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Skinny on a Big Fat Me The Fat Man's Daughter

For more than forty years, Jack Germond enjoyed an extraordinary career in political reporting. With his trademark no-nonsense style and tremendous wit in abundance, Fat Man in a Middle Seat remembers the personalities that dominated national politics during Germond's career: Richard Nixon, Hubert Humphrey, Eugene McCarthy, George McGovern, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, and Bill Clinton. Germond writes about the real stuff of politics and captures the details of the reporter's life on the road—the off-the-record briefings and strategy sessions, countless late nights in bars, and overcrowded Friday-night standby flights. In the words of Tim Russert, this is “quintessential Germond—candid, insightful, and irreverent.” To be fat in a thin-obsessed gay culture can be difficult. Despite affectionate in-group monikers for big gay men—chubs, bears, cubs—the anti-fat stigma that persists in American culture at large

still haunts these individuals who often exist at the margins of gay communities. In *Fat Gay Men*, Jason Whitesel delves into the world of Girth & Mirth, a nationally known social club dedicated to big gay men, illuminating the ways in which these men form identities and community in the face of adversity. In existence for over forty years, the club has long been a refuge and ‘safe space’ for such men. Both a partial insider as a gay man and an outsider to Girth & Mirth, Whitesel offers an insider's critique of the gay movement, questioning whether the social consequences of the failure to be height-weight proportionate should be so extreme in the gay community. This book documents performances at club events and examines how participants use allusion and campy-queer behavior to reconfigure and reclaim their sullied body images, focusing on the numerous tensions of marginalization and dignity that big gay men experience and how they negotiate these tensions via their

membership to a size-positive group. Based on ethnographic interviews and in-depth field notes from more than 100 events at bar nights, café klatches, restaurants, potlucks, holiday bashes, pool parties, movie nights, and weekend retreats, the book explores the woundedness that comes from being relegated to an inferior position in gay hierarchies, and yet celebrates how some gay men can reposition the shame of fat stigma through carnival, camp, and play. A compelling and rich narrative, *Fat Gay Men* provides a rare glimpse into an unexplored dimension of weight and body image in American culture. Giles demonstrates that while Crane, Norris, and London saw the newly emerging ghetto as a source of sensational subject matter, they distanced implied narrators from settings and characters through their use of narrative perspective. He contends that Crane bridges this separation in his 1893 version of *Maggie: A Girl of the Streets* with the encounter between the grotesque "fat man" and the novel's

heroine. According to Giles, this fat man functions as a startling incarnation of the middle-class writer's fascination with, and fear of, a depraved inner city. Amy is a waitress in Bath. She is married and also finds men who pay to have sex with her. When an acquaintance introduces her to a young fat man named Gary, a strange relationship develops. Originally published: London: Fourth Estate, 1998. Herbert Muskie is *The Fat Man*. When he catches skinny, hungry Colin Potter stealing a chocolate bar, he forces Colin to become his partner in crime. This begins an ever-escalating cycle of dominance fueled by Muskie's hatred of the people of Loomis--a grudge Colin doesn't understand. The Fat Man's sphere of influence quickly ensnares the rest of Colin's family and threatens to destroy their lives. Despite believing he was bionic as a child, Ira Rainey was far from an elite athlete with superhuman running abilities like the ones he read about in books. He was in fact an overweight and unfit slacker who felt a bit

sorry for himself because he had sore feet. Sure he ran a bit, but he also sat around a lot and ate and drank too much. Why? Because he could, and because he was a delusional optimist who thought everything would always be just fine. That was until a friend was diagnosed with terminal cancer and given months to live. It was an event that would push Ira to tackle his apathy towards life and take on the challenge of becoming an ultramarathon runner, pushing himself to go further than he had ever gone before. Award winning, *Fat Man to Green Man: From Unfit to Ultramarathon* is a warm and humorous account of one man's quest to uncover his true super powers as he journeys from fat to fit, and taking in everything that came between the two. It is a story of fields and friendships; mud and maps; but more importantly learning how to push yourself to achieve what you would never believe you could - and how to deal with the consequences. *Fat Man to Green Man* won the silver award for running books in The 2014

