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Connecting with Coincidence

"As artist Harry Dodge initiates a research project about machine intelligence, he abruptly finds himself contending with the decline and death of his father from dementia, the renovation of a bewildering but powerful connection to his birth-mother, and the vicissitudes of artistic practice--its strange solitude and sociality. Under these pressures, the quotidian begins to tear, which allows a portal--perhaps activated by an iron meteorite Dodge orders on eBay--to open, and he rushes into it. The artist sets up an experiment: he vows to leave his studio and risk contact with unfamiliar people in order to put himself in touch with the magic that derives when humans connect. Grief and unease become catalysts for a reckoning with the vital forces of matter and--related--the bafflement of belonging. My Meteorite is a lyrical and provocative investigation into how we are shaped by ineffable forces we cannot know. Structured around a series of formative, formidable coincidences in Dodge's life, My Meteorite journeys from Barthes to "Blade Runner," from punk to Pale Fire. It is a wild, incandescent book that creates a literary universe of its own. At its heart lies the question of what it takes to love something, to deem its existence valuable (be it a robot, a stranger introduced as family, or a person with dementia). Blending the personal and the philosophical, the raw and the surreal, Harry Dodge re-enchants our world, illuminating the ways large and small coincidences make daily life shimmer into magic"--

The Coincidence

Nice guys always finish last, and Coby Epstein is sick and tired of being last. After his boyfriend dumps him, Coby vows to take it slow and not jump into another relationship, no matter what his ninety-five-year-old great aunt says. When Coby sees his ex has moved on, he goes on a series of disastrous first dates and swears off men, determined to be alone. His best friend disagrees and finds the "perfect man" for him online and arranges a date. The only problem? Coby has no idea what she's done. Since childhood, Eli Kaplan has been his father's greatest disappointment, a fact he's reminded of at every opportunity. For years, he's struggled with the knowledge that dating women doesn't work for him. A late-night confession to his brother changes everything and Eli realizes, maybe, just maybe,

he can come out, find himself, and find love. Eli takes the plunge and creates a profile on a dating website, not knowing what to expect. One night he chats with an intriguing man, and despite his nervousness, they arrange to meet for coffee. No big deal. They'll probably never see each other again. On the day of their first date, nothing could surprise Coby and Eli more than to discover that they live in the same apartment building, on the same floor. In a city of eight million people, coincidences don't get crazier than that. But as the two men begin to weave their lives together with cautious optimism and hope for a future, they find an even greater thread holding their families together—one born from the ashes of a final solution that couldn't destroy their ancestors' courage, leaving scars that remain almost a century later. Past lives torn apart can be pieced together by a future no one could have ever imagined, where love is more than fate or coincidence. It's meant to be.

The Third Coincidence

A gripping thriller about a man's quest for the daughter no one else believes is still alive, from the acclaimed author of *The Chalk Man* and *The Hiding Place*. An ID Book Club Selection • "C. J. Tudor is terrific. I can't wait to see what she does next."—Harlan Coben, #1 New York Times bestselling author Q: Why are you called the Other People? A: We are people just like you. People to whom terrible things have happened. We've found solace not in forgiveness or forgetting. But in helping each other find justice. Driving home one night, stuck behind a rusty old car, Gabe sees a little girl's face appear in its rear window. She mouths one word: Daddy. It's his five-year-old daughter, Izzy. He never sees her again. Three years later, Gabe spends his days and nights traveling up and down the highway, searching for the car that took his daughter, refusing to give up hope, even though most people believe she's dead. When the car that he saw escape with his little girl is found abandoned with a body inside, Gabe must confront not just the day Izzy disappeared but the painful events from his past now dredged to the surface. Q: What sort of justice? A: That depends on the individual. But our ethos is a punishment that fits the crime. Fran and her daughter, Alice, also put in a lot of miles on the road. Not searching. Running. Because Fran knows what really happened to Gabe's daughter. She knows who is responsible. And she knows what they will do if they ever catch up to her and Alice. Q: Can I request to have someone killed? A: If your Request is acceptable, and unless there are exceptional circumstances, we fulfill all Requests.

