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The Woman Who Lost Her Soul
Bob Shacochis

Renowned for his gritty and revelatory visions of the Caribbean, the National Book Award–winning Bob Shacochis returns to occupied Haiti with The Woman Who Lost Her Soul. In riveting prose, Shacochis builds a complex and disturbing story about the coming of age of America in a pre-9/11 world.

When the humanitarian lawyer Tom Harrington travels to Haiti to investigate the murder of a beautiful, seductive photojournalist, he is confronted with a dangerous landscape of poverty, corruption, and voodoo. It’s the late 1990s, a time of brutal guerrilla warfare and civilian kidnappings, and everyone has secrets. The journalist, whom he knew years before as Jackie Scott, had a bigger investment in Haiti than it seemed, and to make sense of her death, Tom must plunge back into a thorny past and his complicated ties to both Jackie and Eville Burnette, a member of the Special Forces who was assigned to protect her.

Moving from the violent, bandit-dominated Dubrovnik of World War II to an exquisitely rendered Istanbul in the 1980s, Shacochis draws Jackie’s shadowy family history with daring immediacy. Caught between her first love and the unsavory attentions of her father—an elite spy and quintessential Cold War warrior pressuring her daughter to follow in his footsteps—seventeen-year-old Jackie hatches a desperate escape plan that puts her on course to becoming the soulless woman Tom equally feared and desired.

Set over fifty years and in four countries backdropped by different wars, The Woman Who Lost Her Soul is a magnum opus that brings to life, through the mystique and allure of history, an intricate portrait of catastrophic events that led up to the war on terror and the America we are today.
**Excerpt**

She had a nervous body, clapping knees and restless arms, but was not timid under the scan of yet another pair of fixated eyes, and regarded Tom with an utter absence of interest. Instead of dazzling, her beauty seemed to be the source of profound comfort and unending satisfaction, the American ideal, the girl every boy dreamed of courting and winning, the girl who made every one of them crazy in high school and wretched in college, their universal torture queen, blithe collector of tormented young hearts, the first and last girl to occupy their beautiful self-told lies of perfect love, perfect companionship, the one they could never stop needing and never stop hating and never get out of their minds. Hers would be a slavish cult of eager youth and wicked men, and Tom could only be thankful that, given the manifold distances between them—she in her mid-twenties, he entering his forties; a mathematical separation not quite tainted by the dread of imaginary fatherhood—any intimacy they might impossibly stumble into would be short and bitter . . .

“Jackie’s a photographer,” said the fellow from The Guardian, and Tom tried to see her more clearly through the perspective of her profession, but she was too green, too studied in her wrinkled clothes, baggy, many-pocketed khaki pants and immaculate V-neck T-shirt . . . “Who do you work for?” Tom asked.

“Nobody.” She shrugged and examined her unpainted fingernails. Tom looked to The Guardian man for an explanation but he cocked an eyebrow and shrugged as well. Weird chick, said his face, and Tom thought, does she not understand where she is?


**PRAISE FOR THE WOMAN WHO LOST HER SOUL**

“No one in American literature is better at casting his imagination into the deepest currents of American culture and politics than Bob Shacochis. The long, ardent, admiring wait for his next novel has been worth every moment: The Woman Who Lost Her Soul is his masterpiece.” —Robert Olen Butler

**PRAISE FOR BOB SHACOCHIS**

“[Shacochis delivers] some of the most brilliant, seductive prose being written today.” —Newsday

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The first in a gripping new historical thriller series following Joe Wilderness, an East End Londoner turned spy, working in the rubble of post-war Berlin, who becomes embroiled in the machinations between intelligence agencies at the start of the Cold War.

Then We Take Berlin

John Lawton

MARKETING

Lawton’s Inspector Troy series was selected by Time magazine as one of “6 Detective Series to Savor”
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Joe Wilderness is a World War II orphan, a condition that he thinks excuses him from common morality. He’s a cat burglar, cardsharp, and Cockney “wide boy,” and the last thing he wants is to get drafted. But in 1946 he finds himself in the Royal Air Force, facing a stretch in military prison, when along comes Lt. Colonel Burne-Jones to tell him that MI6 has better use for his talents.

Posted to occupied Berlin, interrogating ex-Nazis, and burgling the odd apartment for MI6, Wilderness finds himself with time on his hands—and the devil making work for them. He falls in with Frank, a U.S. army captain; with Eddie, a British artilleryman; and with Yuri, a major in Russia’s NKVD. Together, they bring black-market scams to a new level. Coffee never tasted so sweet.

Soon Wilderness falls for Nell Breakheart, a German girl who has witnessed the worst that Germany could do and is driven by all the scruples that he lacks. Fifteen years later, in 1963, Wilderness is freelance and down on his luck. Frank is a big shot on Madison Avenue, cooking up one last Berlin scam, for which he needs Wilderness once more. Only now they’re not smuggling coffee, they’re smuggling people. And Nell? Nell is working for West Berlin’s mayor Willy Brandt, planning for the state visit of the most powerful man in the world: Ich bin ein Berliner!
Excerpt

Yuri withdrew his hand, and Wilderness found himself looking down the barrel of a saxophone-shaped Hungarian pipe, as Yuri gestured with it.

“Perhaps you can do a little job for me?”

The left hand rummaged in his jacket pocket, pulled out a worn, square tin of Ogden’s Walnut Plug.

“That might be possible,” Wilderness said. “How much would you like?”

The tamping and the lighting up, the sucking and the puffing, slowed the conversation to a tortoise crawl.

“Fifty pounds. I can use fifty pounds.”

“I can get your brand of tobacco too, if you like. It’s English.”

“Da, so. My own private Pajok.”

Suck, puff, breathe out a cloud of smoke, suck puff, puff, puff. Wilderness had never found this unpleasant—it had been Abner’s choice of brand too—but he had concluded in childhood that men smoked pipes only to make other men wait.

“From Léeverpol, da?”

“Da,” said Wilderness.

“But . . . you must bring to me.”

“What? In the East?”

“Da. I cannot always come West. And I can hardly stand in Tiergarten like a Berlin Hausfrau.”

“Where in the East?”

“That should be a moveable feast. We’ll move around. Points east, east of Pariser Platz.”

PRAISE FOR JOHN LAWTON AND HIS INSPECTOR TROY SERIES

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Following her recent bestseller, Devotion, Dani Shapiro’s Still Writing is a sensitive, funny, raw, and wise memoir of insights and inspiration for aspiring writers.

Still Writing
The Pleasures and Perils of a Creative Life
Dani Shapiro

“Everything I know about life, I learned from the daily practice of sitting down to write.”

From the best-selling author of Devotion and Slow Motion comes a witty, heartfelt, and practical look at the exhilarating and challenging process of storytelling. At once a memoir, meditation on the artistic process, and advice on craft, Still Writing is an intimate and eloquent companion to living a creative life.

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Like Anne Lamott’s Bird by Bird, Virginia Woolf’s A Writer’s Diary, and Stephen King’s On Writing, Dani Shapiro’s Still Writing is a lodestar for aspiring scribes and an eloquent memoir of the writing life.
Excerpt

Permission

If you’re waiting for the green light, the go-ahead, the reassuring wand to tap your shoulder and anoint you as a writer, you’d better pull out your thermos and folding chair, because you’re going to be waiting for a good long while.

Accountants go to business school, and when they graduate with their degrees, they don’t ask themselves whether they have permission to do people’s taxes. Lawyers pass the bar, medical students become doctors, academics become professors, all without considering whether or not they have a right to be going to work. But nothing and no one gives us permission to wake up and sit at home staring at a computer screen while everybody else sets their alarm clocks, puts on reasonable attire, and boards the train. No one is counting on us, or waiting for whatever we produce. People look at us funny, very possibly because we look funny, strange and out of sync with the rest of the world after spending our days alone in our bathrobes, talking only to our household pets, if at all. I can’t imagine what my UPS delivery guy thinks when I crack open the door to sign for a package. There’s that weird lady again. My husband, who has been a successful journalist and screenwriter for most of his adult life, was in his forties before his father stopped asking him when he was going to get a real job.

PRAISE FOR DANI SHAPIRO

“Brave, compelling, unexpectedly witty . . . Thanks to Shapiro’s excruciatingly honest self-examination and crystal clear, lyrical writing . . . the journey is indeed the reward.” —People

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The new novel from the winner of the Commonwealth Writer’s Prize, a taut, powerful story of a small town and its dark wartime secrets, unwittingly brought into the light by a family of outsiders.

