

The Diary Of Ma Yan The Struggles And Hopes Of A Chinese Schoolgirl

A moving and compelling true story about two sisters fighting for survival in Sarajevo during the Bosnian war

Central America from the eyes of a peasant illuminates the complex problems of the region: the nature of the social, personal, economic, medical, and religious matters as well as the political issues related to the great masses of Latin America's poor.

Among the most gifted and accomplished poets of his generation (Mark Rudman). The three long poems in *Eye Against Eye* convey the wrought particulars of intimate human relations, perceptions of the landscape, and the historical moment, tense with political exigencies. Mayan ruins invoke the collapsing Twin Towers, love between parents and child blister with tension, and a bicycle thief shatters the narcotic illusion of a private accord. Also contained is *Late Summer Entry*, a series of poetic commentaries on Sally Mann's landscape photographs. *Eye Against Eye*, Forrest Gander's third book with *New Directions*, cries out an ethical concern for the ways we see each other and the world, the potential to share a vision that acknowledges our commonality. As always with Gander's poetry, suspensions and repetitions drive toward a complex emotional experience, evoking the multifaceted, multi-vocal surge of our present.

"Never before has anyone focused so successfully on the literary genius of these ancient authors. Tedlock is so much more than a translator, placing selected Mayan works in a continuous narrative that skillfully links authors from the third century to the sixteenth century

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with writers of today. An extremely important, original, and innovative work."—Martha J. Macri, coauthor of *The New Catalog of Maya Hieroglyphs, Volumes 1 and 2*, and Director of the Maya Hieroglyphic Database Project, University of California, Davis "A stunning recreation of the intellectual world of the ancient Maya, the only fully literate people of pre-Columbian America. Informed by the latest research on Maya hieroglyphic writing, art, and mythology, this beautifully illustrated and wonderfully readable work by an outstanding scholar should be on the bookshelf of all those interested in this fascinating civilization."—Michael Coe, author of *Breaking the Maya Code* "This book is, like the ancient Maya texts and images it explores, a work of art."—David Freidel, co-author (with Linda Schele and Joy Parker) of *Maya Cosmos: Three Thousand Years on the Shaman's Path* "Literally breathtaking. A truly unprecedented gathering and translation of written Mayan texts. Tedlock is making visible, for the first time, a Mayan literature in comprehensible, meaningful form."—Jerome Rothenberg, poet, author/editor of *Technicians of the Sacred* and *Poems for the Millennium*

A Mayan Indian of Guatemala describes the daily problems his family faces, including poverty, hunger, injustice, political violence, illness, and malnutrition

No more money for school this year. I till the land in order to pay for my brothers' schooling. When I think of the happy times at school, I can almost imagine myself there. How I want to study!" - Ma Yan, aged 13 When the journalist Pierre Haski was passed three small brown notebooks in a remote province in Northeastern China, an extraordinary friendship began. 'A few years ago in the remote village of Zhangjiashu in Ningxia region of northern China Ma Yan was distraught because her parents could not afford to keep her in school. Today she is the 16-year-old author of *Ma Yan's Diary* which has appeared in seventeen languages . Thanks to

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its publication, her family is no longer poor, and 250 other Ningxia youngsters, mostly girls, now have scholarships to continue studying' New York Times

A Wrinkle in Time is the winner of the 1963 Newbery Medal. It was a dark and stormy night—Meg Murry, her small brother Charles Wallace, and her mother had come down to the kitchen for a midnight snack when they were upset by the arrival of a most disturbing stranger. "Wild nights are my glory," the unearthly stranger told them. "I just got caught in a downdraft and blown off course. Let me sit down for a moment, and then I'll be on my way. Speaking of ways, by the way, there is such a thing as a tesseract." A tesseract (in case the reader doesn't know) is a wrinkle in time. To tell more would rob the reader of the enjoyment of Miss L'Engle's unusual book. A Wrinkle in Time, winner of the Newbery Medal in 1963, is the story of the adventures in space and time of Meg, Charles Wallace, and Calvin O'Keefe (athlete, student, and one of the most popular boys in high school). They are in search of Meg's father, a scientist who disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government on the tesseract problem.

Meet some of history's most illustrious and interesting characters in this book that visits key moments of the past from around the world. When young Augustus falls asleep in history class, Professor Tempo decides to teach him a lesson and show him that history isn't boring at all! She hands him a magic diary, all he needs to do is write the time and place to travel there. Together they head out on a whistle-stop tour of history through the ages to meet some of the world's finest explorers, inventors, leaders, writers, composers and painters, including Albert Einstein, Mozart, Louis XIV, Shakespeare, Leonardo Da Vinci, Christopher Columbus Genghis Khan, Emperor Titus in Rome, athletes at the very first Olympic Games, Tutankhamen in

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Egypt, and even Palaeolithic man as he discovers fire. Each double page spread introduces a different time and place, with an introductory text from Augustus which explains the sights and sounds, and accompanying captions from the Professor which provide key facts. A character index at the rear gives a short biography of all the historical characters covered, and a timeline helps to contextualize the different time periods covered.

