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The Completely Useless Guide to Christmas

Susan Mallery, the #1 New York Times bestselling author of the Fool's Gold romances, proves there's no place like Happily Inc for the holidays... There's no place like Happily Inc for the holidays... Wynn Beauchene has a thriving business, a great kid and a mildly embarrassing crush on the guy next door—local cop Garrick McCabe. She's a strong, independent woman who can't help dreaming what-if about a man she barely knows. Until he needs her help... Garrick's pregnant daughter will be home for Christmas, and his house needs a woman's touch. Garrick and his little girl were tight once and he's hoping a small-town Christmas will bring her back to him. But thawing his daughter's frosty attitude will take more than a few twinkle lights. Maybe sharing the holiday with Wynn and her son will remind her of the joy of family. As the season works its magic on these wounded souls, Wynn realizes it's time to stop punishing herself for a painful secret, while Garrick remains haunted by the ghosts of past mistakes. Will he allow Wynn to open the only gift she truly wants—his heart? Don't miss Susan Mallery's most irresistible novel yet, The Vineyard at Painted Moon, and join one woman as she searches for the perfect blend of love, family and wine. Read more in the reader-favorite Happily Inc series: Book 1: You Say It First Book 2: Second Chance Girl Book 3: Why Not Tonight Book 4: Not Quite Over You Book 5: Meant to Be Yours Book 6: Happily This Christmas

Funny in Farsi

"The most prolific and successful historical novelist in the world today." —Wall Street Journal "Readers who haven't discovered Bernard Cornwell don't know what they are missing." —New York Times bestselling author Vince Flynn From the New York Times bestselling author of Agincourt, the Saxon Tales, and the beloved Richard Sharpe series, Bernard Cornwell's The Fort plunges prow-first into the largest naval clash of the Revolutionary War. Fans of the Nathaniel Starbuck Chronicles and The Burning Land will thrill to Cornwell's triumphant return to American historical fiction in this gripping story of courage, strength and patriotism.

Christmas Eve at Friday Harbor

'The perfect gift for anyone who loves all things Christmas it's a festive gem' Woman & Home _____ The perfect gift book, featuring the writing of Meryl Streep, Bill Bailey, Emilia Clarke, Olivia Colman, Caitlin Moran, Richard Ayoade, Emily Watson and others, to coincide with the upcoming movie Last Christmas, starring Emma Thompson, Emilia Clarke and Henry Golding. When you think back to Christmases past, what (if anything) made it magical? Looking towards the future, what would your perfect Christmas be? What would you change? What should we all change? This is a beautiful, funny and soulful collection of personal essays about the meaning of Christmas, written by a unique plethora of voices from the boulevards of Hollywood to the soup kitchens of Covent Garden. Away from the John Lewis advert, the high street decorations and the candied orange in Heston Blumenthal's Christmas pudding, this gem of a book introduced and curated by Emma Thompson and Greg Wise celebrates the importance of kindness and generosity, acceptance and tolerance - and shows us that these values are not just for Christmas.

Last Christmas

Journalist Walls grew up with parents whose ideals and stubborn nonconformity were their curse and their salvation. Rex and Rose Mary and their four children lived like nomads, moving among Southwest desert towns, camping in the mountains. Rex was a charismatic, brilliant man who, when sober, captured his children's imagination, teaching them how to embrace life fearlessly. Rose Mary painted and wrote and couldn't stand the responsibility of providing for her family. When the money ran out, the Walls retreated to the dismal West Virginia mining town Rex had tried to escape. As the dysfunction escalated, the children had to fend for themselves, supporting one another as they found the resources and will to leave home. Yet Walls describes her parents with deep affection in this tale of unconditional love in a family that, despite its profound flaws, gave her the fiery determination to carve out a successful life. -- From publisher description.

Only His

Did you know that Santa used to wear a blue tricorn hat and yellow stockings before he traded it in for his trademark red suit? Did you know that chocolate coins are now available in pound sterling and euro currencies? And did you know that it would be far healthier to eat your vitamin-packed Christmas tree than your chocolate coins - and that artificial Christmas trees were originally made from toilet brushes? In this delightful gem of a book, Martin Pullen has put together the most exhaustive, witty - and completely useless - companion to Christmas you could ever want. Perfect as a stocking-filler or after-dinner entertainment, The Useless Guide to Christmas is filled to the brim with fascinating facts about everyone's favourite holiday that are sure to have you entertaining friends and family right through the festive season - and beyond!

The Fool's Truth

When his sister dies, Mark Nolan is left in charge of her six-year-old daughter, Holly, who refuses to speak after her mother's death, until she makes a connection

with widowed toy shop owner Maggie Collins.