Synchrodestiny

In *Coincidence and Counterfactuality*, a groundbreaking analysis of plot, Hilary P. Dannenberg sets out to answer the perennial question of how to tell a good story. While plot is among the most integral aspects of storytelling, it is perhaps the least studied aspect of narrative. Using plot theory to chart the development of narrative fiction from the Renaissance to the present, Dannenberg demonstrates how the novel has evolved over time and how writers have developed increasingly complex narrative strategies that tap into key cognitive parameters familiar to the reader from real-life experience. ø Dannenberg proposes a new, multidimensional theory for analyzing time and space in narrative fiction, then uses this theory to trace the historical evolution of narrative fiction by focusing on coincidence and

counterfactuality. These two key plot strategies are constructed around pivotal moments when characters' life trajectories, or sometimes the paths of history, converge or diverge. The study's rich historical and textual scope reveals how narrative traditions and genres such as romance and realism or science fiction and historiographic metafiction, rather than being separated by clear boundaries are in fact in a continual process of interaction and cross-fertilization. In highlighting critical stages in the historical development of narrative fiction, the study produces new readings of works by pinpointing the innovative role played by particular authors in this evolutionary process. Dannenberg's original investigation of plot patterns is interdisciplinary, incorporating research from narrative theory, cognitive approaches to literature, social psychology, possible worlds theory, and feminist approaches to narrative.

Coincidence or Destiny?

For fans of *THE UNLIKELY PILGRIMAGE OF HAROLD FRY*, *THE ADJUSTMENT BUREAU*, Mark Watson and Mark Haddon, here is a cleverly written mystery about fate, circumstance, destiny and coincidence from COSTA AWARD-shortlisted author, John Ironmonger. This quirky read is hard to put down and spans philosophy, conflict, relationships and romance. Thomas Post is an expert on coincidences. He's an authority. People come to see him, to ask him if he can explain strange events that have befallen them, and he can always explain these things away. We poor humans, he would say, have a tendency to make patterns out of random shapes, or to construct meaning from the random behaviour of the universe. But one day Thomas gets a visit from Azalea Lewis, and his world will never be the same again. For Azalea's coincidences seem to go off the scale. The lives of Thomas and Azalea become entwined, their destinies entangled. And now, with Azalea apparently dead in a foreign land, Thomas must reassemble the pieces of her life in search for the patterns that drove it. And that means he must try to unravel the coincidences that so afflicted her.

The Destiny of Violet & Luke

Those extraordinary little events in your life happen for a reason. A coincidence-sometimes a silly little thing-changes the course of your day . . . or even your life. Is it chance, or is God communicating with you? *When God Winks at You* is packed with true stories demonstrating that God does communicate with us, making incredible things happen in our lives every single day. As you read the riveting accounts of everyday and famous people-including Tim Conway, Rudolph Giuliani, Billy Graham, and Don Knotts-you will begin to recognize the godwinks in your own life, both past and present. Through these tangible signposts from God, we receive personalized messages that reassure us, stop us from worrying, chart our path in life, and help us keep the faith. When God winks, He is reaffirming that there is absolutely nothing about us that He does not know-our every hurt, our every desire. And that to me is very comforting. -Squire Rushnell *God Winks®* is a registered trademark of Squire Rushnell

Fluke

From the bestselling author of *The Secret of Ella* and *Micha* comes a mesmerizing novel of fate, friendship, and the healing power of love . . . **THE COINCIDENCE OF CALLIE & KAYDEN** For Kayden, suffering in silence was the only way to survive. If he was lucky, he could keep his head down, do as he was told, and make it through the day. But one night it seemed like his luck-and his life-might finally end . . . until an angel named Callie appeared just in time to rescue him. Callie has never believed in luck. Not since her twelfth birthday when everything was taken from her. After the worst was over, she locked up her feelings and vowed never to tell anyone what happened. Now, six years later, she continues to struggle with the painful secret that threatens to consume her. When fate lands Kayden and Callie at the same college, Kayden is determined to get to know the beautiful girl who changed his destiny. Quiet and reserved, Callie still fears letting anyone else into her world. But Kayden is certain that Callie has come back into his life for a reason. And the more he tries to be a part of her life, the more he realizes that, this time, it's Callie who needs to be saved . . .

The Improbability Principle

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The Other People

Headlines scream across the nation as a country in near panic pleads for the capture of the killers. With little progress, U.S. President Samuel Schroeder asks Jack McCall, a veteran of the CIA and Defense Intelligence, to head up a special multi-agency task force to find the killers. A frustrated and unhappy FBI designates, as its representative, Rachel Johnstone, an agent with whom Jack has had some personal history. The *Third Coincidence* unfolds amidst continued assassinations, accusations that the president is attempting to form his own secret police, and confirmation hearings for reluctant nominees to fill the vacant positions while the Supreme Court struggles to sustain a quorum. Will a terrorist group or a mad assassin succeed in destroying these revered intuitions? In the spirit of *The Day of the Jackal* and *The Manchurian Candidate*, this story is juxta-posed through the eyes of both the hunter and the hunted as the devious plot to change America hurdles forward.

