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### Wrestling with Honor

"A truly exceptional book."—Washington Post There's bad news and good news about the Cutter High School swim team. The bad news is that they don't have a pool. The good news is that only one of them can swim anyway. Bestselling author Chris Crutcher's controversial and acclaimed novel follows a group of outcasts as they take on inequality and injustice in their high school. "Crutcher's superior gifts as a storyteller and his background as a working therapist combine to make magic in Whale Talk. The thread of truth in his fiction reminds us that heroes can come in any shape, color, ability or size, and friendship can bridge nearly any divide."—Washington Post T.J. Jones hates the blatant preferential treatment jocks receive at his high school, and the reverence paid to the varsity lettermen. When he sees a member of the wrestling team threatening an underclassman, T.J. decides he's had enough. He recruits some of the biggest misfits at Cutter High to form a swim team. They may not have very much talent, but the All-Night Mermen prove to be way more than T.J. anticipated. As the unlikely athletes move closer to their goal, these new friends might learn that the journey is worth more than the reward. For fans of Andrew Smith and Marieke Nijkamp. "Crutcher offers an unusual yet resonant mixture of black comedy and tragedy that lays bare the superficiality of the high-school scene. The book's shocking climax will force readers to re-examine their own values and may cause them to alter their perception of individuals pegged as 'losers.'"—Publishers Weekly An American Library Association Best Book for Young Adults New York Public Library Books for the Teen Age Features a new afterword by Chris Crutcher

### Stuck on Earth

A girl raised by dolphins must choose between two worlds in this critically acclaimed novel about what it means to be a human being.

## **House of Stairs**

Five sixteen-year-old orphans of widely varying personality characteristics are involuntarily placed in a house of endless stairs as subjects for a psychological experiment on conditioned human response.

## **When Eagles Fall**

Seventeen-year-old Tony, a soccer player whose parents are divorcing, goes to Atami, Japan, to spend four-and-a-half months with a Japanese family.

## **The Despot's Apprentice**

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## **The Big Book of Words You Should Know**

Things have not been easy for thirteen-year-old Alex lately. Recent events have taken their toll on her family, and when drinking at a party lands her in the hospital, things only get worse. Her mother decides to send her away to spend the summer working with her father, an esteemed eagle researcher, on the wild and remote shores of Rainy Lake in Minnesota. The bugs, the outhouse, the isolation—it's a whole different world from her home in California. The hardest part of Alex's exile is dealing with her father who is sure that he knows it all. When he chooses not to save a pair of baby eagles whose nest is in peril, Alex sneaks off to help them anyway. Her rescue effort, however, goes wrong, and one of the eaglets falls out of the nest, breaking a wing. Alex is alone with the helpless eagle, stranded and completely exposed to the elements. Facing hunger, injury, and a bear, she quickly realizes that it will take resources she never knew she had just to keep herself and the bird alive.

## **Whale Talk**

Jemma knows who the murderer is. She knows because he told her. He thought his secret was safe because Jemma can't speak or move. But Jemma observes all kinds of things about everyone around her. His secret is just one of them. And when a new technology means she may be able to communicate and reveal all she knows, Jemma no longer feels powerless in the face of this deadly secret. It's a race against time before the killer acts again or tries to stop her.

## Second Impact

From the # 1 New York Times bestselling author of the Alex Rider series. When the vertically-challenged Johnny Naples entrusts Tim Diamond with a package worth over three million pounds, he's making a big mistake. Tim Diamond is the worst detective in the world. Next day, Johnny's dead, Tim feels the heat, and his smart younger brother, Nick, gets the package—and every crook in town on his back!

## Fierce Reads: Kisses and Curses

In this award-winning novel, a young basketball star confronts a nightmare of racism in "one of the most thrilling climaxes in recent sports writing".--"Kirkus Review".

