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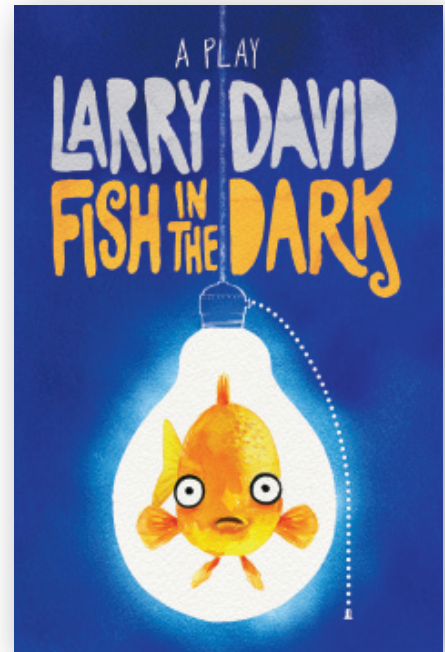
“Every word out of [Larry David’s] mouth is funny . . . Instead of sticking to a conventionally constructed plot, this *Fish* swims from one comic situation to another.”

—*Variety*

## Fish in the Dark

*A Play*

Larry David



### MARKETING

Produced by Scott Rudin, the play has collected the highest ever pre-sales of any play in the history of Broadway, over \$13.5 million

Enormous media interest—cover of *New York*, significant profiles in *New York Times* and elsewhere, high-profile radio and TV attention, including *60 Minutes*

“You don’t need to be a fan of David’s hit TV series to appreciate zingers, which come laced with cultural clichés . . . These are just people, often very obnoxious people, lurching through lives and oddball dilemmas.”

—*New York Daily News* (4 stars)

**F***ish in the Dark* is the astonishing playwriting debut by Larry David, the multiple Emmy-winning star of *Curb Your Enthusiasm* and cocreator of *Seinfeld*. This sidesplitting play, a testimony to David’s great writing talent, is also his first time on Broadway—in fact, his first time acting on stage since eighth grade. In *Fish in the Dark* Larry David stars as Norman Drexel, a man in his fifties who is average in most respects except for his hyperactive libido. As Norman and his family try to navigate the death of a loved one, old acquaintances and unsettled arguments resurface with hilarious consequences.

*Fish in the Dark* has its world premiere at the Cort Theatre on Broadway on March 5, 2015, starring Larry David.

“[*Fish in the Dark*] is no four-person, politically correct, plotless amusement, like so many comedies today, but a large ensemble piece with eighteen speaking roles, a perfect second-act twist, and a solid last-minute kicker . . . David’s humor is observational, questioning meaning and motives in the abstract.” —*Vulture*

“*Fish in the Dark* may be new but its comic ingredients are classically aged . . . A night of huge, rolling laughs.” —*Time Out* (4 stars)

**LARRY DAVID** is an award-winning comedian, actor, and writer, as well as the cocreator of *Seinfeld* and the creator, producer, writer, and star of *Curb Your Enthusiasm*. His other television credits include *Saturday Night Live* and *Fridays*. *Fish in the Dark* is his first play.



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The remarkable debut by the Academy Award–nominated actor, famous for his roles in *The Social Network* and other films, a collection of hilarious, moving, and highly inventive stories that explore the ridiculousness of modern-day life, in the tradition of Woody Allen, Simon Rich, and David Sedaris

## Bream Gives Me Hiccups

*And Other Stories*

Jesse Eisenberg



### MARKETING

A television series based on the *Bream* stories will be produced and broadcast in late 2015 or early 2016

*Bream Gives Me Hiccups* was already named by the *Guardian* as one of the essential books of 2015

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"This isn't a James Franco situation where he's trying to pass off his Snapchats as performance art. Eisenberg is truly a talented writer . . . Hilarious and poignant."

—*Entertainment Weekly*

**B***ream Gives Me Hiccups: And Other Stories* is the whip-smart fiction debut of Academy Award–nominated actor Jesse Eisenberg. Known for his iconic film roles but also for his regular pieces in the *New Yorker* and his two critically acclaimed plays, Eisenberg is an emerging literary voice.

Taking its title from a group of stories that begin the book, *Bream Gives Me Hiccups* moves from contemporary L.A. to the dorm rooms of an American college to ancient Pompeii, throwing the reader into a universe of social misfits, reimaged scenes from history, and ridiculous overreactions. In one piece, a tense email exchange between a young man and his girlfriend is taken over by his sister, who is obsessed with the Bosnian genocide (*The situation reminds me of a little historical blip called the Karadordevo agreement*); in another, a college freshman forced to live with a roommate is stunned when one of her ramen packets goes missing (*she didn't have "one" of my ramens. She had a chicken ramen*); in another piece, Alexander Graham Bell has teething problems with his invention (*I've been calling Mabel all day, she doesn't pick up! Yes, of course I dialed the right number—2!*).

United by Eisenberg's gift for humor and character, and grouped into chapters that open with illustrations by award-winning cartoonist Jean Jullien, the witty pieces collected in *Bream Gives Me Hiccups* explore the various insanities of the modern world, and mark the arrival of a fantastically funny, self-ironic, and original voice.



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## Excerpt

From Part I: Bream Gives Me Hiccups: Restaurant Reviews  
from a Privileged Nine-Year-Old

### Sushi Nozawa

Last night, Mom took me to Sushi Nozawa, near Matt's house. Except she didn't let Matt come with us and I had to leave in the middle of my favorite show because Mom said we would be late for our reservation and that I didn't know who she had to blow on to get the reservation.

At the front of Sushi Nozawa is a mean woman. When I asked Mom why the woman is so angry, Mom said it's because she's Japanese and that it's cultural. The woman at school who serves lunch is also mean but she is not Japanese. Maybe it's just serving food that makes people angry.

Sushi Nozawa does not have any menus, which Mom said made it fancy. The Sushi chef is very serious and he stands behind a counter and serves the people whatever he wants. He is also mean.

The first thing they brought us was a rolled-up wet washcloth, which I unrolled and put on my lap because Mom always said that the first thing I have to do in a nice restaurant is put the napkin in my lap. But this napkin was hot and wet and made me feel like I peed my pants. Mom got angry and asked me if I was stupid.

The mean woman then brought a little bowl of mashed-up red fish bodies in a brown sauce and said that it was tuna fish, which I guess was a lie because it didn't taste like tuna and made me want to puke right there at the table. But Mom said that I had to eat it because Sushi Nozawa was "famous for their tuna." At school, there is a kid named Billy who everyone secretly calls Billy the Bully and who puts toothpaste on the teacher's chair before she comes into the classroom. He is also famous.



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**JESSE EISENBERG** is an Academy Award–nominated actor, playwright, and contributor for the *New Yorker* and *McSweeney's*. He is the author of three plays, *Asuncion*, *The Revisionist*, and *The Spoils*, which won the Theater Visions Fund Award. Eisenberg's acting credits include *The Social Network*, *Now You See Me*, *Adventureland*, *The Squid and the Whale*, *The Double*, and *The End of the Tour*. Forthcoming acting credits include *Batman v. Superman*.

## PRAISE FOR *THE REVISIONIST*: A PLAY

"As a playwright, Eisenberg's intentions seem clear. He takes a critical swipe at himself, and by extension, his entitled generation . . . Stage acting doesn't get much better."—*Hollywood Reporter*

"Beguilingly layered . . . something to paste into your memory book of strange, wonderful and utterly unmatchable moments at the theater."—*New York Times*

"It says a lot about Eisenberg—his extreme decency and his extreme neurosis—that the avatars he's created for the stage are sadder and less admirable than the sly, nebbishy parts he's played in movies. But that's always been the fascinating paradox of Eisenberg's life, the source of his strange charisma."—*Boris Kachka, New York*

"It's a very extraordinary play. You can tell that straight off, after only two pages . . . [Eisenberg] reminds me of [the poet] Shelley . . . A very inquiring mind, interested in everything and everybody. This is quite unusual. A very unique quality as an actor too." —*Vanessa Redgrave*



In Paula Daly's electrifying new domestic thriller, a single mother is offered an indecent proposal she can't refuse. But how much is she willing to compromise in order to keep her family out of harm's way and to avoid a deadly mistake?

## The Mistake I Made

*A Novel*

Paula Daly

### MARKETING

*Just What Kind of Mother Are You?* was a finalist for the *Strand Magazine* Critics Award for Best First Novel; it was also named a top thriller of the fall by *Publishers Weekly* and *Library Journal* and one of *Oprah Magazine's* Five Page-Turners That Will Surprise You More Than Once

*Keep Your Friends Close* was shortlisted for the CWA Gold Dagger Award for Best Crime Novel of the Year

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Also Available:

*Just What Kind of Mother Are You?*  
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"[Daly] writes with a singular voice and a fierce passion that roars off the page, while also displaying a visceral understanding of the betrayals and humiliations of domestic life."  
—*Daily Mail*

**T**he *Mistake I Made* is the latest page-turner from one of the England's most captivating new thriller writers. In her provocative and riveting third novel, Paula Daly focuses her masterful eye for psychological suspense and family drama on an indecent proposal that has fatal repercussions.

Single mother Roz has reached the breaking point. After the dissolution of her marriage, Roz's business has gone under, debts are racking up, the rent is late (again), and she's struggling to provide for her nine-year-old son, who is starting to misbehave in school. Roz is in trouble. Real trouble.

When Roz returns home from work one day and finds an eviction notice, she has two weeks to find a solution; otherwise they will be kicked out of their home. Increasingly desperate, Roz doesn't know where to turn. Then an unusual opportunity presents itself. At her sister's fortieth birthday party, Roz meets Scott Elias—wealthy, powerful, and very married. And she leaves an indelible impression on him. He tracks her down and makes Roz an offer to spend the night with him—for money. He wants no-strings-attached intimacy and can guarantee total discretion. Could it be as simple as it sounds? With that kind of cash, Roz could clear her debts and get her life back on track. But as the situation spirals out of her control, Roz is forced to do things she never thought herself capable of doing. Can she ever set things right again?



