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Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike

A Play

Christopher Durang

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Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike is one of the most lauded and popular Broadway plays of the year

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CHRISTOPHER DURANG is the author of many plays including A History of the American Film, Miss Witherspoon, Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All For You, and The Marriage of Bette and Boo. He has been the recipient of Guggenheim and Rockefeller Fellowships, the Madge Evans and Sidney Kingsley Award, and the Harvard Arts Medal. Since 1994 Marsha Norman and Durang have been the cochairs of the playwriting program at the Juilliard School. He lives in Pennsylvania.

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Vanya and his adopted sister Sonia live a quiet life in the Pennsylvania farmhouse where they grew up, but their peace is disturbed when their movie star sister, Masha, returns unannounced with her twentysomething boy toy, Spike. A weekend of rivalry, regret, and raucousness begins!

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**The Bird Skinner**

Alice Greenway

**MARKETING**

*White Ghost Girls* won the *LA Times* Award for First Fiction and was a Barnes & Noble Discover Selection


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Alice Greenway’s new novel is a stunning successor to her *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize–winning debut about two young sisters growing up in the shadow of the Vietnam War. Inspired by the career of her grandfather—noted ornithologist Jim Greenway—*The Bird Skinner* is a wide-ranging story of lost love and rebirth, set on islands in Maine and the Solomons.

Jim Carroway was once an esteemed member of the ornithology department at the Museum of Natural History in New York, collecting and skinning birds as specimens. Slowing down from a hard-lived life and a recent leg amputation, Jim retreats to an island in Maine: to drink, smoke, and to be left alone. As a young man he worked for Naval Intelligence during World War II in the Solomon Islands. While spying on Japanese shipping from behind enemy lines, Jim befriended Tosca, a young islander who worked with him as a scout. Now, thirty years later, Tosca has sent his daughter Cadillac to stay with Jim in the weeks before she begins premedical studies at Yale. She arrives to Jim’s consternation, yet she will capture his heart and the hearts of everyone she meets, irrevocably changing their lives.

Written in lush, lyrical prose—rich in island detail, redolent of Maine in summer and of the Pacific—*The Bird Skinner* is wise and wrenching, an unforgettable masterwork from an extraordinarily skillful novelist.
The coffee’s strong and hot. The sun, coming in the window, is hot on his face and bare arms and chest. It works its way like fingers through the khaki trouser, massaging the cramped muscles of the stump. Cadillac sits at the end of the bed. He likes her there.

He remembers the pilots, how they all took off their shirts. Lean, brown, muscular, clean. Not sick and dirty yet, like when they went ashore. Not shell-shocked or bandaged or mutilated, or dismembered.

“I was in Hawaii,” he tells her, hoping he might make some sense if he goes back to the beginning, to Pearl Harbor. “I was looking for honeycreepers, at their tongues.” He’d been with working with Bryan, a curator at the Bishop Museum in Honolulu, examining how the tongues of different species evolved to adapt to the different flora of particular islands.

“At home, our sunbirds have long tongues like straws, to help them suck nectar from orchids and hibiscus flowers. Some have little brushes on the ends of their tongues.” Did she really say that, or is he just imagining it?

EXCERPT

PRAISE FOR WHITE GHOST GIRLS

“Greenway is a remarkable young writer . . . A heartbreakingly beautiful debut.” —Booklist (starred review)

“Assured, sensuous and brilliantly colored.” —Kirkus Reviews (starred review)


“Gorgeously sad . . . strange and seductive, lush and frightening.” —Chicago Tribune

“A gut-wrenching exploration of the complexities of sisterly love, delivered with vividness and poignancy.” —Washington Post

“[This] marvelous first novel [is] written in a clean, confident style.” —San Francisco Chronicle

“A haunting first novel written with the craft and grace of a master.” —Isabel Allende

“Greenway captures the innocence of her young narrator with a voice that echoes with hard-earned wisdom, heartbreak, and love for a time and place.” —Meghan Daum

“Heartbreakingly beautiful, richly sensual, this is a truly exciting debut novel by an extraordinarily talented new writer.” —Robert Olen Butler

“Greenway writes of the violence at the heart of things. She is interested in the poetry and the horror, which is the rich, solemn, and subversive life of a young girl, reminding us of the taut balance between the civilized self and the hidden self.” —Susanna Moore

“Ferocious, sensual, witty, elegantly wrought.” —Ward Just

“A lovely book, graceful, poignant and precise. It’s about memory and love and homesickness, and how war will tear a family apart from afar.” —Roxana Robinson
A trip down memory lane from one of the most celebrated baby boomers of all—a fantastically funny, anecdote-filled portrait of the generation that discovered sex, drugs, rock and roll, and a whole lot of things besides

The Baby Boom

How It Got That Way
(And It Wasn’t My Fault)
(And I’ll Never Do It Again)

P. J. O’Rourke

What’s so funny about peace, love, and understanding? Ask the generation that pulled down the Berlin Wall and their pants. Who put their faith in the Kyoto Accord and disco. Who dropped out of the capitalist system and popped back again in time to cause a global financial crisis.

The Baby Boom—oversized, overwrought, overbearing, and all over the place, from Donovan to Obama. The generation that said, with a straight face, “We are the world.”

It’s a wonderful world—sex, drugs, and the Internet. Or not—sex, drugs, and the Internet. But it isn’t going away. The Baby Boom has been in charge since it demanded its first diaper change after WWII. And the baby boom will keep ruling the universe even after it’s forgotten how to do everything else and we’re all living on Alzheimer’s Planet. How did the Baby Boom become what it is, and who let them get away with it?

The Baby Boom is a social history, group memoir of collectively impaired memory, apologia, excuse from Mother, and Dear John letter to all who came before and all who will go after the boom to end all booms.

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Excerpt

Board games and card games were for rainy days, and if it looked like the rain was never going to stop, we’d get out Monopoly. Despairing of its page upon page of rules, we’d make our own. This is how both Wall Street investment strategy and Washington economic policy were invented by our generation. We also invented selling “Get Out of Jail Free” cards to the highest bidder.

The 1960s was an era of big thoughts. And yet, amazingly, each of those thoughts could fit on a T-shirt.

Chloe lived in exotic Massapequa, Long Island. I came east by motorcycle with the idea of Chloe riding pillion to a “Woodstock Music and Arts Fair,” which, according to a poster in a record shop back in Yellow Springs, Ohio, was “An Aquarian Exposition” featuring “Three Days of Peace and Music.” I pictured something on the order of a wind-chime sale with evening hootnannies and maybe a surprise guest appearance by Mimi Farina.

There are some things the Baby Boom has done that we’re not proud of. We used up all the weird. It has always been the special prerogative of youth to look and act strange, to alarm and surprise their elders with peculiar dress and manners. Cicero mentioned it. “O tempora! O mores!” So did my mom, although in English. But the Baby Boom exhausted the available supply of peculiar. Weird clothes, we wore them. Weird beards, we grew them. Weird words and phrases, we said them. Weird attitudes, we had them. Thus when it came time for the next generation to alarm and surprise us with their peculiarities they were compelled to pierce their extremities and permanently ink their exposed flesh. That must have hurt. We apologize.

