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**KEVIN MORRIS** has written for the *Wall Street Journal*, *Los Angeles Times*, and *Filmmaker*. He is the coproducer of the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical *The Book of Mormon* and producer of the documentary film *Hands on a Hardbody*. He lives with his wife and two children in Los Angeles. This is his first collection of fiction.



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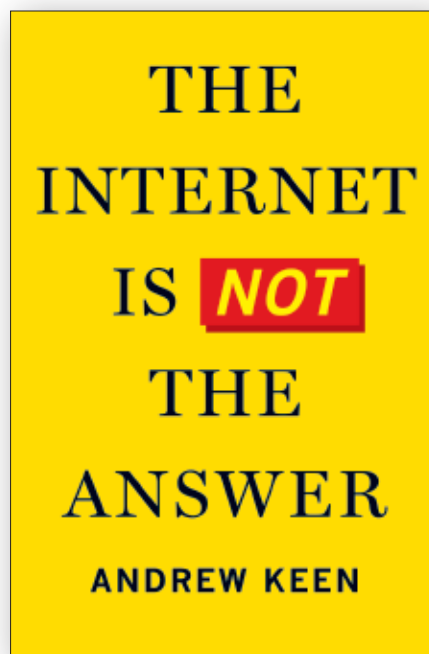




A sharp indictment and incisive analysis  
of the detrimental effects of the Internet  
on our psychology, economy, and society

## The Internet Is Not the Answer

Andrew Keen



### MARKETING

Keen has over 20,000 followers on Twitter and  
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Keen is a twenty-year veteran of the tech  
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Since its creation during the Cold War, the Internet, together with the World Wide Web, personal computers, tablets, and smartphones, has ushered in the Digital Revolution, one of the greatest shifts in society since the Industrial Revolution. There are many positive ways in which the Internet has contributed to the world, but as a society we are less aware of the Internet's deeply negative effects. In 2007, Andrew Keen, a longtime Silicon Valley-based observer of the digital world and a serial Internet entrepreneur, published one of the first Internet-sceptic books, *The Cult of the Amateur*, which asked how quality content can be created in an online environment that demands everything for free.

In Keen's new book, *The Internet Is Not the Answer*, he offers a comprehensive look at what the Internet is doing to our lives. The book traces the technological and economic history of the Internet, from its founding in the 1960s to the creation of the World Wide Web in 1989, through the waves of start-ups and the rise of the big data companies to the increasing attempts to monetize almost every human activity. Successful Internet companies have produced astronomical returns on investment, and venture capital and the profit motive have become the primary drivers of innovation. In this sharp, witty narrative, informed by the work of other writers, reporters, and recent academic studies as well as his own research and interviews, Keen shows us the tech world, warts and all—from hoodie-wearing misfit millionaires, to the NSA's all-encompassing online surveillance, to the impact of the Internet on unemployment and economic inequality. *The Internet Is Not the Answer* is a big-picture look at what the Internet is doing to our society and an investigation into what we can do to try to make sure that the decisions we are making about the reconfiguring of our world do not lead to unpleasant, unforeseen aftershocks.



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## Excerpt

No, the more the future unfolds, the clearer it has become that Internet is not the answer. The more we use the network, the less value it actually brings to us. It is more like a negative feedback loop, a digital vicious cycle in which it is us, the Web's users, who are its victims rather than beneficiaries.

Rather than making us wealthier, the digital revolution is making most of us poorer. Rather than generating more jobs, it is a principle cause of our structural unemployment crisis. Rather than creating more economic competition, it has created new, leviathan-like monopolists like Apple, Google, and Amazon. Rather than promoting economic justice, it is a central reason for the growing gulf between rich and poor and the hollowing out of the middle and working classes. Rather than creating transparency and openness, it is creating a panopticon of information gathering and surveillance in which we, the users of supposedly "free" big data products like Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube, have been packaged up as the all-too-transparent product. Rather than creating more democracy, it is empowering the rule of the mob. Rather than encouraging tolerance, it has unleashed such a distasteful war on women that many females no longer feel welcome on the Internet. Rather than making us happy, it's compounding our disappointment and anger. Rather than fostering a cultural renaissance, it has created a selfie-centered culture of voyeurism and narcissism. Rather than establishing more diversity, it is massively enriching a tiny group of young white men in black limousines.

So if the Internet is not the answer, then what is the question?



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## PRAISE FOR ANDREW KEEN

"Andrew Keen is a brilliant, witty, classically educated technoscold—and thank goodness. The world needs an intellectual Goliath to slay Web 2.0's army of Davids."

—Jonathan Last, online editor, *Weekly Standard*, on *The Cult of the Amateur*

"Andrew Keen has found the off switch for Silicon Valley's reality distortion field. With a cold eye and a cutting wit, he reveals the grandiose claims of our new digital plutocrats to be little more than self-serving cant. *Digital Vertigo* provides a timely and welcome reminder that having substance is more important than being transparent."—Nicholas Carr, author of *The Shallows: What the Internet Is Doing to Our Brains*, on *Digital Vertigo*

"Unlike most commentators, Andrew Keen observes the Internet as if from a distance. *Digital Vertigo* may be one of the few books on the subject that, twenty years from now, will be seen to have got it right. Neither blinkered advocate nor hardened cynic, he identifies the good and the bad with a rare human and historical perspective."

—Sir Martin Sorrell, CEO, WPP, on *Digital Vertigo*

"Page after page of really interesting insight and research. I look forward to the much-needed debate about the problems that Keen articulates—which can't be lightly dismissed."

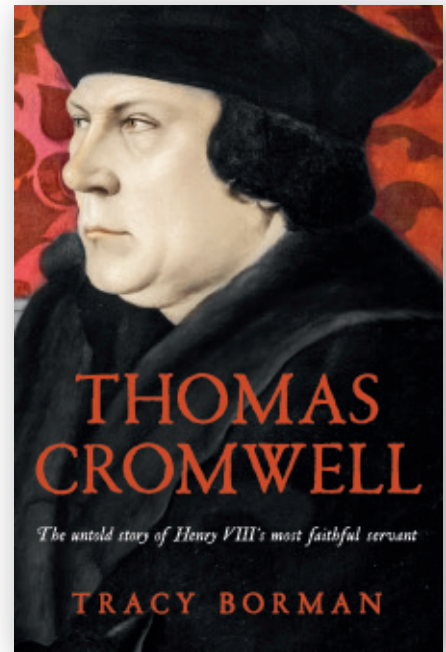
—Larry Sanger, cofounder of Wikipedia and founder of Citizendium, on *The Cult of the Amateur*

A fascinating biography of Henry VIII's most trusted aide, Thomas Cromwell, a commoner who became second only to the king

## Thomas Cromwell

*The Untold Story of Henry VIII's Most Faithful Servant*

Tracy Borman



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Thomas Cromwell has long been reviled as a Machiavellian schemer who stopped at nothing in his quest for power. As Henry VIII's right-hand man, Cromwell was the architect of the English Reformation, secured Henry's divorce from Catherine of Aragon, plotted the downfall of Anne Boleyn, and, upon his arrest, was accused of trying to usurp the king himself. But here Tracy Borman reveals a different side of one of the most notorious figures in history: that of a caring husband and father, a fiercely loyal servant and friend, and a revolutionary who helped make medieval England into a modern state.

Born in the mid-1480s to a lowly blacksmith, Cromwell left home at eighteen to make his fortune abroad. After serving as a mercenary in the French army, working for a powerful merchant banker in Florence at the height of the Renaissance, and spending time as a cloth merchant in the commercial capital of the world, the Netherlands, Cromwell returned to England and built a flourishing legal practice. He soon became the protégé of Cardinal Thomas Wolsey and then worked his way into the king's inner circle. As Henry's top aide, Cromwell was at the heart of the most momentous events of his time and wielded immense power over both church and state. His seismic political, religious, and social reforms had an impact that can still be felt today. Grounded in excellent primary source research, *Thomas Cromwell* gives an inside look at a monarchy that has captured the Western imagination for centuries and tells the story of a controversial and enigmatic man who forever changed the shape of his country.



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## Excerpt

By the summer of 1530, Cromwell was clearly a rising star at court. But the preceding months had not just been about feathering his own nest: he had worked consistently to rehabilitate Wolsey with the King so that he might avoid being attainted for treason. The disgraced Cardinal had been effusive in his thanks, referring to his former protégé as “my only comfort,” “my only help,” and “mine own good Thomas.” For all his gratitude, though, the Cardinal had unrealistic expectations of what Cromwell could achieve. He insisted that the minimum he could live on was a staggering £4,000 a year—equivalent to £1.3 million today.

It is easy to imagine Cromwell’s exasperation as he read the increasingly insistent dispatches from his former master. But Cromwell had learned the art of diplomacy from his years on the Continent, as well as his service to Wolsey, and he was already an excellent judge of the King’s character and moods. This was proved in February 1530, when he secured Henry’s pardon for Wolsey. Shortly afterwards, his former master was restored to the archbishopric of York, with all of its possessions except York Place. This was an extraordinary achievement. In a little over four months, Cromwell had transformed Wolsey’s position from disgraced minister on the verge of a conviction for treason to one of the foremost prelates in the land. He had done so from a standing start, with no position and precious few contacts in a court filled with the Cardinal’s enemies. Now, not only Wolsey but also he himself enjoyed the King’s good graces.

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## ADVANCE PRAISE FOR *THOMAS CROMWELL*

“Dr. Tracy Borman has crafted an exceptional and compelling biography about one of the Tudor age’s most complex and controversial figures. With expert insights based on a wealth of research and riveting detail, she has brought Thomas Cromwell to life as never before, and achieved a fair and balanced assessment of his character and his career. Above all, her book is a joy to read—a remarkable tour de force by one of our most accomplished historians.”

