DEAR READER,

Welcome to BenBella’s Spring 2019 catalog! We’ve got another incredible set of titles for you.

But before I introduce the titles, I want to let you know about another BenBella Books production: Building Books, a podcast hosted by yours truly. Our podcast is aimed at writers, aspiring writers, and industry professionals. We cover our books and our authors but I also interview a variety of publishing experts, including other publishers, marketers, and literary agents. You can find it on iTunes or wherever you listen to podcasts, or at BuildingBooksPodcast.com. I think you’ll enjoy it.

As usual, we’ve collected an eclectic set of titles for our readers, from the power of brainwaves to transform our lives to adventures on the set of Saturday Night Live, from the candid memoir of the singular Lamar Odom to an in-depth look at what’s really happening at Tesla.

Almost everyone knows who Lamar Odom is, but his full story has never been told . . . until now. In Darkness to Light, Lamar reveals the details of his incredible life, filled with celebrity, athleticism, excess, tragedy, and an almost miraculous recovery. And sit down with the always funny Chris Kattan, as he tells the hysterical and occasionally shocking behind-the-scenes stories of SNL in Baby, Don’t Hurt Me.

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Plus . . . the in-depth story of the Bundy standoff with the government, eating vegan on a budget, inside stories of the ATF’s undercover operations, and much, much more.

Enjoy!

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## WHAT’S NEW?

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Life coach Susan Hyatt, who has helped thousands of women through her podcast and online community, helps readers transform their bodies and lives in order to conquer their goals and feel their best.

“Bare flips the broken cultural norm—we must starve ourselves to fit into a patriarchal norm of desirability—and focuses instead on strengthening the love, power, and beauty we have inside us. Susan will help you nurture and love the body you are in, choosing health on your terms and in your time.”
—PAMELA SLIM, AUTHOR OF BODY OF WORK

GET READY TO SHED everything that’s weighing you down, treat your body like a beloved friend, and seize each day like you mean it!

You are more than your body; you are a badass, whole woman with big dreams, big feelings, and big potential—but right now, you’re also physically bigger than you want to be. What are you hiding behind that shield of overeating? Who do you want to be when you put down the shield and take on life’s battles bare?

Once you finally drop the shield, you naturally drop the weight.

In her second book, Bare, Susan Hyatt presents a badass, feminist approach to transforming your body and your life. Inside this book, you’ll learn:

• How to treat your body with care, love, and respect—not hateful criticism.
• How to shed everything that’s weighing you down, physically and mentally.
• How to de-stress at the end of the day without relying on excessive food, alcohol, Netflix binging, and other habits that clog up your mind and drain your energy.
• How to stop obsessing about your body and focus on the priorities that really matter in life—like rocking your career, writing your novel, learning a foreign language, contributing to your community, or otherwise leaving your legacy.

Bare is a must-read book if you want to take excellent care of yourself, upgrade your mental and physical health, build confidence, conquer your goals, crush the patriarchy, and look and feel damn good doing it.

Bare is not a weight-loss plan. It’s a life-gain plan.
GO BE KIND
28½ Adventures Guaranteed to Make You Happier
LEON LOGOTHETIS

Host of Netflix’s The Kindness Diaries and previously of Amazing Adventures of a Nobody presents an adventure journal that encourages readers to tap into the life-changing power of kindness.

IF YOU WANT TO be happy, all you have to do is . . . Go Be Kind.

Go Be Kind isn’t just a journal or another how-to guide to getting what you want. It’s a series of adventures that will help you rediscover the greatest human gift—kindness—connect you with others, and help you create a happier life.

This life-changing book is filled with highly classified missions, treasure hunts, dream dates, left-handed writing, awkward moments, and new adventures that are guaranteed to change your life. You will become best friends with total strangers. Some of the adventures can be done while you’re falling asleep at night. Some of them will open your eyes to things you’ve never seen before. And all of them are really easy.

It might take 28½ days. It might take 11. Or you can take all the time you need (the adventure is up to you).

Go Be Kind isn’t about random acts of kindness because kindness isn’t an act. Kindness is a state of being. Kindness is who we really are, if only we can stop for long enough to remember. It makes us loving. It makes us vulnerable. It makes us courageous. Kindness is the greatest adventure of all time. That adventure is about to change your life. And someone else’s, too . . .

Because once we start being kind, we realize that there is no faster way to happiness. It will change how you see the world, how you connect with other people, and how you connect with yourself.

And it starts with you. All you have to do is change one life in order to change the world. You ready?

Let’s do it. #gobekind

LEON LOGOTHETIS is a global adventurer, motivational speaker, and philanthropist. Leon has visited nearly 100 countries and traveled to every continent. He is the star of the Netflix series The Kindness Diaries, where he circumnavigates the globe on his vintage yellow motorbike Kindness One, giving life-changing gifts along the way to unsuspecting good Samaritans. Prior to The Kindness Diaries, Leon was host of the TV series Amazing Adventures of a Nobody, which ran on National Geographic International for three seasons, following Leon as he crossed America, the United Kingdom, and Europe on just five dollars, five pounds, and five euros a day, respectively. Leon has documented his travels for numerous media outlets including CBS This Morning, Good Morning America, CNN, Los Angeles Times, San Francisco Chronicle, Outside, HuffPost, Psychology Today, and the New York Times. He is the author of three bestselling books: Amazing Adventures of a Nobody, The Kindness Diaries, and Live, Love, Explore. Residence: Los Angeles, Calif. • Fully illustrated, 1-color journal
Logothetis is host of the Netflix series The Kindness Diaries (1M+ views and 500M+ media impressions) and author of The Kindness Diaries (19K copies sold)
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A fun collection of tongue-in-cheek forewords for imaginary books, penned by real celebrities.

A GREAT FOREWORD IS more than just a few pages of self-indulgent frippery that comes before a book. A great foreword adds zest. It sets the stage for the page-turner you’re about to open, and perhaps even puts you in the locked room where a mystery happens or in the high-button shoes of a year gone by. A great foreword—sometimes—is even better than the book it precedes.

So why not skip the boring actual-book part?