We got jobs. We made money. We spent it on cocaine. Then we made money with junk bonds for leveraged buyouts. Until the LBO market collapsed and the Savings and Loan crisis happened and some of us such as Michael Milken had to go to jail. Then we made money in the dot.com bubble. Hope you’re not still waiting for the Webvan grocery delivery or the chew toy you ordered from Pets.com. Then we made money with sub-prime mortgage lending securitization and collateralized debt obligations. Sorry about the foreclosure. One thing about moving the family back to Mom’s house, she may be getting a little dotty but she still makes a great meatloaf. Now we’ll make money with category-killer smartphone apps.

P. J. O’Rourke is the author of fourteen books, including Parliament of Whores and Give War a Chance, both of which were #1 New York Times bestsellers. His most recent book is Holidays in Heck.

Praise for P. J. O’Rourke

“If all of America’s registered Republicans were struck by an ideology-specific bird flu, and fifty among them had to be placed in a secure bunker to repopulate the species entirely, P. J. O’Rourke would hold a place on many people’s list, mine included. He’s funny. He tends to be against boredom and in favor of the pursuit of nonsobriety. He has a sharp nose for cant and bogusness. His conservatism is rooted in a fondness for ordinary things and a philosophy of individual common sense.”

In the ninth Tom Thorne novel, never before published in the United States, Thorne investigates a troubling case of conspiracy—a wife who arranges to have her husband murdered.

**From the Dead**

Mark Billingham

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A Circle of Wives
Alice LaPlante

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Alice LaPlante’s bestselling debut novel Turn of Mind garnered universal critical acclaim and awards as a tour de force that delivered the suspense of a thriller and the resonance of a literary family drama. In A Circle of Wives, LaPlante returns with a scandalous and spellbinding story of marital deception, revenge, and murder.

When Dr. John Taylor is found dead in a hotel room in his own hometown, the local police find enough incriminating evidence to suspect foul play. Detective Samantha Adams, whose posh Palo Alto beat usually covers small-town crimes, is innocently thrown into a high-profile murder case that is more intricately intertwined than she could ever imagine. A renowned plastic surgeon, a respected family man, and an active community spokesman, Dr. Taylor was well loved and admired. But, hidden from the public eye, he led a secret life—in fact, multiple lives. A closeted polygamist, Dr. Taylor was married to three very different women in three separate cities. And when these three unsuspecting women show up at his funeral, suspicions run high. Detective Adams soon finds herself tracking down a murderer through a deceitful web of lies, marital discord, and broken dreams.

With a rare combination of gripping storytelling, vivid prose, and remarkable insight into character, Alice LaPlante brings to life a story of passion and obsession that will haunt readers long after they turn the final page. A charged, provocative, and surprising psychological thriller, A Circle of Wives dissects the dynamics of love and marriage, trust and jealousy, and poses the terrifying question: How well do you really know your spouse?
It’s not every day that you attend the funeral of your husband as organized by his other wife. Or, rather, the funeral of the man you’ve been calling husband for six months. Who *was* John Taylor? I no longer have a clue.

John’s obituary hadn’t mentioned a wake, or “showing,” just a time and date for the funeral service: 10 am, Tuesday, May 14, 2012, Stanford Memorial Church, Stanford University. As you would expect for a successful professional, a prominent member of his community, the turnout is impressive. A large throng is milling around the church entrance, and the atmosphere almost festive, people shaking hands and hugging and chatting. If not for the preponderance of black you might mistake the gathering for a wedding or christening.

It has been four days of shocks. Multiple shocks, one after the other. That first bewildering call from my friend Annie at Stanford, on Saturday, followed by her email containing the link to the news article in the campus paper. And of course, denial kicked in immediately after I read it. No. No. Not my John. Not my Dr. John Taylor.

**Excerpt**

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**PRAISE FOR TURN OF MIND**

“From agonizing, slow-motion-car-crash moments to the ironic frissons of a good horror movie, [LaPlante] hits every bell.” — *Los Angeles Times*

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“To call *Turn of Mind* a thriller—or a chronicle of illness, or a saga of friendship for that matter—would confine it to a genre it transcends. This is a portrait of an unstable mind, an expansive, expertly wrought imagining of memory’s failure and potential. . . . The twists and turns of mind this novel charts are haunting and original.” — *The New York Times Book Review*

“Expertly paced . . . A stunning act of imagination.” — *Chicago Tribune*

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“Daring and confident . . . A tour de force.” — *Minneapolis Star-Tribune*

“Part mystery novel, part family drama . . . LaPlante has a gift for rhythm, crafting rat-a-tat passages that are their own pleasures.” — *Entertainment Weekly*

**ALICE LAPLANTE** is an award-winning and bestselling author of six books, including the *New York Times* bestseller *Turn of Mind* and the *Los Angeles Times* bestseller *Method and Madness: The Making of a Story*. She teaches creative writing at Stanford University, where she was a Wallace Stegner Fellow and Jones Lecturer. She also teaches in the MFA program at San Francisco State University. She lives with her family in Northern California.
From Jimmy Santiago Baca, “a poet whose voice, brutal and tender, is unique in America” (*The Nation*), a revelatory collection of new and previously published poems that celebrate life, love, and freedom

**Singing at the Gates**

Jimmy Santiago Baca

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A ward-winning writer Jimmy Santiago Baca is lauded for his talent in weaving personal and political threads to create a pertinent and poignant narrative. He addresses universal issues with vigor and passion, paired with emotional grace and vivid sensory detail, establishing him as a vital voice in American poetry.

*Singing at the Gates* is a collection of Baca’s work that stretches back over four decades—poems that revitalize the national dialogue: raging against war and imprisonment, celebrating family and the bonds of friendship, heightening appreciation for and consciousness of the environment. A career-spanning selection, it includes poems drawn from Baca’s first chapbook and recent pieces meditating on the significance of breaking through oppression. This book displays the breadth and depth of Baca’s poetic power—with irreverent charm and disarming freedom of mind and soul. The vital pulse of love abiding in these poems will affirm and reaffirm, for both longtime and newfound readers, his devotion to truth and beauty.

**Praise for Jimmy Santiago Baca**

“[Baca] writes with unconcealed passion … but he is far from being a naïve realist; what makes his writing so exciting to me is the way it manifests both an intense lyricism and that transformative vision which perceives the mythic and archetypal significance of life events.”

—Denise Levertov

“A poet in control of his craft … one worth paying attention to.”

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“The velocity of his transformation through literature is breathtaking.”

—Los Angeles Times

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Jimmy Santiago Baca has written a novel, a short story collection, fifteen books of poetry, a book of essays, and several screenplays. He wrote the feature film *Blood In/Blood Out* and wrote/produced three documentaries. He lives in northern New Mexico on a farm with his family, and he works worldwide teaching literacy.

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Jimmy Santiago Baca

author of *A Place to Stand*
From the IMPAC Dublin award-winning author of *Man Gone Down*—a *New York Times Book Review* Top Ten Book of The Year—comes an explosive memoir of four generations of black American men in one family.

**The Broken King**

*A Memoir*

Michael Thomas

**MARKETING**

*Man Gone Down* was:

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Reviewed on the cover of the *New York Times Book Review* and chosen as one of their Top Ten Books of the year before winning the IMPAC Dublin Literary Award, *Man Gone Down* introduced a new writer of prodigious and rare talent.

