

## **No Excuses The True Story Of A Congenital Amputee Who Became Champion In Wrestling And Life Kyle Maynard**

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### **The No Complaining Rule**

Every seven minutes, someone in America commits a rape. And whether that's a football star, beloved celebrity, elected official, member of the clergy, or just an average Joe (or Joanna), there's probably a community eager to make excuses for that person. In *Asking for It*, Kate Harding combines in-depth research with an in-your-face voice to make the case that twenty-first-century America supports rapists more effectively than it supports victims. Drawing on real-world examples of what feminists call "rape culture"--from politicians' revealing gaffes to institutional failures in higher education and the military--Harding offers ideas and suggestions for how we, as a society, can take sexual violence much more seriously without compromising the rights of the accused.

### **Uplifting Stories**

A congenital amputee shares his remarkable and inspirational story of overcoming physical and mental barriers to become an athlete and an inspirational speaker who has appeared on the Larry King and Howard Stern shows.

### **The Leavers (National Book Award Finalist)**

Yolanda Alvarez was born to this world like us all - ignorant of the world's harshness and joys. No one at that time could have known the things she was to accomplish or the profound effect she would have on those she would meet. I can say this because I am one of those people. From the first day I met her, Yolanda was a force of nature. She has seen the best and the worst that people have to offer. Yet, she has never censored herself in the things she does or in the ways she

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communicates with others. She is conscious of individual perception yet refuses to accept the world as it is. When someone is discovered as being in need, Yolanda makes it a point to be available to lend a helping hand or ear even to a stranger. Her strength of character has always moved people to be better than they are or what they think themselves to be. Watching her move through life's obstacles is proof that even when you think you have nothing left to give and you think the world is about to swallow you whole, you can come out from under it the better. Those who think they can quiet or censor her are in for a rude awakening. I have learned so much from her in the years I have known her and I know I will continue to do so as Yolanda is just getting started.

### **I Want My Hat Back**

At the age of 25, Bill Polacek took over his father's home-based welding business in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, located in the family's detached two-car garage, on April 1, 1987. Bill has created a conglomerate which currently employs approximately 600 workers, utilizes one million square feet of manufacturing space, and operates seven subsidiary companies in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, Baltimore, Maryland and a Texas operation with combined sales as high as \$125 million. Combining his early career, plus years as the CEO of JWF Industries and JWF Defense Systems, Bill has amassed over 40 years experience in the metals manufacturing industry. This is Bill's true story, complete with the pain of his grassroots rebellion, humble beginnings, sibling rivalries, heartaches, sacrifices and disappointments, business successes and failures, character lessons, public accolades, and civic contributions. This book is about faith and ethics in business. It's about family values. And it's a book about a hunt by one man to find his way out of a depressing and dying steel city, and then to come back to invent his own job, provide work for hundreds of families, and help save the lives of thousands of U.S. servicemen by building innovative protective armor for military vehicles (Humvees). Bill coined an endearing term for his employees -- The Work Fighters Supporting the War Fighters® -- because of their combined abilities to design and build specialized armor for the U.S. military, and support the men and women who find themselves in peacekeeping roles as well as combat. The message is so critical to the philosophy of Bill's company that JWF Defense Systems registered the slogan. This is NOT a book that explores in detail all the nuts and bolts of building a business. It IS a book about an immigrant family, and one man with an almost-magical drive and motivation to help his employees succeed. If you're genuinely interested, you'll understand how it happened, and you can do it, too, because this passionate story IS filled with page after page of encouragement.

### **No Excuses**

Trailblazing Seattle Seahawks fullback Derrick Coleman Jr.—the first deaf athlete to play offense in the NFL—tells his inspirational journey of persevering through every obstacle, remaining dedicated to the hard work and a no-excuses

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attitude that ultimately earned him a Super Bowl victory. Great for readers of all ages. Even at a young age, if anyone told Derrick Coleman what he couldn't do, he'd just reply, "Watch me." Diagnosed as hearing-impaired at age three, he faced a potentially limited future, but neither he nor his family were going to let that happen. Now Derrick shares the story of his remarkable journey toward NFL stardom, of the friends and colleagues who cheered him on when skeptics tried to chip away at his confidence, and of how every challenge he faced only strengthened his resolve. At the heart of his story is his unconventional family, whose one constant was always love. When Derrick was misunderstood as "difficult," or bullied and laughed at by schoolmates, he removed his hearing aids and listened instead to his mother's advice: Never let anyone else tell you how far you can go. Playing football became an outlet for Derrick's restless energy and a way of proving he could forge his own path. As a senior at UCLA, he became a standout, an award-winning player who led his team with eleven touchdowns and demonstrated to the world what his heart had known all along: He had what it took to be a champion. No Excuses is more than just Derrick Coleman's story as a sports legend, inspirational role model, and icon. It's a motivating and unique testament to the human spirit, to the potential inside everyone who has ever faced difficult obstacles. It's about aiming high in life, giving it your all, and never ever settling for excuses.