—Alison Weir

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“A thrilling and carefully written book which should grace any history lover’s bookshelves.”—*Scotland on Sunday* (UK)

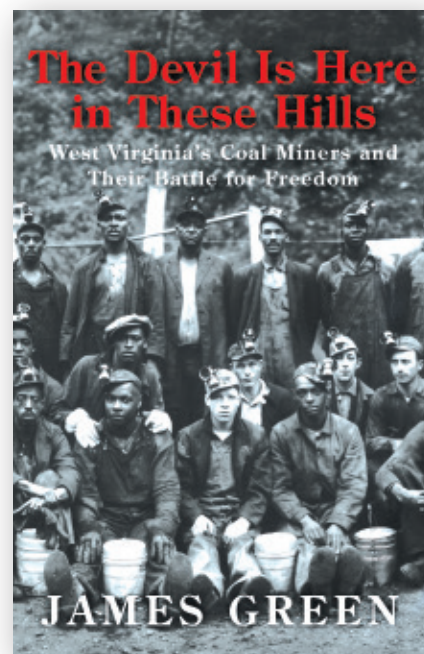


From a celebrated labor historian, the definitive chronicle of the fight for freedom by West Virginia coal miners, an important chapter in American history

## The Devil Is Here in These Hills

*West Virginia's Coal Miners and Their Battle for Freedom*

James Green



### MARKETING

*The Devil Is Here in These Hills* has been optioned by PBS for *American Experience*, airing in spring 2016

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From before the dawn of the twentieth century until the arrival of the New Deal, one of the most protracted and deadly labor struggles in American history was waged in West Virginia. On one side were powerful corporations whose millions bought armed guards and political influence. On the other side were fifty thousand mine workers, the nation's largest labor union, and the legendary "miners' angel," Mother Jones. The fight for unionization and civil rights sparked a political crisis that verged on civil war, stretching from the creeks and hollows to the courts and the U.S. Senate. In *The Devil Is Here in These Hills*, celebrated labor historian James Green tells the story of West Virginia and coal like never before.

The value of West Virginia's coalfields had been known for decades, and after rail arrived in the 1870s, industrialists pushed fast into the wilderness, digging mines and building company towns where they wielded nearly complete control over everyday life. The state's high-quality coal drove American expansion and industrialization, but for tens of thousands of laborers, including boys as young as ten, mining life showed the bitter irony of the state motto, "Mountaineers Are Always Free." Attempts to unionize were met with stiff resistance. Fundamental rights were bent then broken, and the violence evolved from bloody skirmishes to open armed conflict, as an army of miners marched to an explosive showdown. Extensively researched and told in vibrant detail, *The Devil Is Here in These Hills* is the definitive book on an essential chapter in the history of American freedom.

"This is an outstanding book which, undoubtedly, will stand for a long time to come as the best single volume on the subject."

—Ronald L. Lewis, professor emeritus of history, West Virginia University



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Only a few early risers noticed the strange woman meandering through the streets with a shawl covering her shoulders. She had a pretty face with bright blue eyes and white hair, and she wore “a nice-lady black pot hat.”

When the visitor saw a lamplight flickering through a window of a grocery store, she knocked on the door, and the proprietor invited her in for breakfast. She thanked him and introduced herself as Mrs. Mary Jones, a “walking delegate” for the UMWA. At that moment, the storekeeper realized he was sitting face-to-face with none other than the notorious Mother Jones, the agitator who had been raising hell in Pennsylvania. “All the time he was frightened and kept looking out the little window,” Jones later wrote. The grocer told her that if the mine owners knew she was in his store, they would close it down; nonetheless, he told her how to get word out to the miners that she would hold a secret meeting that night.

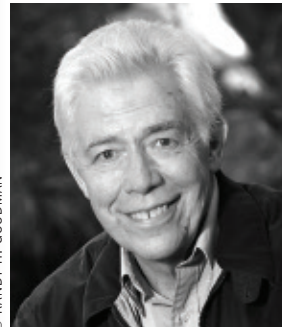
At nightfall Jones trudged up the creek bed behind a young miner. A group of forty men waited for her in the midst of some boulders. While her comrade held a light over her head, Mother Jones called upon her listeners to stand up and act like men. She carried on until the time was right to ask who among them would come forward and take the “oath of obligation” to the miners’ union. All of them lined up, and one by one each man swore to honor the principles of brotherhood; forbear any act of discrimination; and “defend freedom of thought whether expressed by tongue or pen.”

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Arms seized by the National Guard  
on Paint Creek and Cabin Creek.

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## PRAISE FOR THE DEVIL IS HERE IN THESE HILLS

“James Green has resurrected an important, searing piece of our heritage—and just the kind of thing your high school American history teacher didn’t teach you. His lively and moving account of the West Virginia mine wars is a reminder of how painfully long people in this country had to fight to gain even barely decent wages and working conditions. And, as today’s gap between the 1 percent and everyone else grows ever wider, the era of the robber barons he evokes so well doesn’t seem that far away.”

—Adam Hochschild, author of *To End All Wars* and *King Leopold’s Ghost*

“The most comprehensive and comprehensible history of the West Virginia Coal War I’ve ever read. Jim Green has made sense of a half century of violent confrontation.”

—John Sayles, writer and director of *Matewan*

“James Green’s astonishing book deftly depicts a multinational and interracial group of hard-bitten men, rallied by an Irish-born grandmother, who waged a war for democracy that lasted forty years. . . . As Americans grow increasingly concerned about global capital’s oppression of workers, we would do well to understand how and why it happened here and what it took to stop it.”—Glenda Elizabeth Gilmore,

Peter V. and C. Vann Woodward Professor of History, Yale University

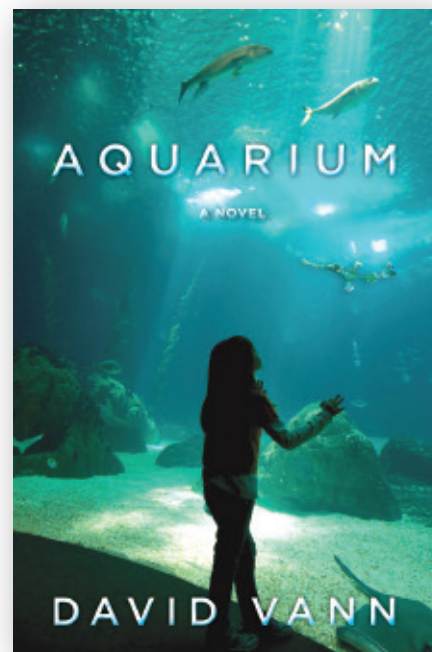
“There are many fine photos of the struggles in West Virginia, but Green gives us a full-length feature film, telling the fifty-year-long saga of the fight against greed and exploitation. An excellent book.”

—Elliott Gorn, professor of history at Loyola University Chicago and author of *Mother Jones: The Most Dangerous Woman in America*

Widely acclaimed around the world, David Vann is “an artist” (*New York Times*), “a truly great writer” (*Irish Sunday Independent*), “one of the best writers of his generation” (*Le Figaro*)—and, quite possibly, the greatest American author you have yet to discover

# Aquarium

David Vann



## MARKETING

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Vann is a prolific writer and has contributed to *Atlantic Monthly*, *Esquire*, *Outside*, *Men's Health*, *Men's Journal*, the *Sunday Times*, the *Observer*, and *McSweeney's*, among others

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— *Financial Times*

David Vann’s dazzling debut *Legend of a Suicide* sold over 250,000 copies in France alone, was reviewed in over 150 major global publications, won eleven prizes worldwide, was on forty Best Books of the Year lists, and established its author as a literary master. Since then, internationally bestselling Vann has delivered an exceptional body of work, receiving fifteen awards, including best foreign novel in France and Spain (France’s Prix Médicis Étranger, Spain’s Premi Llibreter), a California Book Award, and the Grace Paley Prize. *Aquarium*, his implosive new book and the first to be published by Grove, will take Vann to a wider audience than ever before.

Twelve-year-old Caitlin lives alone with her mother—a docker at the local container port—in subsidized housing next to an airport in Seattle. Each day, while she waits to be picked up after school, Caitlin visits the local aquarium to study the fish. Gazing at the creatures within the watery depths, Caitlin accesses a shimmering universe beyond her own. When she befriends an old man at the tanks one day, who seems as enamored of the fish as she, Caitlin cracks open a dark family secret and propels her once-blissful relationship with her mother toward a precipice of terrifying consequence.

In crystalline, chiseled, yet graceful prose, *Aquarium* takes us into the heart of a brave young girl whose longing for love and capacity for forgiveness transforms the damaged people around her. Relentless and heartbreaking, primal and redemptive, *Aquarium* is a transporting story from one of the best American writers of our time.



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## Excerpt

I found him at the darkest tank, in a corner, alone, peering into what could have been a window to the stars, endless black and cold and only a few points of light. Hung in this void like a small constellation, the ghost pipefish, impossible.

Like a leaf giving birth to stars, I said, whispering, as if any sound might make the fish vanish.

Yes, the old man whispered back. Exactly that. I couldn't have said it better myself. Sometimes I can't believe you're only twelve. You should become an ichthyologist. This is who you are.

Body of small green leaves, veined, very thin, its fins painted in light cast from elsewhere, but from his eye out his long snout, an eruption of galaxies without foreign source, born in the fish itself. An opening in the small fabric of the world, a place to fall into endlessly.

He's my favorite fish, I said, still whispering. I ask everyone what their favorite fish is, and I always hope they'll say the ghost pipefish.

Well he's my favorite now, because of what you've said. The old man looked up at the signs above the tank. Randall Halimeda Ghostpipefish.



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Published in twenty languages, **DAVID VANN**'s internationally bestselling books have won fifteen prizes, including best foreign novel in France and Spain, and appeared on seventy-five Best Books of the Year lists in a dozen countries. A former Guggenheim fellow, he is currently a professor at the University of Warwick in England and honorary professor at the University of Franche-Comté in France.