Moving Foreword is a collection of introductions to imaginary books, written by real celebrities, comedians, musicians, and other writers with something to say. With a real foreword by Rainn Wilson, this book offers a no-holds-barred cacophony of laugh-out-loud funny, poignant, and thought-provoking writing that tackles everything from politics to pop culture, true crime to trout fishing, and Star Wars to skin flicks. Highlights include:

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- Pizzazz: The Life and Death of Darrell Hammond, Foreword by Saturday Night Live alumnus Darrell Hammond
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- Terrible Band Names: A Chronology, Foreword by John Ondrasik, also known as Five for Fighting

…and many more!

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The actual foreword by Rainn Wilson from Moving Foreword

WAIT. YOU WANT ME TO WRITE a foreword to a book about forewords?!”

That’s what I said when my friend Jon called me to ask about writing this particular piece of prose. “Cool! Count me in,” I said. Then, switching gears, I put on my best Dwight Schrute hat and said, “Well, how much are you willing to pay me to do it?”

Then Jon was like, “How about you pay me for the privilege, asshat? I mean, you’re a mostly unemployed former sitcom actor; you should be kissing our asses to be a part of this one-of-a-kind literary event.”

I thought about it a second and then, ashamed, red-faced, I croaked, “How does $800 sound?”

Jon was like, “We’ll take it. But whatever you write better be good or you’re finished. FINISHED, I SAY!”

I gulped fearfully, wrote Jon a personal check, and here we are!

Being a part of one of the most “meta” books in human history cost me $800, untold hours of writing time, and buttloads of self-esteem. I hope you like it! (Please like it. Because I will be contractually forced to pay an additional $37 for each negative Amazon review. Please like it.) . . .

In life there are some things one simply cannot underestimate: wolverines, gastroenteritis, and the importance of forewords. One can also never underestimate the vast difference between a foreword, an introduction, and a preface. (If you don’t know the difference, probably something is very, very wrong with you or you are an idiot. At least that is what my friend Jon told me when I asked.)

So, let me fill you in. A preface is for when the book is really lame and complicated, and the author needs to tell you why he even wrote the book he’s just written. An introduction is when the book is really lame and complicated, and you need the author to tell you what’s even inside the rest of the book. A foreword is for when a book is not going to sell very well, and the author needs a currently unemployed former television sitcom actor to write something, anything, in a desperate, sweaty attempt to stick his “has-been” name on it and sell more copies.

Forewords (fore plus words, or the words before a book) are also not to be confused with forwards (the direction) or forwards (like in basketball). (I highly doubt that Blake Griffin or Charles Barkley would know what a foreword was if it bit them in the high top.) And, fun fact, “forword” is not a word at all.

Now! To the book at hand. Perhaps, dear reader, you enjoy browsing through tomes at your local independent bookstore and flipping open the vibrant cover to land on your favorite part, the foreword. Perhaps you read a bit of it right there in the aisle, to get a general sense of the very book you’re holding in your hand and, sold by the foreword author’s promises, bring the book home—where you realize the book itself is a disappointment.

Well, no more! With this book you don’t have to suffer through the rest of the book. There is no rest of the book. We’ve taken the best bit of any book and made an even bigger book out of it. It’s a book of best bits! What you’re reading is the book equivalent of eating the frosting off a cake. This book is like sex without any of that booorrring foreplay! It’s the equivalent of going directly to the chorus of your favorite song. It’s a baseball game of constant home runs and none of those endless periods where guys adjust their gloves and jock straps and spit and talk to each other on the mound. It’s like the flavor-rich first two minutes of chewing gum! You get the idea.

So, get ready to stick a fork into some sticky, gooey goodness—tales of love and lust, humor, mystery, and the exploits of Hollywood elite like the Kool-Aid Man and Chewbacca. Enter a world in which Central Perk doesn’t only serve up coffee, it dishes out murder. Go forward like a power forward into the fantastical land of forewords!

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JENNA FISCHER; FOREWORD BY STEVE CARELL

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For a long time, scientists ignored superlative life forms as outliers. Increasingly, though, researchers are coming to see great value in studying plants and animals that exist on the outermost edges of the bell curve.

As it turns out, there’s a lot of value in paying close attention to the “oddballs” nature has to offer.

Go for a swim with a ghost shark, the slowest-evolving creature known to humankind, which is teaching us new ways to think about immunity. Get to know the axolotl, which has the longest-known genome and may hold the secret to cellular regeneration. Learn about Monorhaphis chuni, the oldest discovered animal, which is providing insights into the connection between our terrestrial and aquatic worlds.

Superlative is the story of extreme evolution, and what we can learn from it about ourselves, our planet, and the cosmos. It’s a tale of crazy-fast cheetahs and super-strong beetles, of microorganisms and enormous plants, of whip-smart dolphins and killer snakes.

This book will inspire you to change the way you think about the world and your relationship to everything in it.
The World's Tiniest Known Vertebrate, which was discovered in 2009 on the southeast peninsula of Papua New Guinea, is so small that it had long been missed—and not just by western researchers. “The locals had no idea about these things either,” the frog’s co-discoverer, Louisiana State University herpetologist Christopher Austin, told me.

These frogs are teensy. At less than 8 millimeters from nose to tail, they’re about the size of a kernel of corn. Being so small, they’re really vulnerable to predation in a place with plenty of hungry animals. So they don’t hang out on the exposed part of the rainforest floor, but rather between the dense layers of decomposing leaves that are matted all around the ground. It’s a wonder they were found at all.

It was “a slow night” in New Guinea, Austin recalled. There are lots of nights like that, he said, when one is “herping.” The frogs he and his team were actually looking for just weren’t making a lot of noise, so the herpers didn’t have a good place to start.

Without the distraction of the noises they were accustomed to hearing, Austin, along with his then-PhD student, Eric Rittmeyer, and their colleague from the Papua New Guinea National Museum, Bulisa Lova, took notice of a rhythmic, high-pitched noise that didn’t sound much like a frog at all. And while they were supposed to be looking for frogs, Austin said, “We were just a bit bored.”

So off they went, stumbling around in the rainforest in the middle of the night, sending flashlight beams this way and that, trying to pinpoint the origin of the chirping. And, well, they didn’t find anything.

