

The Moaning Of Life

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Explore the world through the unique lens of Karl Pilkington in 'The Moaning Of Life,' a thought-provoking and often hilarious travel comedy. This series sees Karl tackling life's biggest questions, from marriage to death, across diverse cultures, offering his inimitable take on human existence and the pursuit of happiness. Discover a fresh perspective on life's mysteries, infused with classic British humor, as produced by Ricky Gervais and Stephen Merchant.

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"Why are we here?" The only time I ever asked myself that was on a surprise holiday to Lanzarote.' Left to his own devices, Karl Pilkington would be happy with his life just as it is. But now he's hit forty, everyone keeps asking him why he's so reluctant to marry his girlfriend and why he doesn't want to have kids. It's time for Karl to face up to the biggest question of the lot - what does it all mean? Karl thought he'd seen it all filming An Idiot Abroad, but now he's off around the globe to learn how other cultures deal with life's big issues. Find out how Karl copes as he . . . - Has plastic surgery in LA - Models for a Japanese life drawing class - Helps deliver a baby in Bali Have his experiences changed him? Find out in this hilarious new book.

More Moaning

After going on a journey of discovery in The Moaning of Life, the enlightened one – otherwise known as Karl Pilkington – finds himself back on the road. In his search for the answers to life's big questions, Karl has therapy in Tokyo to try and reduce the size of his head, he spends time in California with a man and his five wives, in New York he tries his hand at painting with his own vomit and travels to Berlin to have his future predicted by a blind man, via his bum cheeks. Will his travels around the world bring him any closer to the meaning of life? Find out in his hilarious new book.

Ricky Gervais Presents: The World of Karl Pilkington

In this pithy and hilarious book, Karl Pilkington is in conversation with (the often bewildered) Ricky Gervais and Stephen Merchant, the writers and stars of The Office and Extras, unwittingly outwitting even those comedy Goliaths as he struggles in vain to make sense of the world around him. Unencumbered by erudition and impervious to logic, Karl ambles down a heuristic path to enlightenment under the edifying influence of Ricky and Steve. His pronouncements on such diverse and contentious topics as population control, simian affairs within human society, the sartorial deliberations of solitary spacemen

and how long you can stay alive with your head chopped off, are matched in the vehemence with which they are proposed only by the degree to which they are ill-conceived. Featuring Karl's original illustrations, imaginative scribbles and the best conversations of the world record-breaking Podcasts, The Ricky Gervais Show, this is a unique trip into the world of one of our most innovative thinkers, visionaries and prophets, or as Gervais knows him, "the funniest man I've ever met."

An Idiot Abroad

Presenting the Travel Diaries of Karl Pilkington: Adventurer. Philosopher. Knob head. Karl Pilkington isn't keen on travelling. Given the choice, he'll go on holiday to Devon or Wales or, at a push, eat English food on a package holiday in Majorca. Which isn't exactly Michael Palin, is it? So what happened when he was convinced by Ricky Gervais and Stephen Merchant to go on an epic adventure to see the Seven Wonders of the World? Travel broadens the mind, right? You'd think so...

The Curious Moaning of Kenfig Burrows

This volume was inspired by the life and work of Victorian astronomer and photographer Thereza Dillwyn Llewelyn, and her father, John.

Karlology

A voyage through the strange yet mesmerising mind of cult author Karl Pilkington, now in ePub format. By his own admission Karl Pilkington left formal education behind with only an E in History to his name and not much else. Ever since, his thirst for knowledge has nagged. With this in mind, Karl has embarked on a tour of discovery to make up for the lost years of learning, and to find out more stuff. Karlology is the result. So what exactly has Karl Pilkington learned so far? This is a man, it should be noted, who thinks owning 1,777 acres of the moon is a good idea, and believes that the human testicles should be relocated to the earlobes. Maybe he's right. Perhaps his unique brand of wisdom and insight is what the world has been waiting for? Judge for yourself: observe, enjoy, and become a Karlologist. Illuminated by Karl Pilkington's own cartoons with extra wisdom from Ricky Gervais, Russell Brand, David Baddiel, Noel Fielding and others. Get even more insight into Karl's mind and visit his blog at <http://www.karlpilkington.com/blog/>. Catch Karl taking in the seven wonders of the world on Sky1 in his new TV series An Idiot Abroad, with Ricky Gervais and Stephen Merchant, broadcasting from 23rd September 2010.

