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Monsieur Ka - Vesna Goldsworthy 2018-02-22
'A beautiful haunting novel... looking at a

familiar London through a frosty, snowy lens.
Wonderful' Caryl Phillips The London winter of

1947 is as cold as St Petersburg during the Revolution. Albertine, the wife of a British army officer often abroad on covert government business, finds herself increasingly lonely. Eager to distract herself with work, she takes a job as companion to the mysterious 'Monsieur Ka', a Russian émigré. As she is drawn into Ka's dramatic past, her own life is shaken to its foundations. For in this family of former princes, there are present temptations which could profoundly affect her future.

Go as Communication - Yasutoshi Yasuda
2021-09-21

Go as Communication is the record of a surprising discovery, namely, that a simple game called First Capture Go can have enormous educational and therapeutic value. Yasutoshi Yasuda, the person responsible for this discovery, is a Japanese professional Go player. Concerned about social problems in Japanese schools, Yasuda began introducing a simplified version of Go to school children and discovered

to his surprise that it had immediate positive effects. His experiences with school children encouraged Yasuda to expand his efforts to homes for the elderly and then to institutions for the mentally and physically handicapped. In every case, the game had a tremendous positive impact. The version of the game that is used in these programs is quite easy to learn, and it is easy to make playing equipment. The book provides thorough practical guidance for both teaching the game and creating playing sets. There really is no impediment for anyone who finds Yasuda's program as appealing - and inspiring - as I and many other people do. The rewards are immediate and obvious. Scores of people around the world have introduced the capture game to thousands of people of all ages with very satisfying results. Yasuda's program offers everyone an opportunity to make a positive difference. William Cobb

Here I Am - Jonathan Safran Foer 2016-09-06
A monumental novel from the bestselling author

of Everything Is Illuminated and Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close, Jonathan Safran Foer's Here I Am In the book of Genesis, when God calls out, "Abraham!" before ordering him to sacrifice his son, Isaac, Abraham responds, "Here I am." Later, when Isaac calls out, "My father!" before asking him why there is no animal to slaughter, Abraham responds, "Here I am." How do we fulfill our conflicting duties as father, husband, and son; wife and mother; child and adult? Jew and American? How can we claim our own identities when our lives are linked so closely to others'? These are the questions at the heart of Jonathan Safran Foer's first novel in eleven years—a work of extraordinary scope and heartbreaking intimacy. Unfolding over four tumultuous weeks in present-day Washington, D.C., Here I Am is the story of a fracturing family in a moment of crisis. As Jacob and Julia Bloch and their three sons are forced to confront the distances between the lives they think they want and the lives they are living, a catastrophic

earthquake sets in motion a quickly escalating conflict in the Middle East. At stake is the meaning of home—and the fundamental question of how much aliveness one can bear.

Showcasing the same high-energy inventiveness, hilarious irreverence, and emotional urgency that readers loved in his earlier work, Here I Am is Foer's most searching, hard-hitting, and grandly entertaining novel yet. It not only confirms Foer's stature as a dazzling literary talent but reveals a novelist who has fully come into his own as one of our most important writers. "Dazzling . . . A profound novel about the claims of identity, history, family, and the burdens of a broken world." —Maureen Corrigan, NPR's "Fresh Air"

Gorsky - Vesna Goldsworthy 2015-10-20

On a rainy afternoon in London's old Chelsea, a charming multi-billionaire Russian oligarch, Gorsky, walks into an ailing bookshop and writes the first of several quarter-of-a-million pound checks. With that money, Gorsky has tasked

