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More Notes of a Dirty Old Man

The sequel to his famous book, \"More Notes of a Dirty Old Man\" reprints rare Bukowski columns unseen in decades.

Notes of a Dirty Old Man

A collection of Charles Bukowski's columns for the underground LA newspaper OPEN, that epitomises his style of gritty realism.

'You Dirty Old Man!'

Wilfrid Brambell was one of Britain's most loved and complex character actors. As Albert Ladysmith Steptoe, the unscrupulous rag-and-bone man with questionable habits in Ray Galton and Alan Simpson's long-running Steptoe & Son, he quickly became a household name with co-star Harry H. Corbett. But despite scores of other successes in roles on stage, TV and film, Brambell died a sad and lonely man. Alongside fame and fortune, 'You Dirty Old Man!' reveals how Brambell suffered unbelievable personal heartache, battling an inner turmoil that eventually drove him to drink as his marriage collapsed in the most deceitful circumstances imaginable. His torment led to a secretive life off camera where he did everything possible to

stay out of the public eye. Featuring original interviews with film directors Richard Lester, Terence Davies and Tony Palmer, as well as recollections from his own family members, the family of Harry H. Corbett and those who worked alongside him, author David Clayton seeks to re-examine the legacy of a man whose loyal fanbase remains undiminished sixty years on from his heyday.

Dirty Old London

In Victorian London, filth was everywhere: horse traffic filled the streets with dung, household rubbish went uncollected, cesspools brimmed with \"night soil,\" graveyards teemed with rotting corpses, the air itself was choked with smoke. In this intimately visceral book, Lee Jackson guides us through the underbelly of the Victorian metropolis, introducing us to the men and women who struggled to stem a rising tide of pollution and dirt, and the forces that opposed them. Through thematic chapters, Jackson describes how Victorian reformers met with both triumph and disaster. Full of individual stories and overlooked details--from the dustmen who grew rich from recycling, to the peculiar history of the public toilet--this riveting book gives us a fresh insight into the minutiae of daily life and the wider challenges posed by the unprecedented growth of the Victorian capital.

No Country for Old Men

Savage violence and cruel morality reign in the backwater deserts of Cormac McCarthy's No Country for Old Men, a tale of one man's dark opportunity – and the darker consequences that spiral forth. Adapted for the screen by the Coen Brothers (Fargo, True Grit), winner of four Academy Awards (including Best Picture). 'A fast, powerful read, steeped with a deep sorrow about the moral degradation of the legendary American West' - Financial Times 1980. Llewelyn Moss, a Vietnam veteran, is hunting antelope near the Rio Grande when he stumbles upon a transaction gone horribly wrong. Finding bullet-ridden bodies, several kilos of heroin, and a caseload of cash, he faces a choice – leave the scene as he found it, or cut the money and run. Choosing the latter, he knows, will change everything. And so begins a terrifying chain of events, in which each participant seems determined to answer the question that one asks another: how does a man decide in what order to abandon his life? 'It's hard to think of a contemporary writer more worth reading' – Independent Part of the Picador Collection, a series showcasing the best of modern literature. Praise for Cormac McCarthy: 'McCarthy worked close to some religious impulse, his books were terrifying and absolute' – Anne Enright, author of The Green Road and The Wren, The Wren 'His prose takes on an almost biblical quality, hallucinatory in its effect and evangelical in its power' – Stephen King, author of The Shining and the Dark Tower series '[I]n presenting the darker human impulses in his rich prose, [McCarthy] showed readers the necessity of facing up to existence' - Annie Proulx, author of Brokeback Mountain

The Ghost King

Drizzt and his companions seek the help of the priest Cadderly, leading Drizzt to face his most powerful and elusive foe, the twisted Crenshinibon, the demonic Crystal Shard Drizzt believed had been destroyed years ago.

A Dirty Old Man Goes Bad

A Dirty Old Man Goes Bad, by John Cowart, records the humor and happiness of a frustrated writer. John's daily blog, Rabid Fun, bears the caption, A befuddled ordinary Christian looks for spiritual realities in day to day living. Sounds like a downer. Yet, over 104,000 readers from 102 countries visited his website in 2005. A Dirty Old Man Goes Bad reveals John's happy joys as well as his struggles with temptation over bitterness, resentment, pornography, Microsoft, depression, laziness, Google, Blogger, pettiness, sloth, Krispy Kreme Donuts, and anger. All in all, this is a real-time love story told day by day by a man who loves reality.