The Further Adventures of an Idiot Abroad

The follow-up to the number 1 bestseller, now in paperback.

The World of Karl Pilkington

A collection of the best moments from the 'Ricky Gervais Show' with further musings from Karl Pilkington, star of Sky 1's 'An Idiot Abroad'.

Happyslapped by a Jellyfish

A collection of hilarious and compelling insights and anecdotes, diary entries, poems, 'true' facts and cartoons on travel from Karl Pilkington, unlikely star of the Ricky Gervais Show, the world's most successful podcast. This is the travel book for people who don't particularly like travelling, it's Karl Pilkington, star of The Ricky Gervais Podcast Show, with a suitcase, occasionally with his passport, more often with a bemused suspicion of anything vaguely exotic, and an observant eye for the disappointments, tedium, general weirdness and absurdities of being a tourist abroad and at home. From staring at Mount Vesuvius in case it erupts and the horrors of a Lanzarote nudist beach to the curiosities to be seen in the world's weirdest museum. Told with his inimitable deadpan humour, Pilkington's stories are interspersed with fond reflections on life back in England, from Salford joy riders to what his girlfriend's mum and dad have for dinner on a Thursday (it's chops and veg. in case you're wondering).

Good Moaning France!

A favourite character from BBC TV sitcom 'Allo 'Allo!, undercover British agent and head of Nouvion Police, Officer Crabtree, has usually sought to remain undercover if not exactly invisible—which befits

his secret agent roots masquerading as a poloceman. In this delightful book, his self-taught yet masterly grasp of French speaks for itself as it falls under the spotlight as never before. From 'Ploose may I hov a kippy of the dooly nosepooper?' to 'frigs logs', 'scrimbled oggs' and 'fosh and chops' the book is a tribute to mangled words, thoughts and phrases. Arthur Bostrom, who played Crabtree on stage and screen, mixes vowels and mispronunciation as he strives to educate those less well-versed in the French longwodge. Illustrated by John Cooper and ideal for travellers and fans of 'Allo 'Allo! alike, Good Moaning France! is a wake-up call for anyone conceited enough to think they are competent in French (or English or any other language for that matter). With readers' questions answered in Ask Crabtree, examples from Crabtree's poloce newtberks and a most unhelpful Undex. With a Foreword by music legend Rick Wakeman and permission of the estates of 'Allo 'Allo! screenwriters David Croft and Jeremy Lloyd this is the perfect book for anyone crossing or travelling beneath the Channel to France. Reviews 'Listen very carefully, you will read this more than once. I loaved it'-- Les Dennis. 'I've not laughed at anything like I've laughed at Crabtree ever in my life, this book is "very good nose"'-- Justin Moorhouse. 'Buck your fairy trip to Fronce now and take Crabtree's guide with you. A must-read. Hilarious'-- Su Pollard. 'DO NOT BUY ZIS BOOK!!! IF YOU DO, YOU VILL BE SHOT!!!'-- Helga.

May I Have Your Attention Please?

As far back as he can remember James Corden has only ever wanted to be in one place: in front of you, doing something to make you laugh, cry, shout, or giggle uncontrollably. At the age of 4, he grandstanded throughout his baby sister's christening, standing on a chair in front of the whole congregation, pulling faces and cracking everyone up. Despite himself, the vicar was impressed. And from then on he couldn't get enough of the spotlight, even when it always seemed to avoid him. Throughout his teens, he and his Dad trudged up and down towards London, getting closer and closer to landing a gig, only to be told 'No' at the last stage. But he never gave up and soon found his whole life turned upside down and inside out by his experience as one Alan Bennett's History Boys. From that moment forth, he's never looked back. May I Have Your Attention Please? is the warm, cheeky, surprisingly honest and hilarious story of one of our most popular comedy talents. From his antics as one of the founding players of his high-school's first ever rugby team to gaining recognition in the West End, to nationwide fame as the loveably loud Smithy in the award-winning Gavin and Stacey, this is a tenderly told story of what it's like to try, try and try again and - happily - get there in the end.

