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### **RICHARD ZAVIER**

*Hope, True Stories of Answered Prayers* Charlesbridge Publishing

Men's Health magazine contains daily tips and articles on fitness, nutrition, relationships, sex, career and lifestyle.

*Men's Health* Tule Publishing

Dave Fennessy is a man who has worked in the Auto Industry at the dealership level his adult life. He has paid his share of taxes over the years and is frankly, disgusted with how these taxes are being spent. The Greed, dishonesty and sheer incompetence of our politicians is, in Dave's opinion, a threat to the very existence of the United States of America as we know it. Tired of yelling at the Television, Dave points out the events of history to give us insight into solutions to this country's problems. He feels that this next congressional election is crucial to the future of this country. This book is a wealth of information for patriotic Americans everywhere to gain the verbal advantage on issues that in many cases, won't even be discussed by our government officials. Aside from pointing out things that always worked in the past and how they are no longer now, Dave points out some new ideas that are also never even talked about on thing like alternative energy development, re-building this country's economy and protecting it's citizens. He feels that unless new people are elected to congress that the all powerful lobbyists in this country will maintain their stranglehold on our government, and therefore our pathetic slide into socialism and political correctness will continue. A possible Tea Party platform is laid out at the end. Arm yourself with these ideas and facts and Enjoy!

*Summer of Marv* Arnica Pub Incorporated

In this montage of sharply focused and often amusing observations, former Omaha World-Herald columnist Al Frisbie takes you on an entertaining, humorous and sometimes heart-tugging journey as he reconstructs the trials and tribulations we all experience as we stumble through everyday life.

From his days as a leatherneck and his rise to journalistic mediocrity...to the joys and heartaches of marriage and raising a family...to his on-again, off-again relationship with a black-hearted, black-furred feline named Pepper, Al Frisbie has masterly captured all those universally embarrassing, painful and wonderful moments that make life worth living. Through "HEY, FATSO!" Frisbie has penned a collection of memories and experiences that contain all the warmth, humor and down-home wisdom that made him one of the area's most popular and well-read columnists.

**American Recreation Journal** Christian Faith Publishing, Inc.

This in-depth treatment of the organization and operation of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League draws on primary documents from league owner Arthur Meyerhoff and others for a unique perspective inside the AAGPBL. The study begins with a brief history of women's softball, an important precursor to, and talent pool for, women's professional baseball. Next the book investigates league administration and organization as well as publicity and promotion. Later chapters cover team administrative structures, managers, chaperones, player backgrounds, and league policies. Finally, discussion focuses on the activities of the AAGPBL Players' Association from 1980 onward. Informed by many years of research and insights from former players, this exhaustive history contains 149 photographs.

*Sweet Summer's Kiss* Algonquin Books

Marty Roberts returns to his hometown of Weymouth, Massachusetts to face his past after an adolescence filled with poor choices and a difficult family life.

[The Softball Game](#) University of Chicago Press

It's a subject nobody wants to talk about until it attacks them! Unless you have been through it yourself, you cannot relate or fully understand what that person is going through. It's time to bring this topic out into the open and "talk" about it and realize that no one can get through it without support, family, friends, and faith. My journey started in 2013 with my first surgery to remove lymph nodes. The results were "inconclusive." Five years went by before my lymph nodes would again decide to "freak out" and require another surgery. This time we got answers... The smell of spring was in the air, and the day was sunny and warm. I was trying to finish up the current school year with my kiddos when everything changed. My husband and I had big plans for the summer. We were looking forward to kayaking, camping, fishing; and I was looking forward to playing softball. Then came the doctor's appointment, and when the doctor said cancer, everything came to a screeching halt in more ways than one. Cancer is devastating, but I chose to put on my armor and fight this beast head-on. I did not realize just how difficult this "battle" was going to be and how much I would be tested physically, spiritually, and mentally. This is the hardest thing I have ever had to face; but with God, family, and friends, I was able to defeat the beast "for now." Was it easy? No! Do I want to go through it again? No! But after talking with many cancer survivors, I learned that anything is possible through prayer and perseverance. I hope that sharing my story may help someone else get through their journey with hope and courage.

