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BESTSELLER • Anyone—even you!—can learn how to harness the  
power of humor in business (and life), based on the popular class  
at Stanford’s Graduate School of Business. Don’t miss the  
authors’ TED Talk, “Why great leaders take humor seriously,”  
online now. “The ultimate guide to using the magical power of  
funny as a tool for leadership and a force for good.”—Daniel H.  
Pink, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *When and Drive*  
We are living through a period of unprecedented uncertainty and

upheaval in both our personal and professional lives. So it should  
come as a surprise to exactly no one that trust, human  
connection, and mental well-being are all on the decline. This  
may seem like no laughing matter. Yet, the research shows that  
humor and laughter are among the most valuable tools we have  
at our disposal for strengthening bonds and relationships,  
diffusing stress and tension, boosting resilience, and performing  
when the stakes are high. That’s why Jennifer Aaker and Naomi  
Bagdonas teach the popular course *Humor: Serious Business* at  
the Stanford Graduate School of Business, where they help some  
of the world’s most hard-driving, blazer-wearing business minds  
infuse more humor and levity into their work and lives. In *Humor,  
Seriously*, they draw on findings by behavioral scientists, world-  
class comedians, and inspiring business leaders to reveal how

humor works and—more important—how you can use more of it, better. Aaker and Bagdonas unpack the theory and application of humor: what makes something funny, how to mine your life for material, and simple ways to identify and leverage your unique humor style. They show how to use humor to rebuild vital connections; appear more confident, competent, and authentic at work; and foster cultures where levity and creativity can thrive. President Dwight David Eisenhower once said, “A sense of humor is part of the art of leadership, of getting along with people, of getting things done.” If Dwight David Eisenhower, the second least naturally funny president (after Franklin Pierce), thought humor was necessary to win wars, build highways, and warn against the military-industrial complex, then you might consider learning it too.

*Polarity Magic* Tauris Parke Paperbacks

"Have you ever wondered what lies behind the waterfall? Lucy did. Join Lucy on her magical secret envelope journey into fairyland and discover how fairy laughter is made, who the mischief-makers are, where stardust comes from and other fairy secrets"--Back cover.

*Principia Amoris* Carl Lyle Jenkins

Using client case studies, individual testimonials, and a lighthearted writing style, this book promotes the hottest new idea process for business--from a comedy theater.

*Funny Magic* Xsports.com

Be the soul of the party. Find favour with your associates in business, or social circles! Get going with Laughter-the Secret of Good Health! In fact, the fastest way to break the ice in many a situation is to crack a joke. Which is why Danish pianist Victor

Borge had quipped: Laughter is the shortest distance between two people. This book is replete with humorous one-liners, quips, quotes and anecdotes that will have you rolling with laughter. The book also dwells on famous humourists and other personalities with a sharp sense of humour, including Mark Twain, George Bernard Shaw, Oscar Wilde, Winston Churchill, Abraham Lincoln and Mahatma Gandhi, amongst others. Jokes apart, laughter also has multiple therapeutic benefits, as attested by medical men--and elucidated by oft-repeated maxim, Laughter is the best medicine. Indeed, in March 1995, the first Laughter Club was launched by a Mumbai-based doctor precisely for its therapeutic benefits. This book also tells you all about the scientific benefits of laughter. So read, laugh and be merry! For therein lies the secret of good health and happiness.

*The Book of Laughter and Forgetting* Pustak Mahal

A “brilliant and terrifically fun”\* debut novel brings an enchanting new voice to fantasy. Onna can write the parameters of a spell faster than any of the young men in her village school. But despite her incredible abilities, she’s denied a place at the nation’s premier arcane academy. Undaunted, she sails to the bustling city-state of Hexos, hoping to find a place at a university where they don’t think there’s anything untoward about providing a woman with a magical education. But as soon as Onna arrives, she’s drawn into the mysterious murder of four trolls. Tsira is a troll who never quite fit into her clan, despite being the leader’s daughter. She decides to strike out on her own and look for work in a human city, but on her way she stumbles upon the body of a half-dead human soldier in the snow. As she slowly nurses him back to health, an unlikely bond forms between

them, one that is tested when an unknown mage makes an attempt on Tsira's life. Soon, unbeknownst to each other, Onna and Tsira both begin devoting their considerable talents to finding out who is targeting trolls, before their homeland is torn apart... \*Kat Howard, Alex Award-winning author of *An Unkindness of Magicians*

*Dark Secrets of Hidden Magic* AuthorHouse

In this humorous book about using laughter more with family and in your life every day. Gail Hand shares stories of her family of upbeat characters and life in a body cast in high school that will keep you in hysterics.

