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Escape!-Sid Fleischman 2006-08-01 Who was this man who could walk through brick walls and, with a snap of his fingers, vanish elephants? In these pages you will meet the astonishing Houdini—magician, ghost chaser, daredevil, pioneer aviator, and king of escape artists. No jail cell or straitjacket could hold him! He shucked off handcuffs as easily as gloves. In this fresh, witty biography of the most famous bamboozler since Merlin, Sid Fleischman, a former professional magician, enriches his warm homage with insider information and unmaskings. Did Houdini really pick the jailhouse lock to let a fellow circus performer escape? Were his secrets really buried with him? Was he a bum magician, as some rivals claimed? How did he manage to be born in two cities, in two countries, on two continents at the same instant? Here are the stories of how a knockabout kid named Ehrich Weiss, the son of an impoverished rabbi, presto-changed himself into the legendary Harry Houdini. Here, too, are rare photographs never before seen by the general reader!

Almost a Great Escape-Tyler Trafford 2013-04-02 Novelist Tyler Trafford reconstructs the story of his mother's life—from her youth as a Montreal debutante to her final days as a casualty of an unhappy marriage—as he uncovers the mystery of her relationship with Jens Müller, one of only three prisoners to make it home after the "Great Escape" from Stalag Luft III, the infamous Nazi prisoner-of-war camp.

Greatest Escape Stories Ever Told-Darren Brown 2006-06-01 To reach freedom, the most famous escapers of all time have been willing to endure the most horrific conditions—and the direst consequences if caught. The collection of tales in The Greatest Escape Stories Ever Told is gripping as only true life-and-death struggles can be: Papillon fighting through the jungles of Guiana only to commit himself to the open ocean in a sixteen-foot boat rather than face a life in exile; Rocky Gause dodging bullets as he swims through shark-infested waters to escape the Japanese at Bataan, while those around him simply quit; Latude battling against the dreaded Bastille; Baron Trenck—with chains covering almost every inch of his body—digging and digging to free himself from wrongful imprisonment; Andre Devigny, so weak from starvation and poor treatment that he could barely lift himself, shimmying across a rope only yards above a German sentry during World War II on the eve of his execution. These are just a few of the twenty-five bold and ingenious tales of escape included in this collection. The Greatest Escape Stories Ever Told will hold readers captive for years to come!

The Great Escape-Ted Barris 2013-09-16 One night in 1944, eighty airmen escaped a German POW compound in Poland. The event became known as "The Great Escape." Ted Barris writes of the planners, task leaders, and key players in the escape attempt, those who got away, those who didn't, and their families at home.

The True Story of the Great Escape-Jonathan F. Vance 2019-08-30 It shows the variety and depth of the men sent into harms way during World War II, something emphasised by the population of Stalag Luft III. Most of the Allied POWs were flyers, with all the technical, tactical and planning skills that profession requires. Such men are independent thinkers, craving open air and wide-open spaces, which meant than an obsession with escape was almost inevitable' - John D GreshamBetween dusk and dawn on the night of March 24th–25th 1944, a small army of Allied soldiers crawled through tunnels in Germany in a covert operation the likes of which the Third Reich had never seen before.The prison break from Stalag Luft III in eastern Germany was the largest of its kind in the Second World War. Seventy-nine Allied soldiers and airmen made it outside the wire - but only three made it outside Nazi Germany. Fifty were executed by the Gestapo.Jonathan Vance tells the incredible story that was made famous by the 1963 film The Great Escape. The escape is a classic tale of prisoner and their wardens in a battle of wits and wills.The brilliantly conceived escape plan is overshadowed only by the colourful, daring (and sometimes very funny) crew who executed it - literally under the noses of German guards.From their first days in Stalag Luft III and the forming of bonds key to such exploits, to the tunnel building, amazing escape and eventual capture, Vance's history is a vivid, compelling look at one of the greatest 'exfiltration' missions of all time.