Nikola, the store's bored and brilliant clerk, with sourcing books for a massive personal library, which which will be housed in the magnificent, palatial home Gorsky happens to be building immediately next to Nikola's own modest dwelling. Gorsky needs a tasteful collection of Russian literature to woo a long-lost love—no matter that she happens to be married to an Englishman. His passion for her surpasses even his immeasurable wealth, and Nikola will be drawn into a world of opulence, greed, capitalism, sex, and beauty as he helps Gorsky pursue this doomed love. Charmingly written and inspired by *The Great Gatsby*, Gorsky is a vicarious thrill—an ode to cosmopolitan taste and a brilliant reimagining of a powerful classic. [The Sinistra Zone](#) - Adam Bodor 2013-08-26 Lyrical, surreal, and yet unsettlingly realistic, *The Sinistra Zone* swims in the totalitarian backwaters of Eastern Europe Entering a weird, remote hamlet, Andrei calls himself “a simple wayfarer,” but he is in fact highly compromised:

he has no identity papers. Taken under the wing of the military zone’s commander, Andrei is first assigned to guard the blueberries that supply a nearby bear reserve. He is surrounded by human wrecks, supernatural umbrellas, birds carrying plagues, albino twins. The bears — and an affair with a married woman — occupy Andrei until his protector is replaced by a new female commander, “a slender creature, quiet, diaphanous, like a dragonfly,” and yet an iron-fisted harridan. As things grow ever more alarming, Andrei becomes a “corpse watchman,” standing guard over the dead to check for any signs of life, and then ...

[John Henry Days](#) - Colson Whitehead 2009-06-03 From the two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Underground Railroad* and *The Nickel Boys* Colson Whitehead’s triumphant novel is on one level a multifaceted retelling of the story of John Henry, the black steel-driver who died outracing a machine designed to replace him. On another level it’s the story of a disaffected,

middle-aged black journalist on a mission to set a record for junketeering who attends the annual John Henry Days festival. It is also a high-velocity thrill ride through the tunnel where American legend gives way to American pop culture, replete with p. r. flacks, stamp collectors, blues men , and turn-of-the-century song pluggers. John Henry Days is an acrobatic, intellectually dazzling, and laugh-out-loud funny book that will be read and talked about for years to come. Look for Colson Whitehead's bestselling new novel, Harlem Shuffle!

Despre ce ne apropiem și ce ne desparte - Doru Căstăian 2021-10-15

Vedem limpede poziția integratoare a lui Doru Căstăian. Poziția lucidă a ascultării reciproce, a ne-anihilării reciproce, a supraviețuirii în condiții de diferență, fără posedare exclusivă. Adevărul nu e la noi, nu e la voi și, dacă există, există strict în întâlnirea dintre lumile noastre diferite. În tensiunea reală a unor diversități ireductibile. Eu, creștinul, și tu, ateul, eu,

teologul, și tu, omul de știință, eu, raționalistul, și tu, misticul. Cunoaștere, dar și împăcare. Cu Doru, tu, stimate cititor, ești în siguranță. Și în siguranță voi fi și eu în întâlnirea cu tine, fiindcă autorul gânditor a sădit în avans apropierea noastră. (Andrada Ilisan)

Transitioning from the Informal to the Formal Economy - International Labour Conference 2013

Provides an overview of the phenomenon of the informal economy, its impact on the attainment of decent work for all workers and employers and the ILO's approach to the transition to formality, as set out in the 2002 Conclusions. Looks at the regulatory environment relating to the informal economy at the international and national levels, with examples of existing laws and practice from different regions, legal systems, traditions and circumstances adopted by ILO constituents to ensure a progressive transition to the formal economy. Examines the need for an integrated policy framework,

encompassing the ILO's four strategic objectives (fundamental principles and rights at work, employment, social protection and social dialogue) adapted to the national context of each member State for a progressive transition to the formal economy and decent work.

Tree of Origin - Frans B. M. de Waal

2009-07-01

How did we become the linguistic, cultured, and hugely successful apes that we are? Our closest relatives--the other mentally complex and socially skilled primates--offer tantalizing clues. In *Tree of Origin* nine of the world's top primate experts read these clues and compose the most extensive picture to date of what the behavior of monkeys and apes can tell us about our own evolution as a species. It has been nearly fifteen years since a single volume addressed the issue of human evolution from a primate perspective, and in that time we have witnessed explosive growth in research on the subject. *Tree of Origin* gives us the latest news about bonobos, the

make love not war apes who behave so dramatically unlike chimpanzees. We learn about the tool traditions and social customs that set each ape community apart. We see how DNA analysis is revolutionizing our understanding of paternity, intergroup migration, and reproductive success. And we confront intriguing discoveries about primate hunting behavior, politics, cognition, diet, and the evolution of language and intelligence that challenge claims of human uniqueness in new and subtle ways. *Tree of Origin* provides the clearest glimpse yet of the apelike ancestor who left the forest and began the long journey toward modern humanity.