Running Awards, an award voted for by runners. Ira Rainey, with *Fat Man to Green Man*, was also a shortlisted finalist for New Writer of the Year in The British Sports Book Awards 2014. "Ira Rainey's lifestyle transformation is an extraordinary example of what can be accomplished with passion and conviction. *Fat Man to Green Man* is an inspirational story of how the seemingly impossible can come true. A must-read for anyone looking to make a positive change." - Dean Karnazes - World-renowned endurance athlete and NY Times bestselling author "Rainey is proof that ultradistance races can be completed by middle-aged mortals and not just extreme endurance athletes with a penchant for pain." - Men's Fitness Magazine "The ending? It's not what you will expect, but it will see you re-appraise everything in life you thought was certain. We think you will be inspired and, like us, are certain you may lose a few tears before you reach it." - Running Fitness Magazine "It's an inspirational tale of Ira's

battle with inner demons and ill health...I felt as if I was right beside him..." - Trail Running Magazine "So many things are covered here, the back to back training runs, the speed work (I was actually a bit intimidated by how fast he can knock out a 5K), the nutrition and weight loss and dealing with injury and recovery. He discovered that he was not bionic but overall he was very capable of running long distances and recalling the tales very vividly." - James Adams - Ultramarathon runner and author of Running and Stuff "At times laugh out loud funny, at others quite poignant (the parts where Ira faces the impending loss of a dear friend are especially touching) this book is a fun take on one man's journey to becoming an ultra runner, and finding himself in the process." - UltrarunnerPodcast "Dean Karnazes taught us about what it takes to be at the very top of ultra running, wowing us in the process while Ira, inspired by Dean, gives us an insight of ultra running that the rest of us could aspire to." - The

Running Stories You know what you need to do to lose weight, so why can't you do it? Morbidly obese and desperately unhappy, Gregg McBride asked himself this question for years, until something different finally "clicked," and enabled him to embark on a weight-loss journey of 250 pounds that has now lasted ten years and still counting. Alternately hilarious and heartbreaking in its honesty, Weightless is Gregg's story, but it is much more. It's an exclusive weight-loss plan with menus, recipes, exercises, and motivational techniques. Weightless will move, educate, entertain, and inspire anyone who is ready for change. Gregg McBride is a film and television writer and producer living in Los Angeles, where he works for companies including Disney, Paramount, Sony, ABC Family, Nickelodeon, Comedy Central, MTV, and others. His blog, JustStopEatingSoMuch.com, focuses on the topics of weight loss and food addiction. McBride has made multiple appearances on the

Today Show and is also the author of the book *Just Stop Eating So Much!*, as well as a featured blogger for the Huffington Post. Joy Bauer, MS, RD, CDN, is the longtime nutrition and health expert for the Today Show, a contributing editor to *Woman's Day* magazine, and the New York Times best-selling author of *Food Cures* and *Joy Fit Club*. Two bombs over Japan. Two shells. One called Little Boy, one called Fat Man. Three days apart. The one implicit in the other. *Brothers*. Named one of Flavorwire's best independent books of 2014, and winner of the 2013 Horatio Nelson Fiction Prize. In this striking debut novel, the atomic bombs dropped on Japan are personified as Fat Man and Little Boy. This small measure of humanity is a cruelty the bombs must suffer. Given life from death, the brothers' journey is one of surreal and unsettling discovery, transforming these symbols of mass destruction into beacons of longing and hope. "Impressive. . . The novel straddles a hybrid genre of historical magical realism." —The Japan