Speak

A classic heartwarming tale for the holidays from New York Times bestselling author Susan Mallery. The cheer in Fool's Gold, California, is bringing out the humbug in dancer Evie Stryker. An injury has forced her to return home to her estranged family. So she won't add to the awkward scenario by falling for the charms of her brother's best friend, no matter how tempting he is. When she's recruited to stage the winter festival, she vows to do as promised, then move on, anywhere but here. Jaded lawyer Dante Jefferson is getting used to the town he now calls home, but the pounding of little dancers' feet above his office is more than he can take. When he confronts their gorgeous teacher, he's unprepared for their searing attraction. Evie is his best friend's sister—off-limits unless he's willing to risk his heart. Dante has always believed that love is dangerous, but that was before he had to reckon with the magic of a certain small town, where miracles do seem to happen....

The Age of Rossetti, Burne-Jones & Watts

Justin's Bride

International Books in Print

Tears of a Tiger

Three boys struggle to come to terms with the death of a friend in a drunk-driving auto accident in which all four were involved, in a story told through newspaper stories, diary entries, school announcements, telephone conversations, and classroom assignments.

IBEW Journal

Read the last book in #1 New York Times bestselling author Susan Mallery's classic Hometown Heartbreakers series. Single mom Sandy Walker came to Glenwood seeking a quiet, friendly place to raise her three children. No way is she looking for a walk on the wild side with notorious bachelor Kyle Haynes. So what if the impossibly sexy deputy enthralls her kids and makes Sandy's blood run hot—she needs a provider, not an adventurer. For sixteen years, Kyle has been harboring a crush on Sandy. Yet she insists he isn't father material. But Sandy doesn't realize he's been in training ever since he met her—and he'll do whatever it takes to prove it. Originally published in 1995.

Fool's Gold?

The first ten lies they tell you in high school. "Speak up for yourself--we want to

know what you have to say." From the first moment of her freshman year at Merryweather High, Melinda knows this is a big fat lie, part of the nonsense of high school. She is friendless, outcast, because she busted an end-of-summer party by calling the cops, so now nobody will talk to her, let alone listen to her. As time passes, she becomes increasingly isolated and practically stops talking altogether. Only her art class offers any solace, and it is through her work on an art project that she is finally able to face what really happened at that terrible party: she was raped by an upperclassman, a guy who still attends Merryweather and is still a threat to her. Her healing process has just begun when she has another violent encounter with him. But this time Melinda fights back, refuses to be silent, and thereby achieves a measure of vindication. In Laurie Halse Anderson's powerful novel, an utterly believable heroine with a bitterly ironic voice delivers a blow to the hypocritical world of high school. She speaks for many a disenfranchised teenager while demonstrating the importance of speaking up for oneself. *Speak* was a 1999 National Book Award Finalist for Young People's Literature.

Arts Review

Endpapers display photographs of the author and her family with descriptive notes pertaining to the novels about the Logan family.

Natural History

The Confession of a Fool

The Old Farmer and His Almanack

Dillon examines the paradoxical personality of John Sutter, the Father of California, and one of the most enigmatic figures in the history of the American West.

Fools' Gold

Presents two holiday romance stories, including "Only Us," in which Carina Fiore falls for her boss, veterinarian Cameron McKenzie, but doesn't know if he is worth risking her job and her friendship over.

The Fort

A Christmas Bride

Father in Training

Eva Galuska and the Christmas Carp is a magical Christmas story told by Jozef Mieszko about his own life. He is a successful young man who has it all: a beautiful golden-haired wife, two young sons who worship him, a rewarding career, and a

