Autopsy For An Empire - Dmitri Volkogonov - 1999-05-01
The late Dmitri Volkogonov emerged in the last decade of his life as the preeminent Russian historian of this century. His crowning achievement is the account of the seven General Secretaries of the Soviet Empire in Autopsy for an Empire, a book that tells the entire history of the Soviet failure. Having utilized his still-unequaled access to the Soviet military archives, Communist Party documents, and secret Presidential Archive, Volkogonov sheds new light on some of the major events of twentieth-century history and the men who shaped them. We witness Lenin’s paranoia about foreigners in Russia, and his creation of a privileged system for top Party members; Stalin’s repression of the nationalities and his singular conduct of foreign policy; the origins and conduct of the Korean War; Kruschev’s relationship with the odious secret service chief, Beria, and his handling of the Cuban Missile Crisis; Brezhnev’s vanity and stupidity; a new view of Poland and Solidarity; the ossification of Soviet bureaucracy and the cynicism of the Politburo; and Mikhail Gorbachev’s Leninism and his role in history. By profiling the seven successive Soviet leaders from Lenin to Gorbachev, Volkogonov also depicts in painstaking detail the progressive self-destruction of the Leninist system. In his clear-eyed character assessments and political evaluations, lucidly translated and edited by Harold Shukman, Dmitri Volkogonov has once again performed an invaluable service to twentieth-century history.
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**Autopsy on an Empire** - Jack F. Matlock - 1995
Provides an eyewitness account of the collapse of the Soviet Union,
discussing the origins of the conflict and the plot to oust Gorbachev

**Autopsy in Athens** - Margaret M. Miles - 2015-07-24
This is an exciting time to study in Athens. The [rescue] excavations of
recent years, conducted during construction of the Metro system and in
preparation for the 2004 Olympics Games, combined with major restoration
projects and a new enthusiasm for fresh examination of old material, using
new techniques and applications, brings new perspectives and answers on
many aspects of the ancient city of Athens and life, politics and religion in
Attica. The 15 papers presented here contribute new findings that result
from intensive, firsthand examinations of the archaeological and
epigraphical evidence. They illustrate how much may be gained by
reexamining material from older excavations, and from the methodological
shift from documenting information to closer analysis and larger historical
reflection. They offer a variety of perspectives on a range of issues: the
ambiance of the ancient city for passersby, filled with roadside shrines;
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**First Death** - Mike Cook - 2011-07-01
Matt Johnson had a life he was happy enough with. Could he learn to be
happy with his death as well? This zombie story is written from his point of
view-- from normal, every-day security guard, to brain-eating, mindless
zombie.

**Spy Doc** - Catherine Yee - 2014-09-01
Buried in the bowels of one of the several intelligence agencies in the US
government is an office of clandestine medical personnel. Their mission is to
analyze the health and mental state of international persons of interest and
report their findings to America's policymakers. The team is on call 24/7 to
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such persons of interest that may come into the hands of the U.S.
government. The goal is to provide timely information to policymakers and
negotiators so that the United States of America may achieve maximum
success in dealing with the people concerned. Usually this is done in the
safe confines of the Agency walls, but sometimes the analysts are forced to
place themselves in harms way. Through it all and despite the
circumstances, their Code of Honor is to Do No Harm.

**Things We Found During the Autopsy** - Kuzhali Manickavel - 200?

**Love Faith Death** - Tara Shah - 2014-09-29
Cancer sucks, death sucks even more. But we humans don’t have the power
to stop either of them from messing with our lives. They enter our lives
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lost a loved one to cancer. Common does not always mean simple, and it
also does not mean we know everything about it. The diagnosis of cancer,
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**The End The Book** - J. L. ROBB - 2011-04-04
Not a cloud in the blue Atlanta sky, Jeffrey Ross made his morning visit to the Dunwoody Starbucks, expecting this day to be like any other. It wouldn’t. Samarra Russell left her meeting at Emory Medical Center after receiving the strange call and wondered if it had anything to do with her immunology research at CDC. It was a secret, or was supposed to be. Going home as instructed, Samarra opened the box of Valentine candy on the kitchen counter and collapsed. Before losing her balance, Samarra recognized the small finger, severed and still wearing the tiny ring she gave him for his 7th birthday. Her precious son. She opened the note after regaining limited senses and read. If she didn’t want to receive young Thomas Russell’s head in a box, she would do as instructed. And she did.

