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A feud between gnomes and leprechauns begins with the building of a railway. The last thirty years have witnessed one of the most fertile periods in the history of children's books: the flowering of imaginative illustration and writing, the Harry Potter phenomenon, the rise of young adult and crossover fiction, and books that tackle extraordinarily difficult subjects. The Oxford Companion to Children's Literature provides an indispensable and fascinating reference guide to the world of children's literature. Its 3,500 entries cover every genre from fairy tales to chapbooks;

school stories to science fiction; comics to children's hymns. Originally published in 1983, the Companion has been comprehensively revised and updated by Daniel Hahn. Over 900 new entries bring the book right up to date. A whole generation of new authors and illustrators are showcased, with books like Dogger, The Hunger Games, and Twilight making their first appearance. There are articles on developments such as manga, fan fiction, and non-print publishing, and there is additional information on prizes and prizewinners. This accessible A to Z is the first place to look for information about the authors, il-

lustrators, printers, publishers, educationalists, and others who have influenced the development of children's literature, as well as the stories and characters at their centre. Written both to entertain and to instruct, the highly acclaimed Oxford Companion to Children's Literature is a reference work that no one interested in the world of children's books should be without.

In this classic satire of small-town America, a young newlywed encounters bigotry, hypocrisy, and complacency when she attempts to transform Gopher Prairie, Minnesota, into a place of beauty and culture.

A look at all aspects of gnome life, their origins and fashions, their pastimes, opinions and culinary tastes. It examines urban gnomes, suburban, bucolic and wild ones.

The Penguin Book of Irish Poetry features the work of the greatest Irish poets, from the monks of the ancient monasteries to the Nobel laureates W.B. Yeats and Seamus Heaney, from Jonathan Swift and Oliver Goldsmith to Eiléan Ní Chuilleanáin and Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill, along with a profusion of lyrics, love poems, satires, ballads and songs. Reflecting Ireland's complex past and lively present, this collection of Irish verse is an indispensable guide to the history, culture and romance of one of Europe's oldest civilizations. In his introduction to this new Penguin Classics edition, Patrick Crotty explores the traditions of poetry in Ireland, and relates the rich variety of the poems to the long and frequently troubled history of the island.

Three brothers run away from home to live like Robin Hood and his merry men, deep in the forest of Brendon Chase. They make their camp in an ancient oak tree and live like outlaws, loving the dangers and excitements of their wild surroundings. Their aim

is never to be caught - but how can they avoid all the people who are searching for them, including the police?

Dodder, Baldmoney, Cloudberry, and Sneezewort are the last four gnomes in Britain and were first introduced to us in the Carnegie Medal-winning book, *The Little Grey Men*. In this charming book their story continues and we find them tucked up in their cosy home, next to the Folly, for winter. But when they're awakened from their sleep with the terrible news that the Folly is drying up, they must pack up their belongings and head off in their boat, the *Jeanie Deans*, to find a new home where they can be safe once again. Along the way they face many dangers and their journey is sometimes perilous and packed with adventure.

This volume of fiction and essays includes three short stories, articles on the craft of poetry focusing on the musical function of the line, and a discussion of the relation of poets to politics.

This is a true story about how "Private Funny Man" came to have that name and how it suited him perfectly. Private Funny Man is best described as a mixture of Forest

Gump and GI Joe on one side and Atticus Finch and Perry Mason on the other. It is the story of how he overcame poverty and a reading disability of dyslexia that had him labeled as being stupid. He failed several grades but was such a disrupted force in class that most teacher passed him on so they wouldn't have to deal with him again. Funny Man enlisted into the United States Marine Corps and it was a decision that changed his life. He finally learned how to read and after returning from Vietnam enrolled in college. He would go on to earn a BA, a MA and then a Juris Doctor of Law degree. He would go on to have a successful career in law. He was a champion for his clients as they, like him, were the underdogs. Humor was often the only tool he had to help keep his clients from spending a lifetime in jail. Still being drawn to service to his Country, he received a Commission as an Infantry officer in the United States Army Reserves at age 36. He was called to duty in Grenada, Panama, Desert Storm, Honduras, Egypt, Haiti and Bosnia. He became one of the oldest, if not the oldest, officer to complete the Army Airborne School at nearly 57 years of age. The remarkable thing is how many funny, crazy,