Un om care scrie - Mircea Cartarescu

2018-04-17

„Jurnalul meu este pielea mea de rezervă. E un înveliș magic, scriptural. Din când în când pielea adevărată mă apasă ca un costum greoi de scafandru. Atunci mi-o scot și îmbrac acest tatuaj de cuvinte. În el respir liber, în el pot

atinge, în fine, cerul cu palma.”

The Life and Opinions of Zacharias Lichter -

Matei Calinescu 2018-03-20

A new translation of the only novel by lauded Romanian literary critic Matei Călinescu An NYRB Classics Original Ugly, unkempt, a haunter of low dives who begs for a living and lives on the street, Zacharias Lichter exists for all that in a state of unlikely rapture. After being engulfed by a divine flame as a teenager, Zacharias has devoted his days to doing nothing at all—apart, that is, from composing the odd poem he immediately throws away and consorting with a handful of stray friends: Poldy, for example, the catatonic alcoholic whom Zacharias considers a brilliant philosopher, or another more vigorous barfly whose prolific output of pornographic verses has won him the nickname of the Poet. Zacharias is a kind of holy fool, but one whose foolery calls in question both social convention and conventional wisdom. He is as much skeptic as ecstatic, affirming above

all the truth of perplexity. This of course is what makes him a permanent outrage to the powers that be, be they reactionary or revolutionary, and to all other self-appointed champions of morality who are blind to their own absurdity. The only thing that scares Zacharias is that all-purpose servant of conformity, the psychiatrist. This Romanian classic, originally published under the brutally dictatorial Ceaușescu regime, whose censors initially let it pass because they couldn't make head or tail of it, is as delicious and telling an assault on the modern world order as ever.

The Noble Hustle - Colson Whitehead

2015-03-03

From the two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Underground Railroad* and *The Nickel Boys* • “Whitehead proves a brilliant sociologist of the poker world.” —The Boston Globe In 2011, *Grantland* magazine gave bestselling novelist Colson Whitehead \$10,000 to play at the World Series of Poker in Las Vegas. It was the

assignment of a lifetime, except for one hitch—he'd never played in a casino tournament before. With just six weeks to train, our humble narrator took the Greyhound to Atlantic City to learn the ways of high-stakes Texas Hold'em. Poker culture, he discovered, is marked by joy, heartbreak, and grizzled veterans playing against teenage hotshots weaned on Internet gambling. Not to mention the not-to-be overlooked issue of coordinating Port Authority bus schedules with your kid's drop-off and pickup at school. Finally arriving in Vegas for the multimillion-dollar tournament, Whitehead brilliantly details his progress, both literal and existential, through the event's antes and turns, through its gritty moments of calculation, hope, and spectacle. Entertaining, ironic, and strangely profound, this epic search for meaning at the World Series of Poker is a sure bet. Look for Colson Whitehead's bestselling new novel, Harlem Shuffle!

Good Natured - Frans B. M. DE WAAL

2009-06-30

Sub pecetea tainei - Mateiu Caragiale

2017-07-30

Cele mai frumoase secrete nerezolvate din literatura romana se afla Sub pecetea tainei. Spre deosebire de "fratele detectiv" din romanele politiste, pentru care "un sambure de cireasa e de ajuns ca sa descurce toata treaba," politistul lui Mateiu Caragiale, Conu Rache, povesteste intamplari in care la inceput nu poate, iar la sfarsit nici nu mai vrea sa faca lumina.

Bonobo - Frans B. M. Waal 1998

Primatologist Frans de Waal and wildlife photographer Frans Lanting present the most up-to-date perspective available on the bonobo, the least known of the great apes. 75 color plates.