Stop Moaning, Start Owning

In this long-overdue book, Dr. Brian Russell exposes the complaints that have the most destructive effects on Americans and, by extension, on America today. First, he helps us understand the damage we have done to ourselves, our relationships, kids, careers, and our country by misunderstanding what "the pursuit of happiness" really means, failing to differentiate wants from needs, and externalizing blame for our own failures. In the second part he explains how we got so off-track, leading to an "Age of Entitlement," and the "saving grace" that calls us back to personal responsibility. He then reveals how so many of us have abdicated personal responsibility and, consequently, power over our lives. Finally, we learn how to engage in transformative change by embracing and encouraging personal accountability and responsibility. Dr. Russell empowers us to reassert control over our individual and collective destinies and teaches us how to leverage the transformative power of life's "perspective-preserver": gratitude.

Fretted and Moaning

Most of these tales are drawn from real life or are things I have heard about in the dark corners of various backstage dressing rooms. It's hard to be a musician, but for some of us there is simply no choice. Meanwhile, there's writing about it.

The Mystery of the Moaning Cave

An eerie moaning sound is coming from a cave where a young bandit disappeared many years ago. Ranchers nearby figure he must still be alive. The Three Investigators set out to explore the moaning cave and soon wish they had come armed with more than a flashlight! Part of a classic series originally published beginning in 1964.

The Art of Being a Brilliant Teenager

Calling all teenagers—quit the moaning and start loving life! Don't be a cliché. Don't stay in your bedroom grunting and grumbling. How about getting motivated, energized and start making a difference?! The Art of Being A Brilliant Teenager teaches you how to become your very best self—and how to figure out who that is, exactly. The bestselling authors of The Art of Being Brilliant and Be Brilliant Everyday are experts in the art of happiness and positive psychology and, with this new book, you'll find your way to becoming brilliant at school, work, and life in general. Stay cool under all the pressures you're facing, and plot a map for the future that takes you wherever it is you want to go. Become proactive, determined, successful and most importantly: happy! Fact: your life span is about four thousand weeks. It seems like a lot, but it's not. Complaining about life, homework, parents, and relationships may be normal now, but don't let it become your defining trait. When you're forty years old and still moaning, a big chunk of your four thousand weeks have slipped by, and you're no closer to happiness than you were as a teen. This book is a guide to starting the journey to your ideal life now, instead of wasting time being a drip. Discover the real you, and what you want out of life Stop moaning and get moving now, while there's plenty of time Lose your bad habits before they become your personality Figure out how you want to contribute, and find a way to do it The bottom line is this: it's easy to be the average version of yourself, but is that really all you want? Don't you want to achieve something? Get started now. The Art of Being A Brilliant Teenager helps you figure out where you want to go, and how to get there. So, whether you're an ambitious teenager, a parent or teacher desperate to turn a down-beat teenager into a ray of positivity and delight, How to Be a Brilliant Teenager is here to help.

How to Grow Old

SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER Whether he likes it or not, John is getting older. His hair is greying, it's getting that much harder to stay fit, and the potential to become something of an embarrassment is ever increasing. But hope is not lost. How to Grow Old is John's offering to the world. With sage advice on how to avoid the common pitfalls of age, intimate confessions and spit-your-dentures-out hilarious commentary on his own advancing years, this is his observational comic writing at its very best. If you were concerned about how not to be boring or how to get rid of your should-be-old-enough-to-manage kids, this the book has the answers.

Crossing the Bar

A brilliantly original fairy-tale twist from Children's Laureate and Charlie & Lola creator Lauren Child.

Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Book?