interesting and often dangerous situations he always found himself involved. Surprisingly there is another side to Private Funny Man. He was named the South Carolina "Palmetto State Poet of the Year." He entertained many ladies with his poems and his knowledge of poets, painters, sculptors and singers. With his attitude of "No fear" that was equally balanced with "No sense," he has an endless number of hilarious encounters that he put to great use in the art of storytelling. But the best part of the story of all the funny, crazy and unusual ways he got into, and then out of, all types of trouble. Humor was his weapon of choice. His stories always ended with the listeners saying, "You have got to write a book." This is that book.

A guide to conscious living through the moon and her phases, incorporating wellness rituals, spellwork, and witchcraft for the modern seeker. We all know the moon. We all have a relationship with it. The earliest people obeyed her orbit, timed their months and holidays and celebrations and agriculture to the moon; the echoes of that system are still visible today, though the connection to the moon is often forgotten. Sarah Faith Gottesdiener is the leader of a

movement to remind us of that lineage, guiding our rhythms and our sleep, our energy and our emotions, reminding us of our humanity and our magic. In her self-published Many Moons Workbooks and Lunar Journals, as well as her sold-out classes, she has guided over 50,000 readers to a deeper relationship with the moon, and through it, with themselves. This ever-green book will be an informative and comprehensive guide to lunar living, incorporating radical, self-empowering, and magical tools and resources for the beginner and experienced lunar-follower alike. Depending on where we are in our lives, depending on what we are feeling or what is happening around us, the moon allows us a space to invite ritual into our daily lives. The Moon Book will provide a framework on how to utilize the entire lunar cycle holistically, while offering ways for the reader to develop a personal relationship with their own cycles—energetic, personal, and emotional—through the lens of the moon's phases.

'A delightful book ... the perfect companion as you wait for the 8.10 from Hove' Observer After the Beeching cuts of the 1960s, many railways were gradually shut

down. Rural communities were isolated and steam trains slowly gave way to diesel and electric traction. But some people were not prepared to let the romance of train travel die. Thanks to their efforts, many lines passed into community ownership and are now booming with new armies of dedicated volunteers. Andrew Martin meets these volunteer enthusiasts, finding out just what it is about preserved railways that makes people so devoted. From the inspiration for Thomas the Tank Engine to John Betjeman's battle against encroaching modernity, Steam Trains Today will take you on a heart-warming journey across Britain from Aviemore to Epping.

This first book published on film noir established the genre--a classic, at last in translation.

First published in 1998, this book is the first comprehensive survey of the awards made to children's books in the English-speaking world. The Volume covers nearly forty different prizes including well-known and established ones such as the Newbury Award, prizes instigated by the commercial sector such as the Smarties Prize, as

well as nationally sponsored awards and prizes for illustrators. Detailed lists are provided of the winning titles and, where appropriate, the runners-up in each year that the award has been given. Ruth Allen also presents some fascinating and often entertaining insights into the motivations behind awards and how they are viewed by authors, illustrators, publishers, librarians, booksellers and potential purchasers. The various criteria applied by judges of these awards are also examined, with an assessment of whether they have always achieved the 'right' result. This Volume is both a useful guide for adults wishing to buy good books for children and an important tool for those researching the history of the children's book industry.