Linda, As in the Linda Murder - Leif GW

Persson 2016-02-23

The irascible, obdurate, and very thirsty

Detective Superintendent Evert Bäckström of the National Murder Squad returns in a new novel from the reigning master of Scandinavian fiction. It's the dead of summer in the sleepy town of Växjö when twenty-year-old police cadet Linda Wallin is found lying facedown in her mother's apartment, brutally murdered and raped. With no clear motive or suspect in sight, a series of bureaucratic mix-ups causes the National Crime Unit to send Bäckström and his team into the countryside to solve the case. The ever-irritable Bäckström leaves his beloved goldfish behind, checks into a local hotel, and begins to reconstruct the night of Linda's murder. But with more than a few bottles in tow, and a constantly growling stomach to look after, things don't go so well, and Bäckström has to rely on the help of his colleagues to solve the crime—no matter how angry that makes him.

A Brief Illustrated History of Romanians - Neagu Djuvara 2016-10-28

This is not an ordinary history book. As readers

will realise quite early on, Neagu Djuvara has the audacity to tackle some of the most delicate and controversial issues in Romanian history under the guise of light storytelling. With the addition of illustrations, the book becomes better and easier to understand: we are offered the chance to see how ancient artefacts discovered by archaeologists actually look like, or catch a glimpse of the world of barbarians and medieval warriors depicted in wonderful illuminated manuscripts. As we get nearer to the modern age, the imagery becomes even richer and we get to know Romania's princes and monarchs, their allies and their enemies, the politicians - good and bad - their triumphs, tribulations or even tragedies; and sometimes even the common people going about their daily lives. The photographic discourse focuses on the most important documents, even if their condition is not optimal. You will also find images of pottery, jewellery and weaponry, some of them from unexpected sources, often

unknown to the public, accompanied by detailed captions that complement the information provided in the text itself. Together, the story and illustrations intertwine to form a new, enhanced historical account - and hopefully, one not lacking in originality.

The Ethical Project - Philip Kitcher 2014-03-31
Principles of right and wrong guide the lives of almost all human beings, but we often see them as external to ourselves, outside our own control. In a revolutionary approach to the problems of moral philosophy, Philip Kitcher makes a provocative proposal: Instead of conceiving ethical commands as divine revelations or as the discoveries of brilliant thinkers, we should see our ethical practices as evolving over tens of thousands of years, as members of our species have worked out how to live together and prosper. Elaborating this radical new vision, Kitcher shows how the limited altruistic tendencies of our ancestors enabled a fragile social life, how our forebears

learned to regulate their interactions with one another, and how human societies eventually grew into forms of previously unimaginable complexity. The most successful of the many millennia-old experiments in how to live, he contends, survive in our values today. Drawing on natural science, social science, and philosophy to develop an approach he calls "pragmatic naturalism," Kitcher reveals the power of an evolving ethics built around a few core principles-including justice and cooperation-but leaving room for a diversity of communities and modes of self-expression. Ethics emerges as a beautifully human phenomenon-permanently unfinished, collectively refined and distorted generation by generation. Our human values, Kitcher shows, can be understood not as a final system but as a project-the ethical project-in which our species has engaged for most of its history, and which has been central to who we are.

The Treason of the Intellectuals - Julien Benda

2017-09-08

Julien Benda's classic study of 1920s Europe resonates today. The "treason of the intellectuals" is a phrase that evokes much but is inherently ambiguous. The book bearing this title is well known but little understood. This edition is introduced by Roger Kimball. From the time of the pre-Socratics, intellectuals were a breed apart. They were non-materialistic knowledge-seekers who believed in a universal humanism and represented a cornerstone of civilized society. According to Benda, this all began to change in the early twentieth century. In Europe in the 1920s, intellectuals began abandoning their attachment to traditional philosophical and scholarly ideals, and instead glorified particularisms and moral relativism. The "treason" of which Benda writes is the betrayal by the intellectuals of their unique vocation. He criticizes European intellectuals for allowing political commitment to insinuate itself into their understanding of the intellectual

vocation, ushering the world into "the age of the intellectual organization of political hatreds." From the savage flowering of ethnic and religious hatreds in the Middle East and throughout Europe today to the mendacious demand for political correctness and multiculturalism on college campuses everywhere in the West, the treason of the intellectuals continues to play out its unedifying drama.