## Dying, Death and Grief

"[A] primer on the threat to democracy posed by—and I can't believe I'm saying this—the current president of the United States." —David Litt, New York Times bestselling author Donald Trump isn't a despot. But he is increasingly acting like The Despot's Apprentice, an understudy in authoritarian tactics that threaten to erode American democracy, including: Attacking the press Threatening rule of law by firing those who investigate his alleged wrongdoings Using nepotism to staff the White House and countless other techniques Donald Trump is borrowing tactics from the world's dictators and despots. Trump's fascination with the military, his obsession with his own cult of personality, and his deliberate campaign to blur the line between fact and falsehood are nothing new to the world of despots. But they are new to the United States. With each authoritarian tactic or tweet, Trump poses a unique threat to democratic government in the world's most powerful democracy. At the same time, Trump's apprenticeship has serious consequences beyond the United States. His bizarre adoration and idolization of despotic strongmen—from Russia's Putin, to Turkey's Erdogan, or to the Philippines' Duterte—has transformed American foreign policy into a powerful cheerleader for some of the world's worst regimes. In The Despot's Apprentice, an ex-US campaign advisor who has sat with the world's dictators explains Donald Trump's increasingly authoritarian tactics and how Trump uniquely threatens American democracy and how to save it from him.

## You Don't Know Me

A book for the Wimpy Kid who has grown into a Wimpy Teen Larkin Pace desperately wants a new camcorder. How else is he going to become the next great filmmaker? But his dad won't give him any money, his sister is determined to make his life miserable, and his nemesis Dalton Cooke is trying to steal his girlfriend. Now this height-challenged aspiring director

must chronicle his wacky life for a freshman English assignment.

### **Danger Zone**

In *Firestorm*, the first book of the *Caretaker Trilogy*, seventeen-year-old Jack Danielson saved the world's oceans, but at great personal cost -- his parents were killed and everything he knew and believed in was turned upside down. Now Jack has come home to see P.J., his girlfriend and sole remaining touchstone. But she's missing, and blame falls on Jack. On the run with Gisco, his crafty canine sidekick, Jack is literally caught up in a whirlwind as he travels to the heart of darkness to rescue P.J. -- a journey that will bring him face-to-face with the father of his old nemesis, the colonel, aka the Dark Lord from the future. Jack's quest becomes all the more complicated as he discovers that the only person who can stop the Dark Lord is another time traveler, the wizard Kidah, who has disappeared in the present. Book 2 of the *Caretaker Trilogy* mixes heart-racing adventure with an urgent ecological warning about the fragility of the world's rain forests and the importance of respect for indigenous peoples. Readers will be drawn into the vortex of the quest -- whether or not they're familiar with Book 1.

### **California Blue**

Part fun- and information-filled almanac, part good book guide, the *Children's Book-a-Day Almanac* is a new way to discover a great children's book--every day of the year! This fresh, inventive reference book is a dynamic way to showcase the gems, both new and old, of children's literature. Each page features an event of the day, a children's book that relates to that event, and a list of other events that took place on that day. Always informative and often surprising, celebrate a year of literature for children with *The Children's Book-a-Day Almanac*.

### **I Have No Secrets**

A taut psychological thriller for teens Seventeen-year-old Jeff thought he would never again have to deal with his older brother, a convicted murderer serving a life sentence. But after six years, Troy's sentence has been overturned on a technicality and he is released from prison. He returns to a family deeply divided about having him back home. Jeff can't forget how his life was disrupted by his brother, how his family had to move to another state and start over. Still, his parents believe things will be different now. But Troy's return makes a mess of Jeff 's life – at home, at school, and with his girlfriend. When Jeff 's rival on the soccer field turns up missing, Jeff suspects Troy is involved, and he sets out to prove it. But nothing could prepare Jeff for what happens as he gets closer to the truth. With unexpected flashes of humor, David Klass once again gives readers a gripping, multilayered novel about good and evil and the powerful bonds of family. Dark

Angel is a 2006 Bank Street - Best Children's Book of the Year.

## **Home of the Braves**

Clear Blogging, an Apress Technology in Action book, answers in non-technical terms what blogging has to offer and why and how you should blog. If you've never read a blog, but keep hearing that term on the news, Clear Blogging shows why blogging has shaken up mainstream media, and how you could end up on CNN. If you've just begun reading blogs, it's your travel guide to the Blogosphere. Includes 50 interviews with successful bloggers who influence products, policy makers, potential employers and millions of readers and gain an online reputation - and real profits - from blogging.

