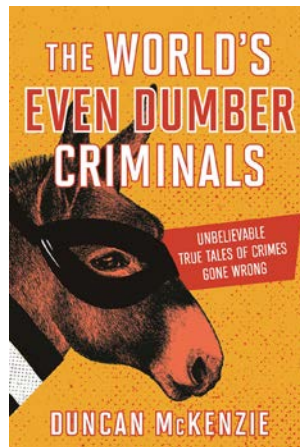
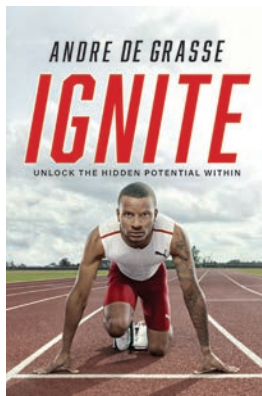
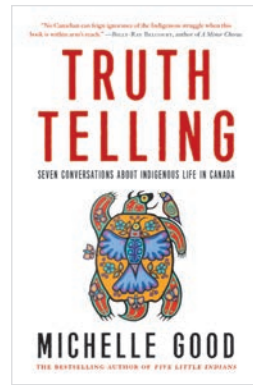
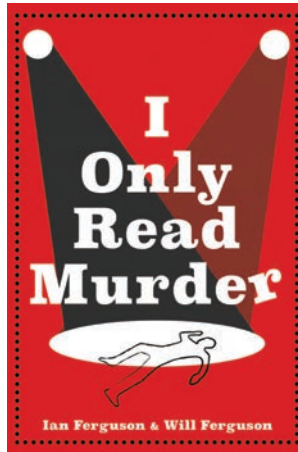
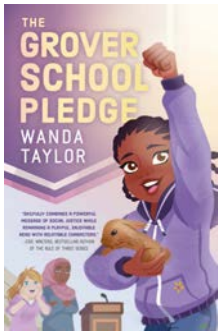


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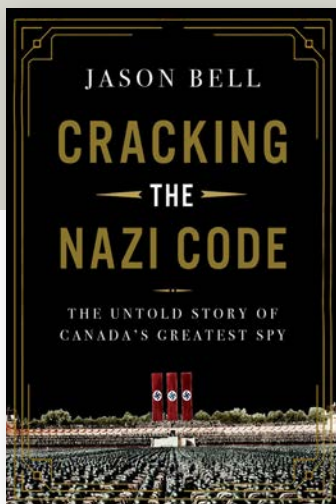
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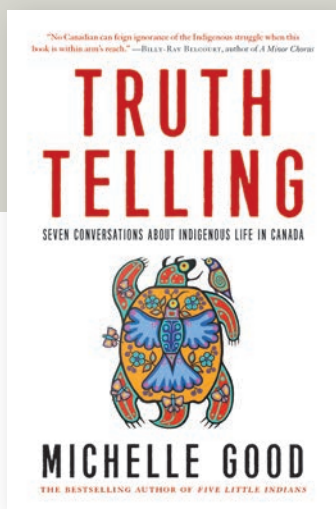
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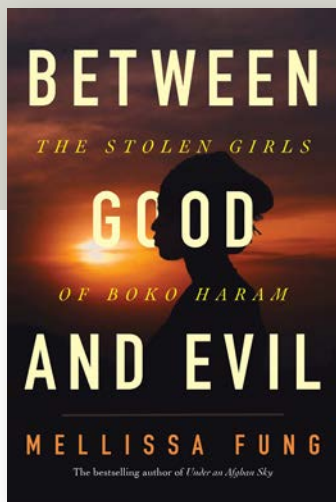
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## BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL

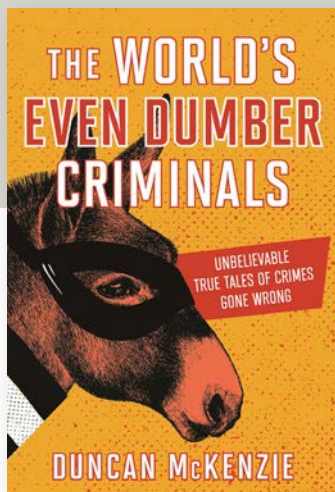
The Stolen Girls of Boko Haram

Mellissa Fung

**"This is a brilliant book, an unflinching intimate history of Nigerian girls who survived capture and struggled to rebuild their lives. Rather than chronicle Boko Haram or the campaign to #bringbackourgirls, Mellissa Fung empowers the girls to speak for themselves, to recount their own fear and survival. She has given us a powerful, gripping portrait that dares us to confront horror and the stamina it takes to survive it."**  
— Hillary Rodham Clinton

In April 2014, the world awoke to the shocking news that the terrorist group Boko Haram had kidnapped nearly 300 school-aged girls and taken them deep into the forests of Nigeria. During several visits to Nigeria over four years, Mellissa Fung sat down with the girls and their families, listening to horrific stories of capture, rape and torture, as well as escapes and excommunications. Fung also tells the stories of strong women fighting against the terrorist group: Aisha the Hunter, who moves stealthily into the forest, taking out Boko Haram with her faithful followers, and Mama Boko Haram, an Igbo woman who knows the fighters and fights to empty the forests of them and captives alike.