Primate Behavior - James L. Fobes 1982

Keywords for Travel Writing Studies -

Charles Forsdick 2019-04-22

Keywords for Travel Writing Studies draws on the notion of the 'keyword' as initially elaborated by Raymond Williams in his seminal 1976 text *Keywords: A Vocabulary of Culture and Society* to present 100 concepts central to the study of travel writing as a literary form. Each entry in the volume is around 1,000 words, the style more essayistic than encyclopaedic, with

contributors reflecting on their chosen keyword from a variety of disciplinary perspectives. The emphasis on travelogues and other cultural representations of mobility drawn from a range of national and linguistic traditions ensures that the volume has a comparative dimension; the aim is to give an overview of each term in its historical and theoretical complexity, providing readers with a clear sense of how the selected words are essential to a critical understanding of travel writing. Each entry is complemented by an annotated bibliography of five essential items suggesting further reading.

Suddenly in the Depths of the Forest - Amos Oz 2010-02-18

In a village far away, deep in a valley, all the animals and birds disappeared some years ago. Only the rebellious young teacher and an old man talk about animals to the children, who have never seen such (mythical) creatures. Otherwise there's a strange silence round the whole subject. One wretched, little boy has

dreams of animals, begins to whoop like an owl, is regarded as an outcast, and eventually disappears. A stubborn, brave girl called Maya and her friend Matti, are drawn to explore in the woods round the village. They know there are dangers beyond and that at night, Nehi the Mountain Demon comes down to the village. In a far-off cave, they come upon the vanished boy, content and self-sufficient. Eventually they find themselves in a beautiful garden paradise full of every kind of animal, bird and fish - the home of Nehi the Mountain Demon. The Demon is a pied piper figure who stole the animals from the village. He, too, was once a boy there, but he was different, mocked and reviled, treated as an outsider and outcast. This is his terrible revenge, one which has punished him too, by removing him from society and friendship, and every few years he draws another child or two to join him in his fortress Eden, where he has trained the sheep to lie down with the wolves, and where predators are few. He lets the two children

return to the village, telling them that one day, when people are less cruel and his desire for vengeance has crumbled, perhaps the animals might come back...

Space and Time - Hermann Minkowski

2013-08-27

This is the first publication (in German or English) of Hermann Minkowski's three papers on relativity together: The Relativity Principle - lecture given at the meeting of the Göttingen Mathematical Society on November 5, 1907. This is the first English translation. The Fundamental Equations for Electromagnetic Processes in Moving Bodies - lecture given at the meeting of the Göttingen Scientific Society on December 21, 1907. New translation. Space and Time - lecture given at the 80th Meeting of Natural Scientists in Cologne on September 21, 1908. New translation.

Apex Hides the Hurt - Colson Whitehead

2007-01-09

This New York Times Notable Book from the

two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Underground Railroad* and *The Nickel Boys* is a brisk, comic tour de force about identity, history, and the adhesive bandage industry. The town of Winthrop has decided it needs a new name. The resident software millionaire wants to call it New Prospera; the mayor wants to return to the original choice of the founding black settlers; and the town's aristocracy sees no reason to change the name at all. What they need, they realize, is a nomenclature consultant. And, it turns out, the consultant needs them. But in a culture overwhelmed by marketing, the name is everything and our hero's efforts may result in not just a new name for the town but a new and subtler truth about it as well. Look for Colson Whitehead's bestselling new novel, *Harlem Shuffle!*

The Swans of Fifth Avenue - Melanie Benjamin

2016

Of all the glamorous stars of New York high society, none blazes brighter than Babe Paley

and her friends, the alluring socialite Swans. But beneath this elegantly composed exterior dwells a passionate woman, desperately longing for true love and connection. Enter Truman Capote. Through Babe, Truman gains unparalleled access to the scandal and gossip of Babe's powerful circle. Babe never imagines the destruction Truman will leave in his wake-- even when the stories aren't his to tell.

