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Be Careful Who You Love Jan 14 2022 Chronicles the music superstar's battles against child molestation charges from 1993 to 2005, in an account that examines the complicated aspects of the case and provides insight into Jackson's self-transformation and the events at the Neverland Ranch.

The Book of Love Dec 25 2022 An anthology of more than two hundred excerpts of poetry, fiction, and memoirs, both classic and contemporary, pertaining to the many moods of love

A Natural History of the Senses Oct 19 2019 Diane Ackerman's lusciously written grand tour of the realm of the senses includes conversations with an iceberg in Antarctica and a professional nose in New York, along with dissertations on kisses and tattoos, sadistic cuisine and the music played by the planet Earth. "Delightful . . . gives the reader the richest possible feeling of the worlds the senses take in." –The New York Times

The History of Love Jun 07 2021 Leo Gursky is a man who fell in love at the age of ten and has been in love ever since. These days he is just about surviving life in America, tapping his radiator each evening to let his upstairs neighbour know he's still alive, drawing attention to himself at the milk counter of Starbucks. But life wasn't always like this: sixty years ago in the Polish village where he was born Leo fell in love with a young girl called Alma and wrote a book in honour of his love. These days he assumes that the book, and his dreams, are irretrievably lost, until one day they return to him in the form of a brown envelope. Meanwhile, a young girl, hoping to find a cure for her mother's loneliness, stumbles across a book that changed her mother's life and she goes in search of the author. Soon these and other worlds collide in The History of Love, a captivating story of the power of love, of loneliness and of survival.

Reverse Thunder Feb 15 2022 A dramatization of the passion of Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz, a Mexican nun regarded as one of her country's greatest poets.

One Hundred Names for Love: A Memoir Jan 26 2023 Finalist for the Pulitzer Prize Finalist for the National Book Circle Critics Award "A testament to

the power of creativity in language, life—and love." —Heller McAlpin, *Washington Post* No other writer can blend the science of the brain with the love of language like Diane Ackerman. In this extraordinary memoir, she opens a window into the experience of wordlessness—the language paralysis called aphasia. In narrating the recovery of her husband, Paul West, from a stroke that reduced his vast vocabulary to a single syllable, she evokes the joy and mystery of the brain's ability to find and connect words. Deeply rewarding to readers of all kinds, Ackerman has given us a literary love story, accessible insight into the science and medicine of brain injury, and invaluable spiritual sustenance in the face of life's myriad physical sufferings.

A Slender Thread May 18 2022 his astonishing book by the prizewinning, bestselling author of *A Natural History of the Senses* reveals Ackerman's parallel lives as an observer of the wildlife in her garden and as a telephone crisis counselor. "(Ackerman) brings a luminous and illuminating combination of sensuality, science, and speculation to whatever she considers."—*San Francisco Examiner*.

Getting the Love You Want Workbook Nov 19 2019 This newly revised and updated companion study guide to the 2019 edition of the *New York Times* bestseller *Getting the Love You Want*. In 1988, Harville Hendrix, in partnership with his wife, Helen LaKelly Hunt, published a terrifically successful relationship guide called *Getting the Love You Want*. The book introduced thousands to their *Imago Relationship Therapy*, a unique healing process for couples, prospective couples, and parents, and developed into an overnight sensation. For their

part, Doctors Hendrix and Hunt managed to aid scores of couples in their plight for more loving, supportive, and deeply satisfying relationships. Now, more than a decade later, this companion book picks up where its predecessor left off, delving further into relationship therapy to help transform relationships into lasting sources of love and companionship. *The Getting the Love You Want Workbook* is designed for the hundreds of thousands of couples who have attended Imago workshops since *Getting the Love You Want* hit bookstands, as well as new and curious ones seeking a practical route back to intimacy and passionate friendship. The workbook contains a unique twelve-week course (*The New Couples' Study Guide*) designed to help work through the exercises published in Part III of *Getting the Love You Want*. For those of us struggling to maintain our most precious relationships, the *Getting the Love You Want Workbook* helps us grow aware of our individual, unconscious agenda while steering us towards a more harmonious link with our loved ones that will satisfy our deepest needs.

