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Photographer Christopher Herwig has covered more than 30,000 km by car, bike, bus and taxi in 13 former Soviet countries discovering and documenting these unexpected treasures of modern art. From the shores of the Black Sea to the endless Kazakh steppe, these bus stops show the range of public art from the Soviet era and give a rare glimpse into the creative minds of the time. These books represent the most comprehensive and diverse collection of Soviet bus stop design ever assembled from: Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Moldova, Armenia, Abkhazia, Georgia, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. With a foreword by writer, critic and television presenter Jonathan Meades. --Volume 1.

Legacy of the Diamond

When Diamond and Mica rekindle their friendship by plotting to get rid of one of North Philly's most notorious drug dealers and steal his fortune, betrayal once again rips them apart, leaving them with nothing except the will to survive. Original.

A Treasure's Trove

In the crosshairs of two warring mobs Michael Knight and Lex Devlin agree to defend a jockey accused of murdering a fellow jockey during a race at Boston's Suffolk Downs. Michael's expertise in the machinations of the horse racing game is expected to serve them well. But a personal attachment to the murdered jockey thrusts Michael and Lex into the midst of conflict between Boston's Irish mafia and remnants of the terrorist branch of the Irish Republican Army. Now they are in the crosshairs of both, and the brutality of these combatants knows no bounds. As Michael and Lex uncover layer after layer of deceptions involved in the seamier side of horse racing, they become more dangerous to the gangs. In action that shuttles between Ireland and Boston, the lives of the lawyers as well as those close to them are in the gravest danger and the criminals show no mercy in their quest to put an end to this threat. As their investigation hurtles forward, it could end a

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wonderful law partnership due to the absence of living partners.

Mal and Chad: Food Fight!

Coming on the threshold of what promises to be the most acrimonious presidential election in American history, Diamond and Silk's book will be a rallying cry for tens of millions of Americans who are tired of being told what to think and whom to vote for. Diamond and Silk's story is one of overcoming poverty and shame and choosing victory over victimhood. Theirs is a story that defies the left's narrative and that the mainstream media refuses to acknowledge, accept, and respect.

Black Diamond

A fictional story of Zac and Ana, a half-fairy, who live near the Great Forest, but who is kidnapped by the evil Rufus who knows she can communicate with the fairies who have stolen his jewels, with clues to real jewels hidden around the U.S.

Black Diamond Destiny

A stirring tribute to the human drama, legendary heroes, infamous owners, low pay, and long bus rides that were the Negro Leagues. A 1995 Coretta Scott King Honor Book.

The Black Diamond

It's 1914 and the coal town of Lithgow is booming. Daniel Ackerman is a serious young man, a miner, a socialist and German; Francine Connolly is the bourgeois, Irish-Catholic, too-good-for-this-place daughter of one of the mine owners. When a tragic accident forces them together, this class-crossed pair fall in love despite themselves. Before the signatures on their marriage certificate are dry, though, war erupts, and a much more terrifying obstacle confronts them. Against his principles but driven by a sense of solidarity, Daniel enlists; Francine, horrified, has no choice but to watch him go. Thrown into a daunting new world of separation and grief, they learn things about each other they might never have known in more certain times - hard lessons about heroism, sacrifice, and the thin line between bravery and stupidity. Told with freshness, verve and wit, Black Diamonds is the tale of a fierce young nation, Australia, and two fierce hearts who dare to discover what courage really means.

The Black Diamond Detective Agency, Collector's Edition

We have always associated blackness with failure, negativity, and witchcraft. We have always associated darkness with less than, disapproval, and unattractiveness. We have always associated blackness with inequality, injustice, and incrimination. However, it is in the midst of the darkness that things began to adapt and organize. It is in the middle of the night that things start to grow and develop. It is in the midst of the darkness that things ultimately reproduce as in the story of the Black Diamond.

Dark Diamond

A history of African-American whalers between 1730 and 1880, describing their contributions to the whaling industry and their role in the abolitionist movement.