This collection of folklore offers a rich and lively panorama of Mayan mythic heritage. Here are everyday tales of village life; legends of witches, shamans, spiritualists, tricksters, and devils; fables of naguales, or persons who can change into animal forms; ribald stories of love and life; cautionary tales of strange and menacing neighbors and of the danger lurking within the human heart. These legends narrate origin and creation stories, explain the natural world, and reinforce cultural beliefs and values such as honesty, industriousness, sharing, fairness, and cleverness. Whether tragic or comic, fantastic or earthy, whimsical or profound, these tales capture the mystery, fragility, and power of the Mayan world.

Hatshepsut was a young woman who became the first female pharaoh of Egypt. When her father, Thutmose I, died, Hatshepsut was the only heir. Since she was female, leaders were afraid to make her pharaoh. She finally declared herself the pharaoh in 1501 B.C. and ruled Egypt for about 20 years.

Wednesday, November 7 My father gave me and my brother a little money. My stomach is all twisted up with hunger, but I don't want to spend the money on anything as frivolous as food. Because it's money my parents earn with their sweat and blood. I have to study well so that I won't ever again be tortured by hunger. . . . In a drought-stricken corner of rural China, an education can be the difference between a life of crushing poverty and the chance for a better

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future. But money is scarce, and the low wages paid for backbreaking work aren't always enough to pay school fees. Ma Yan's heart-wrenching, honest diary chronicles her struggle to escape hardship and bring prosperity to her family through her persistent, sometimes desperate, attempts to continue her schooling. First published in France in 2002, the diary of ma yan created an outpouring of support for this courageous teenager and others like her -- support that led to the creation of an international organization dedicated to helping these children . . . all because of one ordinary girl's extraordinary diary.

Treasure-hunting team Sam and Remi Fargo must protect a book that could help locate lost Mayan cities in this adventure in the #1 New York Times bestselling series. Husband-and-wife team Sam and Remi Fargo are in Mexico, packing medical supplies in the wake of an earthquake, when they come upon a remarkable discovery—the mummified remains of a man clutching an ancient sealed pot. Within the pot is a Mayan book, a codex larger than any known before. The book contains astonishing information about the Mayans, their cities, and about mankind itself. The secrets are so powerful that some people would do anything to possess them—as the Fargos are about to find out. Many men and women are going to die for that book.

The Maya created one of the world's most brilliant civilizations, famous for its art, astronomy, and deep fascination with the mystery of time. Despite collapse in the ninth century, Spanish invasion in the sixteenth, and civil war in the twentieth, eight million people in Guatemala, Belize, and southern Mexico speak Mayan languages and maintain their resilient culture to this day. Traveling through Central America's jungles and mountains, Ronald Wright explores the ancient roots of the Maya, their recent troubles, and prospects for survival. Embracing history,

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anthropology, politics, and literature, *Time Among the Maya* is a riveting journey through past magnificence and the study of an enduring civilization with much to teach the present.

"Wright's unpretentious narrative blends anthropology, archaeology, history, and politics with his own entertaining excursions and encounters." -- *The New Yorker*; "*Time Among the Maya* shows Wright to be far more than a mere storyteller or descriptive writer. He is an historical philosopher with a profound understanding of other cultures." -- Jan Morris, *The Independent* (London).

The Ohlone occupied a large region of California, spanning from what is now San Francisco along the coast and into the center of the state. This group of people was characterized by the well-organized villages in which they lived, the customs they practiced, and the language they spoke. However, much of this changed when the Europeans invaded Ohlone country in 1769. They faced disease, discrimination, and a loss of their original lifestyle. Today, the Ohlone still fight for the preservation of their culture and traditions. This book sheds light on the Ohlone way of life prior to the European arrival and the importance of respecting American Indians' rights.

The Mono traditionally occupied portions of the Sierra Nevada and the adjacent Great Basin. Their beliefs, customs, technology, and social structure were shaped by the landscape of this region of California and the resources they were able to glean from it. This fascinating book uses colorful photographs, primary sources, and accessible language to bring the history of the Mono people to life. Offers an informative supplement to elementary social studies concepts. Have you ever looked at photographs of the pyramids and wondered about the people who created them? How did they live from day to day? Why was the Nile River so important to their

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survival? What role did all of their gods and goddesses play in the way they led their lives? Meet Kebi—young Egyptian girl who works hard to help her family, while she says her prayers to the god Habi and watches to see if the Nile waters are rising as they should. Too little means possible starvation and drought. Too much means lost homes and floods. It is a fascinating life—and one just waiting to be explored.

