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No Time to Wave Goodbye

Kristin van Ogtrop knows she's lucky—fulfilling career, great husband, three healthy kids, and, depending on the hamster count, an impressive roster of pets. You could also say she's half-insane, but name one working mom who isn't. Using stories and insights from her own life, van Ogtrop offers a lexicon for working moms everywhere. Terms and concepts illustrate the highs (kids who know where their soccer

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cleats are, coworkers who don't hit "Reply All," dogs who helpfully eat whatever falls from the table) and the lows (getting out of the house in the morning, getting along with everyone at the office, getting willful kids into bed) of balancing work and family. Filled with amusing and resonant observations, *Just Let Me Lie Down* establishes van Ogtrop as the Erma Bombeck of the new millennium.

The Midnight Twins

Where can a woman turn when her own life threatens to overwhelm her ability to keep her children safe? New York Times bestselling author Jacquelyn Mitchard takes the readers of her newest novel on a wry and moving journey of loss and healing. Giving advice is what Julieanne does for a living -- every Sunday she doles it out to clueless people she doesn't know, in a column in her local Wisconsin paper. But when it comes to her personal life, Julie herself seems to have missed some clues. Having worked creatively to keep her twenty-year marriage to Leo fresh and exciting, she is completely caught off guard when he tells her he needs to go on a "sabbatical" from their life together, leaving Julie and their three children -- Gabe, Caroline, and Aury -- behind. But it soon becomes clear that his leave of absence is meant to be permanent. The succeeding months are filled with a confusion and sadness that shake the core of the entire family. Things take a turn for the worse when Julie is diagnosed with a serious illness and the children undertake a dangerous journey to find Leo -- before it's too late. As the known world

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sinks precariously from view, the clan must navigate its way through the shoals of love, guilt, and betrayal. Together, with the help of Leo's parents and Julie's best friend, Cathy, they work their way back to solid ground and a new definition of family. No one illuminates modern love, marriage, and parenting better than Jacquelyn Mitchard. Written with her trademark poignancy, humor, and insight, *The Breakdown Lane* is her most moving, eloquent, and life-affirming work yet.

Christmas, Present

The author of "The Deep End of the Ocean" delivers a compelling, emotionally charged tale of tragedy, revenge, and redemption. Twelve-year-old Veronica Swan's idyllic life in a close-knit Mormon community is shattered when her two younger sisters are brutally murdered. Although her parents find the strength to forgive the deranged killer, Scott Early, Veronica cannot do the same. Years later, she sets out alone to avenge her sisters' deaths, dropping her identity and severing ties in the process. As she closes in on Early, Veronica will discover the true meaning of sin and compassion, before she makes a decision that will change her and her family's lives forever.

All We Know of Heaven

The *Law of Dreams* tells the story of a young man's epic passage from innocence to experience during The Great Famine in Ireland of 1847. On his odyssey through Ireland and Britain, and across the Atlantic to

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“the Boston states,” Fergus is initiated to violence, sexual heat, and the glories and dangers of the industrial revolution. Along the way, he meets an unforgettable generation of boy soldiers, brigands, street toughs and charming, willful girls – all struggling for survival in the aftermath of natural catastrophe magnified by political callousness and brutal neglect. Peter Behrens transports the reader to another time and place for a deeply-moving and resonant experience. The Law of Dreams is gorgeously written in incandescent language that unleashes the sexual and psychological energies of a lost world while plunging the reader directly into a vein of history that haunts the ancestral memory of millions in a new millennium.

A Theory of Relativity

Kate Vaughan is no stranger to tough choices. She's made them before. Now it's time to do it again. Kate has a secret, something tucked away in her past. And she's getting on with her life. Her business is thriving. She has a strong relationship with her family, and a devoted boyfriend whom she wants to love with all her heart. If Kate had ever made a list, Rowan would fill the imagined boxes of a perfect mate. But she wants more than the perfect on paper relationship; she wants a real and imperfect love. That's why, when Kate discovers the small velvet box hidden in Rowan's drawer, she panics. It always happens this way. Just when Kate thinks she can love, just when she believes she can conquer the fear, she's filled with dread. And she wants more than anything to make this feeling go

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away. But how? When the mistakes have been made and the running is over, it's time to face the truth. Kate knows this. She understands that a woman can never undo what can never be undone. Yet, for the first time in her life she also knows that she won't fully love until she confronts those from her past. It's time to act. Can she do it? Can she travel to the place where it all began, to the one who shares her secret? Can the lost ever become found? And Then I Found You gives new life to the phrase "inspired by a true story." By travelling back to a painful time in her own family's history, author Patti Callahan Henry explores the limits of courage, and the price of a selfless act.

