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~~**The Wife's Tale** 2010-02-10 on the eve of their silver anniversary mary gooch is waiting for her husband jimmy still every inch the handsome star athlete he was in high school to come home as night turns to day it becomes frighteningly clear to mary that he is gone through the years disappointment and worry have brought mary s life to a standstill and she has let her universe shrink to the well worn path from the bedroom to the refrigerator but her husband s disappearance startles her out of her inertia and she begins a desperate search for the first time in her life she boards a plane and flies across the country to find her lost husband so used to hiding from the world mary finds that in the bright sun and broad vistas of california she is forced to look up from the pavement and what she finds fills her with inner strength she s never felt before through it all mary not only finds kindred spirits but reunites with a more intimate stranger no longer sequestered by fear and habit herself~~

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*The Mountain Story* 2015-04-14 five days four hikers three survivors from lori lansens author of the national bestsellers rush home road the girls and the wife s tale comes a gripping tale of adventure sacrifice and survival in the unforgiving wilderness of a legendary mountain on his 18th birthday wolf truly takes the tramway to the top of the mountain that looms over palm springs intending to jump to his death instead he encounters strangers wandering in the mountain wilderness three women who will change the course of his life through a series of missteps he and the women wind up stranded in view of the city below but without a way down they endure five days in freezing temperatures without food or water or shelter and somehow find the courage to carry on wolf now a grown man has never told his son or anyone what happened on the mountain during those five days but he can t put it off any longer and in telling the story to his only child daniel he at last explores the nature of the ties that bind and the sacrifices people will make for love the mountain still has a hold on wolf composed of equal parts beauty and terror

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**The Girls** 2009-02-24 in lori lansens astonishing second novel readers come to know and love two of the most remarkable characters in canadian fiction rose and ruby are twenty nine year old conjoined twins born during a tornado to a shocked teenaged mother in the hospital at leaford ontario they are raised by the nurse who helped usher them into the world aunt lovey and her husband uncle stash are middle aged and with no children of their own they relocate from the town to the drafty old farmhouse in the country that has been in lovey s family for generations joined to ruby at the head rose s face is pulled to one side but she has full use of her limbs ruby has a beautiful face but her body is tiny and she is unable to walk she rests her legs on her sister s hip rather like a small child or a doll in spite of their situation the girls lead surprisingly separate lives rose is bookish and a baseball fan ruby is fond of trash tv and has a passion for local history rose has always wanted to be a writer and as the novel opens she begins to pen her autobiography here is how she begins i have never looked into my sister s eyes i have never bathed alone i have never stood in the grass at night and raised my arms to a beguiling moon i ve never used an airplane bathroom or worn a hat or been kissed like that i ve never driven a car or slept through the night never a private talk or solo walk i ve never climbed a tree or faded into a crowd so many things i ve never done but oh how i ve been loved and if such things were to be i d live a thousand lives as me to be loved so exponentially ruby with her marvellous characteristic logic points out that rose s autobiography will have to be

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~~ruby s as well and how can she trust rose to represent her story~~  
accurately soon ruby decides to chime in with chapters of her own the novel begins with rose but eventually moves to ruby s point of view and then switches back and forth because the girls face in slightly different directions neither can see what the other is writing and they don t tell each other either the reader is treated to sometimes overlapping stories told in two wonderfully distinct styles rose is given to introspection and secrecy ruby s style is tell all frank and decidedly sweet we learn of their early years as the town freaks and of lovey s and stash s determination to give them as normal an upbringing as possible but when we meet them both lovey and stash are dead the girls have moved back into town and they ve received some ominous news they are on the verge of becoming the oldest surviving craniopagus joined at the head twins in history but the question of whether they ll live to celebrate their thirtieth birthday is suddenly impossible to answer in rose and ruby lori lansens has created two precious characters each distinct and loveable in their very different ways and has given them a world in leaford that rings absolutely true the girls are unforgettable the girls is nothing short of a tour de force

**Rush Home Road** 2009-02-24 lori lansens became one of canada s most sought after writers more than a year before her internationally heralded first book rush home road would see publication in april 2002 so immediately and passionately was her novel embraced that it was already front page arts news back in april 2001 knopf canada was the first publisher to buy this extraordinary debut novel but just before the 2001 london book fair little brown us bought the rest of the world rights for a major six figure sum for rush home road and the author s yet to be written second novel and rights have now been sold in numerous countries the globe and mail reported the record breaking news with full front page coverage and little brown international rights director linda biagi found herself talking of nothing else in london she sold rush home road to a further 9 territories with the manuscript still unedited biagi likened the book to some of the most important literary achievements of our time saying it s as if john irving had written the color purple louise dennys the executive publisher of knopf canada describes it as a novel of startling beauty and great heart that will immediately find a place within that small special tribe of books beloved by readers the world over the untold story of the descendants of the underground railroad