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## Excerpt

"Listen," I began, "I'd rather not do this over the phone but, just so you know, my circumstances have changed. I would like to reconsider your offer if it's still available."

"Okay," he said slowly. "Perhaps we should meet. I mean, to discuss it further. I expect there are some things you'd like to clarify."

I tried to keep my tone businesslike as I issued the instructions I'd decided upon earlier, but there was an unmistakable tremor to my voice. "I've got a forty-five-minute lunch break," I said. "Come to the clinic, it will be safer than meeting out in the open. We won't arouse suspicion if we act as though I've slotted you in as an extra patient."

"That makes sense."

"We'll be able to talk undisturbed."

"What time should I be there?"

"One-fifteen," I said. "Try not to be late."

"I'm never late."

When I cut the call I placed the phone down on the desk with a trembling hand. Then I waited a moment before calling in the next patient, to observe myself in this act of treachery. I rose and faced the mirror. I had the hardened, pinched look of a woman who at first you would presume to be vexed, but on closer inspection would realize was terrified.

## PRAISE FOR THE FIRST THRILLER IN THE LAKE DISTRICT SERIES: JUST WHAT KIND OF MOTHER ARE YOU?

"Anything but predictable."—*Florida Times-Union*

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"A distinctive voice, masterful plotting, and pitch-perfect characterizations . . . The novel is not just an intriguing puzzle but also a nuanced exploration of friendship, motherhood, fallibility, and the mystery of human relationships."

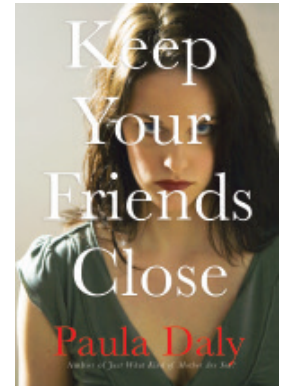
—*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

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Shortlisted for the CWA Gold Dagger Award  
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## Keep Your Friends Close

Paula Daly



"Daly's affinity for psychological intrigue shines . . . [she] has penned a superbly sinister plot full of believable twists. It will have readers wondering just how well they know their friends, and how secure their lives are." —*Mystery Scene*

Natty and Sean Wainwright have a rock-solid marriage with two teenage daughters, a successful hotel business, and a beautiful house. When their youngest daughter falls ill on an overseas school trip, Natty rushes to her side. Luckily, Natty's best friend, Eve Dalladay, is visiting and offers to stay with Sean to lend a hand in the Wainwright household. But Natty comes home to find that Eve has taken to family life a little too well: Sean has fallen in love with her. With no choice but to put on a brave face, Natty attempts to start anew, but Eve is always there to knock her down. Then Natty receives an anonymous note that reveals Eve to be a serial mistress. She's done this before—and the consequences were fatal. Now Natty must navigate through a treacherous maze of secrets to protect her loved ones.

"Daly's thriller is awash in emotional anguish . . . a powerful and serpentine scenario." —*Curled Up with a Good Book*

"This nail-biter will leave readers breathless and wondering how well they know their friends . . . A taut thriller."

—*Shelf Awareness*



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**PAULA DALY** is the author of *Just What Kind of Mother Are You?* and *Keep Your Friends Close*. She lives in North West England with her husband, three children, and their dog, Skippy. *The Mistake I Made* is her third novel.

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In this highly anticipated sequel to the contemporary classic *Shantaram*, Lin continues to search for love and faith in a changing Bombay

## The Mountain Shadow

Gregory David Roberts

### MARKETING

*Shantaram* has sold over four million copies in forty countries. It received major review coverage and was short-listed for the Commonwealth Writers' Prize for Best First Book

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Gregory David Robert's epic debut novel, *Shantaram*, introduced millions of readers to the heart of India and the hidden heart of Bombay through Lin, an Australian fugitive, working as a passport forger for a branch of the Bombay mafia. In *The Mountain Shadow*, the long-awaited sequel, Lin must find his way in a Bombay run by a different generation of mafia dons playing by a different set of rules.

It has been two years since the events in *Shantaram* and since Lin lost two people he had come to love: his father figure, Khaderbhai, and his soul mate, Karla, married to a handsome Indian media tycoon. Lin returns from a smuggling trip to a city that seems to have changed too much, too soon. Many of his old friends are long gone, his girlfriend—the radiant American Lisa—is spending more and more time with her partners at her art gallery, and the new mafia leadership has become entangled in increasingly violent and dangerous intrigues. But Lin can't leave the Island City: Karla, and one final mission, won't let him go.

A love story of hope, humor, and the philosophical quest for the wisdom of our common humanity, *The Mountain Shadow* is a sublime, all-consuming novel of our extraordinary human struggle for love and faith, truth and redemption.



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## Excerpt

We walked on into an even darker lane, turned the last corner in the maze and emerged in a wide, open, sunlit courtyard.

I'd heard of it before: it was called *Das Rasta*, or *Ten Ways*.

Residential buildings and the many lanes that serviced them surrounded the roughly circular courtyard, open to the sky. It was what you would call a private public square.

Residents leaned from windows, looking down into the action of *Das Rasta*. Some lowered or pulled up baskets of vegetables, cooked food, and other goods. Many more people entered and left the courtyard through the wheel-spoke alleys giving access to the wider world beyond.

In the centre of the courtyard, sacks of grain and pulses had been heaped together in a pile, twice the height of a man. The sacks formed a small pyramid of thrones, and seated on them, at various levels, were the Cycle Killers.

In the topmost improvised throne was Ishmeet, the leader. His long hair had never been cut, according to Sikh religious tradition, but his observance of Sikhism stopped there.

His hair wasn't held in a neat turban, but fell freely to his narrow waist. His thin, bare arms were covered in tattoos, depicting his many murders and gang war victories. There were two long, curved knives in decorated scabbards tucked into the belt of his tight jeans.

"Salaam aleikum," he said lazily, greeting Abdullah as we approached his tower of thrones.

"Wa aleikum salaam," Abdullah replied.

"Who's the dog-face you've got with you?" A man sitting close to Ishmeet asked in Hindi, turning his head to spit noisily.

"His name is Lin," Abdullah replied calmly. "They also call him Shantaram."

**GREGORY DAVID ROBERTS** escaped from a maximum-security facility and spent ten years on the run, and ten years in prison. After the publication of his first novel, the bestselling *Shantaram*, he spent ten years working as an ambassador for charitable and social justice organizations, and as a philosophical consultant to leaders and philanthropic foundations. He retired from public life in 2014 to devote his time to family and new writing projects.

## PRAISE FOR *SHANTARAM*

"*Shantaram* is a novel of the first order, a work of extraordinary art, a thing of exceptional beauty . . . Gregory David Roberts does for Bombay what Lawrence Durrell did for Alexandria, what Melville did for the South Seas, and what Thoreau did for Walden Pond:

He makes it an eternal player in the literature of the world."—**Pat Conroy**

"*Shantaram* has provided me with the richest reading experience to date . . . It is seductive, powerful, complex, and blessed with a perfect voice. Like a voodoo ghost snatcher, Gregory David Roberts has captured the spirits of the likes of Henri Charrière, Rohinton Mistry, Tom Wolfe, and Mario Vargas Llosa, fused them with his own unique magic, and built the most gripping monument in print . . . Gregory David Roberts is a suitable giant, a dazzling guru, and a genius in full."—**Moses Isegawa, author of *Abyssinian Chronicles* and *Snakepit***

"[A] sprawling, intelligent novel."—**Washington Post**

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"Utterly unique, absolutely audacious, and wonderfully wild, *Shantaram* is sure to catch even the most fantastic of imaginations off guard."—**Elle**

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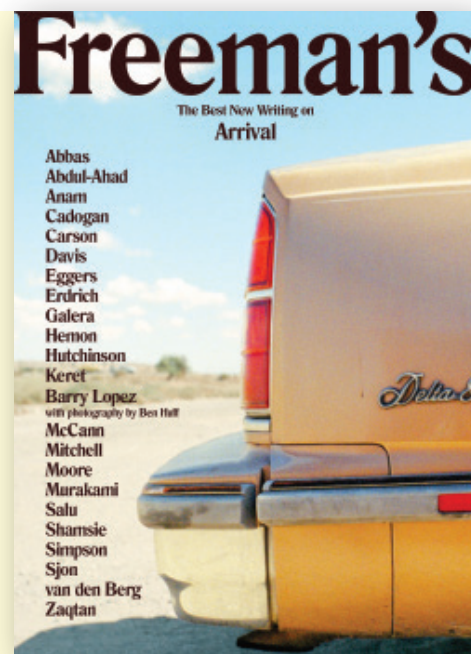
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"And yet one arrives somehow, finds himself loosening the hooks of her dress in a strange bedroom—" —William Carlos Williams

We live today in constant motion, traveling distances rapidly, small ones daily, arriving in new states. In this inaugural edition of *Freeman's*, a new biannual of unpublished writing, former *Granta* editor and NBCC president John Freeman brings together the best new fiction, nonfiction, and poetry about that electrifying moment when we arrive.

Strange encounters abound. David Mitchell meets a ghost in Hiroshima Prefecture; Lydia Davis recounts her travels in the exotic territory of the Norwegian language; and in a Dave Eggers story, an elderly gentleman cannot remember why he brought a fork to a wedding.

End points often turn out to be new beginnings. Louise Erdrich visits a Native American cemetery that celebrates the next journey, and in a Haruki Murakami story, an aging actor arrives back in his true self after performing a role, discovering he has changed, becoming a new person.

Featuring startling new fiction by Laura van den Berg, Helen Simpson, and Tahmima Anam, as well as stirring essays by Aleksandar Hemon, Barry Lopez, and Garnette Cadogan, who relearned how to walk while being black upon arriving in NYC, *Freeman's* announces the arrival of an essential map to the best new writing in the world.



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From “Drive My Car,”  
by Haruki Murakami, translated by Ted Goossen

“Can I ask you something?” Misaki said. Kafuku had been looking out the window at the passing scenery, lost in thought. He turned to her in surprise. They had been driving around together for two months, and rarely had she initiated a conversation.

“Of course,” Kafuku said.