The long-awaited, complete guide to the popular, vigorous American method of yoga that is deeply rooted in ancient wisdom and scriptures "In this day and age of health and fitness trends, it is assuring to know that Sharon and David encourage their students to draw inspiration from the classical texts of Yoga and timeless scriptural sources."—Sri Swami Satchidananda Creators of the extremely popular Jivamukti Yoga method and cofounders of the New

York City studios where it is taught, Sharon Gannon and David Life present their unique style of yoga for the first time in book form. As they explain their intensely physical and spiritual system of flowing postures, they provide inspiring expert instruction to guide you in your practice. Unlike many books about yoga, Jivamukti Yoga focuses not only on the physical postures but also on how they evolved—the origins of the practices in yoga's ancient sacred texts and five-thousand-year-old traditions—the psychotherapeutic benefits that accrue with a steady practice, and the spiritual power that is set free when energy flows throughout the mind and body. Jivamukti Yoga, which means "soul liberation," guides your body and soul into spiritual freedom, physical strength, peace of mind, better health, and Self-realization—the ultimate goal of any practice. Gannon and Life help you understand each of the practices that comprise the yoga path to enlightenment: AHIMSA—The Way of Compassion: choosing nonviolence, respecting all life, practicing vegetarianism, living free of prejudice ASANA—The Way of Connection to the Earth: postures and sequences, breathing, transforming energy,

understanding the bandhas KARMA—The Way of Action: creating good karma, giving thanks NADAM—The Way of Sacred Music: appreciating the sacred sounds of yoga MEDITATION—The Way of the Witness: how to sit still and move inward BHAKTI—The Way of Devotion to God: living with love, grace, and peace Whatever yoga you practice, Jivamukti Yoga will help you to strengthen and deepen that practice and lead you onto a path of spiritual clarity and self-discovery. "If there is only one book you read about the practice of Yoga, this should be the one. . . . This book is for anyone who wishes to find transformation through Yoga. I'm grateful for their work and teaching."—Stephan Rechtschaffen, MD, Co-founder & CEO, Omega Institute Fairy tales are one of our earliest cultural forms, and forests one of our most ancient landscapes. Both evoke similar sensations: At times they are beautiful and magical, at others spooky and sometimes horrifying. Maitland argues that the terrain of these fairy tales are intimately connected to the mysterious secrets and silences, gifts and perils. With each chapter focusing on a different story and a different forest visit, Maitland offers a complex history of

forests and how they shape the themes of fairy tales we know best. She offers a unique analysis of famous stories including Rapunzel, Hansel and Gretel, Snow White, Little Red Riding Hood, Rumpelstiltskin, and Sleeping Beauty. Maitland uses fairy tales to explore how nature itself informs our imagination, and she guides the reader on a series of walks through northern Europe's best forests to explore both the ecological history of forests and the roots of fairy tales. In addition to the twelve modern re-tellings of these traditional fairy tales, she includes beautiful landscape photographs taken by her son as he joined her on these long walks. Beautifully written and impeccably researched, Maitland has infused new life into tales we've always thought we've known.

Crawling through the dirt, worms are hard at work, helping plants to grow. Worms help the fruit and vegetables we eat by loosening the soil and feeding the plants. Read and find out about these wiggling wonders!

A monument to the literary genius of women throughout the ages, *A Book of Women Poets from Antiquity to Now* is an invaluable

collection. Here in one volume are the works of three hundred poets from six different continents and four millennia. This revised edition includes a newly expanded section of American poets from the colonial era to the present. "[A] splendid collection of verse by women" (TIME) throughout the ages and around the world; now revised and expanded, with 38 American poets.

Denise Levertov's *Selected Poems* delivers in a single accessible volume "one of the essential poets of our time" (Poetry Flash). Culled from two dozen poetry books, and drawing from six decades of her writing life, *The Selected Poems of Denise Levertov* offers a chronological overview of her great body of work. It is splendid and impressive to have at last a clear, unobstructed view of her ground-breaking poetry—the work of a poet who, as Kenneth Rexroth put it, "more than anyone, led the redirection of American poetry...to the mainstream of world literature." Described by *Publishers Weekly* as "at once as intimate as Creeley and as visionary as Duncan," Levertov was lauded as "one of the indispensable poets of our language, one of those few writers to whom it is neces-

sary to pay attention" by *The Malahat Review*. No poet is more overdue for a single accessible volume; no career could be better to have within easy reach.

