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A Comic Drama Vision Paperbacks

After divorcing her philandering husband, Alison Temple works at the agency she hired to catch him under the name Alison Wonderland, tackles a case involving the shady dealings of a pharmaceutical company, and helps her best friend with her depressed mother.

What I Leave Behind Catapult

Renowned activist Andy Parker's account of the story that shocked America, the murder of his daughter, reporter Alison Parker, on live television, and his extraordinary ensuing fight for commonsense gun safety legislation and doing "Whatever It Takes" to end gun violence. On August 26, 2015, Emmy

Award-winning twenty-four-year-old reporter Alison Parker was murdered on live television, along with her colleague, photojournalist Adam Ward. Their interviewee was also shot, but survived. People watching at home heard the gunshots, and the gunman's video of the murder, which he uploaded to Facebook, would spread over the internet like wildfire. In the wake of his daughter's murder, Andy Parker became a national leader in the fight for commonsense gun safety legislation. The night of the murder, with his emotions still raw, he went on Fox News and vowed to do "Whatever it Takes" to end gun violence in America. Today he is a media go-to each time a shooting shocks the national consciousness, and has worked with a range of other crusaders, like Congresswoman Gabby Giffords, Mayor Michael Bloomberg, and Lenny Pozner, whose son was killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School and brought suit against Alex Jones and

Infowars, who claimed the shooting was staged. In *For Alison*, Parker shares his work as a powerhouse battling gun violence and gives a plan for commonsense gun legislation that all sides should agree on. He calls out the NRA-backed politicians blocking the legislation, shares his fight against "truthers," who claim Alison's murder was fabricated, and reveals what's ahead in his fight to do whatever it takes to stop gun violence. Parker's story is one of great loss, but also resilience, determination, and a call to action. Senator Tim Kaine, also a fierce advocate for commonsense gun laws, contributes a moving foreword.

*You've Got To Laugh* Second Story Press

A Publishers Weekly Best Book of 2016 "Nine Island is a crackling incantation, brittle and brilliant and hot and sad and full of sideways humor that devastates and illuminates all at once." —Lauren Groff, author of *Fates and Furies* *Nine Island* is an intimate autobiographical novel, told by J, a woman who lives in a glass tower on one of Miami Beach's lush Venetian Islands. After decades of disaster with men, she is trying to decide whether to withdraw forever from romantic love. Having just returned to Miami from a monthlong reunion with an old flame, "Sir Gold," and a visit to her fragile mother, J begins translating Ovid's magical stories about the transformations caused by Eros. "A woman who wants, a man who wants nothing. These two have stalked the world for thousands of years," she thinks. When not ruminating over her sexual past and current fantasies, in the company of only her aging cat, J observes the comic, sometimes steamy goings-on among her faded-glamour condo neighbors. One of them, a caring nurse, befriends her, eventually offering the opinion that "if you retire from love . . . then you retire from

life."

*Stop!* Random House

In this inspiring tale, Alison, the victim of a brutal rape and attempted murder, shares the courage and philosophy that allowed her to turn her tragic experiences into something life-affirming and strong. With bravery and a keen sense of self-awareness, Alison recounts how she was car-jacked at knifepoint, raped, stabbed so many times that the doctors could not count her wounds, and left for dead miles away from her home. As she denied death that night she later denied her assailants the satisfaction of destroying her life by giving voice to her experiences and refusing to be victimized. In terrifying detail Alison describes her thoughts and feelings throughout the attack and shows how attitude, belief, and choice helped her to survive. Contributions from Alison's family, friends, and the man who saved her from the side of the road add depth to Alison's harrowing story.

***The Song of a Thousand Hearts Opening*** Simon and Schuster

"One of those books you're likely to remember all your life."

—Alexandra Shulman, *Vogue* (UK) For readers of *The Orphan Train* and *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* comes "not just a story of love but a story of loss, one whose voice will touch even the coldest of hearts." —BookPage England, 31st August 1939: The world is on the brink of war. As Hitler prepares to invade Poland, thousands of children are evacuated from London to escape the impending Blitz. Torn from her mother, eight-year-old Anna Sands is relocated with other children to a large Yorkshire estate which has been opened up to evacuees by Thomas and Elizabeth Ashton, an enigmatic,

childless couple. Soon Anna gets drawn into their unraveling relationship, seeing things that are not meant for her eyes and finding herself part-witness and part-accomplice to a love affair with unforeseen consequences. A story of longing, loss, and complicated loyalties, combining a sweeping narrative with subtle psychological observation, *The Very Thought of You* is not just a love story but a story about love.