“Why did you become an actor?”

“A college friend of mine, a girl, asked me to join her theater club. I’d never been interested in acting. I wanted to play baseball. I’d been the starting shortstop on my high school team, and was pretty confident of my defensive ability. But I wasn’t quite good enough for our college team. So I figured, what the heck, I might as well take a stab at something new. I wanted to spend more time with that girl, too. After I’d been acting for a while, though, it dawned on me that I really liked it. Performing allowed me to be someone other than myself. And I could revert back when the performance ended. I really loved that.”

“You loved being someone other than yourself?”

“Yes, as long as I knew I could go back.”

“Did you ever not want to go back?”

Kafuku thought for a moment. No one had asked him that before. They were heading for the Takebashi exit on the Tokyo Metropolitan Expressway, and the road was jammed.

“There’s no other place to go back to, is there?” Kafuku said.

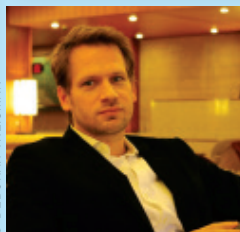
Misaki didn’t venture an opinion.

They were silent for a while. Kafuku removed his baseball cap, inspected its shape, and stuck it back on. Next to them was a tractor-trailer with too many wheels to count, a huge rig which made their yellow Saab convertible feel fleeting, ephemeral. Like a tiny sightseeing boat floating next to an oil tanker.

From “On Learning Norwegian,”  
by Lydia Davis

In the beginning, as I made my way into this partly incomprehensible Telemark of the 1600s and 1700s, I felt, pleasantly, all the farther away from home in both time and culture for not knowing half of what I was reading. Then the mists began clearing, and each page offered another reward: not only the unfolding story, but also a linguistic revelation—again and again came the little burst of understanding, like a little light coming on, as a word that looked so mysterious—*miljø*—abruptly revealed itself: milieu.

This confrontation with the densely printed text in the unknown language turned out to be oddly exhilarating. It was like diving, or jumping, into the deep, cold, and mysterious waters of a mountain lake. Or, to change the metaphor—I’m searching for a way to express just what this project was like—it was like confronting a rock face, or a mountain that I had to climb. The fact of doing it by myself, independently, without help, was part of what made it exhilarating. No one was going to lift me up that mountain. I would have to find the handholds and footholds by myself.



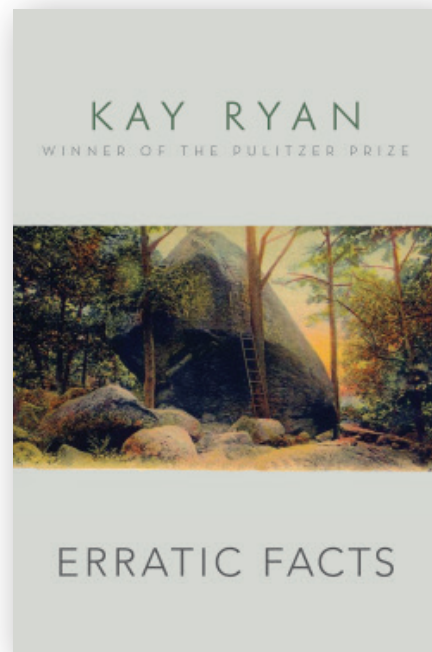
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## Erratic Facts

Kay Ryan



### MARKETING

*The Best of It* won the 2011 Pulitzer Prize, was a finalist for the NBCC Award for Poetry, and named a Book of the Year by the *New York Times*, *New Yorker*, *Los Angeles Times*, and *San Francisco Chronicle*

Ryan served as the sixteenth Poet Laureate of the United States from 2008 to 2010, was named a MacArthur Fellow in 2011, and received a 2012 National Humanities Medal from President Barack Obama

Several of the poems in *Erratic Facts* have been published in the *New Yorker*, *Poetry* magazine, *Threepenny Review*, *Granta*, *Smithsonian* magazine, and *Parnassus*

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Kay Ryan—“a classic American poet” (*Los Angeles Times*)—is lauded for her highly intelligible, deeply insightful wisdom and vitality. *Erratic Facts* is her first collection since *The Best of It*, animated with her signature swift, lucid, lyrical poems.

### NEW ROOMS

The mind must  
set itself up  
wherever it goes  
and it would be  
most convenient  
to impose its  
old rooms—just  
tack them up  
like an interior  
tent. Oh but  
the new holes  
aren't where  
the windows  
went.

### EGGS

We turn out  
as tippy as  
eggs. Legs  
are an illusion.  
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loves us.  
It's a pity  
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## ON THE NATURE OF UNDERSTANDING

Say you hoped to  
tame something  
wild and stayed  
calm and inched up  
day by day. Or even  
not tame it but  
meet it half way.  
Things went along.  
You made progress,  
understanding  
it would be a  
lengthy process,  
sensing changes  
in your hair and  
nails. So it's  
strange when it  
attacks: you thought  
you had a deal.

## SHIP IN A BOTTLE

It seems  
impossible—  
not just a  
ship in a  
bottle but  
wind and sea.  
The ship starts  
to struggle—an  
emergency of the  
too realized we  
realize. We can  
get it out but  
not without  
spilling its world.  
A hammer tap  
and they're free.  
Which death  
will it be,  
little sailors?

## FIZZ

It may be  
all there is  
but we don't  
understand  
it: the fizz  
of conversion.  
Or we hope  
it obtains  
only in objects  
or persons  
not us. Or  
precious to  
us. A remote  
effervescence  
we can't like  
up close. How  
it works at  
a surface as  
though it were  
false, sizzling  
inside a face  
until it comes  
loose.



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## Death by Water

Kenzaburo Oe

Translated from the Japanese by Deborah Boliver Boehm

### MARKETING

Oe won the 1994 Nobel Prize for Literature

He has received many other major international honors including the 1989 Prix Europalia

His last novel, *The Changeling*, was a *Financial Times* and *Huffington Post* Best Book of the Year and long-listed for the Man Asian Literary Prize

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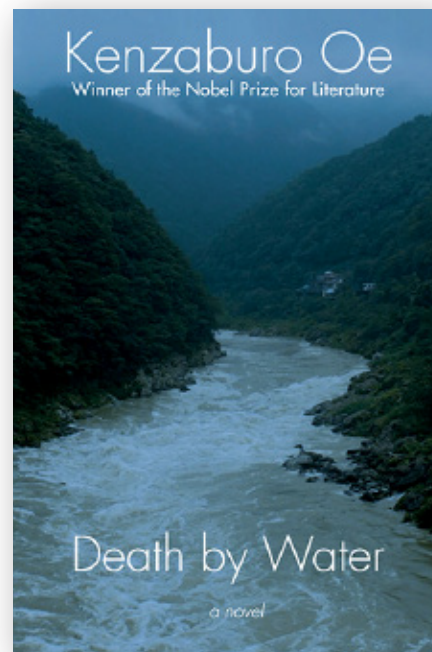
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## Excerpt

The year I went off to university in Tokyo, something fateful happened when I returned home to Shikoku for one of the last in a series of traditional Buddhist services for my father. (He had died prematurely, nearly a decade earlier.) For the first time in ages our rambling country house was overflowing with assorted friends and relations, and among the guests was an uncle of mine who had recently married off his eldest daughter to a government official, a graduate of Tokyo University's prestigious law school.

"So," this uncle said to me, "it's great news that you managed to get into that university, but what's your major?" When I replied that I was studying literature, he made no attempt to hide his disappointment.

"In that case," he said glumly, "you probably can't expect to find a decent job after you leave school, can you?"

But then my mother, who was usually rather reserved in social situations, came out with a totally unexpected suggestion. Her words threw me into a state of confusion, for until then I had aspired to nothing more ambitious than becoming a French-literature scholar.

"Well," she declared, "if he can't find a regular job, then he'll most likely become a novelist!" This pronouncement was greeted with stunned silence, but my mother's next remark triggered an eruption of communal laughter that dispelled the tension. "Indeed," she went on, "there's more than enough raw material for a novel in the red leather trunk alone!"



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**KENZABURO OE** won the 1994 Nobel Prize for Literature, and is the author of *The Changeling*; *Somersault*; *Rouse Up*; *O Young Men of the New Age*; *A Quiet Life*; *Hiroshima Notes*; *Nip the Buds*; *Shoot the Kids*; *A Personal Matter*; *Teach Us to Outgrow Our Madness*; *The Crazy Iris*; and *The Silent Cry*; among others.

## PRAISE FOR KENZABURO OE

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*Drunks, Thieves, Scoundrels, and the History of American Comedy*

Kliph Nesteroff

### MARKETING

Nesteroff was a stand-up comedian for eight years and is widely known in the comedy world

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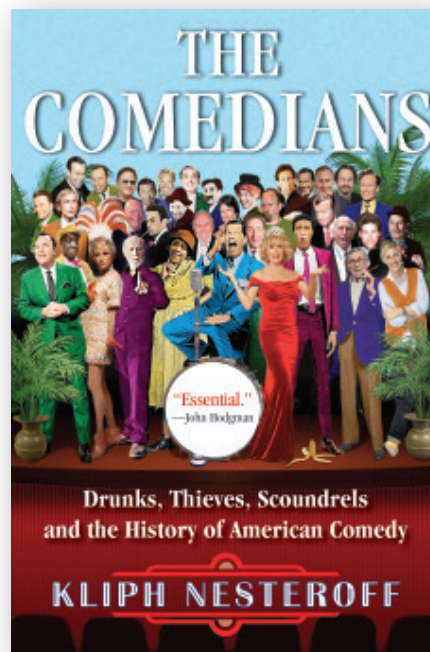
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## Excerpt

It's common to hear older comedy fans complain that comedians used to be funny. In comedy, generational considerations are everything. Veteran comedian Jan Murray said, "Comedy—every era—as it dies, people bemoan it. 'Oh, these new comics aren't like those guys!' But it's wrong, because every generation breeds its own generation that talks to that generation." Shecky Greene agrees. "People say to me, 'You guys were better in the old days.' Fuck the old days!"

