

The Lords Of Discipline Pat Conroy

Final words and heartfelt remembrances from bestselling author Pat Conroy take center stage in this winning nonfiction collection, supplemented by touching pieces from Conroy's many friends. This new volume of Pat Conroy's nonfiction brings together some of the most charming interviews, magazine articles, speeches, and letters from his long literary career, many of them addressed directly to his readers with his habitual greeting, "Hey, out there." Ranging across diverse subjects, such as favorite recent reads, the challenge of staying motivated to exercise, and processing the loss of dear friends, Conroy's eminently memorable pieces offer a unique window into the life of a true titan of Southern writing. With a beautiful introduction from his widow, novelist Cassandra King, *A Lowcountry Heart* also honors Conroy's legacy and the innumerable lives he touched. Finally, the collection turns to remembrances of "The Great Conroy," as he is lovingly titled by friends, and concludes with a eulogy. The inarguable power of Conroy's work resonates throughout *A Lowcountry Heart*, and his influence promises to endure. This moving tribute is sure to be a cherished keepsake for any true Conroy fan and remain a lasting monument to one of the best-loved masters of contemporary American letters. Praise for *A Lowcountry Heart* "A fascinating look into the mind of one of the South's greatest authors . . . something to remember him by and cherish for years to come."—The Clarion-Ledger "Fans of Conroy

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. . . will relish the chance to spend more time with him in this glowing valedictory to his life and writing . . . Eloquent, folksy, and sometimes brutally honest.”—Publishers Weekly “A moving and proper tribute to a true Southern icon.”—The Florida Times-Union “Elegant essays [that] will not disappoint.”—The Washington Post “Resplendent . . . As always, his storytelling, word choice and rhythm are gorgeous, almost lyrical.”—USA Today

A cadet encounters hazing and racism at an elite military academy in this novel from the #1 New York Times–bestselling author of *The Prince of Tides*. As Will McLean begins his studies at the Carolina Military Institute, the American South is in turmoil over desegregation. An outsider to the harsh authoritarianism of the military, Will survives the school’s notorious freshman hazing, and avoids attention from its fabled and menacing secret society, the Ten. But when he is asked to mentor the school’s first black student, Will is drawn into the intense racial politics—and the threat of violence—simmering beneath the surface. Based on Conroy’s own military school experience and featuring his lush prose and richly drawn characters, *The Lords of Discipline* is a powerful story of a young man’s stand for justice and the friendship, love, and courage he finds along the way.

Acclaimed writers, family, friends, and more pay homage to the celebrated Southern author of *The Prince of Tides* and *The Great Santini*. New York Times–bestselling writer Pat Conroy (1945–2016) inspired a worldwide legion of devoted fans, but none are

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more loyal to him and more committed to sustaining his literary legacy than the many writers he nurtured over the course of his fifty-year career. In sharing their stories of Conroy, his fellow writers honor his memory and advance our shared understanding of his lasting impact on literary life in and well beyond the American South. Conroy's fellowship drew from all walks of life. His relationships were complicated, and people and places he thought he'd left behind often circled back to him at crucial moments. The pantheon of contributors includes Rick Bragg, Kathleen Parker, Barbra Streisand, Janis Ian, Anthony Grooms, Mary Hood, Nikky Finney, Nathalie Dupree and Cynthia Graubart, Ron Rash, Sandra Brown, and Mary Alice Monroe; Conroy biographers Katherine Clark and Catherine Seltzer; his longtime friends; Pat's students Sallie Ann Robinson and Valerie Sayers; members of the Conroy family; and many more. Each author in this collection shares a slightly different view of Conroy. Through their voices, a multifaceted portrait of him comes to life and sheds new light on who he was. Loosely following Conroy's own chronology, the essays herewith wind through his river of a story, stopping at important ports of call. Cities he called home and longed to visit, along with each book he birthed, become characters that are as equally important as the people he touched along the way.

