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## **Molly's Game: The Riveting Book that Inspired the Aaron Sorkin Film**

A tale of outsized egos, appetites, and ambitions, this completely true, heart-stopping story tells of one man, 20 million dollars, and the most expensive game of poker ever played.

## **The Professor, the Banker, and the Suicide King**

Wall Street is where poker and modern finance?and the theory behind these \"games\"?clash head on. In both worlds, real risk means real money is made or lost in a heart beat, and neither camp is always rational with the risk it takes. As a result, business and financial professionals who want to use poker insights to improve their job performance will find this entertaining book a \"must read.\" So will poker players searching for an edge in applying the insights of risk-takers on Wall Street.

## **The Poker Face of Wall Street**

**\*\*This novel is included in a 4-book collection titled BAD BOYS AND BILLIONAIRES by Kendra Little. You can get all 4 books for a lower price by purchasing the collection.\*\*** Music industry agent Annie McCallum has a week to learn how to be wild or lose the hot young music artist and the last chance to save her father's agency. The problem is, Annie has always been a nerd who thinks high heels are a weapon invented to make even bigger fools of stumbling idiots like herself. To achieve the unachievable, her boss enlists the help of a man who owes him a favor, Zack DiMarco, a billionaire with a mysterious past and melt

in your mouth chocolate eyes. Soon, Zack is teaching Annie to dress in leather, cruise the streets on his motorbike, drink beer with alarming results and flirt like an LA starlet. Despite their rough start, Annie is soon falling in love with him, a man so far out of her league it's not funny. Much to his horror, Zack is strongly attracted to the real Annie, a girl who could get him to give up his bachelor ways and steal his heart. A heart that he wants to keep untouched after learning the hard way what love can do to a man. This funny, sexy billionaire romance will make you smile.

## **Billionaire Bad Boy**

“Right out of the gate, the entire game was designed to empty the pockets of those rich, celeb-loving LA suckers.”—Houston Curtis Leonardo DiCaprio. Alex Rodriguez. Tobey Maguire. Ben Affleck. Matt Damon. John Cassavetes. What do these people have in common? Not just fame and fortune; all these men are also alumni of the ultra-exclusive, high-stakes poker ring that inspired Aaron Sorkin’s Oscar-nominated film, *Molly’s Game*. But Houston Curtis, the card shark who co-founded the game with Tobey Maguire, knows that Sorkin’s is the whitewashed version. In *Billion Dollar Hollywood Heist*, Curtis goes all-in, revealing the true story behind the game. From its origins with Maguire to staking DiCaprio’s first game, installing Molly Bloom, avoiding the hookers and blow down the hall, and weathering the FBI investigation that left Curtis with a lien on his house, this is the no-holds-barred account of the world’s most exclusive Texas Hold ’Em game from the man who started it—with all the names and salacious details that *Molly’s Game* left out. With the insider appeal of *Rounders*, more A-listers than *Ocean’s 11*, and the excitement of *The Sting*, *Billion Dollar Hollywood Heist* is the untold, insider’s story that makes *Molly’s Game* look tame.

## **Billion Dollar Hollywood Heist**

Money doesn’t solve all problems. Even when you have a billion dollars. A surprise invitation. A shocking announcement. And Kelsey North’s life will never be the same. While dealing with the pain of her best friend dropping out of Darrow Law School, and struggling through law school exams, Kelsey finds herself swept into the complex world of billionaires Tyler Olsen and Ryan Perkins. Will Kelsey be able to maintain her small town values, or will she be seduced by the Billionaire Boys Club?

## **Surrender to the Billionaire Boys Club**

An “enormously entertaining” portrait of “a Bronx Tom Sawyer” (San Francisco Chronicle), *City Boy* is a sharp and moving novel of boyhood from Pulitzer Prize winner Herman Wouk. A hilarious and often touching tale of an urban kid’s adventures and misadventures on the street, in school, in the countryside, always in pursuit of Lucille, a heartless redhead personifying all the girls who torment and fascinate pubescent lads of eleven.