Michael Thomas’s extraordinary new book, *The Broken King*, traces the lives of the men in his family against the backdrop of the last 140 years in American history. From the Reconstruction era to the Jim Crow South and the Civil Rights movement, Thomas explores fathers and sons, lovers and beloved, trauma and recovery, race and de-racination, success and failure, soccer and the Boston Red Sox in a beautiful, unique memoir.

“If you came at night like a broken king,” asks T. S. Eliot in *Little Gidding*, and Thomas ponders not only that question, but the process of being broken. Reminiscent of James Baldwin’s *The Fire Next Time*, Thomas crafts powerful vignettes reaching back to his grandfather, who, though trained as a pharmacist, could never find work as one; his father, the president of his class at Boston University who worked as a clerk at Sears; to his brother’s growing criminal record; and his own sons’ relatively privileged and safe lives in Brooklyn today.

Every page rings with the effects of America’s sweeping struggle with race, class, wealth, education, land, and tradition, while offering an intimate look at the creative mind under stress—a brave, meticulous, and sometimes humorous articulation of madness in its guises through the generations.

Thomas’s profound vision of the many forces that shape our lives makes *The Broken King* a groundbreaking work, both darkly skeptical and genuinely optimistic, on the never-ending pursuit of wholeness and redemption.
Excerpt

“What am I?” I knew the question had been coming.

“You’re many things.” He looked at me in a distant, unknowing way. “You’re the descendant of slave and slave master.” He climbed up to the top bunk and lay atop the covers.

“What are you?”

“The same, sort of.”

“What would you have been, back then?”

“A slave.”

“What would I have been?”

“A slave.”

He saddened. “Because of you?”

“No.”

“Because of mom? She’s not a lot of things, is she?”

I told him about our lines: the history of the Fowlkes, Allens, Millers, and Browns. The Thomases. I told him about Virginia, how my mother had been born not far from the Auld plantation. I told him how Frederick Douglass, in spite of what he went through, married a white woman. I told him that although he was one of our nation’s greatest sons, he spent much of his free life in exile; how a man with a mind like his, freed from the absurd need to argue for his humanity could have done great things; how many people with great minds had forgone what they’d desired—their private dreams—or risked what they had so that we could be free. He could be what he wanted, claim both worlds—all worlds—without fear or shame. “We, all of us, are so much more than our color.” And when I looked to him for an answer, or another question—some kind of response—he was asleep.

MICHAEL THOMAS received his BA from Hunter College and his MFA from Warren Wilson College. He is the author of Man Gone Down, winner of the IMPAC Award. He teaches at Hunter College and lives in Brooklyn.

PRAISE FOR MAN GONE DOWN

“By evoking the tension, longing, and beauty [of Boston], summoning the mysterious power of the sea, and drawing on Melville and Ellison, Thomas has written a rhapsodic and piercing post-9/11 lament over aggression, greed, and racism, and a ravishing blues for the soul’s unending loneliness.”—Donna Seaman, Booklist (starred review)

“[A] jazzy, sinewy debut . . . Thomas’s urgent, quicksilver prose makes even the darkest moments of this novel shine.”—Cathleen Medwick, O, The Oprah Magazine

“The narrator’s hard-bitten realism and Thomas’s blues-dirge-y storytelling instincts keep the narrative thrumming . . . . A jazzy, complicated literary work.”—Jonathan Durbin, People

“Powerful and moving . . . . Impressive . . . Thomas knows how the odds are stacked in America. He knows the unlikelihood of successful black fatherhood. He knows that things are set up to keep the Other poor and the poor in their place. More than anything else, he knows how little but also—fortunately—how much it can take to bring a man down.”—Kaiama L. Glover, The New York Times Book Review
From the author of the international bestseller *The Hakawati* comes an enchanting story of a book-loving, obsessive, seventy-two-year-old “unnecessary” woman with a past shaped by the Lebanese Civil War.

**An Unnecessary Woman**

Rabih Alameddine

One of the Middle East’s most celebrated voices, Rabih Alameddine follows his bestseller, *The Hakawati*, with a heartrending novel that celebrates the singular life of an obsessive introvert, revealing Beirut’s beauties and horrors along the way.

Aaliya Sohbi lives alone in her Beirut apartment, surrounded by stockpiles of books. Godless, fatherless, childless, and divorced, Aaliya is her family’s “unnecessary appendage.” Every year, she translates a new favorite book into Arabic, then stows it away. The thirty-seven books that Aaliya has translated over her lifetime have never been read—by anyone. After overhearing her neighbors, “the three witches,” discussing her too-white hair, Aaliya accidentally dyes her hair too blue.

In this breathtaking portrait of a reclusive woman’s late-life crisis, readers follow Aaliya’s digressive mind as it ricochets across visions of past and present Beirut. Colorful musings on literature, philosophy, and art are invaded by memories of the Lebanese Civil War and Aaliya’s own volatile past. As she tries to overcome her aging body and spontaneous emotional upwellings, Aaliya is faced with an unthinkable disaster that threatens to shatter the little life she has left.

A love letter to literature and its power to define who we are, the prodigiously gifted Rabih Alameddine has given us a nuanced rendering of one woman’s life in the Middle East.

“An Unnecessary Woman dramatizes a wonderful mind at play . . . filled with intelligence, sharpness, and strange memories and regrets. But . . . the mind is also that of the writer, the arch-creator . . . He is a great phrase-maker and a brilliant writer of sentences.”

—Colm Tóibín
Excerpt

Allow me to offer a mild defense for being distracted. At the end of the year, before I begin a new project, I read the translation I’ve completed. I do minor final corrections, set the pages in order, and place them in the box. This is part of the ritual, which includes imbibing two glasses of red wine. I’ll also admit that the last reading allows me to pat myself on the back, to congratulate myself on completing the project. This year, I translated the superb novel *Austerlitz*, my second translation of W. G. Sebald. I was reading it today, and for some reason, probably the protagonist’s unrequited despair, I couldn’t stop thinking of Hannah, I couldn’t, as if the novel, or my Arabic translation of it, was an inductor into Hannah’s world.

Remembering Hannah, my one intimate, is never easy. I still see her before me at the kitchen table, her plate wiped clean of food, her right cheek resting on the palm of her hand, head tilted slightly, listening, offering that rarest of gifts, her unequivocal attention. My voice had no home until her.

During my seventy-two years, she was the one person I cared for, the one I told too much—boasts, hates, joys, cruel disappointments, all jumbled together. I no longer think of her as often as I used to, but she appears in my thoughts every now and then. The traces of Hannah on me are indelible. Percolating remembrances, red wine, an old woman’s shampoo: mix well and wind up with blue hair.

RABIH ALAMEDDINE is the acclaimed author of the novels *The Hakawati; I, The Divine; Koolaids*; and the short story collection, *The Perv*. He divides his time between Beirut and San Francisco and was a 2002 Guggenheim Fellow.

PRAISE FOR THE HAKAWATI

“Here is absolute beauty. One of the finest novels I’ve read in years.”
—Junot Díaz

“An epic in the oldest and newest senses, careening from the Koran to the Old Testament, Homer to Scheherazade. It’s hard to imagine the person who wouldn’t get carried away.”
—Jonathan Safran Foer

“Absolutely original … the kind of writing you savor and read aloud…. A delightful book.”
—Laila Halaby, *The Washington Post*

“Stunning.”

