

## My Grandfathers Son A Memoir

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in 1970 michael sledge s mother was stranded by a divorce she neither expected nor wanted she was thirty six years old with five children and no money of her own unprepared to face life as a single mother though strong willed she still believed her safety and happiness to be dependent on having a conventional family on finding a husband for herself and a father for her children attracted by her beauty an array of suitors quickly materialized eager to win her hand but none of them was quite right michael was her middle child he was also her confidant adviser and passionate kindred spirit enlisting himself as her partner in remaking their broken family he too searched for the perfect match at last a man appeared who seemed to be the answer to their dreams but as his new stepfather slowly revealed his true nature michael and his mother were forced to

begin a journey that would draw them even closer to each other and take them far from the conventions they'd always believed would bring them happiness  
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a brave and marvelous book a page turner that will rip your heart out jon krakauer in the tradition of *into the wild* comes an instant classic of outdoor literature a riveting work of uncommon depth the adventurer's son is roman dial's extraordinary account of his two year quest to unravel the mystery of his son's fate in the predawn hours of july 10 2014 the twenty seven year old son of preeminent alaskan scientist and national geographic explorer roman dial walked alone into corcovado national park an untracked rainforest along costa rica's remote pacific coast that shelters miners poachers and drug smugglers he carried a light backpack and machete before he left cody roman dial emailed his father i am not sure how long it will take me but i'm planning on doing 4 days in the jungle and a day to walk out i'll be bounded by a trail to the west and the coast everywhere else so it should be difficult to get lost forever they were the last words dial received from his son as soon as he realized cody roman's return date had passed dial set off for costa rica as he trekked through the dense jungle interviewing locals and searching for clues the authorities suspected murder the desperate father was forced to confront the deepest questions about himself and his own role in the events roman had raised his son to be fearless to be at home in earth's wildest places travelling together through rugged alaska to remote borneo and bhutan was he responsible for his son's fate or as he hoped was cody roman safe and using his wilderness skills on a solo adventure from which he would emerge at any moment part detective story set in the most beautiful yet dangerous reaches of the planet the adventurer's son emerges as a far deeper tale of discovery a journey to understand the truth about those we love the most the adventurer's son includes 25 color photographs

in this deeply moving memoir one of canada's most respected singer songwriters traces his difficult often tumultuous relationship with his father from the time dan hill picked up a guitar at age 11 he tried to win the approval of daniel hill sr a man who has been called canada's father of human rights but hill sr set impossibly high standards for himself and his family especially for his eldest son leading to conflict and alienation even as young dan achieved international fame and success through vivid family stories letters memories and his own award winning lyrics dan hill tells the story of two parallel lives his father's in mid 20th century america and his own as a young black man coming of age in suburban canada and the stormy but ultimately loving way each of those lives affected the other

a man returns to the wisconsin house that seemed to play a pivotal role in his family's history to try to make sense of his past

with sharp wit self deprecating humor and penetrating honesty new york times journalist dave itzkoff turns a keen eye on his life with the mysterious maddening much loved man of whom he writes for the first eight years of my life i seem to have believed he was the product of my imagination itzkoff's father was the man who lumbered home at night and spent hours murmuring to his small son about his dreams and hopes for the boy's future and the fears and failures of his own past he was the hard nosed new york fur merchant with an unexpectedly emotional soul a purveyor of well worn anecdotes and bittersweet life lessons a trusted ally in childhood revolts against motherly discipline and hebrew school drudgery a friend advisor and confidant he was also a junkie in cocaine's son itzkoff chronicles his coming of age in the disjointed shadow of his father's double life struggling to reconcile his love for the garrulous protector and provider and his loathing for the pitiful addict through his adolescent and teen years itzkoff is haunted by the spectacle of his father's drug fueled depressions and disappearances in college itzkoff plunges into his own seemingly fated bout with substance abuse and later an emotional therapy session ends in the intense certainty that he will never overcome the same demons that have driven the older man but when his father finally gets clean a long morning after begins for them both and on a road trip across the country and back into memory in search of clues and revelations together they discover that there may be more binding them than ever separated them unsparing and heartbreaking mordantly funny and powerfully felt cocaine's son clears a place for dave itzkoff in the forefront of contemporary memoirists

swimming in a sea of death is david rieff's loving tribute to his mother the writer susan sontag and her final battle with cancer rieff's brave passionate and unsparing witness of the last nine months of her life is both an intensely personal portrait of the relationship between a mother and a son and a reflection on what it means to confront death in our culture david rieff confronts his feelings in relation to his mother—and the guilt the self questioning the sense of not having done enough and he tries to understand what it means to desire so desperately as his mother did to the end of her life and to try almost anything in order to go on living

the supreme court justice recounts his life story from his impoverished childhood in jim crow era georgia and his struggles to acquire an education to his publicly contested confirmation to the nation's highest court

shaving lessons is a truly honest and moving memoir that captures perfectly

what it means to be a father and a son

alan cumming s father was the dark enigmatic heart of cumming family life a man who meted out violence with frightening ease but he was not the only mystery alan s maternal grandfather tommy darling had disappeared to the far east after the second world war when alan s mother was thirteen the family was informed that he had died in an accidental shooting curious to explore this second mystery alan committed to filming an episode of the bbc s who do you think you are then out of the blue his father whom neither he nor his brother had spoken to for more than a decade called he had a secret to share one that would shock his sons to the very core and set in motion a journey that would change alan s life forever