"This is not another etiquette book detailing the antiquated, excruciating, and frankly confusing minefield of rules lauded by traditionalists. Let's face it, many of us will never need to know which side a snail fork should be placed at the dinner table, nor are we likely to 'take tea' with the Queen. Yet we could all do with a little help in perfecting our manners, self-confidence, and social graces for everyday living. English Etiquette details everything the English know about why etiquette matters, in a modern, understandable, and unpretentious way -- while teaching you how to cultivate a traditional and charming countenance to rival any royal. Covering topics such as gallantry and grace, common decency, lifestyle choices, the quintessential English wardrobe, and behaviour in the home, you will learn how to shoehorn a little English gentility from this practical field guide into your daily life. So pull your socks up ladies and gentlemen, pour yourself a cup of tea, and join The Darling Academy as we return to a culture of good manners, civility, and chivalry the world is longing for. A proper, polite, and graceful way of living is making a comeback. Long may it prevail."--Page 4 of cover.

English Etiquette

The long-awaited sequel to THE UNEXPECTED JOY OF BEING SOBER - the Sunday Times bestseller 'Exquisite' - Fearne Cotton, Happy Place 'A paean to the longer-term pleasures of staying booze-free' - The Guardian 'The kind of book that changes lives, and very possibly saves them' - The Lancet Psychiatry 'A reflective, raw and riveting read. A beautiful book on what it takes to root for yourself' - Emma Gannon, Ctrl Alt Delete 'No other author writes about sober living with as much warmth or emotional range as Catherine Gray. Her deep insight into the subtle psychologies of drinking, and of life, means that everything she writes is both utterly relatable and stretches our minds. Hers is a rare wisdom.' - Dr Richard Piper, CEO, Alcohol Change UK What's it like to give up drinking forever? We know now that being teetotal for one, three, even twelve months brings surprising joys and a recharged body... but nothing has been written about going years deep into being alcohol-free. As Catherine Gray,

author of runaway bestseller *The Unexpected Joy of Being Sober*, streaks towards a decade sober, she explores this uncharted territory in her trademark funny, disruptive and warm way. This is a must-read for anyone sober-curious, whether they've put down the bottle yet or not. Praise for *The Unexpected Joy of Being Sober*: 'Fascinating' - Bryony Gordon 'Truthful, modern and real' - Stylist 'Brave, witty and brilliantly written' - Marie Claire 'Gray's tale of going sober is uplifting and inspiring' - Evening Standard 'Not remotely preachy' - Sunday Times 'Jaunty, shrewd and convincing' - Sunday Telegraph 'Admirably honest, light, bubbly and remarkably rarely annoying' - Guardian 'An empathetic, warm and hilarious tale from a hugely likeable human' - The Lancet Psychiatry

Sunshine Warm Sober

The inside story of London's housing crisis, by the award-winning author of *Ground Control London* is facing the worst housing crisis in modern times, with knock-on effects for the rest of the UK. Despite the desperate shortage of housing, tens, perhaps hundreds of thousands of affordable homes are being pulled down, replaced by luxury apartments aimed at foreign investors. In this ideological war, housing is no longer considered a public good. Instead, only market solutions are considered - and these respond to the needs of global capital, rather than the needs of ordinary people. In politically uncertain times, the housing crisis has become a key driver creating and fuelling the inequalities of a divided nation. Anna Minton cuts through the complexities, jargon and spin to give a clear-sighted account of how we got into this mess and how we can get out of it.

Big Capital

The sparkling debut children's novel from David Walliams, number one bestseller and fastest growing children's author in the country.

The Boy in the Dress

Lavishly illustrated and engrossingly narrated, this book is the ultimate edition for lovers of Irish birds.

Birds

Now a major motion picture *A Man Called Otto* starring Tom Hanks! #1 New York Times best-seller—more than 3 million copies sold! Meet Ove. He's a curmudgeon—the kind of man who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars caught outside his bedroom window. He has staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. People call him “the bitter neighbor from hell.” But must Ove be bitter just because he doesn't walk around with a smile plastered to his face all the time? Behind the cranky exterior there is a story and a sadness. So when one November morning a chatty young couple with two chatty young daughters move in next door and accidentally flatten Ove's mailbox, it is the lead-in to a comical and heartwarming tale of unkempt cats, unexpected friendship, and the ancient art of backing up a U-Haul. All of which will change one cranky old man and a local residents' association to their very foundations. Fredrik Backman's beloved first novel about the angry old man next door is a thoughtful exploration of the profound impact one life has on countless others. “If there was an award for ‘Most Charming Book of the Year,’ this first novel by a Swedish blogger-turned-overnight-sensation would win hands down” (Booklist, starred review).