Queen of the Air

For Hope Shay the entire world is a stage. Really. Acting has been her dream for as long as she can remember. She will do anything, anything, to get a leading role. Okay, maybe faking her own abduction was extreme. But a true actress suffers for her art. And Hope is a born actress if ever there was one.

Whatever Makes You Happy

BONUS: This edition contains a No Time to Wave Goodbye discussion guide and an excerpt from Jacquelyn Mitchard's *Second Nature*. Twenty-two years have passed since Beth Cappadora's three-year-old son, Ben, was abducted. By some miracle he returned nine years later, and the family began to pick up the pieces of their lives. Now, in this sequel to Mitchard's beloved bestseller *The Deep End of the*

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Ocean, the Cappadora children are grown: Ben is married and has a baby girl, Kerry is studying to be an opera singer, and ne'er-do-well older son Vincent is a fledgling filmmaker. His new documentary—focusing on five families caught in the torturous web of never knowing the fate of their abducted children—shakes his parents to the core. As Vincent's film earns greater and greater acclaim and Beth tries to stave off a torrent of long-submerged emotions, the Cappadoras' world is rocked as Beth's greatest fear becomes reality. The family is soon drawn precipitously into the past, revisiting the worst moment of their lives—this time with only hours to find the truth that can save a life. A spellbinding novel about family loyalty and love pushed to the limits of endurance, *No Time to Wave Goodbye* is Jacquelyn Mitchard at her best.

The Gratitude Diaries

A beautiful and suspenseful tale by a master American novelist, *The Midnight Twins* tells the story of mirror twins born on either side of midnight. After a mysterious and nearly fatal fire on their thirteenth birthday, Meredith and Mallory Brynn begin having visions: Mallory can see into the past, Meredith can see into the future. But it will take both of them to save their town from a great evil. That is, if their unique powers don't destroy them first.

A Theory of Relativity

An abandoned building. A dank cellar. And inside it, a

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cage of bones. A shocking thriller for fans of Karin Slaughter. Into the house. Down the stairs. Through the dripping dark of the cellar. Someone is there. Someone that shouldn't be there. As a building awaits demolition, a horrifying discovery is made inside the basement: a cage made of human bones—with a terrified, feral child lurking within. Unbeknownst to Detective Inspector Phil Brennan and psychologist Marina Esposito, they have disturbed a killer who has been operating undetected for thirty years. A killer who wants that boy back. But the cage of bones is also a box of secrets—secrets linking Brennan to the madman in their midst. With the death toll rising and the city reeling in terror, Brennan and Marina race to expose a predator more soullessly evil than any they've ever faced—and one who is hiding in plain sight. If you're obsessed with the horrifying realism of Jeffery Deaver and the disturbing plot twists of Mo Hayder, you must read this “utterly terrifying, yet believable chiller” (Daily Mirror) by Tania Carver.

Starring Prima!

After Rory the raccoon conquers his fear of spending an entire night away from home, he is prepared to tackle the challenge of starting school just one week later, whether his parents are ready or not.

Look Both Ways

Like the yearning, doomed young clones in Ishiguro's *Never Let Me Go*, three teenagers with XP (a life-threatening allergy to sunlight) are a species unto

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themselves. As seen through the eyes of 16-year-old Allie Kim, they roam the silent streets, looking for adventure, while others sleep. When Allie's best friend introduces the trio to Parkour, the stunt-sport of running and climbing off forest cliffs and tall buildings (risky in daylight and potentially deadly by darkness), they feel truly alive, equal to the "daytimers." On a random summer night, while scaling a building like any other, the three happen to peer into an empty apartment and glimpse an older man with what looks like a dead girl. A game of cat-and-mouse ensues that escalates through the underground world of hospital confinement, off-the-grid sports, and forbidden love. Allie, who can never see the light of day, discovers she's the lone key to stopping a human monster.