few politicians have risen to national prominence as quickly as marco rubio here is the full story of his unlikely journey florida senator marco rubio electrified the 2012 republican national convention by telling the story of his parents who were struggling immigrants from cuba they embraced their new country and taught their children to appreciate its unique opportunities every sacrifice they made over the years as they worked hard at blue collar jobs in miami and las vegas was for their children young marco grew up dreaming about football not politics in this fascinating memoir he reveals how he ended up running for the west miami city commission and then the florida house of representatives in just six years he rose to speaker of the florida house he then won his u s senate campaign as an extreme long shot now rubio speaks on the national stage about the better future that s possible if we return to our founding principles in that vision as in his family s story rubio proves that the american dream is still alive for those who pursue it

this memoir traces one man s journey through his family history when a dna test reveals that his dad was not his biological father

in the tradition of the glass castle and angela s ashes comes the most unforgettable memoir you ll read this year what did it mean to be the tank man s son to grow up overwhelmed by my father s presence and personality it was as if i didn t exist as if i was just something else for my father to crush so begins the haunting memoir of mark bouman as he recounts the events of his childhood at the hands of his larger than life neo nazi father in brilliant startling detail from adventure filled days complete with real life war games artillery fire and tank races to terror filled nights marked by vicious tirades brutal beatings and psychological torture mark paints a chilling portrait of family life that is at once whimsical and horrific all building to a shocking climax that challenges even the broadest boundaries of love and forgiveness an epic tale of redemption and

reconciliation the tank man s son is a literary tour de force that is sure to become an instant classic

the greatest american author ever in my view his sentences seem to weigh more than anyone else s he is like a force of nature the people in bellow s fiction are real people yet the intensity of the gaze that he bathes them in opens up into the universal martin amis what bellow had to tell us in his fiction was that it was worth it being alive linda grant the backbone of twentieth century american literature has been provided by two novelists william faulkner and saul bellow together they are the melville hawthorne and twain of the twentieth century philip roth greg bellow s bond with his famous writer father was grounded in a tenderness social optimism and light hearted humour rarely attributed to a man more often remembered for being quick to anger and schooled in rational argument this intimate memoir gives voice both to the young saul the rebellious irreverent and ambitious young writer and dedicated father and to the old saul the writer known to the wider world whose edges hardened as his social views turned pessimistic the change taxed the relationship between bellow and his son so sorely that greg feared it might not survive saul bellow s heart is an affectionate revealing portrait of a fiercely private man a picture of a moving father son relationship and a unique insight into one of america s greatest twentieth century writers

on burning ground is the tale of one desperate and brilliant man s ultimate choice at the eve of the nazi purging of poland to disguise his jewish origin and pose first as a christian then to join the nazi ss living in constant fear michael skakun s father joseph not only assumed a dangerous array of identities in order to survive but subsequently compromised his very spirit on burning ground is a brave and revelatory tale of a son s father who risked it all and through his amazing odyssey was keenly aware of the price of such deceptions

long before kevin jennings began advocating to end anti lgbt bias in schools he was a victim of it in mama s boy preacher s son jennings traces the roots of his activism to his elementary school days in the conservative south where faggot became more familiar to him than his own name mama s boy preacher s son is that rare memoir that is both a riveting personal story and an inside account of a critical chapter in our recent history creating safe schools for all youth is now a central part of the progressive agenda in american education and kevin jennings is at the forefront of that fight mama s boy preacher s son earned an a in entertainment weekly was featured in salon and the advocate and was called a great read by people

a new york times notable book of the year a wrenching debut memoir of familial

grief by a national book award finalist and a defining account of what it means to love and lose a difficult parent for readers of joan didion and dani shapiro when christopher sorrentino s mother died in 2017 it marked the end of a journey that had begun eighty years earlier in the south bronx victoria s life took her to the heart of new york s vibrant mid century downtown artistic scene to the sedate campus of stanford and finally back to brooklyn a journey witnessed by a son who watched helpless as she grew more and more isolated distancing herself from everyone and everything she d ever loved in examining the mystery of his mother s life from her dysfunctional marriage to his heedless father the writer gilbert sorrentino to her ultimate withdrawal from the world christopher excavates his own memories and family folklore in an effort to discover her dreams understand her disappointments and peel back the ways in which she seemed forever trapped between two identities the puerto rican girl identified on her birth certificate as black and the white woman she had seemingly decided to become meanwhile christopher experiences his own transformation emerging from under his father s shadow and his mother s thumb to establish his identity as a writer and individual one who would soon make his own missteps and mistakes unfolding against the captivating backdrop of a vanished new york a city of cheap bohemian enclaves and a thriving avant garde a dangerous decaying but liberated and potentially liberating place now beacon now sea is a matchless portrait of the beautiful painful messiness of life and the transformative power of even conflicted grief acute intimate and exceedingly fair sorrentino s memoir is a post mortem that examines not the causes of his parents deaths but the endurance and effects of their confounding marriage this is the story of a son who is trying to dissect and understand the love that remains and sometimes emerges after death we may have a greater cultural appetite for eulogies but an autopsy in looking directly at the cold corpse of a family in all its gruesomeness and mystery can be just as profound and in the hands of a writer as restrained and humane as sorrentino just as beautiful eleanor henderson the new york times book review

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