### **No Excuses, Just RESULTS!**

#1 New York Times Bestseller OPRAH'S BOOK CLUB PICK "Extraordinary." —Stephen King "This book is not simply the great American novel; it's the great novel of las Americas. It's the great world novel! This is the international story of our times. Masterful." —Sandra Cisneros También de este lado hay sueños. On this side, too, there are dreams. Lydia Quixano Pérez lives in the Mexican city of Acapulco. She runs a bookstore. She has a son, Luca, the love of her life, and a wonderful husband who is a journalist. And while there are cracks beginning to show in Acapulco because of the drug cartels, her life is, by and large, fairly comfortable. Even though she knows they'll never sell, Lydia stocks some of her all-time favorite books in her store. And then one day a man enters the shop to browse and comes up to the register with a few books he would like to buy—two of them her favorites. Javier is erudite. He is charming. And, unbeknownst to Lydia, he is the jefe of the newest drug cartel that has gruesomely taken over the city. When Lydia's husband's tell-all profile of Javier is published, none of their lives will ever be the same. Forced to flee, Lydia and eight-year-old Luca soon find themselves miles and worlds away from their comfortable middle-class existence. Instantly transformed into migrants, Lydia and Luca ride la bestia—trains that make their way north toward the United States, which is the only place Javier's reach doesn't extend. As they join the countless people trying to reach el norte, Lydia soon sees that everyone is running from something. But what exactly are they running to? American Dirt will leave readers utterly changed. It is a literary achievement filled with poignancy, drama, and humanity on every page. It is one of the most important books for our times. Already being hailed as "a Grapes of Wrath for our times" and "a new American classic," Jeanine Cummins's American Dirt is a rare exploration into the inner hearts of people willing to sacrifice everything for a glimmer of hope.

## **No Excuses - Get It Done**

Black and Hispanic students are not learning enough in our public schools. Their typically poor performance is the most important source of ongoing racial inequality in America today. Thus, say Abigail and Stephan Thernstrom, the racial gap in school achievement is the nation's most critical civil rights issue and an educational crisis. It's no wonder that "No Child Left Behind," the 2001 revision of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, made closing the racial gap in education its central goal. An employer hiring the typical black high school graduate or the college that admits the average black student is choosing a youngster who has only an eighth-grade education. In most subjects, the majority of twelfth-grade black students do not have even a "partial mastery" of the skills and knowledge that the authoritative National Assessment of Educational Progress calls "fundamental for proficient work" at their grade. No Excuses marshals facts to examine the depth of the problem, the inadequacy of conventional explanations, and the limited impact of Title I, Head Start, and other familiar reforms. Its message, however, is one of hope: Scattered across the country are excellent schools getting terrific results with high-needs kids. These rare schools share a distinctive vision of what great schooling looks like and are free of many of the constraints that compromise education in traditional public schools. In a society that espouses equal opportunity we still have a racially identifiable group of educational have-nots -- young African Americans and Latinos whose opportunities in life will almost inevitably be limited by their inadequate education. When students leave high school without high school skills, their futures -- and that of the nation -- are in jeopardy. With successful schools already showing the way, no decent society can continue to turn a blind eye to such racial and ethnic inequality.

## **No Excuses**

The special anniversary edition of *The Little Engine That Could*(TM) contains the entire text and original artwork. A laminated jacket, gold-stamped cloth binding, and colored endpapers complete the deluxe package. Young readers, as well as parents and grandparents, will treasure the story of the blue locomotive who exemplifies the power of positive thinking.

## **No Excuses Accepted: The Amazing Story of a Man Who Overcame**

At the age of 24, working with his wife at a car wash, Larry Winters was struggling to get by. He decided he needed to make a change for the better, so he seized control of his life and, day by day, built his own business. Along the way, he learned many lessons about sacrifice, personal responsibility, determination and independence *LIVE THE DREAM: No More Excuses*, is Winters' inspiring story of his journey from a young man with no ambition to a man in control of his financial destiny. He uses examples from his own life to teach readers how to gain financial freedom for themselves. Most importantly, Winters stresses how self limitation is damaging and holds people back, keeping them from achieving the successful lives they

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desire. LIVE THE DREAM provides an inspirational blueprint for readers to gain financial freedom, and build their own businesses---to give up excuses and achieve their life goals, all while staying grounded in what really matters: family, friends and faith. Larry Winters' powerful motivational style will have readers ready to seize the day and live their dreams.