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~~heartbreaking and wise~~ ~~rush home road~~ tells the life story of ~~adelade~~ shadd who finds redemption in old age and sharla a five year old mixed race girl abandoned to addy s care by her white mother born in the first decade of the 20th century in rusholme inspired by the real town of buxton in southwestern ontario an all black community settled by fugitive slaves addy shadd is raped as a teenager and forced to flee the family home she makes her way on foot to detroit where she becomes the housekeeper for an elderly man and his grown son both of whom develop a crush on her when misfortune strikes again she sets off to make a new life for herself in canada thrown off the train at keating not far from her birthplace she meets and eventually marries the train porter the wonderful mose with whom she has a daughter but when tragedy strikes addy is left alone now an old woman she lives a quiet existence in a trailer park near chatham her whole world changes when a young mother asks her to babysit her daughter as it soon becomes clear that the mother is never coming back addy is glad of the company but not sure if she s up to the job of mothering this sweet awkward five year old nor is she sure how much longer she ll be around to do so how she manages is part of the story of this brilliantly captivating novel written with verve grace and unflinching emotional acuity rush home road is an epic story that explodes our notions of identity justice and heroism penetrating one of our darkest periods with profound insight and humanity addy shadd is a protagonist like no other full of quiet steely bravery and tenderness of heart this spellbinding novel will leave no reader untouched

This Little Light 2020-07-28 national bestseller this brilliant novel is an urgent bulletin from an all too believable near future in which the religious right has come out on top and where a smart young girl who questions the new order is suddenly a terrorist by the bestselling author of the girls and the mountain story taking place over 48 hours in the year 2024 this is the story of rory anne miller on the run with her best friend because they are accused of bombing their posh californian high school during an american virtue ball there s a bounty on their heads and a social media storm flying around them not to mention a posse of law enforcement attack helicopters and drones trying to track them down rory s mom a social activist and lawyer has been arrested and implicated in her daughter s crimes whereas her dad who betrayed his wife and daughter in a nasty divorce is cooperating with the authorities

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the story exists in a universe of gated communities born again christians probationary citizens once known as dreamers re criminalized abortion and birth control teenage virginity oaths and something called the red market which is either a conservative bogey man created to further polarize the base or a criminal network making money from selling unwanted babies to whomever wants them and fetal tissue to cosmetics and drug companies rory is cynical and scared furious and scathing betrayed and looking for something or someone to trust what she has to say about the dads and bosses and politicians lining up to keep women in their place and about the ways women collaborate in their own undermining is fierce and funny and sad and true

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*The Mountain Story* 2015-05-07 lori lansens has created a heart pounder of a book that is every bit as much of an emotional roller coaster as an adventurous one filled with richly drawn characters unexpected twists and gritty details about survival you ll want to read this right now jodi picoult on the anniversary of the day his best friend byrd had a tragic accident on the mountain which had been the boys paradise and escape wolf truly reaches for the summit again with the intention of not coming home but wolf meets three women in the cable car on the way up from palm springs and finds himself agreeing to help them get to a mountain lake as the weather suddenly deteriorates the group is stranded on a lethal ridge as the lights of the city twinkle below so close and yet so terrifyingly far away those who will survive the ordeal will do so through a mixture of bravery determination and self revelation

Soothing the Beast Within 2012 the diet industry s approach to weight loss primarily focuses on the what and when of how we eat nancy s clinical work and her own personal struggle with chronic overeating has led her to the conclusion that this method does not work in the vast majority of cases ironically it actually makes people fatter being overweight is not about the food the book looks at weight loss through an addition lens and offers exercises for getting the food monkey off your back it blends spiritual concepts in the direct no nonsense voice of its author with a sense of humor woven throughout

**The Brave** 2010-10-12 there s little love in eight year old tom bedford s

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~~life his parents are old and remote and the boarding school they ve sent~~  
him to bristles with bullies and sadistic staff the only comfort he gets is from his fantasy world of cowboys and indians but when his sister diane a rising star of stage and screen falls in love with one of his idols the suave tv cowboy ray montane tom s life is transformed they move to hollywood and all his dreams seem to have come true soon however the sinister side of tinseltown casts its shadow and a shocking act of violence changes their lives forever what happened all those years ago remains a secret that corrodes tom s life and wrecks his marriage only when his estranged son a us marine is charged with murder do the events resurface forcing him to confront his demons as he struggles to save his son s life he will learn the true meaning of bravery powerfully written and intensely moving the brave traces the legacy of violence behind the myth of the american west and explores our quest for love and identity the fallibility of heroes and the devastating effects of family secrets

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*Old Border Road* 2010-12-09 katherine is 17 living alone in the beautiful desolate landscape of southern arizona her mother is feckless her father busy with his new family meeting son the scion of a local rancher seems like deliverance they marry and live as a family in his parents venerable adobe house but it soon becomes clear that son is a man who as his father says has a young heart near withered beneath the breastbone katherine must find her own way during a dangerous months long drought when everything seems to be disintegrating around her susan froderberg s incantatory language and her deep knowledge of both the complexities of a small deeply rooted place and the human heart make old border road soar

**The Year of Bad Behavior** 2011-08-01 martin bodek spent a year encountering the nose pickers nail clippers cellphone yappers lane cut offers people who stand akimbo child slappers personal space invaders stores that have cashiers who can t decipher coupons customer service idiots the rude the people who need blackberry helmets line cutters











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