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Div Feb 14 2023 In *Div*, the companion to Alex Flinn's YA novel *Breathing Under Water*, Caitlin is dealing with a lot. She's living through the aftermath of an abusive relationship, she has a youth-obsessed mother who just doesn't understand her, and she's on a constant yo-yo diet to live up to the standards of her nitpicking friends. All Caitlin wants is to escape her not-so-glamorous life and pursue her dream of becoming a singer, but when she's accepted into the Miami High School of the Arts, her life doesn't magically become perfect. Yet despite some struggles to keep up with her competitive classmates and the distraction of cute new crush, Caitlin never loses her sense of humor and eventually gains the confidence to achieve her goals. Perfect for fans of such books as Carolyn Mackler's *The Earth, My Butt, and Other Big Round Things*.

Ganna Diva of Lotusland Feb 02 2022 Lotusland, the celebrated garden created by Ganna Walska in Santa Barbara, California, represents the second half of the creative life of a woman, who was, in her time a femme fatale, much married, but with a steely ambition to become a famous opera diva, though her talent was slight. From Polish teenager in the early part of the 20th century, she became a pre-revolutionary baroness in Russia, with five subsequent husbands, including American industrial royalty, Harold McCormick, head of International Harvester. Her life embraces many of the important events of the 20th century and the artists, tycoons and statesmen at center stage. She owned a renowned Paris theater for almost 50 years, earning the Legion d'honneur and the Ordre National des Arts et des Lettres for her contribution to French cultural life. But it is Lotusland, her eclectic and idiosyncratic Californian garden that has ensured her posterity."

From Doormat to Diva! May 05 2022 *From Doormat to Diva* recognizes every woman's secret desire to take center stage. Merci Miglino, life strategist and Jacqueline-of-all trades, takes you on a journey - from back stage to center stage in 10 simple steps. With a Perspective Makeover, Merci challenges you to forget the bad rap Divas get and consider the true and divine nature of the Diva in you! Use Diva vision and adopt a Diva-tude, says the author, to re-define selfishness, empowerment and extreme self-care. With humor-laced truth, enthusiasm, and an energy that pops off the page, Merci escorts you from the back row of your life, straight down the aisle to center stage!

The Diva Chronicles 2 Oct 18 2020 *The Diva Chronicles 2: Special Edition* is a unique compilation of inspirational quotes and poems paired

together for a power book. This collection is meant to attract the curiosity of poetry lovers globally! The poems touch upon relatable issues of today that everyone can identify with. The author's intentions are meant to inspire her readers on topics such as growing pains, family, motherhood, legacy, a woman's worth, and more. Once again, the Vegas diva brings to the world *The Diva Chronicles 2: Special Edition*. **Diary of a Mad Diva** Aug 08 2022 From the headline-making, New York Times bestselling author of *I Hate Everyone...Starting With Me* comes another intimate glimpse into the delightfully hilarious mind of Joan Rivers. When her daughter Melissa gives her a diary for Christmas, at first Joan is horrified—who the hell does Melissa think she is? That fat pig, Bridget Jones? But as Joan, being both beautiful and introspective, begins to record her day-to-day musings, she realizes she has a lot to say. About everything. And everyone, God help them. The result? A no-holds-barred, delightfully vicious and always hilarious look at the everyday life of the ultimate diva. Follow Joan on a family vacation in Mexico and on trips between New York and Los Angeles where she mingles with the stars, never missing a beat as she delivers blistering critiques on current events, and excoriating insights about life, pop culture, and celebrities (from A to D list), all in her relentlessly funny signature style. This is the *Diary of a Mad Diva*. Forget about Anais Nin, Anne Frank, and Sylvia Plath. For the first time in a century, a diary by someone that's actually worth reading.

The Story of Diva and Flea Jul 07 2022 Synopsis coming soon.....