Horse People Jul 08 2021 "Deeply I sat, fixed to the slap, slap, slap of her trot, and the counterpoint thud-plod, thud-plod of her heart, enchanted by a soft percussion I felt part of, floating above the syncopated rhythm like a melody." --Diane Ackerman, recalling her beloved Appaloosa mare
Horses have inspired devotion, awe, and love in their human companions for millennia; in *Horse People* more than forty acclaimed writers and artists share their own passion for these magical, mythical animals. *Horse People* includes deeply moving reminiscences and stories as varied as Jane Smiley's

memories of her return to riding and Rita Mae Brown's straight-from-the-horse's-mouth tale "told" by her horse, Peggy Sue Brown. A wide range of artistic mediums are represented as well: Painter Jamie Wyeth evokes dreamlike memories of a rural past; photographer John Derryberry captures the untamed beauty of wild stallions in Kashmir. Read this moving anthology and "you too will yearn to connect--or reconnect--with horses" (Town & Country).

How the French Invented Love Feb 03 2021

"Absolutely marvelous...lively and learned...Marilyn Yalom's book is a distinguished contribution to our experience of a great literature, as well as an endearing memoir." -Diane Johnson, author of *Lulu in Marrakech* and *Le Divorce* "[An] enchanting tour of French literature—from Abelard and Heloise in the 12th century to Marguerite Duras in the 20th and Philippe Sollers in the 21st." -Publishers Weekly (starred review) *How the French Invented Love* is an entertaining and masterful history of love à la française by acclaimed scholar Marilyn Yalom. Spanning the Middle Ages to the present, Yalom explores a love-obsessed culture through its great works of literature—from Moliere's comic love to the tragic love of Racine, from the existential love of Simone de Beauvoir and Jean-Paul Sartre to the romanticism of George Sand and Alfred de Musset. A thoroughly engaging homage to French culture and literature interlaced with the author's delicious personal anecdotes, *How the French Invented Love* is ideal for fans of Alain de Botton, Adam Gopnik, and Simon Schama.

Love Is a Story Aug 29 2020 In this groundbreaking

work, Robert Sternberg opens the book of love and shows you how to discover your own story--and how to read your relationships in a whole new light. What draws us so strongly to some people and repels us from others? What makes some relationships work so smoothly and others burst into flames? Sternberg gives us new answers to these questions by showing that the kind of relationship we create depends on the kind of love stories we carry inside us. Drawing on extensive research and fascinating examples of real couples, Sternberg identifies 26 types of love story--including the fantasy story, the business story, the collector story, the horror story, and many others--each with its distinctive advantages and pitfalls, and many of which are clashingly incompatible. These are the largely unconscious preconceptions that guide our romantic choices, and it is only by becoming aware of the kind of story we have about love that we gain the freedom to create more fulfilling and lasting relationships. As long as we remain oblivious to the role our stories play, we are likely to repeat the same mistakes again and again. But the enlivening good news this book brings us is that though our stories drive us, we can revise them and learn to choose partners whose stories are more compatible with our own. Quizzes in each chapter help you to see which stories you identify with most strongly and which apply to your partner. Are you a traveler, a gardener, a teacher, or something else entirely? *Love is a Story* shows you how to find out.

All About Love Apr 17 2022 A New York Times bestseller and enduring classic, *All About Love* is the acclaimed first volume in feminist icon bell

hooks' "Love Song to the Nation" trilogy. *All About Love* reveals what causes a polarized society, and how to heal the divisions that cause suffering. Here is the truth about love, and inspiration to help us instill caring, compassion, and strength in our homes, schools, and workplaces. "The word 'love' is most often defined as a noun, yet we would all love better if we used it as a verb," writes bell hooks as she comes out fighting and on fire in *All About Love*. Here, at her most provocative and intensely personal, renowned scholar, cultural critic and feminist bell hooks offers a proactive new ethic for a society bereft with lovelessness--not the lack of romance, but the lack of care, compassion, and unity. People are divided, she declares, by society's failure to provide a model for learning to love. As bell hooks uses her incisive mind to explore the question "What is love?" her answers strike at both the mind and heart. Razing the cultural paradigm that the ideal love is infused with sex and desire, she provides a new path to love that is sacred, redemptive, and healing for individuals and for a nation. *The Utne Reader* declared bell hooks one of the "100 Visionaries Who Can Change Your Life." *All About Love* is a powerful, timely affirmation of just how profoundly her revelations can change hearts and minds for the better.