Times "Meginnis's talent is his ability to make the reader feel empathy for souls who killed so many. . . Many pages in this novel feel like engravings . . . Meginnis has written one of the best, most natural novels about the atomic bombs." —Nick Ripatrazone, *The Millions* "[An] imaginative debut. . . Meginnis' story is both surprising and incisive." —Publishers Weekly Short stories. a weight loss diary With a riotous mix of saints and devils, street theater and dancing, and music and fireworks, Christian festivals are some of the most lively and colorful spectacles that occur in Spain and its former European and American possessions. That these folk celebrations, with roots reaching back to medieval times, remain vibrant in the high-tech culture of the twenty-first century strongly suggests that they also provide an indispensable vehicle for expressing hopes, fears, and desires that people can articulate in no other way. In this book, Max Harris explores and develops principles for understanding the folk theology

underlying patronal saints' day festivals, feasts of Corpus Christi, and Carnivals through a series of vivid, first-hand accounts of these festivities throughout Spain and in Puerto Rico, Mexico, Peru, Trinidad, Bolivia, and Belgium. Paying close attention to the signs encoded in folk performances, he finds in these festivals a folk theology of social justice that—however obscured by official rhetoric, by distracting theories of archaic origin, or by the performers' own need to mask their resistance to authority—is often in articulate and complex dialogue with the power structures that surround it. This discovery sheds important new light on the meanings of religious festivals celebrated from Belgium to Peru and on the sophisticated theatrical performances they embody. There was no sign of life. But not for a second did Pascoe admit the possibility of death. Dalziel was indestructible. Dalziel is, and was, and forever shall be, world without end, amen. Chief constables might come and chief

constables might go, but Fat Andy went on forever. Caught in the full blast of a huge explosion, Detective Superintendent Andy Dalziel lies on a hospital bed, with only a life support system and his indomitable will between him and the Great Beyond. His colleague, Detective Chief Inspector Peter Pascoe, is determined to bring those responsible to justice. Pascoe suspects a group called The Templars, and the deeper he digs, the more certain he is that The Templars are getting help from within the police force. The plot is complex, the pace fast, the jokes furious, and the climax astounding. And above it all, like a huge dirigible threatening to break from its moorings, hovers the disembodied spirit of Andy Dalziel. A runaway train is racing toward five men who are tied to the track. Unless the train is stopped, it will inevitably kill all five men. You are standing on a footbridge looking down on the unfolding disaster. However, a fat man, a stranger, is standing next to you: if you push him off the

bridge, he will topple onto the line and, although he will die, his chunky body will stop the train, saving five lives. Would you kill the fat man? The question may seem bizarre. But it's one variation of a puzzle that has baffled moral philosophers for almost half a century and that more recently has come to preoccupy neuroscientists, psychologists, and other thinkers as well. In this book, David Edmonds, coauthor of the best-selling Wittgenstein's Poker, tells the riveting story of why and how philosophers have struggled with this ethical dilemma, sometimes called the trolley problem. In the process, he provides an entertaining and informative tour through the history of moral philosophy. Most people feel it's wrong to kill the fat man. But why? After all, in taking one life you could save five. As Edmonds shows, answering the question is far more complex--and important--than it first appears. In fact, how we answer it tells us a great deal about right and wrong. In 16 compelling essays about American culture &

politics, this author, a scion of the world renowned musical Menuhin family, mixes it up with royalty, revolutionaries, murderers, celebrities & visionaries in a journey that juxtaposes his uncle - classical violinist Yehudi Menuhin - & Frank Zappa. For four decades the author has roamed the underground, writing extensively on his own unique & endearing vision. He has written for & worked at the Los Angeles Free Press, the Los Angeles Times, the Daily News, the Washington Post, the San Francisco Chronicle & Psychology Today. His work is often nationally syndicated & anthologized in important books such as Unknown California: Classic & Contemporary Writing on California Culture, Society, History & Politics (Macmillan) & On Bohemia: The Code of the Self-Exiled (Transaction). The author's eclectic musical world includes giants like Woody Guthrie, Janis Joplin, Darius Milhaud, Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco, Gregor Piatigorsky, Joseph Szigeti, Earl "Fatha" Hines, Arnold