The Hired Man

Aminatta Forna

MARKETING

The Memory of Love won the Commonwealth Writers’ Prize for Best Book; was shortlisted for the Orange Prize for Fiction, the International IMPAC Dublin Award, and the Warwick Prize for Writing; and was selected as an Indie Next List Notable selection and an Essence Book Club Pick

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Aminatta Forna has established herself as one of our most perceptive and uncompromising chroniclers of war and the way it reverberates, sometimes imperceptibly, in the daily lives of those touched by it. With The Hired Man, she has delivered a tale of a Croatian village after the War of Independence, and a family of newcomers who expose its secrets.

Duro is off on a morning’s hunt when he sees something one rarely does in Gost: a strange car. Later that day, he overhears its occupants, a British woman, Laura, and her two children, who have taken up residence in a house Duro knows well. He offers his assistance getting their water working again, and soon he is at the house every day, helping get it ready as their summer cottage, and serving as Laura’s trusted confidant.

The other residents of Gost are not as pleased to have the interlopers, and as Duro and Laura’s daughter Grace uncover and begin to restore a mosaic in the front that has been plastered over, Duro must be increasingly creative to shield the family from the town’s hostility, and his own past with the house’s former occupants. As the inhabitants of Gost go about their days, working, arguing, and striving to better themselves and their town, their volatile truths whisper ever louder.

A masterpiece of storytelling haunted by lost love and a restrained menace, this novel recalls Disgrace, by J. M. Coetzee, and Anil’s Ghost, by Michael Ondaatje. The Hired Man confirms Aminatta Forna as one of our most important writers.
That evening I went into town for a drink, now with the prospect of several weeks of paid work to look forward to. The air was dense with the heat of unbroken storms. I bought a glass of wine at the bar and took a seat outside. Though it was Sunday the streets were more or less empty. People had lost the habit of walking at that hour, to exchange gossip, the men to covet the pretty wives of their neighbors, their wives to cold-shoulder those same women. People stay home, they say it's the same everywhere. The sky was full of starlings, carving their speckled shapes in the sky. There must have been a hawk or a kestrel about, and sure enough as I watched I caught a glimpse of her sweeping into the flock. It seemed impossible for her to miss and yet the starlings, thousands of them, seemed effortlessly to reshape around her.

I watched the birds for a minute or two and when I looked back at the street—there was Krešimir. Mostly he keeps himself to himself and so do I, so it had been some months since I'd seen him. Gost is neither so large nor so small that his being there was anything more than an ordinary occurrence, I mean you might see the same person twice in one day or hardly lay eyes on them in a year. All the same it was a coincidence, on this of all days. He didn't see me. As I watched him I had a sense of déjà vu, of having been in this exact place before, starlings in the sky and Krešimir, my old adversary, in my sights. We used to hunt for birds together, Krešimir and I: many, many years ago.

Excerpt

AMINATTA FORNA is the author of two novels, *Ancestor Stones* and *The Memory of Love*, and *The Devil That Danced on the Water*, a memoir of her activist father and her country, Sierra Leone. She lives in London.
The new, heart-pounding thriller from world-class crime writer Val McDermid pits her immensely popular series characters—Dr. Tony Hill and Carol Jordan—against a serial killer who strikes terrifyingly close to home.

Cross and Burn
A Tony Hill & Carol Jordan Novel
Val McDermid

MARKETING
McDermid received the Crime Writers’ Association Cartier Diamond Dagger Award for outstanding achievement, and the Pioneer Award from Lambda Literary. She also won the Los Angeles Times Book of the Year Award and the CWA Gold Dagger

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“McDermid is as smooth a practitioner of crime fiction as anyone out there. . . . She’s the best we’ve got.” —The New York Times Book Review

Internationally best-selling crime writer Val McDermid’s work speaks for itself: her books have sold millions of copies worldwide, won numerous accolades, and attracted a devoted following of readers around the globe. Her latest, Cross and Burn, picks up where The Retribution left off, following the best crime-fighting team in the UK—clinical psychologist Tony Hill and police detective Carol Jordan. When we last saw them they were barely speaking, and now their relationship will be challenged even further.

Guilt and grief have driven a wedge between two longtime crime-fighting partners, psychologist Tony Hill and ex-detective chief inspector Carol Jordan. But just because they’re not talking doesn’t mean the killing stops.

Someone is killing women. Women who bear an unsettling resemblance to Carol Jordan. And when the evidence begins to point in a disturbing direction, thinking the unthinkable seems the only possible answer.

Cornered by events, Tony and Carol are forced to fight for themselves and for each other as never before. An edge-of-your-seat page-turner from one of the best crime writers we have, Cross and Burn is a chilling, unforgettable read.

The Vanishing Point
Val McDermid

The Vanishing Point kicks off with a nightmare scenario—the abduction of a child in an international airport. Stephanie Harker is in the screening booth at airport security, separated from Jimmy Higgins, the five-year-old boy she’s in the process of adopting, when a man in a TSA uniform leads the boy away. The more Stephanie sounds the alarm, the more the security agents suspect her, and the farther away the kidnapper gets. It soon becomes clear that nothing in this situation is clear-cut. For starters, Jimmy’s birth mother was a celebrity—living in a world where conspiracy and obfuscation are excused for the sake of column inches. And then there are the bad boys in both women’s pasts. As FBI agent Vivian McKuras and Scotland Yard Detective Nick Nikolaides investigate on both sides of the pond, Stephanie learns just how deep a parent’s fear can reach. And the horrifying reality is that she has good reason to be afraid—for reasons she never saw coming.

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“[McDermid’s] work is taut, psychologically complex and so gripping that it puts your life on hold.”
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The Vanishing Point
Val McDermid

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PRAISE FOR THE VANISHING POINT

“The Vanishing Point . . . is marked by [McDermid’s] trademark stunners, including a climax that packs a vicious punch. And readers are again left to marvel at her ingenuity.”
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**Dam Busters**

_The True Story of the Inventors and Airmen Who Led the Devastating Raid to Smash the German Dams in 1943_

James Holland

“Holland introduces us to the men of 617 Squadron—some of whom never made it back. The story is familiar to most [British], not least because it was immortalized in the 1955 film with Richard Todd as Wing Commander Guy Gibson, but . . . [it is] almost impossible to grasp the heroism of their actions.”

—*The Daily Telegraph*

The night of May 16, 1943. Nineteen specially adapted Lancaster bombers take off from RAF Scampton in Lincolnshire, each with a huge nine-thousand-pound cylindrical bomb strapped underneath it. Their mission: to head deep within the German heartland to destroy three hydroelectric dams, which provide the lifeblood to the industries supplying the Third Reich’s war machine.

From the outset it was an almost impossible task, a suicide mission: first to fly low and at night in formation over many miles of enemy-occupied territory at the very limit of the Lancasters’ capacity, and then to drop a new weapon that had never before been tried operationally from a precise height of just sixty feet from the water at some of the most heavily defended targets in Germany.

More than that, the entire operation had to be put together in less than ten weeks. When the visionary aviation engineer Barnes Wallis’s concept of the bouncing bomb was green-lighted, he hadn’t even drawn up his plans for the weapon that was to smash the dams. What followed was an incredible race against time, which, despite numerous setbacks and against huge odds, became one of the most successful and game-changing bombing raids of all time.
Excerpt
The second version was considerably larger than the one used during the trials, at some sixty-one inches wide, and had been codenamed “Upkeep.” This bomb, Wallis hoped, would be used for an attack on the German and Italian dams. Low-flying aircraft would swoop in over the Möhne and Tirso dams, for example, and at the right height and speed would drop a rotating bomb, which would then bounce across the water, over the torpedo net, hit the dam wall, sink beneath the surface and then explode and in the process cause a seismic breach in the dam wall, through which the millions of cubic tons of water would flow, wreaking havoc and destruction and denying the enemy the use of the reservoir, which held vast amounts of “white coal” (water), an essential ingredient in the industrial processes that supported the German and Italian war machines.

However convinced Wallis may have been about the potential of Upkeep and the feasibility of such an attack, there were two massive obstacles to overcome. The first was that the RAF Bomber Command operated at night, and usually at bombing heights of more than 18,000 feet, yet Upkeep could only work if dropped at the kind of low level last seen during the Augsburg Raid the previous April—a raid that had proved that, even with special training and the most assiduous planning, the aircraft involved would be lucky to reach their destination. Also, the kind of accuracy that would be needed so that Upkeep skipped over the torpedo nets and hit the dam wall in precisely the right spot was, frankly, the stuff of dreams.

The second major obstacle was time.