The Great Santini))Lords of Discipline))The Prince of Tides))Water Is Wide)) 4 Vols.
Pat Conroy's memoirs and autobiographical novels contain a great deal about his life, but there is much he hasn't revealed to readers—until now. My Exaggerated Life is the

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product of a special collaboration between this great American author and oral biographer Katherine Clark, who recorded two hundred hours of conversations with Conroy before he passed away in 2016. In the spring and summer of 2014, the two spoke for an hour or more on the phone every day. No subject was off limits, including aspects of his tumultuous life he had never before revealed. This oral biography presents Conroy the man, as if speaking in person, in the colloquial voice familiar to family and friends. This voice is quite different from the authorial style found in his books, which are famous for their lyricism and poetic descriptions. Here Conroy is blunt, plainspoken, and uncommonly candid. While his novels are known for their tragic elements, this volume is suffused with Conroy's sense of humor, which he credits with saving his life on several occasions. The story Conroy offers here is about surviving and overcoming the childhood abuse and trauma that marked his life. He is frank about his emotional damage—the depression, the alcoholism, the divorces, and, above all, the crippling lack of self-esteem and self-confidence. He also sheds light on the forces that saved his life from ruin. The act of writing compelled Conroy to confront the painful truths about his past, while years of therapy with a clinical psychologist helped him achieve a greater sense of self-awareness and understanding. As Conroy recounts his time in Atlanta, Rome, and San Francisco, along with his many years in Beaufort, South Carolina, he portrays a journey full of struggles and suffering that culminated ultimately in redemption and triumph. Although he gained worldwide recognition for his writing,

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Conroy believed his greatest achievement was in successfully carving out a life filled with family and friends, as well as love and happiness. In the end he arrived at himself and found it was a good place to be.

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • “A big sweeping novel of friendship and marriage” (The Washington Post) by the celebrated author of *The Prince of Tides* and *The Great Santini* Leopold Bloom King has been raised in a family shattered—and shadowed—by tragedy. Lonely and adrift, he searches for something to sustain him and finds it among a tightly knit group of outsiders. Surviving marriages happy and troubled, unrequited loves and unspoken longings, hard-won successes and devastating breakdowns, as well as Charleston, South Carolina’s dark legacy of racism and class divisions, these friends will endure until a final test forces them to face something none of them are prepared for. Spanning two turbulent decades, *South of Broad* is Pat Conroy at his finest: a masterpiece from a great American writer whose passion for life and language knows no bounds. Praise for *South of Broad* “Vintage Pat Conroy . . . a big sweeping novel of friendship and marriage.”—The Washington Post “Conroy remains a magician of the page.”—The New York Times Book Review “Richly imagined . . . These characters are gallant in the grand old-fashioned sense, devoted to one another and to home. That siren song of place has never sounded so sweet.”—New Orleans Times-Picayune “A lavish, no-holds-barred performance.”—The Atlanta Journal-Constitution “A lovely, often thrilling story.”—The Dallas Morning News “A pleasure to

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read . . . a must for Conroy's fans."—Associated Press

A Christmas novella for fans of the hit drama series *LONGMIRE* now on Netflix and the New York Times–bestselling series. Craig Johnson's new novel, *The Western Star*, will be available from Viking in Fall 2017. Sheriff Walt Longmire is in his office reading *A Christmas Carol* when he is interrupted by a ghost of Christmas past: a young woman with a hairline scar and more than a few questions about his predecessor, Lucian Connally. With his daughter Cady and undersheriff Moretti otherwise engaged, Walt's on his own this Christmas Eve, so he agrees to help her. At the Durant Home for Assisted Living, Lucian is several tumblers into his Pappy Van Winkle's and swears he's never clapped eyes on the woman before. Disappointed, she whispers "Steamboat" and begins a story that takes them all back to Christmas Eve 1988—a story that will thrill and delight the bestselling series' devoted fans.