The Human Age Oct 23 2022 'Our relationship with nature has changed . . . radically, irreversibly, but by no means all for the bad. Our new epoch is laced with invention. Our mistakes are legion, but our talent is immeasurable.' In *The Human Age* award-winning nature writer Diane Ackerman confronts the

fact that the human race is now the single dominant force of change on the planet. Humans have 'subdued 75 per cent of the land surface, concocted a wizardry of industrial and medical marvels, strung lights all across the darkness'. We now collect the DNA of vanishing species in a 'frozen ark', equip orang-utans with iPads, create wearable technologies and synthetic species that might one day outsmart us. Ackerman takes us on an exciting journey to understand this bewildering new reality, introducing us to many of the people and ideas now creating - perhaps saving - the future. *The Human Age* is a surprising, optimistic engagement with the dramatic transformations that have shaped, and continue to alter, our world, our relationship with nature and our prospects for the future. Diane Ackerman is one of our most lyrical, insightful and compelling writers on the natural world and *The Human Age* is a landmark book.

A Guide to the Bodhisattava's Way of Life Oct 31 2020 Shantideva's *Bodhisattvacharyavata* (*A Guide to the Bodhisattva's Way of Life*) holds a unique place in Mahayana Buddhism akin to that of the *Dhammapada* in Hinayana Buddhism and the *Bhagavadgita* in Hinduism. In combining those rare qualities of scholastic precision, spiritual depth and poetical beauty, its appeal extends to a wide audience of Buddhists and non-Buddhists alike. Composed in India during the 8th century of the Christian era, it has since been an inspiration to millions of people throughout the world. This present translation by Stephen Batchelor is based upon a 12th century Tibetan commentary as orally explained by Ven. Geshe Ngawang Dhargyey. The ninth chapter on wisdom has

been expanded for this edition with relevant commentarial passages.

A Natural History of Love Sep 29 2020 The bestselling author of *A Natural History of the Senses* now explores the allure of adultery, the appeal of aphrodisiacs, and the cult of the kiss. Enchantingly written and stunningly informed, this "audaciously brilliant romp through the world of romantic love" (Washington Post Book World) is the next best thing to love itself. "From the Trade Paperback edition."

Dawn Light: Dancing with Cranes and Other Ways to Start the Day Jan 22 2020 A celebrated storyteller-poet-naturalist explores a year of dawns, drawing on sources as diverse as meteorology, world religion, etymology, art history, poetry, organic farming, and beekeeping.

The Zookeeper's Wife Jun 19 2022 Documents the heroic true story of Warsaw Zoo keepers and resistance activists Jan and Antonina Zabinski who, in the aftermath of Germany's invasion of Poland, saved the lives of hundreds of Jewish citizens by smuggling them into empty cages and their home villa. Reprint. 70,000 first printing.

Red-Tails in Love Feb 21 2020 Updated Edition—Ten Years Later The scene of this enchanting (and true) story is the Ramble, an unknown wilderness deep in the heart of New York's fabled Central Park. There an odd and amiable band of nature lovers devote themselves to observing and protecting the park's rich wildlife. When a pair of red-tailed hawks builds a nest atop a Fifth Avenue apartment house across the street from the model-boat pond, Marie Winn and her fellow "Regulars" are soon transformed

into obsessed hawkwatchers. The hilarious and occasionally heartbreaking saga of Pale Male and his mate as they struggle to raise a family in their unprecedented nest site, and the affectionate portrait of the humans who fall under their spell will delight and inspire readers for years to come.