The noise was coming from something, of course. So Austin grabbed a big handful of leaves, stuffed them in Ziploc bag, and called it a night. The next morning he began slowly peeling the clump of leaves back, one by one. And there, looking back up at him, was an almost inconceivably small frog, dark brown with rusty-brown blotches and irregular blush-white speckling.

That frog, of course, set into motion a search for others. And when all was said and done, Austin and his team had collected enough specimens to conclude that, at an average length of 7.7 millimeters, they’d discovered the world’s smallest vertebrate.

While he’s certainly proud of the discovery, Austin is circumspect about it, too. Could there be another, even smaller frog out there? “There might very well be,” he said. “There’s a bunch of new species of these micro-frogs that haven’t yet been described, and it’s quite possible that one of them is smaller than amanuensis.”

A search for an even smaller frog isn’t just about setting another superlative record. We live in a world in which every new genome, and especially those belonging to organisms at the far edges of extreme physiology, can add to our collective understanding of our own genetic history. It’s a world in which creatures that are evolutionarily distinct might offer us novel clues for curing diseases; the bright-green-blooded lizards of New Guinea called Prasinohaema, for instance, have bile-pigmented blood which Austin suspects might hold clues for fighting malaria. It’s a world in which every newly discovered frog species might help us get closer to a flu-free planet, since the mucus on the skin of some frogs has been shown to neutralize influenza.

While a lot of the potential held by new species is pharmaceutical, it’s also evolutionary and climatological. We also know there’s a big challenge to being a little frog: you have to stay moist all the time. Even an hour out of the water-saturated leaf litter could spell doom by desiccation. What these two things together tell us is that New Guinea’s climate has been unfailingly stable for a very long time—always wet enough to ensure that these frogs had sufficient moisture to continue to evolve to be smaller and smaller, but never so wet that the leaf litter flooded to the point of drowning them.

And now that we know that these frogs are there, so densely packed together that there may be thousands in a single acre of forest floor, we’ll have another unfortunate indicator by which to observe and measure the impact of global warming in New Guinea.
In the tradition of Napoleon Hill’s *Think and Grow Rich*, *Wealth Made Easy*, by noteworthy business author Greg Reid, offers direct, actionable advice and inspirational anecdotes from real millionaires and billionaires around the world.

**LONG GONE ARE THE** days when captains of industry like Rockefeller and Carnegie dominated the economic arena. Today, the world’s richest individuals are a diverse group of idea-makers who prefer to keep their successes hidden from the public eye.

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**DR. GREG REID** is an action-taking phenomenon; his strategies generate fast results, and relationships are deep and rich in the space he orbits. Published, coauthored, and featured in more than 50 books, 28 bestsellers in 45 countries, and five motion pictures, Greg demonstrates that the most valuable lessons we learn are also the easiest ones to apply. Recently, Greg has been hand selected by The Napoleon Hill Foundation to help carry on the teaching found in the bible of personal achievement: *Think and Grow Rich*. Residence: San Diego, Calif.

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SNL veteran Chris Kattan offers a look behind the scenes at his personal life, complete with celebrity-filled stories and photos.

YOU MAY KNOW HIM as Mango, Mr. Peepers, the gibberish-spouting Suel Forrester or one half of the Butabi brothers. Maybe you remember him as the Gothic high schooler Azrael Abyss, Gay Hitler, or the guitarist in the Cowbell Sketch. Whichever it is, Chris Kattan has earned a spot in the hearts of a generation of Saturday Night Live fans.

Now, for the first time ever, Kattan opens up about his years being on Saturday Night Live, performing alongside friends and future legends including Will Ferrell, Jimmy Fallon, Amy Poehler, and Tina Fey, along with sharing about his fascinating and unusual childhood and his time hanging out backstage watching Pee-Wee Herman and the late Phil Hartman on the Groundlings stage.

But mostly, Kattan shares seven seasons’ worth of hilarious, and never-before-told stories from his wild ride through SNL. From a hysterical and somewhat dark occupation driving a widowed 92-year-old Dutch millionaire on Mulholland Dr. (and her giant poodle Rex), to breaking his neck (literally!) while performing on live television, he chronicles the ups and downs of life in search of the spotlight, and pulls back the curtain on the inner workings of two of comedy's greatest institutions.

Provocative and personal, goofy and heartfelt, Baby, Don’t Hurt Me is a window into the world of millennium-era Saturday Night Live, from the rehearsals to the after-after parties, as narrated by your funniest, wised up, weirdest friend—who just so happened to be there for all of it!

CHRIS KATTAN began his comedic career as a member of several improv/sketch comedy troupes, including The Groundlings in Los Angeles. He moved to New York City to work on Saturday Night Live from 1995 to 2003. His recurring characters included Mr. Peepers, Mango, Azrael Abyss, and, most notably, one half of the Butabi Brothers with fellow SNL (and Groundlings) cast member Will Ferrell, known for their trademark head-bobbing. Kattan and Ferrell continued the characters in 1998’s A Night at the Roxbury. Kattan has made an appearance on Broadway in Aristophanes’ The Frogs, and has had roles on TV shows such as The Middle and How I Met Your Mother. Residence: Los Angeles, Calif.

Bestselling author TRAVIS THRASHER has written over 45 books, from love stories to supernatural thrillers. His novelizations include Do You Believe? and God’s Not Dead 2. Travis lives with his wife and three daughters in a suburb of Chicago. Residence: Chicago, Ill.
WHEN MY PARENTS DIVORCED, I was three years old. I vividly remember the moment my mom took me out of my dad’s arms, opened the sliding door of a 1972 Volkswagen Van, and buckled me into the back seat. Car seats weren’t a requirement back then, so with no struggle at all, I slipped out from under my seat belt and crawled over to the other side of the vehicle. As I got on my feet and looked out the window, I could see Dad standing at the front door in his 2-piece, button-down cotton pajamas. He was crying more than I was, and that was a lot, since at this point I was bawling. When he raised his arms and reached out to me, like a scene from Kramer vs. Kramer, I did the same, screaming “I want my daddy!” over and over.

Dad decided to make the situation even more traumatic, yelling back, “My son! Give me back my son!” And that scene? Yep, you guessed it. Mel Gibson in Ransom.