His vivid and plain-spoken account of life among the Maya during the war between guerrillas and the army in the 1980s and 1990s offers detailed descriptions of the atrocities committed by both sides and brings the reader into a Mayan world richly textured with indigenous beliefs and practices.

DIVFavorite Russian Fairy Tales, Irish Fairy Tales, Japanese Fairy Tales, Favorite Celtic Fairy Tales and North American Indian Legends. /div

The story of three generations in twentieth-century China that blends the intimacy of memoir and the panoramic sweep of eyewitness history—a bestselling classic in thirty languages with more than ten million copies sold around the world, now with a new introduction from the author. An engrossing record of Mao's impact on China, an unusual window on the female experience in the modern world, and an inspiring tale of courage and love, Jung Chang describes the extraordinary lives and experiences of her family members: her grandmother, a warlord's concubine; her mother's struggles as a young idealistic Communist; and her

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parents' experience as members of the Communist elite and their ordeal during the Cultural Revolution. Chang was a Red Guard briefly at the age of fourteen, then worked as a peasant, a "barefoot doctor," a steelworker, and an electrician. As the story of each generation unfolds, Chang captures in gripping, moving—and ultimately uplifting—detail the cycles of violent drama visited on her own family and millions of others caught in the whirlwind of history.

The knowledge and wisdom held with the Cholq'ij as a sacred calendar is very deep, so the information I present within these pages is simply a starting point for all those who want to begin their journey within this wisdom. Although the format of this book may be seen as a daily calendar (and can be used as such), my purpose in creating it this way is to accompany you on an inner journey. It is a way which allows you to begin to relate to, and understand the 20 energies making up the Cholq'ij; to begin to understand the Mayan signs themselves - a way which helps you to understand how those 20 energies relate to and influence us, in a very personal way. In the first pages you will find some theoretical information regarding the Sacred Calendar, the 20 energies which make it up, and an explanation of the importance of knowing your Mayan Sign. In this way you can begin to become familiar with the concepts of each of the different energetic vibrations manifesting within our universe, and the beautiful dance of

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transformation it brings to us. Within this book is a day by day guide for the whole year of 2019 on the Gregorian Calendar, combined with the messages of the Cholq'ij. On each date you will see a different quote related to the energy of that day, and how to connect, meditate, or act in harmony with the natural, universal vibration manifesting that day. You will have a space to make small notes about the main emotions, sensations, and events that you face each day. Making notes will help allow you to gain a better idea about your physical and emotional states, the way your relationships are going, messages you are receiving in your dreams, or situations which may seem out of the ordinary. This may expand into meeting someone from your past, the birth or death of a loved one, messages coming from nature, magical manifestations, or when an opportunity suddenly arises. This book is here as an effective guide; one where you can begin to relate to the energies of the Cholq'ij. Little by little, everything will begin to become clarified, and you will come to understand which days are beneficial to you for certain activities and which days are not. From my heart to yours, I hope that the words contained here will become a constant support for the greatest adventure you may ever take; The journey of knowing yourself, and understanding the constant natural movement of energy in which we all live in, and to begin dancing within its natural rhythms.

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Her story reflects the experiences common to many Indian communities in Latin America today. Rigoberta suffered gross injustice and hardship in her early life: her brother, father and mother were murdered by the Guatemalan military. She learned Spanish and turned to catechist work as an expression of political revolt as well as religious commitment. The anthropologist Elisabeth Burgos-Debray, herself a Latin American woman, conducted a series of interviews with Rigoberta Menchu. The result is a book unique in contemporary literature which records the detail of everyday Indian life. Rigoberta's gift for striking expression vividly conveys both the religious and superstitious beliefs of her community and her personal response to feminist and socialist ideas. Above all, these pages are illuminated by the enduring courage and passionate sense of justice of an extraordinary woman.

When it came to calendars, those ancient Mayans got a lot of things right. But they also missed a few bits. So TEAM 2012 fills in the whole picture: a batch of hot, sassy Calendar Girls who are all about getting their hands on the purloined clues to what will really happen on 20/12/2012. If they can pull off the investigations and daring raids needed to keep this cosmic lore (and their own bods) out of evil hands, they just might save the world... or at least enjoy the happy ending. And they have no help but a crystal skull that's gotten hooked on

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stoners, a blond diver who loves dolphins maybe too much, a Black spy working against Obama's Campaign, a redheaded fire dancer, an odd assortment of thugs, priests, and crazos... and time itself. Remember: It's not the end of the world, just the end of time.

Explores the importance of mythology to Aztec and Mayan cultures, highlighting popular gods and creation myths.