Hollywood Diva Jun 25 2021 Jeanette MacDonald, the movie musical's first superstar, was an American original whose onscreen radiance mirrored a beguiling real-life personality. Based in large part on the author's exclusive access to MacDonald's private papers, including her unpublished memoir, this vivid, often touching biography transports us to a time when lavish musical films were major cultural events and a worldwide public eagerly awaited each new chance to fall under the singer's spell. Edward Baron Turk shows how MacDonald brilliantly earned her Hollywood nickname of "Iron Butterfly," and why she deserves a privileged position in the history of music and motion pictures. What made MacDonald a woman for our times, readers will discover, was her uncommon courage: Onscreen, the actress portrayed strong characters in pursuit of deep emotional fulfillment, often in defiance of social orthodoxy, while offscreen she personified energy, discipline, and practical intellect. Drawing on interviews with individuals who knew her and on MacDonald's own words, Turk brings to life the intricate relations between the star and her legendary costars Maurice Chevalier, Clark Gable, and, above all, baritone Nelson Eddy. He reveals the deep crushes she inspired in movie giants Ernst Lubitsch and Louis B. Mayer and the extraordinary love story she shared with her husband of twenty-seven years, actor Gene Raymond. More than simply another star biography, however, this is a chronicle of American music from 1920s Broadway to 1960s television, in which Turk details MacDonald's fearless efforts to break down distinctions between High Art and mass-consumed entertainment. *Hollywood Diva* will attract fans of opera and concert music as much as enthusiasts of the great Hollywood musicals. It is first-rate cultural and film history.

Diva Jul 27 2021 At head of title: Triple Crown publications presents.

Big Freedia Apr 11 2020 From the eponymous star of one of the most popular reality shows in Fuse's history, this no-holds-barred memoir and "snappily dictated story of inverted cultural norms in the wards of New Orleans" (*East Bay Express*) reveals the fascinating truth about a gay, self-proclaimed mama's boy who exploded onto the formerly underground Bounce music scene and found acceptance, healing, self-expression, and stardom. As the "undisputed ambassador" of the energetic, New Orleans-based Bounce movement, Big Freedia isn't afraid to

twerk, wiggle, and shake her way to self-confidence, and is encouraging her fans to do the same. In her engrossing memoir, *Big Freedia* tells the inside story of her path to fame, the peaks and valleys of her personal life, and the liberation that Bounce music brings to herself and every one of her fans who is searching for freedom. *Big Freedia* immediately pulls us into the relationship between her personal life and her career as an artist; being a “twerking sissy” is not just a job, she says, but a salvation. A place to find solace and escape from the battles she faced growing up in the worst neighborhood in New Orleans. To deal with losing loved ones to the violence on the streets, drug overdoses, and jail. To survive hurricane Katrina by living on her roof for two days with three adults and a child. To grapple with the difficulties and celebrate the joys of living. In this eye-opening memoir that bursts with energy, you’ll learn the history of the Bounce movement and meet all the colorful characters that pepper its music scene. “Whether detailing the highs or the lows, Freedia’s tales pop as much as the booty that made her famous” (*Out Magazine*).

The Music Diva Spectacle Jul 15 2020 This original new book has a unique focus on diva camp as popular music praxis. The author analyses case studies of diva concert tour shows in order to present a performance studies reading of camp, the culture-sharing process of production, and audience reception. Detailed case studies include contemporary stars Madonna, Kylie, Beyoncé, Lady Gaga and a look at audience drag. The book contains detailed descriptions of artists’ performances, along with the analysis of exciting and popular contemporary performers. The emphasis on camp is particularly interesting, as thinking about queerness has pushed camp into the background in recent years. This is an interesting and exciting revival of the question of camp in contemporary queer performance. The book considers and investigates the relationship between camp theory as an academic subject and the figure of the diva as one that utilizes and expresses camp in various ways. It seeks to establish how camp is appropriated or owned by the diva and how this impacts on, and is in turn appropriated and owned by, the audience. Primary readership will be among researchers and educators working in the fields of cultural studies, performance studies, theatre studies, music studies, LGBTQ+ studies, critical race studies, as well as undergraduate students interested in these topics. It will be a useful classroom resource and addition to recommended reading lists. *The Music Diva Spectacle* may have interest for more general readers with an interest in the subjects of the case studies, but the main focus is on the academic market.

