

# Humorous Reads



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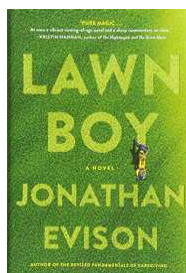


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**Sloane Crosley**

*Look Alive Out There: Essays*

Whether it's scaling active volcanoes, befriending swingers, or staring down the barrel of the fertility gun, Crosley continues to rise to the occasion with unmatched nerve and electric one-liners. And as her subjects become more serious, her essays deliver not just laughs but lasting emotional heft and insight. Crosley has taken up the gauntlets thrown by her predecessors--Dorothy Parker, Nora Ephron, David Sedaris--and crafted something rare, affecting, and true.



Fic/E9335

**Jonathan Evison**

*Lawn Boy*

In Evison's vibrant coming-of-age novel, Mike Muñoz, a young Chicano living in Washington State, has just been fired from his latest gig as a lawn boy on a landscaping crew. Though he tries time and again to get his foot on the first rung of that ladder to success, he can't seem to get a break.



Fic/L1161

**Elizabeth LaBan**

*Not Perfect*

From Elizabeth LaBan, the acclaimed author of *The Restaurant Critic's Wife*, comes a captivating and very funny novel about a wife and mother's fall from grace, and why keeping up appearances is *not* her biggest secret.

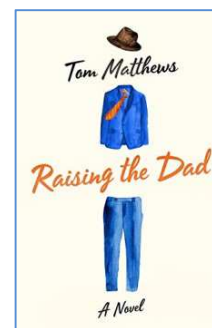


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**Christina Lynch**

*The Italian Party*

Told in black humor, newly married, Scottie and Michael are seduced by Tuscany's famous beauty. But the secrets they are keeping from each other force them beneath the splendid surface to a more complex view of Italy, America and each other.

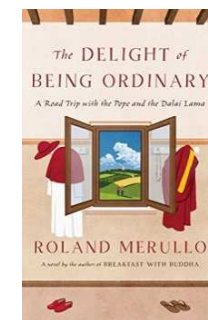


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**Tom Matthews**

*Raising the Dad*

From acclaimed screenwriter and novelist Tom Matthews comes a high-concept and surprisingly funny novel about a man who must cope with his troubled family after learning a devastating secret.

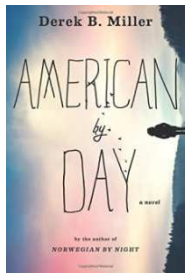


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**Roland Merullo**

*The Delight of Being Ordinary: A Road Trip with the Pope and the Dalai Lama*

Roland Merullo's playful, eloquent, and life-affirming novel finds the Pope and the Dalai Lama teaming up for an unsanctioned road trip through the Italian countryside to rediscover the everyday joys of life that can seem, even for the two holiest men in the world, unattainable.

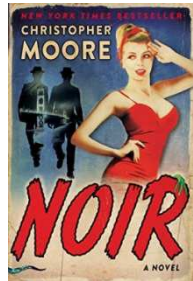


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**Derek B. Miller**

*American by Day*

A gripping and timely novel that follows Sigrid—the dry-witted detective from Derek B. Miller's best-selling debut *Norwegian by Night*—from Oslo to the United States on a quest to find her missing brother.

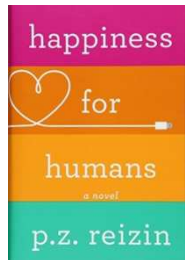


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**Christopher Moore**

*Noir*

A zany noir set on the mean streets of post-World War II San Francisco, and featuring a diverse cast of characters, including a hapless bartender; his Chinese sidekick; a doll with sharp angles and dangerous curves; a tight-lipped Air Force general; a wisecracking waif; a black mamba; and many more.

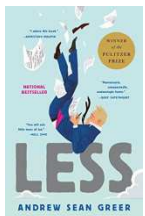


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**P.Z. Reizin**

*Happiness for Humans*

When Tom and Jen, two lonely people, are brought together by an intriguing email, they have no idea their mysterious benefactor is an artificial intelligence who has decided to play Cupid.

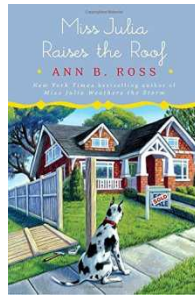


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**Andrew Sean Greer**

*Less*

A struggling novelist travels the world to avoid an awkward wedding in this hilarious Pulitzer Prize-winning novel.

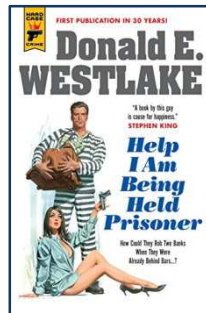


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**Ann B. Ross**

*Miss Julia Raises the Roof*

Miss Julia must band together with friends and neighbors to take on nosy Madge and her steamrolling plans, while still being helpful to those in need in another entertaining installment of Ann B. Ross's bestselling series.



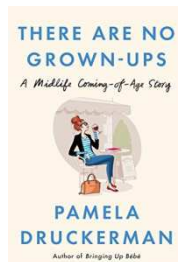
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**Donald E. Westlake**

*Help I Am Being Held Prisoner*

Westlake pens another comedy caper of seven men who have the perfect alibi: they are in jail. The cons have tunneled their way to the outside to two banks just waiting to be robbed. Throw in a luscious girl and a mysterious stranger for a hilarious heist.

## Non-Fiction



**305.2442/D**

**Pamela Druckerman**

*There Are No Grown-Ups: A Midlife Coming-of-Age Story*

The best-selling author of *Bringing Up Bébé* investigates life in her forties and leads us on a quest for wisdom, self-knowledge and the right pair of pants.



**609.71/S**

**Red Green**

*The Woulda, Coulda, Shoulda Guide to Canadian Inventions*

Red surveys, analyzes, critiques, and in some cases tells you how to recreate at home, the best Canadian inventions. From the Wonderbra to the hard-cup jockstrap, by way of insulin, the walkie-talkie, and synchronized swimming, the guide includes more world-changing innovations than you can wave a Canadarm at.



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**Dan Needles**

*True Confessions from the Ninth Concession*

In 1988, Needles and his wife left the city to start a family in a country community located two hours north of Toronto. Together they stocked their farm with sheep, cattle, chickens, pigs and, eventually, four children. Needles' charming chronicle unfolds in essays dated from 1997 to 2016, offering homespun advice for successful country living such as whether to wave from the elbow or to merely raise one finger from the steering wheel when passing a neighbour in the car.



**601.12/W**

**Kelly and Zach Weinersmith**

*Soonish: Ten Emerging Technologies That'll Improve and or Ruin Everything*

A hilariously illustrated investigation into future technologies from how to fling a ship into deep space on the cheap to 3D organ printing.