PRAISE FOR DAM BUSTERS

“Though it is such a well-known story, it has never been told in such depth before. James Holland, who has mastered every detail . . . tells the complex and gripping chronicle of the raid with panache.”—The Daily Mail

“In his previous books . . . Holland combined a lively style with fresh insights based on deep historical research. Those qualities shine through this new account.”—The Literary Review

“Holland tells the story with gusto and pace . . . he has truly and brilliantly plugged an enormous gap.”—The Mail on Sunday

“For many years, we have been told that the raid on the dams on the Ruhr and the Eder has been wrongly celebrated, and that despite the ingenuity of the bouncing bombs and the undeniable bravery of the RAF aircrew, the operation was more of a propaganda coup than something that really hurt the German war effort. . . . Holland argues that the Dam Busters revisionists have got it wrong. The raid was in fact a triumph, and did an enormous amount of damage.”—New Statesman

“A dramatic retelling of one of the most daring, extraordinary and outrageous raids of World War II . . . A fantastic, informative read.”—Waterstones.com
Ludwig van Beethoven remains one of the world’s best-loved and most influential composers, the creator of such magisterial works as the "Eroica," the famous Fifth Symphony, and the "Emperor" piano concerto, yet also smaller, more intimate pieces, like the "Moonlight" sonata. But few know much of Beethoven’s tumultuous personal life, beyond the fact that he is the composer who became deaf.

Beethoven scholar John Suchet has had a lifelong passion for the man and his music. In this book, he illuminates Beethoven’s difficult childhood, his struggle to find a wife, his ungovernable temper, his emotional volatility, his tendency to push away those trying to help him, and in middle age his obsessive compulsion to control his nephew’s life. In this detailed and absorbing biography, Suchet argues that it is perhaps more true of Beethoven than of any other composer that if you know what was going on in his life, you listen to his music through different ears.

Beethoven is a full and comprehensive account of a momentous life that takes the reader on an extraordinary journey, from the composer’s birth in Bonn to his death in Vienna. Beethoven scholarship is constantly evolving, and Suchet draws on the latest research, as well as using source material (some of which has never before been published in English), to paint the fullest picture yet created of the greatest composer who ever lived.
Excerpt

Ludwig did more than teach piano to the Breuning children. He in effect grew up as part of the Breuning household, becoming almost a surrogate member of the family. . . . It was there, also, that he first became acquainted with German literature, especially poetry. It is beyond doubt that he will have been introduced to the works of the two emerging giants of German literature, Goethe and Schiller. He read Homer and Plutarch. He was trained too in social etiquette. He even went away on holiday with the family. Helene von Breuning clearly took him under her wing and made it her duty to fill in the gaps—academic and social—that an early exit from school and a singular devotion to music had caused.

His father Johann remained of low standing, and was little more than a figure of ridicule. . . . Ludwig was in effect the family breadwinner. Given his father’s alcoholism, Ludwig was also the de facto head of the household. This was before he was midway through his teens. The pressure he was under must have been enormous. He held a salaried position at court, which demanded serious work. He was continuing instruction with Neefe. At home he was witnessing his father’s increasing alcoholism and his mother’s distress. This was made immeasurably worse by his mother’s obviously declining health. She was showing all the signs of having contracted the deadly disease of consumption (tuberculosis).

And yet he found time to compose.

PRAISE FOR BEETHOVEN

“I have loved and performed Beethoven since I was very young and have read a good deal about the life and times of this giant among composers, but John Suchet's infectious enthusiasm and fascination, probing the details behind every step of his life, and turning sensitive sleuth when the facts are less clear, opens new vistas and makes for a gripping and thought-provoking read.”—Howard Shelley, pianist and conductor

“John Suchet offers us a fascinating and touchingly human insight into a great figure who has consumed him for decades. By exercising a genuine authority in identifying how Beethoven, the man, manifests himself in our appreciation of the music, Suchet brings an incisive freshness to an extraordinary life.”
—Jonathan Freeman-Attwood, principal of the Royal Academy of Music

“Beethoven’s music continues to form one of the cornerstones of the concert repertoire some 200 years after it was written, and knowing the context in which it was written can aid our understanding of the music. Although some aspects of his life, such as his deafness, and his great love for his only nephew, are well known, this book also includes many details that are less familiar. John Suchet writes with infectious enthusiasm, and his avoidance of technical detail makes this a biography that can be read and understood by anyone interested in the composer.”—Professor Barry Cooper, University of Manchester
From acclaimed novelist Donna Leon, famous for her mystery series steeped in contemporary Venetian life, a wide-ranging collection of witty and insightful essays on Venice, Italy, and the arts.

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Donna Leon is the author of the internationally best-selling Commissario Guido Brunetti series. The winner of the CWA Macallan Silver Dagger for Fiction, among other awards, Leon has lived in Venice for thirty years.
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Lisa Kallisto—an overwhelmed working mother—is the not-so-perfect
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worries that her marriage is not getting enough attention. During an impos-
sibly hectic week, Lisa takes her eye off the ball for just a moment, and her
whole world descends into a living nightmare. Not only is her best friend’s
thirteen-year-old daughter missing, but it is all Lisa’s fault. And to make mat-
ters worse, Lucinda is the second teenage girl to disappear in the past two
weeks. The first one turned up stripped bare and abandoned on the main
street after a horrible ordeal. Wracked with guilt over her mistake, and after
having been publicly blamed by Lucinda’s family, Lisa sets out to right the
wrong. But as she begins digging under the surface, Lisa learns that every-
thing is not quite what it first appears to be.

In Paula Daly’s heart-stopping and heartbreaking debut novel, mother-
hood, marriage, and friendship are tested when a string of horrifying
abductions tear through a small-town community. Gripping and fast-paced,
Just What Kind of Mother Are You? introduces an outstanding new thriller
writer with a sharp eye and a terrifying imagination for the horrors that lurk
in our everyday lives.
Excerpt

Kate doesn’t have a proper job. She and her husband get a steady stream of income from renting holiday cottages. So all Kate has to do when she gets home is put her washing machine on and write thank-you notes to people she doesn’t really like.

I’m jealous of Kate’s life.

There, I’ve said it.

It’s taken me a while to get to this point. Before, I couldn’t admit it. I used to complain to Joe. Blame him in a roundabout way for my having to work full-time, blame him for the fact I had to face every day exhausted, and—

My phone is ringing.

I pull it out of my pocket and see that it’s Sally. Perhaps the minibus has not turned up. Maybe the driver’s not been able to start the engine in the cold weather.

“Hi, Sal, what’s up?”

Sally is crying. Big, choking sobs. She can’t get her words out.

“Mum?” I can hear noise in the background, more crying . . . the sounds of traffic. “Mum . . . something really bad has happened.”

PRAISE FOR JUST WHAT KIND OF MOTHER ARE YOU?

“Just What Kind of Mother Are You? is the very definition of a page-turner—the sort of book that causes you to lose half a day without even noticing. Savor every page, because this will probably be your book of the year. . . . A brilliant, thrilling story of friendship, families, and the sort of terrifying betrayal that can only happen to those closest to us.”

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“A terrifying story that strips away all our preconceptions about love, loyalty, and friendship. Paula Daly writes so compellingly and convincingly about one mother’s descent into the darkest of places that we can’t help but be dragged along with her. A fantastic debut.”

—Carla Buckley, author of Invisible

“I read the book in just a few hours, gripped by the believable characters and switchbacks of the plot. Everyone will recognize the dilemmas in this book and hold their breath for the finale.”—Claire McGowan, author of The Fall and Director of the Crime Writers’ Association

“Cracking page-turner that explores every mother’s second worst nightmare: your child is safe but your friend’s child goes missing on your watch. This is a highly enjoyable read that straddles crime and commercial women’s fiction and has lots of talking points.”

—The Bookseller
Shocking and moving, Gaddafi’s Harem tells the story of a young Libyan girl, Soraya, who at the age of fifteen was taken from her family by Gaddafi’s regime and forced along with many other young women into sexual servitude.

Gaddafi’s Harem
The Story of a Young Woman and the Abuses of Power in Libya
Annick Cojean
Translated by Marjolijn de Jager

MARKETING
Gaddafi’s Harem was a runaway bestseller in France, where it has sold over 100,000 copies in hardcover. Rights have been sold in thirteen territories. The book was awarded the Grand Prix de la Presse Internationale and the international “Club de las 25” prize. Prepublication reading copies available. E-galleys available on NetGalley and Edelweiss. Major review coverage. National/regional NPR campaign. National print and feature attention. Op-eds at publication. Newsletter cooperative advertising available.

