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It was in a swamp in south Georgia by a big river. Sparky was the only baby squirrel of Mr. and Mrs. Sparks. Sparky was a bit spunky, always playing around.

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"A firedog from the Maxwell Street fire station tells the story of the Great Chicago Fire"--

Dreams die in sheds in Suburban Hell, traded for garden decorations so the neighbours can see how well everyone conforms. Matthew was a popstar, once. His band went on and made it without him, so now every night he goes to the shed to jerk off over his keytar, the one Karen wants him to give up so that she can get higher-tier garden decorations.

But too much semen could break his beloved instrument, so Matthew builds Sparky, a robot that takes his cum. One night, Sparky comes to life, but soon discovers he has no voice. And why would he? Matthew built him to swallow spunk, not to speak. Left in the shed after he serves his purpose, Sparky sets out on a journey to find a voice. Along the way he meets Sandy, a robot like him, only Sandy is powered by a different man, an evil man. Together, Sparky and Sandy scour every inch of their neighbourhood, breaking into nearby garden sheds, exposing the neighbours, all in search of a voice for Sparky the Spunky Robot.

A shocking exploration of America's preferred method of capital punishment. In early 2013, Robert Gleason became the latest victim of the electric chair, a peculiarly American execution method. Shouting *Póg mo thóin* ("Kiss my ass" in Gaelic), he grinned as electricity shot through his system. When the current was switched off, his body slumped against the leather restraints, and Gleason, who had strangled two fellow inmates to ensure his execution was not postponed, was dead. The execution had gone flawlessly—not a guaranteed result with the electric chair, which has gone horrifically wrong on many occasions.

Old Sparky covers the history of capital punishment in America and the “current wars” between Edison and Westinghouse that led to the development of the electric chair. It examines how the electric chair became the most popular method of execution in America before being superseded by lethal injection. Famous executions are explored, alongside quirky last meals and poignant last words. The death penalty remains a hot topic of debate in America, and Old Sparky does not shy away from that controversy. Executions have gone spectacularly wrong, with convicts being set alight or needing up to five jolts of electricity before dying. There have been terrible miscarriages of justice, and the death penalty has not been applied even-handedly. Historically, African Americans, the mentally challenged, and poor defendants have been likely to get the chair, an anomaly which led the Supreme Court to briefly suspend the death penalty. Since the resumption of capital punishment in 1976, Texas alone has executed more than five hundred prisoners, and death row is full. Skyhorse Publishing, as well as our Arcade imprint, are proud to publish a broad range of books for readers interested in history--books about World War II, the Third Reich, Hitler and his henchmen, the JFK assassination, conspiracies, the American Civil War, the American Revolution, gladiators, Vikings, ancient Rome, medieval times, the old West, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home. In the tradition of Tuesdays With Morrie, Dan Ewald pens a memoir of his friendship with legendary Tigers manager Sparky Anderson, the man who taught

him not only the nuances of baseball, but the importance of life's unwritten rules. Few sports figures, regardless of their position, have generated as much good will as Sparky Anderson, the legendary manager for the Cincinnati Reds and the Detroit Tigers. Sparky met author Dan Ewald, in 1979, and thus was born a lifelong friendship not likely ever to be seen again in baseball. Along the way, Dan never took for granted the front row seat he had to watch one of history's most memorable managers' absolute mastery of baseball's nuances and intricacies. But the most important things Sparky taught Dan were the "unwritten rules" of life, which he practiced meticulously. To Sparky, a real professional was as great away from the diamond as he was on it. His goal was for his players to be the best husbands, fathers, and community leaders they could be—he believed that was the mark of a winner, not the box score. Sparky had a gift for taking something as inane as the infield fly rule and turning it into a lecture on how to lead a more meaningful life. In 2010, the old friends had planned a get-together before the end of the year. But Sparky's health was taking a turn for the worse, so Dan arranged a three-day visit as quickly as he could. During their last days together, the friends recalled the memories of a lifetime as each prepared silently for their final good-bye. When that weekend came to a close, Dan had grown to appreciate Sparky more than he ever thought he could. In this heartfelt memoir, Dan imparts to readers his best friend's spirit through his unforgettable life lessons and stories only the two of them shared. "Like a wizard, Sparky Anderson was white-haired and wise, and sitting with him was like visiting with an oracle. Dan Ewald, who spent more time with Sparky than any of us,

beautifully captures the magic of Sparky's wit, humor, and humanity in these pages. All baseball fans should read it." -- Mitch Albom, New York Times best-selling author of Tuesdays with Morrie and Have a Little Faith "No one understood Sparky better than Dan Ewald. Managing people in a scope far broader than a pennant race is a rare quality, and Sparky understood people, their insecurities, their motivations. This is a great read, a great understanding of the humanity of playing baseball." --Peter Gammons, MLB Network "For decades, it seemed like everyone in baseball knew Sparky Anderson, and almost all of us considered him a friend. But few knew him as Dan Ewald did. Here, Dan provides a unique look at an endearing man who led a significant life both in and out of the game." --Bob Costas