Schoenberg, Sonny Terry, Brownie McGee & Hoyt Axton. But music isn't everything. As author of the classic *Literary L. A.* (Chronicle Books) & *In Search of Literary L. A.* (California Classics Books), he ranges among such nobles as Mark Twain, Truman Capote, Jack Kerouac, Upton Sinclair, Thomas Mann, Howard Fast, Malcolm Lowry, Carl Sandburg & his own godmother, Willa Cather. As a journalist, he has written with intimate knowledge about Cleveland Amory, Herb Caen, Warren Hinckle & General Harrison Gray Otis, founder of the Los Angeles Times. His political coverage is massive, ranging from Abba Eban to Ronald Regan to Jim Garrison & the Kennedys. In the meanwhile, folks like Ed Asner, Ed Sullivan & Oliver Stone populate his Hollywood narrative. These tales collectively rip the masks off the politics, culture & society of the last four decades of the 20th century. Readers will meet some strange, shadowy figures, but also some beautiful visionaries. From the heyday of the '50s B-

movies through the disaster genre of the '70s, William Castle was an extraordinary movie mogul who produced such classic thrillers as *Straight Jacket*, *Homicidal* and *Rosemary's Baby*. Here are the outrageous memoirs of an American original whose life was every bit as outlandish as his movies. *Photographs. Filmography.* "The year is 1937. Japan has already annexed the Chinese province of Manchuria and installed Henry Pu-Yi, the last Emperor of China, as the ruler of their new colony, renamed "Manchukuo." Hong Kong is a vortex of intrigue as its British rulers carry on with "the good life." "Nineteen-year-old Leah Kolbe lines her eyes with kohl, covers her arms with bangles, dons a red silk dress slit up the sides and sets forth for the steamy streets of Hong Kong, the gambling dens of Macau, and beyond. Her father, a shady antiques dealer, the notorious Fat Man of Hong Kong, has died suddenly and mysteriously. Her inheritance is a massive house on Victoria Peak filled with the

exquisite collection of antiques he had amassed as his stock in trade, the education in connoisseurship he has given her, and the maxims he has taught her, chief of which is "Everybody cheats. Be sure you cheat first." Leah aspires to follow in his footsteps." "The only person she trusts is An-li, her elderly Chinese amah. When Mr. Chang, a Kuomintang agent who says he knew her father, makes her a business proposition, at first Leah declines. But to keep her house and the business, Leah desperately needs ready money." "Chang's proposal launches Leah into danger as she heads north by train up the coast of China to Manchukuo. To survive, she must use all her father's cunning plus her own assets: determination, courage, and beauty."--BOOK JACKET. "Nuclear weapons, since their conception, have been the subject of secrecy. In the months after the dropping of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the American scientific establishment, the American

government, and the American public all wrestled with what was called the "problem of secrecy," wondering not only whether secrecy was appropriate and effective as a means of controlling this new technology but also whether it was compatible with the country's core values. Out of a messy context of propaganda, confusion, spy scares, and the grave counsel of competing groups of scientists, what historian Alex Wellerstein calls a "new regime of secrecy" was put into place. It was unlike any other previous or since. Nuclear secrets were given their own unique legal designation in American law ("restricted data"), one that operates differently than all other forms of national security classification and exists to this day. Drawing on massive amounts of declassified files, including records released by the government for the first time at the author's request, Restricted Data is a narrative account of nuclear secrecy and the tensions and uncertainty that built as the Cold War continued.

