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### **Polar Bears Past Bedtime**

A contemporary fable about a dancing bear, whose dreams of freedom keep her spirit alive despite the pain and degradation of her existence.

### **The Gypsy Princess**

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A vivid sense of the wilderness and nature's power comes through in this intriguing and tension-filled YA novel narrated by a contemporary teen. Perfect for animal lovers, this unusual novel has hints of the quirky charm of *Geek Girl* and the emotional depth of *The Last Leaves Falling*. Darcy's dad, a naturalist, moves their family from England to the snowy wilderness of Yellowstone National Park. Mum, Dad, and older brother Jem are all thriving, but Darcy misses her friends, and civilization, including WiFi. She's also sick, getting weaker with each day, and having strange dreams—or are they something else? Then she finds an injured mother bear whose cubs were killed by hunters. The bear is enormous, and powerful, but she doesn't threaten Darcy—she makes Darcy feel alive. The bear needs Darcy just as much as Darcy needs her. Darcy must help her, even though she might not be well enough to take care of the bear, let alone herself. A mystery illness, shifting points of view, and dreamlike sequences make this an unusual and immersive story. Darcy is brave and resourceful, but nothing has prepared her to confront nature's ultimate question: Can a girl and a wild bear triumph over the basic rule of survival: kill or be killed?

### **I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings**

A memoir of life in Berlin, just after WW2.

### **A State of Freedom: A Novel**

Life Lessons: Learn How to Capture a World Constantly in Motion Fluid, fast and expressive life

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drawing starts here. Step by step, you'll learn to render fleeting gestures from memory, capture expressions simply and more quickly, give your drawing a life of its own with body language, and more. Along the way, you'll develop a more spontaneous approach for successfully working from life. Inside you'll find: A comprehensive course on drawing from life, based on classic principles Essential techniques for drawing gesture, figures, clothing, expression, body language and more Lots of exercises that bring lessons to life The skills you'll learn from this book are so fundamental that every artist will find something in these useful lessons for making the most of all the inspiration that life has to offer.

### **The Job**

"We talk a lot about autonomous and empowered teams but there's far too little real world advice on how to actually make it happen. In this excellent book, Christina does just that. Through engaging storytelling she introduces a practical cadence of goals, feedback, and self-improvement we can all adopt to successfully build high performing, learning teams." - Martin Eriksson, Internationally Acclaimed Project Management Leader An Actionable Leadership Book in the Form of a Fable In The Team That Managed Itself, Christina Wodtke teaches leaders how to build and lead high performing teams based on her long career in the trenches in Silicon Valley. Her book is engaging, actionable--and built around a story you'll want to read. After her boss leaves suddenly, Allie finds herself responsible for the casual gaming titan Quiltworld and the dozens of people working on the highly dysfunctional team. Can Allie learn to competently hire, fire, and give feedback in time to make the product's big sales goals? Or will the team, the buggy code, and the beloved game fall apart while Allie's job goes up in smoke? Learn to lead a team along with Allie as she tackles one challenge after another while the clock ticks down. How

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do you build the right team and choose the goals to pull them to greatness, even if you're dealing with a toxic environment? How do you keep your people moving in the right direction without burning out or burning it all down? As Allie finds out, even in the face of overwhelming pressure it's about setting expectations, giving good feedback, checking in against goals, and learning as a team.. Leading so well that your team learns to manage itself? That's no fable. Learn how from Christina Wodtke.

### **The Assassin from Apricot City**

A heartwarming, poignant, and charming debut novel for fans of Nick Hornby and *The Rosie Project*, about a father and son overcoming their grief in surprisingly inventive ways. Danny's life is falling apart. He's become a single father to eleven-year-old Will—who hasn't spoken since the death of his mother in a car crash a year earlier—and Danny has just been fired from his construction job. To make matters worse, he's behind on the rent and his nasty landlord is threatening to break his legs if he doesn't pay soon. Danny needs money, and fast. After observing local street performers in a nearby park, Danny spends his last few dollars on a tattered panda costume, impulsively deciding to become a dancing bear. While performing one day, Danny spots his son in the park, and chases off the older boys who are taunting him. Will opens up for the first time since his mother's death, unaware that the man in the panda costume is his father. Afraid of disclosing his true identity, Danny comforts his son. But will Danny lose Will's trust once he reveals who he is? And will he be able to dance his way out of debt, or be beaten up before he has a chance? Filled with a colorful cast of characters, *Bear Necessity* is a refreshingly unpretentious and ultimately uplifting story of a father and son reconnecting in the most unlikely of circumstances.