Two If by Sea

Better Sentence Writing in 30 Minutes a Day features clear discussions of rules and strategies for good writing. Concise explanations and an abundance of exercises reinforce the skills necessary for strong written communication. From filling in the blanks to joining short sentences into longer and more graceful combinations, this book will improve all writing capabilities. An answer key in the back encourages self-paced learning.

Ready, Set, School!

Having always been a talented ballerina, Prima sees big things in her future having been accepted to the American Ballet Rodente, but Prima wants to share

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her gift with the world and so, despite warnings from those in her mouse community, prepares for her first big performance in front of an audience of human beings. Reprint.

Mother Less Child

Bridget Flannery and Maureen O'Malley have been BFFs since forever. Then a brief moment of inattention on an icy road leaves one girl dead and the other in a coma, battered beyond recognition. Family and friends mourn one friend's loss and pray for the other's recovery. Then the doctors discover they have made a terrible mistake. The girl who lived is the one who everyone thought had died. Based on a true case of mistaken identity, *All We Know of Heaven* is a universal story that no one can read unmoved: a drama of ordinary people caught up in an unimaginable tragedy and of the healing power of hope and love.

The Adventures of Ook and Gluk, Kung-Fu Cavemen from the Future

With a strong new marriage, careers in journalism, and plans for a family, the future looks promising for the author and her husband until the pervasive impact of infertility overwhelms their relationship

Cage of Stars

What does it take to be happy? How happy is happy enough? And what does "happy" mean, anyway? So

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asks Sally Farber—wife, mother, daughter, friend, working woman, and lover—in this wise and funny novel about a woman’s search for happiness in some of the right, and a few of the wrong, places. Summer in the city looms long for Sally Farber when she sends her two daughters off to camp for the first time. Suddenly freed of her usual patterns in a city that becomes a grown-up’s playground,, she embarks on a journey unlike any she’s ever had—filled with guilty pleasures and guilty pains. Caught between the past (cleaning out her childhood apartment as her demanding mother offers edicts from South Carolina) and the future (facing her first semi-empty nest), Sally finds herself unexpectedly involved with a powerful, unpredictable man. And as she researches a book whose very topic is happiness, she must weigh the relative merits of prescriptions for its attainment offered by Aristotle and the Dalai Lama, Freud and Charles Schulz, scented candles and Zoloft, her mother and her best friend. The answer comes, in the end, from a surprising discovery, in this rich and original novel about how we can find, and ultimately embrace, both happiness and love.

Baby Bat's Lullaby

In the second book of the Midnight Twins trilogy, Meredith and Mallory Brynn are finally coming to terms with their special gifts: Meredith to see into the past, Mallory to see into the future. But they never expect that their powers will reveal danger so close to home. Mallory must help her best friend, Eden, find the strength to defy her destiny as a shape-shifter,

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before Eden gets hurt?or hurts somebody else. And Merry has her own friends to worry about when her visions reveal trouble brewing on the cheerleading squad in the form of Kim Jellico. Mallory and Meredith must join together to rescue their friends before it's too late.

All We Know of Heaven

Allie Kim's fatal allergy to sunlight, XP, still confines her to the night. Now that she's lost her best friend, Juliet, to an apparent suicide, the night has never felt darker—even with Rob at her side. Allie knows why Juliet killed herself: to escape the clutches of Garrett Tabor, whom Allie saw committing an unspeakable crime. Garrett is untouchable; the Tabors founded the world-famous XP clinic that keeps Allie and Rob alive and their small Minnesota town on the map. Allie can't rest until Garrett is brought to justice. But her obsession jeopardizes everything she holds dear. Not even Parkour can distract her; nothing reminds her more that Juliet is gone. When Rob introduces Allie to the wildly dangerous sport of nighttime deep diving, Allie assumes he's only trying to derail her investigation . . . until they uncover the terrible secret Garrett Tabor has hidden under Lake Superior.