Steam Turbines - Hermann Wilda 1912

Bonobo si ateul - Frans de Waal 2017-11-29
Traducere de Ioana Miruna Voiculescu Ediție cu ilustrațiile autorului În *Bonobo și ateul*, Frans de Waal folosește cunoștințele dobândite în zeci de ani de cercetare a primatelor, și a speciei bonobo în particular, pentru a aprofunda cu ochiul fin al eseistului cultural, versat în istoria artei și în filozofie, probleme fundamentale ale naturii umane. Care este izvorul moralității și ce transformări a suferit aceasta pe parcursul evoluției? Putem fi buni și altruști și în lipsa

constrângerilor religiei? Este simțul moral apanajul omului, sau e prezent și la speciile de maimuțe cu care ne înrudim? Pentru a afla un răspuns la toate acestea și pentru a ne înțelege mai bine condiția, autorul ne propune să renunțăm la perspectiva antropocentrismului și să privim nepărtinitor la primatele atât de apropiate nouă și la ce ne pot spune ele despre empatie, emoții, etică și religie. „În încercarea de a prezenta cât mai limpede evoluția empatiei umane, De Waal îmbină, cu mare finețe, cercetarea biologică de cea mai înaltă calitate cu observații filozofice pline de îndrăzneală și originalitate.” (Nature) „Frans de Waal reușește o performanță rară astăzi: nu se lasă antrenat nici în capcana ateismului extremist, nici în cea a religiei. Scrisul lui este liber de orice formă de dogmatism.” (New York Times) „O carte strălucită, care demontează definitiv ideea că moralitatea ar avea origini divine.” (Independent) „Provocarea cea mare este să mergem mai departe, dincolo de religie și, mai

ales, dincolo de moralitatea privită de sus în jos. Cele mai cunoscute «legi morale» ale noastre nu sunt decât niște rezumate post factum a ceea ce noi considerăm moral, fiind însă limitate ca sferă de acțiune și pline de hibe. Originile moralității sunt mult mai umile și sunt ușor de recunoscut în comportamentul altor animale. Descoperirile științifice din ultimele decenii contrazic perspectiva pesimistă potrivit căreia moralitatea e o spioală subțire menită să acopere răutatea înăscută a omului. Dimpotrivă, e limpede că dacă trecutul nostru evolutiv nu ar fi decurs așa cum a decurs nu am fi ajuns niciodată atât de departe.” (Frans de Waal)

Desire for Chocolate - Care Santos 2016-11-29
Three women, three centuries and the same bone-china chocolate pot: Sara, the scion of a dynasty of chocolatiers from Barcelona, who prides herself on maintaining the family tradition; Aurora, the daughter of a nineteenth-century maidservant, for whom chocolate is a forbidden luxury; Mariana, the wife of the most

famous seventeenth-century chocolate manufacturer, an official purveyor to the French court and the inventor of a revolutionary chocolate mill. Through her passion for chocolate, Care Santos takes us on a spellbinding journey through its evolution, from the cocoa bean's first arrival in Europe to the many sophisticated products derived from it today, and shows us how we can understand the great shifts in history through the study of small things. Luscious and addictive, this novel will delight the reader's senses from start to finish.
Peacemaking Among Primates - F. B. M. de Waal 1989

Examines how simians cope with aggression, and how they make peace after fights.

One Thousand White Women - Jim Fergus 2010-04-01

Based on an actual historical event but told through fictional diaries, this is the story of May Dodd—a remarkable woman who, in 1875, travels through the American West to marry the

chief of the Cheyenne Nation. One Thousand White Women begins with May Dodd's journey into an unknown world. Having been committed to an insane asylum by her blue-blood family for the crime of loving a man beneath her station, May finds that her only hope for freedom and redemption is to participate in a secret government program whereby women from "civilized" society become the brides of Cheyenne warriors. What follows is a series of breathtaking adventures—May's brief, passionate romance with the gallant young army captain John Bourke; her marriage to the great chief Little Wolf; and her conflict of being caught between loving two men and living two completely different lives. "Fergus portrays the perceptions and emotions of women...with tremendous insight and sensitivity."—Booklist "A superb tale of sorrow, suspense, exultation, and triumph." —Winston Groom, author of Forrest Gump