Amazing Coincidence

As elegant as his bestselling *How to Know God* and as practical as his phenomenal *The Seven Spiritual Laws of Success*, this groundbreaking new book from Deepak Chopra contains a dramatic premise: Not only are everyday coincidences meaningful, they actually provide us with glimpses of the field of infinite possibilities that lies at the heart of all things. By gaining access to this wellspring of creation, we can literally rewrite our destinies in any way we wish. From this realm of pure potential we are connected to everything that exists and everything that is yet to come. "Coincidences" can then be recognized as containing precious clues about particular facets of our lives that require our attention. As you become more aware of coincidences and their meanings, you begin to connect more and

more with the underlying field of infinite possibilities. This is when the magic begins. This is when you achieve the spontaneous fulfillment of desire. At a time when world events may leave us feeling especially insignificant and vulnerable, Deepak Chopra restores our awareness of the awesome powers within us. And through specific principles and exercises he provides the tools with which to create the magnificent, miraculous life that is our birthright.

Coincidence

The author examines recent developments in parapsychological research and explains their implications for physicists

The Coincidence of Callie & Kayden

Matt Dickens' substance abuse problem has opened his eyes to things he once took for granted. He feels he's being mistreated, so he becomes irate, terribly rabid and malicious, spewing anger and wrecking havoc in the most ominous ways. Matt sees his family's attitude as a ploy to make life unbearable for him. Misery loves company, so he decides to make theirs a living hell as well, with a greater effort to mortify and surly his dad's reputation. He's fed up and eventually wants out. Life abroad isn't milk and honey as he expected. He becomes a caregiver to a 65 years old widow in Australia. He's at his wits end and just then, his life takes a turn for better. The unmistakable impetus to become a cardio surgeon comes pretty handy to him. He pursues after his dream with sheer determination, hard work and undivided attention, the three tools life's experiences away from home had offered him. He achieves his long-term goal, with an unprecedented success in heart surgery. With his history of outstanding breakthroughs in his career, he's confident he can handle any case of heart surgery tossed his way. But now, he's about to perform the most complicated, risk involving and brain-racking heart surgery of his life. And little does he know the gravity of the Amazing Coincidence he's in for.

Beyond Coincidence

What determines the course of our lives? Chance . . . or destiny? On Midsummer's Day, 1982, three-year-old Azalea Ives is found alone at a seaside fairground. One year later, her mother's body washes up on a beach—her link to Azalea unnoticed. On Midsummer's Day, 1992, her adoptive parents are killed in a Ugandan rebel uprising; Azalea is narrowly rescued by a figure from her past. Terrified that she, too, will meet her fate on Midsummer's Day, Azalea approaches Thomas Post, an expert in debunking coincidences. Azalea's past, he insists, is random—but as Midsummer's Day approaches, he worries that she may bring fate upon herself.

The Many Lives of Heloise Starchild

A haunting new novel about love, death, and the afterlife, from the author of Quarantine Baritone Bay, mid-afternoon. A couple, naked, married almost thirty years, are lying murdered in the dunes. "Their bodies had expired, but anyone could tell--just look at them--that Joseph and Celice were still devoted. For while his hand was touching her, curved round her shin, the couple seemed to have

achieved that peace the world denies, a period of grace, defying even murder. Anyone who found them there, so wickedly disfigured, would nevertheless be bound to see that something of their love had survived the death of cells. The corpses were surrendered to the weather and the earth, but they were still a man and wife, quietly resting; flesh on flesh; dead, but not departed yet."

The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane

Seventeen-year-old Melissa is having her best year ever. She's traveling the world on the tall ship *Inspiration*, and, along with more than thirty other students, getting credit for a full year of high school in the bargain. And, after her boyless years at a private school, it doesn't hurt that one of the students on the ship is tall, dark, and handsome Pierre. (She's most impressed with his height, being close to six feet tall herself.) Melissa is excited to be learning the ropes of crewing the ship as the *Inspiration* completes the first part of its voyage, from San Diego to Mexico and then on to the Galapagos. But then things turn decidedly sour. Before the ship can reach Easter Island, it is taken over by the *Coincidence*, a large yacht manned by a ruthless band of smugglers. The band needs the services of the *Inspiration*'s doctor for one of their members, who was shot during a heist in Colombia that netted them more than \$100 million worth of cocaine. The future of the *Inspiration* and its passengers -- and of Melissa and Pierre's romance -- hangs in the balance. Will the RCMP, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency, and the teachers and crew be able to save Melissa's perfect year?