The Great Escape-Paul Brickhill 1950 Records the efforts of six hundred British and American officers to escape from a Nazi prison camp.

The Great Thanksgiving Escape-Mark Fearing 2014 Gavin, preparing for a boring Thanksgiving Day with his relatives, joins his cousin's effort to escape to the swing set in the backyard, a journey marked by sweater-wearing dogs, affectionate aunts, and grownups of inconvenient height.

The Great Escape And Other Stories-Chandamama 2003-02

Inky's Great Escape-Casey Lyall 2017-11-07 Inky, worn out from his exciting life in the ocean, has retired to the aquarium. There he quietly regales his tank mate Blotchy with tales of his past adventures. Then Blotchy dares Inky to make one more daring escape. Will Inky succeed?

William S. and the Great Escape-Zilpha Keatley Snyder 2009-09-15 Twelve-year-old William S. Baggett is one of eight Baggett children, and he is ready to escape his negligent family. Since his very first day of school in 1931, he has been saving up money to run away. That's exactly what he does—along with three of his younger siblings—after his older brothers flush a pet guinea pig down the toilet. The four children are headed to their aunt Fiona's house, but the trip doesn't go exactly as planned—especially when a lonely rich girl decides to "help" them. Will they ever make it to Aunt Fiona's? And if they do, will she let them stay?

The Great Escape-Angus Deaton 2015-05-26 Asserts that 250 years ago, some parts of the world began to experience sustained progress, opening up gaps and setting the stage for today's hugely unequal world and examines the United States, a nation that has prospered but is today experiencing slower growth and increasing inequality.

A True Story of the Great Escape-Louise Williams 2015-08-26 Shot down in 1942, young Australian fighter pilot John Williams DFC became a POW in the notorious Stalag Luft III camp in Germany. John had joined the air force shortly before the outbreak of war and, in the larrikin tradition, led his squadron into air combat over the deserts of Libya and Egypt dressed in sandals and shorts. John and his best mate Rusty Kierath were among the 76 POWs who tunneled their way out of the supposedly escape-proof camp under the noses of their German guards in what later became the Hollywood blockbuster, The Great Escape. Their families never learned what really happened once the pair made it out into the forest. John's niece Louise Williams has pieced together his life, from his upbringing in a tight-knit family hit hard by the Depression, to his exploits in the air, and the many missing details of the tragic escape. It is a powerful and intimate story of one of the most dramatic episodes of World War II. 'A riveting tale, superbly told' - Peter FitzSimons, author and journalist 'A brilliant achievement. Louise Williams reminds us that the story of the Great Escape should not be owned by Hollywood, but rather by the families of those who made the greatest sacrifice.' - Guy Walters, author of The Real Great Escape

Human Game-Simon Read 2013 Recounts the true events depicted in the movie The Great Escape, during which 76 Allied airmen broke free of the infamous Stalag Luft III POW camp and how a manhunt 20 years later brought to justice many Gestapo killers who worked there. 35,000 first printing.

Real Great Escape, The-Jacqueline Cook 2014 Bigger than The Great Escape. The story of the first successful mass tunnel escape from a PoW camp in WWI Germany. Holzminden prisoner-of-war camp was a World War I prisoner-of-war camp for British Empire officers located in Lower Saxony, Germany. It opened in September 1917, and closed with the final repatriation of prisoners in December 1918.

