

Voice The A Memoir

This book presents for the first time the complete text of the earliest known Ladino-language memoir, transliterated from the original script, translated into English, and introduced and explicated by the editors. The memoirist, Sa'adi Besalel a-Levi (1820–1903), wrote about Ottoman Jews' daily life at a time when the finely wrought fabric of Ottoman society was just beginning to unravel. His vivid portrayal of life in Salonica, a major port in the Ottoman Levant with a majority Jewish population, thus provides a unique window into a way of life before it disappeared as a result of profound political and social changes and the World Wars. Sa'adi was a prominent journalist and publisher, one of the most significant creators of modern Sephardic print culture. He was also a rebel who accused the Jewish leadership of Salonica of being corrupt, abusive, and fanatical; that leadership, in turn, excommunicated him from the Jewish community. The experience of excommunication pervades Sa'adi's memoir, which documents a world that its author was himself actively involved in changing.

No Fear is about my decision to relinquish my total being to God when I was young. An inner voice--God's voice--had become a permanent part of me, speaking to me and advising me in times of trouble and danger. My father was born in Haiti and could not provide any religious support to me and my siblings. However, my mother, who is also Haitian, a Christian, and an advocate of prayer, pushed and encouraged me to grow closer to God through prayer. While I was a high school student almost thirty years ago, thank God my inner voice--God's voice--spoke loudly and clearly to my conscious being. As I was heading into the girls' locker room to change for tennis practice, all of a sudden, I heard my inner voice command me to leave the school building. At the entrance, I encountered a teenage boy standing there, who violently grabbed my arm and was trying to pull down his pants with his other hand. I kicked him hard in his groin, which forced him to the ground. I was free. Years later, when I was a Peace Corps volunteer working in Guinea, West Africa, the government compound where I was living was attacked by an angry mob seeking revenge on a political figure whom they believed was corrupt. The night before, my inner voice--God's voice--instructed me to pack a small bag. I escaped unharmed.

Portrays the life of the indomitable author/conservationist who dedicated her life to saving the Everglades

This timeless memoir documents two sisters' bravery leading up to WWII—a singular historical account that shines a light on one of humanity's darkest hours. Ida and Louise Cook are two ordinary Englishwomen, seemingly destined never to stray from their quiet London suburb and comfortable jobs—Ida as a budding romance novelist and Louise as a civil service typist. But in 1923, a chance hearing of an aria from Madame Butterfly sparked a passion for opera in the sisters that led to the formation of friendships with some of Europe's leading singers and their network, many of them Jewish. As the Nazis rose to power, Ida and Louise began working with the opera world's insiders to save members of the community from persecution and death. Through ingenuity, thrift and bottomless goodwill, the sisters eluded the suspicion of the Nazis and helped secure safe passage for dozens of refugees. No one would have predicted such daring lives for Ida and Louise Cook—but that underestimation is exactly how they were able to

save lives. First published in 1950, Ida's memoir of the adventures she and Louise shared remains as fresh, vital and entertaining as the woman who wrote it, and is a moving testament to the extraordinary acts of courage by two everyday heroes.

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"Cemented to the slopes of Monte Vettore was Pretare, my native town"--P. 4.
Growing up African American in segregated Arkansas in the 1950s, Barbara Hendricks witnessed firsthand the painful struggle for civil rights. After graduation from the Juilliard School of Music, Hendricks immediately won a number of important international prizes, and began performing in recitals and operas throughout the world. A Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, she is as devoted to humanitarian work as she is to her music. Always the anti-diva, Hendricks is a down-to-earth and straightforward woman, whether singing Mozart or black spirituals. She challenges stereotypes and puts the

music first and presents a warm, engaging, and honest self-portrait of one of the great women of music.

Taking a girl's voice is the same as taking her power. This is a memoir about love and loss, secrets and lies. But as surely as the sun shines behind the grayest clouds, healing comes drop by drop. Like petals of rain.

In 1997, Mary Saracino's gradual loss of voice was diagnosed as spasmodic dysphonia, a rare, incurable, yet treatable condition. VOICES OF THE SOFT-BELLIED WARRIOR is her memoir offering a personal glimpse into the author's body-mind-spirit healing journey to reclaim her voice on many levels. Through her four-year struggle, Mary excavated her passion for life and reclaimed her voice as a writer.

