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Hummingbird Salamander Simon and Schuster

Hummingbirds have long been a symbol of wisdom and courage. In this charming story, a hummingbird makes a valiant effort to put out a raging fire that threatens her forest home — trip after trip, her beak is filled each time with just a drop of water. Her efforts show her woodland companions that doing something — anything — is better than doing nothing at all. The hummingbird parable, which originates with the Quechuan people of South America, has become a talisman for environmentalists and activists worldwide committed to making meaningful change. This retelling, enlivened by Michael Nicoll Yahgulanaas' fabulous Haida-manga illustrations, is suitable for all ages of would-be activists. Although environmental responsibility often seems like

an overwhelming task, *The Flight of the Hummingbird* shows how easy it is to start and how great the effect could be if everyone just did what they could.

Hummingbird House Independently Published

From the author of the acclaimed debut novel *The Curiosity* comes an emotionally resonant tale about a woman who must take care of two wounded men — one, her soldier-husband, just home from the war in Iraq; the other, a dying World War II scholar-historian who harbors a long-buried secret. Deborah Birch is a seasoned hospice nurse whose daily work requires courage and compassion. But her skills and experience are tested in new and dramatic ways when her easygoing husband, Michael, returns from his third deployment to Iraq haunted by nightmares, anxiety, and rage. She is determined to help him heal, and to restore the tender, loving marriage they once had. At the same time, Deborah's primary patient is Barclay Reed, a retired history

professor and expert in the Pacific Theater of World War II whose career ended in academic scandal. Alone in the world, the embittered professor is dying. As Barclay begrudgingly comes to trust Deborah, he tells her stories from that long-ago war, which help her find a way to help her husband battle his demons. Told with piercing empathy and heartbreaking realism, *The Hummingbird* is a masterful story of loving commitment, service to country, and absolution through wisdom and forgiveness. [The Theory of Hummingbirds](#) Golden Orb Press
 "Still reeling from the death by suicide of his drug-addicted father, Travis moves in with his grandmother to become her caretaker as she battles cancer. Meanwhile, he tries to live a typical teen life of pulling pranks, occasional shoplifting, dating, and endless drives through the twisting backroads of Central Massachusetts with Nirvana's Nevermind as the soundtrack. When the police intervene after a prank backfires, the boys realize that their time as children is rapidly disappearing and they may never fully understand each other as they move apart."-- Provided by publisher.

[The Hummingbird's Cage](#) Humming Words Books

Sixteen-year-old Dylan has never met her father. She knows that her parents were just teenagers themselves when she was born, but her mother doesn't like to talk about the past, and her father, Mark, has never responded to Dylan's attempts to contact him. As far as Dylan is concerned, her family is made up of her mother, Amanda; her recently adopted younger sister, Karma; and maybe even her best friend, Toni. And then, out of the blue, a phone call: Mark will be in town for a few days and he wants to meet her. Amanda is clearly upset, but Dylan can't help being

excited at the possibility of finally getting to know her father. But when she finds out why he has come—and what he wants from her—the answers fill her with still more questions. What makes someone family? And why has her mother been lying to her all these years?

The Architect of Song She Writes Press

A Ghanian folktale comes to life about a hummingbird whose courage inspires the animals of the African Savanna to work together to save their land. "The Heart of a Hummingbird" teaches children and adults alike what it means to have courage in the face of overwhelming adversity, of standing up for what you believe even when no one listens.

[Do Hummingbirds Hum?](#) Rutgers University Press

Dylan has a mother, sister, and best friend, but no father, until he steps back into her life and asks an important favor and Dylan wonders what really makes someone family.

The Hummingbird Book Little, Brown

An American midwife travels to Central America to care for the women and children suffering through war.

Hummingbird MCD

Meet the ladies: a flock of smart, affectionate, highly individualistic chickens who visit their favorite neighbors, devise different ways to hide from foxes, and mob the author like she's a rock star. In these pages you'll also meet Maya and Zuni, two orphaned baby hummingbirds who hatched from eggs the size of navy beans, and who are little more than air bubbles fringed with feathers. Their lives hang precariously in the balance—but with human help, they may one day conquer the sky. Snowball is a cockatoo whose dance video went viral on YouTube and who's