Shades of Glory

Black Diamond

Melissa Marr returns to faery in a dramatic story of the precarious space between two worlds—and the people who must thrive there. The combination of ethereal fae powers, tumultuous romance, and a bloodthirsty faery queen will have longtime fans and new readers alike at the edge of their seats. Lilywhite Abernathy is a criminal—she's half human, half fae, and since the time before she was born her very blood has been illegal. A war has been raging between humans and faeries, and the Queen of Blood and Rage, ruler of the fae courts, wants to avenge the tragic death of her heir due to the actions of reckless humans. Lily's father has always shielded her from the truth, but when she's sent to the prestigious St. Columba's school, she's delivered straight into the arms of a fae Sleeper cell—the Black Diamonds. The Diamonds are planted in the human world as the sons and daughters of the most influential families, and tasked with destroying it from within. Against her will, Lilywhite's been chosen to join them . . . and even the romantic attention of the fae rock singer Creed Morrison isn't enough to keep Lily from wanting to run back to the familiar world she knows.

Seven Black Diamonds

A graphic novel about a corn farmer named John Hardin who is suspected by the Black Diamond Detective Agency for blowing up a train and finds himself running from the law.

The Black Diamonds

Thirty year old billionaire Jordan Black is all about handling his business, in the boardroom and most definitely in the bedroom; and his business is controlling everything and everyone around him. That is, until he meets Sage Parker, the ultimate temptation and the younger sister of his close friend and business associate, which makes her the forbidden fruit he will never taste. From the beginning Sage tests his boundaries with her natural beauty and free spirit. She displays a power over him that he's never known until finally he has no choice but to concede his heart; something that he's sworn never to do again. Sage is a fiery, beautiful, and independent woman who is not about to let anyone control her. She's a world traveled, award winning photographer who is starting a new life and love and marriage are not in her plans. She knows who she is and where she comes from. But Sage has no idea what is waiting for her in the form of Jordan Black when she arrives in Los Angeles. Jordan is handsome, powerful and charming all wrapped up in an irresistible six foot five mahogany package. As their attraction begins to be revealed, so do their secrets. The couple embarks into a torrid love

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affair with twists and turns from every angle. They eventually find out that neither are what they initially thought the other to be, yet everything they both wanted and needed. In the end they both agree that the Black Magic is real.

Uprising

Set in seventeenth-century Bagdad, this thrilling and fast-paced story deals with two mysterious black diamonds and the conflict they engender between an Arab family and a powerful thief who seeks to regain them.

Black Diamond

Kristin Uys is a tough Roodepoort magistrate who lives alone with her cat. She is on a one-woman crusade to wipe out prostitution in the town for reasons that have personal significance for her. Although she is unable to convict the Visagie Brothers, Stevo and Shortie, on charges of running a brothel, she manages to nail Stevo for contempt of court and gives him a summary six-month sentence. From Diepkloof Prison, the outraged Stevo orchestrates his revenge against the magistrate, aided and abetted by his rather inept brother Shortie and his erstwhile nanny, Aunt Magda, who believes mass action will force the powers that be to release Stevo. Kristin receives menacing phone calls and her home is invaded and vandalised. Even her cat is threatened. The chief magistrate insists on assigning a bodyguard to protect her. To Kristin's consternation, security guard Don Mateza moves into her home and trails her everywhere. Nor does this suit Don's long-time girlfriend Tumi, former model and successful businesswoman, who is intent on turning Don into a Black Diamond sooner rather than later. And Don soon finds that his new assignment has unexpected complications which Tumi simply does not understand. In *Black Diamond*, Zakes Mda tackles every conceivable South African stereotype, skilfully (and with the lightest touch) turning them upside down and exposing their ironies, often hilariously. This is a clever, quirky novel that captures the essence of contemporary life in Gauteng and will resonate with all South Africans.