My new stepfather was working to establish a new Zen center on Mt. Baldy, located in a desolate national forest in the San Gabriel mountains, and in their infinite Buddhist wisdom, he and my mother decided it would be a good idea to move to a cabin on the side of a mountain with a toddler.

When I was growing up, our neighbors were an odd, shady sort of bunch. Not to be rude, but if you were living on Mt. Baldy, you were probably either not doing so well financially or hiding from the government, possibly both. Take Carlos Castaneda, the Pulitzer Prize–winning writer and anthropologist, a cult figure who was also hated for his controversial books on shamanism. Castaneda had a huge following throughout the 1960s, when he wrote about his experiences and experiments with a medicine man named Don Juan, and also about developing his mind with psychedelics in order to get the most use out of it. He’d dropped out of society and was considered missing, but I knew right where he was—in a one-bedroom three cabins away from us. There were probably only five other houses in our community, and we all lived off the same ragged fire road.

The fact that I had had no idea who he was is probably what made Castaneda comfortable hanging out with me. For almost a year, we went on long walks together. Sometimes we’d walk four or five miles, staying out for the whole afternoon. Carlos was friendly, and talking to him was enlightening, even to a kid, though to be honest he had a somewhat insane look about him, with excessively sharp, bright eyes. I always thought he looked a lot like the Tasmanian Devil from Bugs Bunny cartoons. He had a Cheshire Cat grin, and his hair was tangled up and wild.

Years later, talking to Lorne Michaels during an SNL Tuesday-night guest-host dinner, it somehow came up that I’d known Carlos Castaneda when I was younger. He was so impressed he started choking on his soup. I honestly think it was the only time I impressed Lorne.

I know a lot of intelligent people regard Castaneda as a hero of literature. One time he gave me a quarter with a hole in it and then told me that he “flew through it.” This really confused me. I asked him if he would fly through it again and he said, “Maybe later.” Whatever, Carlos.

When I wasn’t hanging out with my mom and stepfather or various renowned weirdos, I played with the few other kids growing up on the mountain. Since we were all raised with very little money and were living in an isolated forest 20 miles from the nearest market or gas station, there really wasn’t any need or opportunity to keep up with the latest fashions. If you had a favorite shirt, you’d probably wear it for at least two years. In fact, most of us were fine wearing the same outfit for four days straight without bathing. Sometimes we didn’t even wear shoes to school. We were a dirty tribe that rarely behaved because we had nothing to lose and nothing to do. At least Mowgli had a goal in The Jungle Book. We didn’t have shit.

As I spent the weekends with my father, I began to live two very different childhoods: one on the remote mountain during the week, and another in the city on Saturday and Sunday with my dad, watching him perform at The Groundlings and screening old movies while he educated me on the finer points of classic comedy. One weekend, I showed up with stains around my mouth from a popsicle I’d eaten a few days earlier, and my dad began calling me Mountain Boy. When he’d burp he’d say, “Eughghuh! I’ve been around the Mountain Boy too long.”

Weekends spent watching my father perform or sitting in the dark while Buster Keaton flickered on a screen shaped my career to come, but oddly, so did the time spent on Mt. Baldy. All of us “Mountain Boys” living there were thoughtless daredevils. We climbed trees and mountains, body-surfed down rock slides, swung on ropes that were long enough to swing us into traffic, and threw rocks at each other. I built up a tolerance for pain and physical endurance, and a willingness to try things that anyone having common sense and lacking a death wish would probably have dismissed as a bad idea. All this prepared me for a particular type of comedy, one I’d find myself particularly suited for, and one SNL hadn’t quite seen before.
PLANT-BASED ON A BUDGET
 Delicious Vegan Recipes for Under $30 a Week, for Less Than 30 Minutes a Meal
 TONI OKAMOTO

Founders of the popular diet website and blog Plant Based on a Budget give a fun and accessible resource for people who want to save money while eating vegan.

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TONI OKAMOTO is the founder of PlantBasedonaBudget.com, the popular website, food blog, and meal plan that shows you how to save dough by eating veggies. She’s also author of The Super Easy Vegan Slow Cooker Cookbook. PlantBasedonaBudget.com has been featured in Reader’s Digest, US News and World Report, and more. Toni’s also a regular presence on the FOX affiliate in Sacramento, where she teaches viewers how to break their meat habit without breaking their budget. Toni is a burrito enthusiast, and spends her free time swing dancing across the county. Residence: Sacramento, Calif.
An excerpt from Plant-Based on a Budget

Peanut Butter Ramen Stir-Fry
YIELD: 4 SERVINGS

When I was younger, to save money, my grandma would make our stir-frys using Top Ramen noodles. Back then they were only 10 cents a package—yes, really! Actually, they’re still ridiculously cheap today. If you don’t want to use ramen noodles, feel free to use rice or chow mein noodles. Remember to look for plant-based ramen. The soy sauce flavor from the brand Nissin’s Top Ramen is vegan (it’s blue and says “vegetarian” on it). That said, this recipe doesn’t use the flavor packet, just the noodles. There are also plenty of natural instant ramen brands that are fantastic and cheap, just not 10-cents cheap.

3 (3-ounce) packages of ramen noodles
½ tablespoon oil (3 tablespoons water)
½ cup red or yellow or white diced onion
1 teaspoon minced garlic
½ bell pepper, diced
1 cup frozen broccoli
½ cup grated or finely diced carrots
1 batch peanut sauce (see recipe in Peanut Sauce and Tofu)

Optional Additions
1 cup shredded steamed green cabbage added to step 2

In a medium-sized pot over medium-high heat, cook the noodles based on package instructions.

While the noodles cook, begin on the sauce. In a large pan with a lid over medium-high heat, heat the oil (or water, if using). Add the onion, garlic, and bell pepper, and sauté for 3 minutes.

Add broccoli and carrots. Cover, and cook for another 3–5 minutes (or until veggies are tender).

Drain, and set aside.

Add noodles and peanut sauce to the pan of veggies.
Mix well until noodles and veggies are coated and serve.

Tester’s Tip
“For extra nutrition, try doubling all the vegetables in this recipe.”
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A refreshingly candid look at two-time NBA champion Lamar Odom, who recounts his dizzying fame, hitting rock bottom, and struggling on the treacherous path of self-discovery to redemption.