PRAISE FOR RABIH ALAMEDDINE

“Rabih Alameddine is one our most daring writers.”
—Michael Chabon

“Rabih Alameddine is a writer of conscience, of self-consciousness, of subconsciousness, of the great big global unconscious.”—Amy Tan
Caught
Lisa Moore

“Quintessential Moore: precise, compressed, intimately rhythmic, mesmerizingly smart.”
—Leah Hager Cohen, The Globe and Mail

“Lisa Moore’s work is passionate, gritty, lucid, and beautiful. She has a great gift.”
—Anne Enright

Lisa Moore, latest winner of Canada Reads and a New Yorker Best Book of the Year, is known for subtly crafted narratives that are at once sharp and impressionistic. In her new novel, Caught, Moore’s disarmingly appealing new protagonist is unlike any she’s imagined before: a modern-day Billy the Kid, a swaggering folk hero in the making who busts out of prison to embark on one last great heist and win back the woman he loves.

Twenty-five-year-old David Slaney, locked up on charges of marijuana possession, has escaped his cell and sprinted to the highway. There, he is picked up by a friend of his sister and transported to a strip bar, where he survives his first night on the run. But evading the cops isn’t his only objective; Slaney intends to track down his old partner, Hearn, and get back into the drug business. Along the way, Slaney’s fugitive journey across Canada rushes vibrantly to life as he visits an old flame and adopts numerous guises to outpace authorities: hitchhiker, houseguest, student, lover. When finally he reunites with Hearn just steps ahead of a detective hell-bent on making a high-profile arrest, their scheme sends Slaney to Mexico, Colombia, and back again on an epic quest fueled by luck, charm, and unbending conviction.

Caught is a thrillingly charged escapade that thrums with energy and suspense and deftly captures a moment in the late 1970s before the almost folkloric glamour surrounding pot smuggling turned violent. Ripe with bravado, love, ambition, and folly, Caught is about trust and deceit, about the risks we take for the lives we want and the mistakes we can’t outrun.
He’d broken out of prison after four years and he was going back to Colombia. He’d learned from the first trip down there, the trip that had landed him in jail, that the most serious mistakes are the easiest to make. There are mistakes that stand in the center of an empty field and cry out for love.

The largest mistake, that time, was that Slaney and Hearn had underestimated the Newfoundland fishermen of Capelin Cove. The fishermen had known about the caves the boys had dug for stashing the weed. They’d seen the guys with their long hair and shovels and picks drive in from town and set up tents in an empty field. They’d watched them down at the beach all day, heard them at night with their guitars around the bonfire. The fishermen had called the cops. Slaney and the boys had mistaken idle calculation for a blind eye and they had been turned in.

And they’d mistaken the fog for cover but it was an unveiling. Slaney and Hearn had lost their bearings in a dense fog, after sailing home from Colombia. They were just a half mile off shore with two tons of marijuana on board and they’d required assistance.

There were mistakes and there was a dearth of luck when they had needed just a little. A little luck would have seen them through the first trip despite their dumb moves.

PRAISE FOR CAUGHT

“In the creation of David Slaney, Lisa Moore brings us an unforgettable character, embodying the exuberance and energy of misspent youth. Caught is a propulsive and harrowing read.”
—Patrick deWitt, author of The Sisters Brothers

“Propulsive, adrenaline-drenched . . . [infused with] searingly fresh language and sharply drawn characters . . . This foray into so-called genre fiction by an exemplar of so-called literary fiction sacrifices nothing in terms of style.”
—Leah Hager Cohen, The Globe and Mail

“An outstanding novel, combining the complexity of the best literary fiction with the page-turning compulsive readability of a thriller.” —Jeet Heer, National Post (Canada)

“Exhilarating . . . a memorably oddball and alluring novel that’s simultaneously breezy, taut, funny, and insightful.” —The Vancouver Sun

“A pleasure to read . . . Moore’s mastery of language and image . . . sets her apart.”
—Quill and Quire

“Witty, retrospective, eloquent and exciting.” —Chatelaine
“Sigrid Rausing’s memoir is a charming, unsettling, and unusually intimate glimpse into the life of an Estonian village in transition.”—Anne Applebaum

Everything Is Wonderful
Memories of a Collective Farm in Estonia
Sigrid Rausing

MARKETING
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“A deliciously enjoyable, fascinating and important book.”
—Dr. Simon Sebag Montefiore

In 1993, Sigrid Rausing, a student working on a PhD in anthropology, went to spend a year in Estonia, the northern Baltic State that had just gained independence from the recently collapsed Soviet Union. Armed with a notebook, rudimentary Estonian, and a clunky laptop, she arrived in the village of Pürksi, the center of the defunct Lenin Collective Farm.

In her year in the village, Rausing documented the lives of the villagers, such as Ruth, an intensely religious Seventh-day Adventist; Astrid, who taught Rausing how to milk a cow; and alcoholic Toivu and his wife, Ina, who rented Rausing their bedroom. Rausing’s conversations with the locals touched on many subjects, including the bewildering influx of Western products and the Swedish background of many of the locals, which was the focus of Rausing’s anthropological study. The trials of a people who had enjoyed just nineteen years of independence in four centuries left a deep mark on Rausing. In Everything Is Wonderful, she reflects on her time in a country that was beginning to carve out its place in a post-Soviet Europe.

“A startling and beautiful book.”
—Lady Antonia Fraser

“Raising, her subjects, and their country are caught between worlds, unsure where they are going, why they are going there or indeed if they are going anywhere at all. It is lovely, gentle and very human.”
—Oliver Bullough

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—Robert Conquest

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An Explorer’s Notebook

Essays on Life, History, and Climate

Tim Flannery

Marketing

Flannery was awarded the 2010 Joseph Leidy Award from the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia and was featured on the Sundance Channel’s Iconoclasts series with Cate Blanchett.

The Weather Makers was a #1 International Bestseller, an ALA Notable Book of the Year and has over 150,000 copies in print.

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Born in Melbourne in 1956, Tim Flannery is a writer, scientist, and explorer. In 2007 he was named Australian of the Year, and in 2011 he was appointed to head the Climate Change Commission established by Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard.

“If you’re not already addicted to Tim Flannery’s writing, discover him now.” —Jared Diamond

Best known today for The Weather Makers, his #1 international bestseller, Tim Flannery is one of the world’s most influential scientists, a foremost expert on climate change credited with discovering more species than Charles Darwin. But Flannery didn’t come to his knowledge overnight. With its selection of exhilarating essays and articles written over the past twenty-five years, An Explorer’s Notebook charts the evolution of a young scientist doing fieldwork in remote locations to the major thinker who has changed the way we understand global warming.

In over thirty pieces, Flannery writes about his journeys in the jungles of New Guinea and Indonesia and about the extraordinary people he met and the species he discovered. He writes about matters as wide-ranging as love, insects, population, water, and the stresses we put on the environment. He shows us how we can better predict our future by understanding the profound history of life on Earth. And he chronicles the seismic shift in the world’s attitude toward climate change. An Explorer’s Notebook is classic Flannery—wide-ranging, eye-opening science, conveyed with richly detailed storytelling.

“Tim Flannery is in the league of all-time great explorers like Dr. David Livingstone.” —Sir David Attenborough

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A witty, captivating novel of greed and hubris set amid the Celtic Tiger and its ignominious downfall, by a writer who, Barbara Kingsolver has said, “packs a stunning worldly wisdom into her beautiful prose.”