Coincidence of Spies

From the New York Times bestselling author of *The Coincidence of Callie & Kayden* comes an emotional new story about two troubled souls sharing one all-encompassing love . . . **THE REDEMPTION OF CALLIE & KAYDEN** The dark secret Kayden has kept hidden for years is finally out. Worse, he's facing charges for battery. The only way to clear his name is for Callie to speak up-something he'll never ask her to do. Instead, he'll do whatever he must to protect her . . . even if it means letting go of the only girl he's ever loved. Callie knows Kayden is going back to his dark place and desperately wants to save him. But that means facing her greatest fear and admitting her own painful secrets aloud. The thought of breaking her silence terrifies her-but not as much as the thought of losing Kayden forever. Deep in her heart, Callie knows the time has come for her and Kayden to forget the pain of the past. With the help of her friends Seth and Luke she makes a plan to show Kayden the life they could have. But can she convince him they can make a fresh start together-or is she already too late?

Coincidence Or God?

"A tremendous novel—droll, savvy, original. An invigorating blast of fiction."
—William Boyd, Author of *Any Human Heart* and *Restless*." A hurricane sweeps off the Gulf of Mexico and, in the back country of Alabama, assembles a passenger jet out of old bean cans and junkyard waste. This piques the interest of the enigmatic Directorate of the Extremely Improbable. Their fascination with this random event sets into motion a madcap caper that will bring together a hilarious cast of

characters, including: an eccentric mathematician, last heard of investigating the physics of free will; a lovelorn Cambridge postgraduate who has set off to America with a ring in his pocket and hope in his heart; and a member of the Directorate with no capacity for imagination. What ensues is a chaotic chase across a fully realized, hyper-real America, haunted by madness, murder, mistaken identity, and conspiracy. The Coincidence Engine is a lively, boisterous debut that heralds the arrival of a major new talent.

The Last Coincidence

The pricking anticipation of a phone call seconds before ringing, the premonition dream of birth exactly nine months before, the chance meeting that opens a new career path, the eerie realization of a loved one's death half a world away . . . From Jung to Einstein, across boundaries of culture and time, people have recognized the potential for synchronicity to reveal a hidden order to seeming random events, and to offer a glimpse of one's destiny. In *Coincidence or Destiny?*, best-selling author Phil Cousineau shares more than eighty stories of coincidence, some simple, and some so extraordinary they challenge our belief system. *Coincidence or Destiny?* threads together what the author calls "sly winks of fate" from ordinary individuals around the world, to well-known scholars such as Larry Dossey and Huston Smith to famous movies such as *Casablanca*, each story demonstrates how meaningful coincidences can profoundly change and guide people's lives.

Coincidence

A thrilling new novel from #1 New York Times bestselling author Lisa See explores the lives of a Chinese mother and her daughter who has been adopted by an American couple. Li-yan and her family align their lives around the seasons and the farming of tea. There is ritual and routine, and it has been ever thus for generations. Then one day a jeep appears at the village gate—the first automobile any of them have seen—and a stranger arrives. In this remote Yunnan village, the stranger finds the rare tea he has been seeking and a reticent Akha people. In her biggest seller, *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*, See introduced the Yao people to her readers. Here she shares the customs of another Chinese ethnic minority, the Akha, whose world will soon change. Li-yan, one of the few educated girls on her mountain, translates for the stranger and is among the first to reject the rules that have shaped her existence. When she has a baby outside of wedlock, rather than stand by tradition, she wraps her daughter in a blanket, with a tea cake hidden in her swaddling, and abandons her in the nearest city. After mother and daughter have gone their separate ways, Li-yan slowly emerges from the security and insularity of her village to encounter modern life while Haley grows up a privileged and well-loved California girl. Despite Haley's happy home life, she wonders about her origins; and Li-yan longs for her lost daughter. They both search for and find answers in the tea that has shaped their family's destiny for generations. A powerful story about a family, separated by circumstances, culture, and distance, *Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* paints an unforgettable portrait of a little known region and its people and celebrates the bond that connects mothers and daughters.