In the US, both science and democracy are pitted against nuclear secrecy, and this makes its history uniquely compelling and timely"-- This week only, save 10% to 40% on the boxed sets, Claus Boxed (Volume 1 and Volume 2)... In the early 1800s, Nicholas Santa discovered an ancient race of elven. Short, fat and hairy, they have lived peacefully on the North Pole since the Ice Age but Nicholas is quickly swept into the colony's first and only fracture. The elven known as the Cold One has divided his people. His name is Jack. And Jack's tired of hiding. Why should they live in a shrinking ice cap when humans occupy the rest of the world? It's just not fair. There's no stopping Jack from world domination until Nicholas Santa, the only human to enter the elven colony, joins helium-bladder reindeer, artificially-intelligent snowmen, and a merry band of big-footed elven to bring peace back to the North Pole. And becomes a legend.

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seductive lure of quick, huge profits to finance her travels around the world and a thirst for adventure convinced her to march blindly into the unknown - the ruthless, macho male dominated drug underworld. That decision changed her life forever. In search of the 'precious crystal', Jan chose to live a secret double life while 'acting' as a freelance photographer during the decade of the seventies. It was her preferred alternative to a 9-to-5 job. Luckily, it was before Pablo Escobar's Colombian Medellín cartel in the 1980's and Joaquin "el Chapo" Guzman's Mexican Sinaloa cartel in the 1990's, took control of the cocaine trade. Otherwise, she may not have lived to tell her story. Jan Sherman was a fearless, "kick-ass chick" with balls, who followed her own path. Her mantra was "living life to the fullest meant freedom and freedom meant money." While on the 'cocaine trail,' her gut instincts were her guide to every dilemma she encountered; surviving a coup d'etat in La Paz, mobsters in

Lima and arrest in the Bolivian jungle. Most smugglers were busted, languishing in deplorable foreign jails for years or worse yet, murdered. Jan Sherman beat the odds, netting seven kilos of cocaine worth \$2 million today. At the end of the book, there's a bonus portfolio of 68 color and B&W photos. Readers can see the 'real cast of characters,' as well as an amazing travelogue of Jan's photojournalism while experiencing her adventures in South America, Africa, and China. The personal essays and reminiscences of Antonio Lobo Antunes, happily gathered here, provide not only glimpses into Portuguese life but also passages that lead to the heart of experience itself. The Fatman speaks. Insight and insanity from the King of Game Audio. -Written by the game audio legend. Both industry veterans and incoming newbies are waiting on this book. -Teaches how to best use audio in a game environment so that the heart of the player is touched and hooked for the long term. -Covers what game companies are

looking for in their games today - keeping their audience hooked and coming back for more. Fat from an early age, the author had an obese adolescence that last into his 30s. Despite having lost more than 130 pounds three times, he weighed 365 in October 1991, when he began accepting that he might be a food addict, and undertaking the practices and treatments designed for alcoholics. "Fat Boy Thin Man" relates what it was like to grow up fat, what it was like to experience reliable improvement in his health and lifestyle, and what about his experience relates to others. The second line of his book assures readers he isn't a guru; he shares what was shared with him by others. "Fat Boy Thin Man" will delight readers who enjoy humorous, engaging, real-life stories of redemption. But it will also serve readers who suffer, or whose loved ones suffer, with obesity that they have tried and failed to resolve repeatedly. For more than forty years, Jack Germond has been covering politics for Gannett

newspapers, the Washington Star, and the Baltimore Sun, and talking politics on the Today show, The McLaughlin Group, and Inside Washington. Now, in Fat Man Fed Up, Germond confronts the most critical issues raised by our election process and offers a scathing but wry polemic about what's wrong with American politics. Is there any connection between what happens in campaigns and what happens in government? And if not, where does the blame for the discontent lie? Was Tocqueville right? Do we get the leaders we deserve? Indeed, according to Germond, the politicians aren't the only ones to blame, or even the chief culprits. He describes how he and his colleagues in the news media have been guilty of dumbing-down the political process—and how the voters are too apathetic to demand better coverage and better results. Instead, they simply turn away and too often end up enduring third-rate presidents. This no-sacred-cows manifesto faces the problems many are reluctant to address: • Polls and how