There has never been an athlete quite like Lamar Odom.

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LAMAR ODOM is a two-time NBA champion and 13-year veteran. He was a regular cast member on E!’s worldwide sensation Keeping Up with the Kardashians, the highest-rated reality show in history. He also starred in the wildly popular spinoff Khloé & Lamar, which documented one of the most covered marriages in recent Hollywood memory (~2M viewers per episode, show ran for two seasons)

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A former undercover operative gives a fascinating and candid glimpse into the reality of being an ATF agent.

GET READY TO INFILTRATE the dangerous, secret world of criminals and cover identities by way of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF)—where the world’s greatest undercover agents are known as RatSnakes.

RatSnakes are rarely, if ever, visible to the public they move among and risk their lives to protect. In fact, thanks to their cover personas, they’re often assumed to be members of the clandestine criminal world they investigate. Real-life undercover work is a far cry from the sexy, candy-colored world you’ve seen in Hollywood movies. Only those strong and clever enough get inside and survive.

Vincent A. Cefalu would know. He spent 30 years as an ATF undercover operative, in assignments ranging from the Symbionese Liberation Army to Asian organized crime. He has infiltrated notorious outlaw motorcycle gangs as well as splinter groups of the Ku Klux Klan, and in Ratsnakes he provides a transparent look at the organization and the operatives with whom he risked his life.

Part field guide, part heart-pounding thrill ride, Cefalu takes readers on a tour of what it’s like to confront death on a daily basis. En route, he gives us a look at the on-the-job techniques of kicking in doors, orchestrating “street theater” to ensnare criminals, and making high-stakes gun buys. His irreverent, explicit stories from the inside are a mix of danger and unexpected hilarity that will have readers laughing one minute and then biting their nails when things break bad.

Immersive and brutal, Ratsnakes offers an in-depth and eye-opening look into the lives of an elite group of men and women who volunteer to do things most couldn’t and wouldn’t stomach. Civilians with common sense and good judgment run from danger, while RatSnakes sprint toward it—smiling.

Vincent A. Cefalu was born and raised just north of San Francisco in Marin County, California. After a troubled youth and lackluster academic performance, he enlisted in the US Marines, where he spent six years in the military police and ultimately served in a classified Special Operations unit. The hook was set. Continuing to pursue his law enforcement career, he joined the Athens, Ga. police department while finishing his bachelor’s degree in criminal justice in hopes of securing a position in federal law enforcement. After being hired by and spending a couple years with the US Customs Service chasing drug smugglers in south Florida, Vince had a life-changing experience with some very scary ATF Special Agents, and as they say, “the rest is history.” Vince had found a home. Later earning a master’s degree in the psychological sciences, Vince’s trajectory led him to SRT (special response team member and hostage negotiations), the shadows of undercover work. Residence: South Lake Tahoe, Calif.
In addition to undercover work, we agents performed a wide variety of investigative duties. My second-favorite was “executing search and/or arrest warrants.” We called it “kicking in doors,” because that’s exactly what we did. In the 1980s, we probably had one battering ram for all eleven San Francisco ATF offices. So, we kicked the doors open. Or tried to.

Back then, we served most search warrants under the cover of darkness, using stealth approaches. You had to stack up a team at the door, breach (break down) the door, and make entry quickly to surprise the violator(s). Kicking in a door is an art. Failing to get it open on your first try would definitely get your balls busted when you got back to the office. Failing on a second or third try brought serious ridicule. My first attempt at kicking a door didn’t go so well. With everybody stacked at the door, literally lined up nut to butt, I gave the go signal, drew back, and kicked with all my strength.

Effectively kicking a door open requires you to target the lock and physically break it away from the doorframe. What you don’t want to do is kick at the dead middle of the door. Yes, that’s the weakest part, but kicking the center generally doesn’t defeat the lock. I learned that the hard way. My foot went all the way through the door up to my knee. I heard about that one for a long time.

My skills improved. The very next time I was the breaching agent, I nailed it, first try. I hit it so perfectly that the door flew open with a crash. The crash was the result of the inside doorknob smashing through a 100-gallon glass tank, spilling exotic tropical fish all over the entranceway. Due to agent safety, we couldn’t stop and about nine agents flowed into the house, with no choice but to stomp over very expensive fish as we went. I’m sorry about the fish, but you really can’t make this shit up.

Every undercover assignment is a little like kicking in a door and not knowing what awaits on the other side. All the training and planning in the world can get you only so far before that door eventually has to be flung open and you have milliseconds to react to an unforeseen scenario. The greatest day in a UC operator’s life is when he or she is turned loose to do just that: kick open the door and show the UC world what they’ve got. Actually, it’s potentially also the worst day in a UC operator’s life. All the talking is over; time to produce.

One of my most memorable experiences, once I was finally cut loose, happened when Agent Joe Stafford gave me a chance to cut my teeth doing the UC for the Marin County drug task force. The task force was made up of cops from all over the county—including from my hometown, Novato.

We met at the San Rafael Police Department for a briefing, and Joe introduced me around as people arrived. I was sitting with my cowboy boots propped on a desk when Novato Police Sgt. Mike Poole entered the room. He shook Joe’s hand and started to walk past where I sat. I could tell he recognized me. He kicked my boots off the desk, turned, and asked the others, “Why is the snitch sitting in on our briefing?” The entire place erupted into laughter.

I stood up and said, “Fuck you, Poole. You want me to do this deal or not?”

He spun around to find himself staring straight at my US Treasury badge and credentials. He was slack-jawed and stuttering; when it hit him, he threw a huge bear hug on me. See, Mike had been a patrolman when I was running around Novato being a juvenile dickhead, and had arrested me several times.

These are the issues that arise for an agent working in his or her hometown. What do you do when you run into old friends? Are they good guys, or are they bad guys? Do you tell them what you do for a living or give them the canned story? Do you pursue a case vigorously against a good friend and childhood buddy? Can he or she blow your cover? I never gave any of it much thought until I went into the field and started getting my name known among local law enforcement. In my case, having terrorized Marin and Sonoma counties as a kid, my name was already quite well known by the local constabulary—just not as an ATF agent.

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The definitive and objective book on the Bundy family story, detailing how desert-dwelling ranchers transformed into the top dogs of the anti-government movement.