The Great Escapers-Tim Carroll 2011-04-29 The Great Escape was one of the most remarkable episodes of the Second World War. After the attempt to break 200 men out of Hermann Gring's 'escape-proof' prisoner-of-war camp, 76 Allied officers managed to create havoc behind enemy lines before most were eventually recaptured. Now, over 60 years after the event, the ingenuity of the masterminds behind this audacious break-out is celebrated.The Great Escapers tells the story of these men who managed to break free from the supposedly impenetrable barbed wire and watchtowers of Stalag Luft III, Gring's showcase prison camp near Sagan. Some of them were also involved in other daring escape attempts, including the famous Wooden Horse episode, also turned into a classic film, and the little-known Sachsenhausen break-out, engineered by five Great Escape survivors sent to die in the notorious concentration camp on Hitler's personal orders. Also revealed is the important role Stalag Luft III played in Allied intelligence operations within occupied Europe: the prisoners developed an intricate espionage network, feeding details of military deployments and strength levels back home and relaying details about the accuracy of bombing raids. Tragically, 50 of those involved in the Great Escape were murdered by the Gestapo. The author examines their deaths and the post-war investigation to bring their killers to justice. The Great Escapers is an extraordinary story, charted through the experiences of those who lived under the sweeping searchlights of the ominous watchtowers and ending with accounts from the seven remaining men who broke out that March night over 60 years ago - the last of the Great Escapers.

Great Escape-Kati Marton 2007-11-06 Traces the early twentieth century journey of nine prominent men from Budapest who fled fascism to seek sanctuary in America, where they made pivotal contributions to science, film, and photojournalism.

Grandpa's Great Escape-David Walliams 2017-02-28 David Walliams, hailed as "the heir to Roald Dahl" by The Spectator, burst onto the American scene with the New York Times bestseller Demon Dentist. Now the UK's #1 bestselling children's author is back with this high-flying adventure about a boy and his grandfather, perfect for fans of Jeff Kinney and Rachel Renee Russell. Grandpa is Jack's favorite person in the world. It doesn't matter that he wears his slippers to the supermarket, serves Spam a la Custard for dinner, and often doesn't remember Jack's name. But then Grandpa starts to believe he's back in World War II, when he was a Spitfire fighter pilot, and he's sent to live in an old folk's home run by the sinister Matron Bertine. Now it's up to Jack to help Grandpa plot a daring escape!

The Great Pig Escape-Eileen Christelow 1996-10 Bert and Ethel try raising pigs on their farm, but when they get to market the pigs have disappeared.

Zero Night: The Untold Story of World War Two's Greatest Escape-Mark Felton 2015-08-25 Non-fiction that reads like a novel! A thrilling, moment by moment account of an epic escape and the real-life adventures that followed.

The Great Escape-Mike Meserole 2017-09 Nearly 100 Allied prisoners of war attempt to break out of a supposedly 'escape-proof' Nazi camp in 1944 by secretly creating a 350-foot tunnel.

Escape from Stalag Luft III-Bram Vanderstok 2019-06-30 "Quickly, I climbed up to the surface and immediately found the rope... I felt no signal, so it was not safe yet. Then I felt three distinct tugs and slowly popped my head up. The nearest 'Goonbox' was at least 200 feet away; but, indeed, I was twenty feet from the edge of the woods." - Bram Vanderstok "A born raconteur. His escapes, his operations as a Spitfire pilot, his experiences as a prisoner of war, and his incredible escape crossing the Pyrenees - all are described in a breathtaking manner which made me read his book through in one sitting" - Prof. Dr. L de Jong, Founder/Director of the Dutch Institute for War Documentation "Such a modest man, such a dramatic story - you'll be pulled into this absorbing account" - Jonathan Vance, The True Story of the Great Escape On the night of 24 March 1944, Bram Vanderstok was number 18 of 76 men who crawled beyond the barbed wire fence of Stalag Luft III in Zagan, Poland. The 1963 film The Great Escape, was largely based on this autobiography but - with Vanderstok's agreement - filmmakers chose to turn his story into an Australian character name Sedgwick, played by James Coburn.His memoir sets down his wartime adventures before being incarcerated in Stalag Luft III and then in extraordinary detail describes various escape attempts which culminated with the famous March breakout. After escaping, Vanderstok roamed Europe for weeks, passing through Leipzig, Utrecht, Brussels, Paris, Dijon and Madrid, before making it back to England. He reported to the Air Ministry and two months after escaping, on 30 May 1944 he returned to the British no.91 Squadron. In the following months he flew almost every day to France escorting bombers and knocking down V1 rockets. In August 1944 he finally returned to his home. He learned that his two brothers had been killed in concentration camps after being arrested for resistance work. His father had been tortured and blinded by the Gestapo during interrogation. He had never betrayed his son.