Vaudeville comedy now seems out-of-date and out-of-touch. A veteran critic who died in 1938 predicted that vaudeville comedy was not going to age well: "It must be remembered that old vaudeville was more a matter of style than material. It was not so much what they said and did—as how they said and did it. The compiler can give the words. He cannot add the saving grace of personality." Viewed through a contemporary prism, vaudeville comedy can be rather painful, but this doesn't mean it wasn't legitimately funny in its day.

And yet the actual experience of the comedian remains similar to that of vaudeville days, transcending the generations. Then as now, countless stand-up schleggers toiled in the trenches, learned their craft, bombed before hostile audiences and killed in front of anonymous drunks. The struggle of the funny performer has remained a symbiosis of drive, jealousy, heartbreak and triumph—existing then as it exists now. Perhaps the only other constant is comedy's unfailing popularity. Phyllis Diller once said, "There will never be enough comedy. Comedy is at a premium always."



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**KLIPH NESTEROFF** is a former stand-up comic turned writer. Writing about the history of showbiz for WFMU, he has retained a cult following for years. Nesteroff's latest project is hosting the *Classic Showbiz Talk Show*, a live series in Los Angeles that has welcomes comedy luminaries like Mel Brooks, Fred Willard, and *Laugh-In* creator George Schlatter.

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For centuries a bastion of tradition and excellence, Bordeaux has in recent years become dogged by controversy, particularly regarding the 2012 classification of the wines of St.-Émilion, the most prestigious appellation of Bordeaux's right bank. St.-Émilion is an area increasingly dominated by big international investors, especially from China, who are keen to speculate on the area's wines and land, some of whose value has increased tenfold in the last decade alone. In the controversial 2012 classification, as Saporta shows, certain châteaux were promoted to a more prestigious class because of insider deals that altered the scoring system for the classification of wines into premier crus and grand crus. This system now takes into account the facilities of each château's tasting room, the capacity of its warehouse, and even the size of its parking lot. The quality of the wine counts for just 30 percent of the total score for the wines of the top ranking, those deemed premier grand cru classé A.

In *Vino Business*, Saporta shows how backroom deals with wine distributors, multinational investors such as the luxury company LVMH, and even wine critics, have fundamentally changed this ancient business in the course of a decade. Saporta also investigates issues of wine labeling and the use of pesticides, and draws comparisons to Champagne, Burgundy, and the rest of the wine world. Based on two years of research and reporting, *Vino Business* draws back the curtain on the secret world of Bordeaux, a land ever more in thrall to the grapes of wealth.



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## Excerpt

Security is tighter than at the French President's palace, with walkie-talkies, barricades, and bodyguards. After guests are asked to leave their cars, flocks of young women in white dresses shield them with umbrellas so that they won't get soaked in the pouring rain while walking to the golf carts that will take them to the château. The excitement is at its peak. A black sedan makes its way through the crowd, the only car permitted to enter the courtyard. It comes to a stop, and French actress Carole Bouquet emerges, looking magnificent.

Welcome to the Fête de la Fleur, the highlight of the spring season for the crème de la crème of the world of Médoc and left-bank wines. In 2013, this huge party thrown by the Commanderie du Bontemps took place on the last day of the big wine show Vinexpo in Saint-Julien-de-Beychevelle, at Château Lagrange, which is owned by the Japanese company Suntory, the alcohol and soft drink giant (whose holdings include Orangina Schweppes).

The Bordeaux wine industry has become adept at bringing VIPs on board and at crafting a swanky image. In thirty years, this closed world has undergone a sea change. The important figures of yesteryear have yielded to wealthy investors; traditional winegrowers have been pushed aside by CEOs; and old-school vintners have been replaced by movie stars. In just three decades, the business has radically changed in scope. Big capital has invaded the vineyards, bringing its marketing managers and PR apparatus. And the guilds, those old bastions of the Bordeaux bourgeoisie where the local officials used to love to get together, now hold glamorous celebrations worthy of a Hollywood premiere.



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**ISABELLE SAPORTA** is an investigative journalist and documentary filmmaker. In 2011, she published *The Black Book of Agriculture*, which sold more than 60,000 copies in France alone. *Vino Business* is her first book to be translated into English. She lives in Paris, France.

## INTERNATIONAL PRAISE FOR *VINO BUSINESS*

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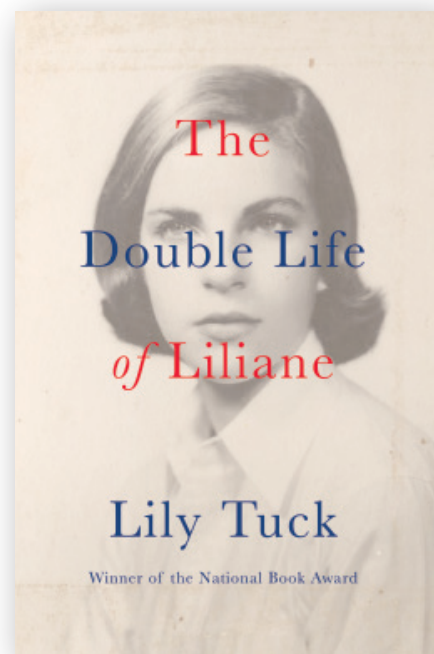
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## Excerpt

In the living room, the blue velvet sofa, the green glass coffee table, the two matching stuffed chairs and her father's ornate mahogany desk are all new. Except for a large Venetian glass ashtray on top of the coffee table—her father smokes a pack of cigarettes a day, Chesterfields he buys on the black market—there are no books or magazines or other objects to give the room a lived-in look. The only personal object in the room is the statue of a lion that sits on her father's desk. It is the Golden Laurel Award he received at the Venice Film Festival in 1950 for a film called *Donne senza Nome* (*Women without Names*) starring Simone Simon and Françoise Rosay and set after World War II, in a displaced persons' camp, where the lives and freedom of three women and a newborn child are at stake. The actresses playing the women detainees speak in many different languages—Italian, English, French, Serbo-Croatian and German—depending on their nationalities and the film's location. Scenes were shot in Puglia, in the town of Alberobello, famous for its distinctive houses with cone-shaped stone roofs. A few years later, Rudy will put a framed photo of Liliane next to the statue of the lion. The photo—a photo she does not like (it looks posed and her hair at the time is too short)—was taken by a well-known photographer, who was both a friend of her father and of Marilyn Monroe.



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LILY TUCK is the author of five novels, including *Siam*, a PEN/Faulkner Award finalist; *The News from Paraguay*, winner of the 2004 National Book Award; and *I Married You for Happiness*, two collections of stories; and a biography. Her work has been translated in over a dozen languages and has appeared in *The Best American Essays* and *The O. Henry Prize Stories*.

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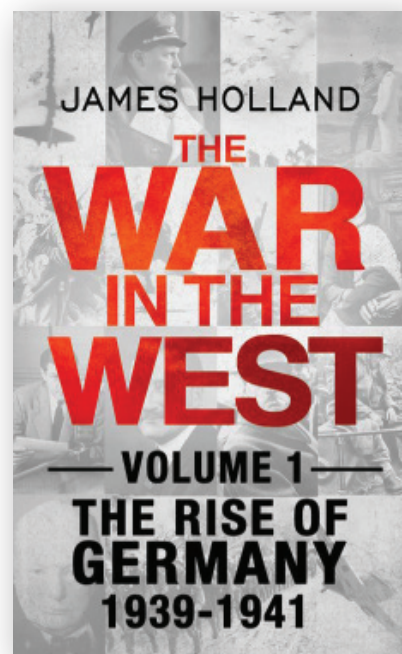


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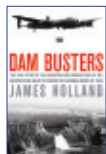
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## Excerpt

Paris was emptying. The American broadcast journalist, Edward Severeid had been told by his NBS bosses to leave the capital when the French government left; now it had and so it was time for him to go too. He had already sent his wife and their baby twins back to the US, managing to get them on a train to Italy and then the last American ship to leave Genoa, which, he had correctly guessed, meant Italy was about join the fight.

A few days later, bombs had fallen on Paris, and specifically on the Citroën works and the Air Ministry. In the days that followed, Severeid watched thousands of cars emerge from the garages and with mattresses and luggage strapped to the roofs, headed south.

On 10 June, dark smoke over the city obscured the sun and he drove down the Champs-Élysées and looked at the empty cafés. Later that night, he made his last broadcast from the capital and then headed south in his own black Citroën, along with endless miles of others. "Paris lay inert," he wrote, "her breathing scarcely audible, her limbs relaxed, and the blood flowed remorselessly from her manifold veins. Paris was dying, like a beautiful woman in coma."



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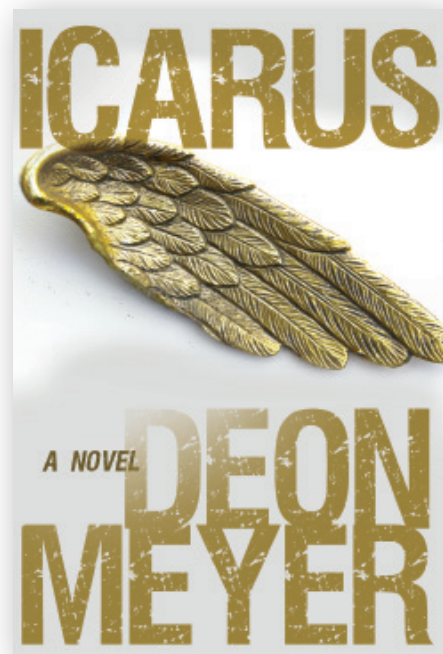
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## Excerpt

Cupido's face was somber as he approached.

"Benna, you don't need to go inside. Our work here is done." Griessel could hear the tone in his colleague's voice, the false businesslike note hiding his dismay.

"I didn't drive all this way to . . . What's going on, Vaughn? What happened here?"

"Trust me, Benna, please. It's an open-and-shut, let's go."

Benny felt his temper rising. What was wrong with Cupido? "Are you going to tell me what's going on, or must I see for myself?"

"Benna, for once in your life, trust me."

"Jissis," said Griessel and began walking towards the front door.

"It's Vollie," said Cupido.