Mary's new in town. She's worried about starting classes at her new school. That's why her mom calls the Helper Hounds—and why Sparkplug, the wildly handsome, wickedly smart, card-carrying, world-famous Helper Hound is on the scene. Sparky knows a thing or two about moving. He moved four times as a puppy, and learned to make new friends along the way. Sparky knows he can teach Mary all his best tricks and help her meet new friends, too. At least Sparky thought he could until he met Custard, Mary's persnickety cat. Will Sparky's best tricks be enough to win over Custard and show Mary making friends is nothing to fear?

Sparky and the Waarheid Camera is a darkly comic tale of oddballs, subterfuge, selfishness and disappointment, which contrast with the title character's charming innocence. The novel follows Sparky Donnelly, a ten-year-old boy whose superficially idyllic home life is about to shatter. Sparky is aware that

something is wrong—a feeling which he experiences as a vague, indefinable dissatisfaction and naively attributes to his television-fueled perception that other people are living far more fun and exciting lives than he is. This idea obsesses Sparky and triggers an extraordinary dream of an entire day. Armed with several hundred dollars and a special camera that purportedly reveals the true essence of things rather than their outward appearance, Sparky gets a taste of a wide spectrum of dysfunctional and perverse adults in his travels. The conversations that ensue from these surreal encounters serve up slyly ironic and raunchy humor, including some unwittingly sardonic observations by Sparky himself.

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As the artist behind the beloved *Peanuts* comic strip for more than 50 years, Charles Schulz—arguably the most famous cartoonist in the world—created a colorful cast of characters that continues to bring humor and comfort to millions of readers. In this distinctively designed yet highly accessible book, renowned children's biographer Beverly Gherman traces both the life events that shaped Schulz's art and the various ways in

which art influenced his life in return. Acclaimed by artists ranging from Andrew Wyeth to Mo Willems, the artistic elements of Schulz's work are brought to life in a colorful layout and thoroughly explored in an enchanting text that will draw in even the most reluctant readers. Its Christmas time and Doug and Sparky take off on a Christmas adventure with Santa. Join Doug and Sparky as they take a tour of Santa's cottage with Zoe, the elf. Visit Santa's cottage and get to know more about how Santa and his elves work hard to make sure everyone gets their gifts on time.

Doug is a friendly T-rex. Sparky his best friend is a wonderful golden retriever dog. Together they enjoy many adventures. Today they go into the deep forest and meet a wicked witch. But oh no! Sparky is under a spell!!! Will Doug be able to save his friend??

Mr. Anderson's style is as direct and down-to-earth as a hard, clean slide into second . . . Sparky! gives us not only a vivid portrait of baseball's most successful manager but also a refreshing view of a guy who has his head screwed on right.--The New York Times Book Review. Now available in paperback. 20 photographs.

Gwendolyn teaches her pet chicken Sparky to tap dance for the Valentine's Day pet show, but Sparky is too exhausted to perform.

Traces the life and career of the only manager to win the World Series in both the National and American Leagues

This is the story of a little dog called Sparky who unfortunately gets lost. It tells of the Adventures he has as he tries to find his way back home. He makes lots of friends and enemies too and also manages to find time for a little romance. Read how he finds a best friend

in Nelson, a one eyed cat and how he meets and makes friends with the Cat gang. He meets a lot of other animals on the way but beware of Brutus the very big dog and then of course there is the deadly Rat Pack. Sit back, relax and enjoy The Adventures of Sparky. Sparky and Phoebe are the only pets mentioned in this book, that are still alive and they plus the cats names and the three Kimmies are pets that Thelma and I have owned since we have been together.

A little girl wants a pet. She's not fussy, any will do. Her mother said no to a bird and bunny and trained seal. Then she agrees to the sloth, Sparky! Sloths don't know how to fetch. Or roll over. But they sure know how to play dead. What's an eager pet owner to do?