Studies of fashion and literature in recent decades have focused primarily on representations of clothing and dress within literary texts. But what about the author? How did he dress? What were her shopping practices and predilections? What were his alliances with modishness, stylishness, fashion? The essays in this book explore these and other questions as they look at authors from the eighteenth century through the postmodern and digital eras, cultural producers who were also men and women of fashion: Alexander Pope, Hester Thrale, Mary Robinson, Lord Byron, William Thackeray, Charlotte Bronte, Wilkie Collins, Margaret Oliphant, Virginia Woolf, Rebecca West, Trudi Kanter, Angela Carter, and Martin Margiela. The essays collected here ultimately converge upon a fundamental question: what happens to our notions of timeless literature when authorship itself is implicated in the transient and the temporary, the cycles and materials of fashion? "Gerald Egan's provocative introduction to this exciting new book poses a bold question: How are authorship and literature – so often linked to ideas of transcendence – implicated in the transient trends and stuff of fashion? The thirteen chapters that follow track authorship's complex implication in the discourses and materiality of fashion and fashionable goods from the eighteenth to the twentieth centuries. Wide-ranging in discipline and chronology, yet forensically focused and carefully argued, this book makes a striking and wonderfully original contribution to studies of authorship, celebrity and material culture." — Dr Jennie Batchelor, Professor of Eighteenth-Century Studies, University of Kent, UK

Purposeful Grace is a book about personal growth and perseverance. From being the first person in my family to attend an out-of-state university, to becoming pregnant right before my senior year of college, this book is meant to be encouraging for those who may ever feel like giving up, but a little voice inside urges them forward. This memoir outlines one of the most important seasons in my life, which contributed a great deal to the woman I am today. Don't quit. Keep pushing!

Perhaps because we called our mother Diddi, elder sister, our relationship with her was always somewhat ambivalent. More than a mother she was for us a difficult sibling, an eccentric, much older sister who belonged to a different generation. Attempting to unravel the enigma that was her mother, Ira Pande trawls through her writings to recall the life and times of a mother who was also a household name as Shivani, novelist, storyteller and columnist. In the process she discovers a rich and colourful cast ranging from family retainers, grandmothers and aunts to neighbours, friends and fictional characters. Built around the deep ties between mothers and daughters, Diddi salutes the often decadent but highly literate members of a family that produced both eccentrics and

brilliant writers. Deftly dovetailing fiction and memoir, with brilliant translations of Shivani's own stories taking the narrative forward in several places, the book is also a record of what happened to the proud Brahmin families of Kumaon when the old feudal order vanished and joint families broke up into nuclear units. A fascinating experiment in the genre of the biography-novel, Diddi blurs the boundaries between history and fiction to create an intensely personal work that has universal resonance.

Dance Is My Breath, My Passion, My Self&It Was Not To Meet The Current Desires Of The Audience That I Began To Create New Works, But To Meet An Innate Need To Express My Involvement With The World Around Me The World I Live In. Breathed In, The World Of Constant Dualities, Joy-Sorrow, Life-Death, Love-Hate, Creation And Destruction& Renowned Dancer And Choreographer Mrinalini Sarabhai Is Single-Handedly Responsible For Taking Classical Indian Dance Beyond The Shores Of India And Making Bharatanatyam A Dance From That Is Revered And Respected Throughout The World. Born Into The Highly Educated And Well-Placed Swaminadhan Family In Chennai, Where The Intelligentsia And Elite Of The Time Often Came Visiting, She Enjoyed Theatre And Dance Even As A Young Girl, But It Was Only In Shantiniketan, Under The Guidance And Encouragement Of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore And Amongst Her Equally Gifted Friends, That She Realized Her True Calling. It Was In The Dance Dramas Of Tagore That Her Innate And Immense Capacity For Innovation And Experiment Was Recognized And Allowed To Flower. After A Short Stint In America, Where She Enrolled In The American Academy Of Dramatic Arts, She Came Back To India To Seriously Pursue A Career In Dance Where Along With Bharatanatyam, She Discovered The Pristine Energy Of Kathakali And Used It Extensively In Her Compositions. Her Marriage To The Brilliant Scientist, Industrialist And Visionary Vikram Sarabhai, In 1942, Helped Her Consolidate Her Dreams. Her Passion For Dance And Her Genius Re-Inventing Traditional Dance Techniques Were In Perfect Consonance With Her Husband's Scientific Career And The Account, In This Book, Of How The Two Of Them Leaned So Effortlessly, Yet So Unobtrusively, Into Each Other's Spheres, Is A Wonderful Example Of How Science And Art Coexist. In 1948 She Started Darpana, An Academy Of Dance, Drama, Music, Puppetry In Ahmedabad. In 1949, She Danced At The Palais De Chaillot In Paris, Where The Formidable Critics Of Paris Were Unanimous In Their Praise. Since Then, She Has Travelled Extensively With Her Troupe, Bringing India And Its Culture Alive With Her Dance Wherever She Goes. But Life Has Not Always, Been Easy For Her, The Death Of Her Husband In 1972 Was A Terrible Blow. Though Many Misfortunes Have Dogged Her Through The Years, She Has Faced Them Always With Dignity, Courage, And An Abiding Faith In God. Written With Disarming Honesty And Simple Eloquence, The Voice Of The Heart Is A Warm And Vivid Memoir Of A Life Optimally Lived.