## **The Falcon's Malteser**

What makes an average American high school suddenly become violent? As Joe Brickman heads into the fall of his senior year, he's looking forward to the soccer season, when he will captain the Lawndale team. And surely this will be the year when he and his neighbor Kristine stop teasing each other and begin dating. But scary, unpredictable things start happening at Lawndale High. It's hard to tell what touches off the storm. Is it the arrival of Antonio Silva, a.k.a. the Phenom, a Brazilian soccer star who transforms the Lawndale Braves into a contender, and in doing so clashes with football players? Is it the shake-up of the social order in the school, when the Phenom starts dating Kris, and soccer becomes the "in" sport? Is it the brutal humiliation of Joe's best friend, Ed "the Mouse" McBean, and is Ed planning on taking some dark revenge on the entire school? Perhaps it's all of these new twists, and something older. As violence and danger escalate and school officials clamp down with zero tolerance, Joe finds himself searching for the courage to break free from the forces that threaten to take him down with the home of the Braves. In his powerful and timely new novel, David Klass dramatizes the many ways in which past violence returns to haunt the present.

## **You Don't Know Me**

When seventeen-year-old John Rodgers discovers a new subspecies of butterfly which may necessitate closing the mill where his dying father works, they find themselves on opposite sides of the environmental conflict.

## **Dark Angel**

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## **The Secret Society of the Pink Crystal Ball**

When her mean, grouchy grandmother in Texas has a heart attack and she and her father go to help, twelve-year-old Mieka meets her cousins' family and wishes for their "normal" type of life.

## **Losers Take All**

Champion high school wrestler Ron Woods faces a soul-searching season when he refuses to retake a mandatory drug test he has failed. This decision affects every area of his life, including his feelings about his father, who died in Vietnam, and his first tentative romance.

## **Breakaway Run**

ALA Best Fiction for Young Adults \* New York Public Library Books for the Teen Age A riveting, scorching—and hilarious—autobiography by the award-winning author of *Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes* and *Deadline*. From trying to impress a member of the girls' softball team (with disastrous dental results) to enduring the humiliation of his high school athletic club initiation (olives and oysters play unforgettable roles), Chris Crutcher's memoir of the tricky road to adulthood is candid, disarming, laugh-out-loud funny, relevant, and never less than riveting. He vividly describes a temper that was always waiting to trip him up even as it sustained him through some of the most memorable mishaps any child has survived. And how did this guy (he lifted his brother's homework through the entire tenth grade) ever become a writer, not to mention the author of fourteen critically acclaimed books for young people? The frontier may be mild, but the book is not. Fans of Tara Westover's *Educated*, Jack Gantos's *Hole in My Life*, and Walter Dean Myers's *Bad Boy* will laugh, will cry, and will remember. "Funny, bittersweet and brutally honest. Readers will clasp this hard-to-put-down book to their hearts even as they laugh sympathetically."—Publishers Weekly (starred review)

## **A Different Season**

High school baseball star Jim Roark is delighted to meet Jennifer Douglas, the second basewoman on the girls' softball team, until she becomes the first female player on his all-male team.

## **Whirlwind**

Miguel has dreamed of joining his parents in California since the day they left him behind in Mexico six years, eleven

months, and twelve days ago. On the morning of his fifteenth birthday, Miguel's wait is over. Or so he thinks. The trip north to the border—la línea—is fraught with dangers. Thieves. Border guards. And a grueling, two-day trek across the desert. It would be hard enough to survive alone. But it's almost impossible with his tagalong sister in tow. Their money gone and their hopes nearly dashed, Miguel and his sister have no choice but to hop the infamous mata gente as it races toward the border. As they cling to the roof of the speeding train, they hold onto each other, and to their dreams. But they quickly learn that you can't always count on dreams—even the ones that come true. Latino Interest.

### **Losers Take All**

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### **Insights**

Ketchvar III's mission is simple: travel to Planet Earth, inhabit the body of an average teenager, and determine if the human race should be annihilated. And so Ketchvar—who, to human eyes, looks just like a common snail—crawls into the brain of one Tom Filber and attempts to do his analysis. At first glance, Tom appears to be the perfect specimen—fourteen years old, good health, above average intelligence. But it soon becomes apparent that Tom Filber may be a little too average—gawky, awkward, and utterly abhorred by his peers. An alien within an alien's skin, Ketchvar quickly finds himself wrapped up in the daily drama of teenage life—infuriating family members, raging bullies, and undeniably beautiful next-door neighbors. And the more entangled Ketchvar becomes, the harder it is to answer the question he was sent to Earth to resolve: Should the Sandovinians release the Gagnerian Death Ray and erase the human species for good? Or is it possible that Homo sapiens really are worth saving? Wickedly wry and hysterically skewed, David Klass's take on teen life on our fabulously flawed Planet Earth is an engrossing look at true friends, truer enemies, and awkward alien first kisses. *Stuck on Earth* is a 2011 Bank Street - Best Children's Book of the Year.