A Man Called Ove

This moose may live in the wild, but he doesn't act it † he watches from the sidelines as his friends have fun. From the creator of *Big Bear Hug* comes a lighthearted, contemporary fable about a mild-mannered moose who learns to live life to the fullest.

Making the Moose Out of Life

Hilary Mantel meets Sylvia Day: the first installment in a deliciously erotic trilogy, set against the sumptuous backdrop of the scandal-ridden Tudor Court by Elizabeth Moss. *BOUND TO HIM AGAINST HER WILL...* Lord Wolf, hardened soldier and expert lover, has come to King Henry VIII's court to claim his new bride: a girl who has intrigued him since he first saw her riding across the Yorkshire moors. Eloise Tyrell, now lady-in-waiting to Queen Anne Boleyn, has other ideas. She has no desire to submit to a man she barely knows and who-though she is loath to admit it-frightens her more than a little. Their first kiss awakens in both a fierce desire that bares them to the soul. But as the court erupts into scandal around the ill-fated Queen, Eloise sees firsthand what happens when powerful men tire of

their wives... Lust in the Tudor Court: Wolf Bride Rebel Bride Rose Bride Praise for Erotic Romances by Elizabeth Moss: "Fifty Shades of Tudor sex." -The Sunday Times "For a terrific historical romance with a couple who can't keep their hands off each other, this is perfect."-RT Book Reviews "Infused with political intrigue, royal pageantry, infidelity, scandal, historical authenticity, romance and love, this story brings yesteryear to life while heating up the pages and fascinating readers."-Romance Junkies

Wolf Bride

Writer, Samson Young, is staring death in the face, and not only his own. Void of ideas and on the verge of terminal decline, Samson's dash to a decaying, degenerate London has brought him through the doors of the Black Cross pub and into a murder story just waiting to be narrated. At its centre is the mesmeric, doomed Nicola Six, destined to be murdered on her 35th birthday. Around her: the disreputable men who might yet turn out to be her killer. All Samson has to do is to write Nicola's story as it happens, and savour in this one last gift that life has granted him. 'A true story, a murder story, a love story and a thriller bursting with humour, sex and often dazzling language' Independent

GENERATION Y

The 25th Anniversary ebook, now with more than 50 images. 'Touching the Void' is the tale of two mountaineer's harrowing ordeal in the Peruvian Andes. In the summer of 1985, two young, headstrong mountaineers set off to conquer an unclimbed route. They had triumphantly reached the summit, when a horrific accident mid-descent forced one friend to leave another for dead. Ambition, morality, fear and camaraderie are explored in this electronic edition of the mountaineering classic, with never before seen colour photographs taken during the trip itself.

London Fields

"The Vowel Spellings Series, Level 2, comprises twelve decodable book. Each book introduces two or three spellings for a vowel sound. This series complements any systematic phonic program and can be used in any sequence."--

Touching the Void

Eight hours. Twelve contestants. A flight none of them might survive. A flight to Paris full of teenagers seeking opportunity turns deadly in this suspenseful, locked-door YA thriller. Perfect for fans of Diana Urban, Karen McManus, and Jessica Goodman. Seventeen-year-old boarding school student Emily Walters is selected for an opportunity of a lifetime—she'll compete abroad for a cash prize that will cover not only tuition to the college of her choice, but will lift her mother and her out of poverty. But almost from the moment she and 11 other contestants board a private jet to Europe, Emily realizes somebody is willing to do anything to win. Between keeping an eye on her best friend's flirty boyfriend and hiding her own dark secrets, she's not sure how she'll survive the contest, much less the flight. Especially when people start dying... As loyalties shift and secrets are revealed, Emily must figure out who to trust, and who's trying to kill them all, before she becomes the next victim.