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**The Dance of Death** - Mark Jones - 1979

**Forty Centuries of Wage and Price Controls** - Robert L. Schuettinger. - The Mises Institute is thrilled to bring back this popular guide to ridiculous economic policy from the ancient world to modern times. This outstanding history illustrates the utter futility of fighting the market process through legislation. It always uses despotic measures to yield socially catastrophic results. It covers the ancient world, the Roman Republic and Empire, Medieval Europe, the first centuries of the U.S. and Canada, the French Revolution, the 19th century, World Wars I and II, the Nazis, the Soviets, postwar rent control, and the 1970s. It also includes a very helpful conclusion spelling out the theory of wage and price controls. This book is a treasure, and super entertaining!

**Destitution** - Breanna Richardson - 2012-06
Life in lower class as offspring of a notorious thief was simple for the Quartar daughters until accidental mishaps with the other classes of society turn their dirt poor lives around for worse and better. Eight young women are taken from the slums into the high class world they never understood only at first to find betrayal, suffering, scandal, revenge and corruption. Then, before they know it they are wrapped in the grandest scandal their country of Galli has ever seen. The kingdom of Cretaine is trying to overthrow the corrupted kingdom of Galli. The Quartar family must betray their world in order to save Galli from a brutal civil war.

**Disenchantment** - Charles Edward Montague - 1922

**Lenin: A biography (Text Only)** - Dmitri Volkogonov - 2016-06-30
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Donald Trump and the Death of American Integrity - Clay S Jenkinson -
2020-11-12
how did a colorful New York real estate mogul who has left a long line of bankruptcies and unpaid contractors in his wake, a bombastic self-promoter who is clearly not a conservative, a reality TV star who has privately said he really does find many of his core supporters deplorable, a philandering, porn-star bedding, name-calling narcissist with a long history of uttering racially-insensitive remarks, a climate denier, and the poster child for those who pretend to believe that Barack Obama is not an American citizen-how did this individual become the 45th President of the United States? This book explores the Trump presidency, what is says about the state of the American republic, and a path to regain integrity in politics.

The Last Straw - John C. Wright - 2020-01-21
Come quibble over a Galaxy far far away! Once, in a theater long ago and far, far away, young audiences thrilled to the nostalgic space epic of yesteryear, known then only as STAR WARS, and were duly enthralled. So much goodwill, so much affection, so much love has rarely been lavished on any franchise. So much money from so many eager fans was never so readily available. And yet, with one potent Deathstar-like blast of mind-breakingly awful filmmaking, the Disney Corporation has managed to alienate that goodwill, spurn that affection, and lose that money. Why? What makes THE LAST JEDI so appallingly bad? What made the filmmaker think he could win over his audience by insulting his audience? Science Fiction Grandmaster John C Wright laments, analyzes, and autopsies the horrific story-telling of a film that, for so many of us, was the last hope for STAR WARS, the last dime we will ever spend on this once-beloved franchise, and the last straw that broke our patience.