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Arley Mowbray is young, smart, and lonely. Very lonely. And then she strikes up a correspondence with a prison inmate—and, under the spell of his poetic, seductive letters, falls helplessly, stubbornly in love. Annie Singer is a tough, dedicated Texas lawyer hired to help Arley unite with her beloved. She does so, but against her own better judgment—and soon she's caught up in this disturbing and dangerous romance, and in her feelings for Arley, who's become the daughter she never had. When Dillon LeGrande comes after the girl he loves, Arley finds herself both aching for his touch and fearing for her life. And Annie begins to question her own choices—and to wonder what price she would pay for passion.

Better Sentence Writing in 30 Minutes a Day

Joining the volunteer rescue effort in Brisbane after the Christmas Eve tsunami, American expat and former police officer Frank Mercy is transformed by

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his rescue of a telepathic little boy, who he illegally takes back with him to America and struggles to protect against ominous adversaries.

The Law of Dreams

Hold onto your pants for this awesome adventure from the author of the million-selling Captain Underpants! Harold and George are back - presenting the sensational saga of two crazy kung-fu caveboys raising hell in 500,001 BC! Ook and Gluk have a pretty great life growing up together in Caveland, Ohio, even though they're always getting into trouble with their short-tempered tribal leader, Big Chief Goppennopper. But the boys' idyllic life takes a turn for the terrible when an evil corporation from the future invades their quiet town With action, laughs, comic strips and flip-o-rama fun in every chapter, here's excitement aplenty to blow your pants off!

Now You See Her

Come Back to Hope Springs, Where Friendships Last a Lifetime The women of Hope Springs Community Church have weathered some pretty fierce storms. Now their friendships are tested again when one of their own is leaving. Join Louise, Jessie, Charlotte, Beatrice, and Margaret for a farewell that Hope Springs will never forget.

Now You See Her

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overview of the book publishing industry, including details about the business processes in editorial, marketing and production. The work explores the complex issues that occur everyday in the publishing in

Jerusalem Maiden

"Recounts how the author spent a year living gratefully, drawing on advice from psychologists, academics, doctors, and philosophers to gain a fresh outlook that transformed her relationships, work, health, and daily life, "--Novelist.

Still Summer

Mitchard's 'Still Summer' plunges into terror By Carol Memmott, USA TODAY Secure your life preserver. Tie yourself to the mast. It's late August, but it's still summer, and Jacquelyn Mitchard is taking you on a thrill ride you won't forget. Mitchard made her mark in the literary world in 1996 when *The Deep End of the Ocean* was chosen as the first pick for Oprah Winfrey's now-legendary book club. Since then, she has written six other novels, but none matches the suspenseful pitch of *Still Summer*. It's a tale of terror on the high seas, but this is no *Pirates of the Caribbean* wannabe. Readers know something terrible is going to happen, but Mitchard ratchets up the suspense by allowing her story to unfold at a leisurely pace. She painstakingly fleshes out her characters, because as readers will discover, their temperaments and personalities are as crucial to the story as the

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mounting disasters. Tracy Kyle, Holly Solvig and Olivia Montefalco, lifelong friends in their early 40s, charter a yacht and two-man crew for a sailing vacation that will take them from St. Thomas to Grenada. The trip starts out as an innocent adventure in paradise until two accidents in quick succession strand the women without their crew. What else can go wrong? In a word, everything. The engine conks out, the sails are torn, lack of electricity spoils their food and limits their drinking water - and then there's the injury to Holly's leg. Nature's fury, murderous drug dealers and, possibly most deadly of all, their own frailties and secrets are added to the list. Readers will wring their hands with frustration, weep with sadness and second-guess the choices these women make. But since characters must do the bidding of the authors who create them, we can only sit back - or sit on the edge of our seats - and let Mitchard's terror-filled tale wash over us.