One of the greatest mezzo-sopranos of postwar opera, Christa Ludwig recalls her long and lustrous career singing for two generations of adoring audiences, under the batons of such conductors as Klemperer, Karajan, Solti, and Bernstein, in the great opera houses of the world. Her memoirs make clear why Bernstein said of her, "She is simply the best, and the best of all possible human beings."

"Writing this funny requires immense talent." —AV Club H. Jon Benjamin—the lead voice behind Archer and Bob's Burgers—helps

us all feel a little better about our own failures by sharing his own in a hilarious memoir-ish chronicle of failure. Most people would consider H. Jon Benjamin a comedy show business success. But he'd like to remind everyone that as great as success can be, failure is also an option. And maybe the best option. In this book, he tells stories from his own life, from his early days ("wherein I'm unable to deliver a sizzling fajita") to his romantic life ("how I failed to quantify a threesome") to family ("wherein a trip to P.F. Chang's fractures a family") to career ("how I failed at launching a kid's show"). As Jon himself says, breaking down one's natural ability to succeed is not an easy task, but also not an insurmountable one. Society as we know it is, sadly, failure averse. But more acceptance of failure, as Jon sees it, will go a long way to making this world a different place . . . a kinder, gentler place, where gardens are overgrown and most people stay home with their pets. A vision of failure, but also a vision of freedom. With stories, examples of artistic and literary failure, and a powerful can't-do attitude, *Failure Is an Option* is the book the world doesn't need right now but will get regardless.

'A fascinating from-the-heart memoir' Nigel Slater 'A revelatory honest read' Red magazine FUNNY, HEART-WRENCHING, GENEROUS AND TRUE, IN FINDING MY VOICE NADIYA HUSSAIN SHARES THE UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES AND EXPERIENCES THAT HAVE MADE HER THE WOMAN SHE IS TODAY. 'I am writing this for everyone who was told no. 'No, you are not rich enough. No, that is not credible. No, you can't. No, you won't. No, you are not allowed. No, that is not appropriate. I was told, "No, you do not belong." Finally, I am saying, "Yes, I do.'" From the moment Nadiya Hussain was born, she has been questioning her role in life. But the irony is, she never wanted to be a trailblazer. She just wanted to follow a 'normal' path. But life kept telling her 'you can't'. And so she found her own way, beyond anything she dared to dream . . . In this wise, witty, open-hearted book, Nadiya lets us into her life and, for the first time, shares the memories and experiences that have shaped her into the woman and role-model that she is today, alongside her personal recipes and the stories they tell. 'We all have a voice. Yours might be loud and strong, or quiet yet insistent. I have always tried to use mine for the right reasons.'

New York magazine was born in 1968 after a run as an insert of the New York Herald Tribune and quickly made a place for itself as the trusted resource for readers across the country. With award-winning writing and photography covering everything from politics and food to theater and fashion, the magazine's consistent mission has been to reflect back to its audience the energy and excitement of the city itself, while celebrating New York as both a place and an idea.

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Traditional Chinese edition of *Becoming: A Guided Journal for Discovering Your Voice*

Excerpt from *A Voice From the Nile, and Other Poems: With a Memoir of the Author* by Bertram Dobell "You would have kept me from the Desert sands Bestrewn with bleaching bones, And led me through the friendly fertile lands, And changed my weary moans To hymns of triumph and enraptured love, And made our earth as rich as Heaven above." A Poem, a Drama, or a Novel, the perusal of which has moved our admiration, or affected our feelings, can hardly fail to make us desire to know something of its creator. We feel that the powers developed by the author must correspond with the faculties inherent in the man, and that the man must be at least as interesting as his work. It is not by insignificant or commonplace natures that works of enduring merit can be produced. Only by virtue of possessing unusual depth of feeling,

intensity of aspiration, or wealth of intellect, does an author produce a masterpiece; and his success is always in direct proportion to the fineness and richness of his own personality. Sometimes, indeed, the character of an author will impart a factitious importance to his works. How dim and shadowy a figure would Dr. Johnson now appear, had his reputation depended solely upon his writings! About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully; any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works.

"Voices Carry is the moving autobiography of one of China's most prominent citizens of the twentieth century. Ying Ruocheng's lively narrative takes us from his prison cell during the Cultural Revolution back to the princely palace of his childhood. In vivid detail, he describes his unconventional education during China's revolution, which ultimately led to his theatrical work in the era of reform, ranging from a partnership with Arthur Miller on *Death of a Salesman* to roles in the films *The Last Emperor* and *Little Buddha*. The memoir of this internationally renowned actor, director, translator, and high-ranking government official during events in Tiananmen Square in 1989 provides a rare glimpse behind the scenes of contemporary Chinese culture and politics."--BOOK JACKET.

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