**The Literature of the Iranian Diaspora** Scholastic

Join Lucy on her magical secret envelope journey into fairyland and discover how fairy laughter is made, who the mischief-makers are, where star dust comes from and other fairy secrets in these beautiful padded envelope books. The perfect gift for any little girl!

*The Secret of Laughter* Shams Teh

Uncovering an archive of laughter, from the forbidden giggle to the explosive guffaw. Most of our theories of laughter are not concerned with laughter. Rather, their focus is the laughable object, whether conceived of as the comic, the humorous, jokes, the grotesque, the ridiculous, or the ludicrous. In *Laughter*, Anca Parvulescu proposes a return to the materiality of the burst of laughter itself. She sets out to uncover an archive of laughter, inviting us to follow its rhythms and listen to its tones.

Historically, laughter—especially the passionate burst of laughter—has often been a *faux pas*. Manuals for conduct, abetted by philosophical treatises and literary and visual texts,

warned against it, offering special injunctions to ladies to avoid jollity that was too boisterous. Returning laughter to the history of the passions, Parvulescu anchors it at the point where the history of the grimacing face meets the history of noise. In the civilizing process that leads to laughter's "falling into disrepute," as Nietzsche famously put it, we can see the formless, contorted face in laughter being slowly corrected into a calm, social smile. How did the twentieth century laugh? Parvulescu points to a gallery of twentieth-century laughers and friends of laughter, arguing that it is through Georges Bataille that the century laughed its most distinct laugh. In Bataille's wake, laughter becomes the passion at the heart of poststructuralism. Looking back at the century from this vantage point, Parvulescu revisits four of its most challenging projects: modernism, the philosophical avant-gardes, feminism, and cinema. The result is an overview of the twentieth century as seen through the laughs that burst at some of its most convoluted junctures.

*The Secret of Laughter* Baker's Plays

The 1979 Revolution in Iran caused the migration of millions of Iranians, many of whom wrote, and are still writing, of their experiences. Formed at the junctions of Iranian culture, English language and Western cultures, this body of work has not only formed a unique literary space, offering an insightful reflection of Iranian diasporic experiences and its shifting nature, but it has also been making a unique and understudied contribution to World Literatures in English as significant as Indian, African and Asian writing in English. Sanaz Fotouhi here traces the origins of the emerging body of diasporic Iranian literature in English, and uses these origins to examine the socio-political position and

historical context from which they have emerged. Fotouhi brings together, introduces and analyses, for the first time, a significant range of diasporic Iranian writers alongside each other and alongside other diasporic literatures in English. While situating this body of work through existing theories such as postcolonialism, Fotouhi sheds new light on the role of Iranian literature and culture in Western literature by showing that these writings distinctively reflect experiences unique to the Iranian diaspora. Analysing the relationship between Iranians and their new surroundings, by drawing on theories of migration, narration and identity, Fotouhi examines how the literature borne out of the Iranian diaspora reconstructs, maintains and negotiates their Individual and communal identities and reflects today's socio-political realities. This book will be vital for researchers of Middle Eastern literature and its relationship with writings from the West, as well as those interested in the cultural history of the Middle East.

#### The Power of Laughter Priscilla Rogers

Summary about this story: "The Pumpkin's Secret" is an exciting story about two best friends, Mia and Leo, who go on an amazing Halloween journey. The couple loves their quiet neighborhood and is looking forward to October and all the fun things that come with Halloween, like making pumpkins. They don't know that this year will be different because a stunning secret will be hiding inside a normal pumpkin. They choose a pumpkin from Farmer Jenkins' pumpkin farm that looks like it has something bad in its stem. This marks the beginning of their trip. They have no idea that this pumpkin is more than just a strange puzzle wrapped in a gourd. Under a night sky full of stars, Mia and Leo start to carve