“It’s time! They have my cattle and now they have one of my boys. Range War begins tomorrow at Bundy Ranch.”

These words, pounded out on a laptop at Cliven Bundy’s besieged Nevada ranch on April 6, 2014, ignited a new American revolution. Across the country, a certain type of citizen snapped to attention: This was the flashpoint that they’d been waiting for, a chance to help a fellow American stand up to a tyrannical and corrupt federal government.

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John Temple is an investigative journalist and the author of American Pain, which was named a New York Post “Favorite Book of 2015” and a 2016 Edgar Allan Poe Award nominee for Fact Crime. Temple wrote two previous nonfiction books: The Last Lawyer and Deadhouse. The American Society of Legal Writers awarded The Last Lawyer the 2010 Scribes Book Award. Temple is a tenured journalism professor at West Virginia University’s Reed College of Media. Before academia, Temple worked as a newspaper reporter in Pittsburgh, North Carolina, and Florida. Residence: Morgantown, W.Va.
AMMON AND LISA BUNDY had made their way to the bottom of Toquop Wash, a ravine dotted with mesquite and sagebrush, its steep sandy banks flanking a wide, flat wash bottom. It’s typically dry, but during storms, the wash fills with waters that flow down into the Virgin River. High above the wash bottom, two bridges are overhead—the divided northbound and southbound highways of Interstate 15. Protesters were climbing down the banks into the wash, following them. Ammon held out his hands, signaling everyone to stop.

Lisa looked up the wash toward the southbound bridge. On the other side of the cattle gate there, white ranger pickups were pulling up, and federal agents were massing, carrying rifles.

Shawna Cox led the group of several dozen protesters as they knelt on the rocky slope and bowed their heads in prayer. Then, at Ammon’s instruction, the group formed a line and swung out across the wash, facing the Bureau of Land Management troops like an old-fashioned infantry line, except that few of them were armed and most wore T-shirts and jeans.

Over a bullhorn, a BLM officer ordered them to leave. A couple of protesters began to comply, but Ammon urged them to stay.

He said: We must stand together. Whatever it takes. If it takes two days, we will stay here. We’ll bring in food and water.

Other protesters seemed to be in a fever, pacing, cursing, threatening to charge toward the southbound bridge. Decades of wrath bubbled up inside them. This was the moment they’d waited for all these years, a rebellion, a mass rejection of federal authority, and they didn’t want to wait any longer. Lisa didn’t like the cursing and was about to speak up, but Ammon spoke first.

He said: We don’t need any of that. We’re not here to act that way.

Ammon wanted to wait until the cowboys arrived before confronting the feds. Lisa held Ammon’s hand and looked around at the federal agents now gathering under the other bridge. About eight figures armed with rifles crouched behind the doors of their white BLM ranger pickups. Some wore olive-drab fatigues and helmets and carried a tear-gas launcher. Another group wore plain clothes with body armor. They looked like a small army. Lisa tried to stay calm for Ammon, but she couldn’t fathom what was happening. This was over cows?

She said to Ammon: We have five children at home who need a mom and a dad. Are you sure this is the right thing to do?

The cowboys kicked up a cloud of dust as they rode down the slope into Toquop Wash and broke through the line of protesters. They slowed their horses to a walk as they moved toward the feds at the cattle gate under the southbound bridge, and then paused about halfway between the bridges to form a ragged line. LaVoy Finicum raised a jaunty hand and waved at the people on foot already there.

During the ride, a Bundy son-in-law had given the posse hard-bitten instructions. Provoke no one. Speak to no one. Form a line and advance toward the feds. Stand your ground. Show no fear.

The protesters on foot followed, hands raised toward the sky. They were mostly men, but a good number of women, and even a couple of kids. By now, more than 400 Bundy supporters were spread around the area, and more than half were in the wash, including about 40 on horseback. They faced some thirty federal officers on the other side of the gate.

Word trickled through the line of protesters: Let the unarmed people go first. Terri “Momma Bear” Linnell was carrying a pink pistol in a holster, so she let the others pass her and she took pictures of the flag-wavers in front of her, of the horses’ rear ends, of a surveillance plane in the sky. She looked off to the side of the wash and was surprised to see a group of young children playing on the bank, out of the line of fire, as if nothing was happening.

“You’re going to have to arrest us all or shoot us all!” one protester yelled.

Linnell didn’t believe the federal agents would shoot into the crowd. Previous protests had taught Momma Bear that there was strength in numbers, and the protesters vastly outnumbered the feds. On the other hand, her parents had been students at Kent State University in 1970, when members of the Ohio National Guard had shot and killed four students during a mass protest. So Linnell knew it could happen. At least this time, Linnell thought, the protesters could shoot back.

The line began advancing toward the feds under the southbound bridge. It was high noon.
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STEVE MARIOTTI WITH DEBRA DEVI

The Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship founder and CEO shares his memoir detailing how a series of hardships inspired him to help low-income youth create their own pathways out of poverty.

FAILING NEW YORK CITY teacher Steve Mariotti had been given one last chance to save his job: Run a South Bronx program for 23 special education students expelled for violent crimes.

“Your mission is to save one of them,” Mariotti’s principal told him.

When Mariotti was mugged by a group of teenagers, he was shaken to his core, and his life was forever changed. He closed his small import-export business, and at the encouragement of a therapist, decided to face his fears by becoming a teacher. He wanted to help troubled young people create better lives for themselves.

Mariotti volunteered to teach in some of the city’s worst schools. But the students were harder to reach than he expected. They saw zero connection between school and improving their lives . . . until Mariotti introduced them to entrepreneurship. He consistently saw disinterested students light up and become eager to learn whenever he taught them about small business.

His unorthodox approach made him the target of school administrators, however. After being disciplined multiple times, he found himself facing one last opportunity to prove himself as an educator—in his most challenging classroom yet.

By turns hilarious and heartbreaking, Goodbye Homeboy unflinchingly displays Mariotti’s missteps as he connects with his troubled South Bronx students, desperate to help them escape the soul-crushing poverty and gang violence of “Fort Apache” in the 1980s.

These experiences inspired him to found a revolutionary organization that has served 700,000 low-income students from Chicago to China.