The Devil I Know
Claire Kilroy

“Dark, funny and wonderful: The Devil I Know is a shot through the heart of the Irish boom.” —Anne Enright, Man Booker Prize–winning author of The Gathering

Claire Kilroy is a prodigious, award-winning young talent in Irish fiction, whose fresh, authoritative voice has garnered enthusiastic praise. In The Devil I Know, she delivers a delicious novel, a cautionary tale of financial excess set during the Irish property bubble.

Tristram St. Lawrence has not been home for years—ever since he missed his mother’s deathbed in favor of going on a bender, the thirteenth Earl of Howth is not welcome in the family castle. Now sober, he lives an itinerant life in self-imposed exile, and his main confidant is his sponsor, a mysterious businessman who Tristram knows only as M. Deauville.

One day, when his plane is unexpectedly diverted to Dublin, Tristram ends up where he started, and an old acquaintance, a bully from his school days who’s now making a name in construction, pitches to Tristram an ambitious and expensive development project. The trouble is, M. Deauville thinks it’s a good idea, and before Tristram knows it he’s settled in Howth under his father’s baleful gaze and is up to his neck in funding proposals, zoning approvals, and the personal life of his business partner.

A wry and timely skewering of a country, a man, and an entire international financial system descended into madness, The Devil I Know establishes Claire Kilroy as a vigorous and wonderful new talent.
Excerpt

Hickey retrieved one of the lobster pots. “I caught these lads meself,” he told his guests. “Thought we’d give them a lash on the barbie!” He lifted out a lobster and threw it on the grill, holding it down with his tongs when it struggled to escape.

“Shouldn’t you boil it first?” one of the wives wondered.

“Kyle, give us another one,” Hickey instructed his son, and the kid took out a second lobster and deposited it on the hot coals himself, followed by a third and then a fourth. Hickey cupped the back of his head while Kyle watched the lobsters flail. When a lobster made it to the edge of the grill, Hickey set it back in the middle. Then the elastic band securing one of the lobster’s claws melted and its pincers sprang open. The lobster snapped at Hickey when he tried to tackle it with his tongs.

“En garde!” Hickey cried, but he couldn’t access the lobster’s torso and the creature made it over the edge. It landed on the paving and dragged itself towards shelter.

“Da!” the kid shouted, pointing at the grill.

All the elastic bands had melted and the remaining lobsters were making a break for it. The second one dropped onto the paving, then the third. That’s when the Viking stepped in. He stamped on each lobster with his heel then threw them back on the grill, bellies up. Their various pairs of legs extended and retracted until they finally expired.

CLAIRE KILROY is the award-winning author of three previous novels: All Summer, Tenderwire, and All Names Have Been Changed, of which only Tenderwire has been published in North America. Educated at Trinity College, she lives in Dublin.

PRAISE FOR THE DEVIL I KNOW

“The Devil I Know is smart, funny and stylish, and bang up to the minute. Reading it, one squirms in appalled recognition of the extremes of greed and foolishness of our time, which Claire Kilroy portrays with devilish accuracy.”—John Banville, author of the Man Booker Prize–winning novel The Sea and Ancient Light

“Cryptic and exuberant and angry and allegorical and satirical all at once . . . Kilroy’s darkly comic, clever novel keeps the reader engrossed and aghast, as chaos is piled on top of crisis, fortunes are made and lost in a trice, and the Irish madness of the times runs its course.”—Patricia Craig, The Independent

“A satiric danse macabre of brio and linguistic virtuosity . . . Taps into the darkness of the finest Irish satire.”—Stevie Davies, The Guardian

“Brave and talented . . . the novel is funny and pointed . . . Kilroy’s mix of the pathetic and grotesque is well done . . . well written and fun.”—Vincent Boland, Financial Times

“A perversely entertaining show of how easily men are corrupted by wealth . . . [Kilroy’s] prose flows irresistibly from page to page . . . A pleasure to read.”—Nick Brodie, Time Out

“Kilroy takes delight in literary allusions and diabolical puns, but despite the humor there’s real fury in her portrayal of the casual greed, corruption and willful delusion that pervaded society ‘like the pox,’ creating a belief in a kind of modern alchemy.”—Amber Pearson, Daily Mail
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“It’s hard to tear your eyes away from her grimly detailed portrait of Daddy Love . . . Oates has more knives to throw before bringing this harrowing tale to a close—but she saves the sharpest one for the very last page.”
—The New York Times Book Review

Daddy Love
Joyce Carol Oates

MARKETING
The Corn Maiden and Other Nightmares won the Bram Stoker award from the Horror Writers Association and was nominated for the Shirley Jackson award
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JOYCE CAROL OATES is the author of such national bestsellers as The Falls, Blonde, and We Were the Mulvaneys. She has been nominated for six National Book Awards, winning for Them.

“Haunting, terrifying, disturbing.”
—The Atlantic Wire

Dinah Whitcomb has everything: a loving husband and a smart young son named Robbie. Then one day their worlds are shattered when Robbie is abducted from a parking lot and Dinah is run over by the kidnapper’s van, mangling her body nearly beyond repair.

The kidnapper, a reverend named Chester Cash, aka Daddy Love, has for years abducted, tortured, and raped young boys. Daddy Love renames Robbie as “Gideon,” brainwashing him into believing that he is Daddy Love’s real son, and any time the boy resists or rebels it is met with punishment beyond his wildest nightmares.

As Robbie grows older he becomes more aware of just how monstrous Daddy Love truly is. Though as a small boy Robbie was terrified of what would happen if he disobeyed Daddy Love, he begins to realize that the longer he is locked into the shackles of this demon, the greater chance he’ll end up like Daddy Love’s other “sons” who were never heard from again. Somewhere within this tortured boy lies a spark of rebellion … and soon he will see just what lengths he must go to in order to have any chance at survival.

Joyce Carol Oates is peerless when writing about the terrors that lurk right next door, and in Daddy Love she delivers a terrifying novel about every parent’s worst nightmare come to life.

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The Corn Maiden and Other Nightmares (978-0-8021-5508-5 • $15 • USCO)
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A gripping psychological thriller about a demented killer who targets three women who seemingly have nothing in common other than their strikingly red hair, and how their only hope for surviving this fiendish plan is to turn the predator into the prey.

**Red 1-2-3**

John Katzenbach

“Few writers of crime fiction seem to understand the criminal mind as well as Katzenbach.” —People

Three ordinary women with nothing in common. They are different ages, come from different backgrounds, and lead drastically different lives. The only thing that binds them together is their red hair—and that each of them has been targeted for murder.

When each woman, or “Red,” receives a chilling letter in the mail from a killer known only as the Big Bad Wolf, their lives are upended, as they spend every waking moment in the fear that they could be snuffed out at any moment. The Wolf is stalking them, biding his time, waiting for the perfect moment to complete his master plan. Yet the one thing this cunning and devious killer didn’t plan for is the Red’s discovering each other.