### **No More Excuses**

Motivational, Inspirational, Informative, Energetic, and Instructive are all appropriate words to describe, "No Excuses - Get It Done" by Rocky Turner. Speaking from the perspective of one who achieved his dream job, Turner provides keys to help the reader looking for a jump start on their life goals.

### **It's Not My Fault**

### **No Fears, No Excuses**

Foreword by Kyle Whittingham! Eric Weddle has developed a reputation as one of the NFL's best defensive minds, a fundamentally sound tackling machine, and a reliable last line of defense in the secondary for the San Diego Chargers. Prior to the 2011 season, the Chargers made Eric one of the highest paid safeties in league history by signing him to a five-year, \$40 million contract. "Honestly, who would have ever thought I would be at where I am today?" Eric said. "I was a kid who loved sports, who struggled, who was benched, who was injured, but I didn't let the little things get me down. The little things don't affect who I am or what I'm about, but they drive me to do better. To get better today, you must demand more than you did yesterday. Winners pay the price to reach their goals." Weddle's story is about overcoming adversity and accomplishing impossible dreams. It's about an athlete who surprised his family and friends by joining the Mormon church, and about how his faith has continued to bless his life. It's a story about epic wins and devastating losses, confidence and character. It's a story of a man who values his family above all else. In short, it's a story about living each day with no excuses and no regrets. "Eric's story demonstrates that you don't have to be the biggest, the strongest or fastest to defy odds and achieve your goals." Adam Schefter, NFL Insider for ESPN "It's nice to read the stories of top draft picks that were supposed to be good. It's better to read about guys like Eric Weddle who through hard work and passion grew to dominate his position in the league." - Darren Rovell, ESPN sports business reporter "If you are as impressed as I am by Eric Weddle 'the player and leader', you will be even more so by the view of Eric Weddle 'the person and father' that you gain from No Excuses, No Regrets." - Alex Marvez, Senior NFL Writer, FOXSports.com "Eric Weddle has been a pillar of the NFL community, exemplary on the field and off. His story is one of dedication and perseverance and he rose to become one of the dominant safeties in the game, silencing detractors and becoming one the cornerstones of the Chargers organization.

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Football fans everywhere will enjoy his tale.” – Jason La Canfora, NFL Insider for CBS

### **The Little Engine That Could**

He was born a congenital amputee, his arms ending at his elbows and his legs at his knees. But that didn't stop Kyle Maynard from becoming a champion, on the wrestling mat and in his life. No Excuses is the inspiring story of Kyle's battle against the odds. You'll learn about the family who supported him, the coach who trained him, and the faith that strengthened him to face the toughest fights.

### **No Excuses, No Regrets**

Based on an episode of "Sex and the City," offers a lighthearted, no-nonsense look at dead-end relationships, providing advice for letting go and moving on.

### **Asking for It**

"All children can learn. The principals and schools profiled in this book have overcome the bureaucratic and cultural obstacles that keep low-income children behind in most public schools. No Excuses schools have created a culture of achievement among children whom most public schools would condemn to a life of failure."--Foreword, p. 1-2.

### **No Excuses!**

The controversial chronicle of a motel owner who secretly studied the sex lives of his guests by the renowned journalist and author of *Thy Neighbor's Wife*. On January 7, 1980, in the run-up to the publication of his landmark bestseller *Thy Neighbor's Wife*, Gay Talese received an anonymous letter from a man in Colorado. "Since learning of your long-awaited study of coast-to-coast sex in America," the letter began, "I feel I have important information that I could contribute to its contents or to contents of a future book." The man—Gerald Foos—then divulged an astonishing secret: he had bought a motel outside Denver for the express purpose of satisfying his voyeuristic desires. Underneath its peaked roof, he had built an "observation platform" through which he could peer down on his unwitting guests. Over the years, Foos sent Talese hundreds of pages of notes on his guests, work that Foos believed made him a pioneering researcher into American society and sexuality. Through his *Voyeur's* motel, he witnessed and recorded the harsh effects of the war in Vietnam, the upheaval in gender roles, the decline of segregation, and much more. In *The Voyeur's Motel*. "the reader observes Talese observing Foos observing his guests." An extraordinary work of narrative journalism, it is at once an examination of one unsettling

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man and a portrait of the secret life of the American heartland over the latter half of the twentieth century (Daily Mail, UK).  
“This is a weird book about weird people doing weird things, and I wouldn’t have put it down if the house were on fire.”  
—John Greenya, Washington Times

### **Long Way Down**

Negativity in the workplace costs businesses billions of dollars and impacts the morale, productivity and health of individuals and teams. "In *The No Complaining Rule: Positive Ways to Deal with Negativity at Work*, Jon Gordon, a bestselling author, consultant and speaker, shares an enlightening story that demonstrates how you can conquer negativity and inspire others to adopt a positive attitude." Based on one company’s successful No Complaining Rule, the powerful principles and actionable plan are practical and easy-to-follow, making this book an ideal read for managers, team leaders and anyone interested in generating positive energy.