## **City Boy**

Named a Best Book of 2018 by the Financial Times and Fortune, this “thrilling” (Bill Gates) New York Times bestseller exposes how a “modern Gatsby” swindled over \$5 billion with the aid of Goldman Sachs in “the heist of the century” (Axios). Now a #1 international bestseller, *Billion Dollar Whale* is “an epic tale of white-collar crime on a global scale” (Publishers Weekly), revealing how a young social climber from Malaysia pulled off one of the biggest heists in history. In 2009, a chubby, mild-mannered graduate of the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School of Business named Jho Low set in motion a fraud of unprecedented gall and magnitude—one that would come to symbolize the next great threat to the global financial system. Over a decade, Low, with the aid of Goldman Sachs and others, siphoned billions of dollars from an investment fund—right under the nose of global financial industry watchdogs. Low used the money to finance elections, purchase luxury real estate, throw champagne-drenched parties, and even to finance Hollywood films like *The Wolf of Wall Street*. By early 2019, with his yacht and private jet reportedly seized by authorities and facing criminal charges in Malaysia and in the United States, Low had become an

international fugitive, even as the U.S. Department of Justice continued its investigation. Billion Dollar Whale has joined the ranks of Liar's Poker, Den of Thieves, and Bad Blood as a classic harrowing parable of hubris and greed in the financial world.

## **Billion Dollar Whale**

Provides information on common poker tells and gives a mental framework for analyzing and remembering that behavior.

## **Reading Poker Tells**

Milly-Molly-Mandy lives in a tiny village in the heart of the countryside, where life is full of everyday adventures! Join the little girl in the candy-striped dress as she goes excavating with Billy Blunt, learns to ride a horse and cooks her very own toffee – whatever Milly-Molly-Mandy and her friends are up to, you're sure to have fun when they're around. Milly-Molly-Mandy and Billy Blunt contains seven short stories that are wonderful to read aloud and are the perfect way to introduce younger readers to the enduringly popular heroine, not forgetting her friends little-friend-Susan and Billy Blunt! This sixth and final book in Joyce Lankester Brisley's Milly-Molly-Mandy series, which have charmed generations of children since their first publication in 1928, brings the characters to life with the authors original, iconic black and white illustrations.

## **Milly-Molly-Mandy and Billy Blunt**

Self-made billionaires Zane and Trey have been a club of two since they were eighteen. They've done everything together: play football, fall in love, even get smacked around by their dads. The only thing they haven't tried is seducing the same woman. When they set their sights on sexy chef Rebecca, these bad boys meet their match! Nice Things People Say About Emma's books "Amazing . . . red-hot to the wall."—The Best Reviews "Pure genius!"—NYT bestseller Jacquelyn Frank "[Emma] takes equal parts humor, hot sex and deep emotions and rolls it all together."—Joyfully Reviewed

## **The Billionaire Bad Boys Club**

"Previously published as: Arms and the dudes."

## **War Dogs**

"A former hedge-fund trader presents a memoir about coming of age on Wall Street, his obsessive pursuit of money, his disillusionment and the radical new way he has come to define success, "--NoveList

## **For the Love of Money**

Bernard Baruch was a self-made millionaire, legendary stock trader, and venture investor. For most of the first half of the 20th century, he epitomized the "good side" of Wall Street in the public mind. Celebrated as "Adviser to Presidents" and "The Park Bench Statesman," he also became known as "The Man Who Sold out before the Crash." James Grant's much praised biography draws on a wealth of previously untapped material.

## **Bernard Baruch**

As the founder and head of Atlantic Records, Ahmet Ertegun signed and/or recorded many of the greatest musical artists of all time, from Ray Charles to Kid Rock. Working alongside his older brother, Nesuhi, one

of the preeminent jazz producers of all time, and the legendary Jerry Wexler, Ertegun transformed Atlantic Records from a small independent record label into a hugely profitable multinational corporation. In successive generations, he also served as a mentor to record-business tyros like Phil Spector, David Geffen, and Lyor Cohen. Brilliant, cultured, and irreverent, Ertegun was as renowned for his incredible sense of personal style and nonstop A-list social life as his work in the studio. Blessed with impeccable taste and brilliant business acumen, he brought rock 'n roll into the mainstream while creating the music that became the sound track for the lives of multiple generations.--From publisher description.