## PRAISE FOR DAVID VANN

"An artist. He takes us someplace darker, older, more powerful than the daylight world."

—*New York Times*

"A writer to read and reread. A man to watch carefully."—*Economist*

"Like Melville, Faulkner, and McCarthy, Vann is already one of the great ones of American literature."—*ABC (Spain)*

"Vann's prose follows the sinews of Cormac McCarthy and Hemingway, yet has its own nimble flex."—*Times (UK)*

"Writes with a poetry born of connectedness, of deep observation."—*Boston Globe*

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"David Vann's fiction is filled with silence, yet it hums and howls . . . Mr. Vann crafts his universe with brilliantly precise prose that is biblical in its allusions and unflinching in its gaze."

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"His work speaks with an understanding of the unconscionable."

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"Words and ideas seem almost dangerous in his hands and yet his work is full of heart . . . the definition of perfection in fiction."—*New Statesman*

"He has an absolutely superb writing style, as fluid as it is precise."—*Dagbladet (Norway)*

"Compared to David Vann, Hemingway is a sugary writer."—*De Pers (Netherlands)*

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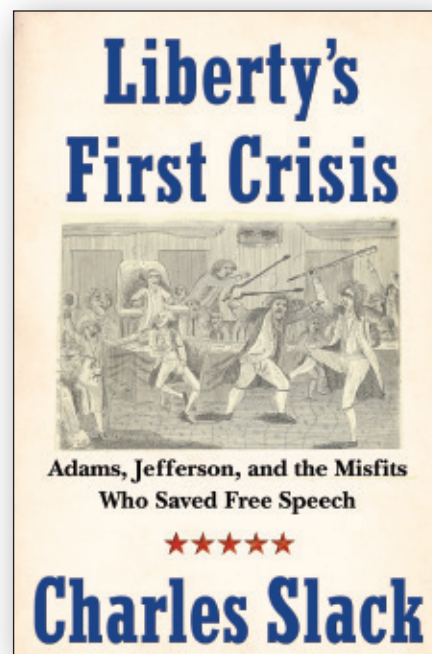
"At once the most timely and timeless of writers."—*Robert Olen Butler*

The tumultuous early years of the United States are brought to life in this gripping account of the Sedition Act and its victims, including a firebrand congressman, a famous muckraking journalist, and Benjamin Franklin's grandson

## Liberty's First Crisis

*Adams, Jefferson, and the Misfits Who Saved Free Speech*

Charles Slack



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When the United States government passed the Bill of Rights in 1791, its uncompromising protection of speech and of the press were unlike anything the world had ever seen before. But by 1798, the once-dazzling young republic of the United States was on the verge of collapse: Partisanship gripped the weak federal government, British seizures threatened American goods and men on the high seas, and war with France seemed imminent as its own democratic revolution deteriorated into terror. Suddenly, the First Amendment, which protected harsh commentary of the weak government, no longer seemed as practical. So that July, President John Adams and the Federalists in control of Congress passed an extreme piece of legislation that made criticism of the government and its leaders a crime punishable by heavy fines and jail time. In *Liberty's First Crisis*, writer Charles Slack tells the story of the 1798 Sedition Act, the crucial moment when high ideals met real-world politics and the country's future hung in the balance.

From a loudmouth in a bar to a firebrand politician to Benjamin Franklin's own grandson, those victimized by the Sedition Act were as varied as the country's citizenry. But Americans refused to let their freedoms be so easily dismissed: They penned fiery editorials, signed petitions, and raised "liberty poles," while Vice President Thomas Jefferson and James Madison drew up the infamous Kentucky and Virginia Resolutions, arguing that the Federalist government had gone one step too far. *Liberty's First Crisis* vividly unfolds these pivotal events in the early life of the republic, as the Founding Fathers struggled to define America off the page and preserve the freedoms they had fought so hard to create.



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## Excerpt

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The atmosphere was politically charged as the presidential carriage turned onto lower Broad Street in Newark. Into this scene wandered forty-six-year-old Luther Baldwin. Already feeling “a little merry” after a morning of drinking, Baldwin and his two drinking companions had little interest in the parade. Baldwin was not an admirer of the president, or of any Federalist, for that matter. What the three men wanted was another drink. Just as they approached John Burnet’s dram shop on Broad Street, the Adams supporters let loose their artillery—filled with harmless wadding but loud enough to let everyone know that the president’s carriage had arrived. Church bells rang and a chorus sang out, “Behold the Chief who now commands!”

An onlooker cracked, “They are firing at his arse.”

Baldwin replied, “I don’t care if they fire through his arse.”

Burnet had stepped outside to see Adams’s carriage and overheard the exchange. Clearly, news of the president’s newly minted Sedition Act had arrived in advance of the president himself. For John Burnet turned to Luther Baldwin and uttered three fateful words:

“That is sedition.”



**CHARLES SLACK** is the author of three previous nonfiction books, including the critically acclaimed *Hetty: The Genius and Madness of America’s First Female Tycoon* and *Noble Obsession: Charles Goodyear, Thomas Hancock, and the Race to Unlock the Greatest Industrial Secret of the Nineteenth Century*. He lives in Connecticut with his wife and their daughters.

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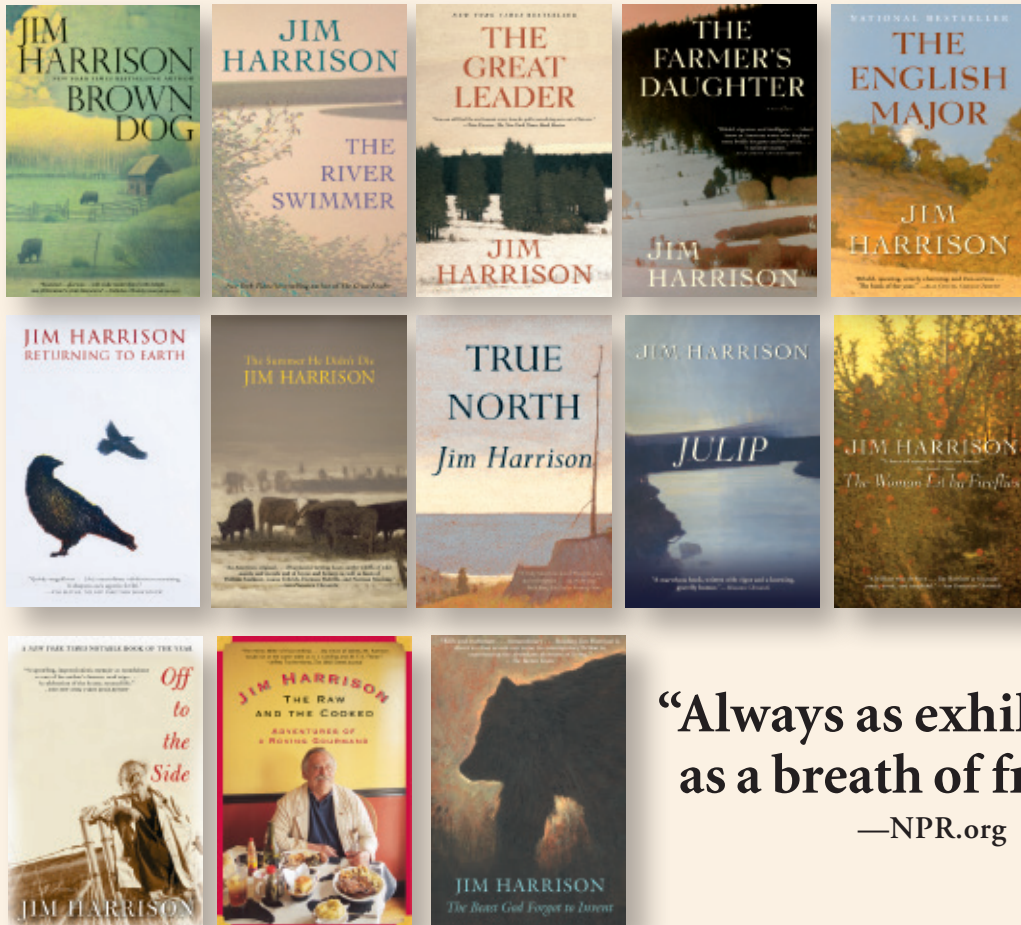
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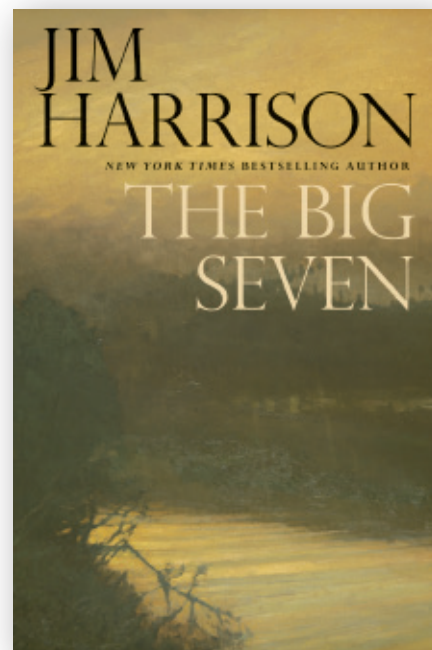
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## The Big Seven

Jim Harrison



### MARKETING

*Brown Dog* was selected as one of *Publishers Weekly's* Best Books of 2013, one of the *New Yorker's* Books to Watch Out For, and was an Amazon Top Pick of the Month

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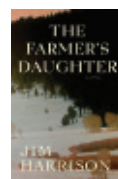
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## Excerpt

Sunderson must have been about ten and was burning up with fever from strep throat and still had to go to Sunday morning Lutheran service. His mother had her antennae out for malefactors and only Berenice with her leg in the cast from breaking it tobogganing had recently succeeded in avoiding church. It was dreadfully boring. He was thinking of the sausage and pancakes that he would have at home after the service and the possible likelihood of going ice fishing with Dad in the afternoon. The pastor's resounding basso boomed out the Seven Deadly Sins: Pride, Greed, Envy, Lechery, Gluttony, Anger, and Laziness. On the way home in their old Plymouth with the bumpers and fenders rattling with rust he asked loudly what "lechery" meant and his dad said, "You'll find out when you're fourteen," a typical answer wherein all life was an unearthed hostage to the future. He had a clue because the high school girls referred to the male gym teacher as a "lech" and there must be a connection. When they got home he checked the dictionary and found out that lechery meant unrestrained sexual desire. He couldn't totally leave it alone and at breakfast asked if the sins were deadly, how soon would you die?



