Four Great Reads: Two Fun Romps And Two Focusing On Major Life Issues

"Fly Back, Agnes" by Elizabeth Atkinson (NAPS)—Twelve-year-old Agnes hates everything about her life: her name, her parents divorce, her best friend's abandonment, her changing body. So when staying with her dad over the summer, she decides to become someone else. She tells people she meets that her name is Chloe, she's fourteen, her parents are married, and she's a dancer and actor. But Agnes's fibs quickly start to complicate her new friendships, especially with Fin, whose mysterious relative runs a local raptor rehab center that fascinates Agnes. The birds heal and fly back home. Agnes, too, wants to get back to wherever she truly belongs, but first she must be honest with herself. From Carolrhoda Books, purchase at https://amzn.to/3bc9G4v.

"Witches Protection Program" by Michael Okon Wes Rockville, a disgraced law enforcement agent, is given one last chance to prove himself and save his career when he's reassigned to a 232-year-old secret government organization, The Witches Protection Program. His first assignment: Uncover a billion-dollar cosmetics company's diabolical plan for using witchcraft for global domination, while protecting heiress Morgan Pendragon from her own witch protector, Alastair Verne. Reluctantly paired with vet shelter worker, Alastair Verne, Wes must learn to believe in both witches and himself. Filled with adventure and suspense, the book is a tongue-in-cheek alternate reality where witches cast spells and wreak havoc in modern day New York. From WordFire Press, purchase at https://amzn.to/2n1jObH.

"In Death, the Gift of Life" an anthology In Death, the Gift of Life opens an important conversation, starting on the local level. Inspired by one woman's experience with her father's end-of-life passage, this anthology contains the stories of 10 individuals from Westport, CT. It asks readers to examine what end-of-life choices and options are available and the challenges faced by those with transformative and terminal illnesses. Each moving narrative explores men and women who have faced the modern medical establishment head-on and then deliberately embraced courage and grace in the aftermath. These individuals influenced an entire community with their unique views about living and dying well and will continue to inspire through the power of their stories. Purchase at http://bit.ly/3bY-h85v.

"Slay Like a Mother: How to Destroy What's Holding You Back So You Can Live the Life You Want" by Katherine Wintsch Katherine Wintsch knows firsthand the self-doubt that rages inside modern moms. As founder and CEO of The Mom Complex, she has studied the pain points and challenges faced by moms worldwide to help some of the largest brands develop innovative new products and services. As a working mom of two, she was running in an exhausting cycle of never enough, not patient enough, not "mom" enough. You'll discover goal-setting tactics to help you overcome unrealistic expectations and how to stop hiding behind the "everything is fine" mask. Brave, supportive, and insightful, these stories will encourage you to live more confidently and become your best self. From Sourcebooks, purchase at https://amzn.to/38WcmRy.

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