These three women, using clues left by the Wolf, manage to band together in the hopes of protecting one another from this deadly predator. With law enforcement turning its back on the Red’s, their only hope for survival is to turn the tables, to beat the Wolf at his own game. In a riveting novel of suspense that only a master like John Katzenbach could write, the Red’s must track down the Wolf himself—before he silences each of them forever.
Excerpt
The opening lines were delivered without salutation or introduction: "One bright, fine day Little Red Riding Hood decided to take a basket of delicious goodies to her beloved grandmother, who lived on the far side of the deep, dark woods . . ." You undoubtedly first heard the story years ago when you were small children. But you were probably told the sanitized version: the grandmother hides in her closet and Little Red Riding Hood is saved from becoming the Big Bad Wolf’s next meal by the brave woodsman with his sharp axe. In that retelling everything ends happily ever after. In the original, there is a far different and much darker outcome. It would be wise for you to keep that in mind over the next few weeks. You do not know me, but I know you. There are three of you. I have decided to call you:

Red One.
Red Two.
Red Three.
I know each of you is lost in the woods.
And just like the little girl in the fairy tale, you have been selected to die.

PRAISE FOR JOHN KATZENBACH’S PREVIOUS NOVEL, WHAT COMES NEXT
“This is an exceptional novel—and a most troubling one.”
—The Washington Post on What Comes Next

“Reading What Comes Next is an experience akin to riding the scariest roller-coaster ride: You gulp with the rush of both trepidation and excitement—and you sigh with relief when it’s over.”
—The New York Journal of Books

“Katzenbach reinvents the formula several times over in this absolutely gripping novel.”
—Booklist (starred review)

“Don’t miss it.”—Bookreporter

AVAILABLE IN PAPERBACK IN DECEMBER

“A powerful, obsessive novel of murder and madness.”
—The New York Times

THE TRAVELER
John Katzenbach

Reissuing in paperback and eBook, this 1987 classic from John Katzenbach reaffirmed his status as one of the best new thriller writers on the scene. Miami detective Mercedes Barren, recovering from a traumatic shooting, has transferred to the relative quiet of the forensics department to get her life back on track. Yet this peace is put on hold when she gets a wrenching phone call: Her niece has been brutally murdered. Soon she uncovers the shocking truth: The true killer is engaging in copycat murders across the country—while forcing a young student to document every horrific crime. The woman, Boswell, is his stenographer, capturing what the cameras don’t in words the killer forces her to write. And if she drops her pen or fails to comply, she’ll end up being his next subject.

As her already fragile life begins to fall to pieces, Mercedes makes it her mission to track down this cold-blooded killer before he can claim another victim—even if it means enlisting the help of his brother, a psychiatrist specializing in sex offenders. But can they catch him before his camera flashes next and snuffs out another life? Unbearably suspenseful, with believable characters and dialogue second to none, The Traveler is pure Katzenbach.
The second in Lachlan Smith’s acclaimed Leo Maxwell series, in which Leo is tasked by a mysterious woman to defend her wrongfully accused brother, only to find himself accused of a heinous crime which only he can solve

**Lion Plays Rough**

Lachlan Smith

**MARKETING**

*Bear Is Broken*, the first Leo Maxwell mystery, received tremendous praise upon publication

The paperback of *Bear Is Broken* will contain a teaser for *Lion Plays Rough*

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Leo Maxwell always lived in the shadow of his older brother Teddy, but is now an ambitious criminal defense attorney practicing in Oakland. He thinks he’s found the case that will make his name when a mysterious woman nearly runs him down, then appears at his office to hire him to defend her brother on a gun charge. One problem: Leo hasn’t actually met the client when he sets out to investigate what seems like a hot tip on a burgeoning scandal in the Oakland Police Department. Leo seems to blow the lid on deep-set corruption in the department; however, he quickly learns that all is not as it seems, beginning with Leo’s client and the alluring woman who hired him. Leo’s “client” is actually represented by Nikki Matson, one of Oakland’s most notorious gangland lawyers. What’s more, the client doesn’t know anything about Leo being hired to defend him and claims not even to have a sister.

Between Nikki’s star client, one of Oakland’s most feared gang leaders, and corrupt elements within the Oakland police, Leo realizes that he has unwittingly made himself enemy number one within the criminal community as well as the police department. Both sides want him silenced before he uncovers the full extent of a scandal that is poised to engulf the city and ignite a firestorm of repercussions. Even if Leo can survive, he’s a marked man unless he can bring those responsible for the murders to justice. Yet the truth is far more sinister, as Leo must confront the one person he never would have suspected . . .
“Grabs the reader by the throat and doesn’t let go.”
—Publishers Weekly (starred review)

“Smith doesn’t write like a novice.”
—The New York Times Book Review

Bear Is Broken
Lachlan Smith

Marketing
also available as a HighBridge audiobook

Lachlan Smith bursts onto the crime fiction scene with Bear Is Broken, a phenomenal debut novel that combines the elements of classic PI novels with the contemporary sheen of the best legal thrillers.

Leo Maxwell grew up in the shadow of his older brother Teddy, a successful yet reviled criminal defense attorney who racked up enemies as fast as he racked up acquittals. Leo has always tried to emulate Teddy, even following him into the legal profession.

One day the two are at lunch when Teddy is shot in public, the shooter escaping through a crowd. As Teddy lies in a coma, Leo realizes that the search for his brother’s shooter falls upon him, as Teddy’s enemies weren’t merely the scum on the street but embedded within the police department as well. As Leo peels back the layers of Teddy’s mysterious past, he sees that the list of possible suspects is larger than he could have imagined.

The deeper Leo digs into his brother’s life, the more questions arise: about Teddy and his estranged ex-wife, about the ethics of Teddy’s career, and about the murder that tore their family apart decades ago. And somewhere, the person who shot Leo’s brother is still on the loose, and there are many who would happily kill Leo in order to keep it that way.

“Addictive . . . a perfect match with David Carnoy’s novels and Michael Connelly’s Mickey Haller series.”
—Booklist (starred review)
“Evokes the gritty classics of Cornell Woolrich and Jim Thompson while spinning its own brand of hard-boiled psychological suspense.” —Kirkus Reviews

A Killer in the Wind
Andrew Klavan

MARKETING

Stephen King has called Andrew Klavan “the most original American novelist of crime and suspense since Cornell Woolrich,” and *A Killer in the Wind* displays Klavan’s unmatched talent for pairing gripping thrillers with unforgettable characters. Three years ago, Dan Champion uncovered a criminal syndicate run by a kingpin known only as the Fat Woman. Champion infiltrated her world of murder, obsession, and perversity. But the case also broke him, and Champion began taking drugs and hallucinating . . . a dead child prowling the streets of New York . . . a beautiful woman named Samantha he loved—if only she’d been real.

Now Champion is a small-town detective, hoping the ghosts and hallucinations are finally behind him. Then one night Champion is called to examine the body of a woman who has washed ashore. Yet he recognizes the woman as Samantha, the woman he dreamed about long ago . . . a woman who doesn’t exist.

Soon Champion is haunted by a team of expert killers who want to make sure he never finds the truth: about the dead child who wanders through his imagination, the lover who inhabits his dreams, and a killer who has been on the run for a lifetime. The ghosts of the dead are all around him, and Champion has to find out who murdered them, or he could become one of them himself.

“If you haven’t read Andrew Klavan, you’re in for a treat. He tells vivid stories with a conversational style that’s deceptively simple but does not waste a word.” —Charlotte Observer

ANDREW KLAVAN has won two Edgar awards and is the author of the popular Homelander series for Young Adults, which have been optioned by Summit Entertainment (*Twilight*). He lives in Southern California.