The Black Diamond Trilogy

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The hero of *Dark Diamond* is Lord Shayista Khan, the Mughal Viceroy of Bengal, who in 1685, during Aurangzeb's rule, was the most powerful man on Earth. Under Lord Khan's governance, Bengal became the epicenter of commerce and culture - a veritable treasure chest with greedy enemies: Maratha warriors, Arakan rajahs, Hindu zamindars, fanatic Mullahs, a diabolical Pir with occult powers and the East India Company. Not only does Lord Khan have to keep them at bay but also he must neutralize the curse of the Kalinoor, the dark diamond sister of the famous Kohinoor that now adorns the British Crown.

Bruno, Chief of Police

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This book is a simple but an insightful and uplifting memories and reflections on the odyssey that took Frank Kamara to the United States of America from his village in Sierra Leone, West Africa, where a dream was just a dream, where opportunities were nonexistent, and where hope and bright future for all the young people were just fumes of fancy. This was in the late fifties, and there was only one young man who attended a secondary school from my village. The dream to aspire to higher education was just a wish-fulfillment fantasy, and the general population was poor and uneducated. However, things have changed considerably. Modern homes are being built, education is expanding, a secondary school and two primary schools have been established, and there is a plan for a super highway construction that will soon pass through the village. There were several positive factors that were true about my village: First, we lived in nuclear families, in which all the members protected one another and provided the needs of everyone. Secondly, we always lived in families that had intense love to go around, except in my case. The only family member, my father, upon whom I could depend and receive my training, the love, the nurture, and the emotional support I needed as a growing young boy was not only physically, mentally, and verbally abusive but he was the individual whose subversive behavior almost ruined my life. He constantly reminded me about growing up to be a failure and that I'd amount to nothing. For him, I was not expected to be educated, let alone to achieve anything in life. He compared me to a helpless girl. The verbal and physical assaults on me and my mother were daily occurrences. We were beaten up on regular basis. I went through a lot more that could have brought all his predictions to pass. My father, therefore, is the main reason for me to write this book. I hope it will inspire all the young people who are in despair and who are in abusive and hopeless situations to realize that they can develop self-worth, self-determination, and create for themselves the empowering nature of solid internal motivation that can defeat failure.

The House on Diamond Hill

Brings together historical anecdotes, biographical essays, archival photographs, and other artifacts that pay tribute to the players and teams of baseball's Negro leagues.

Black Magic

In the tradition of Calvin and Hobbes, MAL AND CHAD is a funny comic-strip graphic novel that makes a perfect first chapter book! Mal is a kid genius with a talking dog . . . so why doesn't anyone seem to notice him? Poor Mal. It's not easy being a kid genius who wears a lab coat to school ("It's not a bathrobe!"). Megan, his not-so-secret crush, has formed a club that has a no-boys-allowed policy - especially not Mal, who would do anything to feel like he belongs. Fortunately, Mal always has Chad, his talking dog. When Chad begins having scary dreams, Mal builds a dream portal to defeat Chad's nightmare beast once and for all. Something goes wrong, though, and the beast follows Mal back to reality. Now Megan and her friends are in danger . . . but Mal is there to come to the rescue, showing that, just maybe, he's someone to pay attention to. With kid-friendly humor and a deft touch, Stephen McCranie continues his breakthrough series perfect for any kid who's one book away from either Big Nate or Diary of a Wimpy Kid.

Acres of Diamonds

Diamond and Mica have been best friends since grade school, and have always watched each other's backs. After Mica moves out of their drug-infested neighborhood, they have a scandalous falling out and lose touch. It isn't until Diamond hooks up with one of North Philly's most notorious drug dealers that she's able to leave the place that she's always called home. Under extreme circumstances, Mica and Diamond meet up and are back on the map as the Laverne and Shirley of the ghetto, but unfortunately, both friends have ulterior motives for rekindling their friendship. The two plot to get rid of the dealer and hit the road with his fortune, but one of them has her own sinister plan that could leave the other staring death in the eye. Jealousy and greed create plenty of drama for Diamond. Even when she thinks she's on her way to a happily-ever-after ending, she finds herself fighting against foes she never saw coming. Will her "I rule the world" disposition keep her on top, or will Diamond lose the things she cares about the most?