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**JIM HARRISON** is the author of thirty-six previous books of poetry, nonfiction, and fiction. A member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters and winner of a Guggenheim Fellowship, he has had work published in twenty-seven languages. Harrison lives in Montana and Arizona.

## PRAISE FOR *THE GREAT LEADER*

"You can still feel the excitement every time he pulls something new out of his ear. Which pretty much happens on every page he writes. . . . Jim Harrison can break all the rules he wants and come out smelling like a rose."—**Pete Dexter**, *New York Times Book Review*

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"Harrison is still writing sentences that make you yearn for more. . . . *The Great Leader* [is] a dark, wry story about a man troubled by loss and life's big questions."  
—**Carolyn See**, *Washington Post*

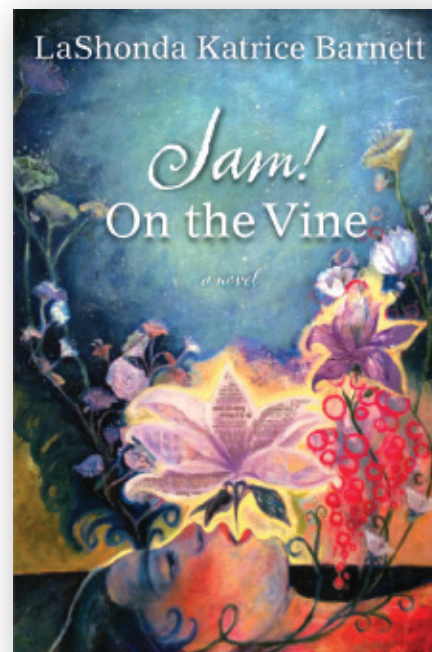
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# Jam! On the Vine

LaShonda Katrice Barnett



## MARKETING

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*"Jam! On the Vine is a wonder of a first novel. Following the struggles of one remarkable family through generations of adversity, this powerful and beautifully written story resonates with historical significance and shines in the end with the triumph of the human spirit."*

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**J**am! On the Vine is a new American classic: a dynamic tale of triumph against the odds and the compelling story of one woman's struggle for equality that belongs alongside *Jazz* by Toni Morrison and *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker.

Ivove Williams, the precocious daughter of a Muslim cook and a metalsmith from central-east Texas, first ignites her lifelong obsession with journalism when she steals a newspaper from her mother's white employer. Living in the poor, segregated quarter of Little Tunis, Ivove immerses herself in printed matter as an escape from her dour surroundings. She earns a scholarship to the prestigious Willetson College in Austin, only to return overqualified to the menial labor offered by her hometown's racially biased employers.

Ivove eventually flees the Jim Crow South with her family and settles in Kansas City, where she and her former teacher and lover, Ona, found the first female-run African American newspaper, *Jam! On the Vine*. In the throes of the Red Summer—the 1919 outbreak of lynchings and race riots across the Midwest—Ivove risks her freedom and her life to call attention to the atrocities of segregation in the American prison system.

Skillfully interweaving Ivove's story with those of her family members, LaShonda Katrice Barnett's *Jam! On the Vine* is both an epic vision of the hardships and injustices that defined an era and a moving and compelling story of a complicated history we only thought we knew.



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## Excerpt

Usually a morning like this found her in the grove—a quilt pallet under a tree, the sun dappling shadows on the pages of a good book or the newspaper. But the day ahead and its ruckus left no time to the novel that had vexed her all week. At seventeen, she was well practiced at drawing out a book long after its last page. Conversations with the characters in her head helped her hammer out opinions on why the heroine had chosen the wrong lover, or why the hero deserved his victory. None of that was possible with *The Clansman*. Miss Stokes had given the agonizing read as a graduation present so she had pressed on with a troubled mind and particular longing to know Reverend Thomas Dixon Jr.—to shake him till his eyes popped from his head. For writing such degrading drivel, he deserved worse. Dixon's Negro characters were shiftless and depraved when anyone could see her people had been holding up the sky while white folks walked through the world for a very long time. By and by her veil was being lifted. Papa and Momma deserved a prize, or punishment, for shrouding the shameful truth of their lives. Borrowed copies of *The Colored American* and the teacher's recent gift helped Ivoe to see what had been hidden during childhood. Negro life was the worst. Certainly no cause for celebration. She slammed the outhouse door shut, frowning at the day ahead.



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**LASHONDA KATRICE BARNETT** was born in Kansas City, Missouri. She is the editor of the volumes *I Got Thunder: Black Women Songwriters on Their Craft* (2007) and *Off the Record: Conversations with African American and Brazilian Women Musicians* (2013). She has taught literature and history at Columbia University, Sarah Lawrence College, Hunter College, and Brown University. Barnett's short fiction has won the College Language Association's Margaret Walker Award and she was recently published in *Guernica's* issue on the South.

## The Inspiration Behind *Jam! On the Vine*

When I embarked on *Jam! On the Vine*, I was teaching African American women's history at my alma mater Sarah Lawrence College, where, inevitably, in seminars on slavery and its aftermath, a silence descended on students. Out of the silence came these questions: "After slavery how did black people survive? How were black communities formed?" The answer? The black press, which became the greatest tool for racial self-help, America's unsung bulwark of democracy, and would become the impetus of my debut novel.

I mined my own family history. My grandmother was a fervent newspaper reader and wheelchair bound. One of my first chores was to walk to the corner store at the intersection of Truman Road and Brooklyn Avenue every Saturday to get her a copy of *The Call*, Kansas City's black newspaper. Even as a five-year-old I knew the paper was important. I recall conversations between my grandmother and her sisters in which articles from *The Call* were often referenced. Years later, completing a PhD in American Studies, I observed that the finest black history texts relied heavily upon the black press for their accurate accounts of black American life. Moreover, important black historical figures such as Frederick Douglass and Ida B. Wells-Barnett wrote for and established their own newspapers, a claim to a black tradition of literary and political activism rarely acknowledged by the general populace.

In the infamous 1896 *Plessy v. Ferguson* decision, the Supreme Court legalized Jim Crow, or racial separation, by declaring that states could use their police power to separate blacks from whites as long as facilities provided for the two races were equal. *Jam! On the Vine* begins in 1897, after this new world order, a nadir in American history and the nation's most anarchic period. Against the backdrop of white vigilante action by groups such as the KKK and systemic economic oppression, the black press was a beacon, shining a light on black achievement, disseminating advice on everything from employment to the racial climate in destination cities for Southern migrants, and detailing the extraordinary brutality rooted in racism. In the hands of journalist Ida B. Wells-Barnett, inspiration for my protagonist Ivoe Williams, black journalism shaped a nascent public conscience for blacks a generation removed from enslavement.

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**AMIRI BARAKA** (1934–2014) was an award-winning writer of poetry, drama, fiction, essays, and music criticism, and a revolutionary political activist who lectured on cultural and political issues extensively in the USA, the Caribbean, Africa, and Europe. His accolades include fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts, the Langston Hughes Medal from the City College of New York, the Rockefeller Foundation Award for Drama, a PEN Open Book Award, induction into the American Academy of Arts and Letters, and the Before Columbus Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award.

## S O S: Poems, 1961–2013 Amiri Baraka



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## POLITICAL POEM

*for Basil*

Luxury, then, is a way of  
being ignorant, comfortably  
An approach to the open market  
of least information. Where theories  
can thrive, under heavy tarpaulins  
without being cracked by ideas.

(I have not seen the earth for years  
and think now possibly “dirt” is  
negative, positive, but clearly  
social. I cannot plant a seed, cannot  
recognize the root with clearer dent  
than indifference. Though I eat  
and shit as a natural man (Getting up  
from the desk to secure a turkey sandwich  
and answer the phone: the poem undone  
undone by my station, by my station,  
and the bad words of Newark.) Raised up  
to the breach, we seek to fill for this  
crumbling century. The darkness of love,  
in whose sweating memory all error is forced.

Undone by the logic of any specific death. (Old gentlemen  
who still follow fires, tho are quieter  
and less punctual. It is a polite truth  
we are left with. Who are you? What are you  
saying? Something to be dealt with, as easily.  
The noxious game of reason, saying, “No, No,  
you cannot feel,” like my dead lecturer  
lamenting thru gipsies his fast suicide.

## BALLAD AIR & FIRE

*for Sylvia or Amina*

There is music  
sometimes  
in lonely  
shadows  
blue music  
sometimes  
purple music  
black music  
red music  
but these are left from crowds  
of people  
listening and singing  
from generation  
to generation

All the civilizations humans have built  
(speed us up we look like ants)  
our whole lives lived in an inch  
or two. And those few seconds  
that we breathe  
in that incredible speed  
blurs of sight and sound  
the wind's theories

So for us to have been together, even  
for this moment  
profound like a leaf  
blown in the wind  
to have been together  
and known you, and despite our pain  
to have grasped much of what joy exists  
accompanied by the ring and peal of your  
romantic laughter

is what it was about, really. Life.  
Loving someone, and struggling

Man Booker International Prize finalist Yan Lianke's most powerful and searing novel yet, about the persecution of intellectuals in a reeducation camp during the Great Leap Forward

## The Four Books

Translated from the Chinese by Carlos Rojas

Yan Lianke

### MARKETING

Shortlisted for the Prix Femina Étranger

Written without self-censorship, *The Four Books* was not published in mainland China

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**YAN LIANKE** is the author of numerous short story collections and novels, including *Serve the People!*, *Lenin's Kisses*, and *Dream of Ding Village*, which was adapted into a film.