You Are a Dirty Old Man

Locked in the Arms of a Crazy Life is the acclaimed biography of Charles Bukowski, the hard-drinking barfly whose semi-autobiographical books about low-life America made him a cult figure across the globe.

Charles Bukowski

Charles Bukowski didn't write about high society or the life most people will never live; he wrote about the ordinary man--the ones you are more likely to see living next to you than glamorized on TV. He wrote what he knew and he wrote it well. Bukowski knew Los Angeles—women—the drudgery of work—and drinking...lots of drinking! This biography takes you inside the life and times of Bukowski, and helps you understand how he composed some of the greatest fiction and poetry of the past 50 years.

The Dirty Old Man Of American Literature

An orphan and thief, Hugo lives in the walls of a busy train station. He desperately believes a broken automaton will make his dreams come true. But when his world collides with an eccentric girl and a bitter old man, Hugo's undercover life are put in jeopardy. Turn the pages, follow the illustrations and enter an unforgettable new world!

The Invention of Hugo Cabret

WARNING: 5200+ WORD HARDCORE EROTICA - ADULTS ONLY Married older guy Al's finally decided to explore a side of him that he's been repressing for years with the help of Jerry, a young man he met online. But will he be able to go through with it - and will his wife find out? EXCERPT: "C'mon, Al. There's only one way for you to really know. Just try it once with me. If you don't like it, then fine, we'll forget the whole thing. It's entirely your choice, and what have you got to lose? Nobody else is going to find out. Well, unless you tell them..."

Dirty Old Man

The Molossus of Old Man Moyer Ex-con Jimmy Myer is transporting the dead body of a renowned psychic when his hearse veers into an encounter with the Molossus, a mythical beast that bestows unimaginable wealth to its new host at the cost of the old host's violent death. The dog's current host, the psychopathic billionaire Old Man Moyer, is desperate to dodge this deadly deal. What results is a strange world of enigmatic mediums, relentless detectives, and spectral spectators. As the story hurtles towards its chilling conclusion, the narrative compels readers to ask: What wordly fortune could be worth the promise of a violent death?

A Dirty Old Man Stumbles On_John Cowart's 2007 Diary

Wild, dangerous, and flat-out unbelievable, here is the incredible #1 bestselling memoir of the Canadian actor, gambler, and raconteur, and one of the greatest stand-up comedians of all time. A Globe and Mail Best Book of the Year As this book's title suggests, Norm Macdonald tells the story of his life—more or less—from his origins on a farm in the backwoods of Ontario and an epically disastrous appearance on Star Search to his account of auditioning for Lorne Michaels and his memorable run as the anchor of Weekend Update on Saturday Night Live—until he was fired because a corporate executive didn't think he was funny. But Based on a True Story is much more than just a memoir; it's the hilarious, inspired epic of Norm's life. In dispatches from a road trip to Las Vegas (part of a plan hatched to regain the fortune he'd lost to sports betting and other vices) with his sidekick and enabler, Adam Eget, Norm recounts the milestone moments, the regrets, the love affairs, the times fortune smiled on his life, and the times it refused to smile. As the clock ticks down, Norm's debt reaches record heights, and he must find a way to evade the hefty price that's been

placed on his head by one of the most dangerous loan sharks in the country. As a comedy legend should, Norm peppers these pages with classic jokes and long-mythologized Hollywood stories. This wildly adventurous, totally original, and absurdly funny saga turns the conventional "comic's memoir" on its head and gives the reader an exclusive pass inside the mad, glorious mind of Norm Macdonald.

The Molossus of Old Man Moyer: An Original Horror Novel

She was a misfit, but her parents loved her more than life itself. Could the physical tie between parents and children last beyond the grave? She was always getting herself into trouble. She was lucky to have her guardian angel watching over her. But she was shocked when she discovered who her angel was. It just couldn't be possible. When she fell into a coma did she just lay there trapped and unaware? Or was she capable of willing her spirit to visit friends and loved ones? Could she travel to another space in time and live another existence outside of her listless body? Demented Angels is a haunting novel of demons and angels plus many other spirits of the dark. It is not a bedtime story. It keeps your mind busy from beginning to end. A real page turner unlike anything you have ever read before.