now teaching schoolchildren how to dance. You'll meet Harris's hawks named Fire and Smoke. And you'll come to know and love a host of other avian characters who will change your mind forever about who birds really are. Each of these birds shows a different and utterly surprising aspect of what makes a bird a bird-and these are the lessons of Birdology: that birds are far stranger, more wondrous, and at the same time more like us than we might have dared to imagine. In *Birdology*, beloved author of *The Good Good Pig* Sy Montgomery explores the essence of the otherworldly creatures we see every day. By way of her adventures with seven birds-wild, tame, exotic, and common-she weaves new scientific insights and narrative to reveal seven kernels of bird wisdom. The first lesson of *Birdology* is that, no matter how common they are, *Birds Are Individuals*, as each of Montgomery's distinctive Ladies clearly shows. In the leech-infested rain forest of Queensland, you'll come face to face with a cassowary-a 150-pound, man-tall, flightless bird with a helmet of bone on its head and a slashing razor-like toenail with which it (occasionally) eviscerates people-proof that *Birds Are Dinosaurs*. You'll learn from hawks that *Birds Are Fierce*; from pigeons, how *Birds Find Their Way Home*; from parrots, what it means that *Birds Can Talk*; and from 50,000 crows who moved into a small city's downtown, that *Birds Are Everywhere*. They are the winged aliens who surround us. *Birdology* explains just how very "other" birds are: Their hearts look like those of crocodiles. They are covered with modified scales, which are called feathers. Their bones are hollow. Their bodies are permeated with extensive air sacs. They have no hands. They give birth to eggs. Yet despite birds' and humans' disparate evolutionary paths, we share

emotional and intellectual abilities that allow us to communicate and even form deep bonds. When we begin to comprehend who birds really are, we deepen our capacity to approach, understand, and love these otherworldly creatures. And this, ultimately, is the priceless lesson of *Birdology*: it communicates a heartfelt fascination and awe for birds and restores our connection to these complex, mysterious fellow creatures

The Heart of a Hummingbird Hachette UK

Despite severe diabetes, Russell Ogg was a successful photographer who traveled worldwide with his wife, journalist Norma Lee Browning. He's always been able to cope with anything, but when diabetes began to rob him of his sight, "it was like a violinist losing his fingers." When Norma Lee saw him sitting day after day on the patio of their home in Palm Springs, slumped in despair, his sightless eyes fixed on nothing, she too became depressed. But a miracle was about to happen. Then suddenly a red hummingbird appeared that changed their lives. Norma Lee frankly describes her doubts and the errors she made in identifying the birds her husband tried to photograph. She also concludes, from her close observation of the hummers, that "the experts" are wrong on many counts. But the miracle that provides the heart-warming conclusion to this unusual story involves Russell Ogg's eyesight. His sight improved. His eye doctor said he saw better than it was possible for him to see. "There is no way to explain medically how he does it ... his photographs tell us something about the magnificence of man." His inspiring story is a testament to human courage and hope. *The Hummingbird That Answered My Heart's Calling* Drawn and Quarterly

A true and inspirational autobiography, written straight from the heart. *Hummingbird* is for those who enjoy real-life stories, inspirational books, have challenges, like challenges, self-improvement and awareness - or just like to be truly moved by a book. Deborah invites you to share her uplifting story - an emotional journey that takes you to Costa Rica, India, China, Mount Kilimanjaro and to London's Central Criminal Court, The Old Bailey. When Deborah was eight years old her father was diagnosed with Huntington's disease, a hereditary and degenerative disorder, for which there is no cure. Discovering that all of her five children had a 50 per cent risk of developing the disease, Deborah's mother was faced with the heart-breaking task of telling her children the tragic news. With no test available, Deborah grew up under a cloud of uncertainty which affected her life and her decisions from that time on, in a profound way. After many years of struggling with her sadness, two of Deborah's brothers were tested positive for the disease. Her brother Nigel decided that he didn't want to live with the condition but did not want to die alone. When she left for her holiday to Costa Rica that year, Deborah had no idea that the death of a little baby hummingbird would turn her life around so unexpectedly and so profoundly. Meeting her guru and learning about a better way to cope, Deborah finally started to see the black cloud shift and the rainbow appear. Uncovering a hidden emotion that her subconscious had been afraid to acknowledge, she finally got in touch with the joy that is the very essence of us all. "It's like 'Eat, pray, love' with guts" .. journalist Fiona Locke The two most common messages that Deborah gets from her readers are: 1. "I couldn't put it down" 2. "Thank you for writing it."