**A**claimed author Yan Lianke's *The Four Books* is a daring, darkly satirical story of the dog-eat-dog psychology inside a labor camp for intellectuals during China's "three bitter years" of famine. Reminiscent of such classics as *A Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich* and *Darkness at Noon*, Yan's mythical, symbolic, sometimes surreal tale portrays the absurdity and grotesquerie of this traumatic period, which has been a taboo subject for a half century.

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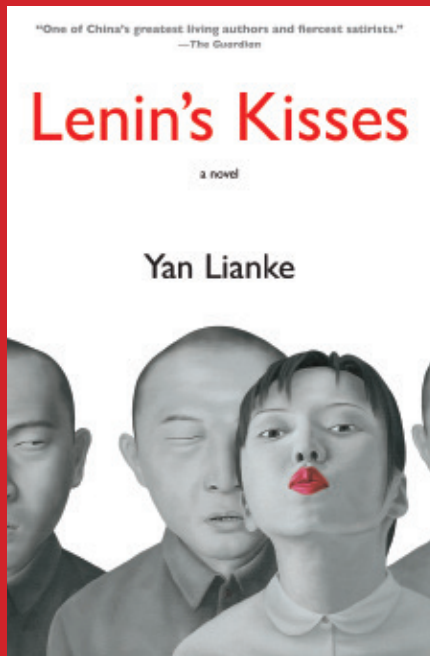


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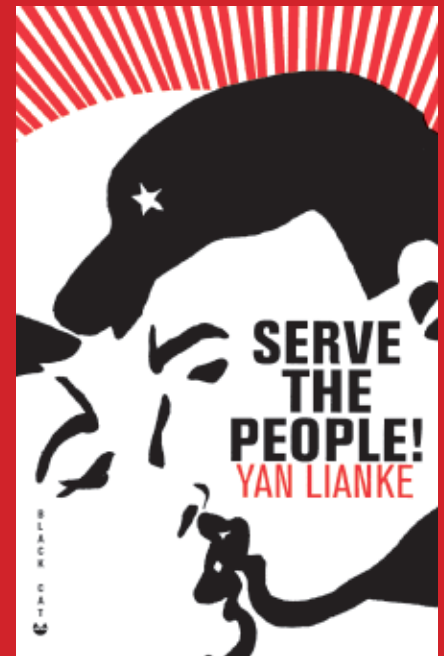
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Helen Macdonald

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illustrator, historian, and naturalist, and an  
affiliated research scholar at the department of  
history and philosophy of science at the University  
of Cambridge, where she teaches undergraduate  
and graduate courses.



*Hawks don't grieve. Hawks don't hurt. Hawks hunt. Hawks kill. So it was that one damp early morning on a Scottish quayside a man opened a cardboard box in front of me and brought out a flapping, terrifying bird with curved black talons and lambent silver eyes. I called her Mabel, and brought her back to Cambridge to start our new life.*

**W**hen Helen Macdonald's father died suddenly on a London street, she was devastated. An experienced falconer—Helen had been captivated by hawks since childhood—she'd never before been tempted to train one of the most vicious predators, the goshawk. But in her grief, she saw that the goshawk's fierce and feral anger mirrored her own. Resolving to purchase and raise the deadly creature as a means to cope with her loss, she adopted Mabel and turned to the guidance of *The Sword and the Stone* author T. H. White's chronicle *The Goshawk* to begin her journey into Mabel's world. Projecting herself "in the hawk's wild mind to tame her" tested the limits of Macdonald's humanity.

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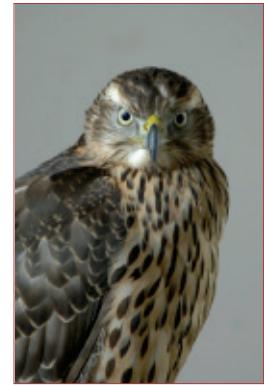
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## Excerpt

Here's the sparrowhawk. It's grey, with a black and white barred front, yellow eyes and a long tail. Next to it is the goshawk. This one is also grey, with a black and white barred front, yellow eyes and a long tail. You think, *Hmm*. You read the description. Sparrowhawk: twelve to sixteen inches long. Goshawks, nineteen to twenty-four inches. There. It was huge. It must be a goshawk. They look identical. Goshawks are bigger, that's all. Just bigger.

In real life, goshawks resemble sparrowhawks the way leopards resemble housecats. Bigger, yes. But bulkier, bloodier, deadlier, scarier and much, much harder to see. Birds of deep woodland, not gardens, they're the birdwatchers' dark grail. You might spend a week in a forest full of gosses and never see one, just traces of their presence. A sudden hush, followed by the calls of terrified woodland birds, and a sense of something moving just beyond vision. Perhaps you'll find a half-eaten pigeon sprawled in a burst of white feathers on the forest floor. Or you might be lucky: walking in a foggy ride at dawn you turn your head and catch a split-second glimpse of a bird hurtling past and away, huge taloned feet held loosely clenched, eyes set on a distant target. A split second that stamps the image indelibly on your brain and leaves you hungry for more. Looking for goshawks is like looking for grace: it comes, but not often, and you don't get to say when or how.



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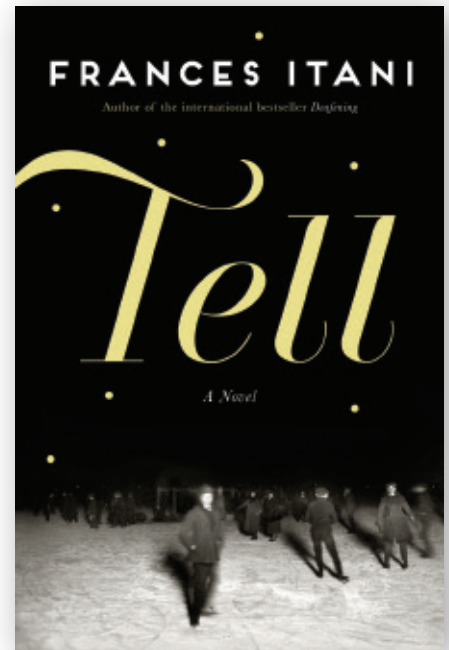
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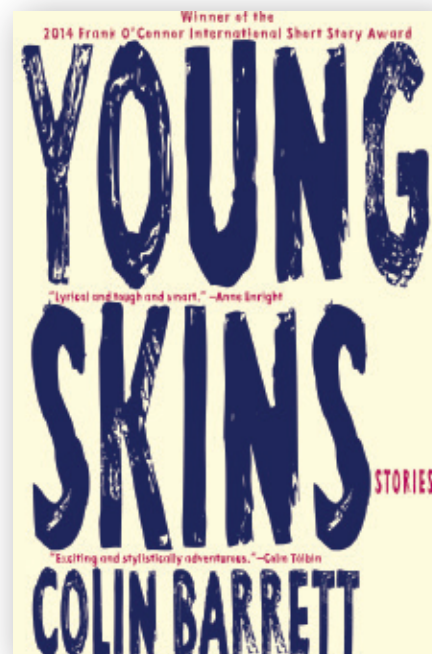
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## Excerpt

From “The Clancy Kid”

My town is nowhere you have been, but you know its ilk. A roundabout off a national road, an industrial estate, a five-screen Cineplex, a century of pubs packed inside the square mile of the town’s limits. The Atlantic is near; the gnarled jawbone of the coastline with its gull-infested promontories is near. Summer evenings, and in the manure-scented pastures of the satellite parishes the Zen bovines lift their heads to contemplate the V8 howls of the boy racers tearing through the back lanes.

I am young, and the young do not number many here, but it is fair to say we have the run of the place.

It is Sunday. The weekend, that three-day festival of attrition, is done. Sunday is the day of purgation and redress; of tenderized brain cases and see-sawing stomachs and hollow pledges to never, ever get that twisted again. A day you are happy to see slip by before it ever really gets going.

It’s well after 8 pm, though still bright out, the warm light infused with that happy kind of melancholy that attends a July evening in the West. I am sitting with Tug Cuniffe at a table in the alfresco smoking area of Dockery’s pub. The smoking area is a narrow concrete courtyard to the building’s rear, overlooking the town river. Midges tickle our scalps. A candy-stripe canvas awning extends on cantilevers, and now and then the awning ripples, sail-like, in the breeze.



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**COLIN BARRETT** was born in 1982 and grew up in County Mayo. In 2009 he was awarded the Penguin Ireland Prize. His work has been published in *A Public Space* and *The Stinging Fly* and in the anthologies *Sharp Sticks*, *Driven Nails* (Stinging Fly Press, 2010) and *Town and Country* (Faber and Faber, 2013). This is his first book.