A Dirty Old Man Sinks Lower_John Cowart's 2008 Diary

Strange, wondrous things happen in these two short stories, which are both the perfect introduction to Gabriel García Márquez, and a wonderful read for anyone who loves the magic and marvels of his novels. After days of rain, a couple find an old man with huge wings in their courtyard in 'A Very Old Man with Enormous Wings' - but is he an angel? Accompanying 'A Very Old Man with Enormous Wings' is the short story 'The Sea of Lost Time', in which a seaside town is brought back to life by a curious smell of roses.

The True History of a Little Ragamuffin

Tells a story about the strange relationship of two migrant workers who are able to realize their dreams of an easy life until one of them succumbs to his weakness for soft, helpless creatures and strangles a farmer's wife.

Based on a True Story

After years of physical and mental abuse, Jade thought her kindly foster mother would be the answer to her prayers. She was wrong ... this is her staggering true story.

Demented Angels

Writing this memoir has to be one of the hardest things I have ever achieved. Out of respect for the dead, this story has been told exactly how it happened. I was born in 1985 in Lancashire, England, to two alcoholic parents. Having selfish parents left me exposed to abuse, poverty and crime. My loving grandparents helped me the best they could at the weekends, but life was barely survivable. Spending most of my life on a rough estate, bad influence pulled me between good and evil. Falling in love during a life of hell, my heart filled like a balloon that carried me to a greater good. What you will read is no sweet lullaby. It will repulse and shock you. I fought with every ounce of strength to survive with betrayal and evil around every corner.

A Very Old Man with Enormous Wings

The truth behind the twisted crimes that inspired the films Psycho, The Texas Chain Saw Massacre, and The Silence of the Lambs... From "America's principal chronicler of its greatest psychopathic killers" (The Boston Book Review) comes the definitive account of Ed Gein, a mild-mannered Wisconsin farmhand who stunned an unsuspecting nation—and redefined the meaning of the word "psycho." The year was 1957. The place was an ordinary farmhouse in America's heartland, filled with extraordinary evidence of unthinkable

depravity. The man behind the massacre was a slight, unassuming Midwesterner with a strange smile—and even stranger attachment to his domineering mother. After her death and a failed attempt to dig up his mother's body from the local cemetery, Gein turned to other grave robberies and, ultimately, multiple murders. Driven to commit gruesome and bizarre acts beyond all imagining, Ed Gein remains one of the most deranged minds in the annals of American homicide. This is his story—recounted in fascinating and chilling detail by Harold Schechter, one of the most acclaimed true-crime storytellers of our time.

A Dirty Old Man Goes To The Dogs

\"An inspiring, heartfelt, tragi-comic memoir by an aristocratic Frenchman who was paralyzed in a paragliding accident and has to adjust to his new circumstances with the help of his unlikely caregiver-a hotheaded Algerian immigrant with troubles of his own. The basis of the hit French film \"Untouchables,\" coming to the US from the Weinstein Company in summer 2012\"--

Of Mice and Men

\"A dark and complex mystery that will consume you.\"—Julie Clark, New York Times bestselling author of The Last Flight They thought he was a helpless old man. They were wrong. When two teenagers break into a house on a remote lake in search of prescription drugs, what starts as a simple burglary turns into a nightmare for all involved. Emmett Burr has secrets he's been keeping in his basement for more than two decades, and he'll do anything to keep his past from being revealed. As he gets the upper hand on his tormentors, the lines blur between victim, abuser, and protector. Personal tragedy has sent former police officer Ben Packard back to the small Minnesota town of Sandy Lake in search of a fresh start. Now a sheriff's deputy, Packard is leading the investigation into the missing teens, motivated by a family connection. As clues dry up and time runs out to save them, Packard is forced to reveal his own secrets and dig deep to uncover the dark past of the place he now calls home. Unrelentingly suspenseful and written with a piercing gaze into the dark depths of the human soul, And There He Kept Her is a thrilling page-turner that introduces readers to a complicated new hero and forces us to consider the true nature of evil. Follow Acting Deputy Sheriff Ben Packard back into Minnesota's North Country August 15th with Where the Dead Sleep.

The Bad Room: Held Captive and Abused by My Evil Carer. A True Story of Survival.

Flemming Flinders, a dapper greengrocer more often engrossed in a book than attuned to his turnips, dreams of adventure, fame, and fortune. When the wide-eyed Mr. Flinders finally sets out with high hopes, he finds himself living one of his fairy tales. But everyone he encounters the wart-nosed Drukamella, the beautiful young Ingaborg, and the talking crow with his nemesis, Signor Monteverdi is surely not. In Cobweb Castle, author Jan Wahl and illustrator Edward Gorey whisk readers along to watch Flemming bumble through the brambles of reality, illustrating the extent to which our imaginations can take us. Wahl's prose keeps readers privy as the adventure becomes more frenetic, but the fantasy ends nearly as it started with a swift bonk on the head. Fleming returns to his shop, dreaming.

