation of ordinary life as the Way itself. Includes a brief "study guide for further inquiry" offering opportunities for personal reflection and exploration on themes touched on in the book.

A Life Less Ordinary Knopf

From the bestselling author of *The Girl in the Corner* comes a tale of love, loss--and one last extraordinary dance. *Christmas Eve, 2019*. Ninety-four-year-old Molly lies in her hospital bed. A stroke and a fall may have broken her body--but her mind is alive with memories. London, 1940s. Molly is a bright young woman, determined to help the war effort and keep her head up despite it all. Life becomes brighter when she meets and falls in love with a man

who makes her forget everything with one dance. But then war forces her to make an unforgettable sacrifice, and when she's brought to her knees by a daring undercover mission with the French Resistance, only her sister knows the secret weighing heavily on Molly's heart. Now, lying in her hospital bed, Molly can't escape the memories of what she lost all those years ago. But she is not as alone as she thinks. Will she be able to find peace-- and finally understand that what seemed to be an ordinary life was anything but?

Life Lessons from My Silent Son : an Autism Memoir Sounds True

Now available for the first time—more than 50 years after it was written—is the memoir of Michael Dillon/Lobzang Jivaka (1915–62), the British doctor and Buddhist monastic novice chiefly known to scholars of sex, gender, and sexuality for his pioneering transition from female to male between 1939 and 1949, and for his groundbreaking 1946 book *Self: A Study in Ethics and Endocrinology*. Here at last is Dillon/Jivaka's extraordinary life story told in his own words. *Out of the Ordinary* captures Dillon/Jivaka's various journeys—to Oxford, into medicine, across

the world by ship—within the major narratives of his gender and religious journeys. Moving chronologically, Dillon/Jivaka begins with his childhood in Folkestone, England, where he was raised by his spinster aunts, and tells of his days at Oxford immersed in theology, classics, and rowing. He recounts his hormonal transition while working as an auto mechanic and fire watcher during World War II and his surgical transition under Sir Harold Gillies while Dillon himself attended medical school. He details his worldwide travel as a ship's surgeon in the British Merchant Navy with extensive commentary on his interactions with colonial and postcolonial subjects, followed by his “outing” by the British press while he was serving aboard *The City of Bath*. *Out of the Ordinary* is not only a salient record of an early sex transition but also a unique account of religious conversion in the mid-twentieth century. Dillon/Jivaka chronicles his gradual shift from Anglican Christianity to the esoteric spiritual systems of George Gurdjieff and Peter Ouspensky to Theravada and finally Mahayana Buddhism. He concludes his memoir with

the contested circumstances of his Buddhist monastic ordination in India and Tibet. Ultimately, while Dillon/Jivaka died before becoming a monk, his novice ordination was significant: It made him the first white European man to be ordained in the Tibetan Buddhist tradition. *Out of the Ordinary* is a landmark publication that sets free a distinct voice from the history of the transgender movement.

Ordinary Life Encyclopedia of an Ordinary Life A Memoir

A Michael L. Printz Honor Book A Robert F. Sibert Informational Honor Book A Boston Globe/Horn Book Nonfiction Honor Book Arnold Adoff Poetry Award for Teens Six Starred Reviews -- ★Booklist ★BCCB ★The Horn Book ★Publishers Weekly ★School Library Connection ★Shelf Awareness A Booklist Best Book for Youth * A BCCB Blue Ribbon * A Horn Book Fanfare Book * A Shelf Awareness Best Children's Book * Recommended on NPR's "Morning Edition" by Kwame Alexander "This powerful story, told with the music of poetry and the blade of truth, will help your heart grow."-- Laurie Halse Anderson, author of *Speak and Shout* "[A] testimony and a triumph."-- Jason Reynolds, author of *Long Way Down*

In her own voice, acclaimed author and poet Nikki Grimes explores the truth of a harrowing childhood in a compelling and moving memoir in verse. Growing up with a mother suffering from paranoid schizophrenia and a mostly absent father, Nikki Grimes found herself terrorized by babysitters, shunted from foster family to foster family, and preyed upon by those she trusted. At the age of six, she poured her pain onto a piece of paper late one night - and discovered the magic and impact of writing. For many years, Nikki's notebooks were her most enduring companions. In this accessible and inspiring memoir that will resonate with young readers and adults alike, Nikki shows how the power of those words helped her conquer the hazards - ordinary and extraordinary - of her life.