Black hands, white sails

"Displaying pitch-perfect sensibility that weaves profound human empathy with piercing scholarly critique, Tiya Miles lays open the suffering: of all those who found themselves enmeshed in the world of Diamond Hill. At once monument and memorial, the Vann House is Cherokee, African, and American slavery writ large."--- I AMi: s F. brooks, author of Captives and Cousins: Shivery, kinship, and Community in the Southwest Borderlands "This is one of the most thoughtful, beautifully written works of history on any topic that I have read in a long while. Miles has taken a complex set of issues that have been long obscured by a desire for a romantic and guilt-free past, and with grace and sensitivity, has completely re-written history."--- Leslie M. Harris. Emory University A James Vann, a Cherokee and entrepreneur, established Diamond Hill, the most famous plantation in the southeastern Cherokee Nation. Tiya Miles tells the story of this plantations founding, its flourishing, its takeover by white land-lottery winners on the eve of the Cherokee Removal, its decay, and ultimately its renovation in the 1950s. Indeed, this is the first full-length study to reconstruct the history of the Diamond Hill plantation, a cosmopolitan hub of activity where more than one hundred slaves of African descent lived and labored, contributing significantly to the Vann family's famed wealth. This moving multiracial history sheds light on the various cultural communities that interacted within the plantation boundaries---from elite Cherokee slaveholders to Cherokee subsistence farmers, from black slaves of various ethnic backgrounds to free blacks from the North and South, from German-speaking Moravian missionaries to white southern skilled laborers. Moreover, the book paints rich portraits of the women of these various communities, including Peggy Scott Vann, mistress of Diamond Hill; Pleasant, an enslaved black woman owned by the Moravian Church; and Anna Rosina Gambold, a Moravian missionary diarist. Vividly written and extensively researched, this history illuminates gender, class, and cross-racial relationships on the southern frontier of present-day Georgia.

Black Diamond (Obsidian #2)

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New York Times bestselling Author Andrea Kane brilliantly captures the mysteries of love in this thrilling debut novel of her magnificent new Black Diamond series. Escape to Regency England in a tale shimmering with grand passion where a priceless gem harbors an ominous curse, and spins a dark web of intrigue. Courtney Johnston, the lively daughter of a sea captain, is swept underneath a wave of despair when a pirate forces her father overboard. Taken captive and used in a sinister plot to win an English nobleman's rare black diamond, she now lives to fulfill one burning desire: to avenge her father's death. Slayde Huntley, the earl of Pembourne, will do anything to ransom his missing sister, Aurora, even turn over the priceless gem that has been his family's treasure--and curse--for generations. Lured to the pirate ship, he believes the golden-red-haired beauty promised for the stone is his sister, but she is not she is his destiny. Even as the diamond brings Courtney and Slayde together, it glitters with a malice and mystery that draws them toward a haunting evil. Soon they fear losing a treasure more precious than any jewel--their chance for a future together. "Kane lulls her readers down romantic hallways, which at first seem familiar, only to take a sudden and refreshing new twist in the journey to the story's end." - Publishers Weekly

Black Diamond Reset

The third installment in the delightful, internationally acclaimed series featuring Chief of Police Bruno. Something dangerous is afoot in St. Denis. In the space of a few weeks, the normally sleepy village sees attacks on Vietnamese vendors, arson at a local Asian restaurant, subpar truffles from China smuggled into outgoing shipments at a nearby market—all of it threatening the Dordogne's truffle trade, worth millions of dollars each year, and all of it spelling trouble for Benoît "Bruno" Courrèges, master chef, devoted oenophile, and, most important, beloved chief of police. When one of his hunting partners, a noted truffle expert, is murdered, Bruno's investigation into the murky events unfolding around St. Denis becomes infinitely more complicated. His friend wasn't just a connoisseur of French delicacies, he was a former high-profile intelligence agent—and someone wanted him dead. As the strange crimes continue, Bruno's detective work takes him from sunlit markets to dim cafés, from luxurious feasts to tense negotiations—from all of the paradisaical pleasures of the region to its shadowy underworld—and reunites him with a lost love, an ambitious policewoman also assigned to the case. Filled with an abundance of food and wine (including, bien sûr, many, many truffles) and a soupçon of romance, Black Diamond is a deliciously entertaining concoction that delivers all the complexity and delights of the Dordogne itself.