### **Gordon Parks**

“An intense snapshot of the chain reaction caused by pulling a trigger.” —Booklist (starred review) “Astonishing.” —Kirkus Reviews (starred review) “A tour de force.” —Publishers Weekly (starred review) A Newbery Honor Book A Coretta Scott King Honor Book A Printz Honor Book A Los Angeles Times Book Prize Winner for Young Adult Literature Longlisted for the National Book Award for Young People’s Literature Winner of the Walter Dean Myers Award An Edgar Award Winner for Best Young Adult Fiction Parents’ Choice Gold Award Winner An Entertainment Weekly Best YA Book of 2017 A Vulture Best YA Book of 2017 A BuzzFeed Best YA Book of 2017 An ode to *Put the Damn Guns Down*, this is New York Times bestselling author Jason Reynolds’s electrifying novel that takes place in sixty potent seconds—the time it takes a kid to decide whether or not he’s going to murder the guy who killed his brother. A cannon. A strap. A piece. A biscuit. A burner. A heater. A chopper. A gat. A hammer A tool for RULE Or, you can call it a gun. That’s what fifteen-year-old Will has shoved in the back waistband of his jeans. See, his brother Shawn was just murdered. And Will knows the rules. No crying. No snitching. Revenge. That’s where Will’s now heading, with that gun shoved in the back waistband of his jeans, the gun that was his brother’s gun. He gets on the elevator, seventh floor, stoked. He knows who he’s after. Or does he? As the elevator stops on the sixth floor, on comes Buck. Buck, Will finds out, is who gave Shawn the gun before Will took the gun. Buck tells Will to check that the gun is even loaded. And that’s when Will sees that one bullet is missing. And the only one who could have fired Shawn’s gun was Shawn. Huh. Will didn’t know that Shawn had ever actually USED his gun. Bigger huh. BUCK IS DEAD. But Buck’s in the elevator? Just as Will’s trying to think this through, the door to the next floor opens. A teenage girl gets on, waves away the smoke from Dead Buck’s cigarette. Will doesn’t know her, but she knew him. Knew. When they were eight. And stray bullets had cut through the playground, and Will had tried to cover her, but she was hit anyway, and so what she

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wants to know, on that fifth floor elevator stop, is, what if Will, Will with the gun shoved in the back waistband of his jeans, MISSES. And so it goes, the whole long way down, as the elevator stops on each floor, and at each stop someone connected to his brother gets on to give Will a piece to a bigger story than the one he thinks he knows. A story that might never know an END...if Will gets off that elevator. Told in short, fierce staccato narrative verse, Long Way Down is a fast and furious, dazzlingly brilliant look at teenage gun violence, as could only be told by Jason Reynolds.

### **Redeeming Love**

Are you looking for some Workout and overall Fitness Motivation? Are you battling the all too common "Sitting of the Sofa is Easier" syndrome. Well I believe reading Hasan's True Life Story will help you with that. In fact, I'm pretty sure you'll be ready to hit the Gym with gusto. After you read how Hasan competes in Bodybuilding & Men's Physique competitions, all while battling a degenerative central nervous system disease. His true life story of daily perseverance and commitment to his goals, regardless of his medical diagnosis is truly Inspiring & Motivating. Without further ado, I'll let Hasan Banks explain more. He'll be able to fill you in on the details of his life's Journey, and how he's able to do some truly extraordinary things regardless of his medical struggles. My name is Hasan Banks and I'm a NPC Men's Bodybuilding & Physique Competitor. Fortunately I was diagnosed with a neurological disorder called Spinocerebellar Ataxia Type 7. This disorder impairs my motor skills so I have problems with my walking, balance, coordination, vision and speech. While living with ataxia hasn't been easy, I've chosen to stay positive and focus on what I can control. Through my faith I have been blessed with the strength to keep moving forward and not quit. I want my personal struggles and journey through the world of fitness to help people believe that they can accomplish anything they want. And they can do this, regardless of the physical, mental or emotional difficulties that they face. That is why I do what I do. To help people stay positive and do amazing things. Training in Fitness and Bodybuilding has taught me that I can and should love life and make No Excuses. It has made my mind strong and focused on getting Just Results, No Excuses! Complaining about my situation will not change things for the better. I look to the sky and do whatever it takes to Never Give Up! I use everyday as a chance to grow and I am so very Grateful to have a platform to Help People see that Nothing is Impossible.