Heine's Book of Songs Mar 04 2021

Atomic Love Apr 05 2021 The stunning novel about our fiercest loyalties, deepest desires and the power of forgiveness 'A highly-charged love story' DELIA OWENS, bestselling author of WHERE THE CROWD SING 'This story has everything. Just thinking about it makes me feel that lovely feeling where your heart seems to skip a beat' 5***** Reader Review _____ Rosalind Porter's biggest mistake was love . . . Chicago, 1950. Before Thomas Weaver broke her heart and wrecked her career, Rosalind was a leading atomic researcher. Five years on, she's alone and can barely make ends meet. Which is when Thomas - a shattered man - walks back into her life, begging forgiveness. Rosalind would, and should, say no but for two reasons. First, she still loves Thomas. And, second, Charlie Szydlo. Charlie's a damaged FBI agent who believes Thomas is spying for Russia. He wants Rosalind to find evidence. But this is a dangerous game. Who can she trust? Thomas, who taught her how to love? Or Charlie, whose pain she yearns to heal? _____ 'Love, espionage, and a heroine who carves a strong path in the world of men. There is nothing left to want' Ann Patchett 'An emotionally charged romance, perfect for fans of Paula McLain' Library Journal 'Taut and atmospheric' Chanel Cleeton, author of Next Year in Havana READERS ARE ENTRANCED BY ATOMIC LOVE: 'There's real

*intensity between Roz and Wheeler and Roz and Charlie, you hardly dare to breathe . . . you can feel the growing emotional charge' 5***** Reader Review 'This story has everything. Just thinking about it makes me feel that lovely feeling where your heart seems to skip a beat' 5***** Reader Review 'The last few chapters are so very intense, punch in the air moments, me shouting 'yes!' Just pure magic!' 5***** Reader Review 'Espionage, love, betrayal - finely crafted cocktail of themes with sharp characters and beautifully written' 5***** Reader Review 'A phenomenal read - fundamentally a love story but so much more as well' 5***** Reader Review 'Pure pleasure all the way, managing to be both page-turning while pulling you in deep' 5***** Reader Review*

Jaguar of Sweet Laughter May 06 2021 In A Natural History of the Senses Diane Ackerman revealed herself as a naturalist who writes with the sensuous immediacy of a great poet. Now Jaguar of Sweet Laughter presents the work of a poet with the precise and wondering eye of a gifted naturalist. Ackerman's Olympian vision records and transforms landscapes from Amazonia to Antarctica, while her imaginative empathy penetrates the otherness of hummingbirds, deer, and trilobites. But even as they draw readers into the wild heart of nature, Ackerman's poems are indelible reminders of what it is to be a human being—the "jaguar of sweet laughter" that, according to Mayan mythology, astonished the world because it was the first animal to speak.

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Senses now explores the allure of adultery, the appeal of aphrodisiacs, and the cult of the kiss. Enchantingly written and stunningly informed, this "audaciously brilliant romp through the world of romantic love" (Washington Post Book World) is the next best thing to love itself.

For Love of Insects Aug 09 2021 The authors seek to understand how insects and other arthropods use chemicals to defend themselves against predators and how some predators succeed in eating them anyway.

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Origami Bridges Dec 13 2021 At the heart of Origami Bridges is the delicate relationship of trust between analyst and patient, a relationship that grows out of the emotional give-and-take of the psychoanalytic process. In this collection, Diane Ackerman, with astonishing candor, lays bare her desires, anger, jealousy, fears, and anxiety, as she probes not only her present emotional landscape but also her past. And what gradually rises to the surface is an understanding of how the poet uses verse to purge her demons, express her delight, or confess secret longing, and through this process come to a better understanding of the self.

I Praise My Destroyer Mar 16 2022 Diane Ackerman's poems reveal her intense response to the several

worlds of nature, science, and society. Her lyricism fuses wit and sobriety, meditation and activism, and she confronts us with figures both real and fantastic. As always, her strong connection with the natural world, the realms of language and literature, myth and imagination, combines with her deep understanding of the sciences to offer her readers a singular American voice. This is not a voice crying in the wilderness, but one that gives forth songs of joy and wonder. Organized into seven sections, including "Timed Talk," "By Atoms Moved," and "Tender Mercies," *I Praise My Destroyer* is less an assorted collection than an organically coherent whole, one that reveals Ackerman's true calling as a twentieth-century metaphysical poet of the highest order.