their creation, a friendly scarecrow. They are surprised when a soft golden glow comes out of the pumpkin and reveals a secret doorway. They go into a world called Pumpkin Ville, which is all about pumpkins, with their hearts beating fast. Everything in Pumpkin Ville is made out of pumpkins, from people to houses to trees. Mia and Leo went on a trip that was unique and charming, which made them want to go on it. They dance with Pumpkin Jig, a lively pumpkin scarecrow, meet Jack, an old and wise pumpkin, who tells them stories about the past of Pumpkin Ville, and eat treats made by Pumpkin Pie, a beautiful pumpkin cook. One of the most shocking things they found was that the pumpkin they had carved back home had come to life in Pumpkin Ville and was ready to go on adventures with them. Mia and Leo are very interested in Pumpkin Ville, but they miss their houses and families. They ask their friendly guide, Pumpkin Pops, to help them find their way back with sad hearts. They follow Pumpkin Pops through a pumpkin tunnel that sparkles and takes them and their magical friend back home. They are thrilled by their amazing journey and the fact that they have found a magical world under a simple pumpkin. Still, this is not the end of their story. Mia and Leo keep carving pumpkins for Halloween in the hopes that they will meet someone else amazing. Mia and Leo remember the lessons they learned in Pumpkin Ville as they grow up and become kind, caring people. Their pumpkins are a reminder that just beyond the ordinary, there might be something amazing waiting to be found in the world of "The Pumpkin's Secret." They also act as goodwill ambassadors in their community, spreading cheer, kindness, and the magic of Halloween all year long. Their story shows how selflessness, and

the power of honest wishes can change the world, leaving a legacy of love and kindness. Their pumpkins have stood the test of time, which is a sign of how strong their friendship is and how much they want to make the world a better place. They also believe that there is always room for extraordinary opportunities every day. The touching story of Mia and Leo is a gentle reminder that the real magic of life can be found in acts of kindness, the comfort of friendship, and the power of sincere wishes. The story starts out like this: Before there was anything, there were two best friends named Mia and Leo. They lived in a small, beautiful area with tall trees and rolling hills. The kind of friendship that made everyone feel warm and fuzzy who saw it was famous. Leo and Mia were the best of friends. They laughed and did things together all the time. Mia's chestnut hair moved in the wind like fall leaves, and Leo's blue eyes looked like he was up to no good. With each passing season, their bond grew stronger, but it wasn't until Halloween, the best day of the year, that their hearts really came to life. The whole neighborhood was buzzing with excitement in the weeks before the scary holiday. Every house had ghosts and pumpkins on the porch, and the kids were busy making their costumes. But for Mia and Leo, Halloween was more than just a day; it was a season and a wonderful trip that was yet to come. As October began, the air was filled with a certain kind of excitement. The red and gold trees told secrets to anyone who would listen, and the smell of falling leaves could be smelled in the cool autumn breeze. During that time, the world seemed to slow down, so Mia and Leo could really enjoy the season they both loved. A trip to Farmer Jenkins' pumpkin patch was something that everyone looked forward to every year. A

Halloween treasure trove was hidden away on this nice piece of land on the edge of their town. As far as the eye could see, there were rows and rows of orange pumpkins that were waiting for their big moment. There, dreams grew, and imaginations ran wild, and Mia and Leo couldn't wait to find the right pumpkin. As they walked through the pumpkin patch, their fingers would touch the rough, bumpy skins of the gourds. Their hearts were full of wonder, and they had big smiles on their faces. When they found pumpkins with strange shapes, they would laugh and think of the stories they could tell. When they thought they had found "the one," they would see another pumpkin a few rows down that was even more beautiful. This year was different, though. Mia and Leo were looking at the rows of orange balls when they noticed one that caught their eye and seemed to be talking to them. It wasn't the biggest or roundest, but there was something interesting about it. Its skin was a deep orange color, and its stem was bent in a funny way, as if it was hiding something important. Mia yelled, "This one!" with the excitement that only Halloween can bring out in a kid, and the two of them rolled the chosen pumpkin toward the checkout line, rustling leaves and making a lot of noise as they went. Farmer Jenkins, a friendly man with a white beard so thick that Santa Claus would be jealous, smiled at them. Even though he had seen many kids choose pumpkins over the years, Mia and Leo's picks stood out. "That's a special one you've got there, kids," he said, referring to a magical world. Mia and Leo tried to get Farmer Jenkins to tell them more, but he just ignored them with a strange grin. Mia and Leo got together in their garden that night as the sun went down below the horizon and turned the sky orange and purple. They

