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BOOK OF THE MONTH:

DIVERGENT LIVES OF NO CONSEQUENCE: SHORT STORIES

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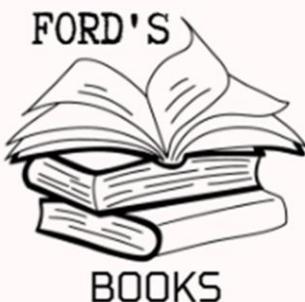
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BOOK OF THE MONTH: Divergent Lives of No Consequence: Short Stories By Juan J Aleman II

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Divergent Lives of No Consequence: Short Stories



By Juan J Alemán II

BOOK REVIEW: THE BOOK OF (HOLIDAY) AWESOME BY NEIL PASRICHA

BRING A SMILE TO YOUR HOLIDAY SEASON WITH NEIL PASRICHA'S *THE BOOK OF (HOLIDAY) AWESOME*. PART OF HIS BELOVED "AWESOME" SERIES, THIS BOOK CELEBRATES THE SMALL, FUNNY, AND HEARTWARMING MOMENTS THAT MAKE HOLIDAYS SPECIAL. FROM THANKSGIVING DINNERS TO CHRISTMAS, HANUKKAH, AND KWANZAA, PASRICHA HIGHLIGHTS THE LITTLE THINGS THAT BRING JOY DURING THE BUSY HOLIDAY SEASON. DISCOVER THE SIMPLE PLEASURES OF LIFE, FROM THE FIRST FOOTPRINT IN FRESH SNOW TO THE MOMENT THE IN-LAWS LEAVE, OR EVEN JUST WRAPPING THAT LAST SCRAP OF GIFT PAPER PERFECTLY. EACH ENTRY IS A REMINDER TO PAUSE, LAUGH, AND APPRECIATE THE EVERYDAY MOMENTS THAT OFTEN GO UNNOTICED.

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Successfully Regifting a Present,
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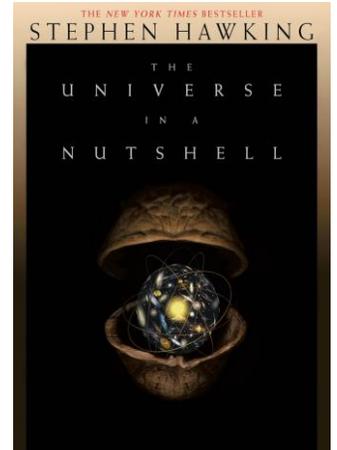
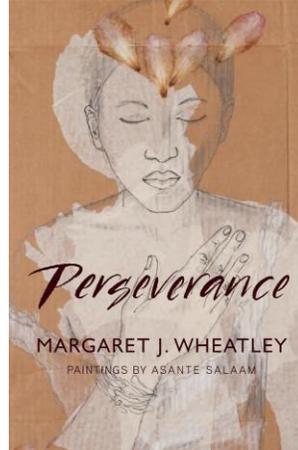
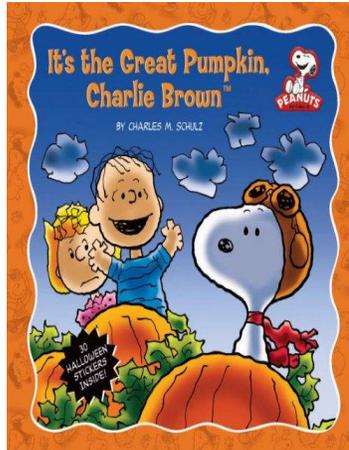
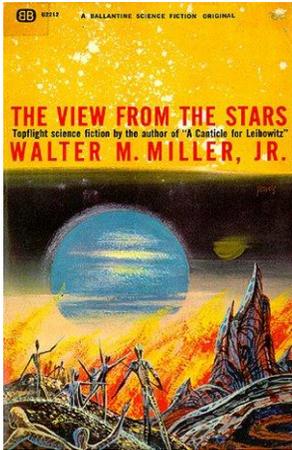
NEIL PASRICHA

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR



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“Between ink and imagination lies the magic of transformation.”
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Humor Highlights

By Heidi Ford

10 Surprisingly Hilarious Life Lessons I Learned from Everyday Chaos

1. **Coffee is serious business**

You think you're ordering a simple mocha, but somehow it turns into a debate about whether chocolate counts as a vegetable. Stand your ground. You deserve it.