My So Called Mum

I have nothing against snakes, provided that they're hundreds of miles away from me. And I have nothing against my dad, given the same set of conditions. In a fit of questionable judgment, consummate indoorsman John Sellers tags along on a journey to search for snakes with his eccentric, aging father—an obsessive fan of Bob Dylan, a giver of terrible gifts, a drinker of boxed wine, a minister- turned-heretic, and, most importantly, the self-designated guardian of the threatened copperbelly water snake. The quest is their fumbling attempt to reconnect. Decades of bitterness, substance abuse, acrimonious divorce, and divergent opinions about personal hygiene have conspired to make the two estranged. Sellers has just begun to develop a new appreciation for the American wilderness, and all the slithering creatures that populate it, when his father's deteriorating health thwarts their mission and disturbs their tentative peace. Determined to finish

what they started, he ventures back into the swamp— alone, but more connected to his dad than ever. With big-hearted humor and irreverence, The Old Man and the Swamp tells the story of a father who always lived on his own terms and the son who struggled to make sense of it all.

Deviant

Mr. Searcy feels that anyone can acomplish what he did and obtain wealth. This book is about a man kids made fun of because he didnt do good in school but, without doing anything immoral or, illegal, showed if one has the desire and is willing to pay the price, almost anyone can do what he did, all without a college degree.

A Second Wind

On 2 January 2013, just a day before Jim Davidson was due to enter the Celebrity Big Brother house, he found himself behind far more serious locked doors when he was arrested by the Yewtree detectives over alleged sex offences. Twelve months later, the public voted to crown Jim Davidson as the winner of the latest series of Celebrity Big Brother. Finally, with all charges dropped and no further action being taken - and with the public offering him their staunch support - Jim can finally look back on his year from hell. Facing a series of damaging false allegations, Jim was forced to fight, not just for his reputation and his career, but for his freedom too. Mounting legal costs and a deepening sense of injustice saw Jim sink to the lowest point of his career as the Yewtree investigation threatened to ruin him both financially and emotionally. Finally, after months of pain came the words he and his supporters had been waiting to hear: 'No Further Action'. Now, with the public's approval, Jim reflects on this painful period with the regular dose of wit and humour that have made him so successful. Searingly honest, No Further Action pays tribute to those who stood by him and takes a wry look at what life is like under investigation in the public eye.

And There He Kept Her

WINNER OF THE ORWELL PRIZE FOR POLITICAL WRITING 2019 A BARACK OBAMA BEST BOOK OF 2019 SHORTLISTED FOR THE NATIONAL BOOK AWARD FOR NONFICTION 2019 TIME's #1 Best Nonfiction Book of 2019 A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER 'A must read' Gillian Flynn

Cobweb Castle

Now a major motion picture A Man Called Otto starring Tom Hanks! #1 New York Times bestseller—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).

The Old Man and the Swamp

With his stunning debut novel, She's Come Undone, Wally Lamb won the adulation of critics and readers