Coincidence and Counterfactuality

What if all those seemingly insignificant little what a coincidence! moments you've experienced were actually hinting at something very personal and important about yourself, and about the workings of human consciousness as a whole? Would you listen? Sue Watkins does. For more than thirty-five years, Susan M. Watkins, a former small-town newspaper reporter and the author of five books, has logged coincidences as they've occurred in her life. What she's discovered is that single, seemingly inconsequential coincidences—an old friend calling at the exact moment she pops into your head, for example—are often pieces of larger, more complex and meaningful coincidence clusters that together create rich and revealing stories. In *What a Coincidence!* Watkins presents coincidence clusters that are truly astounding and, along the way, explores those two important questions: What do our personal coincidence clusters reveal to us about ourselves and our lives? And what do they reveal about human consciousness at large? The conclusions she draws are utterly life altering. You will never brush off those what a coincidence! moments again.

The Notable Brain of Maximilian Ponder

Dr Deepak Chopra, the bestselling pioneer in mind/body medicine, shows how coincidences are messages about the miraculous potential of each moment. He reveals how, through understanding the forces that shape coincidences, you can learn to live at a deeper level and access the flow of synchronicity that lies at the heart of existence. You can start to transform your life through full-contact living, in which all things will be within your reach. Discover: - That there's no such thing as a meaningless coincidence - The seven principles of synchrodestiny - Practical techniques for applying those principles The seeds of a perfect destiny lie within you. This remarkable book will show you how to release their potential and live a life more wondrous than dreams.

A Coincidence of Wants

After the heir to a frozen-food fortune gets iced, Nero Wolfe's right-hand man becomes a suspect: "Goldsborough does a masterly job with the Wolfe legacy" (Booklist). When Lily Rowan doesn't laugh at his jokes, Archie Goodwin knows something's wrong. Her niece Noreen has been running around with Sparky Linville, a club-hopping bad boy who's the terror of Manhattan nightlife, and the last time she went out with him, Noreen wasn't herself when she came home. All she would tell her aunt was that she had been assaulted. Springing into action, Goodwin waits for Linville outside of Morgana's, a chrome-and-glass palace that sits like a wart on Second Avenue. They nearly come to blows, but Linville's bodyguard intervenes, and Goodwin retreats to plan his next move. In the morning, Linville is dead, and Goodwin is the chief suspect. For years he has helped rotund genius Nero Wolfe out of jams, and now it's time for the master detective to return the favor.

When God Winks

A well-known statistician presents his theory that extraordinary and rare events are actually commonplace and cites stories of two-time lottery winners and other bizarre coincidences to support his theory that unlikely events statistically must happen. 50,000 first printing.

The Spontaneous Fulfillment of Desire

In the 1940s, President Truman spent time at the Little White House in Key West the very reason Viktor Minnich is sent there. Viktor is a spy from the USSR who arrives via Greyhound bus with his young son, Vlad. They are quickly helped by Hank, a devout Christian, who finds lodging for them and helps Viktor start his own bait and tackle shop. Four-year-old Vlad adapts to his new American home even though he misses his mother back in Russia, while his father carries out spy assignments. Viktor's brilliant mind is soon tormented as he is forced to deal with circumstances beyond his control. When he develops feelings for a Florida woman, Laura, the turmoil almost gets the best of him. In his heart, Viktor is a family man, but he is also loyal to his republic. His face-to-face talk with USA counterespionage agents is mandatory. After Viktor disappeared, a young lady digs deeper into the life of Viktor but is she ready to uncover the many mysteries of a Russian spy and the woman he loved even if it takes her all the way to the USSR?

Coincidence

'Raising your consciousness to the 'God Winks' that often go by unnoticed, and recognising them as tremendously personal, will affirm that your existence is not random and that you have a role to play in life's grand plan' Squire Rushnell Have you ever thought about someone who hasn't crossed your path or mind in years and then bumped into them? Are there such things as coincidences? Do they mean anything? According to Rushnell, 'coincidences, like winks from God, are encouraging signposts along your universal path.' In WHEN GOD WINKS he explains that a 'God Wink' is a message of reassurance that comes our way whenever we need it and that coincidences are the best way for God to establish a presence in our lives. Rushnell shows how to retrace crossroads (a new job, a death, change in relationships) that took us in an entirely different direction, showing how to map the turning points made by coincidences that have guided us throughout our lives. Best of all, WHEN GOD WINKS shows us how to create our own coincidences and turn wishes into winks. He explains his compelling theory of coincidences through a series of incredible stories and motivational writing on how coincidences play a role in all facets of our life, including career, love, history, medicine, entertainment, sports and politics with telling comments from Oprah Winfrey, Barbara Streisand, Mark Twain, Kevin Costner and other celebrities. WHEN GOD WINKS is a fascinating bridge to self-discovery.