Get even more depth from your angel tarot readings with Radleigh Valentine's comprehensive guide to the use of, and the in-depth symbolism behind, *Angel Tarot Cards*. In *The Big Book of Angel Tarot*, best-selling author Radleigh Valentine follows up his groundbreaking work *Angel Tarot Cards* with the definitive guide to the mystical art of tarot. By removing the fear, worry, and secrecy from the process, Radleigh is reintroducing the world to this language of the Divine, without diminishing any of the amazing accuracy and detailed information that tarot is known for. This fascinating book takes you card by card through the journey of *The Dreamer* in the Major Arcana, fully explaining all of the magical symbolism found throughout tarot. You'll come to understand the importance of each suit of the Minor Arcana and its relevance to your daily life, as well as develop a firm grasp of the court cards by getting to know each and every one as if they're real people. Radleigh reveals the incredible insights in-

to your questions and concerns that arise from various card spreads-and also teaches you how to create your own! (Previously published as *The Big Book of Angel Tarot* by Doreen Virtue and Radleigh Valentine)

Did you know the cycles of the moon have a huge effect on our health, our mood, our relationships, and our work? By understanding these phases, we can work with them to improve and empower every aspect of our lives. In *Moonology*, world-renowned astrologist Yasmin Boland unveils:

- why connecting with the moon can change your life for the better
- powerful rituals and ceremonies for each moon phase
- how the moon connects us to nature and the cosmos
- how to work out where the moon is in each cycle
- international New Moon and Full Moon dates for the next 10 years

You will also learn affirmations, visualizations, and chants to use during each phase of the moon, and will discover the role of Angels, Goddesses, and Ascended Masters during the New and Full Moons. This is a book for all those wishing to deepen their connection with nature and take their spiritual practice to a new level.

This is a love story, set in the Irish literary world between 1986 and 2015. When they were first introduced by the poet Derek Mahon, Alannah Hopkin was an arts journalist turned full-time writer and Aidan Higgins, twenty-three years her senior, was a literary stylist, often cited as the heir to Ireland's great Modernist tradition. They wrote steadily during their twenty-nine years together, but their careers could not have been more different: while Aidan focused on fiction and memoirs, Alannah prioritised work that paid the bills. This gave Aidan the most stable and productive years of his life. But as his eyesight failed and his memory began to fade, Alannah became his carer and had to fight to keep her own writing career alive. Drawing from diaries and notebooks, and correspondence with writers such as Samuel Beckett, Alice Munro and Harold Pinter, this is a unique record of a major Irish writer. From the joyful honeymoon years - filled with launches, festivals and visits to their Kinsale home by Richard Ford, Edna O'Brien and other literary legends - to the increasingly difficult years of Aidan's decline, Hopkin tells their story candidly and without commentary. She shows us how, in spite

of all, they remained the best of friends, in love until Aidan's very last breath.

Journey from Earth to the outer reaches of the universe with this stunning book about space! You'll encounter bizarre planets, distant stars, and intricate galaxies. From planets and asteroids to black holes and galaxies, every page of this captivating book reveals the secrets behind more than 100 celestial objects. Get ready to explore fun facts and exciting new scientific discoveries! For centuries, the mysteries of space have captured our imaginations. This picture book will illuminate imaginations and spark curious minds to explore the vastness of space. Take your little astronaut on a journey from our planet out into the furthest reaches of the universe! Filled with gorgeous illustrations and incredible photography, young readers will be intrigued by the detailed close-up images of each celestial body. The engaging storybook-style descriptions and simple text shed a light on facts, myths, and key discoveries about the universe. Explore the wonders of our solar system and beyond. This educational book also includes reference pages packed with fascinating information. *Journey Through the Vastness*