## **The Great Game**

Much has been written about John Gotti. But for the first time ever, Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative journalist and acclaimed author Anthony M. DeStefano brings readers unprecedented access to the stone cold murderers who worked for Gotti, killed for Gotti, and made him the most powerful and deadly crime boss in America... Meet the men who murdered for the mob—and made John Gotti the most powerful and deadly crime boss in America. In his bloody reign as the head of the Gambino crime family, John Gotti wracked up a lifetime of charges from gambling, extortion, and tax evasion to racketeering, conspiracy, and five convictions of murder. He didn't do it alone. Surrounding himself with a rogues gallery of contract killers, fixers, and enforcers, he built one of the richest, most powerful and violent crime empires in modern history. Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Anthony M. DeStefano takes you inside Gotti's inner circle to reveal the dark hearts and murderous deeds of the most remorseless and cold-blooded characters in organized crime. Men so vicious even the other Mafia families were terrified of them. Meet Gotti's Boys... Charles Carneglia: the ruthless junkyard dog who allegedly disposed of bodies for the mob—by dissolving them in acid then displaying their jewels. Gene Gotti: the younger Gotti brother who ran a multimillion-dollar drug smuggling ring—enraging his bosses in the Gambino family. Angelo “Quack-Quack” Ruggiero: the loose-lipped contract killer who was wire-tapped by the FBI—and dared to insult Gotti behind his back. Tony “Roach” Rampino: the hardcore stoner who looked like a cockroach—and used his gangly arms and horror-mask face to frighten his enemies. “Sammy the Bull” Gravano: the Gambino underboss who helped John Gotti execute Gambino mob boss Paul Castellano—then sang like a canary to take Gotti down. Rounding out this nefarious group were the likes of Frank DeCicco, Vincent Artuso, and Joe “The German” Watts, a man who wasn't a Mafiosi but had all of the power and prestige of one in John Gotti's slaughterhouse crew. Gotti's Boys is a killer line-up of the crime-hardened mob soldiers who killed at their ruthless leader's merciless bidding—brought to vivid life by the prize-winning chronicler of the American mob.

## **The Last Sultan**

The Juice Lady, Cherie Calbom, provides all of her most popular recipes for juicing, smoothies, shakes, soups, and sauces, in one complete volume.

## **Gotti's Boys**

9.30am on 22 January 1993. The moment in crime history that one of Britain's most audacious thefts ever took place and the legend of 'Fast Eddie' was created. This is the story of how Securicor guard Eddie Maher managed to pull off a £1.2 million heist, fled the country despite every port being closed, spawned an international manhunt, and managed to evade capture for 20 years. As Britain's Most Wanted Man, he led 30 detectives, FBI and Interpol on a wild goose chase across the USA. Dubbed 'Fast Eddie' by the press, he was always one step ahead and after two decades on the run with his family using a series of of aliases and identities, Eddie began to think he'd committed the perfect crime until a cruel and dramatic betrayal proved otherwise... Like a Hollywood movie script and told in full for the first time, Fast Eddie is the compelling story of how an ordinary British man became America's most notorious fugitive.

## **The Juice Lady's Big Book of Juices and Green Smoothies**

"The creators of Brains On!, the award-winning science podcast for kids, take readers on a journey through Earth—from the core to the outer atmosphere, and everywhere in between"--

## **Fast Eddie**

In 1940, at the French port of Dunkirk, more than 300,000 trapped Allied troops were dramatically rescued from destruction at the hands of Nazi Germany by an extraordinary seaborne evacuation. The true history of the soldiers, sailors, airmen and civilians involved in the nine-day skirmish has passed into legend. Now, in this gift edition, the story Winston Churchill described as a 'miracle' is narrated by bestselling author Joshua Levine in its full, sweeping context, including new interviews with veterans and survivors.

## **Poker Brat**

The creators of the award-winning science podcast for kids, Brains On!, present a humorous, highly illustrated, fact- and fun-filled look at life on Earth— from deep sea creatures and carnivorous plants to the human body and stinky bacteria. Perfect for STEM collections! Did you ever wonder why jellyfish sting? Or if trees communicate with each other? How about why you can't tickle yourself? Well hold on to your noggin, because you're about to find out! Join the creators of the award-winning science podcast Brains On! as they explore the uber-awesome and sometimes gross world of biology—aka the study of living things. Inside these pages, you'll meet animals with superpowers, plants that eat meat, brains that trick you, and tiny microbes that live, well . . . all over you! Packed with mind-boggling facts and laugh-out-loud jokes, this book promises a brain-bending, jaw-dropping, belly-laughing good time as readers watch the world around them come ALIVE.

## **Brains On! Presents... Road Trip Earth**

Marking the debut of a gifted new writer, *The Bookmaker* teems with humanity, empathy, humor, and insight. At the heart of Michael J. Agovino's powerful, layered memoir is his family's struggle for success in 1970s, '80s, and '90s New York City—and his father's gambling, which brought them to exhilarating highs and crushing lows. He vividly brings to life the Bronx, a place of texture and nuance, of resignation but also of triumph. The son of a buttoned-up union man who moonlighted as a gentleman bookmaker and gambler, Agovino grew up in the Bronx's Co-op City, the largest and most ambitious state-sponsored housing development in U.S. history. When it opened, it landed on the front page of *The New York Times* and in *Time* magazine, which described it as "relentlessly ugly." Agovino's Italian American father was determined not to let his modest income and lack of a college education define him, and was dogged in his pursuit of the finer things in life. When the point spreads were on his side, he brought his family to places he only dreamed about in his favorite books and films: the Uffizi, the Tate, the Rijksmuseum; St. Peter's, Chartres, Teotihuacán. With bad luck came shouting matches, unpaid bills, and eviction notices. *The Bookmaker* is both a bold, loving portrait of a family and their metropolis and an intimate look into some of the most turbulent decades of New York City. In elegant and soaring prose, it transcends the personal to illuminate the ways in which class distinctions shaped America in the last half of the twentieth century.

