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### **Night Train to Sugar Hill**

The beautifully written, deeply affecting story of Jean-Michel Basquiat's partner, her past, and their life together New York City in the 1980s was a mesmerizing, wild place. A hotbed for hip hop, underground culture, and unmatched creative energy, it spawned some of the most significant art of the 20th century. It was where Jean-Michel Basquiat became an avant-garde street artist and painter, swiftly achieving worldwide fame. During the years before his death at the age of 27, he shared his life with his lover and muse, Suzanne Mallouk. A runaway from an unhappy home in Canada, Suzanne first met Jean-Michel in a bar on the Lower

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East Side in 1980. Thus began a tumultuous and passionate relationship that deeply influenced one of the most exceptional artists of our time. In emotionally resonant prose, award-winning author Jennifer Clement tells the story of the passion that swept Suzanne and Jean-Michel into a short-lived, unforgettable affair. A poetic interpretation like no other, *Widow Basquiat* is an expression of the unrelenting power of addiction, obsession and love. From the Trade Paperback edition.

### **All for a Few Perfect Waves**

An instant New York Times bestseller! Charlamagne Tha God—the self-proclaimed “Prince of Pissing People Off,” cohost of Power 105.1’s *The Breakfast Club*, and “the most important voice in hip-hop”—shares his eight principles for unlocking your God-given privilege. In *Black Privilege*, Charlamagne presents his often controversial and always brutally honest insights on how living an authentic life is the quickest path to success. This journey to truth begins in the small town of Moncks Corner, South Carolina, and leads to New York and headline-grabbing interviews and insights from celebrities like Kanye West, Kevin Hart, Malcolm Gladwell, Lena Dunham, Jay Z, and Hillary Clinton. *Black Privilege* lays out all the great wisdom Charlamagne’s been given from many mentors, and tells the uncensored story of how he turned around his troubled early life by owning his (many) mistakes and refusing to give up on his dreams, even after his

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controversial opinions got him fired from several on-air jobs. These life-learned principles include: -There are no losses in life, only lessons -Give people the credit they deserve for being stupid—starting with yourself -It's not the size of the pond but the hustle in the fish -When you live your truth, no one can use it against you -We all have privilege, we just need to access it By combining his own story with bold advice and his signature commitment to honesty no matter the cost, Charlamagne hopes Black Privilege will empower you to live your own truth.

### **Che Guevara**

Teenagers Sandra and Chink fall in love after they start selling drugs in inner-city Los Angeles, but when he goes to jail and Sandra is later raped, Chink escapes to seek revenge against the men responsible.

### **Milat**

In “The Naked Soul of Iceberg Slim,” the fierce and lyrical icon for criminal reformation describes himself as “ill...from America’s fake façade of justice and democracy.” For Iceberg, the illness may have been a detriment, but for us, it’s a gift. His tales serve as a chilling reminder that we are all still inmates of one prison or another, and the time to break free has arrived. Iceberg Slim took the public into

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the raw, unseen, predatory reality of America with “Pimp”. This time around, he puts the emphasis on reality with his collection of personal essays. This is Iceberg, in California, broken down into a million pieces of anger, wisdom, but ready for a shift in his own consciousness. From the corrupt LAPD to a broken heart, Iceberg recounts woes that the average Joe can’t even fathom. Iceberg Slim takes us for a ride; this time not only through the harrowing world of a pimp, but through his brain, his soul, and his psyche. The racist, gut-wrenching universe Iceberg Slim inhabits throughout this novel and his struggle to endure is one that will be appreciated by all. The story’s arch of chaos to cleansing is startlingly honest. After all, one can’t help but root for the man who had the courage to rupture the bars of the cell society created for him and the man who gave a voice to those too afraid to speak. In “The Naked Soul of Iceberg Slim” his voice reigns loud and clear, and ready for vengeance.

### **Pimp**

Iceberg Slim is the name Robert Beck used in the ghetto. He was a pimp and this is his story, told without bitterness and with no pretence at moralizing - the smells, the sounds, the fears, the petty triumphs in the world of the pimp.

### **Dial L for Loser**

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"A Black Lizard Trade Paperback Original."