The Diva Serves Forbidden Fruit Aug 16 2020 "With Old Town's DIY Home Decorating Festival in full swing, Sophie's swamped, juggling a bumper crop of artisans, antique dealers, and decorators for the busy street fair. Still, when her best friend Nina suddenly needs a ride from the airport, Sophie is happy to help ... until she sees Nina disembarking in a state of disarray. It's obvious the trip to Portugal soured somewhere along the way. But after one of Nina's traveling companions turns up murdered the following day, Sophie knows something is truly rotten"--

The Diva Sweetens the Pie Sep 16 2020 "Nothing heats up Old Town quite like the annual Pie Festival, and this year is no exception, especially since Sophie's professional rival, Natasha Smith, is barred from participating. Sophie, meanwhile, has been asked to oversee the pie-eating contest. But the drama really rolls out when celebrity judge, Patsy Lee Presley, host of television's most popular cooking show, bites the crust during the competition, and Sophie's friends are suspected of the crime. As the folks of Old Town dish, the tough truth about Patsy's meteoric rise to domestic stardom begins to leak. It turns out that Patsy's sweet exterior hid a secret sour side, which alienated many of her closest allies, including a jilted ex-husband, a bitter ex-mentor, and a jaded ex-best friend. With the festival falling apart, and her friends in

danger of being boxed up for murder, Sophie must cobble together the clues and stop a flaky fiend from serving up any more deadly desserts."
-- Amazon.

The Diva Digs Up the Dirt Mar 03 2022 Domestic diva Sophie Winston finds trouble in spades in the sixth mystery in the New York Times bestselling series... Determined not to be a garden-variety diva, Sophie's neighbor, Natasha, cultivates a plan to shine on television—using Sophie's backyard. As the cast and crew of the makeover show *Tear It Up With Troy* bulldoze through her backyard—and vacation—Sophie retreats to her perennial boyfriend Wolf's to replace a dead rose bush. But her tender deed goes awry when she digs up a purse belonging to Wolf's missing wife. As speculations sprout, Wolf bolts, and then a body crops up in a garden. Is Wolf's thorny past raising a dead head? This is one case the domestic diva can't let wither on the vine... Includes delicious recipes and entertaining tips!

The Accidental Diva Oct 10 2022 From the New York Times bestselling author of the Reese Witherspoon Book Club Pick *Seven Days in June* comes a hot and hilarious borough-crossed love story about a Manhattan beauty editor, a Brooklyn writer, and the attraction that takes them by storm. Billie Burke is smart, endlessly driven, and fabulous—it's no accident she landed a job as the beauty editor at the world's leading fashion magazine. Caught in a whirlwind of long office hours and fashion industry party-hopping, she hasn't had time to focus on her nonexistent love life. Instead, she's been living vicariously through her friends. Then she meets Jay Lane, a gorgeous up-and-coming Brooklyn writer who pretty much knocks her right out of her stilettos. Soon Billie finds herself doing things with Jay in broad daylight that she's never even dared to think about in the privacy of her own head. In no time at all she's absolutely addicted to an affair that's as crazy and seductive as New York itself. But there's a lot she doesn't know about Jay, whose rough past seems determined to start creeping back into their present....

When All Is Said and Prayed May 13 2020 It ain't easy being saved, sanctified, and single. Try being a once divorced, now widowed single mother of two on top of that. Thank God the Lord built Paige Vanderdale to be able to bear all of those titles without becoming weary to the point of giving up. From the outside looking in, that life looks good on her. On the inside, though, Paige is coveting what so many others around her seem to have, which is true love. In the past, everything that she thought was love was either something far from it, or was taken away from her. Now Paige is afraid to let her hair down and open herself up to love again. Paige struggles with the decision to reach out to an old flame to rekindle their spark. When the blaze gets too high, will Paige do what she always does, which is grab the nearest fire extinguisher and try to put it out? Or will she utilize her backup plan and run? The decision is abruptly removed from Paige's hands when something else begins to pull her away--something that just might be the thing that finally breaks her.

Little Diva Jan 13 2023 Nena wants to be a diva just like her mother, who is a star on Broadway, but she knows that it will take practice and lots of hard work to sing, act, and dance well enough to be a diva.

Secrets of a Soap Opera Diva Nov 11 2022 Calysta Jeffries is the hottest black actress in daytime and the diva of the soap opera world, known for her role as Ruby Stargazer on television's most popular soap opera, "The Rich and the Ruthless." After fifteen years, three returns from the dead, two failed pregnancies, one alien abduction, and overcoming retrograde amnesia, Calysta still hasn't managed to snag the biggest award in daytime drama: the Sudsy. Now is supposed to be her moment. But Calysta's onscreen/offscreen rival Emmy Abernathy wins the award for the fourth time. The drama begins when journalist Mitch Morelli asks Calysta for a quote after the award show and her true feelings for her costar slip out. Ripped from the headlines of *Soap Opera Digest* and straight off of the television screen, *Secrets of a Soap Opera Diva* will

give readers plenty to talk about as they try to guess where the real world ends and Rowell's imagination begins.