New York Times Bestseller: The "miraculous" memoir of an inspiring teacher and the students who changed his life on an impoverished South Carolina island (*Newsweek*). Though the children of Yamacraw Island live less than two miles from the southern mainland, they can't name the US president or the ocean that surrounds them. Most can't read or write. Many of the students are the descendants of slaves, handicapped by poverty and isolation. When Pat Conroy arrives, an eager young teacher at the height of the civil rights movement, he finds a community still bound by the bitter effects of racism, but he is determined to broaden its members' horizons and give them a

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voice. In this poignant memoir, which Newsweek called “an experience of joy,” the New York Times–bestselling author of *The Prince of Tides* plumbs his experiences as a young teacher on an isolated South Carolina island to reveal the shocking inequalities of the American education system.

A trio of powerful New York Times bestsellers—which all became the basis for acclaimed films—from the award-winning Southern novelist. *The Great Santini*: A son struggles to escape the domineering expectations of his volatile military father. “Robust and vivid . . . full of feeling” (Newsday). *The Lords of Discipline*: Will McLean begins his studies at the Carolina Military Institute during the Vietnam War era and must mentor the school’s first black student—while facing down the menace of a racist secret society. “A work of enormous power, passion, humor, and wisdom” (Jonathan Yardley, *The Washington Star*). *The Prince of Tides*: When Tom Wingo learns that his twin sister has attempted suicide—again—he leaves the Low Country to visit her in New York and confront the family secret that haunts them both. “Conroy has achieved a penetrating vision of the Southern psyche” (Publishers Weekly). Deeply influenced by the author’s own experiences, with his Southern family and education at the Citadel in Charleston, these stunning novels represent the very best of Pat Conroy’s impressive literary career. The South Carolina–set sagas were made into blockbuster films—two of them earning multiple Academy Award nominations—and each is a rich, emotional journey into the inner lives of fascinating characters.

A rigorous, compelling and balanced examination of the British public school system and the inequalities it entrenches. Private schools are institutions that children who are already

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privileged attend and have those privileges further entrenched, almost certainly for life, through a high-quality, richly-resourced education. The Engines of Privilege contends that in a society that mouths the virtues of equality of opportunity, of fairness and of social cohesion, the continuation of this educational apartheid amounts to an act of national self-harm that does all of us serious damage. Intrinsic to any vision of the future of Britain has to be the nature of our educational system. Yet the quality of conversation on the issue of private education remains surprisingly sterile, patchy and highly subjective. Accessible, evidence-based and inclusive, Engines of Privilege aims to kick-start a long overdue national debate. Clear, vigorous prose is combined with forensic analysis to compelling effect, illuminating the painful contrast between the importance of private schools in British society and the near-absence of serious, policy-making debate, above all on the left.

Sheriff Walt Longmire and Henry Standing Bear embark on their latest adventure in this novella set in the world of Craig Johnson's New York Times bestselling Longmire series—the basis for the hit drama Longmire, now on Netflix Craig Johnson's new novel, *The Western Star*, will be available from Viking in Fall 2017. When Wyoming highway patrolman Rosey Wayman is transferred to the beautiful and imposing landscape of the Wind River Canyon, an area the troopers refer to as no-man's-land because of the lack of radio communication, she starts receiving “officer needs assistance” calls. The problem? They're coming from Bobby Womack, a legendary Arapaho patrolman who met a fiery death in the canyon almost a half-century ago. With an investigation that spans this world and the next, Sheriff Walt Longmire and Henry Standing Bear take on a case that pits them against a legend: *The Highwayman*.

“Tell Me A Story is breathtakingly tender, heartbreakingly true...The best memoir I've read.” —