“Lifts the veil on the terrible sexual abuses perpetrated by Gaddafi. A brilliant investigation. . . . Page after page, Cojean gives a name, a face and a voice to the victims of this devastating suffering.” —L’Express

Soraya was just fifteen, a schoolgirl in the Libyan coastal town of Sirte, when she was given the honor of presenting a bouquet of flowers to Colonel Gaddafi on a visit he made to her school. This one meeting—a presentation of flowers, a pat on the head from Gaddafi—changed Soraya’s life forever. Soon, she was summoned to Bab al-Azizia, Gaddafi’s palatial compound near Tripoli, where she joined a group of young women who were raped and humiliated by Gaddafi, forced to watch pornography, drink alcohol, and entertain Libya’s debauched elite, along with the foreign dignitaries who turned a blind eye to the most monstrous aspects of Gadafi’s regime. Heartwrenchingly tragic but ultimately redemptive, Soraya’s story is one that the world needs to hear.

In Gaddafi’s Harem, an instant bestseller when it was published in France, Le Monde special correspondent Annick Cojean gives Soraya a voice, and adds to her story through interviews with other women who were abused by Gaddafi, as well as with people in his administration, including a driver who ferried women to and from the Bab al-Azizia compound, and Gaddafi’s former chief of security. Gaddafi’s Harem is an astonishing portrait of the tragedies of dictatorship: how power gone unchecked can wreak havoc on the most intensely personal level. It is also a document of great significance to the new Libya, where there is a conspiracy of silence regarding Gaddafi’s sexual crimes and where the new regime desperately needs to confront the tragedies of its recent past.
INTERNATIONAL PRAISE FOR GADDAFI’S HAREM

“An absolutely terrifying book-length investigation whose journalist author follows the trail of Soraya, bringing her story to life before embarking on a broader, no less chilling investigation into Gaddafi’s ‘system of sexual slaves,’ the violated women that Gaddafi called his ‘girls.’ She shows all the distress, loneliness, and fear of these young women, victims not only of a dictator but also of a society that considers their dishonor to be a national disgrace better left unspoken.” —淬火

“Kidnapping, rape, humiliation. This was the fate of so many women who were held at the mercy of Colonel Gaddafi. In this shocking book, Annick Cojean gives these women a voice. . . . An exceptional piece of reporting.” —Elle (France)

“If you think you have discovered all of the quirks in Gaddafi’s character, you are mistaken. . . A study taken with great audacity by a senior reporter for Le Monde, and at some personal risk, since these crimes are completely taboo in Libya, even today. Astonishing.” —Le Figaro

“This is a subject that is still taboo, even in the new Libya, a country that has barely overthrown its former tyrant. . . Gaddafi joyfully paraded around like a feminist of the East, avowing his struggle ‘to liberate the women of the Arab nation.’ But Gaddafi’s Harem shockingly reveals Gaddafi’s sexual exploitation of an entire country, something completely at odds with the Bedouin suffragette he pretended to be.” —Le Point
“Gripping . . . The narrative voice is irrefutable; this is old-fashioned storytelling, with a sermonic tone that commands and terrifies. . . . [Winterson] knows where true horror lies.” —The Guardian

The Daylight Gate
Jeanette Winterson

MARKETING
The Daylight Gate was an instant bestseller in the UK
Why Be Happy When You Could Be Normal? was a national bestseller and a Best Book of the Year in numerous publications, including O, The Oprah Magazine; Vogue; and The Guardian. It was also a New York Times Notable Book.

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“Sophisticated . . . Visceral . . . Utterly compulsive, thick with atmosphere and dread, but sharp intelligence too.” —Sinclair McKay, The Telegraph

Set in seventeenth-century England during the reign of James I—the monarch who wrote his own book on witchcraft—The Daylight Gate is best-selling writer Jeanette Winterson’s re-creation of a dark history full of complicated morality, sex, and tragic plays for power.

This is a world where to be a Catholic is a treasonable offense. A world where the new king vows to rid England of “witchery popery popery witchery” and condemns the High Mass and the Black Mass as equivalent heresies punishable by torture, hanging, and burning.

This literary suspense tale takes us dark and deep into a brutal period of English history, centered on the notorious Pendle witch trials of 1612—an infection of paranoia that crossed the ocean with the Pilgrim Fathers and set the scene for the 1692 Salem witch hunt.

Good Friday, 1612. Pendle Forest. A gathering of thirteen is interrupted by local magistrate Roger Nowell. Is this a coven or a helpless group of women trying to save their family from the stake? Already two stand accused of witchcraft. The wealthy and respected Alice Nutter sets out to defend them, haunted by her own past and an entanglement with magick. She doesn’t believe in the Devil, but as she fights for justice, her life is endangered by forces visible and invisible.

“Seductive . . . The beauty of the writing [is] exemplary in its pared-down simplicity.” —The Independent
Excerpt

The North is the dark place.
It is not safe to be buried on the north side of the church and the North Door is the way of the Dead.
The north of England is untamed. It can be subdued but it cannot be tamed. Lancashire is the wild part of the untamed.
The Forest of Pendle used to be a hunting ground, but some say that the hill is the hunter—alive in its black-and-green coat cropped like an animal pelt.
The hill itself is low and massy, flat-topped, brooding, disappeared in mists, treacherous with bogs, run through with fast-flowing streams plunging into waterfalls crashing down into unknown pools.
Only a fool or one who has dark business should cross Pendle at night.
This is a haunted place. The living and the dead come together on the hill.
You cannot walk here and feel you are alone.
Those who are born here are branded by Pendle. They share a common mark. There is still a tradition, or a superstition, that a girl-child born in Pendle Forest should be twice baptized; once in church and once in a black pool at the foot of the hill. The hill will know her then. She will be its trophy and its sacrifice. She must make her peace with her birthright, whatever that means.

Jeanette Winterson was born in Manchester, England. She is the author of ten other novels, including Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit, Sexing the Cherry, and The Passion, and a memoir, Why Be Happy When You Could Be Normal? Winterson is the winner of the Whitbread Award for Best First Novel, the John Llewly Rhys Prize, the E. M. Forster Award, and the Stonewall Award.

PRAISE FOR THE DAYLIGHT GATE

"Exhilarating . . . More than a re-imagining of a vanished moment. It is concerned with freedom, choice, and destiny, truth to emotion and to personal experience, the nature of conviction and belief, evil and, above all, good . . . A tour de force of horror writing . . . [Slipping] effortlessly between apparent realism and full-throttle fantasy, grotesquerie or burlesque . . . Winterson succeeds triumphantly." —Matthew Dennison, The Times (London)

"Vigorous . . . Filled with Winterson's characteristic intelligence and energy . . . This dark story with its fantastical trappings of magic and mysticism, its strong women and wild, Lancastrian setting is Winterson's natural habitat and she maps it with relish." —Jane Shiling, New Statesman

"Dazzling . . . Winterson is a deft storyteller and a writer of wonderful economy . . . Amid the blood, mud, and violence, [it is also] intensely poetic . . . One of the very few contemporary novels that I actually wished were longer." —Christena Appleyard, The Literary Review

"Winterson lavishly embroiders a tale rich in . . . supernatural touches, but mainly accentuates the very real torment and degradation endured by [the] accused. . . . Winterson creates a deliciously dreadful tale that cleverly blur the line between real and imagined horror." —Claire Allfree, Metro (4 stars)
What a Luxury: Verses Lyrical, Vulgar, Pathetic & Profound is the first poetry collection written by Garrison Keillor, the celebrated radio host of A Prairie Home Companion. Although he has edited several anthologies of his favorite poems, this volume forges a new path for him, as a poet of light verse. He writes—with his characteristic combination of humor and insight—on love, modernity, nostalgia, politics, religion, and other facets of daily life. Keillor’s verses are charming and playful, locating sublime song within the humdrum of being human.

Praise for Garrison Keillor

“Keillor is very clearly a genius. His range and stamina alone are incredible . . . he has the genuine wisdom of a Cosby or Mark Twain.” —Slate

“America’s foremost humorist and social pundit . . . Keillor’s running commentary about the human condition has the uncanny ability to home in on the pulse of America.” —PBS

“Keillor has a way of reconciling seeming contradictions. A purveyor of all things folksy and down-home, he is a highly cultivated, worldly man.” —AARP
WHY I LIVE IN MINNESOTA

Where the temp gets down to thirty below
And it’s perfectly flat, miles of snow,
And you ask why I live in this desolate spot.
Because you do not.