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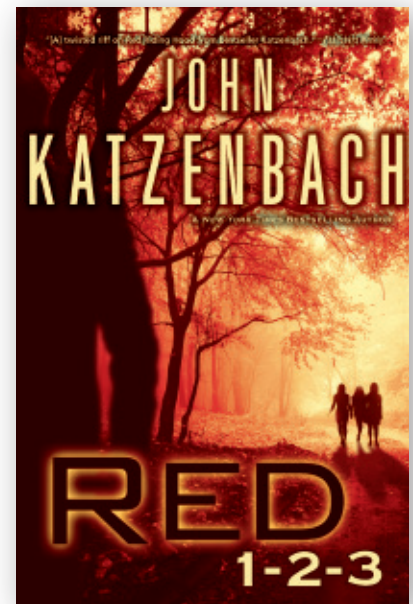
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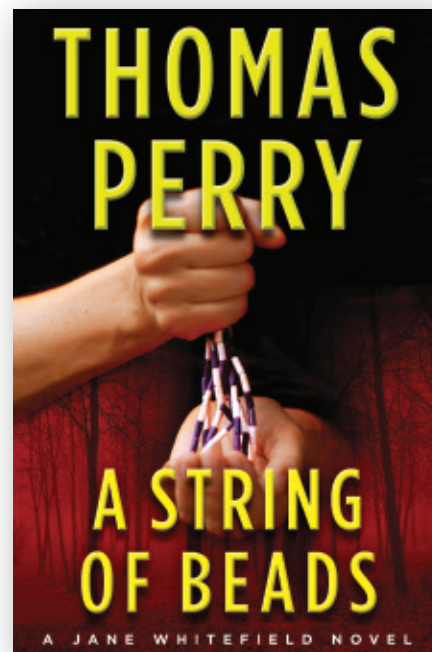
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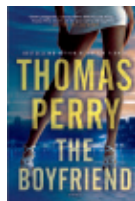
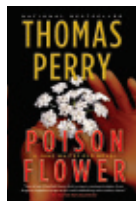
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## Excerpt

Jane drove south to the mechanic's shop that was owned by the Snows. She pulled close to the garage doorway, got out, and walked to the front of her car.

"Janie?"

Jane turned her head and saw a dark-skinned man about her age wearing blue work pants, steel-toed boots, and a gray work shirt with an embroidered patch above the pocket that said RAY. Jane stepped up and hugged him. "It's great to see you, Ray. I was afraid you would be on vacation or something."

"No, the guys who work for me get vacations. I'm always here, like the doorknob. Got a car problem?"

"I wondered if you could do the scheduled maintenance on my car—you know, oil, filter, lube, check and replace belts and hoses—and then keep it here safe for at least a week or so."

"I'd be glad to. You staying around here?"

"I thought I'd go on a hike, like we used to when we were kids."

Ray Snow's brows knitted. "You trying to find Jimmy?"

Jane looked around to see if anyone else was in earshot. She smiled and said, "Not me. That's the police's job. I wouldn't want to get involved."

"Well, that's good. A person would have to be stupid to do that." He whispered, "Give him my regards."



**THOMAS PERRY** is the bestselling author of over twenty novels including the Edgar Award-winning *The Butcher's Boy* and three *New York Times* Notable Books of the Year: *Metzger's Dog*, *Strip*, and *The Informant*. He lives in Southern California.

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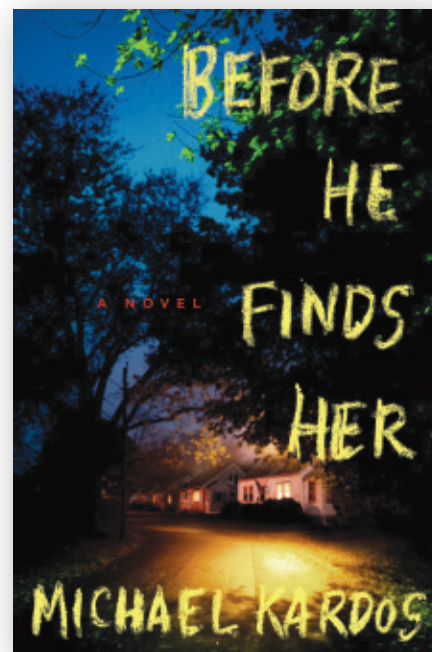
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Everyone in the quiet Jersey Shore town of Silver Bay knows the story: on a Sunday evening in September 1991, Ramsey Miller threw a blowout block party, then murdered his beautiful wife and three-year-old daughter.

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## Excerpt

“Not a fucking word,” came a man’s voice behind her, low and breathy.

Her wrists were suddenly clamped in his hands, and his body—it was definitely a he—pressed against her from behind, crushing her against the door, against the sharp doorknob. She couldn’t move and didn’t dare to, couldn’t see anything besides the white door in front of her.

She tried to catch her breath but could only gasp.

“Drop all this.” So soft, his voice, lips grazing her ear. “Go away and never come back—or you’re so fucking dead.” He pressed her even harder into the door—forcing a grunt from her. “Now count to fifty before turning around. And don’t rush it.”

She felt her wrists being released. The weight against her body removed. She wanted to drop down to the carpet but willed her legs to keep supporting her. She heard the man running toward the end of the building, toward the exit.

Pain in her stomach, from the doorknob.

Bruised, for sure. She wasn’t counting to fifty. She was thinking: My baby. And as the man neared the exit, she turned her head. She had to. It might be the only time she ever saw her father.



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## PRAISE FOR *THE THREE-DAY AFFAIR*

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**LACHLAN SMITH** was a Richard Scowcroft Fellow in the Stegner Program at Stanford and received an MFA from Cornell. His fiction has appeared in the Best New American Voices series. In addition to writing novels, he is an attorney practicing in the area of civil rights and employment law.



Leo Maxwell always lived in the shadow of his older brother, Teddy, but is now an ambitious criminal defense attorney in his own right, practicing in Oakland. When a mysterious woman nearly runs Leo down, then asks him to defend her brother on a murder charge, Leo thinks he's found the case that will make his name. One problem: He hasn't actually met the client. And after taking a series of photographs that seem to blow the lid on corruption in the police department, Leo quickly learns that all is not as it seems—beginning with the alluring woman who hired him. Leo's "client" is actually represented by one of Oakland's most renowned gangland lawyers. And Leo soon realizes that he has unwittingly made himself enemy number one within the criminal community as well as Oakland's police department. Both sides want him silenced before he uncovers the full extent of a scandal that is poised to engulf the whole city. As bodies pile up, Leo must decide what he will sacrifice in order to bring those responsible for the murders to justice. And the truth behind the corruption proves far more sinister than he could have ever suspected.

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James Carlos Blake

### MARKETING

*The Rules of Wolfe* was named a *Men's Journal*, *Booklist*, and *Deadly Pleasures* Best Book of the Year

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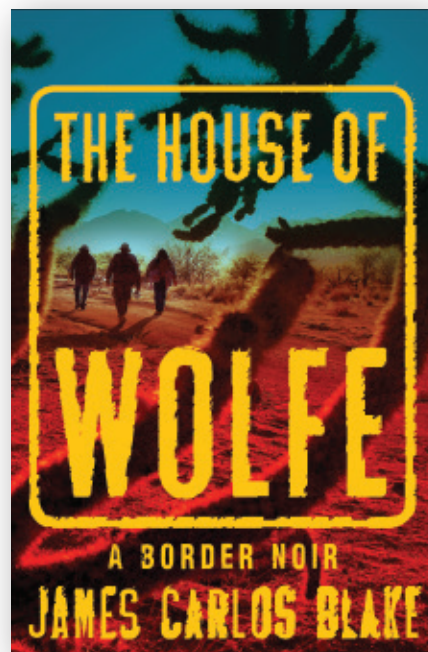


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**JAMES CARLOS BLAKE** is the author of twelve novels and numerous short stories. He is a member of the Texas Institute of Letters and a recipient of the *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize. He lives in Arizona.



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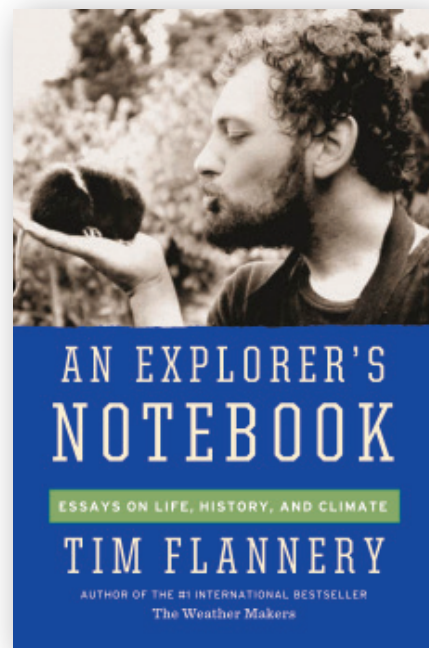
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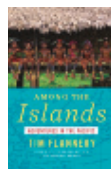
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## A Circle of Wives

Alice LaPlante

### MARKETING

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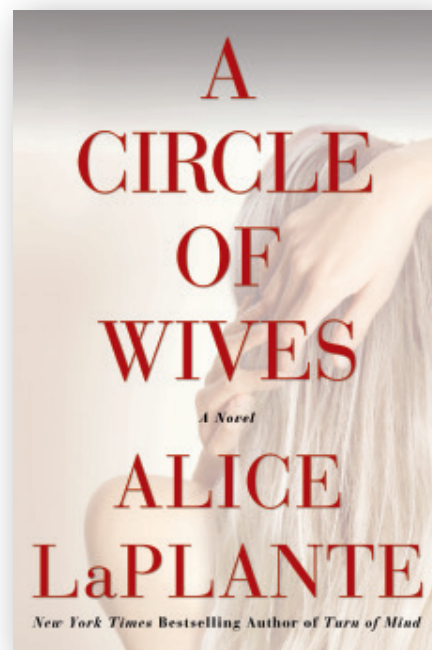
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"A suspenseful, thrilling read but also one that explores the complications of human relationships with grace and understanding . . . LaPlante offers readers her own revelations about love, loss, and the complicated compulsions that draw us together."  
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When Dr. John Taylor turns up dead in a hotel room, the local police uncover enough incriminating evidence to suspect foul play. Detective Samantha Adams, whose Palo Alto beat usually covers petty crimes, is thrown into a high-profile case that is more complicated than any she has faced before. A renowned reconstructive surgeon and a respected family man, Dr. Taylor was beloved and admired. But beneath his perfect façade was a hidden life—in fact, multiple lives. Dr. Taylor was married to three very different women in three separate cities. As the circumstances surrounding his death emerge, Detective Adams finds herself tracking down a murderer through a tangled web of marital deception and revenge.