### **Widow Basquiat**

"[In Pimp], Iceberg Slim breaks down some of the coldest, capitalist concepts I've ever heard in my life." —Dave Chappelle, from his Netflix special *The Bird Revelation* Pimp sent shockwaves throughout the literary world when it published in 1969. Iceberg Slim's autobiographical novel offered readers a never-before-seen account of the sex trade, and an unforgettable look at the mores of Chicago's street life during the 1940s, 50s, and 60s. In the preface, Slim says it best, "In this book, I will take you, the reader, with me into the secret inner world of the pimp." An immersive experience unlike anything before it, Pimp would go on to sell millions of copies, with translations throughout the world. And it would have a profound impact upon generations of writers, entertainers, and filmmakers, making it the classic hustler's tale that never seems to go out of style.

### **Iceberg Slim**

Clawing his way to the top, pimp Earl the Black Pearl believes he is untouchable, but when someone puts a hit on his friends, he has to fight back to save his own life. In this, his fourth novel, Donald Goines tests the tensile strength of a ghetto

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spawn who clawed his way to the top and fights like hell to stay there. He's known as Earl the Black Pearl, and he's left the homeboys behind--way behind. He's cool, sharp as an ice crystal, and it seems that no one can touch him. Until someone even higher up puts the heat on and his friends begin dropping like flies--of lead poisoning. That's when Earl fights back . . . and all hell breaks loose! "He lived by the code of the streets and his books vividly re-created the street jungle and its predators." --New Jersey Voice

### **Pimping Fictions**

Based on the premise that accountants often make finance unnecessarily confusing, this no-frills guide will help small business owners see beyond the numbers and translate financial statements into tangible business success. The author shows the reader how to use key financial indicators as a basis for smart business decisions, with a focus on companies in the range between start-up and \$5 million in revenue. In a humorous and conversational tone, Crabtree explains how even the most harried business owners can use financial metrics to improve their bottom line. The author's down-to-earth discussion includes many insights: Most business owners are probably not paying themselves enough; Paying taxes can be a positive in accounting; A company-wide salary cap can help immensely with personnel decisions. Additionally, the numerous examples help readers see for themselves how following the author's advice will have a direct impact on their

profits.

### **Dopefiend**

Johnny, a biracial teenager called "White Folks" because of his fair features, grows up in urban Chicago and enters the con game under the mentorship of Blue, a dark-skinned African American, after his mother is raped and taken to a mental institution.

### **Monster**

The Calabrian mafia is Australia's oldest, largest and most ruthless crime syndicate, trafficking drugs worth billions of dollars and laundering the proceeds through sophisticated international networks. Enforcing discipline with age-old tools of violence and intimidation, the Calabrians have been responsible for nearly 40 murders in Australia since the mid-1970s and many more before that. Mafia families in Australia report directly to bosses in Calabria and profits are funnelled back to the mother organisation. Yet despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary, Federal and State law enforcement agencies have long assured the public that there is no Calabrian mafia in Australia. With powerful and uncompromising clarity, *Evil Life* shatters this myth. Drawing on court documents

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and unreleased intelligence reports, as well as interviews with well-informed sources, the authors reveal how the Calabrian mafia evolved from its beginnings on the north Queensland cane fields in the 1920s to establish cells in every major capital city, making Australia a key outpost in the world of global organised crime.

### **Doom Fox**

100 lined pages of notebook goodness to write down just how it is you've become such a pimp at life and everything! Perfect gift for that pimp in your life.

### **The Autobiography of Gucci Mane**

Night Train to Sugar Hill is a hybrid novel, a mix of hardcore crime fiction, mysticism, L.A. noir, literary naturalism, and street literature. It is one of the two final novels of black American writer Iceberg Slim.

### **The Naked Soul of Iceberg Slim**

Straight from the source: Iceberg Slim gives unprecedented insight into his incredible life and mind in this second collection of rare, explicit, interviews. Iceberg Slim is infamous as a pimp. But he was many things: Victim of childhood

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abuse, racism and the Great Depression; drug addict; hustler; prison escapee; multi-million book selling author; one of the first rap record artists; orator; pre-eminent writer; father; husband; advocate of socially constructive life. The interviews (big topics from applying the game in square relationships, to the con game, sex, drugs, education, writing, racial issues, fatherhood, politics, crime and punishment) are complimented by: Camille Beck's tragic story, told by her sister Misty; FBI records, mug shots, historical records; the true story of Baby Bell and Sweet Jones; and the true story of Henry and Iceberg's mother. Revealing insights with those who knew Iceberg Slim are included: Mike Tyson; Camille and Misty Beck; Diane Beck; Betty Beck's story from the day she met Iceberg; Bentley Morriss (CEO, Holloway House Publishing). Plus Ice-T, Bishop Don Magic Juan and others provide relevant commentary on Iceberg's life, work and great legacy.