Griessel froze. "Vollie?"

"Ja. Our Vollie. And his family."

Adjutant Tertius van Vollenhoven, who had worked with both of them before, back when the Provincial Detective Branch still existed. Vollie, who went home on weekends and brought back seafood for the whole team on Mondays. The man who had caught two serial killers on the Cape Flats in four years, through endless patience and dedication. And then he left. He said he had done his bit, he wanted a quieter life, wanted to save his marriage, wanted to see his children grow up. But everyone knew it was the trauma of the investigations.

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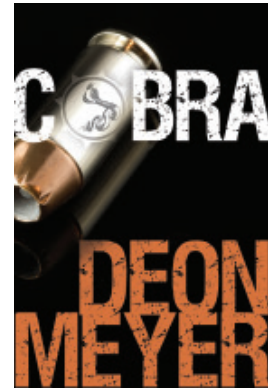
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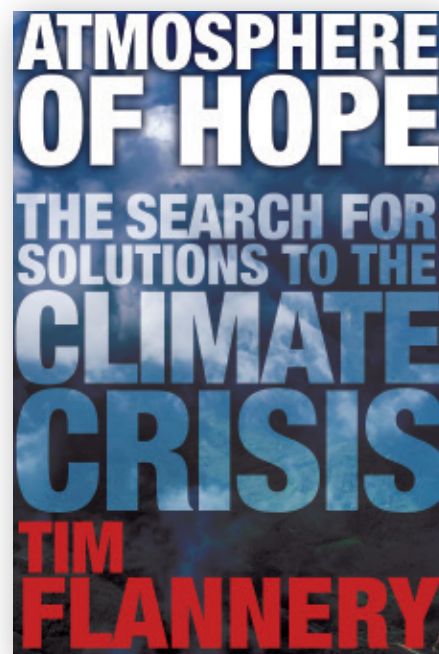
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## Excerpt

Are we doomed to spiral into the chaos of dangerous climate change? Or will we, at this late stage, perform the perfect three-point turn that's required to avoid disaster, and steer humanity to a pathway where emissions do not reach the 450ppm concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> that is the safe guardrail? I do not believe that we upright apes are capable of perfection, so other options must be canvassed.

Could we adapt to a seriously destabilizing climate? This would mean defending or relocating our great coastal cities, dealing with those made homeless by rising waters at the same time that we pay the ever-rising costs of climatic extremes? Alternatively, is there any hope that we can geo-engineer our way out with schemes to put sulphur into the stratosphere, or pump liquid CO<sub>2</sub> into the ocean depths? Or is there another way (as opposed to adaptation or hard geo-engineering) that might buy us time? This "third way," as I've come to think of it, uses the power of life itself and the Earth system to draw CO<sub>2</sub> out of the air and sea. As it results in changes in the Earth system, it might be counted as a form of geo-engineering, but it is qualitatively different in that it builds on processes that are as old as life itself, and seeks to directly reduce the human-caused greenhouse gases.



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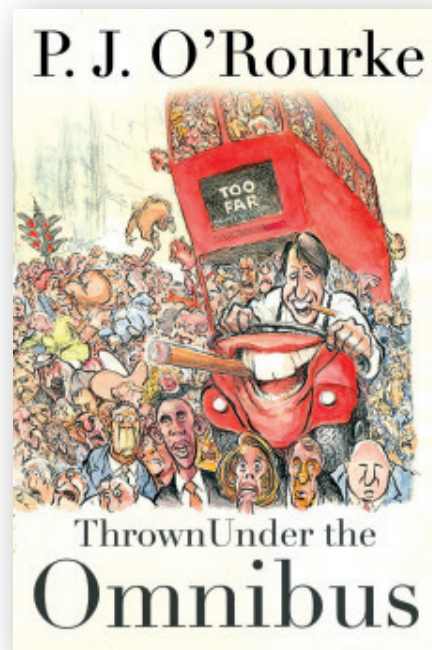
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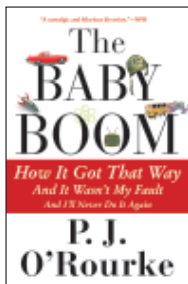
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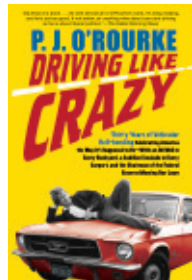
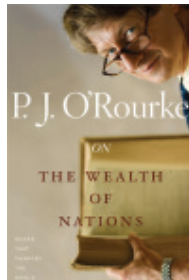
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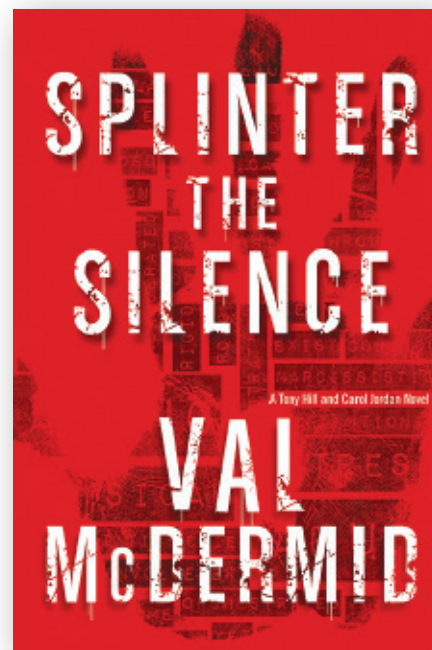
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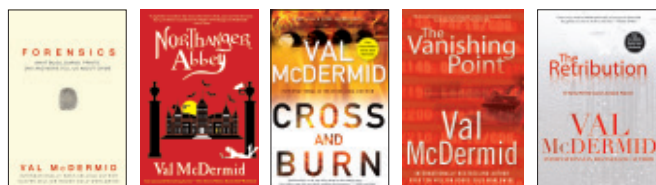
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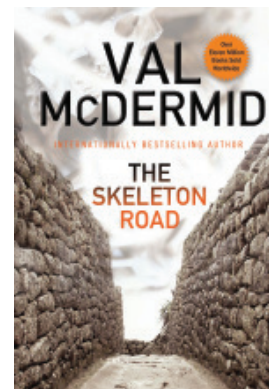
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Jarosinski and his work have been featured in numerous international publications, including the *New Yorker*, the *Paris Review*, *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, the *Believer*, the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Der Spiegel*, *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Slate*, and the *Irish Times*

Jarosinski is currently embarking on his second annual #FailedIntellectual Goodwill Tour, speaking at numerous universities, public forums, and cultural centers throughout Europe and North and South America

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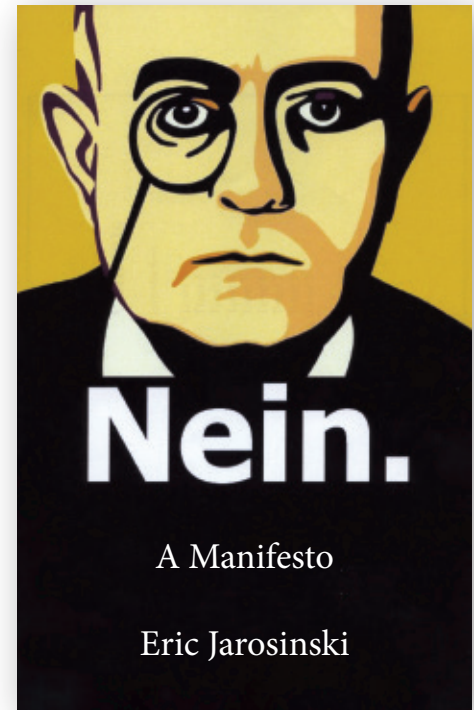
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## GLOSSARY

**Brunch:** The one thing everyone believes in on Sunday.

**Capitalism:** The ship of state rigged by pirates. (Communism: The ship of state rigged by the state.)

**God:** 1. A deity who looks like Marx, was pronounced dead by Nietzsche, and envied by Freud.

**German:** A language invented for philosophy but used to build automobiles.

**Smart phone:** A device designed for working too late and dying too soon.



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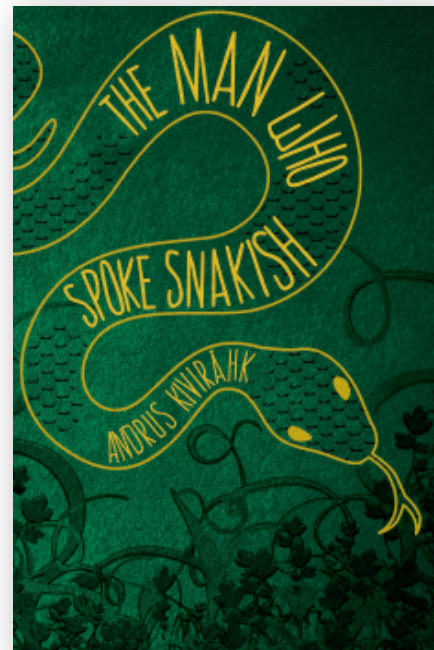
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## The Man Who Spoke Snakish

Andrus Kivirähk

Translated from the Estonian by Christopher Moseley



### MARKETING

The novel was a huge word-of-mouth success in France and heavily supported by independent booksellers

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## Excerpt

I don't remember my father. And my mother didn't like talking about him; every time he came up she would become uneasy and change the subject. She must have blamed herself for my father's death, and I suppose she was guilty. My mother was bored in the village; she didn't care for work in the fields, and while my father was striding out to go sowing, my mother was wandering around the old familiar forests, and she got acquainted with a bear. What happened next seems to be quite clear, it's such a familiar story. Few women can resist a bear, they're so big, soft, helpless and furry. And besides that, bears are born seducers, and terribly attracted to human females, so they wouldn't let slip an opportunity to make their way up to a woman and growl in her ear. In the old days, when most of our people still lived in the forest, there were endless cases of bears becoming women's lovers, trysts that would ultimately end in the man discovering the couple and sending the brown beast packing.