Atheist, born in 1965 in the town of Kalgoorlie 300 miles east of the lovely although very insular city of Perth in the great nepotic, 'crony's only', 'British, Christian & loyal to the Queen & Mining forever' state of Western Australia. "Books that are sooo bad, -they good!!" And many do love reading them just too damned ashamed to admit it lol! A short novella situated in and around the rather disrupted working life of one Cal Tennyson. Laced with many diverse stories both amusing and dramatic related to Cal's life as a member of the working class. "Well told if not a little Wild & Reckless, but still an unrivalled working class story/memoir at its very core. That is undeniable" - Alan Stone book reviewer for The London Times Review
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'Dearest Rene and All' - Kirk Lashley - 2014-11-26
When the author's mother died he discovered over 200 letters in a shoe box that his father had written to her during their separation during World War II. Captain Lashley was stationed first at a hospital in England as a supply officer and then as the commander of a prisoner of war camp in France. During those months his letters tell of the events of his life. Some are boring and seem to be of little consequence, others are filled with emotional turmoil. Rene Lashley, his wife, has his fourth child while he is away, moves

'The Book of Awe' - Natasha Tessier - 2012-12-05
Are you awed by the smell of flowers or the busy buzz of the bees? Are you awed by the all of the snow or the rustle of the trees? In The Book of Awe, readers are reminded to take a minute and see the beauty in the everyday things around them.

'Me and Mr. Mephistopheles' - D. D. Cross - 2014-01-20
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When the author's mother died he discovered over 200 letters in a shoe box that his father had written to her during their separation during World War II. Captain Lashley was stationed first at a hospital in England as a supply officer and then as the commander of a prisoner of war camp in France. During those months his letters tell of the events of his life. Some are boring and seem to be of little consequence, others are filled with emotional turmoil. Rene Lashley, his wife, has his fourth child while he is away, moves

'The Book of Awe' - Natasha Tessier - 2012-12-05
Are you awed by the smell of flowers or the busy buzz of the bees? Are you awed by the all of the snow or the rustle of the trees? In The Book of Awe, readers are reminded to take a minute and see the beauty in the everyday things around them.

'Me and Mr. Mephistopheles' - D. D. Cross - 2014-01-20
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Nits - Michelle Harris - 2014-01-07
An insidious parasite is working its way through the suburbs of Washington, D.C. NITS follows the trail of a virulent outbreak of head lice as it wreaks havoc on the lives of a social climbing mother of a scholarship student, a buff young Latin teacher and a controlling do-gooder who is so consumed with exterminating the pest, people start calling her the "Lice Nazi." A social satire with bite, NITS explores the themes of class, ambition, and the unavoidable interconnectedness of modern life.

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Startrader - Geoff Williamson - 2016
"A farmer and entrepreneur, Chase is a man of many abilities. Now he is being asked to use those abilities, and his own particular skills with a sword and bow, to assist an alien planet. This means trading a valuable resource that the planet harbours to convince the Inter-galactic Federation to repair its failing sun" -- Back cover.

26 Wishes - Renee Hazen - 2012-05-29
Not your typical letter book, this story uses the alphabet to express the hopes and desires we have for every young life. The words engage the reader and the rhythm entertains the young learner. The illustrations complement the story but also offer additional learning opportunities with the use of color, letters and animals. This story is more than just an alphabet book but a celebration of all the wonders of life.

Molinar's Diamond - Sylvia D. Molinar - 2017-10-24
Molinar's Diamond is an adventure that starts in the desert city of EL Paso, Texas. Suddenly it thrusts readers into a tumultuous journey of wild and untamed Africa. Back in scorching Texas the roller coaster ride of life continues.

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**Kharishma** - Jenny L R Nay - 2014-02-28

Indistinct voices, strange visitations and unusual dreams have begun to plague Nineteen-year-old Khari days before her return from London to her Oregon home. As the occurrences have spawned haunting emotions she thought she had escaped, she realizes she can't ignore them any longer and begins to surrender to their pull. Feeling weary and a bit crazy, Khari struggles to cope with what is happening to her. She is forced to open up about herself, only to find out secrets were kept from her by those she trusts the most. She then begins a problematic journey toward self-discovery and uncovers more than she ever imagined possible. But, continuing toward understanding requires Khari to face a dangerous figure, risk of death and a fight for love. Kharishma explores the importance of family ties, both past and present, the consequences of love and hate, and the power of believing in ones self. It is a story of deception, humility, discovery and the strength of bonds to the seen and unseen. It is a story that will not be easily forgotten and will leave you wishing for more.