



# Hand Me Down MICHELLE HOLMAN



April Ritchie had a bad habit of being in the wrong place at the wrong time. Take the night she was born ...

# Hand Me Down A Novel

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## **Hand Me Down A Novel:**

**Hand-me-downs : a Novel** Liz Barnes, 2006 Meet Cass Blevins She s only five going on six but she knows lots of things And in this year when she goes to first grade she s learning a whole lot more It s 1932 and in East Tennessee there is the beginning of a Depression Little Charles Lindbergh was thrown in a trash heap by some heathen Cass knows that She knows where babies come from Her brother Til told her all about that Til knows how to make things He knows how to make Cass help him exercise his peejabber so it ll reach his knee someday Cass learns from other folks besides Til Their neighbor Mrs Simpson has told her all about the niggers but Cass s friend Jimmie Lou the white trash girl down the street tells her the fountain water is the same for coloreds as for whites Jimmie Lous says Cass should do what her heart tells her is right and Miss Byers her first grade teacher is showing her how to paint herself into a picture This is the year Cass learns to say no to those that hurt her and yes to herself Meet Cass Blevins You can t help but like her Spirited child Hand Me Down Melanie Thorne, 2013-03-26 A Kirkus Reviews Best Fiction Book of 2012 Hand Me Down which recalls the gritty power of Dorothy Allison s Bastard Out of Carolina is fiction with the ring of truth San Jose Mercury News Fourteen year old Elizabeth Reid has spent her life protecting her sister Jaime from their parents cruel mistakes and broken promises When their mother chooses her second husband and their new family over raising her firstborn girls Elizabeth and Jaime are separated and risk losing the shelter of each other Hand Me Down indelibly captures a contemporary family journey how two young people against incredible odds forge lives of their own in the face of an uncertain future Hand Me Down World Lloyd Jones, 2011-10-04 This is the story of a young African mother s journey to reclaim the infant son heartlessly stolen from her Beginning in Tunisia where she is employed as a hotel maid the novel follows her as she makes an illegal near drowning crossing of the Mediterranean then up the length of Italy across the Alps and on to Berlin where her child has been given a new home We learn the mother s story through the people she meets along the way human links in the perilous chain of her journey a taxi driver a hunter a snail collector a street performer a blind man Most are generous some malevolent but all write their own deeply personal needs on the nearly blank slate of a mother whose needs are greatest of all Finally the woman herself picks up the narration re telling her story in her own words And only then do we understand the extent of the sacrifice she has been willing to make for the love of her child After eight novels and following on the heels of his award winning bestselling Mister Pip Hand Me Down World confirms Lloyd Jones stature as one of the most provocative and important writers writing today Dazzling in its literary effects powerful in its emotions this is a masterwork of contemporary fiction **Hand-me-downs** Rhea Kohan, 1980 A luxuriously comic novel in which three awesome women of different generations raise Armageddon tempests in otherwise mild and humble familial teapots Oldest of the volcanic trio is Malka born in Russia and never popular no one would rise up to call her blessed in New York where she s discovered dead by her despised daughter Helen only after a half hour of the usual one sided conversation And alas years later in California Helen