This Life I Live Macmillan

Sometimes hope is the most extraordinary gift of all. High-school radio host Jasmine Torres's life is full of family dysfunction, but if she can score the internship of her dreams with a New York City radio station, she knows she can turn things around. That is, until her brother Danny's latest seizure forces her to miss the interview,

and she's back to the endless loop of missing school for his doctor appointments, picking up the pieces of her mother's booze-soaked life, and stressing about Danny's future. Then she meets Wes. He's the perfect combination of smart, cute, and funny. He also happens to have epilepsy like her brother. Wes is living a normal life despite his medical issues, which gives Jasmine hope for Danny. But memories of her cheating ex-boyfriend keep Jasmine from going on a real date with Wes, no matter how many times he asks her. Jasmine can't control everything, not who wins the internship, not her mother's addiction, not her brother's health, not even where her heart will lead her. She wishes she could just have an ordinary life, but Jasmine may just discover that what she already has is pretty extraordinary after all.

Lessons Learned Beaufort Books

One of the Must-Read Books of 2019

According to O: The Oprah Magazine *

Time * Bustle * Electric Literature *

Publishers Weekly * The Millions * The

Week * Good Housekeeping "There is

more life packed on each page of Ordinary

Girls than some lives hold in a lifetime."

—Julia Alvarez In this searing memoir, Jaquira Díaz writes fiercely and eloquently of her challenging girlhood and triumphant coming of age. While growing up in housing projects in Puerto Rico and Miami Beach, Díaz found herself caught between extremes. As her family split apart and her mother battled schizophrenia, she was supported by the love of her friends. As she longed for a family and home, her life was upended by violence. As she celebrated her Puerto Rican culture, she couldn't find support for her burgeoning sexual identity. From her own struggles with depression and sexual assault to Puerto Rico's history of colonialism, every page of *Ordinary Girls* vibrates with music and lyricism. Díaz writes with raw and refreshing honesty, triumphantly mapping a way out of despair toward love and hope to become her version of the girl she always wanted to be. Reminiscent of Tara Westover's *Educated*, Kiese Laymon's *Heavy*, Mary Karr's *The Liars' Club*, and Terese Marie Mailhot's *Heart Berries*, Jaquira Díaz's memoir provides a vivid portrait of a life lived in (and beyond) the borders of Puerto Rico and its complicated history—and reads as electrically as a

novel.

A Memoir Random House

Learn to see God's remarkable works in the everyday ordinary of your life. Your remarkable life is happening right here, right now. You may not be able to see it--your life may seem predictable and your work insignificant until you look at your life as Frederick Buechner does. Named "the father of today's spiritual memoir movement" by Christianity Today, Frederick Buechner reveals how to stop, look, and listen to your life. He reflects on how both art and faith teach us how to pay attention to the remarkableness right in front of us, to watch for the greatness in the ordinary, and to use our imaginations to see the greatness in others and love them well. Pay attention, says Buechner. Listen to the call of a bird or the rush of the wind, to the people who flow in and out of your life. The ordinary points you to the extraordinary God who created and loves all of creation, including you. Pay attention to these things as if your life depends upon it. Because, of course, it does. As you learn to pay attention to your life and what God is doing in it, you will uncover the plot of your life's story and

the sacred opportunity to connect with the Divine in each moment.