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## **Dancing Bears**

"This is a true story of the rare friendship that develops between a young medical student with deep roots in the South and an elderly Indian couple in the wilds of northeast Alaska. In 1961, Mike Holloway, his brother Ted, and a college friend set out from South Carolina to spend the summer hiking in arctic Alaska, intending to live off the land. They end up in the homeland of the Gwich'in -- the northernmost Indians in North America. The young men charter a small plane into the isolated village of Venetie, and are directed to the remote cabins of Johnny and Sarah Frank, an elderly Gwich'in couple who lived a thirty-five mile walk from the village. Johnny was a well-known storyteller and former medicine man. Sarah made their home welcoming with warm, calm kindness. Mike's rich encounters in Gwich'in country deepen his love of wild land and his respect for those who depend upon it for their survival. The experience alters his life. He becomes the adopted grandson of Johnny and Sarah, returning to Alaska as a doctor and an advocate for the land and its people"--Page [4] of cover.

## **Come West and See: Stories**

A New York Times Notable Book of 2018 A devastating novel of multiple narratives, “a mark of Neel Mukherjee’s range and force and ambition” (New York Times Book Review). A State of Freedom wrests open the central, defining events of our century: displacement and migration. Five characters, in very different circumstances—from a domestic cook in Mumbai to a vagrant and his dancing bear—find out the meanings of dislocation and the desire to get more out of life.

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## **The Berenstain Bears and the Truth**

One day, a young bear stumbles upon something he has never seen before in the forest. As time passes, he teaches himself how to play the strange instrument, and eventually the beautiful sounds are heard by a father and son who are picnicking in the woods. The bear goes with them on an incredible journey to New York, where his piano playing makes him a huge star. He has fame, fortune and all the music in the world, but he misses the friends and family he has left behind. This best-selling tale of exploration and belonging, which won the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2016, Illustrated Book Category, is now available in board book.

## **Wojtek the Bear**

Sister Bear sure likes to celebrate holidays. With Thanksgiving, you get turkey and all the trimmings. Christmastime brings presents galore. And Valentine's Day—well, who wouldn't like to receive 23 valentines? Especially when some of them are sealed with a kiss! With visions of chocolate bunnies and jellybeans dancing in her head, it's no wonder why Sister can't wait for Easter and the Giant Beartown Easter Egg Hunt. Mama Bear worries though. Is the true meaning of Easter getting lost in the hunt? Or will the miracle of spring help Sister Bear find a whole new appreciation for the season?

## **The Dancing Bear**

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In 1805 the young Lord Byron, a new undergraduate at Cambridge University, was annoyed to find that he was not allowed to keep a dog in his rooms. So he bought a bear instead. This fascinating historical novel gives the further adventures of Lord Byron's Bear.

### **Towers of Stone**

When victims are found in dancing poses, Detective Jo Fournier immediately sees the pattern, but how can a serial killer get to victims all over the country? When loving wife Jeanine Hammond is found dead in a small leafy town in Massachusetts, newly promoted Detective Jo Fournier is shocked to her core. Why leave her body posed like a ballerina? Why steal her wedding band and nothing else? Hungry for answers, Jo questions Jeanine's husband, but the heart-breaking pain written on his face threatens to tear open Jo's old wounds. It's the same pain she felt when her boyfriend was cruelly shot dead by a gang in their hometown of New Orleans. She couldn't get justice for him, but she's determined to get justice for Jeanine's devastated family. But before Jo can get answers, another woman is found, wedding ring stolen, body posed in the same ritualistic way. Digging through old files, Jo makes a terrifying link to a series of cold cases. She knows a serial killer is on the loose, but nobody will listen to the truth - not her bosses, nor the FBI. Still, Jo won't let her superiors keep her from stopping the murderer in his tracks, even if it means the end of her career. Just as she is beginning to lose hope, she finds messages on the victims' computers that feel like the crucial missing link. But she knows the murderer is moments away from selecting his next victim. Will she be able to take down the most twisted killer of her career before another innocent life is lost?

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## **The Deliverance of Dancing Bears**

An account of people in formerly Communist countries holding fast to their former lives.