I Have Life Hundreds of Heads Books, LLC

A brave teen recounts her debilitating struggle with obsessive-compulsive disorder—and brings readers through every painful step as she finds her way to the other side—in this powerful and inspiring memoir. Until sophomore year of high school, fifteen-year-old Allison Britz lived a comfortable life in an idyllic town. She was a dedicated student with tons of extracurricular activities, friends, and loving parents at home. But after awakening from a vivid nightmare in which she was diagnosed with brain cancer, she was convinced the dream had been a warning. Allison believed that she must do something to stop the cancer in her dream from becoming a reality. It started with avoiding sidewalk cracks and quickly grew to counting steps as loudly as possible. Over the following weeks, her brain listed more dangers and fixes. She had to avoid hair dryers, calculators, cell phones, computers, anything green, bananas, oatmeal, and most of her own clothing. Unable to act “normal,” the once-popular Allison became an outcast. Her parents questioned her behavior, leading to explosive fights. When notebook paper, pencils, and most schoolbooks were declared dangerous to her health, her GPA imploded, along with her plans for the future. Finally, she allowed herself to ask for help and was diagnosed

with obsessive-compulsive disorder. This brave memoir tracks Allison’s descent and ultimately hopeful climb out of the depths.

**The Darkest Night** Apollo Publishers

The triumphant story of a woman who refused to become a victim. Like an apparition, conjured out of the darkness, a young man with light blond hair pushed his face into the car. I immediately spotted the knife. It was a long, thin weapon, almost like a letter opener, with a tapering blade. It felt cold and spiny as he pressed it to my neck. When he spoke his voice, which was quiet and controlled, sounded as though it emanated from a distant planet. But every word thudded into my skull. “Move over or I’ll kill you,” he whispered. And so began Alison’s nightmare journey with the two callous killers who were to rape her, stab her so many times doctors could not count the wounds, slit her throat and leave her for dead in a filthy clearing miles from the city of Port Elizabeth which was her home. But Alison defied death. And more than that, she denied her attackers the satisfaction of destroying her life. *I Have Life* is the triumphant story of a woman who refused to become a victim. The courage which allowed her to move beyond severe physical and emotional trauma and to turn a devastating experience into something life-affirming and strong, is an inspiration to people everywhere.

**All That Was Lost** I Have Life Alison's Journey The triumphant story of a woman who refused to become a victim after being raped, stabbed and left for dead. Now an acclaimed film. *I Have Life Alison's Journey*

“A powerful story of family and connection that is just as fun as it is heartbreaking. I didn’t want the story to end.” — Jill Santopolo, New York Times bestselling author of *The Light We Lost* and

Everything After Following her acclaimed debut novel, *You and Me and Us*, Alison Hammer offers a deeply moving story of family and identity. When a DNA test reveals a long-buried secret, a woman must look to the past to understand her mother and herself. When Paige Meyer gets an email from a DNA testing website announcing that her father is a man she never met, she is convinced there must be a mistake. But as she digs deeper into her mother's past and her own feelings of being the odd child out growing up, Paige begins to question everything she thought she knew. Could this be why Paige never felt like she fit in her family, and why her mother always seemed to keep her at an arm's length? And what does it mean for Paige's memories of her father, a man she idolized and whose death she is still grieving? Back in 1975, Betsy Kaplan, Paige's mom, is a straightlaced sophomore at the University of Kansas. When her sweet but boring boyfriend disappoints her, Betsy decides she wants more out of life, and is tired of playing it safe. Enter Andy Abrams, the golden boy on campus with a potentially devastating secret. After their night together has unexpected consequences, Betsy is determined to bury the truth and rebuild a stable life for her unborn child, whatever the cost. When Paige can't get answers from her mother, she goes looking for the only other person who was there that night. The more she learns about what happened, the more she sees her unflappable, distant mother as a real person faced with an impossible choice. But will it be enough to mend their broken relationship? Told in dual timelines, *Little Pieces of Me* examines identity and how the way we define ourselves changes (or not) through our life experiences. *A Novel* HarperCollins