The Boyfriend
Thomas Perry

MARKETING
The Boyfriend will appeal to the many fans of Perry’s Jane Whitefield and Butcher Boy series, as well as newcomers who will discover one of the most suspenseful books of the year

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THOMAS PERRY is the bestselling author of twenty-one novels, including The Butcher’s Boy, which won the Edgar award. Metzger’s Dog, Strip, and The Informant were all named New York Times Notable Crime Books. He lives in Southern California.

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Thomas Perry is unparalleled when it comes to writing unputdownable thrillers, and in The Boyfriend he raises the stakes in a riveting, sexy novel of unbearable suspense.

Jack Till, a retired LAPD homicide detective, now works as a private investigator, comfortable in chasing down routine cases. But when the parents of a recently murdered young girl ask for his help after the police come up empty, Till reluctantly takes the case. The victim had been working as a high-class prostitute, and as Till digs deeper he finds that the victim is one of several young female escorts killed in different cities in the same manner—all had strawberry blond hair, and all were shot with a 9mm in the sanctity of their homes.

Till must find his way around the secretive online escort business, decoding ads placed by young women who use false names, advertise using other women’s pictures, and are constantly on the move. Yet when Till is finally able to catch up with the killer, he finds that the man he’s after is far more dangerous and volatile than he ever could have imagined. As the body count rises, Till must risk his life to find this seductive and ruthless killer whose murderous spree masks a far deadlier agenda.

“It’s nothing new to call Perry a master of the genre, but it’s no less true for being widely acknowledged.” —Booklist (starred review)
The second play by award-winning actor and emerging playwright Jesse Eisenberg, *The Revisionist*’s first New York run was completely sold-out and a Broadway production will open in January 2014

**The Revisionist**

*A Play*

Jesse Eisenberg

With an Introduction by John Patrick Shanley

“Beguilingly layered ... something to paste into your memory book of strange, wonderful and utterly unmatchable moments at the theater.”

—Ben Brantley, *The New York Times*

Jesse Eisenberg, known for his roles in *The Social Network*, *Adventureland*, and *The Squid and the Whale*, has written in his second play, *The Revisionist*, a stunning exploration of obsession, secrets, and the nature of family. Young writer David arrives in Poland with a crippling case of writer’s block and a desire to be left alone. His seventy-five-year-old second cousin Maria welcomes him with a fervent need to connect with her distant American family. As their relationship develops, she reveals details about her postwar past that test their ideas of what it means to be a family. *The Revisionist* had its world premiere at the Cherry Lane Theatre in New York in spring 2013, starring Jesse Eisenberg and Vanessa Redgrave and directed by Kip Fagan.

“Eisenberg has a wry ear and a knack for unsentimental poignancy that keeps The Revisionist emotionally compelling. And to his credit, he avoids the tidy, comforting ending.”

—USA Today

“A quirky and ... heartbreaking meditation on the meaning of family, both across the generations and across the globe.”

—Associated Press

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The River Swimmer

Novellas

Jim Harrison

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The River Swimmer is an exceptional reminder of why Jim Harrison is one of the most cherished and important writers at work today.

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A Commissario Guido Brunetti Mystery
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“In Death and Judgment, Leon moves with ease through this serene and secretive city, penetrating every level of its complicated social strata. And when she gets to the corrupt core of her story, this elegant stylist shows she can also write in a fine, cold fury.” —Marilyn Stasio, The New York Times Book Review

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“Brunetti stars in a case that brings out his canniness and his compassion—and shows his creator spreading her wings more powerfully than ever.” —Kirkus Reviews

Dressed for Death
A Commissario Guido Brunetti Mystery
Donna Leon

“Richly evocative…. Venice takes on a deep noir tint in Leon’s latest well-crafted work” —Publishers Weekly

Commissario Guido Brunetti’s hopes of escaping the sweltering heat of Venice in August for a refreshing family holiday in the mountains are dashed when a gruesome discovery is made in a field in Marghera—a body so badly beaten the face is completely unrecognizable. The victim appears to be a transsexual prostitute. Brunetti searches Venice—including the red-light district—for someone who can identify the corpse, but he is met with a wall of silence. Then he receives a phone call promising tantalizing information, provided he meets with the caller under a bridge outside of town in the middle of the night. This dangerous rendezvous leads to more senseless murders, but despite the danger, Brunetti remains determined to uncover the truth.

“Leon delivers her plot in an unassuming, graceful, and beautifully paced prose that hides its measured elegance. This is procedural writing at its best, made more interesting still by the Venetian setting. The light comedy and family banter grounds the issues of social disintegration that are the real subject, as Leon takes advantage of her story to comment obliquely about AIDS, the unadmitted gay world that shadows Italian machismo, and the ways altruism and morality blanket greed and corruption.” —The Washington Post

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Searching for Zion

The Quest for Home in the African Diaspora

Emily Raboteau

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“Vivid . . . Ambitious . . . Frank and expansive.” —Lynell George, Chicago Tribune

A decade in the making, Emily Raboteau’s Searching for Zion takes readers around the world on an unexpected adventure of faith. Both one woman’s quest for a place to call “home” and an investigation into a people’s search for the Promised Land, this is a trenchant inquiry into contemporary and historical ethnic displacement.

On her ten-year journey back in time and across the globe, Raboteau visits Jamaica, Ethiopia, Ghana, and the American South to explore the complex and contradictory perspectives of Black Zionists. Overturning our ideas of place and patriotism, displacement and dispossession, Searching for Zion is a disarmingly honest and refreshingly brave take on the pull of the story of Exodus.
“Dazzling . . . In this extremely creepy book, Hayder’s third, the diabolically gifted British author spins a fascinating mystery from the legacy of Japanese atrocities during World War II.”
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The Devil of Nanking
Mo Hayder

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—Tom and Enid Schantz, The Denver Post

MO HAYDER has worked as a filmmaker, a Tokyo nightclub hostess, and a teacher. She is also the author of Birdman, The Treatment, Pig Island, Ritual, Skin, Gone, Hanging Hill, and Poppet.

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“The Devil of Nanking”
Mo Hayder

“A haunting, lyrical, disturbing, important, suspenseful, wonderfully written and beautiful book. You will love reading it, and you will not soon forget the experience.”
—Harlan Coben

Grey has a lot to prove and even more to hide. A young Englishwoman obsessed with a past she cannot understand, she has come to Tokyo following rumors of a rare piece of film footage shot during the notorious Nanking Massacre in 1937, which has been lost for decades. But the only man who can help, a survivor of the massacre and now a visiting professor at a prestigious Tokyo university, will have nothing to do with her. Increasingly desperate in an alien city, Grey accepts a job as a hostess in an upmarket nightspot catering to Japanese businessmen and wealthy yakuza, where one gangster—a frail old man surrounded by a terrifying entourage, rumored to rely on a powerful elixir for his continued health—might be the key to the answers Grey seeks. Taut and gritty, with the redolent atmosphere of Ian Rankin and the spine-tingling characters of Thomas Harris, The Devil of Nanking is a tour de force that confirms Mo Hayder as a thriller writer of the first order.

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*The Untold Story of the Teenagers and Outlaws Who Hacked Ma Bell*

Phil Lapsley

Foreword by Steve Wozniak

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**PHIL LAPSLEY** is a cofounder of two high technology companies and a former consultant at McKinsey & Company. He holds a master’s degree in electrical engineering from UC Berkeley and an MBA from the MIT Sloan School of Management.