## **Dancing Larry**

This is the inspiring and charming true story of one of the Second World War's most unusual combatants - a 500-pound cigarette-smoking, beer-drinking brown bear. Originally adopted as a mascot by the Polish Army in Iran, Wojtek soon took on a more practical role, carrying heavy mortar rounds for the troops and going on to play his part as a fully enlisted 'soldier' with his own rank and number during the Italian campaign. After the war, Wojtek, along with some of his Polish compatriots from II Corps, came to Berwickshire, where he became a significant member of the local community before subsequently moving to Edinburgh Zoo. Wojtek's retirement was far from quiet: a potent symbol of freedom and solidarity for Poles around the world, he attracted a huge amount of media interest that shows no sign of abating almost 50 years after his death.

## **A Fair Bear Share**

Michael Swanwick—The Hugo, Nebula, and World Fantasy award- winning author of Stations of the Tide—delivers a stunning "Postutopian" novel of swashbuckling adventure, dangerous women, and genocidal AIs. Dancing with Bears follows the adventures of notorious con men Darger and Surplus:

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They've lied and cheated their way onto the caravan that is delivering a priceless gift from the Caliph of Baghdad to the Duke of Muscovy. The only thing harder than the journey to Muscovy is their arrival in Muscovy. An audience with the duke seems impossible to obtain, and Darger and Surplus quickly become entangled in a morass of deceit and revolution. The only thing more dangerous than the convoluted political web surrounding Darger and Surplus is the gift itself, the Pearls of Byzantium, and Zoësophia, the governess sworn to protect their virtue. This steampunk-esque adventure explores the great game of espionage and empire building, from the point of view of the world's most accomplished con men, Darger and Surplus.

### **Walking with Bears**

Here is a book as joyous and painful, as mysterious and memorable, as childhood itself. *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* captures the longing of lonely children, the brute insult of bigotry, and the wonder of words that can make the world right. Maya Angelou's debut memoir is a modern American classic beloved worldwide. Sent by their mother to live with their devout, self-sufficient grandmother in a small Southern town, Maya and her brother, Bailey, endure the ache of abandonment and the prejudice of the local "powhitetrash." At eight years old and back at her mother's side in St. Louis, Maya is attacked by a man many times her age—and has to live with the consequences for a lifetime. Years later, in San Francisco, Maya learns that love for herself, the kindness of others, her own strong spirit, and the ideas of great authors ("I met and fell in love with William Shakespeare") will allow her to be free instead of imprisoned. Poetic and powerful, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* will touch hearts and change minds for as long as people read. "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings liberates the reader into life simply

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because Maya Angelou confronts her own life with such a moving wonder, such a luminous dignity.”—James Baldwin From the Paperback edition.

## **The Bear Comes Home**

The #1 bestselling chapter book series of all time celebrates 25 years with new covers and a new, easy-to-use numbering system! It's icicle city...when the Magic Tree House whisks Jack and Annie to the frozen Arctic. Luckily, a seal hunter on a dogsled lends them warm clothes. Unluckily, they get stuck on cracking ice. Will the giant polar bear save them? Or will Jack and Annie become frozen dinners? Did you know that there's a Magic Tree House book for every kid? Magic Tree House: Adventures with Jack and Annie, perfect for readers who are just beginning chapter books Merlin Missions: More challenging adventures for the experienced reader Super Edition: A longer and more dangerous adventure Fact Trackers: Nonfiction companions to your favorite Magic Tree House adventures Have more fun with Jack and Annie at [MagicTreeHouse.com](http://MagicTreeHouse.com)!

## **When the Wind Bears Go Dancing**

Following a raid by the Huns, the slave Silvester, his dancing bear, Bubba, and Holy John attempt to find Lady Ariadne.

## **The Berenstain Bears and the Real Easter Eggs**

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High in the mountains, in a tiny village, an abandoned bear cub is adopted by a lonely orphan child. Soon they are inseparable, beloved by the whole village. Then a glamorous film crew arrives and everything changes.

### **Another Celebrated Dancing Bear**

A gypsy girl who gets the opportunity to live in a palace as a princess finds she prefers her gypsy life after all.