## **Dunkirk**

*Cowboys Full* traces the story of poker from its roots in China, until Americans took what was a French parlour game and turned it into a national craze by the time of the American Civil War. Poker has been inextricably linked with American history ever since. It has been played by numerous presidents (Richard Nixon financed his first campaign office through his poker winnings) and has been used as a political tool to explain policy, for networking and to negotiate treaties. Poker echoes how we conduct wars and do business: cheating and bluffing, leveraging uncertainty, managing risk and reward. In the past poker was thought to be a cheater's game but it has since become a mostly honest contest of cunning, mathematics and luck. It is the world's, and cyberspace's, most popular card game and has had an immense impact on popular culture -

McManus explores its portrayal in novels, movies and plays. Combining colourful history with the author's own personal experience of the professional tour Cowboys Full introduces the reader to all the major forms of poker, the game's most notorious players and demonstrates how poker has informed military, diplomatic and business life for centuries.

## **Brains On! Presents...It's Alive**

Helen of Troy: From Homer to Hollywood is a comprehensive literary biography of Helen of Troy, which explores the ways in which her story has been told and retold in almost every century from the ancient world to the modern day. Takes readers on an epic voyage into the literary representations of a woman who has wielded a great influence on Western cultural consciousness for more than three millennia Features a wide and diverse variety of literary sources, including epic, drama, novels, poems, film, comedy, and opera, and works by Homer, Euripides, Chaucer, Shakespeare Includes an analysis of a radio play by the prize-winning author of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* and a Faust play by a contemporary Scottish playwright Explores themes such as narrative difficulties in portraying Helen, how legal history relates to her story, and how writers apportion blame or exculpate her Considers the aesthetic and narrative difficulties that ensue when literature translates myth

## **The Bookmaker**

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## **Cowboys Full**

Bernard M. Baruch - one of the most remarkable men of our time - was an office boy at nineteen, a Wall Street partner at twenty-five, and a millionaire before he was thirty-five. For some men this success would mark the climax of a career; for Baruch it was only the beginning of a still greater one. In the fifty years since he made his first fortune, Bernard Baruch has been a trusted counselor of Presidents, an adviser on social and economic reforms, a statesman who has worked with two political parties and won the respect of both. In this, the first volume of his memoirs, Mr. Baruch analyzes his personal philosophy and shows how it helped him solve the many problems that confronted him in his public life as chairman of the War Industries Board during World War I and as United States representative on the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission. Informal yet penetrating, intimate yet never losing sight of major events and issues, *BARUCH: My Own Story* is infused with the remarkable personality of a truly distinguished American.

## **Helen of Troy**

Poker is a game of table position, flop texture, players in a hand, personalities, and so much more. This book teaches you how to identify and analyze those variables, become a great strategist, and have confidence in any poker situation. *Decide to Play Great Poker* is written by Annie Duke, the world's most renowned woman poker player, with John Vorhaus, himself a winning poker player and prolific author.

## **Troy**

Tells the dramatic life-and-death tale of the Vermont native who, in April of 2008, was held captive on a tiny lifeboat off Somalia's anarchic, gun-plagued shores

## **Baruch My Own Story**

An Inside View into the Dark Side of a Music Icon He was the King of Pop, a superstar without equal, the idol of millions of young people around the world. But was Michael Jackson also a sexual predator without equal, someone who preyed on the very fans who adored him? *Bad* is the revelatory untold true story of the strange and larger-than-life career of Michael Jackson, the King of Pop. In the wake of the controversial two-part documentary *Leaving Neverland*, which told the stories of two young boys who were befriended by the singer and have claimed they suffered years of agonizing abuse, Dylan Howard set out to investigate Jackson's life and death in unprecedented depth, to determine—as one lawyer suggested—that the pop star ran “the most sophisticated child sexual abuse procurement and facilitation operation the world has known.” After all the highly publicized trials and unfounded accusations, stunning new information has finally come to light: irrefutable evidence that one of the best-known, best-loved figures in the world was a monster behind closed doors—a foul-mouthed, abusive, drug-sodden freak whose deeds and the reasons for those deeds are revealed now for the first time. A dramatic narrative account based on dozens of interviews, Howard shares Jackson's own riveting personal journal—obtained exclusively for this book—interviews with family members, multiple first-person sources—some of whom have asked to remain anonymous—as well as thousands of pages of court documents. What he uncovers is a man who was both naive and Machiavellian, unorthodox, a devoted father, shrewd businessman, and drug addict whose life was cut short but whose sound and style have influenced artists of various genres and generations. Remarkably though, in death, there remains two portraits of Michael Jackson: the reigning King of Pop, and a pedophile whose pattern of abuse ruined his reputation. Fans and individuals alike will forever be asking if the insidious claims being made about MJ are true. This is the new narrative and the sad legacy of one of the best-selling music artists of all time. Here is his life story, told for the first time with stories and testimony that will leave you shaken.