finds the spirit of Malka Here she was back again in her own first born Marilyn the grandmother s interior lava pit of fierce frustrations her intelligence scorn and madness had been handed down intact and unmistakable After all Marilyn is horn screaming swings the whip over her two sisters good natured Phyllis and meek Natalie and says she hates Helen and means it she s the kind of child who wouldn t clap for Tinker Bell Marilyn is instead Daddy Lenny s girl and with the keen aim of a stalking cheetah she claims his total adoration She even marries gentle CPA Ira merely because Daddy likes him but later she shrugs off hubby and kids pursuing her own law career All this infuriates mama Helen and after Lenny dies of cancer a torment that nearly kills Marilyn too full scale war breaks out Helen brings off a mating of Ira and dear unprepossessing Natalie just when recuperating Marilyn is thinking of reacquiring him Marilyn retaliates by ripping to pieces every one of Helen s plants A cease fire follows true yet at the close there are tiny inklings of revived sniper activity Kohan s dialogue crackles there are some marvelous originals including a shrewd Yiddish accented Greek chorus in Lenny s mother and there s a breadth of scale which admits both irony and hilarity as giant passions are forced to play on a stage of Muppets Kohan Save Me a Seat 1979 is gaining in control and stature Kirkus Hand Me Down Christen Gillan,2016-05-21 Life has always been pretty easy on me I wake up every morning drink too much coffee log in a few hours of work relax and then start the process all over again the next day Like I said easy Of course like everyone life has been known to throw me the occasional curveball just a little something to remind me not to get too comfortable Because once you get to that point where things have fallen into a routine of complacency that Son of a Bitch called life comes back with a vengeance ready to send his size 13 up your ass That s exactly what happened to me the day that Alex Paige came back into my life He was different than the last time I saw him Maybe he d lost some weight or gotten taller I wasn t sure All I knew was that something fundamental had shifted in Alex during the six months that he d been away and I felt the compulsive need to find out what it was Unfortunately that task was far more unattainable than it seemed Why you ask The answer is simple Alex just got a divorce From my sister In One Person John Irving,2012-05-08 From the author of A Prayer for Owen Meany and The World According to Garp comes his most daringly political sexually transgressive and moving novel in well over a decade Vanity Fair A New York Times bestselling novel of desire secrecy and sexual identity In One Person is a story of unfulfilled love tormented funny and affecting and an impassioned embrace of our sexual differences Billy the bisexual narrator and main character of In One Person tells the tragicomic story lasting more than half a century of his life as a sexual suspect a phrase first used by John Irving in 1978 in his landmark novel of terminal cases The World According to Garp In One Person is a poignant tribute to Billy s friends and lovers a theatrical cast of characters who defy category and convention Not least In One Person is an intimate and unforgettable portrait of the solitariness of a bisexual man who is dedicated to making himself worthwhile Hand Me Down World Lloyd Jones,2010-10-25 This is a story about a woman And the truck driver who mistook her for a prostitute The old man she robbed and the hunters who smuggled her across the border The woman whose

name she stole the wife who turned a blind eye This is the story of a mother searching for her child This is the novel you cannot stop thinking about A quiet mysterious unnamed woman has come from Africa on an impassioned quest From the shoreline of Tunisia to the confusion of Berlin she relies on strangers some generous some exploitive to guide her passage encountering love and betrayal in its many guises along the way When the truth behind this spellbinding story is finally revealed we are forced to revisit everything that has gone before Also available as an eBook [a: A Novel](#) Andy Warhol,1998-03-17 Conceptually unique hilarious and frightening referred to as pornography in The New York Times Book Review s original review and as a work of genius in Newsweek s a A Novel is the perfect literary manifestation of Andy Warhol s sensibility In the late sixties Warhol set out to turn a trade book into a piece of pop art and the result was this astonishing account of the famously influential group of artists superstars addicts and freaks who made up the Factory milieu Created from audiotapes recorded in and around the Factory a A Novel begins with the fabulous Ondine popping several amphetamines and then follows its characters as they converse with inspired speed driven wit and cut swaths through the clubs coffee shops hospitals and whorehouses of 1960 s Manhattan **The Night Before Thirty** Tajuana Butler,2009-02-19 New from the number one bestselling author of Hand me down Heartache and Sorority Sisters a novel about five women on the verge of turning thirty whose lives are changed forever when they meet through a national radio contest At first glance you couldn t find five women more different Catara is a personal shopper in New York who dreams of becoming a fashion designer Embarrassed by her weight she lets a lack of self confidence derail her goals In Atlanta Lashawnda has gone from a string of bad relationships with men into one with a woman that doesn t seem much better Elise is realizing her dream of opening up a gymnastics school in Louisville Kentucky but between working and taking care of her grandmother she can t find much time to nurture herself Tanya s relationship with her boyfriend is at the breaking point She s ready to leave Chicago and fast city living to settle down and have a family but her man isn t on the same page Alecia lives in Los Angeles and has been getting by on her looks for a long time but when her married boyfriend makes it clear that his wife comes first she has to realize that beauty fades and she must prepare for her future But these women do have something in common they all share the same birthday and are about to turn thirty When the number one syndicated black radio show in the country sponsors a Night Before Thirty Getaway Weekend these women meet and while their time together is brief the impact they have upon one another s lives is everlasting **The Novels of Kazuo Ishiguro** Matthew Beedham,2009-11-23 One of the most popular contemporary authors Kazuo Ishiguro has so far produced six highly regarded novels which have won him international acclaim and honours including the Booker Prize the Whitbread Award and an OBE for Services to Literature This Reader s Guide Evaluates the various responses to Ishiguro s work beginning with initial reactions moving on to key scholarly criticism and taking note along the way of what Ishiguro has offered Discusses each of Ishiguro s novels from A Pale View of the Hills 1982 to Never Let Me Go 2005 Features three in depth chapters on Ishiguro s Booker Prize winning