**In Real Life** WestBow Press

A storybook kiss on New Year's Eve at the Big Sky Mavericks Masked Ball in Marietta, Montana should have been the beginning of a grand romance for Gretchen Zabriski and Daniel Andrews. But when Gretchen overhears a phone call from Daniel to his brother about what he really wants from a

woman, she takes off...without leaving so much as a glass slipper behind. Daniel wants a family. Gretchen will never be able to give him that. So why does fate keep throwing them together so cruelly? First, at a Copper Mountain Chocolate Shop Speed Dating event, then when he's hired to open a new division at her PR firm. But competing, shoulder-to-shoulder, to sell the most exotic chocolate kisses for charity really is the last straw. Is love a cosmic connection or a karmic joke? Sometimes, the answer reveals itself in a kiss—a sweet kiss shared beneath a warm Montana summer sky.

[Hope and Courage](#) iUniverse

Perfect? No. But you're still the right dad for your boy. Bestselling author Jay Payleitner, dad of four grown sons (and one amazing daughter), gives you a bucketful of man-friendly ideas on how build a father-and-son relationship. Good news is, you don't have to say a lot. By your life and example, you can show your boy why it's good to be a guy demonstrate how to treat women well teach him to work hard and have fun, often at the same time show him how to live with honesty and self-respect give him the inner confidence to live a purposeful life These 52 quick-to-read chapters offer great ways to relate or spend time as dad and son. And each idea provides a new building block for a father-son relationship that will help your boy along the path to becoming a man.

[A Slow-pitch Summer](#) Hay House Incorporated

"You are about to meet a man who never let diabetes prevent him from accomplishing everything he wanted in life: good health, success in business, community service, family, and politics. Rick Mystrom knew that understanding his disease was crucial to his health. He has become one of the most knowledgeable persons living with diabetes in my extensive practice and frequently serves as a role model and authoritative resource for others." Jeanne R. Bonar MD, FACP, FACE—Endocrinology, Internal Medicine "It is the patient, not the doctor, who manages diabetes. Rick Mystrom is the gold medal winner for controlling his diabetes. He has become so skilled that he can predict and adjust his insulin level just by looking at the meal he is going to eat. His results: no complications from his long history of the disease. He is the expert. I am the learner." Thomas Nighswander MD MPH

[The African American Baseball Experience in Nebraska](#) Holy Fire Publishing

This book is a bold and bazaar story, a forbidden fruit for the Politically Correct and for the Righteous and Religiously endowed, cowards they are with condemnations always on their lips. God is Spirit and Truth! He is only worshiped in Spirit and Truth! Religion is neither! A poison it is, with a price to pay! Jesus said "Destroy this Temple and I will rebuild it in Three Days!" God the Creator demands respect for all human life. Now we see scientist abusing this life, this life that they are so entrusted with! Cloning and Fetus Stem cell research for body parts, Abortions by the millions a beastly mankind a Cannibalism it is! Here is a story, God always fools the foolish and the proud! God our Father keeps the keys of knowlege for His little children! This is a story for the heart, God and Religion don't ever mix! No Pope, No Saint, No Scientist, No Senator, No Clergy, No Ayatollah is spaired the all seeing eye of God! The signature of Dante' on this book's cover would set the world on fire again!

*Professor Baseball* iUniverse

Anytime I have been to a family gathering or get-together with friends, much of the time becomes devoted to telling tales of days gone by. These stories I listened to as a child and throughout my life. Those of my family and friends that arent here in person now are still here in the stories about them and people, places, and events that we all seem to never forget. However, Ive noticed a flaw to the telling of our memories. When those who can recall and tell the stories are about to pass away almost always, so does all that they remembered. So I decided that as I myself love to tell the stories, I am not going to let that happen to me. So I have been writing short stories so my children and grandchildren will be able to always have them to read. Since I began writing, Ive gained interest from my cousins and old friends who also want to read them. As time has moved forward, the number of memories continues to grow, and I write more memories to keep. I hope that reading this compilation of short stories will give you some opportunity to recall. Life should have smiles and a laugh or two, and I hope you find them within.