You in loud clothes
With very big hair
And very big pickups
And not much upstairs,
Who whoop in church
And handle snakes
To prove their faith
For goodness sakes.
They slur their speech
Down in the South
As if they had cotton balls
Stuffed in their mouth.
The men hunt gators
Out in the marsh,
While the women stay home
And hang up the warsh
And tend to the babies,
And fix gator stew.
Now what if these people
Lived next door to you?
And the only thing
That keeps them away
Is the fact it will hit
Minus thirty today?

Winter’s a challenge
But it can be faced
When you’re among people
With brains and good taste.

BILLY THE KID

Billy the Kid
Didn’t do half of what they said he did
He rustled cattle, I guess that’s true,
But nobody knew who they belonged to.
He killed some men, maybe two or three,
But he was always real nice to me.

Billy the Kid went on the run
Down to Mesilla in 1881.
Sheriff Pat Garrett put on the heat
And came to the ranch of Billy’s friend Pete.
But it wasn’t Billy who was shot by Pat,
It was someone wearing his pants and hat,
Billy the Kid was miles away
In Santa Fe with flowers in his hair
And I know cause I was there.

He made a fortune in fermented juices
And built a mansion in Las Cruces,
Changed his name to William Bonney
Wrote “Way Down Upon The Swanee”
And he may have been guilty to a degree
But he was always real good to me
And generous to my family.
Always sent us a Christmas turkey
From Albuquerque
And a box of chocolate candy
From down on the Rio Grande.
They called him a killer and I guess he could be
But he was always good to me.

GARRISON KEILLOR lives in St. Paul, Minnesota,
also the base of the radio show A Prairie Home Companion,
which has been on the air since 1974. He is the author of
many books, including the Lake Wobegon novels, and he
edits the Good Poems anthologies. He is a contributor to
he wrote the screenplay for the film A Prairie Home
Companion, which was directed by Robert Altman.
van Klíma, “a writer of enormous power and originality” (*The New York Times Book Review*), has penned an intimate autobiography that explores his life under Nazi and Communist regimes. More than a memoir, *My Crazy Century* explores the ways in which the epoch and its dominating totalitarian ideologies impacted the lives, character, and morality of Klíma’s generation.

Klíma’s story begins in the 1930s, in the Terezín concentration camp outside of Prague, where he was forced to spend almost four years of his childhood. He reveals how the postwar atmosphere supported and encouraged the spread of Communist principles over the next few decades and how an informal movement to change the system developed inside the Party. These political events form the backdrop to Klíma’s personal experiences, with the arrest and trial of his father; the early revolt of young writers against socialist realism; his first literary successes; and his travels to the free part of Europe, which strengthened his awareness of living as part of a colossal lie.

Klíma also captures the brief period of liberation during 1968’s Prague Spring, in which he played an active role; the Soviet invasion that crushed its political reforms; the rise of the dissident movement; and the collapse of the Communist regime in the middle of the Velvet Revolution of 1989.

Including insightful essays on topics related to social history, political thinking, love, and freedom, *My Crazy Century* provides a profoundly rich and moving personal history of national evolution. Ivan Klíma’s first autobiography and perhaps his most significant work, it encapsulates a remarkable life largely lived under occupation.
Excerpt

I had a meeting at the writers’ club with a German journalist. He wanted to know if there had been an agreement among us before the writers’ congress and if I was worried I would be brought before a court or at least banned from publishing.

He was surprised when I told him I didn’t think I’d be arrested, nor did I think I would have much trouble finding employment. He said he wished he shared some of my optimism. We said goodbye and parted on the corner by the National Theater. I’m not sure why, but I looked around and noticed a young man wearing jeans and a checkered shirt who seemed to be trying to conceal himself behind a column near the theater’s entrance.

I set off along the embankment in the direction of my former editorial offices. When I stopped after a moment and looked around again, the same man in the checkered shirt, not far away on the opposite sidewalk, also halted. Then he pulled out a camera and began photographing the castle panorama.

I was suddenly curious and started wandering aimlessly through the streets of the Old Town. The man in the checkered shirt disappeared, but I was almost certain he was replaced by someone else, this time by a man wearing a short-sleeved shirt.

I’d never been followed before, or at least that I’d noticed. Even with all my optimism, I had to admit that I’d suddenly found myself in a different category of people—the category of the dubious and suspicious who are kept under surveillance—enemies of socialism.

Ivan Klíma was born in Prague in 1931. He is the award-winning author of over 20 novels, including Waiting for the Dark, Waiting for the Light; No Saints or Angels; The Ultimate Intimacy; and Lovers for a Day—all New York Times Notable Books of the Year.

PRAISE FOR MY CRAZY CENTURY

“A very successful memoir, which could serve as a guidebook for the 20th century, especially for the younger generation.”—Respekt

“Klíma traces an arc from 1967 to 1989, describing the developments of the Prague Spring, the August occupation, and twenty schizophrenic years of ‘Normalization.’ He of course pays attention not only to the so-called important events, but heads off into a very intimate sphere of personal experience.”—Literární Noviny

“We find in this book an unaffected testimony of tragic and absurd experiences, of injustice, wrongs, and first loves, of ever more successful artistic attempts, and later, of the fight against communist censors.”—iDnes

PRAISE FOR IVAN KLÍMA

“Rather than become embittered by his country’s past, Klíma has come to a truce with imperfection—the imperfection of history and of love.”

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“Among the most indelible American novelists of the last hundred years. . . . [Harrison] remains at the height of his powers.” —Dwight Garner, New York Times, on *The River Swimmer*

**New York Times** best-selling author Jim Harrison is one of America’s most beloved writers, and of all his creations, Brown Dog, a bawdy, reckless, down-on-his-luck Michigan Indian, has earned cult status with readers in the more than two decades since his first appearance. For the first time, this book gathers together all the Brown Dog novellas, including one that has never been published—the ideal introduction (or reintroduction) to Harrison’s irresistible everyman.

In these novellas, B.D. rescues the preserved body of an Indian from Lake Superior’s cold waters; overindulges in food, drink, and women while just scraping by in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula; wanders Los Angeles in search of an ersatz Native activist who stole his bearskin; adopts two Native children; and flees the authorities, then returns across the Canadian border aboard an Indian rock band’s tour bus. The collection culminates with “He Dog,” never before published, which finds B.D. marginally employed and still looking for love (or sometimes just a few beers and a roll in the hay) as he goes on a road trip from Michigan to Montana and back, in search of an answer to the riddle of family and, perhaps, a chance at redemption.

**Brown Dog** underscores Harrison’s place as one of America’s most irrepressible writers, and one of our finest practitioners of the novella form.
Excerpt

You had to “get out of Dodge,” as everyone says. The predominant problem was the need for affection, and the mere presence of Rita in the front of the van was causing a specific heat beneath his belt. A wobble in his driving caused her to announce it was time for her to take a six-hour shift.

B.D. napped for an hour and had a marvelous liberating dream. He had been Gretchen’s love slave and now she let him go after screwing him again in the pup tent in the snow. He was riding the horse in the woods with his fly rod and stopping to fish here and there. The forest and creeks were radiant. He had the clear vision of when he and his childhood friend David Four Feet snuck up on a little lake where 4-H girls were skinny-dipping. There was a great big one, and David said, “I want that one.”

Rita nudged him awake to see the Mississippi near La Crosse and he wondered how the hell he’d fish this vast water. He had a hard-on that was pushing against the limits of his lightweight trousers. She gestured at it and said, “Don’t point that at me or I’ll cut your throat.”

“That’s not a kind way to say good morning.”

PRAISE FOR JIM HARRISON’S BROWN DOG

“There is broad comedy in the writing, but also tenderness, and never a moment when the reader isn’t rooting for Brown Dog to get it right. . . . We would all be the poorer if deprived of Jim Harrison’s first-rate stories.”
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“Brown Dog, an old friend to fans of Harrison, . . . boasts the rare ability to reject the frills and artificial complexities of modern life and keep to the basics. . . . Like reading a book describing dear friends.”
—The Miami Herald, on The Farmer’s Daughter

“A 21st-century version of Huck Finn.”
—The Charleston Gazette, on The Farmer’s Daughter

PRAISE FOR JIM HARRISON AND THE RIVER SWIMMER

“Two years have gone by since I first suggested to President Obama that he create a new Cabinet post, and appoint distinguished fiction writer Jim Harrison as secretary for quality of life. The president still has not responded to my suggestion. . . . [The River Swimmer] deepens and broadens [Harrison’s] already openhearted and smart-minded sense of the way we live now, and what we might do to improve it.”
—Alan Cheuse, NPR

“Gorgeous and wry. . . . Harrison is one of our greatest voices of aging both clumsily and well and of teasing out hope amid sentimentality and dread.”
—The Boston Globe

“Harrison is one of America’s great literary treasures.” —Library Journal
“In Back to Back, Franck throws a bright light on the early years of East Germany, the desires of its Communist elite, and the privations and humiliations suffered by everyone else while it continued down its path to salvation.” —Märkische Allgemeine

Back to Back

Julia Franck
Translated by Anthea Bell

“[Franck] is an outstanding talent of the Germany literary landscape.”
—Stuttgarter Zeitung

Julia Franck’s German Book Prize–winning novel, The Blindness of the Heart, was an international phenomenon, selling 850,000 copies in Germany alone and published in thirty-five countries. It cemented her reputation as one of the most important European writers working today. Her newest work, Back to Back, tells a moving personal story set against the tragic history of twentieth-century Germany.