they are used and abused by politicians and press to mislead gullible voters. • The critical failure of the press to accurately portray figures in the political realm, from Eugene McCarthy to Barbara Bush to Al Sharpton. • How the complaints about liberal bias in the press miss the real point: whether that bias, if it exists, colors the way editors and reporters work. • The staggering influence of television, and the networks' inability to provide anything but the most simplistic coverage of politics. • The "big lie" school of campaigning. From "Where's the beef?" to "compassionate conservatism," the politics of empty slogans has always placed noise above nuance: Say anything loudly enough and long enough, and voters are bound to mistake it for the truth. Along the way, Germond illustrates his arguments by drawing from his war chest of priceless anecdotes from decades in the business. With his inimitable combination of incisive journalism and sardonic and witty straight talk, Germond guides us through the fog

created by candidates and the media. In this timely, outrageous, and compulsively readable book, no one is let off the hook. Fat Man Fed Up is a bracing look at how we never seem to get the truth about the people we're electing. Tom Vernon - the thinking man's Alan Whicker - who donned his metaphorical beret and cruised through France on two wheels, delights us with the subtitles and diversity of everyday French living. He visits the more popular areas of France such as Normandy (and Tom's ancestral town of Vernon), Brittany, Champagne, Alsace and Lorraine, the Loire Valley, Languedoc, and Lozere-Averyron-Cevennes. From whom else would you learn about the woman in the Cevennes who kept all the silkworm eggs of the village in bed with her for 15 days, until they hatched? Or where you can eat a salad of geziars (chicken gizzards) followed by duck breast with green pepper sauce accompanied by courgettes and bechamel, all for 85F? "A collection of short stories about family relationships and coming of

age both in the United States and Rwanda during the 1990s Rwandan holocaust that offers a look at the wider subjects of race, religion, discrimination, and mental illness"--Provided by publisher. The twenty stories collected in this volume offer not only a comprehensive look at the variety and invention of Bolivian literature, but also provide more information about the heart and soul of Bolivia than a warehouse full of news reports. The most comprehensive collection of modern Bolivian literature yet published in English, *The Fat Man from La Paz* offers a kaleidoscopic view of the country's last fifty years, from a sociological and cultural viewpoint. *The Fat Man from La Paz* places such Bolivian luminaries as Augusto Céspedes, whose *The Well* is probably the most published piece of Bolivian literature, alongside bright young stars like Edmundo Paz Soldán, one of last year's finalists for the Romulo Gallegos Literary Prize (the Nobel prize for Latin American writers). In the title story, Gonzalo Lema's "The Fat Man

from La Paz," a Bolivian detective, with a nod to Raymond Chandler's Philip Marlowe, takes a hard look at corruption in Bolivia's capital city and learns a thing or two about the dark ambiguities lurking in human nature and in the communities people build. Many of the other stories in *The Fat Man from La Paz* appear here for the first time in English. To the ordinary circus-goer they were simply "geeks and freaks" to be gawked at. But they were friends and fellow performers trying to live lives as normal as physical deformity and itinerant profession would allow. Humorous essays discuss carsickness, bad hair days, high heels, Halloween, Thanksgiving, directions, Christmas, shaving, Mardi Gras, and spring Framing the discussion as a crime tried in the court of public opinion, presents a lighthearted examination of the trolley problem--one of the most famous thought experiments in modern philosophy. When people like Herbert Muskie take up residence in your mind, there's nothing you can

do to get them out. Colin Potter is a skinny boy, hungry for chocolate. Herbert Muskie is enormously fat, hungry for revenge. A dramatic encounter down at the creek forges an unhappy alliance between the vindictive man and the fearful child. But who is the fat man and why does he hate the people of Loomis? What guilty secrets are hidden in the past and why are Colin's parents such special targets? A taut thriller from the award-winning author of *The Fire-Raiser*, *Salt and Gool*. Also available as an eBook A satire of traditional Christmas stories and noir. A hardboiled elf is framed for murder in a North Pole world that plays reindeer games for keeps, and where favorite holiday characters live complex lives beyond December. Fired from his longtime job as captain of the Coal Patrol, two-foot-three inch 1,300-year-old elf Gumdrop Coal is angry. He's one of Santa's original elves, inspired by the fat man's vision to bring joy to children on that one special day each year. But somewhere along the way things went sour for