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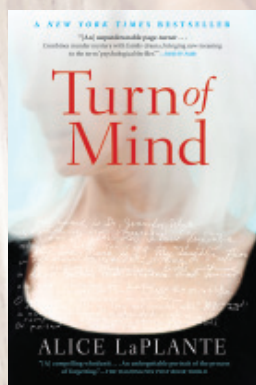
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“In this literary character study built on a mystery’s framework, **LaPlante ingeniously constructs characters distinct and original.**”—*Kirkus Reviews*

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# An Unnecessary Woman

Rabih Alameddine

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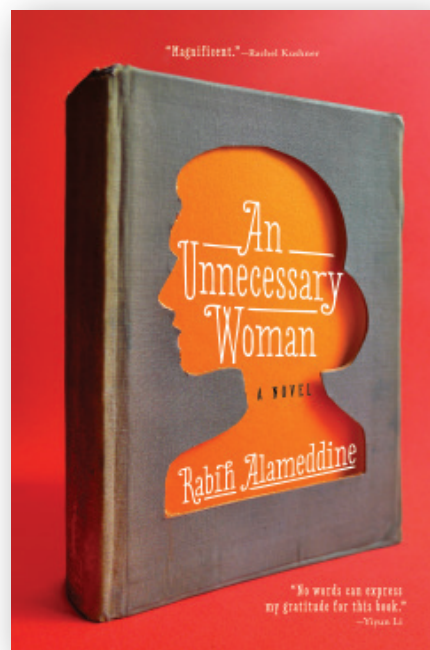
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"Alameddine . . . has conjured a beguiling narrator in his engaging novel, a woman who is, like her city, hard to read, hard to take, hard to know and, ultimately, passionately complex." —*San Francisco Chronicle*

**A**n *Unnecessary Woman* is a breathtaking portrait of one reclusive woman's late-life crisis that garnered a wave of rave reviews and love letters to Alameddine's cranky yet charming septuagenarian protagonist, Aaliya, a character you "can't help but love" (NPR). Aaliya's insightful musings on literature, philosophy, and art are invaded by memories of the Lebanese Civil War and her 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. Here, the gifted Rabih Alameddine has given us a nuanced rendering of one woman's life in the Middle East and an enduring ode to literature and its power to define who we are.

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## O, What a Luxury

*Verses Lyrical, Vulgar, Pathetic & Profound*

Garrison Keillor



### MARKETING

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Keillor continues to promote the book on the Prairie Home Companion website and at bookstores across the country as he travels throughout the United States

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**GARRISON KEILLOR** lives in St. Paul, Minnesota, home of *A Prairie Home Companion*, his radio show that has been on the air since 1974. He is the author of many books, including the Lake Wobegon novels, and he edits the Good Poems anthologies.



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## From an interview with NPR's Scott Simon

### On why he chooses poetry:

I love rhymes; I love to write a poem about New York and rhyme “oysters” with “the Cloisters.” And “the lady from Knoxville who bought her brassieres by the boxful.” I just feel a sort of small triumph. I hear a little fire-cracker go off when you come up with a good rhyme.

### On how rhymes are easy and fun to commit to memory:

One of the reasons to write in meter and rhyme [is] because it's so much easier to remember [rhyming verse] . . . than to recall more than just the first few lines of Allen Ginsberg's or the beginning of T. S. Eliot's that we were all forced at gunpoint to read and to study and to write ridiculous papers about in eleventh-grade English. T. S. Eliot put more young people off poetry than anybody else. He has a lot to answer for. . . . He wrote because he was in an unhappy marriage—and we can all understand that—but why inflict it on the rest of us?

#### “That's Me”

I'm a minimalist from Minnesota,  
Don't waste my time and I won't waste yours.  
You are the woman I love, of course.  
I'm crazy about you and always have been.  
And don't make me say it again.  
Cause I'm a minimalist from Minnesota,  
A man of monumental brevity.  
That's me.



#### “The Front Seat”

I fell in love in the front seat of a '56 Ford  
At a drive-in movie, sliding over toward  
A girl in shorts and necking a little  
on a bench seat, no gearshift in the middle.

She was young and eager—it didn't take much  
To slip her in gear and let out the clutch  
But the beautiful bench where we performed  
our feats  
Has been replaced by two bucket seats

And a brake lever, gearshift, and armrest  
Between me and the girl I love best,  
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Two people restrained by safety straps,

But if safety were all that people thought of  
Then who would ever fall in love?

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—Gillian Flynn, author of *Gone Girl*

## From the Dead

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Mark Billingham

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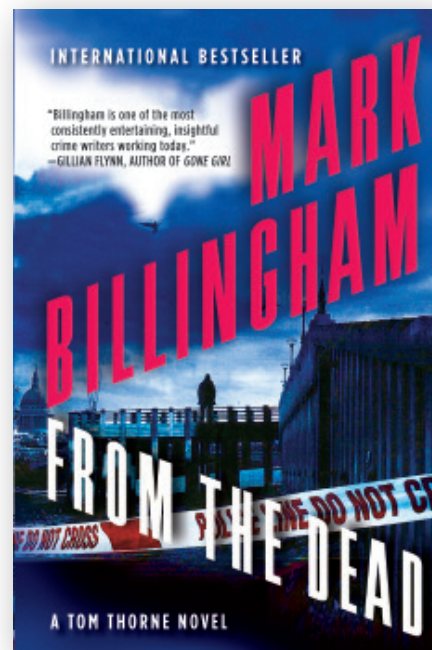
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—Theodore Feit, *Midwest Book Review*

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—Joe Hartlaub, *Bookreporter*



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**MARK BILLINGHAM** has twice won the Theakston's Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year Award and also won the Sherlock Award for the best detective created by a British writer. His books have been translated into twenty-five languages and have sold over four million copies. He lives in London.



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“Moore combines the propulsive storytelling of a beach-book thriller with the skilled use of language and penetrating insights of literary fiction. She pulls it off seamlessly, creating a vivid, compulsively readable tale.”—*Penthouse*

## Caught

Lisa Moore

### MARKETING

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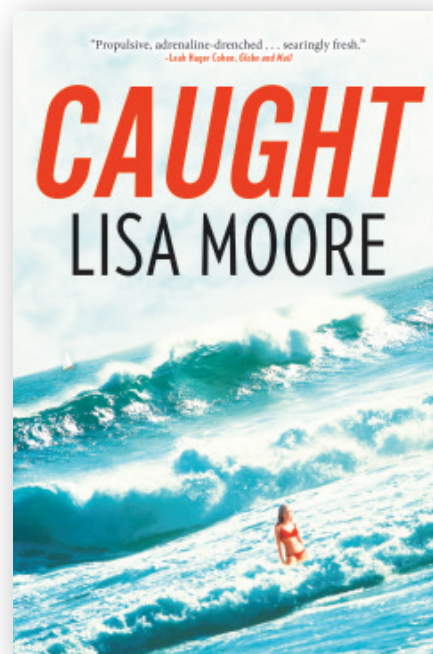
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**LISA MOORE** is the author of *February*, which was longlisted for the Man Booker Prize, selected as one of the *New Yorker's* Best Books of the Year, and was a *Globe and Mail* Top 100 Book; and *Alligator*, which was a finalist for the Scotiabank Giller Prize and won the Commonwealth Fiction Prize (Canada and the Caribbean) and was a Canadian bestseller.



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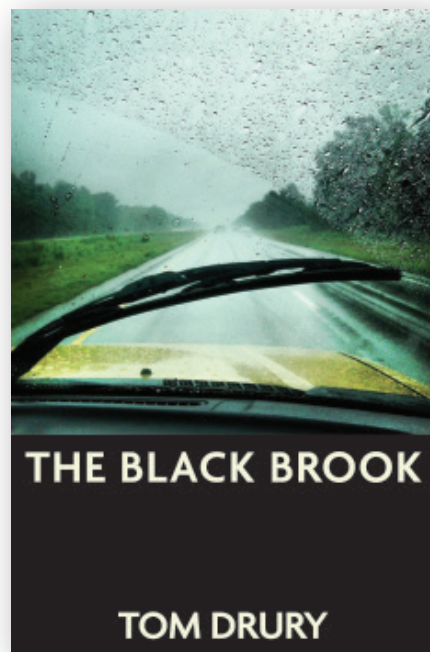
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**TOM DRURY** is the author of *Pacific*, longlisted for the National Book Award; *The End of Vandalism*; *Hunts in Dreams*; and *The Driftless Area*. His fiction has appeared in the *New Yorker*, *Harper's*, and the *Mississippi Review*, and he has been named one of *Grant's* Best Young American Novelists.



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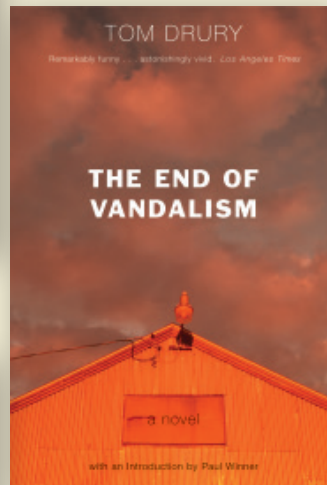
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**ASA AKIRA** is a Japanese American pornographic actress. She has been named Performer of the Year at the AVN, XRCO, XBIZ, AEBN VOD, and Urban X awards, and is one of the best-known people working in the adult film industry today. *Insatiable* is her first book.

## SALON

### An excerpt from Salon.com

In her new book, *Insatiable: Porn—A Love Story*, the Wicked Pictures contract star and so-called “Anal Queen” writes of her six-year-plus career, “There’s nothing else I’d rather be doing. I wish I could freeze time and live in this moment forever.” Again, a great line for business! But it’s hard not to believe in her authenticity when she says that she falls in love every time she shoots a scene. “Not necessarily with my partner, but just in general,” she explains. “With the situation. In love with being watched. In love with being on display. In love with being the center of attention.” She adds, “Many people say they disconnect themselves when they have porno sex; I’m the opposite. I’m more present than ever.”