Today, the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) is a multimillion-dollar nonprofit, and Mariotti is widely recognized as the world’s leading advocate for entrepreneurship education. NFTE counts Sean Combs, Chelsea Clinton, billionaire Diana Davis Spencer, and many more business, entertainment, and community leaders among its staunchest supporters.

Goodbye Homeboy powerfully illustrates that one small spark of hope really can illuminate a new pathway to change and empower us to overcome life’s greatest hardships.

STEVE MARIOTTI is the founder and former CEO of the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE). His previous books include The Young Entrepreneur’s Guide to Starting and Running a Business and An Entrepreneur’s Manifesto. Today, NFTE is widely considered the leading provider of entrepreneurship education to low-income youth worldwide. Residence: Princeton, N.J.

DEBRA DEVI is an award-winning author, journalist and musician. She has coauthored numerous books with Steve Mariotti, including Entrepreneurship: How to Start and Operate a Small Business. As a journalist, Devi has written for Investor’s Daily, American Banker, Crain’s New York, The Village Voice, RollingStone.com, Guitar World, and more. Residence: Jersey City, N.J.
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Matthew Schrier

In 2012, Matthew Schrier was headed home from Syria, where he’d been photographing the country’s civil war. Forty-five minutes from the Turkish border, he was taken prisoner by the al Nusra Front—an organization now known as the Syrian branch of Al Qaeda. For seven months he would endure torture and near starvation, but eventually, he’d escape. In this gripping memoir, Schrier details the horrifying and surreal experience, using humor to develop relationships with his captors—and keep himself sane.

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*Tom Giacomaro and Natasha Stoyloff*

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With a unique blend of original reporting and deep analysis, journalist Edward Niedermeyer reveals the ugly reality hidden behind Tesla’s popular mythology and explains why the company is more likely to end up as a transitional figure in automotive history than the next industrial juggernaut.

**Tesla is the Most** exciting car company in a generation . . . but can it live up to the hype? Tesla Motors and CEO Elon Musk have become household names, shaking up the staid auto industry by creating a set of innovative electric vehicles that have wowed the marketplace and defied conventional wisdom. The company’s market valuation now rivals that of long-established automakers, and, to many industry observers, Tesla is defining the future of the industry.

But behind the hype, Tesla has some serious deficiencies that raise questions about its sky-high valuation, and even its ultimate survival.

Tesla’s commitment to innovation has led it to reject the careful, zero-defects approach of other car manufacturers, even as it struggles to mass-produce cars that are reliable and have minimal defects. While most car manufacturers struggle with the razor-thin margins of mid-priced sedans, Tesla’s strategy requires that the Model 3 finally bring it to profitability, even as the high-priced Roadster and Model S both lost money. And Tesla’s approach of continually focusing on the future, even as commitments and deadlines are repeatedly missed, may ultimately test the patience of all but its most devoted fans.

In *Ludicrous*, journalist and auto industry analyst Edward Niedermeyer lays bare the disconnect between the popular perception of Tesla and the day-to-day realities of the company—and the cars it produces. Blending original reporting and never-before-published insider accounts with savvy industry analysis, Niedermeyer tells the story of Tesla as it’s never been told before, with clear eyes, objectivity, and insight.

**Edward Niedermeyer** began covering the auto industry in 2008, quickly establishing himself as a leading chronicler and critic of the struggles and bailouts of GM and Chrysler. More recently, he has focused on the collision between the auto industry and high-tech sector, and the reinvention of the automobile. His work on automotive topics has been featured in the *New York Times, Wall Street Journal, BloombergView, The Daily Beast, The Verge*, and elsewhere. He is currently the cohost of *The Autonocast*, a podcast about the future of mobility, and is the Silicon Valley reporter for *Automotive News*. Residence: Portland, Ore.
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THE KING OF WEED
How I Built a Marijuana Empire, Got in Bed with the Mafia, Motorcycle Gangs, and Drug Cartels, and Became the Biggest Pot Dealer in New York City History

JIMMY COURNOYER AS TOLD TO AND WRITTEN BY BOB HALLORAN

The exciting story of how Jimmy Cournoyer went from an average French Canadian playboy to the biggest marijuana dealer in New York City history.

JIMMY COURNOYER WASN'T JUST another teenager selling weed—he was able to turn his hobby into a global force, earning profits of over $1 billion.

The King of Weed details how a high school dropout was able to turn a couple of pot plants into a billion-dollar business. Follow the rise and fall of Cournoyer—also known as the Pot Playboy, the King of Pot, and by his alias Cosmo—as he surpassed the thousands of low-level drug dealers operating from their bedrooms and backyards, making it to the top of his industry.

At the height of his success, Cournoyer controlled a drug trafficking empire that involved the Hell’s Angels, the Sinaloa Cartel, Native American smugglers, and the Rizzuto and Bonanno crime families. He was friends with former MMA fighter Georges St. Pierre, dated Brazilian model Amelia Racine, and partied with Leonardo DiCaprio in Ibiza.

With first-hand accounts from Cournoyer himself, as recounted to and written by journalist Bob Halloran, The King of Weed is the remarkable, intimate story of one of New York City’s most lucrative drug kingpins—until it all came crashing down when federal agents apprehended him after a chance tip ignited a seven-year investigation. Readers will be astounded by his creative business planning, risk assessment, and decision making—all within the eye of a violent, unpredictable, criminal enterprise.

JAMES “JIMMY” COURNOYER was born in 1979, in the city of Laval in Quebec, Canada. He grew up in an upper-middle-class home with his parents, Richard Cournoyer and Linda Bremner, and his older brother, Joey. Following his parents’ divorce, Jimmy dropped out of high school and began selling marijuana to help his mother pay the bills. For the next 15 years, he built a marijuana empire that covered the East and West coasts of Canada and the US, and ultimately connected him to the Sinaloa Drug Cartel in Mexico. Jimmy was arrested in 2012 attempting to enter Mexico, pleaded guilty to money laundering and conspiracies to sell cocaine and marijuana, and is currently serving a 27-year sentence.