home with great equity a fairytale, castle-like brownstone on Chicagos trendy Gold Coast. Jozefs parents, first generation Polish immigrants, achieved the American dream with sacrifice, tenacity, and hard work, and they own and operate an Old World-style Polish bakery and delicatessen. Their store is located in the heart of Bucktown, an old Polish neighborhood near St. Marys of the Angels Catholic Church, one of Chicagos actual historical landmarks, known for its spectacular golden dome, its glorious rooftop angels, and its mysterious blue light in the cupola that can be glimpsed from the Kennedy Expressway. Even though Jozef is proud of his family heritage and he enjoys helping his parents at their store, he realizes he is not a people person like his father, and he chooses a career as a computer programmer, rather than pursuing the family business as his father puts it, Jozef prefers to lose his eyesight to blue-screened electronika. A few days before Christmas, Jozef makes a routine stop at his parents store on his way home from work and he runs into Eva Galuska, a strikingly beautiful, seductive woman, who is a friend of his family. Eva is a talented seamstress who has always seemed breathtaking and mysterious, but after their brief, flirtatious encounter in his fathers store, Jozef finds himself unexpectedly attracted to her and cannot get her out of his mind. This unexpected lust leads Jozef to question many aspects of his life and these confusing thoughts about Eva lead him to one particular childhood memory that haunts him, revealing his own guilt and feelings that he could have somehow prevented it from happening in the first place. For Jozefs family, the holidays represent the most profitable time of the year as well as the traditional Polish religious celebration of the birth of Christ. For Jozef, the glow of Christmas is a magical time, when anything is possible the twinkle of lights brighten the world at the darkest time of the year and at the same time, the celebration of Christs birth, is an impetus for spiritual rebirth. Jozef sets out on a journey of self-discovery, sharing his memories, perceptions, personal thoughts, and problems with the reader. He questions the blend of old rituals and superstitions with religion, in an attempt to discover his own beliefs and to resolve old conflicts, still smoldering from the past. His meeting with Eva unlocks a forgotten door in his childhood memories, revealing his uneasiness with a family Christmas Eve tradition and unravels a tangled paradox of hidden secrets among the layers of complex personalities, family traditions, superstitions, and faith. And in spite of his conscious efforts to differ from his father, Jozef finds that he possibly shares a secret with his father, to which he has been oblivious, his entire life. As Christmas Eve approaches, Jozef recognizes the tiny window of opportunity to resolve his personal issues once and for all. Eva Galuska and the Christmas Carp is a celebration of the rich cultural heritage and the languages, the culinary specialties, the folklore and superstitions of Chicagos ethnic communities, particularly focused on Chicagos Polonia. And the fictional story of Jozef Mieszko, intertwined with history and actual landmarks of Chicagos magnificent landscapes, reveals a contemporary, yet tangled plot, that could happen to any family in America or elsewhere. This story at Christmastime is sheds light on Eastern European holiday traditions still practiced today, but also open the door for Jozefs spiritual awakening, and in a sense, his rebirth as he listens to the Black Madonna and follows St. Marys of the Angels mysteriou

Griddle Creek

New York Times bestselling author Susan Mallery delivers a fan-favorite tale about

how a moment's kindness can lead to a lifetime of love. Bodyguard Mike Blackburne can't get enough of the job, especially the danger. After taking a bullet in the line of duty, he accepts his most difficult assignment yet: a peaceful recovery in the suburbs. He manages to avoid the small town and its boring ways...until the charming woman next door slips past his defenses. When single mom Cindy Jones offers to look in on her neighbor's injured brother, she isn't expecting him to be so difficult...or so drop-dead gorgeous. His won't be the easiest recovery to handle, but it might just be the best favor Kelly ever agreed to!

Happily This Christmas

For three years, Lady Veronica Smithson has been perfectly happy as a widow—and thoroughly independent. Still, the right gentleman could provide the benefits of marriage without the tedious restrictions. And in Sir Sebastian Hadley-Attwater, renowned explorer and rogue, Veronica is sure she has found him. Sebastian will come into his inheritance in a matter of weeks—if his family deems him responsible enough. There's no better way to prove his maturity than with a wife. But though Veronica will share his bed, she refuses to marry. However, Sebastian has a plan: An intimate sojourn at his new country house will surely change Veronica's mind. For Sebastian never takes no for an answer. And he intends to persuade his Christmas mistress that they belong together—in this, and every season to come. . . "This Victorian yuletide romance provides erotic sizzle and delectably clever dialogue on every page." -USA Today

Elementary School Library Collection

Though remarkably creative, Swedish writer and artist August Strindberg had a very stormy personal life that was fraught with drama, controversy and scandal. In the 1890s, as his marriage to Finnish actress Siri von Essen was crumbling, Strindberg decided to air his side of the story in the guise of an autobiographical novel. *The Confession of a Fool* is a gritty, warts-and-all look at the demise of a marriage.

Chasing Perfect

Fall back in love with 1800s Kansas in Susan Mallery's fan-favorite tale of love, loss, and redemption. Justin Kincaid is the local bad-boy-turned-sheriff, and now he's got to prove himself to his people and his town. When a saloon girl is murdered, it's up to him to lead the investigation and to find a home for the dead woman's young daughter. But what he hadn't counted on was Megan, the only woman he's ever loved, volunteering to take in the young girl... Megan Bartlett had all but given up on ever seeing Justin Kincaid again when he returned to assume the sheriff's position. And the man who returns—the man with a bitter, mocking smile—is not the man she remembers. But when she notices how tender he is with the orphaned girl, she can't help but see glimpses of the man she fell in love with, and she wonders if life has granted them a second chance after all...