For these reasons, you might say she is the best-case-scenario porn star: a woman performing to fulfill her own erotic desires. In her author’s note, she says, “I started this book hoping to shed a different light on the industry I

love so much. Not to say every day is sunshine and flowers, but I don’t feel a healthy, honest voice of someone currently looking from the inside out has been heard.” She makes a point of detailing her stable, privileged childhood growing up in Japan and New York as well as her years of sobriety, in contrast to negative stereotypes about sex workers. “I had a normal upbringing. My parents are loving, kind, and present. I have no mental disorders,” she writes.

And yet, no person can act as the flawless representative for an entire group of people—and certainly not while writing a memoir worth reading. Luckily, Akira doesn’t try to do that with her book. . . . All of which is to say, her book is a lot like her porn: raw, brutal, and always unflinching. As she puts it, “You can only show the inside of your asshole to the world for so long before your filter ceases to exist.”

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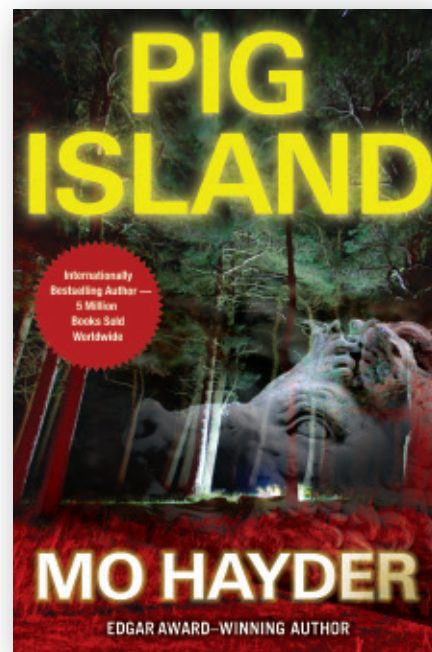
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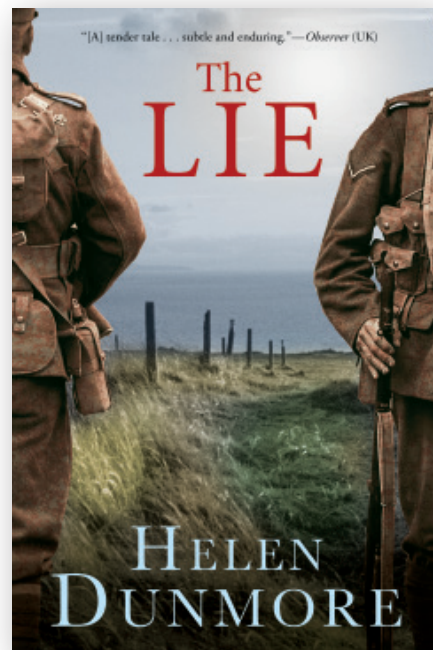
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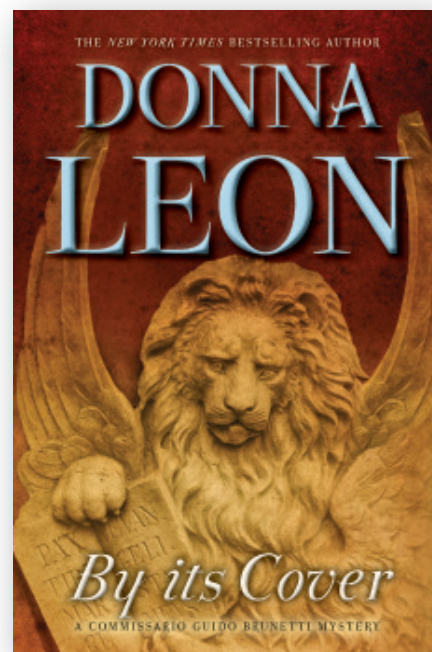


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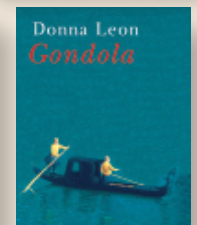
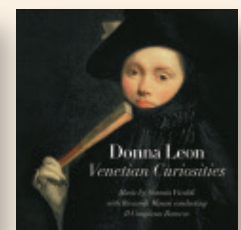
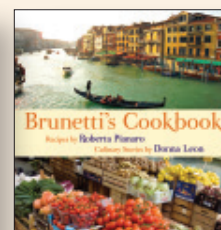
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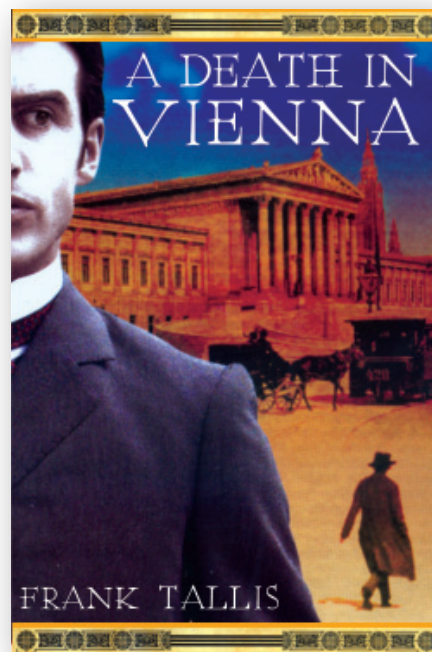
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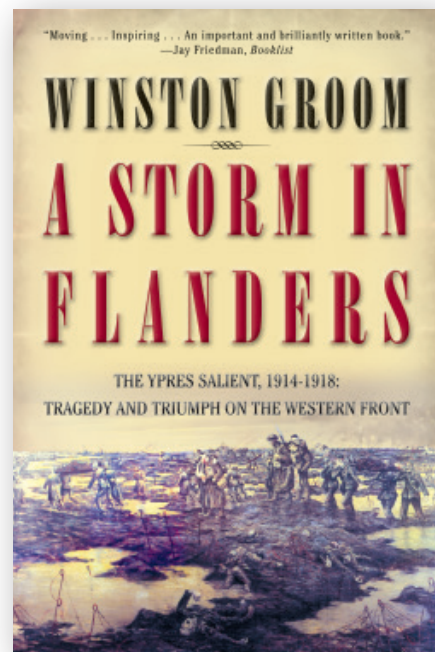
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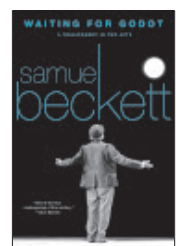
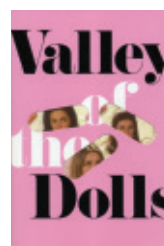
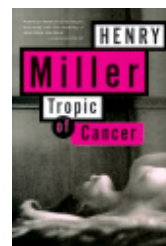
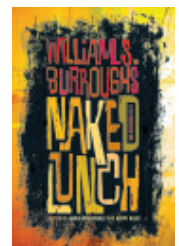
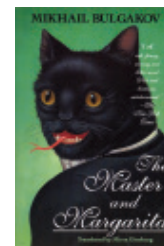
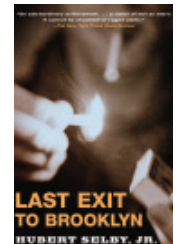
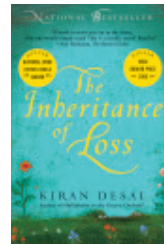
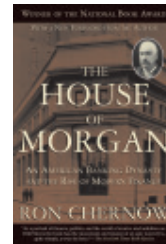
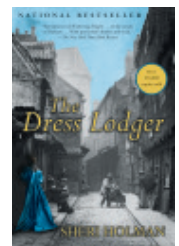
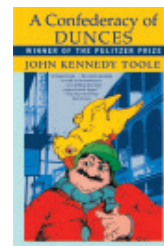
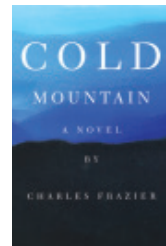
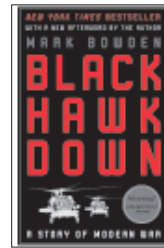
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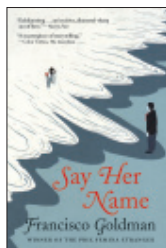
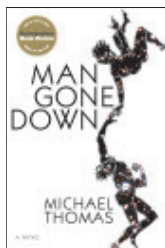
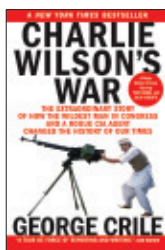
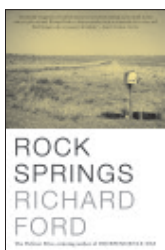
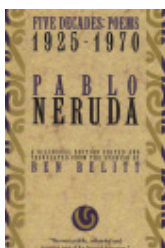
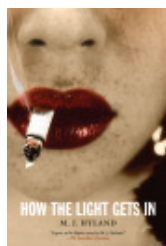
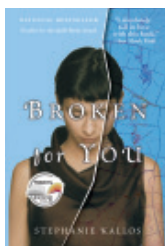


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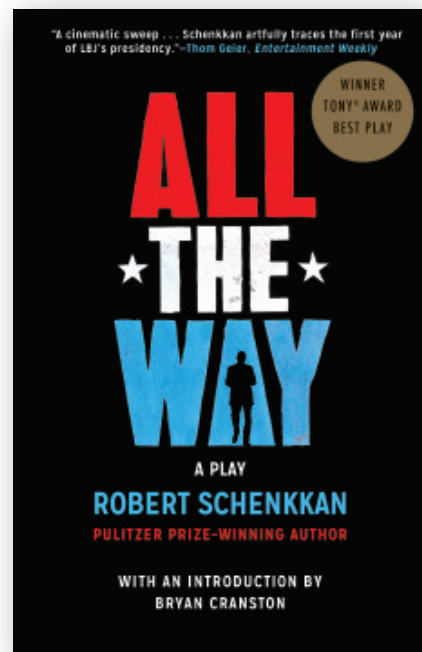
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