Toad Moans and Groans

The bestselling and infamous diary of a high-class call girl, as seen on the show starring Billie Piper. Belle de Jour is the nom de plume of a high-class call girl working in London. This is her story. From the summer of 2003 to the autumn of 2004 Belle charted her day-to-day adventures on and off the field in a frank, funny and award-winning web diary. Now, in her Intimate Adventures, Belle elaborates on those diary entries, revealing (among other things) how she became a working girl, what it feels like to do it for money, and where to buy the best knickers for the job. From debating the literary merits of Martin Amis with naked clients to smuggling whips into luxury hotels, this is a no-holds barred account of the high-class sex-trade, and an insight into the secret life of an extraordinary woman.

Thin Air

Ask most of the millions of pre-teen soccer-playing girls in America if they plan to make the U.S. Women's National Team someday and the answer for them - and most of their parents - will be a resounding "Yes!" Among the most successful international teams in any sport in the past three decades, the USNWT has emerged as a collective cultural icon, with its individual members redrafting the very definition of female across the globe. With the lines blurring between male and female behavior,

girls are competing ferociously and celebrating wildly without apology. Women are demanding gender and racial equity, while dressing and speaking authentically, and loving however and whomever they choose. The reality is that making the National Team is about as likely as winning the lottery. Of the tens of millions of soccer players since the team was formed in 1985, fewer than 250 women have ever made it to the highest level as of 2020. In *Raising Tomorrow's Champions*, one of those players, 16-year professional Joanna Lohman, joins current soccer dad and 40-year journalist Paul Tukey to share the team members' stories, from the early pioneers like Michelle Akers, Brandi Chastain and Mia Hamm, who are now parents themselves, to modern-day household names like Abby Wambach, Alex Morgan and Megan Rapinoe. For a true picture of what makes these women champions, Joanna and Paul also talked to their parents, coaches and teammates. The result of this unprecedented access to the National Team is an intimately revealing portrait of what it takes to make it to the top, not just in soccer, but in life. Not every child will make the most elite team, but the choices they - and their families - make in the face of challenge and adversity may define their childhood, their high school experiences, their college options, and their path forward in life. Not every child will necessarily even play soccer, but the lessons shared within *Raising Tomorrow's Champions* can help him or her become accomplished, authentic, and satisfied adults no matter what path they choose.

The Intimate Adventures Of A London Call Girl

Hellboy and Professor Trevor Bruttenholm team up for some quality father-son time at a New York potter's field where they try to unravel the mystery of a spectral being haunting the packed graveyard. Upon arrival, the two of them quickly realize there may be more things haunting the buried poor at the mass grave than meets the eye . . . Celebrated writer Mike Mignola and longtime collaborator Chris Roberson bring you another exciting Hellboy one-shot, with exquisite art by Stephen Green and Dave Stewart!

Raising Tomorrow's Champions

What is it about men that drives women to distraction? Could it be the way they flick to the footie results while you're trying to watch your favourite television programme? Is it their dogged inability to admit that they might - just might - be wrong? Or is it the infuriating way that they can meticulously order and maintain comprehensive record collections but can't quite find the time to rinse the sink after shaving? From unsightly splayed legs and headache-inducing snoring to the bathroom blight of poorly positioned pee and the horrors of man-flu, *MOAN ABOUT MEN* is a brilliantly funny take on all the things men do that make women weep with frustration - and also with mirth. In an amusing and all-encompassing rant, this is a chance to get it off your chest and dare to share in a life-affirming moan about men.