The Rarest of the Rare Sep 10 2021 The renowned author of *A Natural History of the Senses* takes readers in search of the "rarest of the rare," species likely to disappear before most of us have ever seen them. From Brazil to the Pacific to Japan, Ackerman shares her concern at the animals' plight, rejoices at the chance to experience them, and cheers those who work to save these fantastic creatures.

Erosion Dec 01 2020 Fierce, timely, and unsettling essays from an important and beloved writer and conservationist Terry Tempest Williams is one of our most impassioned defenders of public lands. A naturalist, fervent activist, and stirring writer, she has spoken to us and for us in books like *The Hour of Land: A Personal Topography of America's National Parks and Refuge: An Unnatural History of Family and Place*. In these new essays, Williams

explores the concept of erosion: of the land, of the self, of belief, of fear. She wrangles with the paradox of desert lands and the truth of erosion: What is weathered, worn, and whittled away through wind, water, and time is as powerful as what remains. Our undoing is also our becoming. She looks at the current state of American politics: the dire social and environmental implications of recent choices to gut Bears Ears National Monument, sacred lands to Native People of the American Southwest, and undermine the Endangered Species Act. She testifies that climate change is not an abstraction, citing the drought outside her door and at times, within herself. Images of extraction and contamination haunt her: "oil rigs lighting up the horizon; trucks hauling nuclear waste on dirt roads now crisscrossing the desert like an exposed nervous system." But beautiful moments of relief and refuge, solace and spirituality come—in her conversations with Navajo elders, art, and, always, in the land itself. She asks, urgently: "Is Earth not enough? Can the desert be a prayer?"

When Angels Speak of Love Jul 28 2020 From writer, critic, and popular cultural icon bell hooks comes a seductive portrait of passion in fifty soul-stirring poems. When Angels Speak of Love heralds the debut of a major new poet: bell hooks. World renowned for her courageous, provocative intellectual writing and her alluring charisma, hooks poetically engages the erotic imagination -- creating a tapestry of words that are sensual, lush, and profoundly inspiring. In this beautiful new collection, hooks illuminates our experiences with love -- tracing the link between seduction and surrender; the intensity of desire;

and the anguish of death. hooks's previous four titles on the topic of love -- from *All About Love* to *The Will to Change* -- have made her the go-to source for readers longing to bring more love into every aspect of their lives. These words are meant to be read aloud and learned by heart. This ecstatic collection affirms hooks's position as the high priestess of love.

Love Jan 02 2021 Traces the history of love and how it developed from its Hebraic and Greek origins to an ideal that obsesses the modern Western world, and highlights philosophers that have challenged conventional thoughts on love and happiness.

The Eros Of Parenthood Dec 21 2019 Leaning over a sleeping child or waiting for a small dripping body to emerge from the tub, what parent hasn't felt the pull of contradictory emotions: the rush of tenderness, the pang of anxiety? We know that the physical love between parent and child is both natural and necessary, yet it's a subject we're afraid to approach-- indeed, it's been called "the last taboo." In language both lyrical and provocative, *The Eros of Parenthood* explores this highly charged and controversial territory. Even to put the two words together-- eros and parenthood-- is to enter a forbidden realm. Yet the two are inextricably linked. For eros, the energy of connection, fuels the immense labor of parental care, fosters the formation of the human self, and lies at the foundation of all forms of human love. In its intense physicality, the love between parent and young child is similar to that between adult lovers, but it is different in some absolutely crucial ways. Healthy parental love is sheltering,