The Longest Tunnel-Alan Burgess 2004 This is the real story behind The Great Escape of World War II popularized in the now-classic movie starring Steve McQueen and James Garner. First published in 1990 and based on sources not available for Paul Brickhill's earlier work, the book tells how on the night of March 24, 1944, seventy-six Allied POWs slid through a 350-foot tunnel and out of a high-security German prison camp, into history. Within days, on Hitler's orders, fifty had been shot by the Gestapo and twenty-three captured and returned to the camp. Only three men escaped to the Allied lines. The true details of their harrowing story—and the subsequent efforts of their comrades to bring the Gestapo killers to justice—are even more thrilling and fascinating than those fictionalized in the film. The author, a former RAF flyer, not only knows his subject but knows how to shape an enthralling narrative. He describes how the flyers and aircrews dug three tunnels by hand, became master forgers of passports and travel documents, brilliant creators of civilian disguise, and made working compasses from discarded razor blades. His story of the postwar manhunt for the Nazis who murdered the flyers is nearly as dramatic as the escape itself.

The Great Escape-Kate Egan 2014-10-07 Mike is doing better in school these days. Learning magic helps him to learn other things as well. Sure, he's gotten in trouble in the past, but things are different now. So why does everyone still think he's the same old Mike? If only there was a magic trick to change his reputation... Then, during one of his visits to The White Rabbit Magic Shop, Mike finds something that could be even better than a magic trick—it's possible that Mike could be related to Harry Houdini—the greatest magician ever! But when Mike lets the news slip, and Jackson Jacobs dares him to prove it, he knows that he's in the type of bind that only magic can help him escape!

The Great Escape-Susan Elizabeth Phillips 2012-07-10 Perennial New York Times bestselling author Susan Elizabeth Phillips now provides her fans with The Great Escape from ordinary women's romantic fiction. One of today's most beloved writers, the incomparable Phillips follows up her utterly beguiling hit, Call Me Irresistible ("Phillips at her very best. Romantic, funny, sexy, and poignant" —Kristin Hannah) with a sequel that's equally impossible to resist. Returning in The Great Escape are some of Phillips's most adored characters, including headstrong, impetuous ex-president's daughter, Lucy Jorik, who's just abandoned her fiancé, Ted "Mr. Irresistible" Beaudine, at the altar. Now she's looking for adventure—and perhaps a little romance—embarking on a wild and hilariously unpredictable road trip that begins on the back of a rather menacing-looking stranger's motorcycle. The winner of more Favorite Book of the Year Awards than any other romance author, including Nora Roberts, Susan Elizabeth Phillips offers her fans an Escape to remember, and they'll certainly want to come back for more!

Goran's Great Escape-Astrid Lindgren 2011 It's a sunny Easter Sunday in Sweden and the farmer's family are having breakfast, when suddenly their bull, Goran, breaks loose. Can anyone get him back under control?

The True Story of the Great Escape-Jonathan F Vance 2019-01-30 'It shows the variety and depth of the men sent into harms way during World War II, something emphasised by the population of Stalag Luft III. Most of the Allied POWs were flyers, with all the technical, tactical and planning skills that profession requires. Such men are independent thinkers, craving open air and wide-open spaces, which meant than an obsession with escape was almost inevitable' - John D GreshamBetween dusk and dawn on the night of March 24th–25th 1944, a small army of Allied soldiers crawled through tunnels in Germany in a covert operation the likes of which the Third Reich had never seen before.The prison break from Stalag Luft III in eastern Germany was the largest of its kind in the Second World War. Seventy-nine Allied soldiers and airmen made it outside the wire - but only three made it outside Nazi Germany. Fifty were executed by the Gestapo.Jonathan Vance tells the incredible story that was made famous by the 1963 film The Great Escape. The escape is a classic tale of prisoner and their wardens in a battle of wits and wills.The brilliantly conceived escape plan is overshadowed only by the colourful, daring (and sometimes very funny) crew who executed it - literally under the noses of German guards.From their first days in Stalag Luft III and the forming of bonds key to such exploits, to the tunnel building, amazing escape and eventual capture, Vance's history is a vivid, compelling look at one of the greatest 'exfiltration' missions of all time.