### **Trick Baby**

Whoreson Jones is the son of a beautiful black prostitute and an unknown white john. As a child, he's looked after by his neighbourhood's imposing matriarch, Big Mama, while his mother works the streets. At the age of 12, his street education begins when a man named Fast Black schools him in trickology. By 13, Whoreson is a cardsharp. At the age of 16 his childhood comes to an abrupt end when he becomes a fully-fledged pimp: cold-blooded and ruthless. As he battles to understand his world, he must learn to live up to his mother's words, 'First be a

man, then be a pimp'.

### **I Put A Spell On You**

The pimp has reached nearly mythical status. We are fascinated by the question of how a guy from the ghetto with no startup capital and no credit -- nothing but the words out of his mouth -- comes not only to have a stable of sexy women who consider him "their man," but to drive a Rolls, sport diamonds, and wear custom suits and alligator shoes from Italy. His secret is to follow the "unwritten rules of the game" -- a set of regulations handed down orally from older, wiser macks -- which give him superhuman powers of charm, psychological manipulation, and persuasion. In Pimpology, star of the documentaries Pimps Up, Ho's Down and American Pimp and Annual Players Ball Mack of the Year winner Ken Ivy pulls a square's coat on the unwritten rules that took him from the ghetto streets to the executive suites. Ken's lessons will serve any person in any interaction: Whether at work, in relationships, or among friends, somebody's got to be on top. To be the one with the upper hand, you've got to have good game, and good game starts with knowing the rules. If you want the money, power, and respect you dream of, you can't just "pimp your ride," you need to pimp your whole life. And unless you've seen Ray Charles leading Stevie Wonder somewhere, you need Ken's guidelines to do it. They'll reach out and touch you like AT&T and bring good things to life like GE. Then you can be the boss with the hot sauce who gets it all like

Monty Hall

### **PIMPOLOGY**

The definitive account of the rise and fall of the ultimate narco, "El Chapo," from the New York Times reporter whose coverage of his trial went viral Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman is the most legendary of Mexican narcos. As leader of the Sinaloa drug cartel, he was one of the most dangerous men in the world. His fearless climb to power, his brutality, his charm, his taste for luxury, his penchant for disguise, his multiple dramatic prison escapes, his unlikely encounter with Sean Penn—all of these burnished the image of the world's most famous outlaw. He was finally captured by U.S. and Mexican law enforcement in a daring operation years in the making. Here is that entire epic story—from El Chapo's humble origins to his conviction in a Brooklyn courthouse. Longtime New York Times criminal justice reporter Alan Feuer's coverage of his trial was some of the most riveting journalism of recent years. Feuer's mastery of the complex facts of the case, his unparalleled access to confidential sources in law enforcement, and his powerful understanding of disturbing larger themes—what this one man's life says about drugs, walls, class, money, Mexico, and the United States—will ensure that El Jefe is the one book to read about "El Chapo."

### **Death Wish**

Doom Fox is the final instalment in Iceberg Slim's searing sequence of highly-charged books that began with his critically acclaimed and multi-million selling autobiography, Pimp. Slim's powerful, raw prose and eye-opening reflections of black ghetto realities have helped to redefine modern American literature, offering the reader a glimpse into lifestyles and language never before seen in print. Doom Fox tells the tragic story of three generations of the Allen family in post-war L. A. Written with Slim's typically disturbing honesty and sharp humour, it paints their lives with compassion, telling their stories in their own words, in the language of the street. The result is another riveting and potent urban parable, a bitter coomentary on a society that has as its core a legalized policy of discrimination.

### **My Life in Prison**

"Lush sex and stark violence colored Black and served up raw by a great Negro writer," promised the cover of Run Man Run, Chester Himes' pioneering novel in the black crime fiction tradition. In Pimping Fictions, Justin Gifford provides a hard-boiled investigation of hundreds of pulpy paperbacks written by Himes, Donald Goines, and Iceberg Slim (aka Robert Beck), among many others. Gifford draws from an impressive array of archival materials to provide a first-of-its-kind literary

and cultural history of this distinctive genre. He evaluates the artistic and symbolic representations of pimps, sex-workers, drug dealers, and political revolutionaries in African American crime literature-characters looking to escape the racial containment of prisons and the ghetto. Gifford also explores the struggles of these black writers in the literary marketplace, from the era of white-owned publishing houses like Holloway House-that fed books and magazines like *Players* to eager black readers-to the contemporary crop of African American women writers reclaiming the genre as their own.