The Book Publishing Industry

It is True Dickinson's birthday and her best friends have gathered on this snowy night to celebrate—yet True has never felt more alone. Though her small business is thriving and her young son is happy, the death of her husband eight years ago has left an empty space in her life that friends and family cannot fill. Suddenly it seems that youth and beauty are slipping away while True is busily taking care of everyone else. But on this night, an accident on an icy road will offer True the golden opportunity to let love back into her life—if she can somehow conquer her

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fears. Twelve Times Blessed is a powerfully moving novel of the heart from one of our best-loved storytellers.

And Then I Found You

An indispensable guide for anyone who runs or participates in a book group, this title provides the structure and fun facts needed to examine the genre of women's fiction. • Each entry provides an author biography, a book summary, bibliographic material, discussion questions, and read-alike information for each book • Includes discussion questions not found elsewhere

Still Summer

By this time I wanted my Mummy and Daddy and to be back in that little terraced house all together again. Later, in a strange cold bed at the end of that long weary day, I hid under the bedclothes and cried. No Time to Wave Goodbye follows the untold tales of some of the 3.5 million evacuees whose lives were suddenly and unforgettably shaken by the upheaval of war. Wicks weaves together the adult memories of children who went to school as normal only to end their day in the homes of complete strangers, within the alien landscape of the English countryside. Unknown to many of them it would now be years before they would once again be reunited with their loved ones. No Time to Wave Goodbye paints a startling and often heartbreaking picture of the evacuees' war.

What We Lost in the Dark

Fifteen-year-old Hope describes events leading her to agree to her boyfriend's plan to stage her abduction, and the consequences for their relationship, her family life, and her budding career as an actress.

The Breakdown Lane

"Inspired me to ask myself why and to stop postponing the forgotten dreams." —Geneen Roth, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Women Food and God* and *This Messy Magnificent Life Full of inspirational insights and advice, lifehacks, and real-world examples, Someday is Not a Day in the Week* is CEO Sam Horn's motivational guide to help readers get what they want in life today rather than "someday." Are you: • Working, working, working? • Busy taking care of everyone but yourself? • Wondering what to do with the rest of your life? • Planning to do what makes you happy someday when you have more time, money, or freedom? What if someday never happens? As the Buddha said, "The thing is, we think we have time." Sam Horn is a woman on a mission about not waiting for SOMEDAY and this is her manifesto. Her dad's dream was to visit all the National Parks when he retired. He worked six to seven days a week for decades. A week into his long-delayed dream, he had a stroke. Sam doesn't want that to happen to you. She took her business on the road for a Year by the Water. During her travels, she asked people, "Do you like your life? Your job? If so, why? If not, why not?" The surprising insights

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about what makes people happy or unhappy, what they're doing about it (or not), and why will inspire you to carve out time for what truly matters now, not later. Life is much too precious to postpone. It's time to put yourself in your own story. The good news is, there are "hacks" you can do right now to make your life more of what you want it to be. And you don't have to be selfish, quit your job, or win the lottery to do them. Sam Horn offers actionable, practical advice in short, snappy chapters to show you how to get started on your best life — now.

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Forever Friends

Losing her father in a school fire that disfigures her face, Sicily is raised by a dynamic aunt who urges her to pursue a normal life, an effort that is influenced by her fiancé, a terrible drunken revelation and an opportunity for a risky full-face transplant.

Now You See Her

A successful lawyer and loving mother, Nina Bloom would do anything to protect the life she's built in New York - including lying to everyone, even her daughter, about her past. But when an innocent man is framed for murder, she knows that she can't let him

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pay for the real killer's crimes. Nina's secret life began eighteen years ago. She had looks to die for, a handsome police-officer husband, and a carefree life in Key West. When she learned she was pregnant with their first child, her happiness was almost overwhelming. But Nina's world is shattered when she unearths a terrible secret that causes her to run for her life and change her identity. Now, years later, Nina risks everything she's earned to return to Florida and confront the murderous evil she fled. In a story of wrenching suspense, James Patterson gives us his most head-spinning, action-filled story yet - a Hitchcock-like blend of unquenchable drama and pleasure.