Back to Back begins in 1954, and is a portrait of a family living in socialist East Berlin. The mother, Käthe, is a sculptor of Jewish heritage who leverages her Party connections in order to win commissions. Devoted to becoming a success in the Communist state, she is cruel and unaffectionate towards her children, Thomas and Ella. Thomas and Ella’s father fled to West Germany after World War II, and they deeply long to see him again. But Käthe’s hard-nosed brutality—a reflection of the materialistic, unsentimental state in which she lives—means Thomas and Ella are unable to live the lives they want to. Heartbreaking and shocking, Back to Back is a dark fairy tale of East Germany, the story of a single family tragedy that reflects the greater tragedies of totalitarianism.

“The author creates so many apt and impressive images that the intensity of her prose is almost painful.”
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Sepp Gregory, a reality TV hunk and one of People magazine’s “sexiest men alive,” is on tour to promote his debut novel. Not that Sepp’s actually read the book; he doesn’t have to, he lived it! And everyone just wants him to take off his shirt.

The book has hit the bestseller list and is even getting rave reviews from serious critics. Aside from Harriet Post, that is. One of the blogosphere’s most respected literary minds, Harriet fears that the novel’s reception means the end of civilization is upon us. Determined to pen an exposé on the publishing industry, Harriet hijacks the book tour and uncovers the ghostwriter. Reality and “reality” collide, and a tragic accident sends Sepp and Harriet off on a sex-fueled road trip through the southwest. The brain meets the abs, and both will be changed forever. Raw: A Love Story is Mark Haskell Smith at his raucous best, dangerously sexy and wickedly funny.

“Only an extremely imaginative satirist can outpace the world’s absurdity, but Mark Haskell Smith manages it with Raw, a super-fun, super-wild, and sneakily thoughtful take on American literary and entertainment excess.”
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Moist
An erotic tattoo on a severed arm transforms Bob, a mild-mannered pathology-lab technician, into Roberto, kingpin of the Los Angeles Mexican mafia.

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In *Evil Eye*, Oates offers four chilling tales of love gone horribly wrong, showing the lengths to which people will go to find love, keep it, and sometimes end it.

In the title novella, we meet Mariana, the young fourth wife of a prominent intellectual. When her husband’s first wife visits, Mariana learns a secret that could push her sanity to the brink. In “So Near Anytime Always,” a shy teenager named Lizbeth meets Desmond, a charming boy who offers the first sparks of young romance. Yet as their relationship blossoms, Lizbeth realizes that beneath Desmond’s perfect facade lies obsession that could wreak havoc on Lizbeth and her loved ones. In “The Execution,” spoiled college student Bart Hansen has planned the perfect crime to get back at his parents for their years of condescension. Yet what he didn’t plan for is a mother whose love is more resilient than he could have ever imagined, threatening to derail his carefully laid-out plans. And in “The Flat-Bed,” childhood trauma has prevented Cecelia from enjoying the pleasures of intimacy with a man, but when she finally meets the love of her life, Cecelia realizes that finding intimacy means coming face-to-face with the man from her past who stole her innocence years ago.

Containing four tales drenched with suspense and the scalpel-sharp prose that has made Joyce Carol Oates a living legend, *Evil Eye* is a collection that proves love can work in mysterious—and sometimes murderous—ways.
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Michael Kardos

“The Three-Day Affair never stops roaring, the pages blurring by, dangerously accelerating.”
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One night on a drive, they make a routine stop at a convenience store. Within moments, a manic Jeffrey emerges, dragging a young woman with him. He shoves her into Will’s car and shouts a single word: “Drive!” Shaken and confused, Will obeys.

Suddenly four men find themselves completely out of their element, holding a young girl hostage without the slightest idea of what to do next or why she’s there to begin with. They’re already guilty of kidnapping and robbery: it’s only a matter of time before they find out the terrible depths of what else they might be capable of. For these men, three days will decide their fate—between freedom and prison, innocence and guilt . . . and life and death. The Three-Day Affair marks the emergence of a truly talented new crime writer in Michael Kardos.

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The Star of Istanbul

A Christopher Marlowe Cobb Thriller

Robert Olen Butler

World War I is in full swing. Germany has allied itself with the Ottoman Empire, persuading the caliphs of Turkey to declare a jihad on the British Empire, as America’s president, Woodrow Wilson, hesitates to enter the fray. The war correspondent and American spy Christopher Marlowe Cobb has been asked to follow a man named Brauer, a German intellectual and a possible covert secret service agent, into danger aboard the ship Lusitania, as the man is believed to hold information vital to the war effort. Aboard the Lusitania on its fateful voyage, Cobb becomes smitten with the famed actress Selene Bourgani, who for some reason appears to be working with German intelligence.

Soon Cobb realizes that this simple actress is anything but, as she harbors secrets that could pour gasoline on the already raging conflict. After the infamous German U-Boat attack on the Lusitania, Cobb must follow Selene and Brauer into the darkest alleyways of London, then on to the powder keg that is Istanbul. He must use all the cunning he possesses to uncover Selene’s true motives, only to realize her hidden agenda could bring down some of the world’s most powerful leaders. On his own across the war-torn stages of Europe and the Middle East, Cobb must venture deep behind enemy lines, cut off from his only allies, knowing full well he may not return.

A classic tale of adventure, romance and war, The Star of Istanbul firmly cements Robert Olen Butler’s place as one of the great historical thriller writers today.
I made another step to the side and another and I could see her again, in profile now, her long, straight nose beautifully at odds with the usual standards of beauty of this age. I thought: I bet her feet are large too and her hands and she is all the more beautiful for defying this world’s conventions in these details. And I was still entranced by her nose, absorbing even the precise curve where its bridge met her brow, a perfect fit, I fancied, for my fingertip, when she said, “I am a film actress.”

She’d hardly finished the sentence when one reporter leaped in before another hubbub of questions could begin. “Miss Bourgani,” he said, “the world is at war.” She turned her face instantly to him—in my general direction as well—and her dark eyes riveted him and his voice snagged as if he were suddenly beginning to choke. He managed to stammer a couple of meaningless vowel sounds and then he fell silent. The other reporters all laughed. But it was a sympathetic laugh. Hers was a face that could stop a thousand ships.

“Yes?” she said, encouraging him to go on with his question, giving the impression that she’d spoken softly, though I could hear her clearly. “Miss Bourgani,” the reporter began again. “In light of the German threats and this being a British liner, are you afraid to be traveling on the Lusitania?”

Excerpt

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The Hunter and Other Stories

Dashiell Hammett

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The Hunter and Other Stories is a unique literary publication from one of the greatest writers of the twentieth century, Dashiell Hammett. This volume includes new Hammett stories gleaned from his personal archives along with screen treatments long buried in film-industry files, screen stories, unpublished and rarely published fiction, and intriguing unfinished narratives. Hammett is regarded as both a pioneer and master of hard-boiled detective fiction, but these dozen-and-a-half stories, which explore failed romance, courage in the face of conflict, hypocrisy, and crass opportunism, show him in a different light.

Featuring the title story, about a dogged PI unwilling to let go of a seemingly trivial case, the collection also includes two full-length screen treatments. “On the Make” is the basis for the rarely seen 1935 film *Mister Dynamite*, about a corrupt detective who never misses an opportunity to take advantage of his clients rather than help them. “The Kiss-Off” is the basis for *City Streets* (1931), in which Gary Cooper and Sylvia Sydney are caught in a romance complicated by racketeering’s obligations and temptations.