“An authoritative, jaunty, and enjoyable account.” —The Wall Street Journal

Before smartphones, the Internet, and personal computers, a group of techphiles, blind teenagers, hippies, and outlaws figured out how to hack the world’s largest machine: the telephone system. Starting with Alexander Graham Bell’s revolutionary “harmonic telegraph,” by the middle of the twentieth century, the phone system had grown into an extraordinary web that connected millions of people. But the network had a billion-dollar flaw, and once people discovered it, things would never be the same.

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The product of extensive original research, *Exploding the Phone* is a groundbreaking, captivating, and definitive book.

“A rollicking . . . incredible clandestine history . . . a brilliant tapestry of richly detailed stories.” —Kirkus Reviews (starred review)

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The Black Russian
Vladimir Alexandrov

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Received rave reviews from major publications, and extraordinary blurbs from Cornel West, Adam Hochschild, Stacy Schiff, Anne Applebaum, Arnold Rampersad, Olga Andreyev Carlisle, Elizabeth Dowling Taylor, John Bailey, and Carla L. Peterson

“A moving and vivid portrait of a remarkable American life.”
—San Francisco Chronicle

The Black Russian is the incredible story of Frederick Bruce Thomas, born in 1872 to former slaves who became prosperous farmers in Mississippi. A rich white planter’s attempt to steal their land forced them to flee to Memphis, where Frederick’s father was brutally murdered. He then left the South forever, worked as a waiter in Chicago and Brooklyn, sought greater freedom in London, crisscrossed Europe, and—in a highly unusual choice for a black American at the time—settled in Moscow, a city virtually color-blind to race. He renamed himself Fyodor Fyodorovich Tomas and, through his charm and guile, became the city’s richest and most famous owner of variety theaters and the renowned restaurant Maxim. With the outbreak of the Bolshevik Revolution, he barely escaped with his family from Odessa to Constantinople in 1919. He made a second fortune by opening celebrated nightclubs where he introduced American jazz. However, the xenophobia of the new Turkish Republic, the long arm of American racism—and Frederick’s extravagance—landed him in debtor’s prison. He died in Constantinople in 1928.

“With so much focus on the black experience in America in the nineteenth century, we might never consider the black experience in Europe at the same time. Vladimir Alexandrov’s The Black Russian rectifies this oversight, and does so with panache.”
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The Two Faces of January
Patricia Highsmith

“A [classic psychological thriller].” — USA Today

Originally published in 1964, and the winner of the CWA Best Foreign Novel Award, Patricia Highsmith’s The Two Faces of January is a chilling tale of suspense, suffused with her trademark slow, creeping unease.

In a grubby Athens hotel, Rydal Keener is bored and killing time with petty scams. But when he runs into another American, Chester MacFarland, dragging a man’s body down the hotel hall, Rydal impulsively agrees to help, perhaps because Chester looks like Rydal’s father. Then Rydal meets Colette, Chester’s younger wife, and, once captivated, becomes entangled in their sordid lives, as the drama marches to a shocking climax at the ruins of the labyrinth at Knossos.

A film version of The Two Faces of January, starring Viggo Mortensen, Kirsten Dunst, and Oscar Isaac (Drive, Inside Llewelyn Davis), is in production. Adapted by Academy Award nominee Hossein Amini (Drive), and produced by Working Title and Timnick Films (The Talented Mr. Ripley), it will be released on December 18, 2013.


“Patricia Highsmith is one of the few suspense writers whose work transcends genre.” — The Austin American-Statesman

PATRICIA HIGHSMITH (1921–1995) was the author of more than twenty novels, including Strangers on a Train, The Price of Salt and The Talented Mr. Ripley, as well as numerous short stories.
Anthony Loyd’s gripping depiction of the depravity of war in Bosnia and Chechnya “places him into the great tradition of Hemingway, Caputo, and Michael Herr.” — The Boston Globe

My War Gone By, I Miss It So
Anthony Loyd

MARKETING
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“Battlefield reportage does not get more up close, gruesome, and personal. . . . The fear and confusion of battle are so vivid that in places, they rise like acrid smoke from the page.” — The New York Times

Born to a distinguished family steeped in military tradition, raised on stories of wartime and ancestral heroes, Anthony Loyd longed to experience war from the front lines. He left England at the age of twenty-six to document the conflict in Bosnia, and for the following years he witnessed the killings of one of the most callous and chaotic clashes on European soil. His harrowing account from the trenches shows humanity at its worst and best, through daily tragedies in city streets and mountain villages during Yugoslavia’s brutal dissolution. Addicted to the adrenaline of armed combat, he returned home to wage a longstanding personal battle against substance abuse.

Shocking and violent, yet lyrical and ultimately redemptive, this book is a breathtaking feat of reportage and an uncompromising look at the terrifyingly seductive power of war.

“Loyd’s strongest writing is in his descriptions of carnage—of the sound and smell of shellfire; of the sexual release of blasting away with an automatic machine gun . . . This is pure war reporting . . . Loyd waxes eloquent on the backblast of his war time, a heroin addiction that begins before his arrival and becomes the only way he can survive his breaks from the fighting.” — Salon

“A testament to his honor and courage . . . [this] book shines with small truths and larger, philosophical ones about life and war.” — New York Post

Anthony Loyd is a British foreign correspondent who has reported from numerous conflict zones including the Balkans, Afghanistan, Syria, Libya, Iraq and Chechnya.
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—Kirkus Reviews (starred review)

Finding Florida

*The True History of the Sunshine State*

T. D. Allman

MARKETING

A critical success in hardcover, the book was covered in *Vanity Fair, The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times*, and many others

Allman has written about Florida for *Vanity Fair, Esquire, and National Geographic*, among other publications

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“A take-no-prisoners account . . . extremely timely and relevant.”

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Over the centuries, Florida has been many things: an unconquered realm protected by its geography, a wilderness that ruined Spain’s mightiest conquistadors, “god’s waiting room,” and a place to start over. Depopulated after the extermination of its native population, today it is home to nineteen million people. The site of vicious racial violence, it is now a diverse state—a dynamic, multicultural place with an essential role in twenty-first-century America.

However, the turbulent story of Florida has been distorted and whitewashed. In *Finding Florida: The True History of the Sunshine State*, journalist T. D. Allman reclaims this remarkable history from the mythologizers, apologists, and boosters. Allman traces the discovery, exploration, and settlement of Florida and its transformation from a swamp to “paradise.” Florida became a state in 1845; sixteen years later it would secede. Palm Beach, Key West, Miami, Tampa, and Orlando boomed, fortunes were won and lost, land was stolen and flipped, and millions arrived.

The product of a decade of research and writing, *Finding Florida* is a highly original, stylish, and masterful work. Shedding new light on the meaning of America, it’s the first modern comprehensive history of this fascinating place.

T. D. Allman is the author of *Miami: City of the Future*, which spent three years on the *Miami Herald* bestseller list, *Rogue State: America at War with the World*, and other books. He has reported from more than ninety countries.
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“Wonderful . . . Allman brings the same skepticism in researching the state’s past as he did to covering the wars in Southeast Asia in the Sixties and Seventies.” —The Daily Beast

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