Talking Book Topics

Hispanics comprise one of America's largest business-minded, faith-based, culturally-conservative entities—and their numbers continue to grow. Long assumed to be aligned with the Democrats, Hispanics have been ignored by many Republicans. Noted Hispanic marketing expert and political commentator Leslie Sanchez passionately argues that Hispanics, after years of watching Democrats fail them, need to shift their bets to Los Republicanos or risk gambling away their political future. In her book, Sanchez debunks the cultural and political myths about Hispanics and Republicans alike. She also offers a look at today's changing Hispanic mindset and the new dynamic force that is rising.

A Fool's Gold Christmas

It's late summer 1793, and the streets of Philadelphia are abuzz with mosquitoes and rumors of fever. Down near the docks, many have taken ill, and the fatalities are mounting. Now they include Polly, the serving girl at the Cook Coffeehouse. But fourteen-year-old Mattie Cook doesn't get a moment to mourn the passing of her childhood playmate. New customers have overrun her family's coffee shop, located far from the mosquito-infested river, and Mattie's concerns of fever are all but overshadowed by dreams of growing her family's small business into a thriving enterprise. But when the fever begins to strike closer to home, Mattie's struggle to build a new life must give way to a new fight—the fight to stay alive.

Fool's Gold

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His Mistress by Christmas

Videhound's Golden Movie Retriever

Wedding bells are ringing in Fool's Gold, but not for Nevada Hendrix. Her triplet sisters are engaged, and even her mother has a more active love life than she does. Determined to make a fresh start, she applies for her dream job, only to discover that her new boss is her first love. Maybe she could overlook the fact that they've seen each other naked, but she'll never forget the way he broke her heart. Tucker Janack agrees to Nevada's "business only" ground rules. After all, love is a trap that the construction millionaire has avoided his whole life. But when great business partners turn out to be so much more, every rule gets broken. Will either of them be willing to try again...or will their past get in the way?

Eva Galuska and the Christmas Carp

Originally published as The Valentine Two-Step in 2002, New York Times bestselling author RaeAnne Thayne—and her trademark warmth and charm—returns to the town of Salt River! Single father Matt Harte learned the hard way not to trust women. His wife left him because she couldn't deal with ranch life—so the last thing he wants to do is plan the annual Valentine's Day dance. His

daughter, Lucy, has plans for her father; she's determined to get him to fall for beautiful vet and recent Salt River transplant Ellie Webster. Ellie knows that Matt doesn't want her in his town, let alone on the too-small dance committee of two. It's not as if she wants to spend all that one-on-one time with the rugged rancher, imagining what it would be like to be his partner—for real...

The Bodyguard and Ms. Jones

A delicious distraction! You may notice something just a little different about this town. It's a happy place where everybody gets along. Well, not quite everybody. Journey with officers Cakeman and Long as they race against time to protect a celebrity socialite against an evil blackmail plot. A plot with the potential to greatly change the lives of everybody involved.

Yours for Christmas

Rediscover the book that started it all... Welcome to Fool's Gold, California, a charming community in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada. There's lots to do and plenty of people to meet, especially women. Because there's just one tiny problem in Fool's Gold: the men don't seem to stick around. Maybe it's the lure of big-city life, or maybe it's plain old bad luck, but regardless of the reason, the problem has to be fixed, fast. And Charity Jones may be just the city planner to do it. Charity's nomadic childhood has left her itching to settle down, and she immediately falls in love with all the storybook town has to offer—everything, that is, except its sexiest and most famous resident, former world-class cyclist Josh Golden. With her long list of romantic disasters, she's not about to take a chance on another bad boy, even if everyone else thinks he's perfect just the way he is. But maybe that's just what he needs—someone who knows the value of his flaws. Someone who knows that he's just chasing perfect. And don't miss Susan's brand-new bonus novella, A Fool's Gold Wedding, inside this book!

Fool's Gold

Loretta Marion's debut novel is a twisty page-turner, expertly blending the webs of mystery, danger and suspense with the alluring possibility of romance from a once unrequited love.

Fever 1793

Step out of the winter chill and into the warmth of Fool's Gold, California, the charming small-town setting for a new holiday novella from New York Times bestselling author Susan Mallery Famous former NFL stars don't date single working moms like Bailey Voss. She'll allow herself to daydream about Kenny Scott's muscles and killer smile, but wanting more would lead to post-holiday regret. Then Kenny volunteers to run a toy drive with Bailey, and she learns that he's not just hot...he's also generous, funny, nice. The whole package—tantalizingly out of reach. The ache of past loss reminds Kenny why he needs to avoid getting too close to anyone. Especially to a gorgeous redhead and her adorable little girl. Mess it up, and he'd lose them both. Yet Kenny can only

resist Bailey for so long. And as festive spirit spreads throughout the town, he's all wrapped up in Bailey's sweet, sexy kisses and determined to make this the first of many Christmases together...