The Black Diamond

The first installment in the delightful, internationally acclaimed series featuring Chief of Police Bruno. Meet Benoît Courrèges, aka Bruno, a policeman in a small village in the South of France. He's a former soldier who has embraced the pleasures and slow rhythms of country life. He has a gun but never wears it; he has the power to arrest but never uses it. But then the murder of an elderly North African who fought in the French army changes all that. Now Bruno must balance his beloved routines—living in his restored shepherd's cottage, shopping at the local market, drinking wine, strolling the countryside—with a politically delicate investigation. He's paired with a young policewoman from Paris and the two

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suspect anti-immigrant militants. As they learn more about the dead man's past, Bruno's suspicions turn toward a more complex motive. "Enjoyable. Martin Walker plots with the same finesse with which Bruno can whip up a truffle omelette, and both have a clear appreciation for a life tied to the land." —The Christian Science Monitor "A nice literary pairing with the slow-food movement. [It is] lovely to linger at the table." —Entertainment Weekly "A wonderfully crafted novel as satisfying as a French pastry but with none of the guilt or calories." —Tuscon Citizen's Journal

Black Diamonds (16pt Large Print Edition)

Sisters In Arms

Some call her nice, but most call her nasty . . . Diamond, the sassy vixen that you love to hate, is back, and she has a few more tricks up her sleeve. After Kemp's death, she quickly moves on and shacks up with his best friend, Black. Unfortunately, things aren't running as smoothly as they expected. Diamond is quickly losing control of the situation—and her emotions—after multiple attempts on her life by one of the victims she believed she'd killed. To make matters worse, people from her past keep popping up and causing a ruckus, including the father that walked out on her ten years earlier. When a fast-talking corner hustler named Money swoops in and becomes Black's partner, his soldiers become jealous. Black gets locked behind bars, and Money sets his plan in motion, seducing Diamond in an attempt to take Black's place. With all of the drama surrounding her, the "I Rule the World" disposition that got her where she is slowly breaks into a million pieces. In Nicety, you'll watch her struggle and make mistakes that could cause her to lose the two things she loves the most: Black and money.

Black Diamond Fall

The New York Times best-selling author of The Secret Rooms details the extraordinary true story of the downfall of the Fitzwilliams—one of England's wealthiest families—due to bitter feuds, scandals and clashes with the miners who worked in their coal mines. Original. 75,000 first printing.

Black Diamond

Most people are so preoccupied with looking at others that they forget to look within, at their own true self. In the quest to be as good as others we often tend to ignore our own true potential. 'Black Diamond' is the story of a horse striving for excellence. In this book, Black Diamond a.k.a. Billy & his friends learn to run to their true potential by organizing their body, mind, emotions & energy.

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"A classic has been born" raved Rendezvous of Legacy of the Diamond, the first novel in Andrea Kane's mesmerizing Black Diamond series. Weaving a web of passion and intrigue, this bestselling author once again returns to the sweeping countryside of Regency England in a tale that pulses with excitement as a

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mercenary of noble birth and an unconventional lady risk their lives and hearts in a dangerous hunt for a fabulous gem. Aurora Huntley, free-spirited sister to the earl of Pembourne, lives under the dark shadow of the black diamond. The victim of threats from privateers who believe her brother possesses the precious stone, Aurora is a virtual prisoner in her own home. She now faces a fate worse than death: an arranged marriage to an uninspiring suitor. Craving adventure and freedom, Aurora has no choice but to do something shocking, something scandalous. For two hundred pounds, a handsome stranger agrees to help Aurora stage her own ruin. But her kiss stuns him, and her name shocks him. She is a Huntley, and he is Julian Bencroft, the new duke of Morland. For generations their families have been bitter enemies because of the black diamond. Now, joining forces to claim the treasure, Julian and Aurora discover a love that is far more precious than any jewel. But first, they must conquer the evil that surrounds them--or surrender their new found joy to the diamond's age-old legacy of betrayal.