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**Just My Luck** Tajuana Butler, 2006-04-25 Following her birth during the Watts riot Lanita Lightfoot is confronted by a series of difficult challenges and hardships in order to survive including an alcoholic mother homelessness poverty and a wandering father as she learns that the key to overcoming everything that life throws at her lies within herself Reader's Guide included Reprint 25 000 first printing

The Sultan's Seal: A Novel (Kamil Pasha Novels) Jenny White, 2007-02-17 The body of a young Englishwoman washes up in Istanbul wearing a pendant inscribed with the seal of the deposed sultan The death resembles the unsolved murder of another Englishwoman ten years before A magistrate in the new secular courts Kamil Pasha sets out to find the killer but his dispassionate belief in science and modernity is shaken by betrayal and widening danger In a mystical voice a young Muslim woman recounts her own relationship with one of the dead women and with the suspected killer Were these political murders involving the palace or crimes of personal passion Rich in sensuous detail this novel brilliantly captures the political and social upheavals of the waning Ottoman Empire and the contradictory desires of the human soul

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**Facing the Abyss** George Hutchinson, 2018-01-23 Mythologized as the era of the good war and the Greatest Generation the 1940s are frequently understood as a more heroic uncomplicated time in American history Yet just below the surface a sense of dread alienation and the haunting specter of radical evil permeated American art and literature Writers returned home from World War II and gave form to their disorienting experiences of violence and cruelty They probed the darkness that the war opened up and confronted bigotry existential guilt ecological concerns and fear about the nature and survival of the human race In Facing the Abyss George Hutchinson offers readings of individual works and the larger intellectual and cultural scene to reveal the 1940s as a period of profound and influential accomplishment Facing the Abyss examines the relation of aesthetics to politics the idea of universalism and the connections among authors across racial ethnic and gender divisions Modernist and avant garde styles were absorbed into popular

culture as writers and artists turned away from social realism to emphasize the process of artistic creation Hutchinson explores a range of important writers from Saul Bellow and Mary McCarthy to Richard Wright and James Baldwin African American and Jewish novelists critiqued racism and anti-Semitism women writers pushed back on the misogyny unleashed during the war and authors such as Gore Vidal and Tennessee Williams reflected a new openness in the depiction of homosexuality The decade also witnessed an awakening of American environmental and ecological consciousness Hutchinson argues that despite the individualized experiences depicted in these works a common belief in art's ability to communicate the universal in particulars united the most important works of literature and art during the 1940s Hutchinson's capacious view of American literary and cultural history masterfully weaves together a wide range of creative and intellectual expression into a sweeping new narrative of this pivotal decade

*A Dangerous Fiction* Barbara Rogan, 2014-07-29 When a glamorous literary agent falls prey to a violent stalker she discovers that the publishing biz can really be murder for fans of *The Spellman Files* and *Maisie Dobbs* Suspenseful Barbara Rogan cleverly explores our capacity for self-deception and weaves it into an absorbing mystery that keeps its secret until the very end NPR Jo Donovan always manages to come out on top Originally from the backwoods of Appalachia she forged a hard path to elegant lunches and parties among New York City's literati At thirty-five she's the widow of the renowned novelist and notorious playboy Hugo Donovan the owner of one of the best literary agencies in town and is one of the most sought-after agents in the business But all this is about to fall apart as a would-be client turns stalker a hack shops around a proposal for an unauthorized tell-all biography of Hugo and a handsome old flame shows up without warning Both a seasoned author and a former literary agent herself Barbara Rogan knows the publishing world from all angles Fans of Lisa Lutz and Jacqueline Winspear will adore Jo Donovan and Rogan's wickedly sharp tale that skewers the dangerous fictions we read and the dangerous fictions we tell ourselves