## **Decide to Play Great Poker**

The tumultuous rags to riches, fame to fortune, dream to nightmare autobiography of the most volatile and colorful poker player in the world, fan and media favorite Mike “The Mouth” Matusow. This book has it all: drugs, sex, partying like a rock star, jail, suicidal depression, bipolar bouts and world championship poker. Mike “The Mouth” Matusow, one of the top professional poker players in the world (with over \$6 million in tournament earnings) has become more than just a household name. He's a favorite among the millions of television viewers who have come to count on his outrageously candid comments, emotional outbursts, and constant taunts that affirm the aptness of his nickname and make for great television theatre. A rags-to-riches success story, Matusow's life has been as much nightmare as it has been dream. His struggle with undiagnosed bipolar and ADHD disorders led to self-medication with illegal drugs, such as crystal meth and ecstasy, and a tumultuous descent in the drug-fueled Las Vegas club scene. As drug use turned to drug abuse, Matusow's descent, taking his multi-million dollar bankroll along, went on the downward spiral that led to an arrest for a narcotics buy and the specter of a ten-year prison term (subsequently plea bargained down to a six month jail sentence). The Mouth's story is a high stakes rollercoaster ride featuring an insider's view of some of the world's largest poker tournaments, unbearable depression and suicidal tendencies, the Las Vegas party scene, rock star-like excess, outrageous antics, drug abuse, jail, and, in many ways, salvation. And through the worst of it, Matusow's phenomenal talent and tenacity prevailed; there was never a year that Mike failed to make a final table in a World Series of Poker event. This memoir is funny, outspoken and brash, while humbly and painfully honest about the highs and lows of poker, life, and the odyssey of overcoming psychological illness in a bastion of pressure and temptation. There is also a foreword by Phil Hellmuth, 11-time World Series of Poker bracelet holder.



## A Captain's Duty

A magnet for bullies at school, Jon Finkel grew up heckled and hazed until he discovered the trading-card game Magic: The Gathering. As Magic exploded from nerdy obsession into the mainstream, the teenage Finkel emerged as its first world champion. The young shark - now known to his friends and rivals as Jonny Magic - moved on to storm poker rooms, from the underground clubs of New York City to high-stakes tables online, until he landed on the largest card counting blackjack team in the country, taking Vegas for millions and becoming one of the biggest players in town. Finally, they took on the biggest game of all - the World Series of Poker...

## Bad

"Arriving fifty years after Ebert published his first film review in 1967, this second edition of *Awake in the Dark* collects Ebert's essential writings. Featuring new Top Ten Lists and reviews of the years' finest films through 2012, this edition allows both fans and film buffs to bask in the best of an extraordinary lifetime's work."--Provided by publisher.

## Mike Matusow: Check-Raising the Devil

Rough sex, black magic, murder, and the science-and eros-of gambling meet in the ultimate book about Las Vegas James McManus was sent to Las Vegas by Harper's to cover the World Series of Poker in 2000, especially the mushrooming progress of women in the \$23 million event, and the murder of Ted Binion, the tournament's prodigal host, purportedly done in by a stripper and her boyfriend with a technique so outré it took a Manhattan pathologist to identify it. Whether a jury would convict the attractive young couple was another story altogether. McManus risks his entire Harper's advance in a long-shot attempt to play in the tournament himself. Only with actual table experience, he tells his skeptical wife, can he capture the hair-raising brand of poker that determines the world champion. The heart of the book is his deliciously suspenseful account of the tournament itself-the players, the hand-to-hand combat, and his own unlikely progress in it. Written in the tradition of *The Gambler* and *The Biggest Game in Town*, *Positively Fifth Street* is a high-stakes adventure, a penetrating study of America's card game, and a terrifying but often hilarious account of one man's effort to understand what Edward O. Wilson has called "Pleistocene exigencies"-the eros and logistics of our primary competitive instincts.

## Jonny Magic and the Card Shark Kids

Awake in the Dark

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