Diva Jun 06 2022 A new collection of poems examining issues of the poet's Cuban identity, his work as a physician, and his life as a gay man.

Aphrodite the Diva Sep 09 2022 For an extra credit project, Aphrodite begins a club for matchmaking mortals, which brings her to Egypt and face-to-face with her competition, the Egyptian goddess Isis.

The Diva Wraps It Up Aug 28 2021 The eighth mystery in the New York Times bestselling Domestic Diva series includes delicious recipes and entertaining tips! The holidays are Sophie Winston's favorite time of year. But this season, there seem to be more mishaps than mistletoe. First, Horace Scroggins tumbles from a balcony during his office Christmas party. Then, Sophie's neighbor takes a fall from his ladder while decorating his roof with lights. But it's the cookie swap that really starts her wondering who's naughty or nice... Sophie arrives at the annual event with high spirits and thirteen dozen chocolate-drizzled gingersnaps. But when an argument erupts and a murder ensues, it becomes clear that the recent string of events is anything but accidental. Now Sophie has to make a list of suspects...and check it twice!

Big Freedia May 17 2023 From the eponymous star of one of the most popular reality shows in Fuse's history, this no-holds-barred memoir and "snappily dictated story of inverted cultural norms in the wards of New Orleans" (East Bay Express) reveals the fascinating truth about a gay, self-proclaimed mama's boy who exploded onto the formerly underground Bounce music scene and found acceptance, healing, self-expression, and stardom. As the "undisputed ambassador" of the energetic, New Orleans-based Bounce movement, Big Freedia isn't afraid to twerk, wiggle, and shake her way to self-confidence, and is encouraging her fans to do the same. In her engrossing memoir, Big Freedia tells the inside story of her path to fame, the peaks and valleys of her personal life, and the liberation that Bounce music brings to herself and every one of her fans who is searching for freedom. Big Freedia immediately pulls us into the relationship between her personal life and her career as an artist; being a "twerking sissy" is not just a job, she says, but a salvation. A place to find solace and escape from the battles she faced growing up in the worst neighborhood in New Orleans. To deal with losing loved ones to the violence on the streets, drug overdoses, and jail. To survive hurricane Katrina by living on her roof for two days with three adults and a child. To grapple with the difficulties and celebrate the joys of living. In this eye-opening memoir that bursts with energy, you'll learn the history of the Bounce movement and meet all the colorful characters that pepper its music scene. "Whether detailing the highs or the lows, Freedia's tales pop as much as the booty that made her famous" (Out Magazine).

Diary of a Street Diva Nov 30 2021 When his wife, Remy, is locked up unexpectedly, Cease, a young hustler from Flint, Michigan, stumbles upon her diary, which exposes her deepest and darkest secrets, and discovers a new side to this woman he thought he knew. Reprint.

The Diva Takes the Cake Nov 18 2020 When the groom's ex is found dead before the "I Do"s, Sophie Winston vows to catch the killer before her sister's wedding ends in disaster in the second Domestic Diva mystery. Sophie Winston's sister, Hannah, is getting married—again! And if you ask Sophie, her future brother-in-law is no prince. But is he a killer? That's the question on everyone's mind when his ex-wife is found hanging from a pergola. This is one event Sophie and her sister hadn't planned on. As hidden family secrets begin to come to light, Sophie finds the list of suspects is almost as long as the list of wedding guests. Will the real killer be seated on the groom's side or the bride's? Or will he be standing at the altar? Either way, Sophie must solve the murder in time to stop her sister from making the biggest—and possibly the last—mistake of her life. Includes delicious recipes and entertaining tips!