Like the screen stories from *Return of the Thin Man*, the stories here read as novellas—rich in both story and character—that no Hammett fan should do without.
**Excerpt**

There are people who, coming for the first time in contact with one they know for a detective, look at his feet. These glances, at times mockingly frank, but more often furtive and somewhat scientific in purpose, are doubtless annoying to the detective whose feet are in the broad-toed tradition: Fred Vitt enjoyed them. His feet were small and he kept them neatly shod in the shiniest of blacks. He was a pale plump man with friendly light eyes and a red mouth. The fortunes of job-hunting not guided by definite vocational training had taken him into the employ of a private detective agency some ten years ago. He had stayed there, becoming a rather skillful operative, although by disposition not especially fitted for the work, much of which was distasteful to him. But he liked its irregular variety, the assurances of his own cleverness that come frequently to any but the most uniformly successless of detectives, and the occasional full-tilt chase after a fleeing someone who was, until a court had decided otherwise, a scoundrel of one sort or another. Too, a detective has a certain prestige in some social divisions, a matter in no way equalized by his lack of any standing at all in others, since he usually may either avoid these latter divisions or conceal his profession from them. Today Vitt was hunting a forger.

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**Return of the Thin Man**

Dashiel Hammett

In paperback for the first time, a collection of two never-before-published “Thin Man” novellas from one of the greatest hard-boiled writers of all time.

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“A volume no fan of Hammett’s, of Nick and Nora Charles, of ‘The Thin Man’ series should even think of doing without.” —*The Huffington Post*
Recovering from recently inflicted mental and physical wounds, former cop Jack Taylor has finally found a modicum of peace. He has managed to kick, however tenuously, the substances that had a stranglehold over his painful life. Yet this fragile existence is threatened when a vigilante killer begins targeting citizens, signing mysterious notes with the moniker “C 33.” The killer addresses these letters to Jack, trying to persuade the volatile ex-cop to help cleanse Galway of its scum.

As Jack tries to unravel the mystery and motives of this demented killer, he is also brought into the fold of an enigmatic tech billionaire who has been buying up massive amounts of property in Galway, seemingly in the hopes of offering this downtrodden city a better future. But if Jack has learned one thing, it’s that people who outwardly claim to be on the side of righteousness are likely harboring far more nefarious motives beneath the surface.

With the help of his friends, the former-drug-dealer-turned-zen-master Stewart and dogged police sergeant Ridge, Jack is determined to track down the “C 33” killer, even if it jeopardizes his friends, his sobriety, and the last remaining shreds of his sanity. *Purgatory* is Bruen at his best: lyrical, brutal, and ceaselessly suspenseful.
“Shimmering with wonder, suffused with an intense and infectious appreciation for the gifts of bountiful nature, John Saturnall’s Feast is a banquet for the senses and a treat to anyone who relishes masterful storytelling.” —The Washington Post

John Saturnall’s Feast
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Orphaned when his mother dies of starvation after being cast out of her village as a witch, John is taken in at the kitchens at Buckland Manor, where he quickly rises from kitchen boy to cook, and is known for his uniquely keen palate and natural cooking ability. However, he soon gets on the wrong side of Lady Lucretia, the aristocratic daughter of the lord of the manor. In order to inherit the estate, Lucretia must wed, but her fiancée is an arrogant buffoon. When Lucretia takes on a vow of hunger until her father calls off her engagement to her insipid husband-to-be, it falls to John to try to cook her delicious foods that might tempt her to break her fast. To keep all he holds most dear, John must realize his mother’s vision. He must serve the Feast.

“Norfolk’s use of child’s-eye view and lush, incantatory prose give the narrative a hushed air of magic, as though Frances Hodgson Burnett’s The Secret Garden were being recounted by the hero of Patrick Süskind’s Perfume.”
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Lawrence Norfolk: a Life in Writing

After he realised his [last, unpublished novel] had definitively failed, [Norfolk] had a bracing meeting with his agent Carole Blake. She asked him if he had any other ideas. “I said: ‘There’s this boy and he’s an orphan and he becomes a chef in the 17th century. He falls in love with the wrong girl. The civil war happens so he loses everything but they can be together. Then when the Restoration happens, he gets everything back: he can be the greatest chef of the age and she can be lady of the manor and they have to decide what to do.’ Carole said: ‘Well what do they do?’ I didn’t know at that point but I knew I had to write the book to find out.”

He’s spent the past five years doing that. The result, a typically Norfolkian tome of a historical novel dense in research and intellectual ambition, is called John Saturnall’s Feast. It’s the story of the eponymous chef during the religious and ideological ferment of Charles I’s reign, the civil war, the protectorate and the restoration. Norfolk’s first English-set novel has an Upstairs Downstairs storyline. The wrong girl is Lady Lucretia Fremantle, headstrong daughter of the lord of the manor in whose cavernous subterranean kitchens Saturnall works.

One catalyst for the book was his friend Kate Colquhoun’s Taste: The Story of Britain Through Its Cooking. Norfolk was impressed by her disintering of pre-Cromwellian cuisine. “It was incredibly sophisticated. When Kate got to the civil war her narrative basically stops because it’s war—there’s nothing to be said about the cuisine. It’s actually a pretty boring chapter but I read it avidly and imagined a chef whose professional life is stopped by war. What would you do if you were John Saturnall? Suddenly the bottom has fallen out of your world. The book goes backwards and forwards from that crisis moment.” He also sought tips from restaurateur David Moore of Pied-à-Terre on how big kitchens work.

Norfolk’s novels have always expanded their readers’ vocabularies, and John Saturnall’s Feast is no exception, but with this twist: the new words you’ll learn are overwhelmingly obsolete ones commonplace in the gentry’s kitchens of early 17th-century England. Here there are varieties of apples called Quodling and (my favourite) Genet. There’s maslin bread, manchet bread and horse bread. There are sallets, dariole-cases, kickshaws, and maunds.

Each chapter is prefaced with a recipe ostensibly from the John Saturnall cookbook. It isn’t quite Nigella. “Next take the cold Cream, warm Honey and a Ladder,” counsels the recipe for Baked Quodling Apples served with a sweet Cream. “Climb the Ladder Pour the Honey and Cream into a Pot of Gascon wine and let it froth, the higher the better.” During war’s lean years, Saturnall is forced to forage for chestnuts for bread. In one scene, he seduces Lucretia from her fast (which she began in protest about being betrothed to a twit from a neighbouring manor) with dishes devised to titillate her palate; in another, which takes place during food shortages, he describes the dishes she can no longer taste. The seducer is in both cases an artist—wooing the lady with the fruits of his imagination.

LAWRENCE NORFOLK is the author of the critically acclaimed and internationally best-selling novels Lemprière’s Dictionary, The Pope’s Rhinoceros, and In the Shape of a Boar. He lives in London.

Adapted from an article by Stuart Jeffries (The Guardian, September 7, 2012).
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Margaret
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“Fascinating. . . . her first stand-alone . . . boasts the same sensitivity to human behavior that distinguishes her Guido Brunetti series.”
—Booklist

The Jewels of Paradise
Donna Leon

“A veteran mystery maven weaves present-day Venice into a 300-year-old puzzle in this engaging stand-alone. . . . [The Jewels of Paradise] packs the charms of Venice into a smart whodunit.”
—Kirkus Reviews

Donna Leon’s first stand-alone novel features the compelling Caterina Pellegrini, a native Venetian who had to leave home to pursue her career as a scholar of baroque opera. But Manchester, England, where she lands a faculty position, is no Venice. When an opportunity comes up to work back home, she grabs it.

The job is an unusual one. After being hidden for nearly three centuries, two locked trunks, believed to contain the papers of the composer Agostino Steffani, have been discovered. The composer, deeply connected in religious and political circles, died childless; now two Venetians, descendants of his cousins, each claim inheritance. Caterina’s job is to examine any papers found in the trunks to discover Steffani’s “testamentary disposition.” But when her research takes her in unexpected directions she begins to wonder just what secrets these trunks may hold. From a masterful writer internationally praised for her Commissario Guido Brunetti series, The Jewels of Paradise is a gripping tale of intrigue, music, history, and greed.

“As much a tale about a young woman wising up and learning to fight more effectively for her own happiness as it is a mystery. [Caterina is] wry and erudite.”
—The Washington Post

MARKETING
Leon’s Commissario Guido Brunetti mysteries have sold over two million copies in North America
The Jewels of Paradise was a New York Times bestseller
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DONNA LEON is the author of the internationally best-selling Commissario Guido Brunetti series. The winner of the CWA Macallan Silver Dagger for Fiction, among other awards, Leon has lived in Venice for thirty years.
In the fourteenth novel in Donna Leon’s Commissario Brunetti mystery series, a Senegalese immigrant selling fake designer handbags is murdered on a Venetian street, and Brunetti’s boss is adamant about wanting him off the case.