Hellboy and the B.P.R.D.: 1957--Forgotten Lives

From a "hero for dads everywhere" (*Daily Mirror*), a hilarious, insightful, and heartfelt take on parenting based on a viral blog post that Ashton Kutcher called, "one of the best descriptions of fatherhood I've ever read." One evening, while his three-month-old son Charlie briefly slept, Matt Coyne staggered to his desk, opened his laptop, and wrote a side-splittingly funny Facebook post about early fatherhood: Comparing his diaper-changing skills to that of a Formula One pit crew, birth to a *Saw* movie, and the sound of a baby crying at 3am to "having the inside of your skull sandpapered by an angry Viking," he shared his observations with friends and family—and soon, to his surprise, the world. In the spirit of that post, which became an instant sensation, *Man vs. Baby* is the tale of one man's journey through the first year of parenthood, told with wit, humor, and heart. Part memoir, part tell-it-like-it-is parenting book, this is a ferociously funny, inventively foul-mouthed, and genuinely touching account of a baby's first year, filled with relatable references to Harry Potter, McDonalds, and the villain in *Die Hard*. Matt covers everything you need to know, from labor (a good time to play "profanity bingo") to what you might find in your baby's diaper, a catalogue that includes *The Phantom*, *The Expressionist*, and *The Jeff Goldblum*. Capturing both the comic helplessness of new fatherhood and his deep love and admiration for his partner Lyndsay and child, Matt's story will appeal to anyone who has a baby—or is even contemplating the idea. Whether you're looking for a reprieve from the news cycle or a reminder of what's most important in life, *Man vs. Baby* will have you laughing out loud—and, if you're a new mother or father, filled with relief at being truly understood. A fresh take on the bewilderment and joy of having a baby from a rip-roaringly talented new voice, this combination memoir and advice book is sure to charm parents everywhere.

Moan About Men

'A masterly novel' New York Times 'Such is the exquisite, gossamer construction of Murakami's writing that everything he chooses to describe trembles with symbolic possibility' Guardian Read the haunting love story that turned Murakami into a literary superstar. When he hears her favourite Beatles song, Toru Watanabe recalls his first love Naoko, the girlfriend of his best friend Kizuki. Immediately he is transported back almost twenty years to his student days in Tokyo, adrift in a world of uneasy friendships, casual sex, passion, loss and desire - to a time when an impetuous young woman called Midori marches into his life and he has to choose between the future and the past. *Murakami's new book *Novelist as a Vocation* is available now* 'Evocative, entertaining, sexy and funny; but then Murakami is one of the best writers around' Time Out 'Poignant, romantic and hopeless, it beautifully encapsulates the heartbreak and loss of faith' Sunday Times 'This book is undeniably hip, full of student uprisings, free love, booze and 1960s pop, it's also genuinely emotionally engaging, and describes the highs of adolescence as well as the lows' Independent on Sunday

Man vs. Baby

****As heard on BBC Radio 4**** 'I was born on May 25, 1938, in the front bedroom of a house in Orton Road, on the outer edges of Raffles, a council estate. I was a lucky girl.' So begins Margaret Forster's journey through the houses she's lived in, from that sparkling new council house, built as part of a utopian vision by Carlisle City Council, to her beloved London house of today, via Oxford, Hampstead, the Lake District and a spell in the Mediterranean. This is not a book about bricks and mortar, or about how a house becomes a home with the right scatter of cushions. This is a book about what houses are to us, the effect they have on the way we live our lives. It is also a wonderful backwards glance at the changing nature of our accommodation: from blacking grates and outside privies; to cities dominated by bedsits and lodgings; to houses today being converted back into single dwellings, all open-plan spaces and bringing the outside in. Finally, it is a gently insistent, personal inquiry into the meaning of home.

Norwegian Wood

Explore the terrifying depths of the dungeons of Faerun! The Siegebreakers are a tight-knit group of eccentric mercenaries who boast they can safely bring down the walls of any fortress, and will do so for the right amount of coin. But when the walls of their latest job crash down on their heads, trapping them in ruins treacherous with magic, monsters, and ever-rising water, it's all they can do to stay alive. Undaunted, the Siegebreakers are determined to escape and finish the job. [Show More](#) [Show Less](#)

My Life in Houses

Heart disease kills more women every year than all forms of cancer combined. Recovering from a major heart attack, Thomas wrote this book based on her own experience and the experiences of other women with the disease, compiled through blog posts and Thomas's experiences as a participant at Mayo Clinic's medical conference on women's heart disease. She explains how to recognize the early signs, explains why so many women are misdiagnosed, and covers to what to expect during your recovery.

Crypt of the Moaning Diamond

A Woman's Guide to Living with Heart Disease