The Diva Rules Jan 01 2022 Michelle Visage is not your average diva. Powerful, positive, and polished, this diva's not only glamorous, she's a savvy businesswoman with serious credentials who works her tail off. From her days vogueing in the downtown Manhattan clubs in the '90s to her successful career in radio and her ultimate cult status as a judge on RuPaul's Drag Race, Michelle has achieved her dreams and then some! In *The Diva Rules*, Visage shares her rules and advice for living life to the fullest and finding success no matter the hand you're dealt. With her no-nonsense style and super sassy voice, Michelle tells readers to **Keep Your Shit Together**

The Diva Frosts a Cupcake May 25 2021 When a cupcake war ends in murder, Sophie Winston searches for a taste of justice in the seventh Domestic Diva mystery. Sophie and her BFF, Nina Reid Norwood, share a sweet spot for animals. So Sophie is delighted to help when Nina cooks up Cupcakes and Pupcakes—a fund-raising event for animal shelters. But Old Town is in for a whole batch of trouble when a partner leaves Sugar Baby Bakery and unveils her competing cupcakery, Sugar Mama, precisely as the fund-raiser gets under way. Just as it seems nothing else can go wrong, Sugar Baby's sole remaining employee is found dead. Suspicion falls on the feuding owners, but the scrumptious new guy in town is also raising some eyebrows. Now Sophie and Nina have to sift through the clues and discover who isn't as sweet as they seem... Includes delicious recipes and entertaining tips!

The Diva Spices It Up Oct 30 2021 After a celebrity ghostwriter dies on the job, Old Town's favorite entertaining expert and sporadic sleuth, Sophie Winston, whips up an impromptu investigation in the new Domestic Diva mystery from New York Times bestselling author, Krista Davis . . . Sophie never considered ghostwriting as a side gig, until former actress and aspiring lifestyle guru, Tilly Stratford, trophy wife of Wesley Winthrop, needs someone to write her celebrity cookbook. Sophie agrees, hoping she'll earn enough bread on this assignment to finish her bathroom renovations. But as it turns out, Sophie isn't the first foodie to get a taste for recipe ghostwriting, and if the marginalia are any indication, this project could be a killer . . . Wesley claims professional ghostwriter, Abby Bergeron, suddenly abandoned Tilly's cookbook with no warning. But Sophie quickly discovers that Abby may be more ghost than writer now . . . and her disappearance was no accident. So Sophie cracks open a fresh investigation, but sifting the seasoned murderer from this sampling of salty suspects won't be easy. Will Sophie savor another case closed or will the culprit simply melt away? Includes delicious recipes and entertaining tips!

The Doctor and the Diva Jul 19 2023 A breathtaking novel of romantic obsession, longing and one woman's choice between motherhood and her operatic calling It is 1903. Dr. Ravell is a young Harvard-educated obstetrician with a growing reputation for helping couples conceive. He has treated women from all walks of Boston society, but when Ravell meets Erika—an opera singer whose beauty is surpassed only by her spellbinding voice—he knows their doctor-patient relationship will be like none he has ever had. After struggling for years to become pregnant, Erika believes there is no hope. Her mind is made up: she will leave her prominent Bostonian husband to pursue her career in Italy, a plan both unconventional and risky. But becoming Ravell's patient will change her life in ways she never could have imagined. Lush and stunningly realized, *The Doctor and the Diva* moves from snowy Boston to the jungles of Trinidad to the gilded balconies of Florence. This magnificent debut is a tale of passionate love affairs, dangerous decisions, and a woman's irreconcilable desires as she is forced to choose between the child she has always longed for and the opera career she cannot live without. Inspired by the author's family history, the novel is sensual, sexy, and heart-stopping in its bittersweet beauty. Watch a Video

Diva Dec 20 2020

Anti Diva Dec 12 2022 Throughout her career, Carole Pope has blazed a trail for the diva and anti-diva in all of us, and here she offers a no-holds-barred look at her adventures in the music scene – on the concert stage, in the recording studio, and in the bedroom. Known for ushering Canada from the punk movement of the 1970s to the new wave sound of the 1980s with Rough Trade, she candidly shares her thoughts on AIDS, sexuality and sexual politics, and the new breed of music divas that dominates the charts today.

Redefining Diva Apr 04 2022 The Tony Award-winning actress addresses personal experiences with empowerment, healthy relationships, and style while sharing her perspectives on the highs and lows of her life and career.