**Blood from a Stone**

*A Commissario Guido Brunetti Mystery*

Donna Leon

“Commissario Guido Brunetti’s fourteenth case may be his best yet.”

— *Kirkus Reviews* (starred review)

On a cold night shortly before Christmas, a Senegalese street vendor is killed in Venice’s Campo Santo Stefano. The nearest witnesses to the death are the tourists who had been browsing the man’s wares—fake handbags of every designer label—but they have seen nothing that might be of much help to the police.

When Commissario Guido Brunetti arrives on the scene, he finds it hard to understand why anyone would murder an illegal immigrant. They have few social connections and little money, so infighting among them is the obvious answer. But once Brunetti begins investigating this unfamiliar Venetian underworld, he discovers that matters of great value are at stake in this community.

“A subtle and sophisticated mystery.”

— *The New York Times*

“Stunning . . . Leon combines an engaging, complex plot with an indictment of the corruption endemic in Italian society.”

— *Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

“The evocative Venetian setting and the warmth and humanity of the Brunetti family add considerable pleasure to this nuanced, intelligent mystery; another winner from Venice-based Leon. Highly recommended.”

— *Library Journal* (starred review)

Blasphemy
New and Selected Stories
Sherman Alexie

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Alexie’s books have sold over one million copies
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Told in [Alexie’s] irreverent, unforgettable voice . . . With irony and sardonic wit, the Native men and women in Alexie’s imagination find a way forward, and they endure. . . . [A] great triumph.” —Hector Tobar, Los Angeles Times

Sherman Alexie’s stature as a writer of stories, poetry, and novels has soared over the course of his twenty-book, twenty-year career. His wide-ranging, acclaimed fiction throughout the last two decades—from The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven to the PEN/Faulkner Award–winning War Dances—have established him as a star in American literature.

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SHERMAN ALEXIE is a poet, novelist, and screenwriter. He has won the National Book Award, the PEN/Faulkner Award, the Stranger Genius Award, and the Malamud Award. He was named one of The New Yorker’s “20 Writers for the 21st Century” and Granta’s “20 Best American Novelists Under 40.”

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Lenin’s Kisses
Yan Lianke
Translated from the Chinese by Carlos Rojas

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Yan Lianke is a finalist for the 2013 Man Booker International Prize

Lenin’s Kisses was a New York Times Editors’ Choice, a New Yorker Best Book of 2012, and one of Maclean’s Best Books of 2012 and Kirkus’s Best Fiction of 2012

Lianke has won two of China’s top literary prizes: the Lu Xun award and the Lao She; Dream of Ding Village was shortlisted for the Man Asian Literary Prize

“Lenin’s Kisses wickedly satirizes a sycophantic society where money and power are indiscriminately worshipped.”
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Nestled deep within the Balou mountains and spared from the government’s watchful eye, the people of Liven enjoy enough food and leisure to be fully content. But when their crops and livelihood are obliterated by an unseasonal snowstorm, a county official arrives with a lucrative scheme both to raise money for the district and boost his career. The majority of the 197 villagers are disabled, and he convinces them to start a traveling performance troupe with such acts as One-Eye’s one-eyed needle threading. With the profits from this extraordinary show, he intends to buy Lenin’s embalmed corpse from Russia and install it in a grand mausoleum to attract tourism. However, the success of the Shuanghuai County Special-Skills Performance Troupe comes at a serious price. In Lenin’s Kisses, Yan Lianke delivers a humorous, daring, and riveting portrait of the trappings and consequences of greed and corruption.

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YAN LIANKE is the author of numerous novels and short-story collections, including Serve the People! and Dream of Ding Village.
October

“Written in crisp, enthralling prose . . . The sense of déjà vu surrounding the story makes it all the more chilling . . . Tense and engaging.” — The New Yorker

The Greatcoat
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Helen Dunmore is a best-selling novelist and poet whose historical novels have been compared to the works of Tolstoy, Emily Brontë, and Virginia Woolf. In her new novel, Dunmore once again dives into the past with an evocative and sophisticated ghost story about a love affair between a neglected wife and a mysterious soldier.

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Jeffrey Lent

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JEFFREY LENT is the author of three other novels: After You’ve Gone, A Peculiar Grace, and Lost Nation.

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Christine Schutt

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**MARKETING**

Schutt’s fiction has appeared in *Harper’s Magazine, The Kenyon Review,* and *NOON,* where she’s a founding editor

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CHRISTINE SCHUTT is the author of two collections of stories, *Nightwork* and *A Day, A Night, Another Day, Summer.* She is also the author of the novels *Florida,* a National Book Award finalist, and *All Souls,* a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize.

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“The first deep-dive narrative by a veteran journalist covering the King of Pop’s convoluted final years on earth . . . [Untouchable] helps cast Jackson in a new light.” —Los Angeles Times

Untouchable

The Strange Life and Tragic Death of Michael Jackson

Randall Sullivan

MARKETING

Untouchable was excerpted in Vanity Fair and named as one of Amazon’s best books of November

Sullivan appeared on Katie, Good Morning America, and Nightline to promote the book

Sullivan had access to exclusive new information from a variety of sources, including the attorney who represented Jackson in the molestation case and who was for years one of Jackson’s closest associates, and Jackson’s former manager, who was deeply involved in his many last-ditch attempts to revive his career

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RANDALL SULLIVAN was a contributing editor to Rolling Stone for over twenty years. He is also the author of The Price of Experience, Labyrinth, and The Miracle Detective, the book that inspired the television show The Miracle Detectives, which he hosted and which premiered on the Oprah Winfrey Network (OWN) in January 2011. He lives in Oregon.

“A dishy Michael Jackson biography that makes the exhaustively covered King of Pop fascinating all over again.” —People

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The Lion Sleeps Tonight
And Other Stories of Africa
Rian Malan

MARKETING

The Lion Sleeps Tonight was named one of The Wall Street Journal’s best books of 2012

paperback review coverage

“A dizzying ride, one on which Malan serves as an expert, if somewhat curmudgeonly, guide. . . . [He is] a devilishly talented writer and storyteller.”

—The Daily Beast

The Lion Sleeps Tonight, the journalist Rian Malan’s first new book in over twenty years, is a vibrant chronicle of the halting steps and missteps taken as South Africans, black and white, try to build a new country. It moves from the far reaches of South Africa’s North West province to the middle-class suburbs of Cape Town, and collects pieces on subjects ranging from music to crime to politics.

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“Flannery’s writing is generous and exuberant. His enthusiasm is enough to infect even the least science-minded of readers. . . . A breathtaking, informative tour of faraway lands.” —Kirkus Reviews

Among the Islands
Adventures in the Pacific
Tim Flannery

MARKETING
Among the Islands was a National Geographic Traveler Book of the Month

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Tim Flannery is one of the world’s most influential scientists, credited with discovering more species than Darwin. In Among the Islands Flannery recounts a series of expeditions he made at the dawn of his career to the strange tropical islands of the South Pacific, a great arc stretching nearly 4,000 miles, from the postcard perfection of Polynesia to some of the largest, highest, ancient, and most rugged islands on earth. Flannery was traveling in search of rare and undiscovered mammal species, but he found much more: wild, weird places where local taboos, foul weather, dense jungle, and sheer remoteness made for difficult and dramatic exploration. Among the Islands is full of fascinating creatures—monkey-faced bats, giant rats, black gazelle-faced wallabies, and more—and the adventure of discovery.

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TIM FLANNERY is a writer, scientist, and explorer. His books include the landmark works Here on Earth and The Weather Makers, which has been translated into more than 20 languages.
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The Labyrinth of Osiris

Paul Sussman

MARKETING

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Sussman’s books have sold over two million copies worldwide and been translated into over thirty languages

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PAUL SUSSMAN (1966–2012) was a journalist, author and field archaeologist whose first novel, The Lost Army of Cambyses, was an international bestseller that was translated into twenty-eight languages. His books have sold over two million copies worldwide.

“With his fourth and best novel to date, Sussman takes his place on the must-read lists of those who value plot and characterization. . . . There is redemption, nobility and friendship, and all the right stuff that makes us human beings.”

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Detective Arieh Ben-Roi of the Jerusalem police is tasked with an investigation into the death of a well-known Israeli journalist, Rivka Kleinberg, who is found brutally murdered in one of the city’s cathedrals. Known for her fearless exposés, Kleinberg had made many high-powered enemies, including international corporations, the Israeli government, and the Russian Mafia. Looking for leads, Ben-Roi begins researching the stories Kleinberg was researching just before her murder:

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