Gumdrop. Maybe it was delivering one too many lumps of coal for the Naughty List. Maybe it's the conspiracy against Christmas that he's starting to sense down every chimney. Either way, North Pole disillusionment is nothing new: Some elves brood with a bottle of nog, trying to forget their own wish list. Some get better. Some get bitter. Gumdrop Coal wants revenge. Justice is the only thing he knows, and so he decides to give a serious wakeup call to parents who can't keep their vile offspring from landing on the Naughty List. But when one parent winds up dead, his eye shot out with a Red Ryder Carbine-Action Two-Hundred-Shot Range Model BB gun, Gumdrop Coal must learn who framed him and why. Along the way he'll escape the life-sucking plants of the Mistletoe Forrest, battle the infamous Tannenbomb Giant, and survive a close encounter with twelve very angry drummers and their violent friends. The horrible truth lurking behind the gingerbread doors of Kringle Town could spell the end of Christmas-

and of the fat man himself. Holly Jolly! ONE OF NPR'S BEST BOOKS OF 2019 A "warm and funny and honest...genuinely unputdownable" (Curtis Sittenfeld) memoir chronicling what it's like to live in today's world as a fat man, from acclaimed journalist Tommy Tomlinson, who, as he neared the age of fifty, weighed 460 pounds and decided he had to change his life. When he was almost fifty years old, Tommy Tomlinson weighed an astonishing—and dangerous—460 pounds, at risk for heart disease, diabetes, and stroke, unable to climb a flight of stairs without having to catch his breath, or travel on an airplane without buying two seats. Raised in a family that loved food, he had been aware of the problem for years, seeing doctors and trying diets from the time he was a preteen. But nothing worked, and every time he tried to make a change, it didn't go the way he planned—in fact, he wasn't sure that he really wanted to change. In *The Elephant in the Room*, Tomlinson chronicles his lifelong battle with weight in a

voice that combines the urgency of Roxane Gay's *Hunger* with the intimacy of Rick Bragg's *All Over but the Shoutin'*. He also hits the road to meet other members of the plus-sized tribe in an attempt to understand how, as a nation, we got to this point. From buying a Fitbit and setting exercise goals to contemplating the Heart Attack Grill in Las Vegas, America's "capital of food porn," and modifying his own diet, Tomlinson brings us along on a candid and sometimes brutal look at the everyday experience of being constantly aware of your size. Over the course of the book, he confronts these issues head-on and chronicles the practical steps he has to take to lose weight by the end. "What could have been a wallow in memoir self-pity is raised to art by Tomlinson's wit and prose" (Rolling Stone). Affecting and searingly honest, *The Elephant in the Room* is an "inspirational" (The New York Times) memoir that will resonate with anyone who has grappled with addiction, shame, or self-consciousness. "Add this to your reading list

ASAP” (Charlotte Magazine). Living with the tattoo of social intolerance as a morbidly obese fat guy, Erik W. Chase tells a riveting story of his addiction to food. He shares the vulnerable struggles, gains, losses, and victories that he has as he remarkably fights to win the battle against his addiction. His man's vivid perspective will make you laugh, cry, and be compelled to understand the many misconceptions that are associated with being fat. His story is your story. Erik W. Chase does not claim to be an expert by any means, just a funny fat guy who has lost weight, gained weight, lost weight again, and yet has the resolve to make a difference as he peels away the layers and exposes the harsh reality of being fat in society. He may have been shunned for a moment, but his voice is loud and clear in his story of survival and triumph.

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