The Hummingbird's Daughter MacAdam/Cage Publishing
Still reeling from the death by suicide of his drug-addicted father, Travis moves in with his grandmother to become her caretaker as she battles cancer. Meanwhile, he tries to live a typical teen life of pulling pranks, occasional shoplifting, dating, and endless drives through the twisting backroads of Central Massachusetts with Nirvana's Nevermind as the soundtrack. When the police intervene after a prank backfires, the boys realize that their time as children is rapidly disappearing and they may never fully understand each other as they move apart. After his Lynd Ward Prize-winning graphic novel, *King of King Court*, explored the power that parents hold over their children's emotional lives, Travis Dandro employs his signature dream imagery and crass humor to tell the story of teenage independence and resilience as he prepares to head off to art school. *Hummingbird Heart* is a detailed and stylish account of a time of great uncertainty. Dandro's densely crafted pages create a deeply emotional experience as his story swings from character confrontation to finely wrought domestic detail—a slapstick cafeteria-destroying brawl gives way to the beautifully rendered flight of the impossible hummingbird.

[Hummingbird](#) Createspace Independent Pub

A dynamic and devastating memoir about the cycle of trauma caused by addiction within one family From a child's-eye view, Travis Dandro recounts growing up with a drug-addicted birth father, alcoholic step-dad, and overwhelmed mother. As a kid, Dandro would temper the everyday tension with flights of fancy, finding refuge in toys and animals and insects rather than in the unpredictable adults around him. He perceptively details the

effects of poverty and addiction on a family while maintaining a child's innocence for as long as he can. *King of King Court* spans from Travis's early childhood through his teen years, focusing not only on the obviously abusive actions but also on the daily slights and snubs that further strain relations between him and his parents. Alongside his birth father committing crimes and shooting up, *King of King Court* lingers on scenes of him criticizing Travis and his siblings. Dandro gives equal heft to these anecdotes, emphasizing how damaging even relatively slight traumas can be to a child's worldview. As Travis matures into young adulthood and begins to understand the forces shaping his father's toxic behaviors, the story becomes even more nuanced. Travis is empathetic to his father's own tragic history but unable to escape the cycle of misconduct and reprisals. *King of King Court* is a revelatory autobiography that examines trauma, addiction, and familial relations in a unique and sensitive way.

Stand Still Like the Hummingbird Weidenfeld & Nicolson
A dazzling debut novel about taking chances, finding hope, and learning to stand up for your dreams... Everyone in Wheeler, New Mexico, thinks Joanna leads the perfect life: the quiet, contented housewife of a dashing deputy sheriff, raising a beautiful young daughter, Laurel. But Joanna's reality is nothing like her facade. Behind closed doors, she lives in constant fear of her husband. She's been trapped for so long, escape seems impossible—until a stranger offers her the help she needs to flee.... On the run, Joanna and Laurel stumble upon the small town of Morro, a charming and magical village that seems to exist out of time and place. There a farmer and his wife offer her sanctuary, and soon,

between the comfort of her new home and blossoming friendships, Joanna's soul begins to heal, easing the wounds of a decade of abuse. But her past—and her husband—aren't so easy to escape. Unwilling to live in fear any longer, Joanna must summon a strength she never knew she had to fight back and forge a new life for her daughter and herself.... CONVERSATION GUIDE INCLUDED

The Broken Heart of the Hummingbird Pajama Press Inc.

A thrilling new novel from #1 New York Times bestselling author Lisa See explores the lives of a Chinese mother and her daughter who has been adopted by an American couple. Li-yan and her family align their lives around the seasons and the farming of tea. There is ritual and routine, and it has been ever thus for generations. Then one day a jeep appears at the village gate—the first automobile any of them have seen—and a stranger arrives. In this remote Yunnan village, the stranger finds the rare tea he has been seeking and a reticent Akha people. In her biggest seller, *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*, See introduced the Yao people to her readers. Here she shares the customs of another Chinese ethnic minority, the Akha, whose world will soon change. Li-yan, one of the few educated girls on her mountain, translates for the stranger and is among the first to reject the rules that have shaped her existence. When she has a baby outside of wedlock, rather than stand by tradition, she wraps her daughter in a blanket, with a tea cake hidden in her swaddling, and abandons her in the nearest city. After mother and daughter have gone their separate ways, Li-yan slowly emerges from the security and insularity of her village to encounter modern life while Haley grows up a privileged and

well-loved California girl. Despite Haley's happy home life, she wonders about her origins; and Li-yan longs for her lost daughter. They both search for and find answers in the tea that has shaped their family's destiny for generations. A powerful story about a family, separated by circumstances, culture, and distance, *Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* paints an unforgettable portrait of a little known region and its people and celebrates the bond that connects mothers and daughters.