Diva Mar 15 2023

Diva Q's Barbecue Jun 13 2020 Diva Q, host of the hit TV show BBQ Crawl, brings us her backyard barbecue recipes, with more than 185 grilling favorites for absolutely everyone. Diva Q's (aka Danielle Bennett's) backyard barbecue book is packed with simple recipes for casual, down-to-earth family food. Get started with the six recipes you need to know most, then move to chapters on appetizers, pork, bacon (Diva Q's claim to fame), beef, fowl, seafood, sides, salads, slaws, breads and desserts, that take you from the basics to the best the barbecue world has to offer. Plenty of meatless options are included, including Portobello-Cheddar Burgers, Smokin' Good Sweet Potatoes with Bourbon Butter and The Ultimate Mac and Cheese. With more than just recipes, Diva Q takes all the guesswork out of grilling for you, with guidance on everything from getting great char marks, to picking the right meat--and even points you to her YouTube videos online for extra help. If it's got anything to do with barbecue, Diva Q has got you covered! Diva Q's Barbecue is an indispensable book for every backyard barbecuer, and the perfect companion when cooking for a crowd. So fire up the grill and invite your friends over--because life's too short for bad barbecue!

Ain't I a Diva? Sep 28 2021 “[Allred] interrogates Beyoncé’s music and videos to explore the complicated spaces where racism, sexism, and capitalism collide.” —Kirkus Reviews In 2010, Professor Kevin Allred created the university course “Politicizing Beyoncé” to both wide acclaim and controversy. He outlines his pedagogical philosophy in *Ain't I a Diva?*, exploring what it means to build a syllabus around a celebrity. Topics range from a capitalist critique of “Run the World (Girls)” to the politics of self-care found in “Flawless”; Beyoncé’s art is read alongside black feminist thinkers including Kimberlé Crenshaw, Octavia Butler, and Sojourner Truth. Combining analysis with classroom anecdotes, Allred attests that pop culture is so much more than a guilty pleasure, it’s an access point—for education, entertainment, critical inquiry, and politics. “Proving himself a worthy member of the BeyHive, Kevin Allred takes us on a journey through Beyoncé’s greatest hits and expansive career—peeling back their multiple layers to explore gender, race, sexuality, and power in today’s modern world. A fun, engaging, and important read for long-time Beyoncé fans and newcomers alike.” —Franchesca Ramsey, author of *Well, That Escalated Quickly* “*Ain't I a Diva?* explores the phenomenon of Beyoncé while explicitly championing not only her immense talent and grace but what we can learn from it. In this celebration of Beyoncé, and through her, other Black women, Allred is giving us room to be exactly who we are so that maybe we, too, can stop the world then carry on!” —Keah Brown, author of *The Pretty One* “A must-read for any fan of Beyoncé and of fascinating feminist discourse.” —Zeba Blay, senior culture writer, *HuffPost*

Defying the Diva Jan 21 2021 For Haley Patterson, freshman year of high school boils down to having a good time with her two best friends and making a name for herself at the school newspaper. But when Haley reveals one too many juicy details in her gossip column, superdiva and queen bee Camilla Quinn makes sure that Haley's life changes...for the worse. Completely ostracized by everyone at school, including her

best friends, Haley finds herself alone and miserable. Reprieve comes in the form of a summer job at an exclusive mountain resort, where Haley forges new friend-ships, snags a cute lifeguard, and learns how to trust again. But her newfound hope is not bought without some heartbreak. As the summer draws to a close, an unexpected confrontation with Camilla forces Haley to face her fears. Will she continue to let Camilla control her life? Or will Haley find the confidence and courage to stand her ground? From the author of *Picture Perfect* and *Semiprecious* comes an honest, poignant novel about fear, friendship, and fighting back.

Divia Nation Jun 18 2023 *Divia Nation* explores the constructed nature of female iconicity in Japan. From ancient goddesses and queens to modern singers and writers, this edited volume critically reconsiders the female icon, tracing how she has been offered up for emulation, debate or censure. The research in this book culminates from curiosity over the insistent presence of Japanese female figures who have refused to sit quietly on the sidelines of history. The contributors move beyond archival portraits to consider historically and culturally informed diva imagery and diva lore. The diva is ripe for expansion, fantasy, eroticization, and playful reinvention, while simultaneously presenting a challenge to patriarchal culture. *Divia Nation* asks how the diva disrupts or bolsters ideas about nationhood, morality, and aesthetics.