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Mary Alice Monroe, New York Times bestselling author of *The Beach House Reunion*
Bestselling author Cassandra King Conroy considers her life and the man she shared it with, paying tribute to her husband, Pat Conroy, the legendary figure of modern Southern literature. Cassandra King was leading a quiet life as a professor, divorced “Sunday wife” of a preacher, and debut novelist when she met Pat Conroy. Their friendship bloomed into a tentative, long-distance relationship. Pat and Cassandra ultimately married, ending Pat’s long commutes from coastal South Carolina to her native Alabama. It was a union that would last eighteen years, until the beloved literary icon’s death from pancreatic cancer in 2016. In this poignant, intimate memoir, the woman he called King Ray looks back at her love affair with a natural-born storyteller whose lust for life was fueled by a passion for literature, food, and the Carolina Lowcountry that was his home. As she reflects on their relationship and the eighteen years they spent together, cut short by Pat’s passing at seventy, Cassandra reveals how the marshlands of the South Carolina Lowcountry ultimately cast their spell on her, too, and how she came to understand the convivial, generous, funny, and wounded flesh-and-blood man beneath the legend—her husband, the original Prince of Tides.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • “A brilliant storyteller, a master of sarcasm, and a hallucinatory stylist whose obsession with the impress of the past on the present binds him to Southern literary tradition.”—*The Boston Globe*
Pat Conroy’s great success as a writer has always been intimately linked with the exploration of his family history. As the oldest of seven children who were dragged from military base to military base across the South, Pat bore witness to the often cruel and violent behavior of his father, Marine Corps fighter pilot Donald Patrick Conroy. While the publication of *The Great Santini* brought Pat much acclaim, the rift it

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caused brought even more attention, fracturing an already battered family. But as Pat tenderly chronicles here, even the oldest of wounds can heal. In the final years of Don Conroy's life, the Santini unexpectedly refocused his ire to defend his son's honor. The Death of Santini is a heart-wrenching act of reckoning whose ultimate conclusion is that love can soften even the meanest of men, lending significance to the oft-quoted line from Pat's novel *The Prince of Tides*: "In families there are no crimes beyond forgiveness." Praise for *The Death of Santini* "A painful, lyrical, addictive read that [Pat Conroy's] fans won't want to miss."—People "Conroy's conviction pulls you fleetly through the book, as does the potency of his bond with his family, no matter their sins."—The New York Times Book Review "Vital, large-hearted and often raucously funny."—The Washington Post "Conroy writes athletically and beautifully, slicing through painful memories like a point guard splitting the defense."—Minneapolis Star Tribune

From the bestselling author of *The Rules of Supervillainy*: Cassius Mass was the greatest star pilot of the Crius Archduchy. He fought fiercely for his cause, only to watch his nation fall to the Interstellar Commonwealth. It was only after that he realized the side he'd been fighting for was the wrong one. Now a semi-functional navigator on an interstellar freight hauler, he tries to hide who he was and escape his past. Unfortunately, some things refuse to stay buried and he ends up conscripted by the very people who destroyed his homeland. *LUCIFER'S STAR* is the first novel of the *Lucifer's Star* series, a dark science fiction space opera set in a world of aliens, war, politics, and slavery.

A withdrawn adolescent boy's initiation into the occult draws him ever deeper into the bizarre world of witchcraft, voodoo, and satanism until, at age sixteen, he commits suicide.

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The television star recounts the year he spent teaching at Philadelphia's largest high school, the challenges he encountered keeping students engaged, and his memories of posing disciplinary challenges to his own instructors as a teenager.

The piercing, iconic semi-autobiographical novel of a domineering father and ambitious son, from the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Prince of Tides* Step into the powerhouse life of Bull Meecham. He's all Marine—fighter pilot, king of the clouds, and absolute ruler of his family. Lillian is his wife—beautiful, southern-bred, with a core of velvet steel. Without her cool head, her kids would be in real trouble. Ben is the oldest, a born athlete whose best never satisfies the big man. Ben's got to stand up, even fight back, against a father who doesn't give in—not to his men, not to his wife, and certainly not to his son. Bull Meecham is undoubtedly Pat Conroy's most explosive character—a man you should hate, but a man you will love. Praise for *The Great Santini* “Stinging authenticity . . . a book that won't quit.”—*The Atlanta Journal* “[Pat] Conroy has captured a different slice of America in this funny, dramatic novel.”—*Richmond News-Leader* “Conroy takes aim at our darkest emotions, lets the arrow fly and hits the bull's-eye almost every time.”—*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* “Robust and vivid . . . full of feeling.”—*Newsday* “God preserve Pat Conroy.”—*The Boston Globe*