### **Diary of a Fat Housewife**

"No Excuses" is the true story of a boy traveling across America with his family and their fifty-foot-long trailer full of adventures in the 1950's. Going to fifteen schools, in ten states, and twenty-four moves, Larry ventured his life from adventure to adventure. From the 'Muscadine highway,' to 'the runaway tractor' the trailer boy lived thrilling escapades. You will become a part of this soul stirring journey from Gallatin to the Mojave Desert or dancing at the Black Hawk Grill. The author bids you to join him in the '53 Ford, descending the wicked Sitgreaves Pass pushed by the sixteen thousand

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pounds of the Simpson's home on wheels. Travel with the 'kid' as he makes his own and others' lives a 'gala affair'. High thrilling adventure awaits you with joy and tears from this one blessed life. The trailer boy's inspiring story will move you to live your only life fully without excuses.

### **Don't Bullsh\*t Yourself!**

The controversial journalistic analysis of the mentality that fostered the Holocaust, from the author of *The Origins of Totalitarianism* Sparking a flurry of heated debate, Hannah Arendt's authoritative and stunning report on the trial of German Nazi leader Adolf Eichmann first appeared as a series of articles in *The New Yorker* in 1963. This revised edition includes material that came to light after the trial, as well as Arendt's postscript directly addressing the controversy that arose over her account. A major journalistic triumph by an intellectual of singular influence, *Eichmann in Jerusalem* is as shocking as it is informative—an unflinching look at one of the most unsettling (and unsettled) issues of the twentieth century.

### **Armor of Success**

An invaluable guidebook, which contends that the most vexing problems facing women today isn't that doors of opportunity aren't open but that not enough women are walking through them Feminist icon Gloria Feldt pulls no punches in this new book, which argues that the most confounding problem facing women today isn't that doors of opportunity aren't open, but that not enough women are walking through them. From the boardroom to the bedroom, public office to personal relationships, she asserts that nobody is keeping women from parity-except themselves. Feldt puts women's power into an historical context, showing the ways in which women have made huge leaps forward in the past, only to pull back right when they were at the threshold. Feldt argues that there's no excuse-whether it's the way women are socialized, or pressure to conform, or work/life balance issues-for women today not to own their power. Women are still facing unequal pay, being passed over for promotions, entering public office at a much lesser rate than men, and oftentimes still struggling with traditional power dynamics in their interpersonal relationships. Feldt's solution to all these places where women face inequality is the same: we need to shift the way we think to achieve true parity with our male counterparts. *No Excuses* is divided into nine chapters that organized around how women can change the way they think, and therefore the way they act. These include: Know Your History and You Can Create the Future of Your Choice; Define the Terms-First; Embrace Controversy; Employ Every Medium; and other helpful ideas for using the tools and resources women already have to create the changes they want to see. *No Excuses* is a timely and invaluable book to help women equalize gender power in politics, work, and love.

## **No Excuses!**

The personal story of a woman who has suffered the frustration, self-doubt, and loneliness associated with weight gain offers humorous insight into the diet industry and the power of the human will to overcome addiction to food.

## **The Voyeur's Motel**

A New York Times Best Illustrated Children's Book of 2011! A picture-book delight by a rising talent tells a cumulative tale with a mischievous twist. Features an audio read-along! The bear's hat is gone, and he wants it back. Patiently and politely, he asks the animals he comes across, one by one, whether they have seen it. Each animal says no, some more elaborately than others. But just as the bear begins to despond, a deer comes by and asks a simple question that sparks the bear's memory and renews his search with a vengeance. Told completely in dialogue, this delicious take on the classic repetitive tale plays out in sly illustrations laced with visual humor-- and winks at the reader with a wry irreverence that will have kids of all ages thrilled to be in on the joke.

## **Eichmann in Jerusalem**

Includes sections on self-discipline and personal success; business, sales and finances; and the good life.