BOB HALLORAN is a Boston-based award-winning journalist, accomplished author, movie consultant and sports writer. Currently a sports anchor/reporter for Boston’s ABC affiliate, WCVB, his broadcast career has included roles at ESPN, WFXT in Boston, and WPRI in Providence, RI. At ESPN, Bob spent three years as an anchor and writer for ESPN.com. Halloran has written several books including Irish Thunder: The Hard Life and Times of Micky Ward, Count the Rings: Inside Boston’s Wicked Awesome Reign as the City of Champions, and Impact Statement: A Family’s Fight for Justice Against Whitey Bulger, Stephen Flemmi, and the FBI. Halloran has won a New England Emmy Award for sportscasting, and two honors from the Associated Press. Residence: Boston, Mass.
JIMMY DOVE INTO his notebook. Checked the inventory and thought about what kind of transport he would use from Quebec City to New York. He called his most reliable courier, Richie. For the past 25 years, Richie had been crossing the border from Quebec to the United States at least once a week. He had a double oil pan in his van that allowed him to stash up to a million dollars at a time. Richie was able to get the oil pan out without pulling the engine. He simply jacked up the engine until the bell housing hit the fire wall and then took off the steering rack. It was only difficult to do the first time. After that, it was easy, and Richie had done it thousands of times.

Jimmy had worked with Richie many times before and found him to be independent but reliable. “What can I do for you?” Richie asked.
“‘I got money to bring back from New York. Are you still in business?’”
“I will be until I die.”
“I need you every week from now on. Can you do this?”
“Hell yes!”

Jimmy gave him a burner phone with Primo’s number in it and told him to call that number whenever he gets to New York.

Meanwhile, Diego and Primo made their way to New York that same day. They had a meeting with Doogie at a Starbucks in Brooklyn and told him there was 600 pounds of high-grade weed on the way.

“All for me?” Doogie asked.
“First come, first served. You want it. You got it.”

He wanted it. They quickly went over the formalities of when the shipment would arrive, where it would be delivered, and of course, how the exchange of money would go down. Done deal.

While this was happening, Martin was on his way to BC. High on ephedrine tablets and red bull, he texted Bob and Smart that he was an hour away. Upon arrival, Bob and Smart swept the truck for any electronic devices. They found nothing, and as quickly as they could, they strapped 18 bundles of plywood containing 600 pounds of weed onto the truck. Martin popped another pill, downed another soda, and hopped back into the truck. He was ready for the long road ahead.

Everything was going according to plan. Each man had a part to play, and he played it well. Doogie made regular buys and paid cash. Martin hardly ever slept. Just kept making pick-ups and drove back and forth from Quebec to Vancouver. It was a 50-hour drive along the Trans-Canada Highway, and Martin did it by himself twice a week. He had his favorite radio stations and sang until his voice went hoarse.

Bob and Smart were getting weed from all over. The word was out, and every grower and distributor started bringing their stuff to Bob. Ray and John were bringing a few hundred pounds of good kush each month. Their growers were following Mr. Miagi’s instructions and were growing real good buds. Tom picked up their loads. Sealed it up as he was told. And brought it over the border. Jimmy was in charge of inventory. Every morning he decided which transport to use, and how to bring the money back to make sure everything continued rolling. Product went out. Cash came in. And so on, and so on.

Business was booming. The demand was growing exponentially. Jimmy was buying up everything he could find in BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario, and Quebec. He had workers stacking pounds in nearly every province of Canada. Martin and his truckers were on the road 24/7. The pot supply under his domain was also still being transported in motor homes and trucks across Canada with the help of the Hells Angels. The motorcycle gang and the Montreal mob then smuggled the pot from Quebec into upstate New York, and trucks delivered it to warehouses in Brooklyn. It was perfect!

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In *The Secret Language of Cells*, doctor and neuroscientist Jon Lieff lets us listen in on these conversations, and reveals their significance for everything from mental health to cancer. He explains the surprising science of how very different cells—bacteria and brain cells, blood cells and viruses—all speak the same language. This overarching principle has been long overlooked because scientific journals use impenetrable jargon that makes it hard to be understood across disciplines, much less by the general public.

Lieff presents a fascinating and accessible look into cellular communication science—a groundbreaking and comprehensive exploration of this biological phenomenon. In these pages, discover the intriguing lives of cells as they ask questions, get answers, give feedback, gather information, call for each other, and make complex decisions. During infections, immune T-cells tell brain cells that we should “feel sick” and lie down. Cancer cells warn their community about immune and microbe attacks. Gut cells talk with microbes to determine which are friends and which are enemies, and microbes talk with each other and with much more complicated human cells in ways that determine which medicines work and which will fail.

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If you’ve ever looked at the back of your so-called “natural” facial moisturizer or body cream and seen a list of complicated additives you couldn’t recognize or pronounce, then you know firsthand that mass-produced synthetic beauty products can be something of a mystery. With Plant-Powered Beauty, harness the power of plant-based energy to maintain your natural beauty and let your skin glow like never before. Natural beauty experts Amy Galper and Christina Daigneault show readers how to deconstruct beauty labels, parse ingredients lists, make informed choices about the products they use—and, most important, better understand how their skin works.

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The grassroots plant-based nutrition movement inspired by the film *PlantPure Nation* has helped foster a growing community of whole food, plant-based eaters. Key to its success has been the PlantPure Director of Culinary Education Kim Campbell’s inspiring and delicious recipes. Now, Campbell is back with even more inventive recipes bursting with flavor in *The PlantPure Kitchen*. Campbell builds on favorites from her last cookbook, turning recipes like the Creamy African Stew into tasty African Wraps, and shares tons of new recipes that will turn any plant-based eater into a chef with ease.

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Experience the happiest side of life through beautiful, nourishing foods. Ashley Melillo believes in enjoying a wide array of wholesome foods in order to thrive—physically, mentally, and emotionally. For her blog, *Blissful Basil*, she finds innovative ways to use plants for fun, flavorful dishes that keep her readers coming back. Her gorgeous debut cookbook brings brand-new recipes, plus a handful of signature dishes, from her kitchen to yours. *Blissful Basil* focuses on bringing out the best flavors of whole foods and features more than 100 plant-based dishes that will delight vegans, vegetarians, and meat-eaters alike. What’s more, most of the recipes are free from gluten, soy, and refined sugars.

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