Alison Taafe's research and vast knowledge of food will demystify nutrition for you and show you how diseases and complaints such as Cancer, Multiple Sclerosis, Heart Disease, High Cholesterol, Diabetes, Stress, Low Immune System, Colds and Flu can be helped or, even reversed by choosing the right diet. Alison has an important message for everyone: Allow food to be your joy, your passion and your medicine and remember, don't just spend your life eating when you could be eating for your life. At last I have discovered a book of recipes that I can recommend to all my patients, health care professional colleagues, doctors, medical specialists, politicians and everyone concerned about the epidemic of nutritionally related degenerative diseases such as cancer, heart disease, diabetes and autoimmune disorders etc, that are killing us and bankrupting the world's health care systems. This is a book that is not only easy to read and understand, but is also jam packed with fabulous recipes containing all the ingredients and nutrients to combat these problems. A wonderful book and a wonderful read. Professor Ian Brighthope, M.D. Melbourne, Australia. About the Author Alison attributes much of her success as a chef to the vigorous training she received at the world-famous culinary school, Westminster Hotel School in London, which boasts other celebrity ex-students such as Jamie Oliver. She landed her first Head Chef position at the age of 21 in London at JP Morgan Investments. Her culinary career exploded from there with offers from all over the world including the playgrounds of the rich and famous in the USA, France and Australia. This has resulted in her cooking for film and pop stars, sporting greats, Heads of State, and royalty including Queen Elizabeth. She came to Australia in 1988, and was

appointed as Chef for the VIP Lounge of the Australian Pavilion at World Expo 88, where she incidentally met and fell in love with her husband, Steve. Alison and Steve ran a successful gourmet catering business in Brisbane for five years. She was then drawn into the world of teaching the budding chefs of the future. In 2004, Alison was the first ever chef to win a prestigious Churchill Fellowship and, in 2006, Alison claimed a further award: Outstanding Educator for Culinary Arts. In 2008, she released her first cookbook, *Fun, Fast and Fabulous Food* a roaring success. In 2010 she released her second cookbook, *Leftovers Magic*, which was also a tremendous success and reached the e~best seller (tm) list at Borders just before Christmas that year. She now runs her own School of Culinary Excellence and continues to enjoy her life teaching others. In this, her third book, Alison takes you on the powerful journey of her beloved sister Laurae (tm)'s fight to beat secondary breast cancer. She shares with you her vast knowledge of food and nutrition and information on healthy diets she believes can literally reverse illness. Through Laurae (tm)'s story Alison shows you how, from a complete change of diet, e~eating for your life (tm) has seen Laura recover and become healthy. Alison is devoted to her family and you will note that this book has been written in honour of them.

Raped, Stabbed and Left for Dead : Alison's Inspiring Story of Survival Simon and Schuster

A famous medium is haunted by the truth in this “beautiful and compelling story that delves into what is real, what we are willing to believe” (Liz Fenwick, author of *The Cornish House*). In the 1960s, teenager Patience Bickersleigh discovers her talent for

telling people what they want to hear. Fifty years later she is the famous medium known to the world as Patrice Leigh. But cracks are forming in the carefully constructed barriers that keep her real history at bay. Leo is the journalist hired to write Patrice's biography. Struggling to reconcile the demands of his family, his grief for his lost son, and a celebrity subject who refuses to open up, Leo starts digging for his own answers. But Patrice is hiding much more than her given name—and Leo is harboring a few secrets of his own in this “bold, beautiful, and thought-provoking novel” (Rowan Coleman, author of *The Day We Met*).

**Landscaping Your Life to Get Back on Track** Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

The hilarious, heartwarming and joyful memoir from much-loved presenter Alison Hammond, host of ITV's *This Morning*. 'This woman's laugh is like gold dust' Huffington Post '[A] national treasure' Metro 'I always say a day is wasted without laughter . . .' Alison Hammond loves to laugh. And the nation laughs with her. Her sunny personality and zest for life have brought joy to millions and made her one of the UK's best-loved television presenters. Known for her hilarious and unforgettable interviews with Hollywood A-listers, Alison is also responsible for countless classic moments of broadcasting gold - from getting stuck on a caravan door to delivering Christmas cash dressed as an elf. But who is Alison Hammond really, and how did she become the personality we know and love? Shaped by the influence of her incredible mum, Alison went from small roles on television shows as a youngster to that life-changing appearance on *Big Brother*, before landing her dream job on *This Morning*. And through it all, she found the joy in every day, the positives in any situation.