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry

Fool's Gold is a hard hitting account of how and why the biggest mining fraud ever perpetrated by a Canadian company was allowed to happen and -- most shockingly -- how it could happen again. Bruce Hutchinson charts the unholy alliance which exists in Canada among penny-stock promoters and investment analysts, and he reveals how the financial instruments used by companies to raise money have been seriously abused. He shows also how regulatory agencies -- agencies that exist to protect investors -- are reluctant to enforce their own rules, while irresponsible promotion is rampant; and how Canadian mining interests have aligned with brutal political regimes to produce environmental degradation and deadly social unrest.

Star Valley Winter

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • Finalist for the PEN/USA Award in Creative Nonfiction, the Thurber Prize for American Humor, and the Audie Award in Biography/Memoir This Random House Reader's Circle edition includes a reading group guide and a conversation between Firoozeh Dumas and Khaled Hosseini, author of *The Kite Runner*! "Remarkable . . . told with wry humor shorn of sentimentality . . . In the end, what sticks with the reader is an exuberant immigrant embrace of America."—San Francisco Chronicle In 1972, when she was seven, Firoozeh Dumas and her family moved from Iran to Southern California, arriving with no firsthand knowledge of this country beyond her father's glowing memories of his graduate school years here. More family soon followed, and the clan has been here ever since. *Funny in Farsi* chronicles the American journey of Dumas's wonderfully engaging family: her engineer father, a sweetly quixotic dreamer who first sought riches on Bowling for Dollars and in Las Vegas, and later lost his job during the Iranian revolution; her elegant mother, who never fully mastered English (nor cared to); her uncle, who combated the effects of American fast food with an army of miraculous American weight-loss gadgets; and Firoozeh herself, who as a girl changed her name to Julie, and who encountered a second wave of culture shock when she met and married a Frenchman, becoming part of a one-couple melting pot. In a series of deftly drawn scenes, we watch the family grapple with American English (hot dogs and hush puppies?—a complete mystery), American traditions (Thanksgiving turkey?—an even greater mystery, since it tastes like nothing), and American culture (Firoozeh's parents laugh uproariously at Bob Hope on television, although they don't get the jokes even when she translates them into Farsi). Above all, this is an unforgettable story of identity, discovery, and the power of family love. It is a book that will leave us all laughing—without an accent. Praise for *Funny in Farsi* "Heartfelt and hilarious—in any language."—Glamour "A joyful success."—Newsday "What's charming beyond the humor of this memoir is that it remains affectionate even in the weakest, most tenuous moments for the culture. It's the brilliance of true sophistication at work."—Los Angeles Times Book Review "Often hilarious, always interesting . . . Like the movie *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*, this book describes with humor the

intersection and overlapping of two cultures.”—The Providence Journal “A humorous and introspective chronicle of a life filled with love—of family, country, and heritage.”—Jimmy Carter “Delightfully refreshing.”—Milwaukee Journal Sentinel “[Funny in Farsi] brings us closer to discovering what it means to be an American.”—San Jose Mercury News

African Violet Magazine

These key British artists predate their Continental colleagues in dealing with the characteristic themes of Symbolism. Wilton shows their close links with European centres such as Brussels and Paris, and provides a catalogue of their important works.

Los Republicanos

"Eureka!" In an age of open-mindedness, many believers accept too much with too little discernment, resulting in great confusion and compromise. But God's Word makes it clear that not everything that glitters is gold. False teaching is at every turn, and the temptation to embrace it is great. As God's people we are called to sift through the overwhelming number of traditions and trends and use the truth of Scripture to determine which are the true treasures—and which are "fool's gold." General editor John MacArthur and the contributors of this uncompromising book define the principles of biblical discernment and use them to address several contemporary Christian issues. They provide straightforward, biblical critiques of some popular but unfortunate Christian trends, such as watered-down preaching and doctrinally questionable best-selling books. Dr. MacArthur ends with a practical plan for cultivating discernment in the Christian life. It is the duty of every Christian—not just pastors and elders—to follow the biblical command to cling to what is good and to reject what is not. This book will equip you with a foundation for biblical discernment that will enable you to make careful distinctions in your thinking about truth.

The Glass Castle

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