### **The Accidental Genius of Weasel High**

Do you know what "quatrefoil" and "impolitic" mean? What about "halcyon" or "narcolepsy"? This book is a handy, easy-to-read reference guide to the proper parlance for any situation. In this book you will find: Words You Absolutely Should Know (covert, exonerate, perimeter); Words You Should Know But Probably Don't (dour, incendiary, scintilla); Words Most People Don't Know (schlimazel, thaumaturgy, epergne); Words You Should Know to Sound Overeducated (ad infinitum, nugatory, garrulity); Words You Probably Shouldn't Know (priapic, damnatory, labia majora); and more. Whether writing an essay,

studying for a test, or trying to impress friends, family, and fellow cocktail party guests with their prolixity, you will achieve magniloquence, ebullience, and flights of rhetorical brilliance.

### **The Music of Dolphins**

In *Timelock*, the thrilling finale to the *Caretaker Trilogy*, the end of life as we know it has arrived, and history will be made -- or lost -- at the hands of one young hero. Jack Danielson has spent the last year saving the oceans and the Amazon, attempting to fulfill a prophecy that was written before his birth. Now he's more than ready to get back to life as a typical teenager and spend some quality time with his girlfriend, P.J. Too bad the world has other plans. Wrenched away once more from those he knows and loves, Jack is thrust through time to the fiery deserts of the future and the frozen tundra of the Arctic, battling cyborgs, zombie warlocks, and scorpions the size of tanks. At least he has Gisco -- everyone's favorite surly telepathic canine -- to keep him company, not to mention the Ninja Babe, Eko. And he will finally be reunited with the parents who abandoned him so long ago, in order that he might save their dying planet. But it isn't only a race to save Earth. As the clock ticks down before the final confrontation with the dreaded Dark Lord, Jack must decide once and for all who he really is -- prince of the future or humble human of the present -- and choose between the two women who love him.

### **Clear Blogging**

*Insights* is an anthology of prose and poetry composed by the teachers of Freshman English at Mount Saint Joseph. Many of the models collected here come with keys to writing in a particular genre, explanations of the writer's choices, and suggestions for enhancing style. Other models invite students to develop as writers through critical reading of finished pieces standing alone.

### **La Linea**

From first-time novelist Jordan Sonnenblick, a brave and beautiful story that will make readers laugh and break their hearts at the same time. Thirteen-year-old Steven has a totally normal life: he plays drums in the All-Star Jazz band, has a crush on the hottest girl in the school, and is constantly annoyed by his five-year-old brother, Jeffrey. But when Jeffrey is diagnosed with leukemia, Steven's world is turned upside down. He is forced to deal with his brother's illness and his parents' attempts to keep the family in one piece. Salted with humor and peppered with devastating realities, *DRUMS, GIRLS, AND DANGEROUS PIE* is a heartwarming journey through a year in the life of a family in crisis.

## **Horizons of Shamanism**

Beloved of readers and booksellers, our Fierce Reads program has garnered tons of enthusiastic fans since its inauguration in 2012. Now, the authors you know and love are coming together in one book! With standalone short stories from a handpicked set of FR authors, this fabulous collection will often feature characters or worlds from existing Fierce Reads titles. Extended, personal introductions from each author will make this a must-buy for fans as well as a fantastic portal for engaging new readers with the program. With a wide range of genres and subject matter, there will be something here for everyone!

## **Sentence Composing for High School**

Just down the road from their families, Deo and his friends play soccer in the dusty fields of Zimbabwe, cheered on by Deo's older brother, Innocent. It is a day like any other until the soldiers arrive and Deo and Innocent are forced to run for their lives, fleeing the wreckage of their village for the distant promise of safe haven in South Africa. Along the way, they face the prejudice and poverty that greet refugees everywhere, but eventually Deo finds hope, joining dozens of other homeless, displaced teens on the World Cup Street Soccer team--a possible ticket out of extreme hardship to a new life. Captivating and timely, *Now Is the Time for Running* is a staggering story of survival that follows Deo and his brother on a transformative journey that will stay with readers long after the last page.

## **Children's Book-a-Day Almanac**

High-school senior Liz Wheaton lands a big movie role and discovers the glamour and darker side of Hollywood, where everyone she meets is playing a part. By the author of *California Blue* and *Danger Zone*.