The Grand Escape: The Greatest Prison Breakout of the 20th Century (Scholastic Focus)-Neal Bascomb 2018-09-25 Neal Bascomb, author of 'The Nazi Hunters, returns with his next thrilling work of narrative nonfiction about a group of Allied POWs who staged an escape for the ages during World War I.

The Great Escape from Stalag Luft III-Tim Carroll 2010-06-15 The true story of one of the most heroic feats of World War II...the daring prison camp breakout that inspired the classic film The Great Escape Stalag Luft III was one of the Germans' "escape-proof" prison camps, specially built by Hermann Göring to hold Allied troops. But on March 24, 1944, in a courageous attempt by two hundred prisoners to break out through a series of tunnels, seventy-six Allied officers managed to evade capture -- and create havoc behind enemy lines in the months before the Normandy Invasion. This is the incredible story of these brave men who broke free from the supposedly impenetrable barbed wire and watchtowers of Stalag Luft III -- and who played an important role in Allied intelligence operations within occupied Europe. The prisoners developed an intricate espionage network, relaying details of military deployment, bombings, and raids. Some of them were involved in other daring escape attempts, including the famous Wooden Horse episode, also turned into a classic film, and the little-known Sachsenhausen breakout, engineered by five Great Escapers sent to die in the notorious concentration camp on Hitler's personal orders. Tragically, fifty of those involved in the Great Escape were murdered by the Gestapo. Others were recaptured; only a few made it all the way to freedom. This dramatic account of personal heroism is a testament to their ingenuity and achievement -- a stirring tribute to the men who never gave up fighting. Includes eight pages of photographs and illustrations, excerpts from Göring's testimony during postwar investigations, and a list of the men who escaped.

Toy Story 3: The Great Toy Escape-Disney Books 2013-07-16 Read along with Disney! When Andy goes off to college, Buzz, Woody, and the rest of his toys fear the worst. Follow along with the word-for-word narration as the beloved toys are compelled to leave Andy's room behind and embark on an all-new comedic adventure!

Toy Story 3: The Great Toy Escape-Disney Book Group 2011-08-09 When Andy goes off to college, Buzz, Woody, and the rest of his toys fear the worst, but they are surprised to find that they still have many adventures ahead of them.

Great Animal Escape Stories-Barbara G. Cox 2016-09-09 True Heartwarming Stories of animal escapes Read About... Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Pig. A pair of pigs headed for slaughter jumped off a ramp while being unloaded from a livestock truck. They squeezed through a fence and made a dash for freedom. Dora. A cow being sold for slaughter broke her neck rope at a cattle auction and escaped to a nearby woods. She lived there for a full summer fending for herself until rescue came. Little Orphan Andy. A lamb born during transport in a truckload of sheep was rescued by a woman watching the animals being unloaded. Huey, Duey, and Sidekick Chick. Two ducks and a rooster were brought to a farm sanctuary on the same day and bonded as a happy threesome.

The Hamsters' Great Escape-Alan Wichello 2012

The Great Pet Escape-Victoria Jamieson 2016-02-16 The class pets at Daisy P. Flugelhorn Elementary School want OUT . . . and GW (short for George Washington), the deceptively cute hamster in the second-grade classroom, is just the guy to lead the way. But when he finally escapes and goes to find his former partners in crime, Barry and Biter, he finds that they actually LIKE being class pets. Impossible! Just as GW gets Barry and Biter to agree to leave with him, a mouse named Harriet and her many mouse minions get in their way. What follows is class-pet chaos guaranteed to make readers giggle. . . and maybe look at their class pets a little differently in the future.