with his mesmerizing tale of one woman's painful yet triumphant journey of self-discovery. Now, this brilliantly talented writer returns with I Know This Much Is True, a heartbreaking and poignant multigenerational saga of the reproductive bonds of destruction and the powerful force of forgiveness. A masterpiece that breathtakingly tells a story of alienation and connection, power and abuse, devastation and renewal--this novel is a contemporary retelling of an ancient Hindu myth. A proud king must confront his demons to achieve salvation. Change yourself, the myth instructs, and you will inhabit a renovated world. When you're the same brother of a schizophrenic identical twin, the tricky thing about saving yourself is the blood it leaves on your bands--the little inconvenience of the look-alike corpse at your feet. And if you're into both survival of the fittest and being your brother's keeper--if you've promised your dying mother--then say so long to sleep and hello to the middle of the night. Grab a book or a beer. Get used to Letterman's gaptoothed smile of the absurd, or the view of the bedroom ceiling, or the influence of random selection. Take it from a godless insomniac. Take it from the uncrazy twin--the guy who beat the biochemical rap. Dominick Birdsey's entire life has been compromised and constricted by anger and fear, by the paranoid schizophrenic twin brother he both deeply loves and resents, and by the past they shared with their adoptive father, Ray, a spit-and-polish ex-Navy man (the five-foot-six-inch sleeping giant who snoozed upstairs weekdays in the spare room and built submarines at night), and their long-suffering mother, Concettina, a timid woman with a harelip that made her shy and self-conscious: She holds a loose fist to her face to cover her defective mouthher perpetual apology to the world for a birth defect over which she'd had no control. Born in the waning moments of 1949 and the opening minutes of 1950, the twins are physical mirror images who grow into separate yet connected entities: the seemingly strong and protective yet fearful Dominick, his mother's watchful \"monkey\"; and the seemingly weak and sweet yet noble Thomas, his mother's gentle \"bunny.\" From childhood, Dominick fights for both separation and wholeness--and ultimately self-protection--in a house of fear dominated by Ray, a bully who abuses his power over these stepsons whose biological father is a mystery. I was still afraid of his anger but saw how he punished weakness--pounced on it. Out of selfpreservation I hid my fear, Dominick confesses. As for Thomas, he just never knew how to play defense. He just didn't get it. But Dominick's talent for survival comes at an enormous cost, including the breakup of his marriage to the warm, beautiful Dessa, whom he still loves. And it will be put to the ultimate test when Thomas, a Bible-spouting zealot, commits an unthinkable act that threatens the tenuous balance of both his and Dominick's lives. To save himself, Dominick must confront not only the pain of his past but the dark secrets he has locked deep within himself, and the sins of his ancestors--a quest that will lead him beyond the confines of his blue-collar New England town to the volcanic foothills of Sicily 's Mount Etna, where his ambitious and vengefully proud grandfather and a namesake Domenico Tempesta, the sostegno del famiglia, was born. Each of the stories Ma told us about Papa reinforced the message that he was the boss, that he ruled the roost, that what he said went. Searching for answers, Dominick turns to the whispers of the dead, to the pages of his grandfather's handwritten memoir, The History of Domenico Onofrio Tempesta, a Great Man from Humble Beginnings. Rendered with touches of magic realism, Domenico's fablelike tale--in which monkeys enchant and religious statues weep--becomes the old man's confession--an unwitting legacy of contrition that reveals the truth's of Domenico's life, Dominick learns that power, wrongly used, defeats the oppressor as well as the oppressed, and now, picking through the humble shards of his deconstructed life, he will search for the courage and love to forgive, to expiate his and his ancestors' transgressions, and finally to rebuild himself beyond the haunted shadow of his twin. Set against the vivid panoply of twentieth-century America and filled with richly drawn, memorable characters, this deeply moving and thoroughly satisfying novel brings to light humanity's deepest needs and fears, our aloneness, our desire for love and acceptance, our struggle to survive at all costs. Joyous, mystical, and exquisitely written, I Know This Much Is True is an extraordinary reading experience that will leave no reader untouched.

From Bankruptsy To A Millionaire - Twice: A True Story

This honest and open autobiography is the true story of a young woman trapped in a relationship that was violent and abusive. Coercive control drove her to the depths of despair. Stacey Jameson had a lack of self-esteem derived from her early child hood. Growing up and dealing with her parent's divorce, she felt nothing more than an inconvenience to her depressive mother. With severe feelings of inadequacy, she was desperate

to be loved and feel that she belonged. When she was a teenager, she met a boy Leon, and fell in love. She had never felt so happy. They both had one common denominator they were both bought up in volatile homes, this was the foundation for a turbulent and destructive relationship. Stacey was welcomed with open arms into the wings of Leon's twisted family, naive and impressionable she finally felt secure and loved. Stacey's childhood had made her timid and compliant. Leon's childhood had made him controlling and narcissistic. Gradually Stacey found herself in an unhappy relationship where her partner thrived on being abusive, yet she still loved him. She was coercively controlled into doing things that just were not part of her character. She was so manipulated she believed she did not deserve any better. So often people look on with judgement at others who are in an abusive relationship, and say \"Why don't they just leave?.\" Stacey's story describes her journey as to why it's just not so simple to do that. Stacey's story is one of millions of stories, of people who find themselves caught up in a destructive relationship that they just cannot find a way out of.