The bear started visiting us, always when my father was toiling in the field. He was a very friendly animal—my sister Salme, who is five years older than me, remembers him and has told me that the bear always brought her honey. Like all bears at that time, this bear knew how to talk a little, since bears are the cleverest of animals, of course excepting snakes, the brothers of humans. True, bears couldn't say much, and their conversation wasn't very smart—but how smart do you have to be to talk to your lover?



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**ANDRUS KIVIRÄHK** is one of Estonia's most highly regarded contemporary writers. A journalist by profession, he is known for his satirical newspaper columns and his bestselling novels. A popular board game has been created on the basis of his novel *The Man Who Spoke Snakish*, which is his first book ever to appear in English. He lives in Tallinn, Estonia.

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Thomas H. Cook

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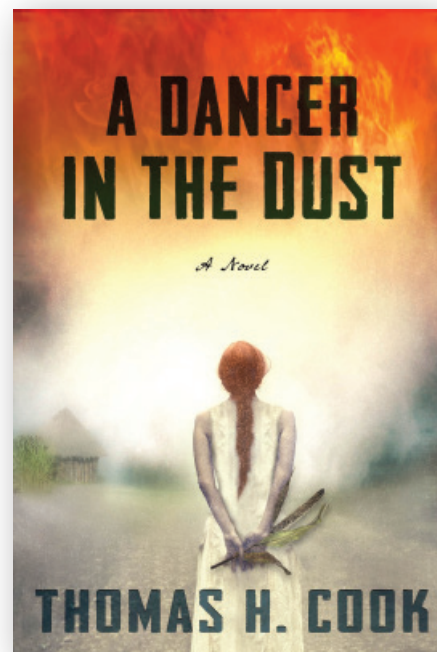


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# Captain in Calico

George MacDonald Fraser



## MARKETING

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## Excerpt

Tall, spare and active in spite of the greying hair at his temples, Governor Woodes Rogers had the air of one completely masterful and self-possessed. In spite of an expression which was naturally severe and the puckered scars where a Spanish musket-ball had shattered his jaw he was not unhandsome. His mouth was large and generous and his grey eyes startlingly bright against his weather-beaten skin. They ranged briefly now over the tall figure before him.

“Your name?”

The big man shifted his weight on to his other foot and said easily: “John Rackham.”

Wodes Rogers’ eyes opened a little wider and then he pushed the candlebranch away very deliberately and repeated the name.

“John Rackham. Also known as Calico Jack.”

The big man smiled faintly and nodded. “So they call me,” he said, with a touch of pride in his voice.

Master Dickey was conscious of a certain coolness on his spine which was not caused by the night air. Of course he knew the name, as he knew the names of “Blackbeard” Ned Teach and Stede Bonnet and every other freebooter of note in the Caribbean waters. But it was one thing to know the name and quite another to be sitting within a few paces of the man himself and to recall that only a few moments earlier he had been trying conclusions with him in a darkened room with an unloaded pistol.



**GEORGE MacDonald FRASER** (1925–2008) was the author of the legendary Flashman series. Born in England and educated in Scotland, he served in a Highland regiment in India, Africa, and the Middle East. In addition to his books, he wrote screenplays, including *The Three Musketeers*, and the James Bond film *Octopussy*.

## PRAISE FOR GEORGE MacDonald FRASER

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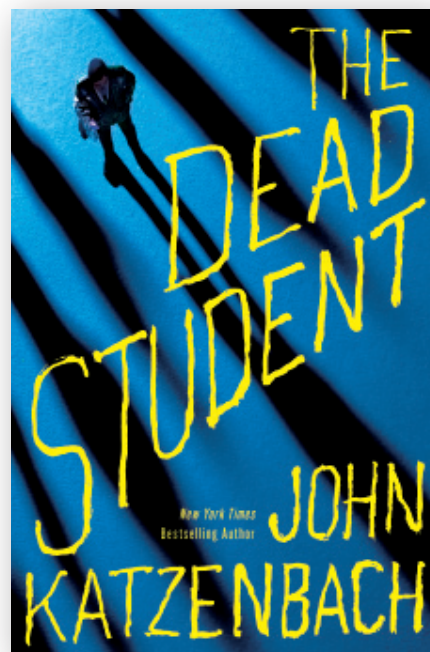
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## The Dead Student

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**JOHN KATZENBACH** has written thirteen previous novels, including the *New York Times* bestseller *The Traveler*, and *Red 1-2-3*. Katzenbach was a criminal court reporter for the *Miami Herald* and *Miami News*.

"[Katzenbach] proves he is a genius at handling complex dark plots and characters, and masterfully narrates the most terrifying recesses of the mind. You will read *The Dead Student* in one sitting."

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Each battling their inner demons, Moth and Andy travel into dark, unfamiliar territory, intent on finding out the truth about Ed's death and circling ever closer to a devious mind that will flinch at nothing to achieve his own goal of revenge.

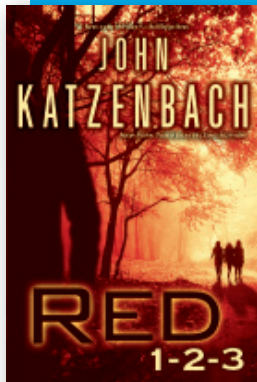


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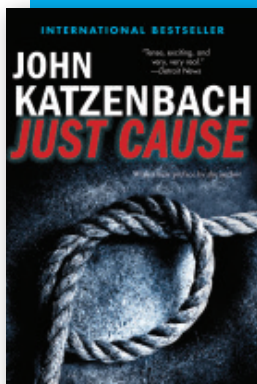
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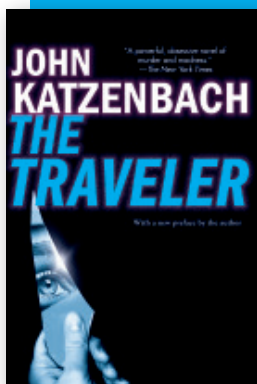
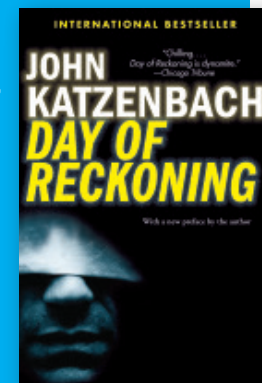
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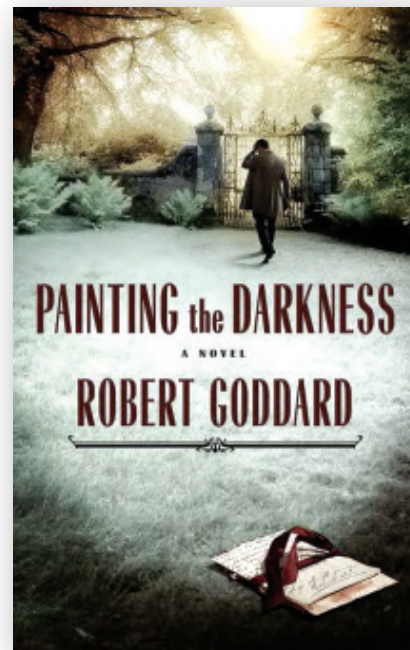


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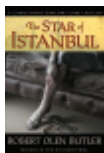
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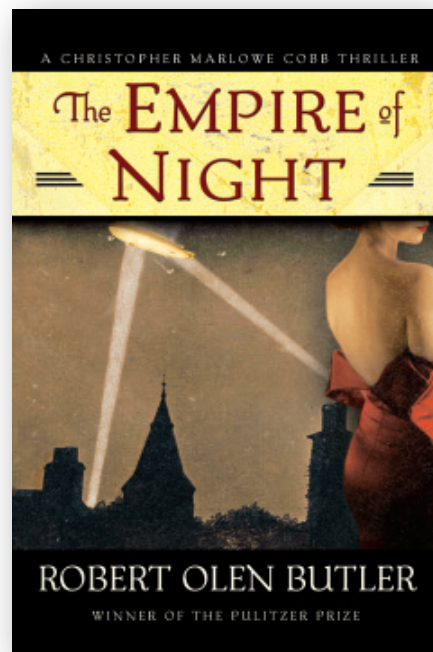


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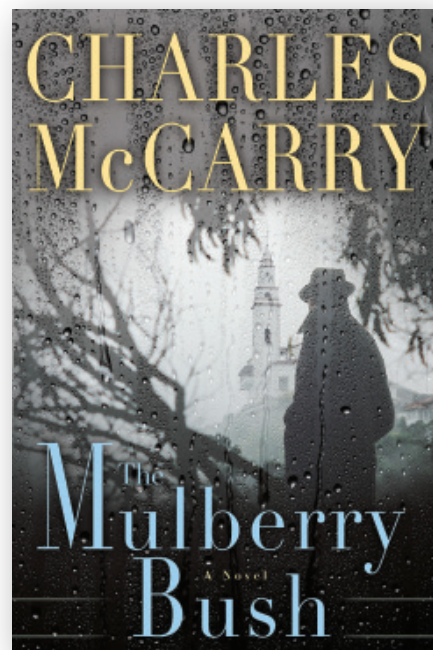
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From a master craftsman, a powerful novel about a talented young spy who forms a dangerous personal vendetta against the very people who have trained him

# The Mulberry Bush

Charles McCarry



## MARKETING

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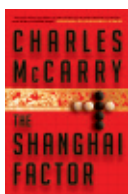
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“Charles McCarry is better than John le Carré.

Which makes him perhaps the best ever.”

—Lee Child, bestselling author of the Jack Reacher series,  
on *The Shanghai Factor*

Author of *The Tears of Autumn* and *The Shanghai Factor*, Charles McCarry is widely regarded as one of the finest espionage novelists writing today. His latest masterpiece, *The Mulberry Bush*, burns with the fury of the wronged, as personal vendetta and political idealism collide.

In a rose garden in Buenos Aires, an unnamed American spy meets the beautiful daughter of a famous Argentinean revolutionary. He becomes infatuated, and so does she. But he is no ordinary spy—he is an off-the-books lone wolf who spent his first five years at “Headquarters” hunting terrorists in the Middle East. Unbeknownst to his lenient handlers, he is loyal to a hidden agenda: to avenge his father, who was laughed out of Headquarters many years before and died a street person. In the sultry young Argentinean, Luz, the spy thinks he has found an ally. Like his father, her parents also met a terrible fate. But as his life becomes further entwined with hers, the spy finds himself caught in a perilous web of passions, affiliations, and lies that spans three continents and stretches back to the Cold War.