2. **People will ask questions you didn't know existed**

"Does this book come in reverse?" "Can reading this make me famous on Mars?" Life is full of curious minds. Embrace it because absurd questions make the best stories.

3. **Spills happen**

Coffee, ink, emotions. Things get messy. Laugh fast and move on. Bonus points if it becomes the highlight of your next story.

4. **Predictability is overrated**

Everyone says to be reasonable, follow the rules, and color inside the lines. Predictable is boring. Real excitement happens when you wear socks that don't match, tell a joke at the wrong moment, or do standup comedy in the grocery line.

5. **People notice confidence more than perfection**

You don't need flawless hair or a perfect plan. Show up messy, awkward, and fully yourself. Confidence that ignores minor flaws is basically a superpower.

6. **Inspiration is everywhere**

It can hit you in line at the grocery store, in a random conversation, or while arguing with a mannequin in a department store. Keep your eyes open and your sense of humor ready.

7. **Life is meant to be stirred up**

Small acts of daring, tiny rebellions, and bold questions create momentum. Don't wait for adventure to come to you. Laugh, experiment, and push a little further than yesterday.

8. **Failure is hilarious if you survive it**

Said something ridiculous in a meeting? Congratulations, you just became a legend in the making. Own it, exaggerate it, and let everyone else laugh first. Narrate your own mundane tasks like a sports announcer, or treat your to-do list like a reality show.

9. **Rules are suggestions, not commandments**

Someone says, "You can't do comedy in public" or "You must always walk in a straight line." Ignore them. Life is funnier when you break patterns, bend rules, and occasionally wear a cape for no reason.

10. **Turn everyday life into a comedy show**

Notice the little absurdities around you. People who take 45 minutes to order a salad. Signs that contradict themselves. Elevator small talk that makes no sense. Make witty observations out loud in your head, give your own dramatic commentary on the mundane, and appreciate how ridiculous the world is. Life becomes hilarious when you treat ordinary moments like they deserve a standing ovation.

Story

By Heidi Ford

The Day I Decided to Stop Being Reasonable

It started with coffee. I was standing in line behind someone who ordered a drink so complicated it could have been a math problem. The barista looked like she was solving for x . By the time I got my turn, I said, "I'll just take a cup of success with a shot of sanity, please." She laughed and said, "If we served that, the line would be out the door."

That's when it hit me. Everyone in that coffee shop looked exhausted. Eyes glued to screens. Fingers scrolling through other people's highlight reels. Half listening. Half living. Like they were waiting for permission to start their own lives. It felt like the world was stuck in airplane mode.

I thought about how many people settle for "reasonable." Reasonable jobs. Reasonable relationships. Reasonable dreams. We wear comfort like armor and call it adulthood. We convince ourselves that blending in means we are safe, but really, we are slowly becoming invisible. The truth is, "reasonable" is just a polite word for half-asleep. And I realized that day I was done being polite about my potential.

When did we decide that being sensible was more important than being alive? Somewhere along the way, people started treating passion like a hazard warning. Dream too big and someone will rush in to hand you a "reality check." But reality is flexible. It bends for those bold enough to test it. I decided that day I would no longer shrink myself just to make other people comfortable.

So, I left that coffee shop and made a promise to myself. I would say what others were too afraid to say. I would do the things that made people raise their eyebrows and secretly wish they were brave enough to do the same. I would stop explaining myself to people who only understood limits. I would stop waiting for the right moment and start creating it.

The moment I made that decision, everything changed. Life got louder, funnier, messier, and better. I started seeing possibilities in the chaos. I began laughing at moments that used to frustrate me. I realized that confidence isn't a mood. It's a muscle, and you build it every time you do something that scares someone else but excites you.

Now, when people tell me to "be realistic," I smile and ask, "By whose definition?" Realistic is just code for predictable, and predictable is what you settle for when you stop believing in the extraordinary. I have no interest in predictable. I want the kind of life that makes people question the rules.