protective. Putting the child's needs first, this love respects the inequality-- in size, power, and maturity-- between parent and child. Alas, in our zeal to protect children from the trauma of sexual abuse, we often resort to black-and-white thinking. Because we are afraid to acknowledge the erotic component of parent-child love, the most innocent interactions become suspect. The atmosphere becomes so saturated with anxiety that it intrudes on the most tender moments between parent and child. Navigating between the extremes of injurious denial and hysterical fear, *The Eros of Parenthood* finds a middle ground. While celebrating the passion that naturally exists between parent and child, it seeks the limits of this passion. Inspired by the fairy-tale figure of Goldilocks, Noelle Oxenhandler takes as a central question: "Between the poles of too hot and too cold, too much and too little, how can I find the just right?" The answer to this question lies in the power of attunement. A dynamic process of adjustment that balances between fusion and separateness, attunement is the compass in Goldilocks's hand, the key to the mystery of intimacy between parent and child. To understand this is to discover a way through the eros of parenthood that, while breaking the grip of fearful thinking, leads to an authentic sense of boundary. In poetic prose that encompasses topics as subtle as a pregnant mother's dream and as dramatic as the recovered memory of abuse, *The Eros of Parenthood* breaks new ground. Personal, yet with profoundly social implications, the book employs a highly readable format in which each chapter consists of a linked sequence of "explorations" that can be read

in a single sitting, in the brief interstices of a busy parent's life. The hardest thing for us, in the wake of what we have too often witnessed is-- while keeping our children safe from harm-- to experience the full measure of delight in them. To gaze at them while they sleep-- on their backs with limbs flung like the petals of an open flower or curled on their sides like an inner ear... Through responsibility and tender awareness, parents and children can reclaim a form of love that is natural, necessary, and the ground of all human intimacy.

The Gift of Presence May 26 2020 A practical, user-friendly guide for women seeking focus and calm in the midst of life's storms. Overwhelmed by the demands of family, work, and multiple responsibilities, many women find themselves feeling scattered and distracted. In this eye-opening book, co-founder and CEO of the Mindsight Institute, Caroline Welch, takes readers on a mindfulness journey to help them de-stress and cultivate inner peace. According to Welch, you do not need countless hours sitting in silence to be more present in your life – the key is to practice mindfulness wherever you are and whenever you can. The Gift of Presence guides readers in developing four innate abilities we all possess that will allow us to become more resilient and centred in our lives – even when life is throwing all that it has at us: Presence: the ability to remain firmly in the present moment – to be fully aware of what's happening as it's happening. Purpose: the personal meaning that gets us going and gives direction to our lives. Pivoting: an openness to change that allows you to switch direction if that is what is needed. Pacing: the

awareness that it is impossible to do everything we want or need to do all at once; the ability to take life one step at a time. This life-changing book reveals that you already hold in your hands the keys to a more harmonious life – you simply need to look within.

Lovemarks Apr 24 2020 "Ideas move mountains, especially in turbulent times. Lovemarks is the product of the fertile-iconoclast mind of Kevin Roberts, CEO Worldwide of Saatchi & Saatchi. Roberts argues vociferously, and with a ton of data to support him, that traditional branding practices have become stultified. What's needed are customer Love affairs. Roberts lays out his grand scheme for mystery, magic, sensuality, and the like in his gloriously designed book Lovemarks." –Tom Peters Tom Peters, one of the most influential business thinkers of all time, described the first edition of Lovemarks: the future beyond brands as "brilliant." He also announced it as the "Best Business Book" published in the first five years of this century. Now translated into fourteen languages, with more than 150,000 copies in print, Lovemarks is back in a revised edition featuring a new chapter on the peculiarly human experience of shopping. The new chapter, "Diamonds in the Mine," is an insightful collection of ideas for producers and consumers, for owners of small stores and operators of superstores. So forget making lists! Shopping, says Kevin Roberts, is an emotional event. With this as a starting point, he looks at the history of shopping and how it has changed so dramatically over the last ten years. Using the Lovemark elements of Mystery, Sensuality, and Intimacy, Roberts delves into the

secrets of success that can be used to create the ultimate shopping experience.

One Hundred Names for Love Jul 20 2022 Finalist for the Pulitzer Prize Finalist for the National Book Circle Critics Award "Diane Ackerman's most enjoyable, intimate, and heartrending work yet."—Atul Gawande Everyone who cherishes the gift of language will cherish Diane Ackerman's narrative masterpiece, an exquisitely written love story and medical miracle story, one that combines science, inspiration, wisdom, and heart. One day Ackerman's husband, Paul West, an exceptionally gifted wordsmith and intellectual, suffered a terrible stroke. When he regained awareness he was afflicted with aphasia—loss of language—and could utter only a single syllable: "mem." The standard therapies yielded little result but frustration. Diane soon found, however, that by harnessing their deep knowledge of each other and her scientific understanding of language and the brain she could guide Paul back to the world of words. This triumphant book is both a humane and revealing addition to the medical literature on stroke and aphasia and an exquisitely written love story: a magnificent addition to literature, period.