An American expatriate in Rome unearths his family legacy in this sweeping novel by the acclaimed author of *The Prince of Tides* and *The Great Santini* A Southerner living abroad, Jack McCall is scarred by tragedy and betrayal. His desperate desire to find peace after his wife's suicide draws him into a painful, intimate search for the one haunting secret in his family's past that can heal his anguished heart. Spanning three generations and two continents, from the contemporary ruins of the American South to the ancient ruins of Rome,

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from the unutterable horrors of the Holocaust to the lingering trauma of Vietnam, Beach Music sings with life's pain and glory. It is a novel of lyric intensity and searing truth, another masterpiece among Pat Conroy's legendary and beloved novels. Praise for Beach Music "Astonishing . . . stunning . . . The range of passions and subjects that bring life to every page is almost endless."—The Washington Post Book World "Magnificent . . . clearly Conroy's best."—San Francisco Chronicle "Blockbuster writing at its best."—Los Angeles Times Book Review "Pat Conroy's writing contains a virtue now rare in most contemporary fiction: passion."—The Denver Post "A powerful, heartfelt tale."—Houston Chronicle

An absorbing memoir of one man's path to understanding how we can learn to lead lives of greater blessing and to be sources of blessing and service for the world as a whole. For as long as he can remember, David Spangler has been physically aware of a spiritual world existing alongside this one. In 1965, David Spangler left college to follow an inner spiritual calling and encountered an extraordinary presence, which he named "John." Over the next quarter-century John would assist David in exploring the "inner worlds" of the spirit, and would tutor him in some of the most basic mysteries of life and the nature of the human spirit. In *Apprenticed to Spirit*, Spangler recounts how John showed him the way to develop a spiritual intelligence—what Spangler calls "a mind of the soul"—and how to integrate it into everyday life. Spangler learned to think with his soul and embarked on the apprenticeship to understanding the sacredness of our world and of the realms beyond ours—a journey that continues to this day.

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Newbery Medalist Avi delivers a stark, unflinching account of the boys of a tiny Polish village

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during the Great War who are determined to prove themselves with a simple dare that spins disastrously out of control.

A Wall Street Journal Book Club pick • The acclaimed bestseller about upheaval at a Southern military academy, hailed by Larry King as “an American classic,” by the legendary author of *The Prince of Tides* and *The Great Santini* In this powerful, mesmerizing, and acclaimed bestseller, Pat Conroy sweeps us into the turbulent world of four young men—friends, cadets, and blood brothers—and their days of hazing, heartbreak, pride, betrayal, and, ultimately, humanity. We go deep into the heart of the novel’s hero, Will McLean, a rebellious outsider with his own personal code of honor who is battling into manhood the hard way. Immersed in a poignant love affair with a haunting beauty, Will must boldly confront the terrifying injustice of a corrupt institution as he struggles to expose a mysterious group known as “The Ten.” Praise for *The Lords of Discipline* “If you are reading another book when you begin *The Lords of Discipline*, prepare to set it aside.”—*The Denver Post* “A work of enormous power, passion, humor, and wisdom [that] sweeps the reader along on a great tide of honest, throbbing emotion.”—*The Washington Star* “Few novelists write as well, and none as beautifully.”—*Lexington Herald-Leader*

A boldly illustrated celebration of literary history’s most revolutionary, talented women writers Women have written some of our most extraordinary literary works while living in societies and cultures that tried to silence them. These women dared to put pen to paper to express the multifaceted female experience. In *Bookish Broads*, Lauren Marino celebrates fierce, trailblazing female writers, reworking the literary canon that has long failed to recognize the immense contributions of women. Featuring more than 50 brilliant bookish broads, Marino

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cleverly illuminates the lives of the greats as well as the literary talents history has wrongfully overlooked. Each intimate portrait delves into one woman's works and is accompanied by vibrant illustrations depicting each literary legend in her element and time.