## **Integrative Counselling & Psychotherapy**

When Jerry Downing, star quarterback in a small football town, gets a second chance after his drunk driving had serious consequences, Carla Jensen, ace reporter for the school newspaper, invites him to join her in writing a blog, mainly about sports.

## **Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie**

In a world where nothing is certain, a little magic couldn't hurt, right? When Erin Channing's favorite aunt dies, Erin is

bequeathed a pink crystal ball and a set of weird instructions. Granted, Aunt Kiki (aka Aunt Kooky) always lived "outside the box." But now Erin and her two best friends are convinced that the pink crystal ball holds the key to their future-or at least the key to getting dates Consider Your Fate to Be Sealed . . . Absolute knowledge is not unlimited; let the planets be your guide to the number. There are sixteen ways to die, but four of them you will never see. The future belongs to you alone. Other voices will be disappointed. One rotation is as far as you can see. Only uncertainty lies beyond.

### **King of the Mild Frontier**

In this book, three leading scholars, representing different branches of the humanities, dwell on the current status of shamanic practices and conceptions of the soul, both as 'etic' scholarly categories in historical research and as foci of spiritual revitalization among the indigenous populations of post-Soviet Siberia.

### **Timelock**

Unlike traditional grammar books that emphasize sentence analysis, this worktext asks students to imitate the sentence styles of professional writers, making the sentence composing process enjoyable and challenging.

### **Screen Test**

"This book's strengths are [Brenda Mallon's] clinical wisdom, experience and insights, and the practical, constructive, down-to-earth way in which she conveys these to her readers. This will appeal to many who are searching for guidance in the difficult task of providing support for the bereaved" - Bereavement Care, Spring 2010 'This is a well written book that makes a very useful addition to the field" - Therapy Today, February 2009 'A refreshing, down-to-earth text that examines theory and research without becoming an academic tome. It is comprehensive, focused on practice and contains important insights for developing the essential skills required to provide effective bereavement care' - Dr John Costello, Head of Primary Care, University of Manchester 'Brenda Mallon gives the term "grief counselling" definition in a way no one has done before. If you are new to counselling the bereaved, this book is the best introduction I have seen. If you are an experienced grief counsellor, this should be the next book you read' - Professor Dennis Klass, Webster University, Dying, Death and Grief is written for anyone who provides support to adults following bereavement. Whether in a professional or voluntary capacity, bereavement care requires empathy, judgement and skill to ensure your response matches the needs of the person you are helping. Recognizing that we all experience bereavement differently, this book introduces theory and skills which can be used in any context to address a wide range of needs. The author explains the theoretical background to attachment and loss and the core skills needed to support people who have been bereaved. Case studies and personal

accounts illustrate key points and exercises help you examine your own experiences and attitudes in relation to loss. The book also takes into account topics frequently overlooked in other texts, such as sexuality, spiritual responses to loss, cultural influences and diversity, as well as the nature of chronic and disenfranchised grief. *Dying, Death and Grief* is designed for use on a wide range of training and academic courses that prepare practitioners to work with the bereaved. Professionals in a range of settings including hospitals and in the community as well as volunteers and be-frienders in hospices and nursing homes will find this a useful source of guidance. Brenda Mallon is a counsellor, trainer and author who specialises in bereavement care. She is vice chair of The Grief Centre, Manchester Area Bereavement Forum.

### **Now Is the Time for Running**

This is an accessible and user friendly guide to the theory and practice of relational counselling and psychotherapy. It offers a meta-theoretical framework for the integration of the three most popular counselling and psychotherapy modalities: humanistic, psychodynamic and Cognitive-behavioural including mindfulness and compassion based approaches This exciting new text: - outlines the history of integration in the field of psychotherapy and counselling - clarifies the nature of psychotherapeutic integration - defines different models of integration - provides a clear and rich discussion of what it means to work relationally - outlines a coherent and flexible framework for practice, in terms of theory as well as technique - demonstrates how this framework can be successfully utilised both in brief and long term therapy for a wide range of client issues and problems - provides a detailed guide to working with the Relational-Integrative Model (RIM) for a range of professional issues, including ethics, research, supervision, therapist self-care and personal development Brimming with vivid case examples, mind-maps and therapeutic dialogue, this invaluable book will help develop the theoretical knowledge and skills base of students, trainers and practitioners alike.

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