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## Excerpt

I was the only mourner. I had bought a funeral notice in the *Washington Post* and informed a silent Mother of his death by telephone. She did not show up, and neither did anyone from Headquarters or his secret society or anywhere else from the lost city of Father's past. I placed the urn in its niche, and as I did so, my unconscious mind, if that's what the agent of these visions was, provided me with another surprise.

Without warning, rage took possession of me. I shook with the palsy of it. The diffident chaplain looked at me with alarm, so I guess my face was contorted—red, possibly, stained by tears certainly. I could no more control what was happening to me than I could have controlled a fall from the top of the Empire State Building. I uttered a loud sob, then another and another—not because I was grief-stricken, but because I felt uncontrollable anger. I had never experienced anything like this before, but I immediately recognized it for what it was, the internal savage bursting out of the cave.

This time a different being had come up behind me and laid another kind of hands upon me. I wanted revenge. I hungered for it. I cared for nothing else.



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**CHARLES McCARRY** worked under deep cover as a CIA operations officer in Europe, Asia, and Africa. He is the author of thirteen critically acclaimed novels, including *The Shanghai Factor* and the classic spy thriller *The Tears of Autumn*, as well as numerous works of nonfiction.

## PRAISE FOR CHARLES McCARRY

“Charles McCarry has been compared to John le Carré—but maybe le Carré should be compared to McCarry.”

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## The Forgers

Bradford Morrow

### MARKETING

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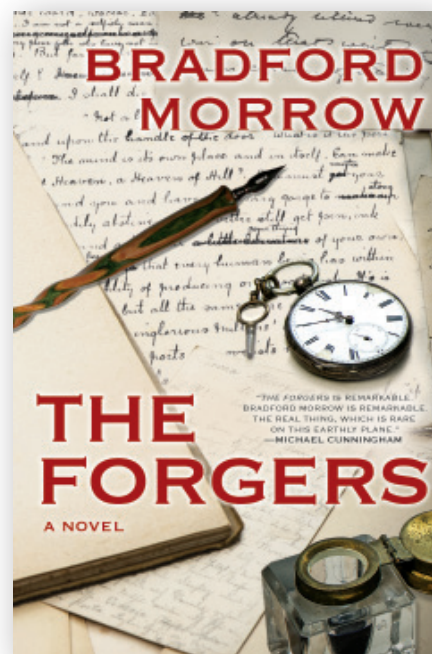
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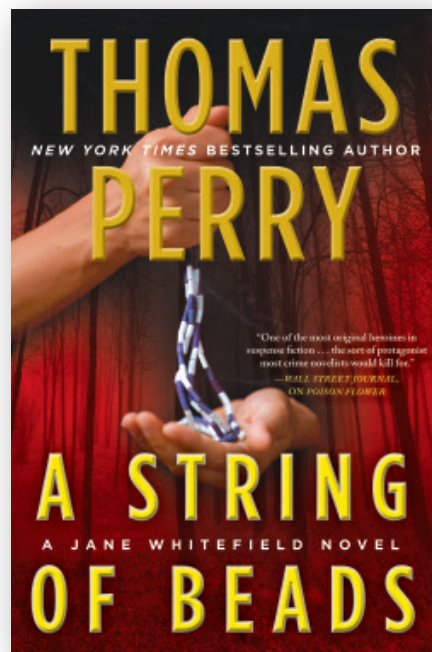
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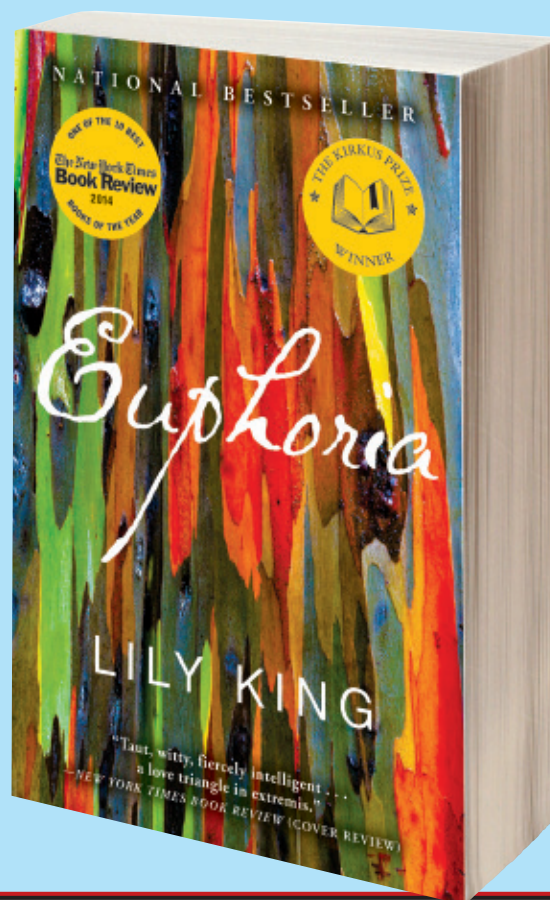
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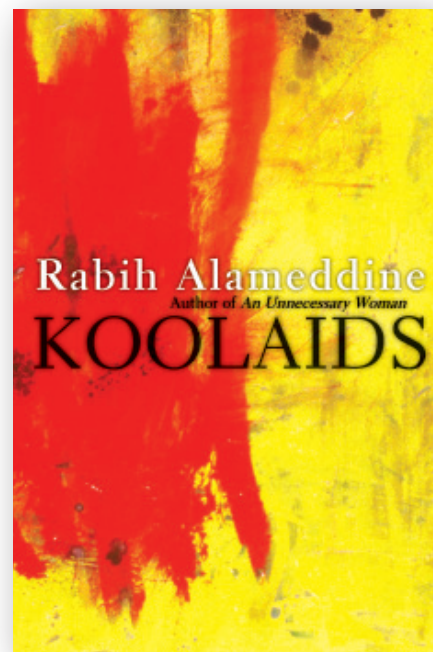
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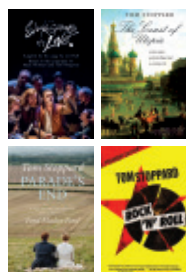
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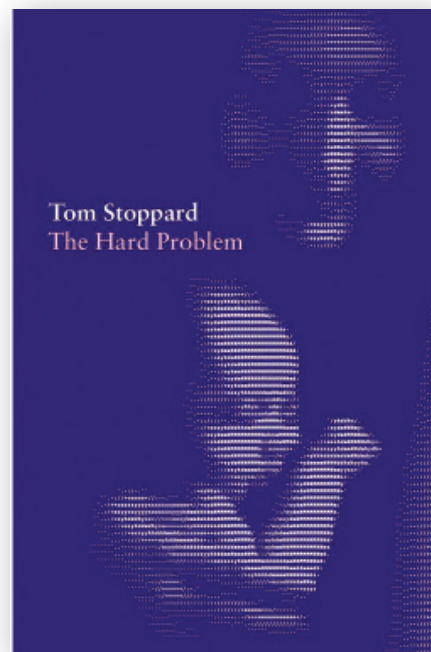


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**TOM STOPPARD** is the author of such seminal works as *Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead*, *Jumpers*, *The Real Thing*, *Arcadia*, *The Invention of Love*, and the trilogy *The Coast of Utopia*. His screen credits include *Parade's End*, *Shakespeare in Love*, *Enigma*, *Empire of the Sun*, and *Anna Karenina*.