From Akhenaten to Moses - Jan Assmann

2014

The shift from polytheism to monotheism changed the world radically. Akhenaten and Moses—a figure of history and a figure of tradition—symbolize this shift in its incipient, revolutionary stages and represent two civilizations that were brought into the closest connection as early as the Book of Exodus, where Egypt stands for the old world to be rejected and abandoned in order to enter the new one. The seven chapters of this seminal study shed light on the great transformation from different angles. Between Egypt in the first chapter and monotheism in the last, five chapters deal in various ways with the transition from one to the other, analyzing the Exodus myth, understanding the shift in terms of evolution and revolution, confronting Akhenaten and Moses in a new way, discussing Karl Jaspers' theory of the Axial Age, and dealing with the eighteenth-century view of the Egyptian mysteries as a cultural model.

Love in Lowercase - Francesc Miralles

2016-01-26

A feel-good novel for fans of *A Man Called Ove* and *The Rosie Project*, about an eccentric, language-loving bachelor and the cat that opens his eyes to life's little pleasures *The Silver Linings Playbook* author Matthew Quick: "A delightfully absurd, life-affirming celebration. I literally stood up and cheered as I read the last page." When Samuel, a lonely linguistics lecturer, wakes up on New Year's Day, he is convinced that the year ahead will bring nothing more than passive verbs and un-italicized moments—until an unexpected visitor slips into his Barcelona apartment and refuses to leave. The appearance of Mishima, a stray, brindle-furred cat, becomes the catalyst that leads Samuel from the comforts of his favorite books, foreign films, and classical music to places he's never been (next door) and to people he might never have met (a neighbor with whom he's never exchanged a word). Even better, the

Catalan cat leads him back to the mysterious Gabriela, whom he thought he'd lost long before, and shows him, in this international bestseller for fans of *The Rosie Project*, *The Solitude of Prime Numbers*, and *A Man Called Ove*, that sometimes love is hiding in the smallest characters.

Legend of a Suicide - David Vann 2008

"In *"Ichthyology,"* a young boy watches his father spiral from divorce to suicide. The story is told obliquely, often through the boy's observations of his tropical fish, yet also reveals his father's last desperate moves, including quitting dentistry for commercial fishing in the Bering Sea. "Rhoda" goes back to the beginning of the father's second marriage and the boy's fascination with his stepmother, who has one partially closed eye. This eye becomes a metaphor for the adult world the boy can't yet see into, including sexuality and despair, which feel like the key initiating elements of the father's eventual suicide. "A Legend of Good

Men" tells the story of the boy's life with his mother after his father's death through the series of men she dates." "In "Sukkwan Island," an extraordinary novella, the father invites the boy homesteading for a year on a remote island in the southeastern Alaskan wilderness. As the situation spins out of control, the son witnesses his father's despair and takes matters into his own hands. In "Ketchikan," the boy is now thirty years old, searching for the origin of ruin. He tracks down Gloria, the woman his father first cheated with, and is left with the sense of "a world held in place, as it turned out, by nothing at all." Set in Fairbanks, where the author's father actually killed himself, "The Higher Blue" provides an epilogue to the collection."--BOOK JACKET.

[An Unnecessary Woman](#) - Rabih Alameddine
2014-02-04

An obsessive introvert in Beirut, eschewed by her family and neighbors for her divorced status and lack of religious reverence, quietly

translates favorite books into Arabic while struggling with her aging body until an unthinkable disaster threatens what little life remains to her. By the best-selling author of *The Hakawati*. 20,000 first printing.

Ocean Wave Energy Conversion - Michael E. McCormick 2013-06-17

This volume will prove of vital interest to those studying the use of renewable resources. Scientists, engineers, and inventors will find it a valuable review of ocean wave mechanics as well as an introduction to wave energy conversion. It presents physical and mathematical descriptions of the nine generic wave energy conversion techniques, along with their uses and performance characteristics. Author Michael E. McCormick is the Corbin A. McNeill Professor of Naval Engineering at the U.S. Naval Academy. In addition to his timely and significant coverage of possible environmental effects associated with wave energy conversion, he provides a separate treatment of several electro-mechanical energy

conversion techniques. Many worked examples throughout the book will be particularly useful to readers with a limited mathematical background. Those interested in research and development will benefit from the extensive bibliography.