### **The Way of the Superior Man**

In the 1920s, Squizzy Taylor was a household name for all the wrong reasons - armed robbery, fraud, sly grog and prostitution rackets, race fixing, extortion, jury rigging and illegal gambling. Squizzy was a dandy, a bootlegger and Melbourne's most notorious criminal. From 1915 to 1927 he and his gang waged open warfare against their rivals across Melbourne. *Underbelly: Squizzy* tells the epic story of Squizzy Taylor's relentless quest for power and recognition, a quest that ultimately created our first celebrity gangster. Among those who really knew him - the women in his life and the members of his gang - Squizzy left a trail of misery and heartache, but in the end he got what he wanted. People still remember his name. *Underbelly: Squizzy* is based on the major TV miniseries, produced by Screentime for Channel Nine.

### **Black Privilege**

The account of Donald Lowrie's 10 years in San Quentin after being convicted of burglary.

### **Black Girl Lost**

Rapper Gucci Mane takes us to his roots in Alabama, the streets of East Atlanta, the trap house, and the studio where he found his voice as a peerless rapper. He reflects on his inimitable career and in the process confronts his dark past -- the murder charge, years behind bars, addiction, career highs and lows -- the making of the Trap God. It is one of the greatest comeback stories in the history of music. -- Adapted from book jacket.

### **How to Be a Pimp (Notebook)**

### **Underbelly Squizzy**

The most gritty and real illustration of the black ghetto ever told, from the only man capable of telling it, Iceberg Slim, bestselling author of Pimp. Mama Black

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Widow tells the tragic story of Otis Tilson, a stunning black drag queen trapped in a cruel queer ghetto underworld. In hopes of escaping the racial bigotry and economic injustice of the South, Otis' family journeys north from their plantation to an urban promised land. Once in Chicago Otis and his brother and sisters become prisoners to a wasteland of violence, crime, prostitution and rape. This is the gut-wrenching tale of the destruction of a family and the truest portrayal of homosexuality in the ghetto ever told.

### **Iceberg Slim**

Immerse yourself in the role of one of the most famous and prolific pimps of 20th century America. In this page-turning biography you will get to know an ambitious, ruthless and vicious man - Robert Beck, more commonly known by his street-earned nickname "Iceberg Slim". Being one of the most popular and talked about pimps of the last century, there are many stories surrounding the character of Iceberg Slim, some extraordinary and unbelievable, but this book aims to show the reader the true and factual events from Iceberg Slim's life that shaped him into the notorious pimp he would become, and his life after his pimping career. Follow the life path of a unique character of America's last century. Many biographies about Robert Beck focus mainly on his political views, and sometimes objectionable behavior, but many overlook the dark publishing world he found himself long after he had been done with his pimping career, something which this

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biography aims to correct. Meet the characters of the most iconic pimp of the 20th century and discover the many little known facts about Robert Beck in this biography by Robert Lewis.

### **Influence**

James Baldwin used to tell Nina Simone, "This is the world you have made for yourself, now you have to live in it." Simone has created for herself a world of magnificent peaks. Often compared to Billie Holiday and Edith Piaf, Simone is known as one of the greatest singers of her generation. She has recorded forty-three albums, ranging from blues to jazz to folk, and her hits like "I Loves You, Porgy," "My Baby Just Cares for Me," "I Put a Spell on You," and "Mississippi Goddam" have confirmed her as an enduring force in popular music. Her song "Young, Gifted, and Black" became the anthem for the Civil Rights Movement and thrust her beyond international stardom into the center of activism. But such worlds as Simone's are not without their grim valleys: disastrous marriages, arrest and the threat of imprisonment, mental breakdown, poverty, and attempted suicide. She has survived these trials and continues to perform throughout Europe and the United States. With undiminished passion and in her unconquerable voice, this is Nina Simone's powerful memoir of her tempestuous life.

### **El Jefe**

Terry and Teddy's relationship crumbles and they go in separate directions as they become heroin addicts and seek their dealer's favor in order to feed the addiction.