## **Live the Dream**

New York Times Bestseller and Wall Street Journal Bestseller! Bar Rescue's Jon Taffer presents a new guide to getting what you want in life and business--to stop making excuses so you can get back to winning. During his many years as an entrepreneur, consultant, and star of the Paramount Network's hit show Bar Rescue, Jon Taffer has witnessed the destruction that results when people bullsh\*t themselves. Excuses are the root cause of nearly every business and personal problem, but fortunately, Jon knows how to fix your excuse habit for good. This book is almost as good as having Jon in your face on Bar Rescue, telling you the hard truths you've been avoiding. Don't Bullsh\*t Yourself! is Jon Taffer's brutally honest, no-nonsense guide to help you kick those excuses to the curb. If you can stop bullsh\*tting yourself and address your real issues, you will gain the power to turn your life around completely. Taffer breaks excuses down into six major categories, illustrating them with real-life examples such as Marcus Luttrell, the lone survivor of a SEAL team mission in Afghanistan who barely escaped Taliban territory, and Christine King, founder and CEO of Your Best Fit, who, despite being paralyzed in a horrific boating accident, went on to build a successful fitness company. These inspiring stories, combined with Taffer's own experiences, will give you the confidence to identify and face your own excuses head-on. It's Taffer Time! Time to stop

bullsh\*tting yourself and start crushing it!

## **American Dirt (Oprah's Book Club)**

FINALIST FOR THE 2017 NATIONAL BOOK AWARD FOR FICTION Named a Best Book of 2017 by NPR, Entertainment Weekly, the Los Angeles Times, BuzzFeed, Bustle, and Electric Literature “There was a time I would have called Lisa Ko’s novel beautifully written, ambitious, and moving, and all of that is true, but it’s more than that now: if you want to understand a forgotten and essential part of the world we live in, *The Leavers* is required reading.” —Ann Patchett, author of *Commonwealth* Lisa Ko’s powerful debut, *The Leavers*, is the winner of the 2016 PEN/Bellwether Prize for Fiction, awarded by Barbara Kingsolver for a novel that addresses issues of social justice. One morning, Deming Guo’s mother, Polly, an undocumented Chinese immigrant, goes to her job at a nail salon—and never comes home. No one can find any trace of her. With his mother gone, eleven-year-old Deming is left mystified and bereft. Eventually adopted by a pair of well-meaning white professors, Deming is moved from the Bronx to a small town upstate and renamed Daniel Wilkinson. But far from all he’s ever known, Daniel struggles to reconcile his adoptive parents’ desire that he assimilate with his memories of his mother and the community he left behind. Told from the perspective of both Daniel—as he grows into a directionless young man—and Polly, Ko’s novel gives us one of fiction’s most singular mothers. Loving and selfish, determined and frightened, Polly is forced to make one heartwrenching choice after another. Set in New York and China, *The Leavers* is a vivid examination of borders and belonging. It’s a moving story of how a boy comes into his own when everything he loves is taken away, and how a mother learns to live with the mistakes of the past.

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He was named by *The Atlantic Monthly* as "the most sought-after strategist in the Democratic party." He was targeted by *National Review* as the Democratic Party's "poet goon." From his unique perspective, Robert Shrum gives us an epic and personal story of the struggle for power in America during the past four decades. With wit and humor, rare candor, and a wealth of detail, he vividly recounts the real personalities and real forces that shaped the outcome of the closest and most important elections of our time. We are there with Shrum in the back rooms, on the planes, and in the motorcades with Ted Kennedy, Al Gore, John Kerry, John Edwards, and Bill and Hillary Clinton. Shrum reveals the manipulations and limitations of old and new forms of political persuasion, from the historic and sometimes controversial speeches he wrote to the negative ads he created for national and statewide candidates, from prepping presidential nominees for critical debates to the deployment of the new political weapon, the Internet. He lifts the curtain on decisive moments. Did John Kerry and John Edwards actually believe in the Iraq war they voted for? What was the real reason the Kerry campaign didn't respond faster to the Swift Boat attacks? Why didn't Al Gore let Bill Clinton campaign all-out in 2000? How did Clinton get through the first

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perilous week of the Lewinsky scandal? This is a provocative journey through recent history: George McGovern's antiwar campaign of 1972, the improbable rise of Jimmy Carter, Senate campaigns that made historic breakthroughs and shaped the presidential contests of the future, the gifts that made Bill Clinton a great politician -- and the circumstances and calculations that kept him from being a great president. As strategist, adviser, and often friend to the leaders he enlisted with, Shrum shows them as they are, with their strengths and human weaknesses -- as well as his own. Assailed as a populist who pushed the Democratic Party, in a phrase he coined, "to stand for the people, not the powerful," Shrum argues that unlike Republicans from Reagan on, Democrats fall short, politically or in office, when they trim their convictions and walk away from fundamental issues -- like universal health coverage. This is one of the most fascinating books ever written about the victories and defeats, the causes and candidates, the "flawed heroes" that drive the high drama of American politics.