You've Got to Laugh gives a never-before-seen insight into Alison's life: her loves, her losses - with a side order of gossip. As well as being a hugely entertaining and uplifting read, Alison's story will inspire you to grab life with both hands and make the most of every single moment. 'Interviewer extraordinaire, reigning queen of the huns, and an out-and-out national treasure' Bustle

By Hundreds of Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors Who Did  
Penguin Group

Alison Teal spent her childhood exploring remote corners of the Earth, encountering exotic people and places and investigating the world's greatest myths and legends. Alison's Adventures is full of her stories and is Your Passport to the World! Driven by Alison's unique life experiences, this book features her first-hand accounts of adventure and amazement from well-known locations, like the Taj Mahal, to far-off places, like the Lost Island of the Fire Walkers. Travel the world in the pages of Alison's Adventures through unbelievable photography and fascinating features of figures that have paralleled Alison's experiences, like the first female to summit Everest! Readers will also get know this Female Indiana Jones through stories close to her heart, like those from her Home Sweet Grass Shack in Hawaii and of her conservation efforts in the Maldives. Alison's Adventures gives readers the chance to explore our weird world alongside one of the most interesting and inspiring adventurers of our day!

Eat for Your Life Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

You think your life is nuts? Since I was sixteen, I've spent time on Death Row, tried to sell my baby sister on the black market, been stranded at the altar (repeatedly), lied about my son's paternity,

and fought viciously with just about everybody in town. Well, okay, it wasn't really me--it was my character, Sami Brady on Days of Our Lives. But like Sami, I've had my share of struggles. I've been told I was fat, watched fellow actresses starve themselves, been cruelly rejected, and wondered if I would ever date. (Hey, the first time I kissed a boy was in front of a TV camera!) There was even a time when I hated myself. Sound familiar? This is my story. It's an account of my years on daytime's most popular soap, and of my life off-screen--the major ups and downs, the craziness of Hollywood, balancing work and play, looking for love, concerns about weight, peer pressure, and finally learning to accept myself for who I am. I'll tell you fun stories about myself and my co-stars. . .recollections of my most memorable scenes. . .and everything you've always wanted to know about Sami. I think you'll find a lot in these pages that will remind you of all the days of your life. . .and perhaps inspire you to follow your own dreams in the days to come. Alison Sweeney was born in Los Angeles, one of three children of a concert violinist mother and a business investor father. Her acting career began when she was four years old. Throughout her childhood, Alison appeared in numerous television commercials, as well television series including Friends, Simon & Simon, Webster, St. Elsewhere, and Tales from the Darkside. She had starring roles in the films The Price of Life and The End of Innocence. Alison joined the cast of Days of Our Lives as Sami Brady in 1993. In her years on the series, her character has evolved from a troubled teenager to a scheming villainess. In 2002, Alison won a fan-voted Emmy as America's Favorite Villain. She has also won the fan-voted Soap Opera Digest Award four times, and in 2001 was elected by

the same publication as one of the Most Beautiful Women in Daytime Television. Soap Opera Weekly named Alison 1999's Breakout Performer of the year, and in Australia, she was voted "Best Bad Girl" in 2000 and 2001 by readers of Inside Soaps magazine. Alison lives in a suburb of Los Angeles with her husband, Dave.

*Growing the Good Life* Simon and Schuster

From the creator of the popular website Ask a Manager and New York's work-advice columnist comes a witty, practical guide to 200 difficult professional conversations—featuring all-new advice! There's a reason Alison Green has been called "the Dear Abby of the work world." Ten years as a workplace-advice columnist have taught her that people avoid awkward conversations in the office because they simply don't know what to say. Thankfully, Green does—and in this incredibly helpful book, she tackles the tough discussions you may need to have during your career. You'll learn what to say when • coworkers push their work on you—then take credit for it • you accidentally trash-talk someone in an email then hit "reply all" • you're being micromanaged—or not being managed at all • you catch a colleague in a lie • your boss seems unhappy with your work • your cubemate's loud speakerphone is making you homicidal • you got drunk at the holiday party Praise for Ask a Manager "A must-read for anyone who works . . . [Alison Green's] advice boils down to the idea that you should be professional (even when others are not) and that communicating in a straightforward manner with candor and kindness will get you far, no matter where you work."—Booklist (starred review) "The author's friendly, warm, no-nonsense writing is a pleasure to read, and her advice can be widely applied to relationships in all

areas of readers' lives. Ideal for anyone new to the job market or new to management, or anyone hoping to improve their work experience."—Library Journal (starred review) "I am a huge fan of Alison Green's Ask a Manager column. This book is even better. It teaches us how to deal with many of the most vexing big and little problems in our workplaces—and to do so with grace, confidence, and a sense of humor."—Robert Sutton, Stanford professor and author of *The No Asshole Rule* and *The Asshole Survival Guide* "Ask a Manager is the ultimate playbook for navigating the traditional workforce in a diplomatic but firm way."—Erin Lowry, author of *Broke Millennial: Stop Scraping By and Get Your Financial Life Together* *A Life Unexpected* Scholastic Inc.