### **Evil Life**

Milat - the serial killer who preyed on young hitchhikers. The backpackers - the innocent victims of a brutal murderer. Belanglo - a place that became synonymous with pure evil. It was the biggest and most complex manhunt in Australian history, an investigation that gripped a nation. Behind the many false leads and dead ends, precious clues emerged that pointed to one man. This is the story of how Ivan Milat was caught. Clive Small takes us inside the operation he led as his team painstakingly pieced together the evidence that put Milat behind bars. But questions remain. Did he act alone? Were there other victims? How much did his family know? And what of his great-nephew, who brutally killed a young man in 2010? Chilling, forensic, compassionate - this is the definitive story that could only be told by someone at the centre of the police operation. It is also a powerful argument for the investigation of more than a hundred unsolved murders.

### **Pimp**

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Released from prison after twenty years, Crush embarks on a plan to recapture his position at the head of New York City's most powerful crime syndicate while exacting revenge on those who betrayed him and killed his son.

### **Simple Numbers, Straight Talk, Big Profits!**

Acclaimed around the world and a national best-seller, this is the definitive work on Che Guevara, the dashing rebel whose epic dream was to end poverty and injustice in Latin America and the developing world through armed revolution. Jon Lee Anderson's biography traces Che's extraordinary life, from his comfortable Argentine upbringing to the battlefields of the Cuban revolution, from the halls of power in Castro's government to his failed campaign in the Congo and assassination in the Bolivian jungle. Anderson has had unprecedented access to the personal archives maintained by Guevara's widow and carefully guarded Cuban government documents. He has conducted extensive interviews with Che's comrades—some of whom speak here for the first time—and with the CIA men and Bolivian officers who hunted him down. Anderson broke the story of where Guevara's body was buried, which led to the exhumation and state burial of the bones. Many of the details of Che's life have long been cloaked in secrecy and intrigue. Meticulously researched and full of exclusive information, Che Guevara illuminates as never before this mythic figure who embodied the high-water mark of revolutionary communism as a force in history.

### **Street Players**

For twenty years, Miki "Da Cat" Dora was the king of Malibu surfers—a dashing, enigmatic rebel who dominated the waves, ruled his peers' imaginations, and who still inspires the fantasies of wannabes to this day. And yet, Dora railed against surfing's sudden post-Gidget popularity and the overcrowding of his once empty waves, even after this avid sportsman, iconoclast, and scammer of wide repute ran afoul of the law and led the FBI on a remarkable seven-year chase around the globe in 1974. The New York Times named him "the most renegade spirit the sport has yet to produce" and Vanity Fair called him "a dark prince of the beach." To fully capture Dora's never-before-told story, David Rensin spent four years interviewing hundreds of Dora's friends, enemies, family members, lovers, and fellow surfers to uncover the untold truth about surfing's most outrageous practitioner, charismatic antihero, committed loner, and enduring mystery.

### **Street Poison**

Perhaps best known for his highly acclaimed, short-lived Comedy Central program Chappelle's Show, Dave Chappelle is widely regarded as one of today's most culturally significant comedians. Through the sketch comedy show and his stand-up act, Chappelle has offered truly memorable commentary on racial and ethnic

tensions in American society. This book assembles 13 essays that examine motifs common in Chappelle's comedy, including technology and digital culture; race, gender, and ethnicity; economics and politics; music, television, film, and performance; and memory, language, and identity.

### **To Shake the Sleeping Self**

"On the eve of turning thirty, terrified of being sucked into a life he didn't choose, Jedidiah Jenkins quit his dream job and spent the next sixteen months cycling from Oregon to Patagonia. He chronicled the trip on Instagram, where his photos and reflections on life soon attracted hundreds of thousands of followers and got him featured by National Geographic and The Paris Review. Jed now narrates the adventure that started it all: the people and places he encountered on his way to the bottom of the world, and the internal journey that prompted it -- the question of what it means to be an adult; his struggle to reconcile his sexual identity with his conservative Christian upbringing; and his belief in travel as a way to "wake us up" to our lives back home. As he writes in this account of his search for wonder and a life he could believe in, 'It's not about the bike. It's about getting out of your routine -- and that could look like anything.'"

### **Trainspotting**

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Chronicles the clash between Jimmy Collucci, an ambitious member of Chicago's Mafia, and Jessie Taylor, an African American driven by revenge and hatred to destroy Collucci's infamous organization.

