

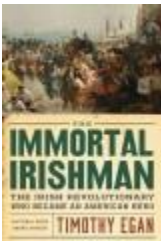
**92 Biography Allen— Woody [The Biography] (2015)**

In this first biography of Woody Allen in over a decade, David Evanier discusses key movies, plays and prose as well as Allen's personal life. Evanier tackles the themes that Allen has spent a lifetime sorting through in art: morality, sexuality, Judaism, the eternal struggle of head and heart.



**92 Biography Sinatra - Sinatra : The Chairman (2015)**

The Chairman, picking up the day after he claimed his Academy Award in 1954 and had reestablished himself as the top recording artist. Sinatra's life post-Oscar was astonishing in scope and achievement and, occasionally, scandal, including immortal recordings almost too numerous to count, affairs ditto, many memorable films (and more than a few stinkers), Rat Pack hijinks that mesmerized the world with their air of masculine privilege, and an intimate involvement at the intersection of politics and organized crime that continues to shock with its hubris.



**92 Biography Meagher – The Immortal Irishman : The Irish Revolutionary Who Became an American Hero (2016)**

A dashing young orator during the Great Famine of the 1840s, in which a million of his Irish countrymen died, Thomas Francis Meagher led a failed uprising against British rule, for which he was banished to a Tasmanian prison colony. He escaped and six months later was heralded in the streets of New York--the revolutionary hero, back from the dead, at the dawn of the great Irish immigration to America.



**92 Biography Simon- Boys in the Trees : A Memoir (2015)**

Simon's memoir reveals her remarkable life, beginning with her storied childhood as the third daughter of Richard L. Simon, the co-founder of publishing giant Simon & Schuster, her musical debut as half of The Simon Sisters performing folk songs with her sister Lucy in Greenwich Village, to a meteoric solo career that would result in 13 top 40 hits, including the #1 song "You're So Vain".



**92 Biography Lakshmi- Love, Loss, and What We Ate (2016)**

Television personality Padma Lakshmi examines her journey from a humble family kitchen, led by ferocious and unforgettable women, to the judges' table of Top Chef and beyond.



**Dimstore : A Writer's Life (2016)**

Set deep in the mountains of Virginia, the Grundy of Lee Smith's youth was a place of coal miners, tent revivals, mountain music, drive-in theaters, and her daddy's dimstore. It was in that dimstore--listening to customers and inventing adventures for the store's dolls--that she became a storyteller.

Even when she was sent off to college to earn some "culture," she understood that perhaps the richest culture she might ever know was the one she was driving away from--and it's a place that she never left behind.



**92 Biography Kissinger – Kissinger. Volume I, 1923-1968: The Idealist (2015)**

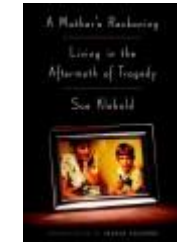
A definitive portrait of the American statesman, based on unprecedented access to his private papers, challenges common misconceptions to trace Kissinger's beliefs to philosophical idealism.

**92 Biography Roosevelt Franklin- Rightful Heritage : Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Land of America (2016)**



Examines the environmental legacy of Franklin Roosevelt and the New Deal, evaluating the creation of the Civilian Conservation Corps and the dozens of state park systems that were protected by his decisions.

**92- Biography Klebold- A Mother's Reckoning : Living in the Aftermath of Tragedy (2016)**



The mother of one of the two shooters at Columbine High School draws on personal recollections, journal entries and video recordings to piece together what led to her son's unpredicted breakdown and share insights into how other families might recognize warning signs.



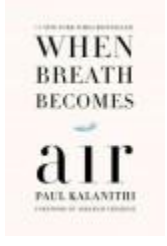
**92 Biography Mankiewicz- So as I Was Saying: My Somewhat Eventful Life (2016)**

Takes readers inside the life mind of Frank Mankiewicz, a man who was essentially 20th century America incarnate. Born into Hollywood royalty, Frank's father and uncle were responsible for such classic films as Citizen Kane and All About Eve. Growing up in Beverly Hills, guests at the dinner table included F. Scott Fitzgerald and the Marx brothers. At age eighteen Frank joined the Army, seeing action at the Battle of the Bulge. Returning home, he began work for Robert Kennedy's campaign, becoming the Senator's press secretary and a personal friend of the family. During a long career in media and politics Frank helped give birth to National Public Radio and served as a director for the nascent Peace Corps.



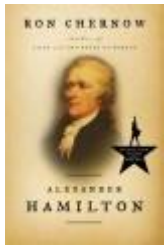
**92 Biography Kennedy Rosemary-  
Rosemary: The Hidden Kennedy Daughter  
(2015)**

The revelatory, poignant story of Rosemary Kennedy, the eldest and eventually secreted-away Kennedy daughter, and how her life transformed her family, its women especially, and an entire nation.



**92 Biography Kalanithi- When Breath  
Becomes Air (2016)**

At the age of thirty-six, on the verge of completing a decade's worth of training as a neurosurgeon, Paul Kalanithi was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer. One day he was a doctor treating the dying, and the next he was a patient struggling to live. And just like that, the future he and his wife had imagined evaporated.



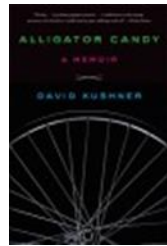
**92 Biography Hamilton -Alexander  
Hamilton (2016)**

Traces the life of Alexander Hamilton, an illegitimate, largely self-taught orphan from the Caribbean who rose to become George Washington's aide-de-camp and the first Treasury Secretary of the United States.



**92 Biography Wilson Rainn-  
The Bassoon King: My Life in Art, Faith,  
and Idiocy (2015)**

A comedic memoir by the actor best known for his portrayal of Dwight on The Office traces his experiences as a young misfit, his early career struggles and his post-success reconnection with the artistic and creative values of his Baha'i faith.



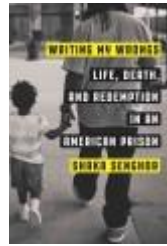
**362.88 Kushner - Alligator Candy: A  
Memoir (2016)**

David Kushner grew up in the early 1970s in the Florida suburbs. It was when kids still ran free, riding bikes and disappearing into the nearby woods for hours at a time. One morning in 1973, however, everything changed. David's older brother Jon biked through the forest to the convenience store for candy, and never returned.



**92 Biography Burroughs – Lust &  
Wonder (2016)**

The author continues the story that began in "Dry" to examine the rise and fall of his relationships while living in New York and his beliefs about being in love, in lust, and in a state of figuring things out.



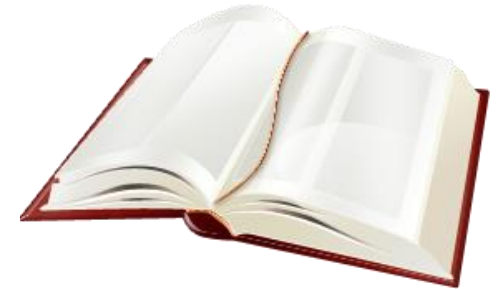
**(currently on order) – Writing My  
Wrongs: Life, Death, and Redemption in  
an American Prison (2016)**

Shaka Senghor was raised in a middle class neighborhood on Detroit's east side during the height of the 1980s crack epidemic. An honor roll student and a natural leader, he dreamed of becoming a doctor--but at age 11, his parents' marriage began to unravel and the beatings from his mother worsened, sending him on a downward spiral that saw him run away from home, turn to drug dealing to survive, and end up in prison for murder at the age of 19, fuming with anger and despair. *Writing My Wrongs* is the story of what came next.

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