### **Tacoma Confidential**

Detective Milo Dragovitch spends too much time boozing until he gets caught up in a case involving two-bit criminals and an old lady on the run. His friends call him Milo. No one has ever called him Bud except his father, long dead, and now Sarah Weddington, stirring painful memoirs and offering him his first case since he abandoned his private practice and took a job marking time on the night shift for Haliburton Security. The case seems almost too easy, hardly worth the large fee, just to satisfy this old woman's curiosity. But things are soon exploding all over the place and Milo is turning up grenades, machine guns, a kilo of marijuana and a bag of coke . . . and suddenly Milo is on the run.

### **Dreaming the Bear**

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In *Towers of Stone*, award-winning Polish reporter Wojciech Jagielski brings into focus the tragedy of Chechnya, its inhabitants, and the war being waged there by a handful of desperate warriors against a powerful and much more numerous army. Jagielski's narrative is told through the lens of two men: Shamil Basaev, a hero to some, a dangerous warlord to others; and Aslan Maskhadov, a calculating and sober politician, who is viewed as a providential savior by some of his compatriots and a cowardly opportunist by the rest. Caught up in a war to which they owe everything and without which they could not live, the two fighters face enemy forces—and one another—in protean conflicts that prove hard to quell. Viewing the two men's personal story as a microcosm of the conflict threatening to devour a land and its peoples, Jagielski distills the bitter history of the region with forceful clarity.

### **Sketching People**

Critically acclaimed journalist Ellen Ruppel Shell uncovers the true cost--political, economic, social, and personal--of America's mounting anxiety over jobs, and what we can do to regain control over our working lives. Since 1973, our productivity has grown almost six times faster than our wages. Most of us rank so far below the top earners in the country that the "winners" might as well inhabit another planet. But work is about much more than earning a living. Work gives us our identity, and a sense of purpose and place in this world. And yet, work as we know it is under siege. Through exhaustive reporting and keen analysis, *The Job* reveals the startling truths and unveils the pervasive myths that have colored our thinking on one of the most urgent issues of our day: how to build good work in a globalized and digitalized world where middle class jobs seem to be slipping away. Traveling from deep in Appalachia to the heart of the Midwestern rust belt, from a struggling custom clothing maker in

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Massachusetts to a thriving co-working center in Minnesota, she marshals evidence from a wide range of disciplines to show how our educational system, our politics, and our very sense of self have been held captive to and distorted by outdated notions of what it means to get and keep a good job. We read stories of sausage makers, firefighters, zookeepers, hospital cleaners; we hear from economists, computer scientists, psychologists, and historians. The book's four sections take us from the challenges we face in scoring a good job today to work's infinite possibilities in the future. Work, in all its richness, complexity, rewards and pain, is essential for people to flourish. Ellen Ruppel Shell paints a compelling portrait of where we stand today, and points to a promising and hopeful way forward.

## **Dancing Bears**

Blue Ribbon Blueberry Pie. If the bear cubs gather enough nuts, seeds and blueberries, Mama Bear has agreed to make her special, lip-smacking-good pie. Each time they fill their baskets, the cubs count berries, seeds and nuts by putting them in groups of tens and ones to see if they have enough for pie. Everyday activities such as sharing a meal, sorting socks and getting ready for school can be part of learning math. In the MathStart Series, everyday life is the basis for each entertaining story. Simple math concepts are embedded in each story so that young children can intuitively understand them. Adults can use the creative suggestions for activities in the back of each book to extend learning opportunities with children. Developmentally appropriate and correlated to school grade levels and the curriculum standards of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, MathStart can give children a head start! Blue Ribbon Blueberry Pie is the best—but do these bear cubs have enough ingredients to bake one? Regrouping their berries, nuts, and seeds by tens and ones reveals that one cub has not done her fair bear

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### **Dreaming Bears**

Gig Harbor, WA, a quiet Tacoma suburb, knew little of tragedy and scandal—until April 26, 2003. On that day David Brame, distraught over his impending divorce, shot his wife to death in a busy public parking lot. Then, with the couple's two children only feet away, he turned the gun on himself. It was a horrific event, but Tacoma residents had special reason to be shocked. Many would have considered Brame their city's least likely murderer. He was, after all, the chief of police. . . . But as the investigation unfolded, another side of Brame and his marriage came to light. Bizarre behavior. Years of abuse. Liaisons with multiple partners—and constant death threats. Here, in chilling detail, is the full story of Gig Harbor's most violent and disturbing crime, meticulously pieced together by an award-winning newsman. Every secret is revealed—even the most confidential.