[The Army Insider](#) FriesenPress

What motivated the man behind the development of the birth control pill? What was the reaction from the Catholic Church? How did the introduction of oral contraception affect the lives of women around the world? For the first time, discover the remarkable story of Gregory Goodwin Pincus, the man who championed the research and development of the pill. Dr. Leon Speroff, himself a renown specialist in reproductive endocrinology, has written a comprehensive biography revealing the personal story behind this dedicated man. The author has interviewed Pincuss living relatives, and numerous others who knew the scientist personally. This book successfully balances the hype and emotional reaction to oral contraception with objective evidence of its value in the world. Thoroughly researched, this is a fascinating read.

[Opening The Door](#) AuthorHouse

Future of Sports Talent.

*There Are Places I Remember* Griffn Publishing

"My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" Have you ever wondered where God is? How can this be happening? What did I do to deserve this?

Have your circumstances led you to question your faith? Does God care? Does he even exist? Thoughts flooded my head from our traumatic failed adoption. "Lord, where were you this time? Is this how our seven-year-long journey to have children ends? Are we being punished? Are we cursed? This adoption seemed so right. I thought I was ready. I really thought I could help these kids. After all, I started life as an Orphan." My core beliefs had

been shaken. To make sense of what just happened, I went back and examined my own life. So many times, the odds were heavily stacked against me, life, and death situations. Yet, somehow, somehow, God always showed up. From orphan to carpenter and beyond, the pages of this book are my life stories. But the book is not about me or my story. It's about God's. As you read these true stories of my life like parables, may they be a testament that God is present and active in your life, that he loves you and has a plan to give you hope and a future.

**Piercehaven Box Set** McFarland

The moving story of how a father and his young son recaptured their love of baseball—a winning testament to why the game matters and how it can still bring us together in spite of itself In recent years something hasn't been quite right with baseball. Ask Jim Gullio: he'll tell you even a seven-year-old kid knows it. In December 2007, just as Jim's young son Joe was beginning to develop a true passion for the game, the bombshell news of players' steroid use made it clear that America's pastime wasn't what it claimed to be. Suddenly, Jim found himself struggling to answer questions from Joe that had nothing to do with batting averages or World Series champions: "What aresteroids? Who was using them? Wasn't it cheating? Why weren't the players who got caught suspended or punished by baseball?" While Jim searched for the right words and Major League Baseball dithered, Joe took matters into his own hands: he removed the players who had been named as likely drug users from his prized baseball card collection and created a cheaters pile. Then he created a different category of suspected "juicers" to keep an eye on. He took these players' posters—even the poster of his favorite slugger, Manny Ramirez—down from his bedroom walls. The steroid scandal had clearly hit home. Rather than wait for an official explanation and apology from Major League Baseball that would never materialize, Jim and Joe set out to find their own answers. They traveled the country from coast to coast, from Spring Training contests to major and minor league games—speaking with players, prospects, and managers while tracking down the legends and ghosts of baseball's golden age. And one day they discovered an aging but dedicated prospect who would become not only a true role model for Joe, but also the unlikely inspiration to lure both father and son back to the game they loved. By turns humorous, heartbreaking, and inspiring, *Trading Manny* tells the story of their journey back to baseball—how along the way Joe traded his idol Manny for a more worthy hero, and Jim discovered something invaluable about being a father.

**What Have You Done Now, Eugene?** Simon and Schuster

This is the true story of a man who fulfilled his destiny. He was just a country boy from Nebraska who grew up to achieve great things for his country. A multitude of short stories that chronicle his life begins with his parents. To know them is to know him. Through them, he received an adventurous childhood and he was instilled with a value system that governed his life. The story continues with wartime exploits, travels to Iran and Pakistan, and world-wide assignments. The story includes some people that he met along the way; some famous and some not so famous. The man was a soldier. A professional soldier who rose through the ranks and was considered the expert at the top of his chosen career field. Life after the Army has involved local politics, community service, recreation and retail sales. His primary wish in life is to see his grand children grow up and not have to follow in his footsteps.