When two men stepped out of the darkness, Alison's nightmare journey began with the two callous killers who were to rape her, stab her so many times doctors could not count the wounds, slit her throat and leave her for dead in a filthy clearing miles from the city of Port Elizabeth which was her home. But Alison defied death. And more than that, she denied her attackers the satisfaction of destroying her life. *I Have Life* is the triumphant story of a woman who refused to become a victim. The courage which allowed her to move beyond severe physical and emotional trauma and to turn a devastating experience into something life-affirming and strong, is an inspiration to people everywhere." *Alison's Journey* Routledge

In this paperback debut, Alison Pollet brings us the story of an observant uptown girl named Penelope, whose posh upbringing can't protect her from changes at home and at school. It's 1981, and nothing is going right in Penelope's life. She has just started



seventh grade at Elston Prep, and she and her best friend Stacy aren't getting along. Stacy is all caught up in who's wearing what to whose Bar Mitzvah, and has even become friends with Annabella and Pia, two of the biggest snobs at Elston! At home, things are no better: there's a new mother's helper to contend with, and Penelope's little brother Nathaniel just won't leave her alone. And when her parents are at home--which is rare--all they do is fight.

*I Have Life* HarperCollins

Have you ever looked around and said, "This is not the life I intended to create?" A young family with everything begins to question their choices. Are making a living and making a life two very different things? Can they allow their true values to take center stage and choose a different path? Mike and Alison Buehler bought fully into the American Dream. Two doctoral degrees, successful careers, three children, and a big house should be a recipe for happiness. But something is missing, and the wheels are coming off. Join this family as they journey toward health and happiness based on a very different set of values.

*Ask a Manager* CreateSpace

Shy, cautious Claire has always been in her confident older sister's shadow. While Miranda's life is jam-packed with exciting people, Claire gets her thrills vicariously by watching people live large on reality television. When Miranda discovers her boyfriend cheating on her, it's Claire who comes up with the perfect plan. They'll outshine Miranda's fame-obsessed ex while having an amazing summer by competing on *Around the World*, a race around the globe for a million bucks. But the show has a twist, and Claire is stunned to find herself in the middle of a reality-

show romance that may or may not be just for the cameras. This summer could end up being the highlight of her life . . . or an epic fail forever captured on film. In a world where drama is currency and manipulation is standard, how can you tell what's for real?

*Alison Wonderland* Amazonencore

A memoir done in the form of a graphic novel by a cult favorite comic artist offers a darkly funny family portrait that details her relationship with her father--a funeral home director, high school English teacher, and closeted homosexual.

*The Murder of a Young Journalist and a Father's Fight for Gun Safety* Simon and Schuster

"An artful exercise in melancholy...Every reader will love openhearted Will." —Booklist (starred review) "Haunting, introspective." —Kirkus Reviews (starred review) "Emotionally raw...[A] piercing narrative." —Publishers Weekly (starred review) "McGhee artfully illustrates the tangled web wherein grief intertwines with the mundane." —BCCB After his dad dies of suicide, Will tries to overcome his own misery by secretly helping the people around him in this exquisitely crafted story made up of one hundred chapters of one hundred words each, by award-winning and bestselling author Alison McGhee. Sixteen-year-old Will spends most of his days the same way: Working at the Dollar Only store, trying to replicate his late father's famous cornbread recipe, and walking the streets of Los Angeles. Will started walking after his father committed suicide, and three years later he hasn't stopped. But there are some places Will can't walk by: The blessings store with the chest of 100 Chinese blessings in the back, the bridge on Fourth Street where his father died, and his childhood friend Playa's house. When Will learns Playa was raped

at a party—a party he was at, where he saw Playa, and where he believes he could have stopped the worst from happening if he hadn't left early—it spurs Will to stop being complacent in his own sadness and do some good in the world. He begins to leave small gifts for everyone in his life, from Superman the homeless

guy he passes on his way to work, to the Little Butterfly Dude he walks by on the way home, to Playa herself. And it is through those acts of kindness that Will is finally able to push past his own trauma and truly begin to live his life again. Oh, and discover the truth about that cornbread.