Birdology Simon and Schuster

Many of them have appeared only in foreign magazines while others were printed in limited editions which have gone out of print.

The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane Greystone Books

"Hummingbirds and angels don't need two good feet. They have wings." That's what Alba's mother always says. Of course, Alba doesn't have wings or two good feet: she has Cleo. Cleo is the name Alba has given to her left foot, which was born twisted in the wrong direction. When she points this out, though, her mother just smiles like the world has some surprise in store Alba doesn't know about yet. Well, Alba has her own surprise planned. After one final surgery and one final cast, Cleo is almost ready to meet the world straight on--just in time to run in the sixth grade cross-country race. Unfortunately, Alba's best friend Levi thinks there's no way she can pull it off. And she thinks there's no way he's right about the school librarian hiding a wormhole in her office. Tempers flare. Sharp words fly faster than hummingbirds. And soon it looks like both friends will be stuck proving their theories on their own.

The Ruby-throated Hummingbird Candlewick Press (MA)

"In *Hummingbirds in The Trenches*, Kondwani Fidel digests the circumstances of every day living in Baltimore. His honest recollection of growing up in his city--one plagued by poverty, inadequate schools, and violent murders--is a must read till the end. Fidel skillfully guides readers down a narrow line--his vulnerability on one side, his deafening power on the other. In the end, Fidel emerges a victor--overtly aware of the ironclad, historical systemic racism that continues to confine his community, yet still a hopeful, suggestive voice with a strong belief in change. His essays will make you cry tears of anger, but also tears of light-hearted laughter."--Stephanie Wash, Emmy Award Winning Producer and ABC News Journalist.

Song of the Hummingbird Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

An Aztec princess describes the Spanish conquest of Mexico. She is Huitzitzlin, 82, of the court of Montezuma and she tells her tale to a priest so history will know who the Aztecs really were. By the author of *The Memories of Ana Calderon*.

The Little Hummingbird University of Texas Press

"Her eyes were soulful, like little black pearls that perceived beyond mortal vision...Artemis showed up in my life to share a part of her world, this seemed clear. But why? Was there some deeper insight into my own life that she was willing to impart?" Within each of us is the capacity to connect with the Universe, with Nature, and with our Higher Self. This magical journey begins with two of the tiniest birds known to man and one observer willingness to quiet the mind and simply pay attention. Through the eyes of nature, one is made privy to the profound goodness that pervades all that exists and co-exists. This book will open your eyes to seeing the EXTRAORDINARY within the

ORDINARY and open your heart to new ways of appreciating the oh-so-omnipresent Universe that surrounds and binds all that we are.

Heart in the Wild Arte Publico Press

Hummingbirds may be the smallest birds in the world, but they have the biggest appetites. Their wings flutter on average fifty to eighty times each second as they visit hundreds of flowers over the course of a day to sip the sweet nectar that sustains them. Their hearts beat nearly twelve hundred times a minute and their rapid breathing allows these amazing birds to sustain their unique manner of flight. They can hover in the air for prolonged periods, fly backwards using forceful wings that swivel at the shoulder, and dive at nearly two hundred miles per hour. Native only to the Americas, some hummingbirds have been known to migrate from Mexico to Alaska in the course of a season.

Watching a hummingbird at a backyard feeder, we only see its glittering iridescent plumage and its long, narrow beak; its rapidly moving wings are a blur to our eyes. These tiny, colorful birds have long fascinated birders, amateur naturalists, and gardeners. But, do they really hum? In *Do Hummingbirds Hum?* George C. West, who has studied and banded over 13,500 hummingbirds in Arizona, and Carol A. Butler provide an overview of hummingbird biology for the general reader, and more detailed discussions of their morphology and behavior for those who want to fly beyond the basics. Enriched with beautiful and rare photography, including a section in vivid color, this engaging question and answer guide offers readers a wide range of information about these glorious pollinators as well as tips for attracting, photographing, and observing hummingbirds in the wild or in captivity.