Being Dead

SHORTLISTED FOR THE COSTA FIRST NOVEL AWARD 'Maximilian Ponder is lying face up, dead, on the dining table in his own front room. This is something you really should know, right from the start. 'Max would also have wanted you to know that this is a Henri II style, French, walnut extending dining table, standing on solid

turned legs with fretwork decor to the middle, also with ebony and sandalwood inlay, designed by the French furniture maker Nicolas Rastin and probably dating from around 1900 ' Maximilian Ponder shut himself away for thirty years in an attempt to record every memory he ever had. Now he lies dead, surrounded by his magnum opus - The Catalogue - an exhaustive set of notebooks and journals that he hopes will form the map of one human mind. But before his friend Adam Last can call the police and inform them of Max's death, one rather gruesome task remains in order for Max's project to be complete. Interspersed with sections from The Catalogue, Adam tells the story of the man he knew - a man whose life changed dramatically the day he buried a dead labrador and fought a duel with his father. What emerges is both the story of a friendship, and also of a lifelong obsession, a quest to understand the human mind, memory and what constitutes a life.

Coincidence Engine

Have you ever wondered what your purpose was in this world? Have you wondered if it was a coincidence or something more? Many people find themselves, at one point or another, wondering about the meaning of this life and why we co-exist, but have you ever stopped to look at your own life? In this book, *Coincidence or God?* you will read about a story of a young man who was lured in by the darkness. He became addicted to meth for six years and almost lost his life. One night changed everything. *Coincidence or God?* is a life-changing, heaven-sent, transforming testimony that will help you understand the meaning of your own life. It will change everything about the way you think and live. All you have to do is be open to the idea that this life is far greater than what can be seen with the naked eye. There is a world so beautiful that even your own eyes can't view it. There is a place where everyone knows your name. After all, we are not in this world alone, but we are surrounded by a Creator who wants to know you more. His desire is to be known and to love you. There are many testimonies in this book that will give you a personal view into the world of addiction. It will show you how the young man barely survived a bomb threat, witnessed the evil domain in this world, lost touch with reality, and was present at ground zero during the May 22nd, EF5 tornado which ripped through the heart of Joplin, Missouri. This is a story that cannot be forgotten. It is a place most Christians have never known, let alone lived. It is a story that will stay with you for years. This story is a living testimony to help you understand this life is meant for so much more and is by no means a coincidence.

Beyond Coincidence

The story of "a talented chef and the food critic who brings down her restaurant, whose chance meeting turns into a romance of mistaken identities"--Amazon.com.

The Roots of Coincidence

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Ever After* of Ella and Micha comes a story of scars, courage, and new possibilities . . . Luke Price's life has always been about order, control, and acting tough on the outside. For Luke, meaningless relationships are a distraction-a way to tune out the twisted memories

of his childhood. He desperately wishes he could forget his past, but it haunts him no matter what he does. Violet Hayes has had a rough life. When she was young, she was left with no family and the memory of her parents' unsolved murders. She grew up in foster homes, living with irresponsible parents, drugs, and neglect, and trying to fight the painful memories of the night her parents were taken from her. But it's hard to forget when she never got closure-and she can't stop dreaming about what happened that tragic night. To make it through life, she keeps her distance from everyone and never allows herself to feel anything. Then Violet meets Luke. The two clash instantly, yet they can't seem to stay away from each other. Although they fight it, they both start to open up and feel things they've never felt before. They discover just how similar they are. But they also discover something else: The past always catches up with you . . . (88,000 words)

My Meteorite

Seventeen-year-old Melissa is having her best year ever. She's traveling the world on the tall ship Inspiration, and, along with more than thirty other students, getting credit for a full year of high school in the bargain. And, after her boyless years at a private school, it doesn't hurt that one of the students on the ship is tall, dark, and handsome Pierre. (She's most impressed with his height, being close to six feet tall herself.) Melissa is excited to be learning the ropes of crewing the ship as the Inspiration completes the first part of its voyage, from San Diego to Mexico and then on to the Galapagos. But then things turn decidedly sour. Before the ship can reach Easter Island, it is taken over by the Coincidence, a large yacht manned by a ruthless band of smugglers. The band needs the services of the Inspiration's doctor for one of their members, who was shot during a heist in Colombia that netted them more than \$100 million worth of cocaine. The future of the Inspiration and its passengers -- and of Melissa and Pierre's romance -- hangs in the balance. Will the RCMP, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency, and the teachers and crew be able to save Melissa's perfect year?