It is springtime in the Khutzeymateen Valley of northern British Columbia and the rainforest has again come alive after a long winter's nap. A new addition to the valley is Sparky, a frisky mischievous grizzly bear cub eager to explore the world the bears call Waipo. During Sparky's first summer there is much to learn; not only from his mother, but also from the other creatures of the forest and from nature itself. Sparky: The World's Most Lovable and Mischievous Bear Cub takes the reader on an intriguing journey into the lives of the elusive grizzly bear, as seen through the eyes of a first-year cub. This novel is based upon factual information and stories recorded by the author over a ten year period of studying and photographing the Khutzeymateen Valley grizzly bears. This remarkable harborage is home to hundreds of species of flora and fauna, including approximately sixty grizzly bears. Shymanski has delicately woven her observations into a playful, heartwarming story to delight all ages. Sparky: The World's Most

Lovable and Mischievous Bear Cub is a beautiful, magical tale of the mystical Khutzeymateen Valley and the grizzly bears, who, if they could speak, might have told the story themselves.

Eddie's best friend Sparky saves the day when Eddie's prized collection of bugs is eaten by one of the exhibits at the school science fair.

The endearingly mismatched duo has their hands full when a party for a friend goes comically awry. One day Joe, an exuberant giraffe, hears a commotion coming from another part of the famous cageless zoo he calls home. Joined by his small, green, slightly more serious turtle friend, Sparky, Joe discovers the source of the hullabaloo: a group of children -- or noisy short people, as Joe and Sparky call them -- having a party. Inspired, Joe decides to throw a party for his pet worm, Wiggy. There's just one problem: Sparky is not entirely sure if Wiggy even exists! What will happen when every animal in the zoo shows up to Wiggy's party with presents and cake? Worm or no worm, this silly, satisfying tale is sure to leave new readers smiling.

Accidentally becoming stuck on a school bus that has just pulled away from their cageless zoo, Safari World, Sparky and his buddy, Joe, arrive at the school and learn a variety of new things by the end of the day.

What can two children and a hamster do about climate change and air pollution? Tina and Rory follow gasoline's trail from the age of the dinosaurs to the family car and beyond, their journey illuminated by the vivid imagination of their new pet hamster, Sparky. Just when Rory has had it with gasoline, Sparky magically finds a solution.

Sparky is a vibrant kitten with "lighted feet" and a musical beat. No one wanted

to be his friend because he was "different" than the other kittens of Rainbow Land. His unique ability led him to become a remarkable beam of light in Rainbow Land, as Quando, a squirrel, was attracted to his vibrant beat that led to a remarkable friendship between them. "Wow, you're a rock star," she said as she was amazed by his talent. "You have your own show on your feet." The two later became lost and captured into the heart of the forest and became the property of a notorious bear who used Sparky's talent as a means of entertainment for his children. Sparky later escaped and reunited with Quando, and the friendship became that of a lifetime. Imagine moving to a new home and a new way of life. Do you think you'd be excited or frightened? How about a little bit of both. In her book, *Sparky the Bog Dog*, author Janet DiLeo Wade introduces newly adopted Sparky. From his suburban home in Louisiana, he moves to life on a cranberry bog in Massachusetts. His mischievous and adventurous spirit are a constant delight and surprise to his new owners. His desire for exploration and charming canine personality expose him to fun-filled situations, as well some that aren't as fun, such as a night spent lost in the cranberry bog. *Sparky the Bog Dog* is based on DiLeo Wade's life with her dog, Corky. Like Sparky, he moved from Louisiana to Massachusetts. And like Sparky, he enjoys life with a loving family and an adventure from time to time.

"Besides the beguiling story, the affable illustrations of the smiling Gloria, the accidental mayhem in the background, and the myriad safety tips -- such as 'always pull the toothpick out of your sandwich' and 'never lick a stop sign in the winter' - - add to the enjoyment. A glorious pic-

ture book." -- The Horn Book "Rathmann is a quick rising star in the world of children's books. In this book, she again shows her flair for creating real characters, dramatic situations and for knowing what will make young audiences giggle and think." -- Children's Book Review Magazine "Rathman brings a lighter-than-air comic touch to this outstanding, solid-as-a-brick picture book." -- Publisher's Weekly "A five-star performance." -- School Library Journal

Sparky's story shines the spotlight on crimes against American children that were sanctioned on a national scale by the United States government. At the age of six in 1955, she was sold by her parents to the Sex Magick cult run by the CIA under its illegal program of secret experimentation on mind control called Monarch. By the time she was ten, she'd been purposely split into multiple identities, each one associated with a different age and place as her family moved around the country to avoid Child Protective Services and the police. With each new identity, she forgot the last one. In Imperial Beach, California, inside a tough neighborhood of gangs and brothels abutting the Tijuana Sewer and the Mexican border, she discovered her own courage in the determined persona of a new character, Sparky MacGregor. As she grew older, Sparky's memory faded as she was moved from one location to the next. At the age of seventeen, she escaped from a camp in Big Sur, and left childhood behind. She became a physician, raised a family and moved to Moscow where she founded and ran an underground railroad for child sex trafficking victims from the former USSR. Years later, she returned to Imperial Beach to speak at an international conference on border security. The memory of her lost childhood suddenly returned.