got out their carving tools and started carving the pumpkin they had picked. As they skillfully drew a friendly skeleton on it, they thought about how it would look when it was done. As Leo cut into the pumpkin, the moon cast a soft white shimmer over their work. But then, as if it were being pushed by something else, a bright light shot out of the pumpkin's cut. It gave Mia and Leo a warm, alluring glow that made their faces flush. As they looked into the glowing middle of the pumpkin, they gasped in surprise. They were surprised to see a shimmering opening that looked like a window to another world and drew them in by saying they would have an adventure there. They decided to take a risk without thinking twice because they were very interested. Through the portal, they ran away together from their safe neighborhood and garden. They had no idea that the magic in a simple pumpkin would change their lives in such a big way. On the other side of the portal, the world of Pumpkin Ville was waiting to be discovered. It was outside of the realm of fantasy. That's where Halloween really came to life. Every building, tree, and even animal was made out of pumpkins, and each one was brighter and more interesting than the last. As they walked down streets lined with pumpkins, their eyes grew wide with wonder, and their carved faces lit up with smiles. Pumpkin Pops, a happy pumpkin man with a bright orange smile, says that Pumpkin Ville is a beautiful place where pumpkins enjoy Halloween all year long. They were happy to take him up on his offer to lead them. Their trip was full of interesting things they found and new people they met. Pumpkin Jig, a colorful scarecrow who was very good at spinning, joined them in the dance. Jack, a sage-colored pumpkin with a carved face, told them stories about the history of

Pumpkin Ville to keep them busy. And they ate the tasty pumpkin treats that Pumpkin Pie, a nice pumpkin chef, had made. Mia and Leo were most excited about how their own pumpkin, which they had made, changed back into their own world. It had also come to life. It was smiling and jumping around, eager to go on adventures with them. Mia and Leo had a good time in Pumpkin Ville, but they knew that their time there was short. They missed their homes, their families, and the places they were used to. They went up to Pumpkin Pops with sad hearts and asked him to help them use the portal to get back home. They found a pumpkin portal that, if they follow Pumpkin Pops, will take them back to their land. They had tears in their eyes as they said goodbye to their new friends, knowing that they would always remember their amazing trip. Mia and Leo went back to their quiet neighborhood and looked at the pumpkin they had carved with smiles on their faces. From their past experiences, they knew that magic can be found in the strangest places, even in the middle of a pumpkin. Mia and Leo continued to carve pumpkins every October because it was a tradition for them. They were sure that something special was hiding beneath the ordinary. Their memories of Pumpkin Ville stayed with them, showing how strong their friendship was and how magical Halloween was. As time went on, Mia and Leo's Halloween traditions became something they looked forward to every year. As they got older, they let other people hang out with them. On cool fall nights, they told wide-eyed kid's stories about their wonderful trip to Pumpkin Ville. As they carved more and more pumpkins, each with its own story, their love for Halloween grew. As they got older, they learned to appreciate the beauty of the

season and became known in their neighborhood as Halloween fans who could turn their small house into a haunted wonderland that could compete with the scariest haunted houses. Still, every Halloween there was a small chance that they would find another great pumpkin. They understood that magic could be found again every time they carved a pumpkin, and not just on a single trip. As the sun went down in the yard on a cool October evening, Mia and Leo began to work on a very complicated pumpkin design. It was a glimpse of a kind spirit, whose ghostly form twisted and spun like strands of smoke. As Leo carefully carved the ghost's face, something wonderful happened again. The pumpkin shined like it did on that night when they were kids and something bad happened. From inside, a soft golden glow filled the air with joy and longing. Leo and Mia gave each other sly looks. They both knew that magic was calling them back. As they reached out to touch the burning pumpkin, they let out a lot of air. Its surface was warm and welcoming, luring them into the shimmering portal that suddenly appeared in front of them. They didn't think twice before taking each other's hands and walking into the unknown. When they came out to the other side, they found out they were in a part of Pumpkin Ville that had never been seen before. This was the Pumpkin Patch of Wishes in Pumpkin Ville, where pumpkins got bigger and stronger. Every pumpkin had a special ability: it could make wishes come true. Wanda, a beautiful pumpkin fairy with a sparkle in her eye, was there to meet them. She told Leo and Mia about the cool things about this special patch and gave them the chance to make a wish, but it had to be true and good for everyone.