### **A Bear's Diary**

This classic Berenstain Bears story is a perfect way to teach children about the importance of honesty! Come for a visit in Bear Country with this classic First Time Book® from Stan and Jan Berenstain.

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When Mama goes to the market, Brother and Sister play soccer in the house . . . and end up breaking a lamp! When Mama asks them what happened, they tell her a series of whoppers that just get bigger and bigger. Will they ever tell her the truth?

## **Dancing Bear**

Franziska is a maverick entrepreneur, leading marketing and brand strategist, adventurer, author and the co-founder of Basic Bananas, The Business Hood, Oceanlovers and Moments of Humanity. In 2013 Franziska was awarded the Young Entrepreneur of the Year award recognizing her innovation, creativity and philanthropic involvement. Franziska is a board member at the global Entrepreneurs Organization EO where she is advising on communications, marketing and branding. She also launched an impact initiative called EOcean to inspire entrepreneurs to be more sustainable. Franziska sits on the judging panel for Singularity University and has run think tanks at the United Nations to address the UN sustainable development goals through entrepreneurship.

## **Dancing Bears**

In this sweet, lyrical picture book, perfect for bedtime, a playful cub prepares for hibernation, saving just enough time for Mama to share a story before they must settle down. Autumn is ending and a chilly breeze is drifting in, which can mean only one thing-- it's time to hibernate over the long winter. But before Small Bear does, she'd like for Mama to tell her some stories. Mama agrees, with one condition:

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all the preparation must get done-- no dilly, no dally. So Small Bear tries to be good, venturing off to find sprigs for her winter bed, splishing and splashing in the stream, and climbing up, up, up into the tall forest trees in search of acorns. When she finally returns home, Small Bear snuggles down with Mama in their den. Did she make it back in time? "You did," Mama answers, and pulls her in close. And then Mama tells the most wonderful tale of a little bear--just like Small Bear--who, while enjoying the world around her, saved just enough time for stories.

## **A Story for Small Bear**

In 1993, Perth grandmother Mary Hutton started a petition at her local shopping mall after seeing a news story about the extraction of bile from a caged and traumatised Asiatic Black Bear. Upon learning that thousands of bears were being held in these horrifying conditions throughout Asia, Mary was compelled to act, and by 1995, Free the Bears was officially formed. Since then hundreds of adorable sun, moon and sloth bears have been rescued from an existence of pain and suffering by Free the Bears and are now safe in sanctuaries in South-East Asia and India. Mary and Free the Bears are responsible for bringing the dancing bear trade in India to an end, an incredible feat given its hundreds of years of tradition. Free the Bears may be an autobiography, but Mary Hutton insists she is not the star of the story and that billing belongs to the bears. However, Mary Hutton's one decision to make a difference has had an extraordinary impact around the world.

## **The Team That Managed Itself**

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A saxophone-playing bear breaks out of a novelty act and starts a serious jazz career, which alternately lands him in jail, with a recording contract, and in love with a beautiful woman named Iris. A first novel. First serial, Musician.

## **Dancing with Bears**

A New York Times 10 Best Illustrated Children's Book of 1991

## **The Bear and the Piano**

Who hasn't wondered what's going on when the wind outside your window blows and howls all night long? In this magical explanation for stormy weather, one small child joins the wild and woolly Wind Bears as they cavort in the moonlit sky to music performed by the stormy night band.

## **The Dancing Girls**

Turkey - a country torn between East and West, Islam and Islamophobia; permeated with both conservatism and post-modernity. As he travels across this beautiful country, Szablowski heads for the most remote villages and towns to meet young women who have run away from honour killings, wives forced into prostitution by their husbands, a family of immigrants from Africa who dream of a better life, and Kurdish journalists and freedom fighters. A polyphonic portrait of contemporary Turkey, this

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book evokes the present-day dreams and hopes of ordinary people, weaving a story from their potent and mesmerising tales.

### **The Courage Map**

After hearing strict Madame Swoboda's admonition that "bears have no place in ballet" Larry the lovable polar bear and his friends at the zoo ask little Mildred Frobisher to teach them ballet so they can "tell a story and express feelings through movement" because all polar bears dance. That's what polar bears do.

### **Dancing Bear**

Mother Bear tries to persuade her young daughter Amy to stop dancing and go to bed with unexpected results.