### **The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian**

Presents the life and accomplishments of the first African American photographer for Life magazine.

### **A Beautiful Life with No Excuses**

The late Rev. Robert Lewis Gilbert was the first African American graduate of Baylor University, graduating with a B.A. degree in 1967. He was referred to as "Little Giant" by family members due to his small stature yet enormous heart and passion for justice. He was the first black teacher assigned to a formerly all-white public school in Waco. A well-known civil rights leader in Central Texas, Gilbert served as pastor at Carver Baptist Church--a congregation that grew over 500% under his leadership. In 1980, he was named Citizen of Texas and in 1992 he received Waco's Outstanding Humanitarian Award. No Excuses Accepted highlights Gilbert's journey as a courageous spiritual leader. Having struggled with a severe case of rheumatoid arthritis since the age of 14, Gilbert was known as a fighter. As he states in No Excuses Accepted, "God says, You can! God says you can do anything. There is nothing on this earth strong enough to hold you back my life has tested the limits of God's strength and power."

### **He's Just Not That Into You**

In this book, Maria describes the details and struggles of her client, Raymond, as he spoke to her about his strong faith and how he balanced it by explaining that "Life is always beautiful" as long as you don't make excuses and live up to your word. You can only change yourself, and you can't fix others. This is his life story as he told it to Maria, and asked her to share it with everyone who is struggling with addictions, loss of their children or spouse, or any tragic circumstances. Raymond has

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carried on in spite of his own childhood trauma and very tragic events in his life. From his childhood to his marriage to the death of his three sons, he proves that having faith in God has taught him to fight the devil himself, and make the best of the good life that is here for the taking.

### **No Excuses**

This collection of inspirational narratives, curated by the popular founder of Uplifting Content, is sure to change your perspective—and maybe even restore your faith in humanity. If you can't bear to watch the news lately, you're not alone. Luckily, Ione Butler is here to offer you an alternative—and maybe even restore your faith in humanity. As the founder of Uplifting Content, a social media platform followed by over 1.4 million people, she has interviewed some of the most inspiring people in the world. Here, she shares their remarkable stories and the lessons they've learned to help you through life's many challenges. Among the amazing folks you'll meet is Kyle Maynard, a motivational speaker and the first quadruple amputee to reach the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro without the aid of prosthetics—thanks to his “no excuses” attitude. You'll also meet Destiny Watford, a high school student whose passionate activism helped save her town, once dubbed “the most polluted zip code in America,” and Kouhyar Mostashfi and Greg Smith, two men from Ohio with completely opposing political views who have done the seemingly impossible and set aside their differences to become great friends. At the end of each story, you'll also find exercises to help you take action in your own life—whether by asking deeper questions about what's important to you, forging new connections and nurturing existing relationships, or reflecting on the contributions you wish to make in the world. The stories explore themes like human connection, service to others, and the pursuit of passion. Butler, who struggled with depression herself, firmly believes that focusing on the good in the world helped bring her back from the brink. Uplifting Stories reminds you that the world is still full of great people—even if their voices sometimes get lost in the noise.

### **Living with No Excuses**

Toss Out Those Tired Old Excuses Once and for All! Within the pages of this transformational book, Dr. Wayne W. Dyer reveals how to change the self-defeating thinking patterns that have prevented you from living at the highest levels of success, happiness, and health. Even though you may know what to think, actually changing those thinking habits that have been with you since childhood might be somewhat challenging. If I changed, it would create family dramas I'm too old or too young I'm far too busy and tired I can't afford the things I truly want It would be very difficult for me to do anything differently and I've always been this way may all seem to be true, but they're in fact just excuses. So the business of modifying habituated thinking patterns really comes down to tossing out the same tired old excuses and examining your beliefs in a new and truthful light. In this groundbreaking work, Wayne presents a compendium of conscious and

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subconscious crutches employed by virtually everyone, along with ways to cast them aside once and for all. You'll learn to apply specific questions to any excuse, and then proceed through the steps of a new paradigm. The old, habituated ways of thinking will melt away as you experience the absurdity of hanging on to them. You'll ultimately realize that there are no excuses worth defending, ever, even if they've always been part of your life--and the joy of releasing them will resonate throughout your very being. When you eliminate the need to explain your shortcomings or failures, you'll awaken to the life of your dreams. Excuses Begone!