[The Magic Wand and Magical Review](#) Macmillan

In *Soulmates: Resurrecting Eve*, Juliana Geran Pilon argues for a return to an egalitarian view of men and women, found in the original Genesis narrative, as reflected through Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. In each of these Abrahamic traditions, it was understood that man and woman were created to be soulmates in God's image—equal despite their different functions within society. Pilon writes that this original message has gradually been distorted, with disastrous effect. Any hope for an ennobling human community begins by resurrecting Eve as an equal partner to Adam. The work examines the Biblical creation narrative, comparing it to Greek and other ancient mythologies. Pilon explains how the disturbing association of woman with sin and death led to Eve's demise as Adam's equal. The final section of the work deals with the Goddess myth, love and marriage in early religious narratives, and modern man's search for his soul no less than for a soulmate. The book, at its core, is a meditation on the relationship between men and women but also among human beings. The resurrection of Eve is indispensable to attaining a true appreciation of love and faith. Pilon uses religious texts, expert commentary, and various works of fiction, poetry, and psychology to make her argument come alive. The work is strengthened by the writing style, alternately poetic and humorous, and a clear and illuminating progression of ideas. Its emphasis on reconciliation and understanding, and its post-feminist outlook will find a receptive audience.

[The Magic of Believing](#) Bloomsbury Publishing

Working for a prominent member of the NAACP in 1946 when a request comes from her favorite childhood author to investigate the murder of a black war hero, Regina Robichard travels to



Mississippi, where she navigates the muddy waters of racism, relationships, and her own tragic past.

The Secret of Laughter Brill / Rodopi

Stereotypically, science and emotion are diametric opposites: one is cold and unfeeling, the other soft and nebulous; one is based on proven facts while the other is based on inexplicable feelings and “never the twain shall meet,” until now. John Gottman delves into the unquantifiable realm of love, armed with science and logic, and emerges with the knowledge that relationships can be not only understood, but also predicted as well. Based on research done at his Love Lab and other laboratories, Gottman has discovered that the future of love relationships can be predicted with a startling 91% success rate. These predictions can help couples to prevent disasters in their relationships, recognize the signs of a promising relationship, and perhaps more importantly, recognize the signs of a doomed one. *Principia Amoris* also introduces Love Equations, a mathematical modeling of relationships that helps understand predictions. Love Equations are powerful tools that can prevent relationship distress and heal ailing relationships. Readers learn about the various research and studies that were done to discover the science behind love, and are treated to a history of the people, ideas, and events that shaped our current understanding. They also learn about: • The “Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse” • 45 natural principles of love • 5 couple types • 5 recipes for good relationships • And much more! Just as science helped us to understand the physical world, it is helping us to understand the emotional world as well. Using the insights in this book, mental health professionals can meaningfully help their distressed

clients, as well as better understand why a relationship is failing or succeeding. Appropriate for the curious non-mental health professional as well, *Principia Amoris* is a must-have on any bookshelf!

Sweet Dreams Delight: 30 Bedtime Short Stories Routledge

Presents step-by-step instructions for performing hundreds of tricks, provides tips on establishing a stage presence, and offers methods and styles of master magicians

*Soulmates* Transaction Publishers

Your God is too somber if your posture before him lacks a spirit of joy and a commitment to rejoice as much as possible. While life has its sadness and tragedy, the good news of Jesus Christ is that God’s kingdom has won; and the suffering we face for a time is shorter compared with the endless delight that God promises. So, “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice!” (Phil 4:4). Your God is too somber if you embrace a theology of tears, rather than a theology of laughter. Of course, salvation and Christ’s sacrifice are serious business, and we should engage in moments of penitential reflection, confession, and atonement. But all of this so we can shake off the shackles of our shortcomings and celebrate God fully and joyfully. Your God is too somber if you fail to see the humor in the Bible: the calls to joy, paradox, irony, burlesque, play, and wordplay. God laughs, sometimes with us, sometimes at us, and Jesus’s humor is evident in parables and sayings, with the goal of teaching us the truth. Is your God too somber? This book aims to help you answer that question.