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The body of an entrepreneur is found murdered. Three people are identified by the FBI as persons of interest claiming that they murdered him trying to buy his business. A mortician is asked by the family to embalm and bring the body to Savannah. The book explodes when all involved end up on a Caribbean Island. Told through the eyes of a mortician.

Black Diamonds

Russell H. Conwell Founder Of Temple University Philadelphia.

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At the age of sixteen, 'Ellen' was a normal young girl, with dreams of continuing her education and having a happy life. All this was brutally taken away from her one day. The Liberian civil war was raging, and Ellen's family had decided to flee the capital. But before they could escape, Ellen's parents were murdered in front of her eyes by government soldiers. Ellen herself was then raped, stabbed, and left for dead. Miraculously she survived, and spent a year in a refugee camp recovering. When she was strong enough she made an astonishing decision - to return to Liberia and fight on the side of the rebel forces. She quickly rose through the ranks to become a leader of her own battalion of women; even fighting on the front line when she was eight months pregnant. She was so fierce and successful that many believed she was a legend, a myth - and named her Black Diamond. This is her true story - of how she survived, sought revenge - and how she is now trying to find a new life after the war - both for herself and the women who fought with her.

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Camille Blackwell, an undercover FBI agent, poses as a jewelry purchaser in an international diamond trading company in hopes of identifying the domestic players in a vicious rebel group suspected of trafficking conflict diamonds. The Bureau requests CIA renegade Marc Fulton's assistance with sweeping international intelligence to identify the major rebel organizations with finances and stateside connections strong enough to evade criminal prosecution, despite Camille's objections. Sparks fly when Marc and Camille meet, their attraction is instant and tense. However, both resolve to focus on the case. But when Camille receives an encrypted memory stick from a murdered co-worker Marc may be the only person she can trust. *Black Diamond* is the eagerly anticipated debut novel by Ja'Nese Dixon. True love, like black diamonds, is rare and precious; but when murder and a persistent criminal threaten a frail relationship, can love triumph? In a borderless game of cat and mouse, will a chance at happily ever after be thwarted at the deadly scheme of the faceless leader of the Imperial Dynasty?

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There is always a story worth telling or remembering just as there is always a story that changed the life of the woman embedded in it. We are these women with voices that no longer welcome silence as a coat of protection, we are these women speaking without the request for permission. we speak our stories out loud. If ever you have known great pain, then you have also known great joy. It is impossible to completely celebrate or mourn what experience has never taught. We are Sisters in Arms and these words written like simple words on a page are our undressing. Our words reflect who we are individually and what we have become collectively. To share our stories is to reach out to you and have you reach back knowing we have connected, empowered, and changed. The best of who we are will always be the best we see in each other. These are our sister's stories. My Sister-Your Sister.

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Involves a West Virginia mountaineer family, father, mother, five sons and daughter. Their complicated rise from abject poverty to become multi-millionaires through their efforts in the coal-mining industry. From a small outcrop of coal on their unproductive farm, they eventually own thirty production mines and become the largest coal corporation in the world, controlling the coal industry in West Virginia for over sixty years. Poverty stricken but ambitious, in the year 1850, Matt Mattison secretly kills Abe, a Jewish itinerant peddler, who visits his home periodically, using Abe's money to open a small drift mine on his farm. He is assisted in the venture by his five sons who are unaware of their father's sudden source of funds. (A true story). At the birth of his daughter's illegitimate son, Matt realized that his daughter, Gem, and Abe had a clandestine love affair, planned to marry and that Abe had impregnated to comely Gem. Matt conscious-stricken becomes psychotic. Gem, suspicious of her father, grieving that the father of her child had given his life for her family's prosperity, refuses any finances earned from their mining endeavors, leaves home, adverse circumstances impel her to become proprietress of the town's bawdy house. The plot involves Gem's life, embarrassing to the family but offers amusing incidents in the bordello that becomes public. Her brothers push the mining business to great success becoming powerful financially and politically. Her bastard son (known later as "A.P." in the industry), well