### **No Excuses**

Bestselling author Sherman Alexie tells the story of Junior, a budding cartoonist growing up on the Spokane Indian Reservation. Determined to take his future into his own hands, Junior leaves his troubled school on the rez to attend an all-white farm town high school where the only other Indian is the school mascot. Heartbreaking, funny, and beautifully written, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, which is based on the author's own experiences, coupled with poignant drawings by Ellen Forney that reflect the character's art, chronicles the contemporary adolescence of one Native American boy as he attempts to break away from the life he was destined to live. With a forward by Markus Zusak, interviews with Sherman Alexie and Ellen Forney, and four-color interior art throughout, this edition is perfect for fans and collectors alike.

### **No Excuses**

What is stopping you from having a great career? The answer, quite probably, is you. After all, it is so easy to settle for the dull but safe, or to allow yourself to become trapped in a career you dislike, or to persuade yourself that the job you really want is out of your reach. But it doesn't have to be that way. In *No Fears, No Excuses*, renowned 'career whisperer' Professor Larry Smith shows you precisely how to secure a great future. Building on his hugely popular TEDx talk, 'Why You Will Fail to Have a Great Career', he shows why people so often get stuck on the wrong path. He then takes you step by step from that initial point when you are considering your options to the moment when you pitch for that perfect job - showing you exactly what decisions you need to make, and when. Whether you are starting out, looking to move up, or hoping to change direction altogether, this book will guide you towards a happier, more fulfilled career - now.

### **No Excuses**

Military hero and beloved *Dancing with the Stars* alum Noah Galloway shares his life story, and how losing his arm and leg in combat forced him to relearn how to live--and live to the fullest. Inspirational, humorous, and thought provoking, Noah Galloway's *LIVING WITH NO EXCUSES* sheds light on his upbringing in rural Alabama, his military experience, and the battle

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he faced to overcome losing two limbs during Operation Iraqi Freedom. From reliving the early days of life to his acceptance of his "new normal" after losing his arm and leg in combat, Noah reveals his ambition to succeed against all odds. Noah's gripping story is a shining example that with laughter, and the right amount of perspective, you can tackle anything. Whether it be overcoming injury, conquering the Dancing with the Stars ballroom, or taking the next steps forward in life with his young family - Noah demonstrates how to live life to the fullest, with no excuses.

### **No Excuses**

Taking responsibility is the key to achievement. Happiness derives from facing challenge with courage. Each failure opens the door to learning. High values, hard work and persistence matter. Success has meaning when it is won through integrity.

### **No Excuses**

Soon after the sexual misconduct allegations against film producer Harvey Weinstein became public in late 2017, the #MeToo movement went viral, opening up an explosive conversation about rape culture around the globe. In the US, someone is sexually assaulted every 98 seconds. More than 320,000 Americans over the age of twelve are sexually assaulted each year. Men are victims too. One in thirty-three American men will be sexually assaulted or raped in his lifetime. Yet only 3 percent of rapists ever serve time in jail. Learn about the patriarchal constructs that support rape culture and how to dismantle them: redefining healthy manhood and sexuality, believing victims, improving social and legal systems and workplace environments, evaluating media with a critical eye, and standing up to speak out. Case studies provide a well-rounded view of real people on all sides of the issues.

### **No Excuses**

A favorite Christian romance classic--a tragically wounded soul, the man called to marry her, and the only love that heals all--now available in a beautiful keepsake, linen-bound edition! California's Gold Country, 1850. A time when men sold their souls for a bag of gold and women sold their bodies for a place to sleep. Angel expects nothing from men but betrayal. Sold into prostitution as a child, she survives by keeping her hatred alive. And what she hates most are the men who use her, leaving her empty and dead inside. Then she meets Michael Hosea, who obeys God's call to marry Angel and love her unconditionally. Slowly, day by day, he defies Angel's every bitter expectation until, despite her resistance, her frozen heart begins to thaw. But with her unexpected softening come overwhelming feelings of unworthiness and fear. And so Angel runs. Back to the darkness, away from her husband's pursuing love, terrified of the truth she can no longer deny: Her final healing must come from the One who loves her even more than Michael Hosea does . . . the One who will never let her go.

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Redeeming Love is a life-changing story of God's unconditional, redemptive, all-consuming love that has captured the hearts of millions worldwide.

### **Excuses Begone!**

Dr. Wayne W. Dyer, the internationally best-selling author and lecturer, has a new message for his youngest readers. In his latest children's book, Wayne teaches kids about excuses: what they are, where they come from, and how to eliminate them so boys and girls can reach their full potential. Playfully illustrated once again by Stacy Heller Budnick, No Excuses! tells the story of a boy with a seemingly impossible dream who almost lets excuses stand in his way. Luckily, he learns some important lessons that allow him to attain his goals--lessons that just about all children will be able to understand and apply to their lives. No Excuses! will be available shortly after the publication of Wayne's book for adults, Excuses Begone!

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