Dramatically interweaves themes of brotherhood and betrayal as senior cadet, Will McLean, courageously struggles to forge his own honor code and manhood in a regimented, venerable, but corrupt Southern military academy

“King’s vivid and charming portrayal of southern small-town life enriches this moving and genuine story of midlife revelations.” —Booklist Clare is a therapist specializing in helping divorced patients mend their broken hearts, though she hasn’t fully processed the tragic loss of her own husband—and throwing herself into her work is a good way to keep putting it off. At the same time, both her best friend and her daughter have marriage problems of their own. Now Clare’s preparing to open a permanent home for the retreats she leads, on a slice of breathtaking property on the Alabama coast owned by her former mother-in-law, a colorful eccentric who teaches Clare much about love and sacrifice and living freely. With so much going on, a new relationship is the last thing she wants. So, when Lex—a charismatic, charming retired navy captain—moves to town to run the marina, Clare insists they remain friends and nothing more. But even though she fights it, she begins to fall for him—and then finds she has a rival: his estranged wife, Annalee . . . Queen of Broken Hearts is richly textured tale “full of romance and surprises” (Fannie Flagg), from the national bestselling author of *The Sunday Wife* and *Tell Me a Story*.

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“In *The Lost Prince* Michael Mewshaw sets down one of the most gripping stories of friendship I’ve ever read.” —Daniel Menaker, author of *My Mistake: A Memoir* Pat Conroy was America’s poet laureate of family dysfunction. A larger-than-life character and the author of such classics as *The Prince of Tides* and *The Great Santini*, Conroy was remembered by everybody for his energy, his exuberance, and his self-lacerating humor. Michael Mewshaw’s *The Lost Prince* is an intimate memoir of his friendship with Pat Conroy, one that involves their families and those days in Rome when they were both young—when Conroy went from being a popular regional writer to an international bestseller. Family snapshots beautifully illustrate that time. Shortly before his forty-ninth birthday, Conroy telephoned Mewshaw to ask a terrible favor. With great reluctance, Mewshaw did as he was asked—and never saw Pat Conroy again. Although they never managed to reconcile their differences completely, Conroy later urged Mewshaw to write about “me and you and what happened . . . i know it would cause much pain to both of us. but here is what that story has that none of your others have.” *The Lost Prince* is Mewshaw’s fulfillment of a promise.

America’s favorite storyteller, Pat Conroy, is back with a unique cookbook that only he could conceive. Delighting us with tales of his passion for cooking and good food and the people, places, and great meals he has experienced, Conroy mixes them together with mouthwatering recipes from the Deep South and the world beyond. It all started thirty years ago with a chance purchase of *The Escoffier Cookbook*, an unlikely and

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daunting introduction for the beginner. But Conroy was more than up to the task. He set out with unwavering determination to learn the basics of French cooking—stocks and dough—and moved swiftly on to veal demi-glace and pâte brisée. With the help of his culinary accomplice, Suzanne Williamson Pollak, Conroy mastered the dishes of his beloved South as well as the cuisine he has savored in places as far away from home as Paris, Rome, and San Francisco. Each chapter opens with a story told with the inimitable brio of the author. We see Conroy in New Orleans celebrating his triumphant novel *The Prince of Tides* at a new restaurant where there is a contretemps with its hardworking young owner/chef—years later he discovered the earnest young chef was none other than Emeril Lagasse; we accompany Pat and his wife on their honeymoon in Italy and wander with him, wonderstruck, through the markets of Umbria and Rome; we learn how a dinner with his fighter-pilot father was preceded by the Great Santini himself acting out a perilous night flight that would become the last chapters of one of his son's most beloved novels. These tales and more are followed by corresponding recipes—from Breakfast Shrimp and Grits and Sweet Potato Rolls to Pappardelle with Prosciutto and Chestnuts and Beefsteak Florentine to Peppered Peaches and Creme Brulee. A master storyteller and passionate cook, Conroy believes that “A recipe is a story that ends with a good meal.” “This book is the story of my life as it relates to the subject of food. It is my autobiography in food and meals and restaurants and countries far and near. Let me take you to a restaurant on the Left Bank of Paris that I found