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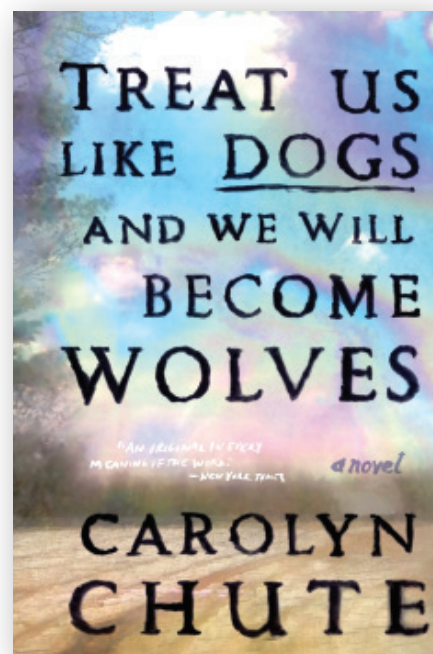
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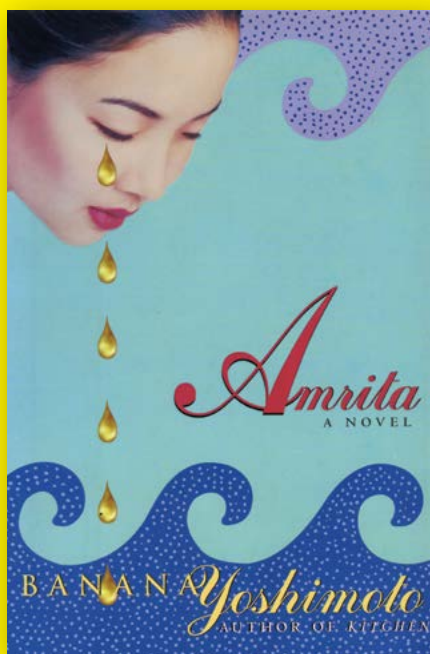
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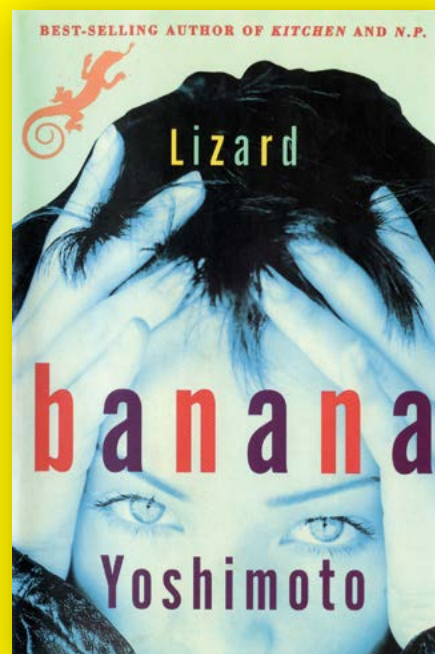
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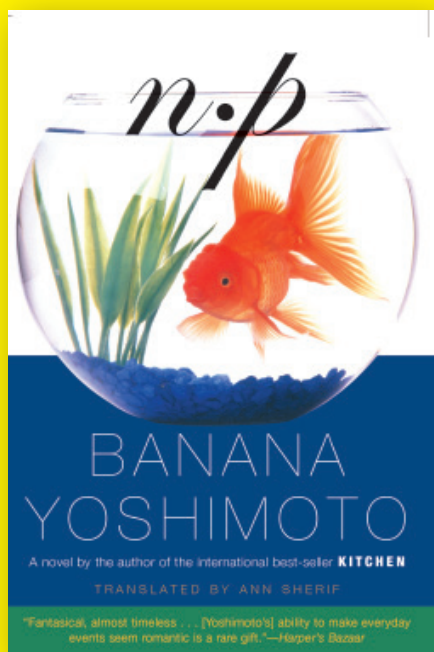
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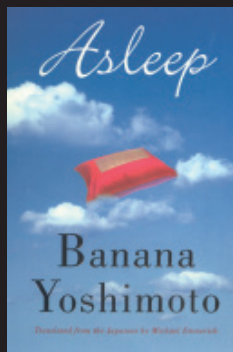
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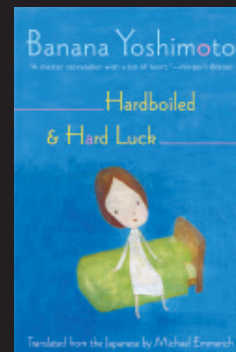
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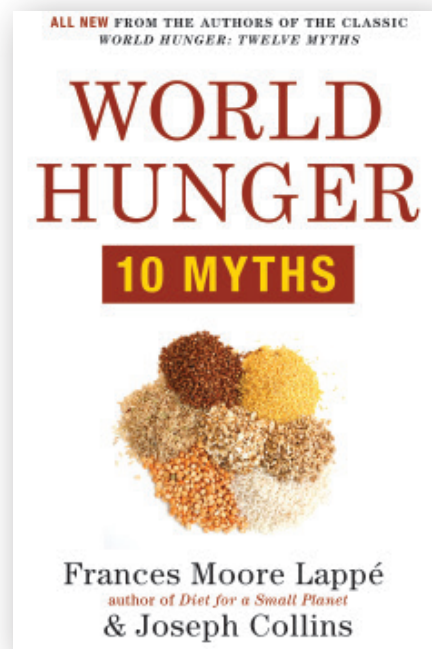
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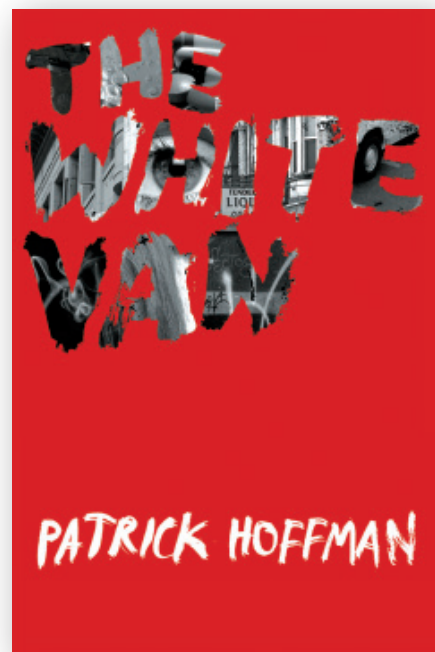
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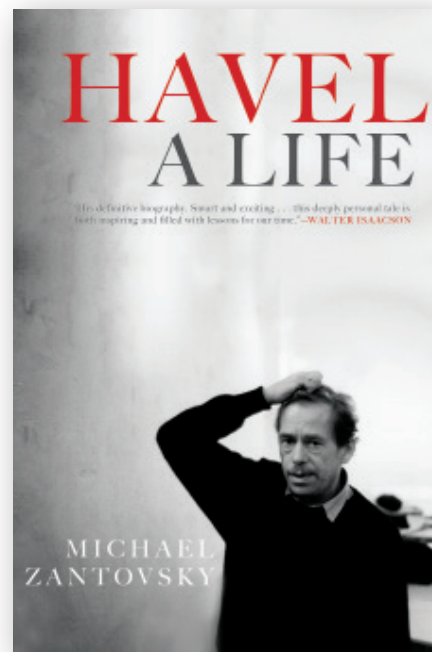
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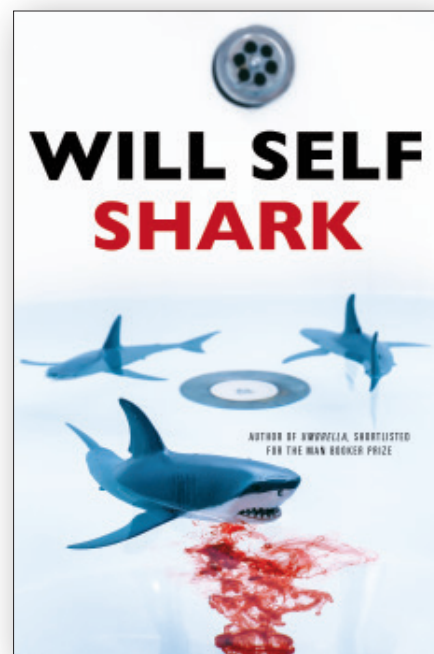
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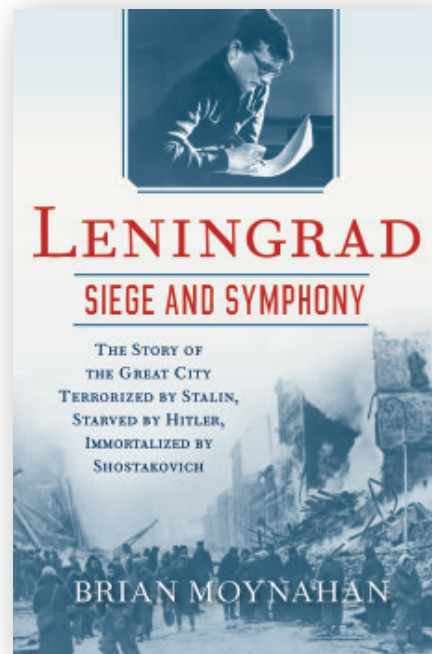
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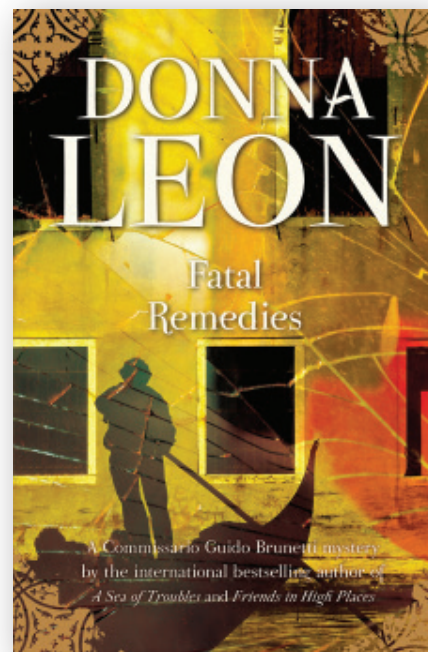
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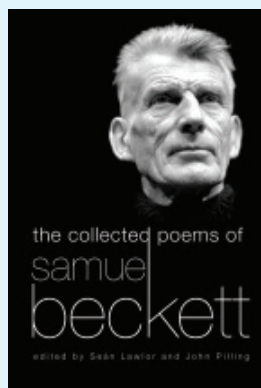
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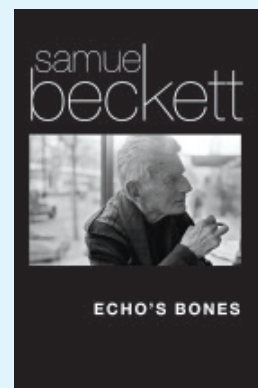
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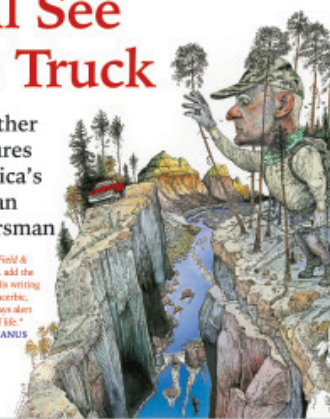
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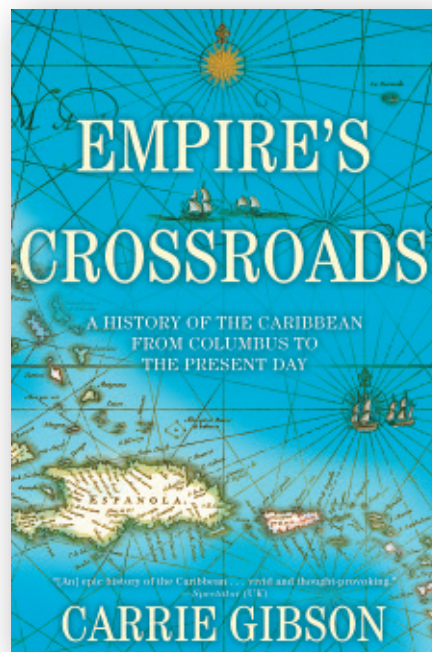
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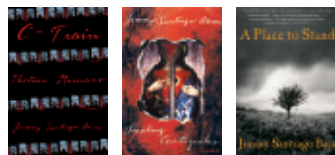
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