An Ordinary Life Minnesota Historical Society

Fresh and never-before published talks on the crux of Buddhist practice and how to uncover wonder in your daily life from legendary Zen teacher and bestselling author Charlotte Joko Beck. "As you embrace the suffering of life, the wonder shows up at the same time. They go together."--Charlotte Joko Beck In this collection of never-before published teachings by Charlotte Joko Beck, one of the most influential Western-born Zen teachers, she explores our "core beliefs"—the hidden, negative convictions we hold about ourselves that direct our thoughts and behavior and prevent us from experiencing life as it is. Wryly humorous and relatable, Beck uses powerfully clear language to show how our lives present us with daily opportunities to move from thinking to experiencing, from compulsivity to confidence, and from anguish to peace. Whether you are a Zen practitioner or a reader interested in exploring these teachings for the first time, *Ordinary Wonder* offers the depth

and breadth of Beck's remarkable experience in an accessible guide to practice amidst the struggles of daily life.

Portrait of an Indian Generation Grand Central Publishing

The author recounts her struggle with breast cancer and its overwhelming effects on every aspect of her life

An Oral History as Told by Jon Stewart, the Correspondents, Staff and Guests Thomas Nelson

The Gift of an Ordinary Day is an intimate memoir of a family in transition--boys becoming teenagers, careers ending and new ones opening up, an attempt to find a deeper sense of place, and a slower pace, in a small New England town. It is a story of mid-life longings and discoveries, of lessons learned in the search for home and a new sense of purpose, and the bittersweet intensity of life with teenagers--holding on, letting go. Poised on the threshold between family life as she's always known it and her older son's departure for college, Kenison is surprised to find that the times she treasures most are the ordinary, unremarkable moments of everyday life, the very moments that she once took for granted, or rushed right

through without noticing at all. The relationships, hopes, and dreams that Kenison illuminates will touch women's hearts, and her words will inspire mothers everywhere as they try to make peace with the inevitable changes in store.

[My Extraordinary Ordinary Life](#)

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New York Times Bestseller From the first FDNY chief to respond to the 9/11 attacks, an intimate memoir and a tribute to those who died that others might live When Chief Joe Pfeifer led his firefighters to investigate an odor of gas in downtown Manhattan on the morning of 9/11, he had no idea that his life was about to change forever. A few moments later, he watched as the first plane crashed into the World Trade Center. Pfeifer, the closest FDNY chief to the scene, spearheaded rescue efforts on one of the darkest days in American history. Ordinary Heroes is the unforgettable and intimate account of what Chief Pfeifer witnessed at Ground Zero, on that day and the days that followed. Through his eyes, we see the horror of the attack and the courage of the

firefighters who ran into the burning towers to save others. We see him send his own brother up the stairs of the North Tower, never to return. And we walk with him and his fellow firefighters through weeks of rescue efforts and months of numbing grief, as they wrestle with the real meaning of heroism and leadership. This gripping narrative gives way to resiliency and a determination that permanently reshapes Pfeifer, his fellow firefighters, NYC, and America. Ordinary Heroes takes us on a journey that turns traumatic memories into hope, so we can make good on our promise to never forget 9/11.

[Ordinary Heroes](#) Penguin

This book will restore your faith in life. It might even save your life. The Extraordinary Life of an Ordinary Man is not "based on a true story." It is a true story. More precisely, it is a memoir of dozens of Dr. Tom Schneider's true stories: from devilish schoolboy hijinks to death-defying heroics during his time in the military, and even a heated disagreement with his boss: the U.S. Surgeon General. You'll start reading The Extraordinary Life of an Ordinary Man because you want to

hear those stories. And you'll love them. But what will keep you reading is the authenticity of Dr. Schneider's voice: the way he writes to you and only you; the way his jokes, corny coming from anyone else, are funny and endearing coming from him. Then, when you get to the final few chapters and you think you there's no way Dr. Schneider can provide you with more value, you'll learn the basics of human health and wellness -- from someone who learned them the hard way. It's a miracle that Dr. Schneider lived to write this book. That he did is a testament to his fighting but humble spirit, and to his desire to live up to the true meaning of his profession. The word "doctor" originally comes from the Latin "docere." It does not mean "to heal" or "to cure." It means, instead, "to teach." The Extraordinary Life of an Ordinary Man will teach you something about life, death, and the human spirit on every single page.

Defying Hitler HarperCollins

The creators of Jazz ABZ are back for an encore! With infectious rhythm and rhyme, musical master Wynton Marsalis opens kids' ears to the sounds around us.