The Impostor - Celeste Bradley 2008-01-02

It isn't easy moving about Society dressed like a dandy-especially when one is a ruthless spy. But that's precisely the latest mission for Liar's Club agent Dalton Montmorecy. Dalton is posing as Sir Thorogood, the elusive cartoonist whose scathing political caricatures have all of London abuzz. The true identity of Sir Thorogood is a mystery, and Dalton hopes that impersonating him will flush out the real menace before his cartoons do further damage to the Crown. Now, if Dalton could only find a way to get the irksome, yet oddly appealing widow, Clara Simpson, off his trail... When Clara meets Sir Thorogood at a ball, she's certain he is an impostor-because she's the true Sir Thorogood.

Secretly penning the cartoons under the frothy nom de plume, Clara hopes to save enough money so that she can leave her in-laws and find a new residence. Now she is determined to reveal an imposter's identity-and that means doing some undercover work herself. But pretending to be someone you're not has a funny way of making a woman do things she wouldn't ordinarily dream of-even if it drives her straight into the arms of her devilishly handsome adversary!

Letters, 1925-1975 - Hannah Arendt
2004-01-01

When they first met in 1925, Martin Heidegger was a star of German intellectual life and Hannah Arendt was his earnest young student. What happened between them then will never be known, but both would cherish their brief intimacy for the rest of their lives. The ravages of history would soon take them in quite different directions. After Hitler took power in Germany in 1933, Heidegger became rector of

the university in Freiburg, delivering a notorious pro-Nazi address that has been the subject of considerable controversy. Arendt, a Jew, fled Germany the same year, heading first to Paris and then to New York. In the decades to come, Heidegger would be recognized as perhaps the most significant philosopher of the twentieth century, while Arendt would establish herself as a voice of conscience in a century of tyranny and war. Illuminating, revealing, and tender throughout, this correspondence offers a glimpse into the inner lives of two major philosophers.

The Price of Altruism: George Price and the Search for the Origins of Kindness - Oren

Harman 2011-06-20

Describes the intellectual journey of eccentric American genius George Price, who tried to answer the evolutionary riddle of why people are nice, and eventually gave away all his belongings and took his own life in a squatter's flat.

The Transfiguration of Romania - Emil Cioran

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A close friend of Eugene Ionesco and Mircea Eliade as well as - in his later Paris years - Paul Celan and Samuel Beckett, the Romanian philosopher and essayist Emil Cioran is an important figure in central European Modernism. Cioran's existentialism channelled many seminal intellectual influences of the time from Kant, Schopenhauer and Nietzsche to Georg Simmel, Martin Heidegger and Henri Bergson. More controversially, it was also a philosophy that took on distinctly fascist overtones in the inter-war years, especially in his early work *The Transfiguration of Romania*. Now available for the first time in English translation, the publication of *The Transfiguration of Romania* casts new light on Modernist culture's engagement with the rise of European fascism between the wars. Supported by an extended introduction that explores Cioran's life, work and enduring influence up to the present day as well his ongoing engagement with the far-right in

Romania and beyond, this is a crucial text for anyone seeking to understand the rise of fascist culture in Europe in the interwar period.

The Ape And The Sushi Master - Frans De Waal 2008-08-05

From the New York Times bestselling author of *Mama's Last Hug* and *Are We Smart Enough to Know How Smart Animals Are?*, a provocative argument that apes have created their own distinctive cultures. In *The Ape and the Sushi Master*, eminent primatologist Frans de Waal corrects our arrogant assumption that humans are the only creatures to have made the leap from the natural to the cultural domain. The book's title derives from an analogy de Waal

draws between the way behavior is transmitted in ape society and the way sushi-making skills are passed down from sushi master to apprentice. Like the apprentice, young apes watch their group mates at close range, absorbing the methods and lessons of each of their elders' actions. Responses long thought to be instinctive are actually learned behavior, de Waal argues, and constitute ape culture. A delightful mix of intriguing anecdote, rigorous clinical study, adventurous field work, and fascinating speculation, *The Ape and the Sushi Master* shows that apes are not human caricatures but members of our extended family with their own resourcefulness and dignity.