The Greatest POW Escape Stories Ever Told-Keith Warren Lloyd 2020-12-01 A gripping collection that showcases twelve of the most famous prisoner of war escapes in the history of modern warfare. Although these stories feature escapees of different nationalities, ideologies and allegiances, the reader will be captured by the common traits shared by all of these brave soldiers: loyalty to country and cause, tenacity, resourcefulness, and an abundant amount of courage.

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James Clavell's Whirlwind-James Clavell 2014-12

Reader's Digest True Stories of Great Escapes-Reader's Digest 1977 Presents forty-two accounts of death-defying attempts to escape and elude captors, including Winston Churchill's account of his daring prison break during the Boer War

Ellie Dwyer's Great Escape-Diane Winger 2019-02-20 You're never too old to run away from home Ellie Dwyer, 61, is convinced bad luck comes in threes, and not just garden-variety, oh-well bad luck. How many people have to flee not one, but two natural disasters? And in between the wildfire and the hurricane, her husband of nearly forty years suddenly up and left her for no reason she could fathom, disappearing from her life without a clue to his whereabouts. Determined to reinvent her life, Ellie sets out on a journey across the country. Along the way to nowhere in particular, she buys a camper, becomes friends with a remarkable octogenarian, and starts to believe that good luck might also come in threes. Or does it? That depends on how she defines good luck.

The Secret of the Hidden Scrolls: The Great Escape-M.J. Thomas 2019-10-15 Back for their third adventure, siblings Peter and Mary journey back in time to Egypt, where Moses fights for the Israelites' freedom and plagues wreak havoc. The Secret of the Hidden Scrolls series follows siblings Peter and Mary and their dog, Hank, as they discover ancient scrolls that transport them back to key moments in biblical history. In The Great Escape, Peter, Mary, and Hank journey to the pyramid-studded desert of ancient Egypt. When the trio become friends with Pharaoh's daughter, they witness first-hand as Moses petitions Pharaoh for the Israelites' freedom. Plagues wreak havoc as the group races to decode the scroll, gets chased by a panther, and battles Pharaoh's cunning advisor, the Great Magician. Young readers will anxiously follow along as Peter and Mary's thrilling adventures bring the biblical story of Exodus to life.

Extremes of Fortune-Andrew White 2020-09 Herbert Martin Massey was by any measure, a remarkable man. He was wounded three times in three separate conflicts, the first of which, in the First World War, almost killed him. Brought down in flames by one of Germany's great aces, Werner Voss, he somehow recovered from his horrific, life-threatening injuries to continue his flying career in the Royal Air Force, only to be nearly killed once more in the Palestine Emergency of 1936, when his life was saved by the thin metal of his cigarette case. Then, at the age of 44 and having risen through the ranks to Group Captain, he was shot down over Holland on the second of the Thousand Bomber Raids in June 1942.Massey was taken prisoner by the Germans and sent to Stalag Luft III at Sagan. Here, he was to excel as the Senior British Officer, vigorously defending the rights of his fellow prisoners of war, the men now under his command. Respected and admired by his comrades and captors alike, fate handed to him the decision to authorise the Great Escape, the famous breakout from Sagan in March 1944.Too badly wounded to join the escape himself, Martin Massey was the man to whom the Germans first broke the news of the execution of fifty of those who had been recaptured. Repatriated to Britain because of his wounds shortly afterwards, it was Massey who brought home the details of the murders which began the process of bringing the perpetrators to justice post-war.Decorated for his gallantry and leadership six times, men like Martin Massey come along only rarely. This book, using previously unseen documents and photographs, tells his story.

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