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when writing *The Lords of Discipline*. There are meals I ate in Rome while writing *The Prince of Tides* that ache in my memory when I resurrect them. There is a shrimp dish I ate in an elegant English restaurant, where Cuban cigars were passed out to all the gentlemen in the room after dinner, that I can taste on my palate as I write this. There is barbecue and its variations in the South, and the subject is a holy one to me. I write of truffles in the Dordogne Valley in France, cilantro in Bangkok, catfish in Alabama, scuppernong in South Carolina, Chinese food from my years in San Francisco, and white asparagus from the first meal my agent took me to in New York City. Let me tell you about the fabulous things I have eaten in my life, the story of the food I have encountered along the way. . . ”

New York Times bestseller: A “powerful” Southern drama about the destructive repercussions of keeping an unspeakable family secret (*The Atlanta Journal*). Tom Wingo has lost his job, and is on the verge of losing his marriage, when he learns that his twin sister, Savannah, has attempted suicide again. At the behest of Savannah’s psychiatrist, Dr. Susan Lowenstein, Tom reluctantly leaves his home in South Carolina to travel to New York City and aid in his sister’s therapy. As Tom’s relationship with Susan deepens, he reveals to her the turbulent history of the Wingo family, and exposes the truth behind the fateful day that changed their lives forever. Drawing richly from the author’s own troubled upbringing, *The Prince of Tides* is a sweeping, powerful novel of unlocking the past to overcome the darkest of personal demons—it’s Pat

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Conroy at his very best.

Eighteen-year-old Ben's attempts to stand up for himself, his mother, and his sister are resisted by his intolerant father, a fighter pilot and inflexible disciplinarian

“Bernie Schein is the funniest man alive, or so he has dogmatically maintained during the burdensome decades I have known him. . . . [He is] by turns hysterically funny, wildly neurotic, uniquely sensitive, and heartbreakingly honest.”—Pat Conroy

Pat Conroy, the bestselling author of *The Prince of Tides* and *The Great Santini* among many other books, was beloved by millions of readers. Bernie Schein was his best friend from the time they met in a high-school pickup basketball game in Beaufort, South Carolina, until Conroy's death in 2016. Both were popular but also outsiders as a Jew and a Catholic military brat in the small-town Bible-Belt South, and they bonded. Wiseass and smart aleck, loudmouths both, they shared an ebullient sense of humor and romanticism, were mesmerized by the highbrow and reveled in the low, and would sacrifice entire evenings and afternoons to endless conversation. As young teachers in the Beaufort area and later in Atlanta, they were activists in the civil rights struggle and against institutional racism and bigotry. Bernie knew intimately the private family story of the Conroys and his friend's difficult relationship with his Marine Corps colonel father that Pat would draw on repeatedly in his fiction. A love letter and homage, and a way to share the Pat he knew, this book collects Bernie's cherished memories about the gregarious, welcoming, larger-than-life man who remained his best friend, even during

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the years they didn't speak. It offers a trove of insights and anecdotes that will be treasured by Pat Conroy's many devoted fans.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • A deeply affecting coming-of-age memoir about family, love, loss, basketball—and life itself—by the beloved author of *The Prince of Tides* and *The Great Santini* During one unforgettable season as a Citadel cadet, Pat Conroy becomes part of a basketball team that is ultimately destined to fail. And yet for a military kid who grew up on the move, the Bulldogs provide a sanctuary from the cold, abrasive father who dominates his life—and a crucible for becoming his own man. With all the drama and incandescence of his bestselling fiction, Conroy re-creates his pivotal senior year as captain of the Citadel Bulldogs. He chronicles the highs and lows of that fateful 1966–67 season, his tough disciplinarian coach, the joys of winning, and the hard-won lessons of losing. Most of all, he recounts how a group of boys came together as a team, playing a sport that would become a metaphor for a man whose spirit could never be defeated. Praise for *My Losing Season* “A superb accomplishment, maybe the finest book Pat Conroy has written.”—*The Washington Post Book World* “A wonderfully rich memoir that you don't have to be a sports fan to love.”—*Houston Chronicle* “A memoir with all the Conroy trademarks . . . Here's ample proof that losers always tell the best stories.”—*Newsweek* “In *My Losing Season*, Conroy opens his arms wide to embrace his difficult past and almost everyone in it.”—*New York Daily News* “Haunting, bittersweet and as compelling as his bestselling fiction.”—*Boston Herald*