**The Book Club for Troublesome Women** Marie Bostwick, 2025-04-22 This is a novel about ambitious women and the mentors that inspired them to excellence Bostwick carves an unforgettable path for her characters Adriana Trigiani bestselling author of *The Good Left Undone* Margaret Ryan never really meant to start a book club or a feminist revolution in her buttoned-up suburb By 1960s standards Margaret Ryan is living the American woman's dream She has a husband three children a station wagon and a home in Concordia one of Northern Virginia's most exclusive and picturesque suburbs She has a standing invitation to the neighborhood coffee klatch and now thanks to her husband a new subscription to *A Woman's Place* a magazine that tells housewives like Margaret exactly who to be and what to buy On paper she has it all So why doesn't that feel like enough Margaret is thrown for a loop when she first meets Charlotte Gustafson Concordia's newest and most intriguing resident As an excuse to be in the mysterious Charlotte's orbit Margaret concocts a book club get-together and invites two other neighborhood women Bitsy and Viv to the inaugural meeting As the women share secrets cocktails and their honest reactions to the controversial bestseller *The Feminine Mystique* they begin to discover that the American dream they'd been sold isn't

all roses and sunshine and that their secret longing for more is something they share Nicknaming themselves the Bettys after Betty Friedan these four friends have no idea their impromptu club and the books they read together will become the glue that helps them hold fast through tears triumphs angst and arguments and what will prove to be the most consequential and freeing year of their lives *The Book Club for Troublesome Women* is a humorous thought provoking and nostalgic romp through one pivotal and tumultuous American year as well as an ode to self discovery persistence and the power of sisterhood Bostwick's latest is ideal for fans of historical fiction and those who enjoyed Bonnie Garmus's *Lessons in Chemistry* Kristin Hannah's *The Women* or Kate Quinn's *The Briar Club* which explore the historical roles of women and the challenges they faced within a society structured to define and limit their roles in and out of the home *Library Journal* Starred Review

**Novel Definitions** Cheryl L. Nixon, 2008-12-30 *Novel Definitions* captures the lively critical debate surrounding the invention of the English novel showing how the rise of the novel is accompanied by a rise in popular literary criticism The over 135 pieces here many newly discovered include essays prefaces reviews and sermons written by authors ranging from Aphra Behn to Walter Scott *Novel Definitions* brings together authors commentary on their work debates concerning the novel's formal qualities and cultural position including who should read novels reviewers definitions of the qualities that make a novel successful and literary historians first attempts to write the history of the novel

**The Book of Ralph** John McNally, 2010-05-11 All of us need a Ralph in our lives Chicago 1978 Hank Boyd a solid B student a good kid wants eighth grade to be his special year But when Ralph an oddball troublemaker who's been held back twice gets the idea that he and Hank are pals Hank's year devolves into an odyssey as frightening as it is hilarious John McNally acclaimed author of *Troublemakers* deftly portrays the astonishing sometimes terrifying world of adolescence in 1970s America The adult world becomes increasingly untrustworthy the economy plummets and families seem to be falling apart yet the two boys manage to create their own small moments of transcendence At once wary and full of wonder Hank and Ralph will win your heart with their outrageous poignant and occasionally scary antics and they will teach you something about the ties that bind us together hold us back and redeem us

**Perfectly Dateless (My Perfectly Misunderstood Life Book #1)** Kristin Billerbeck, 2010-07-01 Daisy Crispin has 196 days to find the right date for the prom There's only one problem her parents won't let her date or even talk to a guy on the phone Oh and she's totally invisible at school has to wear lame homemade clothes and has no social skills Okay so maybe there's more than one problem Can she talk her parents into letting her go to the prom Or will they succeed at their obvious attempt to completely ruin her life With hilarious and truthful writing Kristin Billerbeck uncovers the small and large mortifications that teen girls encounter Readers will fall in love with Daisy's sharp wit and resourcefulness as she navigates the world of boys fashion family and friendship



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