The Most Wanted

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Deep End of the Ocean* comes this heartwarming Christmas story of a family who comes together during the holiday season as they learn a powerful lesson about love and to live each year of their lives as if it were their last. A fourteenth wedding anniversary is nothing to sneeze at, Elliott Banner knows, but it's not exactly a landmark year—like fifteen, or twenty, when he plans to take his wife, Laura, to Paris. But when a headache on the drive home from their anniversary date—two days before Christmas—turns out to be more than a migraine, he wishes he had celebrated every year as though it were their last. In this poignant, touching, uplifting story, a woman calmly gathers her family around her during the Christmas holiday to celebrate their lives

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together—both past and future—and to truly count their blessings. A family history unfolds in a single night in this deeply affecting story that speaks volumes about love, trust, and letting go—a perfect holiday read that underscores the true meaning of the season. “Mitchard’s gift is her ability to present her characters in a compassionate light, even when revealing them at their weakest moments.”—Us Weekly

Reading Women: A Book Club Guide for Women's Fiction

“Talia Carner is a skillful and heartfelt storyteller who takes the reader on journey of the senses, into a world long forgotten.” —Jennifer Lauck, author of *Blackbird* “Exquisitely told, with details so vivid you can almost taste the food and hear the voices....A moving and utterly captivating novel that I will be thinking about for a long, long time.” —Tess Gerritsen, author of *The Silent Girl* “Talia Carner’s story captivates at every level, heart and mind.” —Jacquelyn Mitchard, author of *The Deep End of the Ocean* The poignant, colorful, and unforgettable story of a young woman in early 20th-century Jerusalem who must choose between her faith and her passion, *Jerusalem Maiden* heralds the arrival of a magnificent new literary voice, Talia Carner. In the bestselling vein of *The Red Tent*, *The Kite Runner*, and *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, *Jerusalem Maiden* brilliantly evokes the sights and sounds of the Middle East during the final days of the Ottoman Empire. Historical fiction and Bible lovers will be captivated by this thrilling tale

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of a young Jewish woman during a fascinating era, her inner struggle with breaking the Second Commandment, and her ultimate transcendence through self-discovery.

No time to wave goodbye

“[An] astonishing pleasure.” —Seattle Times “A graceful, moving, and compelling novel. Jacquelyn Mitchard at her finest.” —Scott Turow, author of *Innocent* A poignant and unforgettable novel from Jacquelyn Mitchard, author of the monumental New York Times bestsellers *The Deep End of the Ocean* and *The Most Wanted*, *A Theory of Relativity* is a powerful tale that explores the emotional dynamics and dramas of two families fighting for custody of a young child. The very first author selected by the Oprah Book Club, Mitchard is a matchless, wise, and warm chronicler of families and their human foibles—and *A Theory of Relativity* is contemporary women’s fiction at its best, a must-read for fans of Sue Miller, Jane Hamilton, and Elizabeth Berg.

Someday Is Not a Day in the Week

A true life *Water for Elephants*, *Queen of the Air* brings the circus world to life through the gorgeously written, true story of renowned trapeze artist and circus performer Leitzel, *Queen of the Air*, the most famous woman in the world at the turn of the 20th century, and her star-crossed love affair with Alfredo Codona, of the famous *Flying Codona Brothers*. Like today's Beyonce, Madonna, and Cher, she was known

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to her vast public by just one name, Leitzel. There may have been some regions on earth where her name was not a household expression, but if so, they were likely on polar ice caps or in the darkest, deepest jungles. Leitzel was born into Dickensian circumstances, and became a princess and then a queen. She was not much bigger than a good size fairy, just four-foot-ten and less than 100 pounds. In the first part of the 20th century, she presided over a sawdust fiefdom of never-ending magic. She was the biggest star ever of the biggest circus ever, the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, The Greatest Show on Earth. In her life, Leitzel had many suitors (and three husbands), but only one man ever fully captured her heart. He was the handsome Alfredo Codona, the greatest trapeze flyer that had ever lived, the only one in his time who, night after night, executed the deadliest of all big-top feats, The Triple--three somersaults in midair while traveling at 60 m.p.h. The Triple, the salto mortale, as the Italians called it, took the lives of more daredevils than any other circus stunt.

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With loving words, a mother bat lulls her baby to sleep.

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