Deep Play Nov 24 2022 With A Natural History of the Senses, Diane Ackerman let her free-ranging intellect loose on the natural world. Now in Deep Play she tackles the realm of creativity, by exploring one of the most essential aspects of our characters: the ability to play. "Deep play" is that more intensified form of play that puts us in a rapturous mood and awakens the most creative, sentient, and joyful aspects of our inner selves. As

Ackerman ranges over a panoply of artistic, spiritual, and athletic activities, from spiritual rapture through extreme sports, we gain a greater sense of what it means to be "in the moment" and totally, transcendently human. Keenly perceived and written with poetic exuberance, *Deep Play* enlightens us by revealing the manifold ways we can enhance our lives.

The Bird Way Mar 24 2020 'Jennifer Ackerman knows what she's talking about...Her knack for catching the personalities of different species in gorgeous, playful prose further collapses comfortable barriers between the human and the birdlike' *Daily Telegraph*
'The real joy of [this] book is its close attention to some of the specialists of the region... Ackerman is alive to the humour at play in field research '
Mark Cocker, *Spectator* It's flight and egg and feathers and song. It's the demure plumage of a mountain thornbill and the extravagant tail feathers of an Indian paradise flycatcher, the solo song of a superb lyrebird and the perfectly timed duets of canebrake wrens, an osprey's hurtling dive toward the sea, and a long-legged heron's still, patient eyeing of the dark water. There is no single bird way of being. Drawing on personal observations, the latest science, and her bird-related travel around the world, Jennifer Ackerman playfully explores our dramatically shifting understanding of these magnificent animals.

Animal Sense Oct 11 2021 A stapler with its tiny fangs Cannot outwit orangutangs. Rocks are very good at sitting, but never walk or take up knitting. Living things all feel and sense their way through every happenstance. . . . In this delightfully witty

collection of poems, bestselling author Diane Ackerman shows how the senses shape and enrich the experiences of all living beings. With enchanting illustrations by Peter Sís, *Animal Sense* is sure to capture the imagination of readers young and old.

Moon By Whale Light Nov 12 2021 In a rare blend of scientific fact and poetic truth, the acclaimed author of *A Natural History of the Senses* explores the activities of whales, penguins, bats, and crocodilians, plunging headlong into nature and coming up with highly entertaining treasures.

An Alchemy of Mind Sep 22 2022 From the New York Times bestselling author of *The Zookeeper's Wife*, an ambitious and enlightening work that combines an artist's eye with a scientist's erudition to illuminate, as never before, the magic and mysteries of the human mind. Long treasured by literary readers for her uncommon ability to bridge the gap between art and science, celebrated scholar-artist Diane Ackerman returns with the book she was born to write. Her dazzling new work, *An Alchemy of Mind*, offers an unprecedented exploration and celebration of the mental fantasia in which we spend our days—and does for the human mind what the bestselling *A Natural History of the Senses* did for the physical senses. Bringing a valuable female perspective to the topic, Diane Ackerman discusses the science of the brain as only she can: with gorgeous, immediate language and imagery that paint an unusually lucid and vibrant picture for the reader. And in addition to explaining memory, thought, emotion, dreams, and language acquisition, she reports on the latest discoveries in neuroscience and addresses controversial subjects

like the effects of trauma and male versus female brains. In prose that is not simply accessible but also beautiful and electric, Ackerman distills the hard, objective truths of science in order to yield vivid, heavily anecdotal explanations about a range of existential questions regarding consciousness, human thought, memory, and the nature of identity.

A Velocity of Being Jun 26 2020 An expansive collection of love letters to books, libraries, and reading, from a wonderfully eclectic array of thinkers and creators.

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