The Coincidence Authority

REMEMBER ME WHEN THE COMET COMES On the day the comet came, a girl named Heloise was born. She would live a fine life, and inherit a fortune, but would meet a cruel, untimely death. Years later, strange dreams plague Katya Nemcová, a teenager burdened with a rare and curious gift. Memories come to Katya in her dreams - images and stories from a past that isn't her own. Are these ghosts real? And what of the memory she seems to have of Heloise's treasures, two centuries old? A novel that spans the history of Europe - from revolutionary France to the world wars, the Prague Spring, post Brexit Britain, and beyond - this is the irresistible, adventurous and affectionate story of a quite extraordinary woman, her exceptionally talented ancestors and the curious memories they share.

The Redemption of Callie & Kayden

What A Coincidence!

Ever wonder what the odds are of being struck by lightning? Or winning the lottery? Or meeting someone from Timbuktu with the same middle name as you? BEYOND COINCIDENCE recounts and analyzes over 200 amazing stories of synchronicity, the likes of: Laura Buxton, age ten, releases a balloon from her backyard. It lands 140 miles away in the backyard of another Laura Buxton, also age ten. Two sisters in Alabama decide, independently, to visit the other. En route, their identical jeeps collide and both sisters are killed. A British cavalry officer was fighting in the last year of World War One when he was knocked off his horse by a flash of lightning. He was paralyzed from the waist down. The man moved to Vancouver, Canada where, six years later, while fishing in a river, lightning struck him again, paralyzing his right side. Two years later, he was sufficiently recovered to take walks in a local park when, in 1930, lightning sought him out again, this time permanently paralyzing him. He died soon after. Four years later, lightning destroyed his tomb.

The Kite and the String

In this genre-bending novel, there is no such thing as chance and every action is carefully executed by highly trained agents. You'll never look at coincidences the same way again. What if the drink you just spilled, the train you just missed, or the lottery ticket you just found was not just a random occurrence? What if it's all part of a bigger plan? What if there's no such thing as a chance encounter? What if there are people we don't know determining our destiny? And what if they are even planning the fate of the world? Enter the Coincidence Makers—Guy, Emily, and Eric—three seemingly ordinary people who work for a secret organization devoted to creating and carrying out coincidences. What the rest of the world sees as random occurrences, are, in fact, carefully orchestrated events designed to spark significant changes in the lives of their targets—scientists on the brink of breakthroughs, struggling artists starved for inspiration, loves to be, or just plain people like you and me. When an assignment of the highest level is slipped under Guy's door one night, he knows it will be the most difficult and dangerous coincidence he's ever had to fulfill. But not even a coincidence maker can see how this assignment is about to change all their lives and teach them the true nature of fate, free will, and the real meaning of love. Part thriller, part mystery, part love story—Kirkus calls Yoav Blum's *The Coincidence Makers* “a smart, unpredictable, and heartfelt adventure story.”

When God Winks at You

Laureth Peak's father has taught her to look for recurring events, patterns, and numbers—a skill at which she's remarkably talented. Her secret: She is blind. But when her father goes missing, Laureth and her 7-year-old brother Benjamin are thrust into a mystery that takes them to New York City where surviving will take all her skill at spotting the amazing, shocking, and sometimes dangerous connections in a world full of darkness. Marcus Sedgwick's *She Is Not Invisible* is an intricate puzzle of a novel that sheds a light on the delicate ties that bind people to each other. This title has Common Core connections.

She Is Not Invisible

A charming epistolary novel that chronicles the love story between Emma and Frederico, former high school sweethearts who meet again thirty years later. At Dreams & Desires, 50-year-old Emma's quaint bookshop in Milan dedicated to romantic fiction, the passionate bookseller serves coffee and tea to her customers and completes order slips in pen rather than using a computer. One day, she finds a mysterious handwritten note stuck between the pages of a novel. The message is from her high school sweetheart Frederico, who is now a successful architect in New York and whom she hasn't seen in thirty years. When she finally meets Frederico again, Emma is convinced that her life is about to turn into a romance novel - an intercontinental fairy tale between Milan and New York, between two post office boxes and two lovers that are separated by the Atlantic Ocean and half a life. But Frederico is married, and their epistolary romance, punctuated by once-a-year sojourns on the island of Belle Ile, seems to have no future. Paola Calvetti's PO Box Love is an ode to old-fashioned relationships (the ones that last a lifetime), old-fashioned habits (such as writing letters by hand in fountain pen) and old-fashioned notions (such as politeness, and the great lost art of conversation), and will enchant readers of such perennial favorites as 84 Charing Cross Road by Helene Hanff and Same Time Next Year by Bernard Slade.