No Further Action - The True Story Of The Craziest Year Of My Life

This is me, this is my story of abuse in the home and how the trauma has impacted my young and adult life. It may not always be easy reading but I believe that, in the end, it is a story about healing and hope. I write about the most intense and horrendous part of my recovery from the many years of sexual and violent abuse I suffered in my childhood, from two family members. For many years I could not look at, or even acknowledge those buried memories, choosing instead to soothe myself with food, alcohol, drugs etc. When I could no longer ignore my trauma and began to feel its full effect, I wanted to take my own life. I wrote the book for my two sons as at this time. I realised if I did not survive they would never know the true story behind my ending. I wanted to acknowledge that just because I am now a specialist worker in Domestic Abuse I have not been immune to living with the trauma of the past, I am also human like any other woman and have a story like many victims of violence. Recovery is not forgetting it happened or shutting it out, it is being brave, being vulnerable and being heard. I hope my story will encourage others to believe that we can heal, we can find our voice. I am the living proof that you can. I hope this book will resonate with other survivors or family member's who have been directly or indirectly impacted by abuse. You are the expert on your own life no one else.Be kind x

Say Nothing: A True Story Of Murder and Memory In Northern Ireland

\"Extraordinary . . . A modern classic.\"—Los Angeles Times \"Remarkable . . . A highly original and eloquent story.\"—Boston Globe \"The effect is haunting . . . bitter and beautiful.\"—New York Times Set in an impoverished Greece at the cruel time of the German occupation during WWII, When the Tree Sings is a boy's eye view of war's terrible ways. The young narrator's parents are dead, his paternal home destroyed; he lives with his aged grandmother. With barely enough to survive on, they struggle to avoid death—and we, the readers, are given the life of the village, filled with its vivid characters: Flisvos, the narrator's one-eyed playmate; Lekas the Informer; Uncle Iasson, who is in love with Lekas's red-haired mistress; Dando, who dies of fright; a mysterious figure known as the puppeteer. Mundane horrors mix with terrible cruelty and occasional, hysterical, levity. Our starving narrator is offered a chestnut from the soldiers' fire—if he can hold it hot from the coals in his bare hand; a motorcycle engine runs to disguise the sounds of prisoners being tortured; an explosion kills all the fish in the bay and they wash up soaked in kerosene and inedible; the boys spend an afternoon plotting how to hang Grandmother's only drawers from the enemy flagpole; a kitten named November is trained to fly in a basket tied to a paper kite. The wonder of this novel is how engaging the world is to the boy and, so, to readers who accompany him through the pages of this "modern classic." (Los Angeles Times).

A Man Called Ove

When Jim Botticelli launched the Dirty Old Boston Facebook page as a salute to the gritty city of his past, he unwittingly galvanized thousands of people who were also nostalgic for and curious about this crucial time in the city's development. Now captured in a rich and compelling collection, Dirty Old Boston chronicles the

people, streets, and buildings from the postwar years to 1987, when a new wave of transformation began. Along with the ball games and dive bars, the four decades covered in this book document some of the city's most dramatic changes and tumultuous events--wholesale razing of neighborhoods, Boston's busing crisis, and the continual fight for affordable housing. Photographs are drawn from family albums, student photography projects, institutional archives, and professional collections, revealing a view of Boston shot from the street. What emerges is a narrative of a city tearing down and rebuilding, protesting and celebrating, fading and thriving. Illuminating Boston's singular tenacity and spirit, Dirty Old Boston presents her proud moments and doesn't shy away from her growing pains. Dirty Old Boston recalls the city as it used to be, the challenges it faced, the maddening traffic and outlandish politics, the simple pleasures of block parties and parades, and those neighborhood haunts where people found camaraderie amidst it all. Raw and beautiful, this book is a tribute to a city and its people.

I Know This Much Is True

The bewitching tenth-anniversary edition of the classic children's novel Coraline by Neil Gaiman, featuring spellbinding illustrations from Chris Riddell and an exclusive new introduction by the author 'I was enthralled' - Philip Pullman There is something strange about Coraline's new home. It's not the mist, or the cat that always seems to be watching her, nor the signs of danger that Miss Spink and Miss Forcible, her new neighbours, read in the tea leaves. It's the other house – the one behind the old door in the drawing room. Another mother and father with black-button eyes and papery skin are waiting for Coraline to join them there. And they want her to stay with them. For ever. She knows that if she ventures through that door, she may never come back. This deliciously creepy, gripping novel is packed with glorious illustrations by Chris Riddell, and is guaranteed to delight and entrance readers of all ages.

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