Funeral Diva Apr 23 2021 A poetic memoir about coming-of-age in the AIDS era, and its effects on life and art. "She is a writer for the future, in that she defies genre."—Hilton Als "Pamela Sneed's *Funeral Diva* charts the 'grieving patterns' informing a life with unflinching honesty and clarity. This notable achievement, traveling from youth to adulthood, is a harrowing account of how Sneed transforms violence and pain into an artist's life."—Claudia Rankine, author of *Citizen: An American Lyric* In this collection of personal essays and poetry, acclaimed poet and performer Pamela Sneed details her coming of age in New York City during the late 1980s. *Funeral Diva* captures the impact of AIDS on Black Queer life, and highlights the enduring bonds between the living, the dying, and the dead. Sneed's poems not only converse with lovers past and present, but also with her literary forebears—like James Baldwin, Toni Morrison, Audre Lorde—whose aesthetic and thematic investments she renews for a contemporary American landscape. Offering critical focus on matters from police brutality to LGBTQ+ rights, *Funeral Diva* confronts today's most pressing issues with acerbic wit and audacity. The collection closes with Sneed's reflections on the two pandemics of her time, AIDS and COVID-19, and the disproportionate impact of each on African American communities. "Riveting, personal, open-hearted, risky and wise. This is Pamela Sneed at the top of her gifts, firmly grounding her history into our history, enriching both, acknowledging all the legacies and losses, influences gold and ash."—Sarah Schulman, author of *Conflict Is Not Abuse* "Pamela Sneed's *Funeral Diva* is deft, defiant, and devastating. Nothing exists in her work without history, without teaching me, as she writes, 'the power of what words can do.' Through her brilliant mind it's evident that everything is truly connected. You just have to find the string."—Tommy Pico, author of *Feed* "Funeral Diva is urgent and necessary reading to live by. This is writing at its finest. Sneed poetically processes individuation, life's journey of becoming, a visionary elegy that transforms trauma and abandonment to recognition and virtuosity. Keep this book close to your heart and soul."—Karen Finley, author of *Shock Treatment* "Reminiscent of Audre Lorde's *Zami*, Pamela Sneed's memoir is, in itself, a healing balm, affirming in its truths and honesty. I cannot remember ever reading a book that illustrates the impact of the AIDS epidemic on our community more poignantly than *Funeral Diva*."—Nicole Dennis-Benn, author of *Patsy* "Pamela Sneed takes enormous risks in this book. She tells the truth with fierce concentration and an abiding sense of purpose."—Dorothy Allison, author of *Bastard Out of Carolina* "In Sneed's distinctive style of prophetic foreshadowing, *Funeral Diva* is the tome for our awakening and for our

survival."—Erica Cardwell, writer, critic, and educator

Diva Aug 20 2023 If you love *The Great Gatsby*, you'll want to read the Flappers series. Joy and tragedy collide in *DIVA*, the riveting conclusion to the Flappers series, set in the dazzling Roaring Twenties. Parties, bad boys, speakeasies—life in Manhattan has become a woozy blur for Clara Knowles. If Marcus Eastman truly loved her, how could he have fallen for another girl so quickly? Their romance mustn't have been as magical as Clara thought. And if she has to be unhappy, she's going to drag everyone else down to the depths of despair right along with her. Being a Barnard girl is the stuff of Lorraine Dyer's dreams. Finding out that Marcus is marrying a gold digger who may or may not be named Anastasia? A nightmare. The old Lorraine would have sat by and let the chips fall where they may, but she's grown up a lot these past few months. She can't bear to see Marcus lose a chance for true love. But will anyone listen to her? Now that the charges against her have been dropped, Gloria Carmody is spending the last dizzying days of summer on Long Island, yachting on the sound and palling around with socialites at Forrest Hamilton's swanky villa. Beneath her smile, though, Gloria's keeping a secret. One that could have deadly consequences . . .

The Diva Book of Short Stories Apr 16 2023 Exciting new work from the UK's top lesbian authors, such as Jackie Kay, Stella Duffy, Emma Donoghue and Ali Smith and the best stories from "Diva" magazine, alongside fresh new writing talent from the UK. Edited by Helen Sandler, best known for her erotic best seller, *Big Deal*.

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