*Rounding Third and Headed for Home* Xlibris Corporation

Whether you're a newcomer to the game or a league player looking to sharpen your skills and understanding, *A Basic Guide to Softball* will enhance your appreciation of the history of the sport and its rules and fundamentals. You'll learn the basic skills and strategies needed for each position, find out how to choose and care for your equipment, and meet the members of the Olympic Gold Medal-winning USA Softball Team. Special features include: Results of the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia; profiles of US Women's Softball Team members; history of Softball in the Olympic

Games; rules for Fast Pitch, Modified Pitch, Slow Pitch, and 16-Inch Slow Pitch; practical advice about health and fitness; guidelines for players, parents, fans, and volunteers

**52 Things Sons Need from Their Dads** Simon and Schuster

The true story of an American woman's unexpected reunion with her Chinese birth family: "A great book" (Good Housekeeping). In 1974, a baby girl from Taiwan was brought to the United States, newly adopted by a loving couple in Michigan. Mei-Ling Hopgood had an all-American upbringing, never really identifying with her Asian roots or harboring a desire to uncover her ancestry. Mei-Ling believed she was lucky to have escaped a life that was surely one of poverty and misery, to grow up in comfort with her doting parents and brothers. Then, when she was in her twenties, her birth family came calling. Rather than the rural peasants she always pictured, they are a boisterous, loving, bossy, complicated middle-class family who hound her daily—by phone, fax, and letter, in a language she doesn't understand—until she returns to Taiwan to meet them. As her biological sisters and parents pull her into their lives, claiming her as one of their own, the devastating secrets that still haunt this family begin to emerge. Spanning cultures and continents, *Lucky Girl* brings home a tale of joy and regret, hilarity, deep sadness, and great discovery as the author untangles the unlikely strands that formed her destiny. "Enchanting . . . Hopgood's story entices not because it's joyful but because she is honest, analytical and articulate concerning her ambivalence about and eventual acceptance of both her families and herself." —The Courier-Journal (Louisville, Kentucky)  
**A Long Pitch Home** Arnica Pub Incorporated

It happens every summer: packs of beer-bellied men with gloves and aluminum bats, putting their middle-aged bodies to the test on the softball diamond. For some, this yearly ritual is driven by a simple desire to enjoy a good ballgame; for others, it's a way to forge friendships—and rivalries. But for one short, wild-haired, bespectacled professor, playing softball in New York's Central Park means a whole lot more. It's one last chance to heal the nagging wounds of Little League trauma before the rust of decline and the relentless responsibilities of fatherhood set in. Professor Baseball is the coming-of-middle-age story of New York University professor and Little League benchwarmer Edwin Amenta. As rookie manager of the Performing Arts Softball League's doormat Sharkeys, he reverses softball's usual brawn-over-brains formula. He coaxes his skeptical teammates to follow his sabermetric and sociological approach, based equally on Bill James and Max Weber, which in the heady days of early success he dubs "Eddy Ball." But Amenta soon learns that his teammates' attachments to favorite positions and time-honored (if ineffective) strategies are hard to break—especially when the team begins losing. And though he rejects the baseball-as-life metaphor, life keeps intruding on his softball season. Amenta here comes to grips with the humiliation of assisted reproduction, suffers mysterious ailments, and finds himself lingering at the sponsor's bar, while his partner, a beautiful but baseball-challenged professor, second-guesses his book in the making. Can he turn his team—and his life—around? Packed with colorful personalities, dramatic games, and the bustle of New York life, Professor Baseball will charm anyone who has ever root, root, rooted for the underdog.

**Christian Fiction Super Pack** Word Association Publishers

"Brooklyn 593" reflects on the tumultuous life and times of an African-American youth who was born on a small farm in Georgia into a loving family that suffered immensely from the ravages of social and economic injustice and exploitation that permeated American Society during that era. After the untimely death of my mother and my father's subsequent remarriage, my sisters and I were uprooted from rural Georgia and transplanted into the hustle-bustle of big-city life in Brooklyn, New York where we grew up in a dysfunctional, abusive household at 593 Halsey Street. Additional reflections include my experiences during 26 years of military service which included tours of duty in Germany, Libya and Vietnam, with samplings of the many good times experienced and hardships encountered along the way.