Examines Sparky Anderson's early career as a baseball player in the minor and major leagues and his switch to being manager of the Detroit Tigers.

Sparky the Firefly and his woodland friends are ready to go to a party! But Sparky's tail just won't light up. Find out who wants to help, and what Sparky learns about being a firefly. Features colorful PVC buttons and light feature.

"Sparky Sweets, Ph.D. and Wisecrack present Thug Notes, the outrageously funny, ultra-sharp guide to sixteen of literature's most beloved classics - including *The Catcher in the Rye*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Pride & Prejudice* and *Things Fall Apart*. Having already taught millions around the world, Dr. Sweets makes it easy to love and understand these important literary works. With hilarious character breakdowns, masterful analyses, witty observations, and eye-popping illustrations, *Thug Notes* is a brilliant blend of high-brow wisdom and street-smart humor. Whether you're a student, teacher, or dropout, *Thug Notes* will ensure you never look at literature the same way again"--

When they see a car sitting unoccupied at the cageless zoo where they live, adventurous Joe the giraffe convinces shy Sparky the turtle to go for a ride and soon the two are tearing up the town--visiting a burger joint, going through a car wash, and having the wildest time of their lives!

Read along with Disney! It's the day of the big barrel race, and Sheriff Callie and Sparky are ready to show their rootin' tootin' riding skills. But when Sparky slips and falls right before the race, Sparky's confidence takes a fall, too! Can Sheriff Callie help get her pal ready in time? Find out in this exciting storybook with word for word narration!

When Charlie and his class visit the firehouse, Fireman Finn's cat Sparky goes missing, but luckily Charlie knows where to find him.

An intrepid do-gooder dog named Sparky and an eager young pup named Tidbit star in this charming Level 3 Ready-to-Read that's all about helping others, gaining confidence—and learning to read! Brave and bold Sparky receives a K-9 badge for his birthday and cannot wait to start doing heroic things. But he's having a hard time finding ways to help. Then he hears Tidbit, the neighborhood pup, yipping and howling away because he is the worst in his class at reading. Sparky sighs. He can't possibly help with that...or can he? Join the adorable team of Sparky and Tidbit in a story that will teach young readers that with a lot of patience and a little help from a friend, reading will become as easy as it is fun! When Joe the giraffe and his friend Sparky, a turtle, see a television talent show, Joe tries to find Sparky's talent so that they can compete.

BILINGUAL (English & Spanish) children's book: SPARKY & FRIENDS FLY! SPARKY! FLY! (¡Vuela! ¡Sparky! ¡Vuela!) "INSPIRE A CHILD" SPARKY & FRIENDS: "FLY, SPARKY, FLY!" is a 24 page BILINGUAL(English & Spanish) beautifully illustrated adventurous charming tale of courage, confidence and love for the fellow man of a young firefly and his two friends, a mosquito and spider. They rescue a group of other fireflies that were trapped in a jar of honey by a mean ole owl after he was denied membership into their elite club. This fun book will

leave you cheering and excited for Sparky and his friends as Sparky uses the "special powers" in his tail to free them. My motivation with this special book is to "inspire a child". By incorporating the unique combination of two languages, illustrated story pages, not only does it help develop the child's early literacy skills, it allows the child to express his/her own creative imagination and explore his/her desire to learn a foreign language. "LET'S INSPIRE TOGETHER!"

Sparky a mischievous orange cat who likes to go on adventures at night.

Welcome to the Puppy Place! Where every puppy finds a home. Charles and Lizzie Peterson love puppies. Their family fosters these young dogs, giving them love and proper care, until they can find the perfect forever home. Lizzie's got some competition! At Caring Paws Animal Shelter to volunteer, she meets newcomer Harper. Like Lizzie, Harper loves and knows lots about dogs! But when Sparky, a tiny Chihuahua mix, arrives with an injured leg to the shelter, the two girls will have to team up to find this sweet and strong puppy a perfect home. A child takes a sloth named Sparky as a pet.

How Do You Share Your Life? Meet Sparky, our family pet. He brings us joy and offers us his unconditional love. Readers will relate to the routines and responsibilities of raising a pet. Sparky's story emphasizes how we can learn to be kind and share our love with a pet. Sparky: He Is Our Pet is the second book of A Considerate Curriculum Series 2010 by Sherry Ramrattan Smith.