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Unbelievable True Tales of Crime Gone Wrong

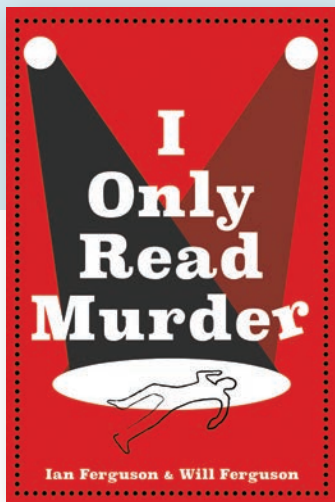
Duncan McKenzie

**A hilarious collection of all-new true stories of dumb criminals committing stupid crimes**

A man breaks into a couple's car, only to leave his phone, and his social media profile, behind. A murder suspect hid in the ceiling, which collapsed, dropping him at the feet of police. A gang of thieves in Spain filled their van with stolen oranges, only to have the fruit pop out of the vehicle when stopped by inquisitive police. A drunken man led police on a low-speed chase on his lawn tractor only to be arrested when he ran out of gas.

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IAN FERGUSON is an award-winning playwright and humorist whose commentaries have been widely broadcast on radio and television.

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Ian Ferguson and Will Ferguson

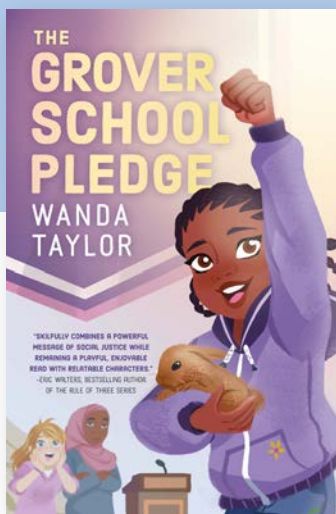
**The first book in a light-hearted comedic cozy crime series in the vein of Richard Osman, Simon Brett, and Alexander McCall Smith's 44 Scotland Street Series**

Miranda Abbott is a flamboyantly unaware former TV star who once played a crime-solving, karate-chopping church pastor. Since then, her career has hit hard times. Turned down for a role in the reality show *Real Has-Beens of Beverley Hills*, Miranda is about to give up when a mysterious postcard from her past arrives, summoning her to a small town in the Pacific Northwest. But when she gets there, the situation is much different than she expected.

In dire straits, she signs up for an amateur production at the Happy Rock Little Theater, only to find herself onstage when one of the actors is murdered, live, in front of the audience on opening night. Falling under a cloud of suspicion, Miranda is forced to investigate the murder herself using her dubious skills as a former TV sleuth.

FICTION/Mystery & Detective/Cozy | 304 pages | Rights available: World, all languages ex. US (Mira) & Japanese (HarperCollins Japan) | Publishing June 2023 | Manuscript available November 2022





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## THE GROVER SCHOOL PLEDGE

Wanda Taylor

**A true-to-life story about the pains and triumphs of growing up, perfect for readers of Renée Watson and Lisa Moore Ramée**

Arlaina Jefferson is eager to prove herself. Tasked with caring for her cousin's rabbit, Obeena, Arlaina knows all that stands between her and the grown-up world of middle school is one year of staying out of trouble and making sure to clean up Obeena's turds.

But, having faced thoughtless comments from fellow students, Arlaina soon realizes that a larger problem plagues Grover School. All those comments that Arlaina—and several other students—once brushed off suddenly seethe under the light of truth.

Bolstered by her father's childhood experience in the Million Man March, Arlaina teams up with nonsense Nadia and a host of other Grover School students to right a systemic wrong. After all, proving you're grown up doesn't always mean staying out of trouble!

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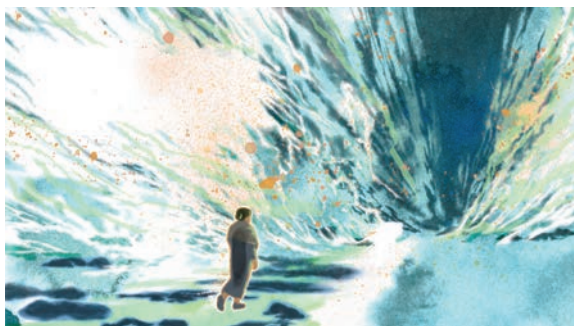
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RACHEL WADA was raised between Japan and Hong Kong and has created illustrations for magazines, newspapers, advertising, all characterized by the use of rich colours, textures, and fine details through both digital and traditional mediums.

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