of Space Join us on an adventure across the universe, as we rocket to the stars! Discover 100 objects from the universe, arranged from the closest to our planet to the ones the furthest away. Storybook-style text and out-of-this-world pictures make this book perfect for an astronomical bedtime. It's also a fantastic gift for children who can't get enough of space. Grab your spacesuit and put your helmet on! Inside the pages of this adventure book, you'll find: - Beautiful illustrations and incredible photography that showcase the mysteries of space. - Discover 100 remarkable objects in the cosmos. - Engaging storybook-style descriptions that explain key discoveries about the universe. More to Explore Once you've discovered *The Mysteries of the Universe*, dive into the companion titles from this series from DK Books! *The Wonders of Nature* explores more than 100 items from the natural world and *An Anthology of Intriguing Animals* showcases animals around the world.

Conceived as a convenience to those readers concerned with doubt and faith, Denise Levertov's 34 selected poems originally were published in seven separate vol-

umes. The earliest dates from 1978, and the group together more or less traces Levertov's slow movement from agnosticism to Christian faith.

A collection of short stories and fablesque novellas by Barbara Kremen.

A runaway bestseller in Sweden, *The Princess of Burundi* introduces Inspector Ann Lindell to U.S. mystery readers. When a jogger finds a dead body in the snow, the members of Sweden's Uppsala police force uncover a victim with an unsettling history. John Jonsson, known to everyone as Little John, was a respectable family man and a local expert on tropical fish. But he had been quite a troublemaker, and his delinquent past seems to have caught up with him. Despite being on maternity leave, Inspector Ann Lindell is determined to find John's murderer. The cruel cat-and-mouse game that follows leads Ann to a deadly confrontation with a treacherous killer. Ann must decide whether to take a huge risk that could result in many more dead bodies in the snow, including hers and that of her unborn child. Written by one of Sweden's bestselling crime writers, *The Princess of*

Burundi is an outstanding American debut. The publication of Eavan Boland's previous book, *Outside History: Selected Poems 1980-1990*, established Boland as a significant presence in the contemporary American poetry world. This, her seventh book, continues to mine what she has termed "the meeting place between womanhood and history."

Treasury of over 170 English and American sonnets by more than 70 poets, from the Renaissance to the 20th century. Masterpieces by Shakespeare, Milton, Wordsworth, Keats, Shelley, Blake, Swinburne, Yeats, Frost, Poe, many more.

How far will she follow her dreams? Ohio farm country, 1897. Louisa, the spirited eldest daughter of Herzig and Clara Steinbacher, has her whole life ahead of her. She is seventeen, and dreams of the "outside world" beyond her doorstep. But when Clara dies in childbirth, Louisa is suddenly thrust into adulthood-with the burden of her mother's responsibilities...and the care of her younger siblings. The only world she has ever known closes around her. Then Herzig, an elder in their strict Mennonite community, hires young, handsome Thomas to help on the farm. Thomas

is hardworking, honest...and not of the Faith. But Louisa can't hide her growing feelings for him. Her choices set in motion a transformation she never expected. But at what cost?

In this landmark guide to the spiritual journey, respected Zen teacher and psychotherapist John Tarrant brings together ancient Eastern traditions and the Western passion for the soul. Using real-life stories, Zen tales, and Greek myths, *The Light Inside the Dark* shows how our darkest expe-

riences can be the gates to wisdom and joy. Tarrant leads us through the inevitable descents of our journey--from the everyday world of work and family into the treasure cave of the interior life--from which we return with greater love of life's vivid, common gifts. Written with empathy and a poet's skill, *The Light Inside the Dark* is the freshest and most challenging work on the soul to be published in years. Through captivating watercolor imagery and empowering affirmations, *Find Your*

Light prompts you to explore three foundational areas of personal growth. Fairies, Mermaids and Angels gently guide you to reflect on who you are, how you feel, and what you do. Together, they help you transform your inner awareness into action. Includes 44 cards and 28-page booklet of affirmations.

A little dinosaur named Boland tries several ways of dealing with the biggest bully in the swamp forest, until finally hitting on a successful tactic.