The Coincidence of Coconut Cake

We've all experienced or heard of surprising events and unexplainable coincidences—money that seems to come from nowhere, a spontaneous idea that turns into a life-changing solution, meeting our soulmate on a flight we weren't supposed to take, or families being reunited by "accident" after years of separation. Often these coincidences are explained as being controlled by a higher power or pure chance. But for the first time since Carl Jung's work, comes bold new research that explains scientifically how we can identify, understand, and perhaps even control the frequency of coincidences in our everyday lives. Bernard Beitman, a leading expert on Coincidence Studies, proposes a greater personal responsibility which depends partly upon newly discovered "grid cells" located in the brain, near the hippocampus. But neuroscience cannot complete the entire puzzle, and in this fascinating guide, Beitman provides the missing piece. From analyzing true stories of synchronicity from around the globe and throughout history, he shares key personality characteristics and situational factors that contribute to the occurrence of meaningful coincidences in our lives. Where other books on coincidences tend to be theoretical, inspirational, or story collections only, Beitman's book is the first to provide a scientific understanding and practical ways in which readers can use them in their own lives. He reveals: How to activate your observing self so you don't miss synchronistic moments How serendipity can offer insights into solving problems or making difficult decisions Why stress activates meaningful coincidences Which states of mind impede our ability to experience synchronicity How to interpret the meaning of a coincidence Why being attuned to coincidences is a learned skill—and how to hone your sensitivity.

The Coincidence Makers

A mathematical guide to understanding why life can seem to be one big coincidence—and why the odds of just about everything are better than we would think. What are the chances? This is the question we ask ourselves when we

encounter the strangest and most seemingly impossible coincidences, like the woman who won the lottery four times or the fact that Lincoln's dreams foreshadowed his own assassination. But, when we look at coincidences mathematically, the odds are a lot better than any of us would have thought. In *Fluke*, mathematician Joseph Mazur takes a second look at the seemingly improbable, sharing with us an entertaining guide to the most surprising moments in our lives. He takes us on a tour of the mathematical concepts of probability, such as the law of large numbers and the birthday paradox, and combines these concepts with lively anecdotes of flukes from around the world. How do you explain finding your college copy of *Moby Dick* in a used bookstore on the Seine on your first visit to Paris? How can a jury be convinced beyond a reasonable doubt that DNA found at the scene of a heinous crime did not get there by some fluke? Should we be surprised if strangers named Maria and Francisco, seeking each other in a hotel lobby, accidentally meet the wrong Francisco and the wrong Maria, another pair of strangers also looking for each other? As Mazur reveals, if there is any likelihood that something could happen, no matter how small, it is bound to happen to someone at some time. In *Fluke*, Mazur offers us proof of the inevitability of the sublime and the unexpected. He has written a book that will appeal to anyone who has ever wondered how all of the tiny decisions that happen in our lives add up to improbable wholes. A must-read for math enthusiasts and storytellers alike, *Fluke* helps us to understand the true nature of chance.

P.O. Box Love

A wrong number here, a case of mistaken identity there, a chance meeting with a stranger who knows your best friend. Most people dismiss such things as trivial, unimportant. Mere coincidence. Or could there be a hidden pattern in these seemingly random events? George Daly's life has been as unremarkable as most people's, until the day he finds himself going through his dead father's possessions. He discovers a photograph of himself as a boy, but he has no memory of where it was taken, nor does he recognize the people with him. As he investigates further, he experiences an increasingly bizarre chain of coincidences that soon threaten to unravel his whole world. Before long he finds himself fighting for his sanity and even his survival.

Coincidence

A targeted and insightful guide to the stages of writing fiction and memoir without falling into common traps, while wisely navigating the writing life, from an award-winning author and longtime teacher “A book-length master class.” —*The Atlantic* Writing well does not result from following rules and instructions, but from a blend of spontaneity, judgment, and a wise attitude toward the work—neither despairing nor defensive, but clear-eyed, courageous, and discerning. Writers must learn to tolerate the early stages, the dreamlike and irrational states of mind, and then to move from jottings and ideas to a messy first draft, and onward into the work of revision. Understanding these stages is key. *The Kite and the String* urges writers to let playfulness and spontaneity breathe life into the work—letting the kite move with the winds of feeling—while still holding on to the string that will keep it from flying away. *Alice Mattison* attends also to the difficulties of protecting writing time, preserving solitude, finding trusted readers, and setting the right goals for

publication. The only writing guide that takes up both the stages of creative work and developing effective attitudes while progressing through them, plus strategies for learning more about the craft, *The Kite and the String* responds to a pressing need for writing guidance at all levels. From the Hardcover edition.

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