### **Kings of Vice**

Goodbye Westchester, hello Hollywood!

### **Shetani's Sister**

From the New York Times bestselling author of The Family Business crime series comes a deliciously provocative legal page-turner about the Hudson family. When famed attorney Bradley Hudson learns of his youngest son Langston's arrest for drug trafficking, he immediately assembles a team of lawyers and investigators, including members of his own family, to build a defense. With his reputation for being a shark in the courtroom, Bradley is confident he will get justice for his son—until he realizes he will be going up against an old foe, Assistant District Attorney James Brown. Is the ADA allowing his personal history with the Hudsons to influence his handling of the prosecution? To complicate matters, Bradley discovers that his older son, Lamont, a young lawyer and Bradley's right-hand man, has secretly been planning his exit from the family law firm to get out from

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under his father's shadow. Desiree, Bradley's only daughter, is fresh out of law school and quite reserved compared to her siblings. She's the good girl who doesn't normally like to rock the boat, but in what could be considered the worst of all timing, she is secretly dating a man and a woman, and both relationships are on a collision course. Given the problems her family is facing, now is not the right time for Desiree to introduce more drama to the mix, but she just can't seem to help herself. As if fighting for one son's freedom and fending off the other's betrayal isn't enough pressure, Bradley is also in the middle of his own love triangle between his ex-wife, federal judge Jacqueline Hudson, and his current wife and jury consultant, Carla. He knows how much is at stake if his family's drama spirals out of control, so he'll do everything within his power to keep it all together and prevent his son from landing behind bars. With his trademark dramatic style, Carl Weber introduces readers to the Hudsons. Only time will tell if they can stand united, or if the legal dynasty of Bradley Hudson is about to come crashing down.

### **Iceberg Slim**

Robert Beck, better known as Iceberg Slim, was an American pimp who subsequently became an influential author among a primarily African-American readership. Beck's novels were adapted into movies, and the imagery and tone of Beck's fiction have been acknowledged as an influence by several gangsta rap musicians, including Ice T and Ice Cube, whose names are homages to Beck.

## **The Comedy of Dave Chappelle**

Brace yourself, America, for Irvine Welsh's *Trainspotting*—the novel and the film that became the cult sensations of Britain. *Trainspotting* is the novel that first launched Irvine Welsh's spectacular career—an authentic, unrelenting, and strangely exhilarating episodic group portrait of blasted lives. It accomplished for its own time and place what Hubert Selby, Jr.'s *Last Exit to Brooklyn* did for his. *Rents*, *Sick Boy*, *Mother Superior*, *Swanney*, *Spuds*, and *Seeker* are as unforgettable a clutch of junkies, rude boys, and psychos as readers will ever encounter. *Trainspotting* was made into the 1996 cult film starring Ewan MacGregor and directed by Danny Boyle (*A Shallow Grave*).

## **Whoreson**

A young boy, his loyalties torn between the old world and the new, fights to save his family as he faces the monsters without, and those within.

## **Mama Black Widow**

The first and definitive biography of one of America's bestselling, notorious, and influential writers of the twentieth century: Iceberg Slim, né Robert Beck, author of

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the multimillion-copy memoir *Pimp* and such equally popular novels as *Trick Baby* and *Mama Black Widow*. From a career as a, yes, ruthless pimp in the '40s and '50s, Iceberg Slim refashioned himself as the first and still the greatest of "street lit" masters, whose vivid books have made him an icon to such rappers as Ice-T, Jay-Z, and Snoop Dogg and a presiding spirit of "blaxploitation" culture. You can't understand contemporary black (and even American) culture without reckoning with Iceberg Slim and his many acolytes and imitators. Literature professor Justin Gifford has been researching the life and work of Robert Beck for a decade, culminating in *Street Poison*, a colorful and compassionate biography of one of the most complicated figures in twentieth-century literature. Drawing on a wealth of archival material—including FBI files, prison records, and interviews with Beck, his wife, and his daughters—Gifford explores the sexual trauma and racial violence Beck endured that led to his reinvention as Iceberg Slim, one of America's most infamous pimps of the 1940s and '50s. From pimping to penning his profoundly influential confessional autobiography, *Pimp*, to his involvement in radical politics, Gifford's biography illuminates the life and works of one of American literature's most unique renegades.

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