### **Amy the Dancing Bear**

Biologist Terry DeBruyn chronicles his six seasons in Michigan's Upper Peninsula observing black bears for up to fifteen hours each day, offering observations on such events as nursing, eating, feeding, climbing, playing, and denning.

### **Free the Bears**

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\*As heard on NPR's All Things Considered\* "Utterly original." —The New York Times Book Review  
"Mixing bold journalism with bolder allegories, Mr. Szabowski teaches us with witty persistence that we must desire freedom rather than simply expect it." —Timothy Snyder, New York Times bestselling author of *On Tyranny* and *The Road to Unfreedom* An award-winning journalist's incisive, humorous, and heartbreaking account of people in formerly Communist countries holding fast to their former lives For hundreds of years, Bulgarian Gypsies trained bears to dance, welcoming them into their families and taking them on the road to perform. In the early 2000s, with the fall of Communism, they were forced to release the bears into a wildlife refuge. But even today, whenever the bears see a human, they still get up on their hind legs to dance. In the tradition of Ryszard Kapuściński, award-winning Polish journalist Witold Szabowski uncovers remarkable stories of people throughout Eastern Europe and in Cuba who, like Bulgaria's dancing bears, are now free but who seem nostalgic for the time when they were not. His on-the-ground reporting—of smuggling a car into Ukraine, hitchhiking through Kosovo as it declares independence, arguing with Stalin-adoring tour guides at the Stalin Museum, sleeping in London's Victoria Station alongside a homeless woman from Poland, and giving taxi rides to Cubans fearing for the life of Fidel Castro—provides a fascinating portrait of social and economic upheaval and a lesson in the challenges of freedom and the seductions of authoritarian rule. From the Introduction: "Guys with wacky hair who promise a great deal have been springing up in our part of the world like mushrooms after rain. And people go running after them, like bears after their keepers. . . . Fear of a changing world, and longing for someone . . . who will promise that life will be the same as it was in the past, are not confined to Regime-Change Land. In half the West, empty promises are made, wrapped in shiny paper like candy. And for this candy, people are happy to get up on their hind legs and dance."

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## **The Dancing Bear**

• Incisive, humorous and heartbreaking oral histories of people living in formerly Communist countries holding fast to their former lives, from one of Poland's finest journalists. • Like Anna Funder's *Stasiland* or Svetlana Alexievich's *Secondhand Time*, readers are guided through the aftereffects of authoritarian rule and the challenges of freedom via Szablowski's immediate, heartwrenching stories of the people who lived through the collapse of Communism. • The bold and brilliant allegory at the centre of *Dancing Bears* is of bears raised and trained by Bulgarian Gypsies. With the fall of Communism, the bears were released into a wildlife refuge. But even today, whenever the bears see a human, they still get up on their hind legs to dance. • *Dancing Bears* traces the remarkable true stories of people throughout Eastern Europe and Cuba who, like the bears, are now free, but seem nostalgic for a time when they were not. • Szablowski is an award-winning Polish journalist—his reportage on illegal immigrants flocking to the EU won the European Parliament Journalism Prize, and his previous book about Turkey, *The Assassin from Apricot City*, won an English PEN Award. • This book comes at a pivotal moment for oral histories, following the success of 2015 Nobel Prize for Literature winner Svetlana Alexievich's *Secondhand Time*. • For fans of *Stasiland* by Anna Funder, *Nothing to Envy* by Barbara Demick and *Tale of Two Cities* by John Freeman.

## **No Bears**

A playful story that incorporates classic fairy tale themes introduces young Ella, who insists that stories

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require magical fairies, beautiful princesses and even the occasional monster, but absolutely no bears.

### **Bear Necessity**

An NPR Best Book of 2018 "Devastating....Grows increasingly bizarre and haunting until it's left an indelible mark." —Janet Maslin, New York Times In an isolated region of Idaho, Montana, and eastern Oregon, an armed occupation of a wildlife refuge escalates into civil war. Against this backdrop, Maxim Loskutoff shatters the myths of the West: a lonesome trapper falls in love with a bear; a newly married woman hatches a plot to murder a tree; and an unemployed millworker joins a militia after returning home. Written with "blade-sharp prose" (Electric Literature), the twelve stories in this debut collection expose the simmering rage and resentments of small-town America "with extraordinary eloquence and compassion" (National Book Review).

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