

# First Lines

Our monthly look at some of the best first lines from BookLife authors

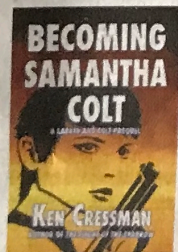
This month, we've got crocodiles, stocks, a cardboard box, and more. To submit a first line, email [booklifeeditor@booklife.com](mailto:booklifeeditor@booklife.com).



## A Beautiful Mess

BRENDA S. ANDERSON

"Today was a good day to live again."



## Becoming Samantha Colt

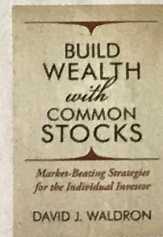
KEN CRESSMAN

"I was curled up in the cardboard box trying to get some sleep."

## Build Wealth with Common Stocks: Market-Beating Strategies for the Individual Investor

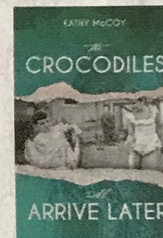
DAVID J. WALDRON

"An informed investor has a far greater chance of



getting rich slow than getting rich fast, and getting rich slowly is better than not at all."

## The Crocodiles Will Arrive Later



KATHY MCCOY

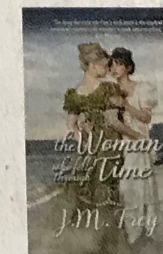
"When I was five years old, at the dawn of the Fifties, my greatest fear was that I would grow up to be a San Fernando Valley housewife."



## The Opinion Page

DAVID ACKLEY

"His two grandsons sat between him and his wife, but there was no need to corral them—they both stared listlessly ahead in silent prayer for an end to the sermon."



## The Woman Who Fell Through Time

J.M. FREY

"My world lurched violently, without warning."