The Secret of Magic Crown Currency

Growing up on the west coast of Queensland's Cape York Peninsula in the 1970s and 1980s, Fiona Wirrer-George

Oochunyang had an idyllic traditional life. At the age of 16, she moved to Sydney to attend the NAISDA Dance College, where she studied with the legendary Page brothers. As a young woman, she carves out a fragile relationship with her absent father, inspiring her to better understand her Austrian ancestry and how it meshes with her Indigenous identity. The model of a modern woman, the author shares the joys and challenges that come with growing up in a divided community in this powerful and candid memoir and offers a rare insight into the burgeoning years of the contemporary Indigenous dance movement.

Innovation at the Speed of Laughter Penguin

A former intelligence professional sheds new light on the obscure intersection of the military and the paranormal--the Military-Occult Complex--and reveals the incredible story of psychic abilities turned into a weapon of war by the world's soldiers and spies. In the annals of military and espionage history there have been many strange tales to be told, but none can match the saga of psychic espionage: the history of the Military-Occult Complex. With the flavor of fiction, but the foundation of fact, *The Psychic Battlefield* is the complete history of the use of man's extrasensory powers in search of the information needed to win wars--hot and cold. *The Psychic Battlefield* spans the five thousand-year history of espionage, from the attempted overthrow of the Pharaoh Rameses by magic to the CIA use of military-trained psychics during the Cold War. It is a story as true as it is incredible. This book reveals the story of the sacred Templar skull; the Angelic communications of John Dee, intelligence agent of Queen Elizabeth I; the psychic stranglehold of Rasputin on the Romanovs; and the occult endeavors of the

Nazis and the Soviets. *The Psychic Battlefield* contains the names and rites of the old demons of war, contacted by military strategists in search of supernatural support. It explains and discusses different methods of divination used by armies throughout history, and reveals the various ways of making a soldier into a superman. The cast of characters includes such noteworthy names as sorcerer-poet Aleister Crowley, author Ian Fleming, spoon-bending General Stubblebine, and Psychic Warrior David Morehouse. In addition, the book features an exclusive interview with top psychic spy Joseph McMoneagle. Most remarkable of all is Mandelbaum's fascinating exposé of the paranormal research and remote viewing experiments conducted by the CIA, as well as the real effectiveness of the government's Stargate program. Attorney, psychic, former intelligence professional and dark-side investigative reporter W. Adam Mandelbaum clearly demonstrates that the final frontier of future wars and spies is the mind.

**The Mysteries of Magic** Aerialist Press

Shusha Guppy, editor of *The London Paris Review* and prize winning author, narrates this unique collection of Persian stories that have been handed down through the generations. Although their sources have been lost over the ages, their memory runs through the collective psyche of the Iranian people and each tale reflects a deep cultural and psychological insight into the attitudes, values and structures which constitute Iranian society.

The Secret of Humor Penguin

"The Purple Road" follows the gripping tale of a man whose life, once bathed in public adoration, crumbles under the weight of his own addictions, tearing apart the fabric of his family. The story

takes a cosmic turn when a night of intense prayer catapults our protagonist into a visionary experience, transporting him into outer space within a New Orleans house enveloped by a tornado of wildflowers and butterflies—his destination: Planet Social, his wife's realm. As he lands, a challenging path unfolds—a purple road fraught with obstacles that demand introspection and growth. This poignant journey becomes a quest for self-discovery, redemption, and a chance to rebuild the fractured bonds with his family. Amidst the cosmic backdrop, the protagonist grapples with the lessons he must learn to regain trust and love. "The Purple Road" is a captivating narrative that delves into the depths of one man's soul, showcasing the transformative power of self-reflection and the unwavering pursuit of personal redemption.

**The Complete Idiot's Guide to Magic Tricks** HarperCollins

Ridgely (10), her brother, Griffin (8), and their grandparents take a walk along the ever-changing ocean during an adventurous weekend. Surrounded by the miracles of the sea it's a wondrous journey where discoveries unfold. Slowly they realize lessons in front of them reveal simple keys for connecting with an incredible power—a power that resides within each of them every day. Meanwhile . . . Twins Kaitlyn and Courtney (13), played in their grandparents' walk-in closet all their lives, where something magical happened. Embarking into the world of high school, they now leave behind their wonderful "magic closet" when their grandparents move to a new home. However, during a long weekend in this new environment, they rediscover the "magic within" they've always possessed—powerful knowledge for young adults facing a challenging world.