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educated but burdened by his mother's profession, becomes president of the world's largest coal corporation. Marries a socialite, interested in breeding show horses, they build pretentious mansion on 365 acres, own private railroad train, ocean-going yacht, lavish apartment in New York City. The novel follows several generations of family, involving many complications, romances, pathos of the five brothers, threatened loss of their mines through bitterly fought union strikes and devastating mine explosions. Much of this story is true and interwoven with fiction. All character names are fictitious. Interesting coal mining facts as they effect the family are included. As well as the complete portrayal of the cruel exploration of the miners as the greedy and often inhumane madness of the coal barons to accumulate excessive wealth. Now that coal is becoming an important factor in our energy crisis, this story is timely. Readers will become educated about the problems in this important industry as the story of this once poverty stricken family unfolds.

Soviet Bus Stops

Roxie, a big fish in her small town, is invited to join the elite Stark Springs Academy in the mountains of Colorado. The Academy is renowned for creating winter Olympians and Roxie is hoping to be the next gold-medal downhill skier. Only Ryker Black, snowboarder and unofficial ruler of the school, and his jealous friends stand in her way.

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Meet the band whose mythology precedes them. . . KISS has been around for over 35 years in one form or another. From street-gang rock n roll sadists, to swashbuckling superheroes; from kiddie show monsters to serious musicians; from glam rock to heavy metal and back again. Love them or hate them, everyone remembers KISS. But what about the truths behind the legends that have grown up around the band over the years. This book peels back the myths and stories for fans, non-fans and the curious alike. Eight years in the making, the first edition of "Black Diamond" took the book industry by surprise. Here was the real and complete history of the band from before it was even called KISS, to the triumphant return of the original line-up, to the concert stage in 1996. Ten years later KISS is still in the news. In this Fully Updated 10th Anniversary Edition Dale Sherman takes a look at the changing world of rock music from the early 1970s to the present day and what it takes for a band to stay on top. 20% bigger than the previous edition -- plus all new photographs and images.

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From the acclaimed author of CLARA'S HEART and CLOUDLAND comes a rich, literary mystery based and united by two real events that occurred at Middlebury College; the disappearance of a student during winter break; and the vandalism of the Robert Frost Homestead located on one of the outer campuses. Luc Flanders has just finished playing a game of pond hockey with his college roommates when he realizes he has lost something precious and goes back to the ice to find it. He never returns, and the police department in Middlebury, Vermont are divided in

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their assessment of what may have happened to him. Some feel that Flanders left on his own accord and is deliberately out of touch. Others, including detectives Nick Jenkins and Helen Kennedy, suspect that harm may have come to him. As the search for Luc Flanders widens and intensifies, suspicions about several different people, including his Middlebury College roommates and ex-girlfriend arise. Unfortunately, Sam Solomon an older man with whom Luc has been having a secret relationship, cannot prove his whereabouts during the hours when the younger man may have disappeared and Solomon, too, comes under suspicion. As Luke Flanders disappears, the Robert Frost house near the Middlebury campus is vandalized. And there seems to be a link between the two events that the police are determined to discover. Alternating points of view between Luc Flanders Sam Solomon, Luc's mother and detective Nick Jenkins, BLACK DIAMOND FALL races to a disturbing and astonishing conclusion in a lush, literary mystery that could only come from the mind of acclaimed author Joseph Olshan.

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