To bring rain to his thirsty village, Pik challenges the rain god to a game of pok-a-tok.

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Cynthia Rylant and Brendan Wenzel explore the beauty and tenacity of life. Life begins small, then grows... There are so many wonderful things about life, both in good times and in times of struggle. Through the eyes of the world's animals—including elephants, monkeys, whales, and more—Cynthia Rylant offers a moving meditation on finding beauty around us every day and finding strength in adversity. Brendan Wenzel's stunning landscapes and engaging creatures make this an inspiring and intriguing gift for readers of all ages.

Part of the Rats trilogy, international bestseller James Herbert's Domain pits man against mutant rats, who are back with a vengeance. The long-dreaded nuclear conflict. The city torn apart, shattered, its people destroyed or mutilated beyond hope. For just a

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few, survival is possible only beneath the wrecked streets - if there is time to avoid the slow-descending poisonous ashes. But below, the rats, demonic offspring of their irradiated forebears, are waiting. They know that Man is weakened, become frail. Has become their prey . . .

After several unsuccessful attempts to create grateful creatures, the Mayan gods use sacred corn to fashion a people who will thank and praise their creators.

Liam O'Connor, Maddy Carter, and Sal Vikram all should have died. But instead, they have been given a second chance-to work for an agency that no one knows exists. The TimeRiders' mission: to prevent time travel from destroying history-and the future. . . .

When Maddy mistakenly opens a time window where and when she shouldn't, Liam is marooned sixty-five million years in the past, in the hunting ground of a deadly, and until now undiscovered, species of prehistoric predator. Can Liam make contact with Maddy and Sal before he's hunted down by dinosaurs, and without changing history so much that the world is overtaken by a terrifying new reality? The second book in the thrilling TimeRiders series is just as fast-paced, intelligent, and mind-bending as the first.

A national bestseller—adapted into a movie starring Natalie Portman and Susan Sarandon—*Anywhere But Here* is the heart-rending tale of a mother and daughter. A moving, often comic portrait of wise child Ann August and her mother, Adele, a larger-than-life American dreamer, the novel follows the two women as they travel through the

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landscape of their often conflicting ambitions. A brilliant exploration of the perennial urge to keep moving, even at the risk of profound disorientation, *Anywhere But Here* is a story about the things we do for love, and a powerful study of familial bonds.

Popol Vuh, the Quich'Ã© Mayan book of creation is not only the most important text in the native language of the Americas, it is also an extraordinary document of the human imagination. It begins with the deeds of Mayan Gods in the darkness of a primeval sea and ends with the radiant splendor of the Mayan Lords who founded the Quich'Ã© Kingdom in the Guatemalan highlands. Originally written in Mayan hieroglyphs, it was translated into the Roman alphabet in the 16th century. The new edition of Dennis Tedlock's unabridged, widely praised translation includes new notes and commentary, newly translated passages, newly deciphered hieroglyphs, and over 40 new illustrations.

The legacy of past civilizations is still with us today. In *Ancient India*, readers discover the history and impressive accomplishments of the people of ancient India, including their enduring religions and rich literary traditions. Engaging text provides details on the civilization's history, development, daily life, culture, art, technology, warfare, social organization, and more. Well-chosen maps and images of artifacts bring the past to life. Aligned to Common Core Standards and correlated to state standards. Essential Library is an imprint of Abdo Publishing, a division of ABDO.

Though Mayan culture has existed for more than 3,500 years, researchers and

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historians have only recently started unlocking some of the mysteries behind this Central American society. Thoroughly researched text guides readers through the gripping history of the Maya, including a detailed description of Maya culture. The main text is supplemented with engaging sidebars, full-color photographs, historical images, and expert, annotated analysis from leading scholars.

The god Kukulcan decides to give the Mayan people the gift of chocolate, the favorite food of the gods, but when Kukulcan 's brother Night Jaguar tells the other gods what he has done Kukulcan is banned from paradise forever.

Dozens of ships and planes have vanished without a trace in the Bermuda Triangle. Are giant rogue waves the culprit? Or could it be something more otherworldly? This title explores the theories, tools, and technology used to investigate the mystery of the Bermuda Triangle. Diagrams and other features look at the science behind some of the techniques and profile a famous investigation. Young readers can examine the evidence and draw their own conclusions about the secrets of the Bermuda Triangle. Atlantis. Is its story fact or fiction? While people no longer believe in the Greek god Poseidon or in his son Atlantis, no one is really sure if there ever was a continent of Atlantis. Young readers can find out in this easy-reading tale.

In Shanghai, Li has a bicycle accident, goes through a near-death experience, and meets the ghost of Master Chen, whom she decides to honor by performing an important task for him.

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