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Stories with a moral have regaled children and adults alike and especially the children if the animal kingdom comes alive! The author's early morning excursions in nature inspired the storytelling as also the need to conserve our wonderful natural habitats through stories like "The Woodcutter and The Fisherman". Such stories are an attempt to encourage the children to bond with nature. Honesty, peaceful coexistence and hard work are virtues when imbibed and cultivated at a young age go a long way in moulding a child into a person of strength and character. Stories such as "Toto the weasel" bring home a lesson of equality among our brethren. The illustrations by the author himself will help in capturing the imagination of the readers.

Energized by changes in careers and romances, the ladies of Novel Women book club transition from a tumultuous summer into autumn. But they soon discover that this new stage of life doesn't come with instructions. Sandwiched between their parents and children, they rely on each other to navigate this confusing period. As they face these new challenges, the six women buoy one other up with an abundance of wisdom, resilience, strength, and ---yes, ---love. After all, book club is so much more than just reading. Bri - book club founder, finds returning to work after a twenty-year hiatus proves to be even more difficult than she feared. Madeline - senses something isn't quite right with her husband's business associate and friend. Ava- visits her mother in Puerto Rico after

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Hurricane Maria and is attracted to a neighbor's son. Hanna -her controlling mother moves in with her when her sister is diagnosed with a life-threatening illness. Charlotte-grapples with her boyfriend's ex-wife's looming presence and hostile children. Staci -longs for her elusive Vermont farmer despite brutal attacks by his jealous longtime friend.

Four cadets become blood brothers. Together they will encounter the hell of vicious bullying and the rabid, secretive atmosphere of an arrogant and proud military institute. Together they will brace themselves for the brutal transition to manhood - and one of them will not survive.

Bestselling author Pat Conroy acknowledges the books that have shaped him and celebrates the profound effect reading has had on his life. Pat Conroy, the beloved American storyteller, is a voracious reader. Starting as a childhood passion that bloomed into a life-long companion, reading has been Conroy's portal to the world, both to the farthest corners of the globe and to the deepest chambers of the human soul. His interests range widely, from Milton to Tolkien, Philip Roth to Thucydides, encompassing poetry, history, philosophy, and any mesmerizing tale of his native South. He has for years kept notebooks in which he records words and expressions, over time creating a vast reservoir of playful turns of phrase, dazzling flashes of description, and snippets of delightful sound,

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all just for his love of language. But for Conroy reading is not simply a pleasure to be enjoyed in off-hours or a source of inspiration for his own writing. It would hardly be an exaggeration to claim that reading has saved his life, and if not his life then surely his sanity. In *My Reading Life*, Conroy revisits a life of reading through an array of wonderful and often surprising anecdotes: sharing the pleasures of the local library's vast cache with his mother when he was a boy, recounting his decades-long relationship with the English teacher who pointed him onto the path of letters, and describing a profoundly influential period he spent in Paris, as well as reflecting on other pivotal people, places, and experiences. His story is a moving and personal one, girded by wisdom and an undeniable honesty. Anyone who not only enjoys the pleasures of reading but also believes in the power of books to shape a life will find here the greatest defense of that credo. **BONUS:** This ebook edition includes an excerpt from Pat Conroy's *The Death of Santini*.

The #1 New York Times–bestselling author's story about life at the Citadel in the 1960s, a profound exploration of what it means to be a man of honor. Lt. Col. Nugent Courvoisie, known to the cadets as “the Boo,” is an imposing and inspiring leader at the South Carolina military academy, the Citadel. A harsh disciplinarian but a compassionate mentor, he guides and inspires his young

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charges. Cadet Peter Cates is an anomaly. He is a gifted writer, a talented basketball player, and a good student, but his outward successes do little to impress his abusive father. The Boo takes Cates under his wing, but their bond is threatened when they're forced to confront an act of violence on campus. Drawn from Pat Conroy's own experiences as a student at the Citadel, The Boo is an unforgettable story about duty, loyalty, and standing up for what is right in the face of overwhelming circumstances.

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