These days, when I walk into a coffee shop or brew a cup with my favorite Keurig, I don't just expect coffee. I start my day with inspiration, and a jolt of possibility. I expect ideas that keep me moving. I look around and see the same tired faces still scrolling, still waiting for something to happen, and I think, "You have no idea how powerful it feels to stop waiting."

So, here's my advice. Stir it up. Spill a little. Make a scene. Be the reason someone else wakes up and says, "I'll have what they're having." Because the truth is, the world doesn't need more reasonable people. It needs people who are awake enough to live without permission. And the best part is, once you start expecting more from life, the universe starts delivering. Opportunities show up in the weirdest places. Conversations spark ideas you didn't know you had. Life stops being something you wait for and starts being something you actively grab, laugh by laugh, risk by risk.

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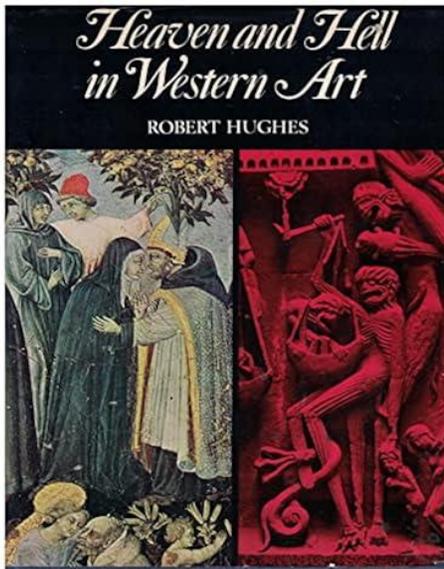
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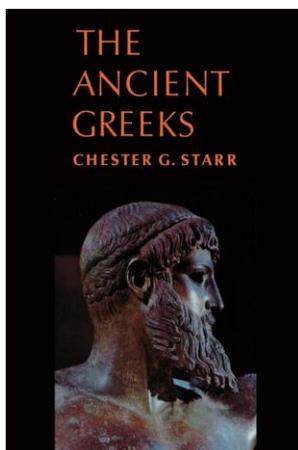
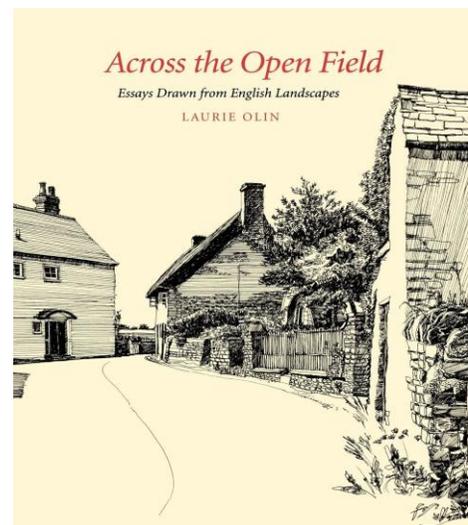


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Heaven and Hell in Western Art by Robert Hughes examines how artists through the centuries have depicted the divine and the damned. From medieval visions of salvation and torment to Renaissance masterpieces and modern interpretations, Hughes explores how faith, fear, and imagination shaped Western art's most powerful spiritual imagery. \$58.00

Across the Open Field: Essays Drawn from English Landscapes explores the rich beauty, history, and spirit of rural England. Author Laurence Rose reflects on centuries of cultural and natural change through poetic essays that blend observation, ecology, and memory. A lyrical journey across fields, hedgerows, and seasons, this collection celebrates the enduring connection between people and the English countryside. \$14.00



This work offers a realistic look at life in ancient Greece through the eyes of an average citizen. It highlights the ancient Greeks not only as the founders of Western civilization but also as fascinating individuals in their own right. The author outlines the history of early Greece, starting from the Mycenaean era, moving through the time of Homer and Archaic Greece, and ending with the spread of Greek culture after Alexander's conquests. \$5.99

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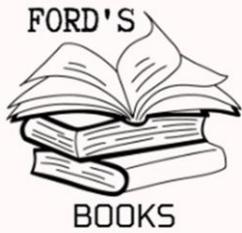


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