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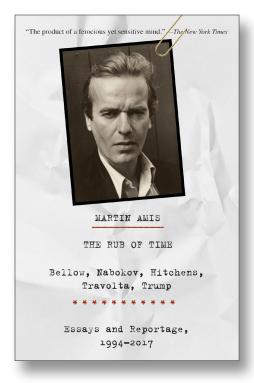


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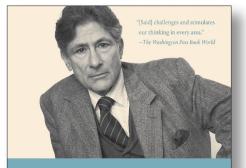
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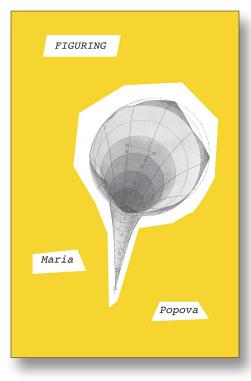


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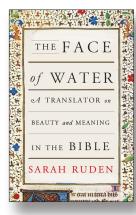
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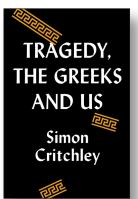
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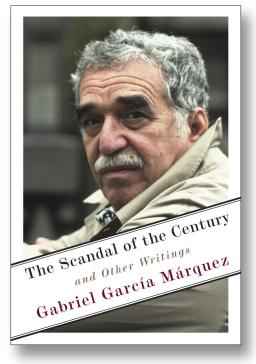
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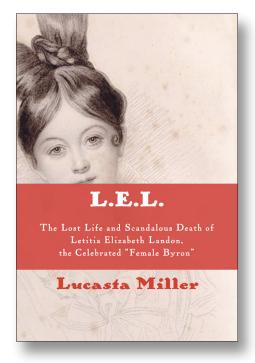
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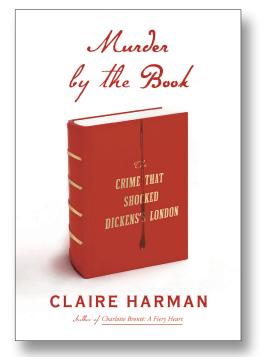
CLAIRE HARMAN

In May 1840, Lord William Russell, well known in London's highest social circles, was found with his throat cut. The police suspected Russell's valet, Courvoisier, but the evidence was weak. The missing clue, it turned out, lay in the unlikeliest place: what Courvoisier had been reading.

In the years just before the murder, new printing methods had made books cheap and abundant. *Murder by the Book* combines this thrilling true-crime story with an illuminating account of the rise of the novel form.

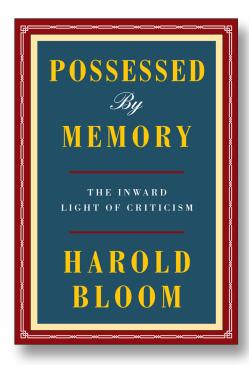
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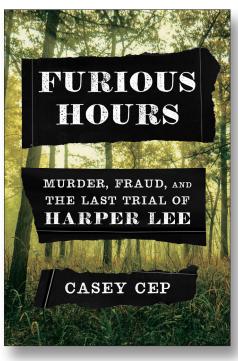
Murder, Fraud, and the Last Trial of Harper Lee

# CASEY CEP

Reverend Willie Maxwell was a rural preacher accused of murdering five family members for insurance money in the 1970s. Although the legal system allowed him to escape justice, a relative decided to take matters into his own hands, and shot Maxwell dead. Despite witnesses, Maxwell's murderer was acquitted.

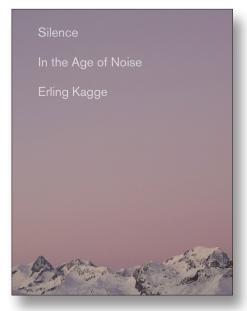
Sitting in the audience during the vigilante's trial was Harper Lee, who spent a year in town reporting, and many more years working on her own version of the case. *Furious Hours* offers a deeply moving portrait of one of the country's most beloved writers and her own venture into writing true-crime.

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In his book, Kagge explores the silence around us, the silence within us, and the silence we must create. By recounting his own experiences and discussing the observations of poets, artists, and explorers, Kagge shows us why silence is essential to sanity and happiness—and how it can open doors to wonder and gratitude.

"Kagge wanders rather than narrates, moving intuitively between philosophy, science, and personal experience."

-Los Angeles Review of Books

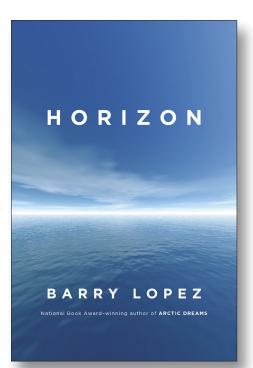
# Horizon BARRY LOPEZ

**Horizon** is a vivid, poetic, capacious work that recollects the travels around the world and the encounters—human, animal, and natural—that have shaped an extraordinary life.

Barry Lopez takes readers from pole to pole– from modern megacities to some of the most remote regions on the earth—and across decades of lived experience to give us his most far-ranging yet personal work to date. Through his travels, Lopez reflects on the long history of humanity's explorations and quests, and searches for meaning and purpose in a broken world.

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In her exquisitely written memoir **Black Is the Body**, Emily Bernard guides readers through twelve telltale, connected, deeply personal essays that explore the complexities of race.

Drawing on her own experiences, from growing up black in the South with a family name inherited from a white man, to getting a PhD from Yale, to marrying a white man from the North and adopting two babies from Ethiopia, Bernard fearlessly explores her identity and American race relations.

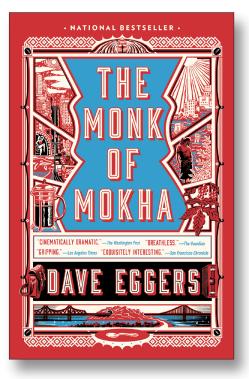
"Fresh, poetically compact, and often witty.... Bernard proves herself to be a revelatory storyteller of race in America." —Maureen Corrigan, Fresh Air

# The Monk of Mokha DAVE EGGERS

**The Monk of Mokha** tells the true story of a young Yemeni-American man, raised in San Francisco, who dreams of resurrecting the ancient art of Yemeni coffee, only to find himself trapped in Sana'a by civil war.

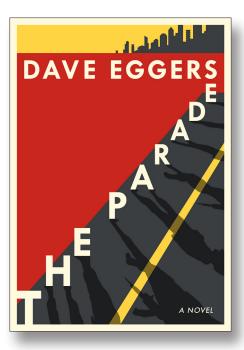
David Eggers introduces readers to Mokhtar Alkhanshali, who is twenty-four and working as a doorman when he discovers the fascinating history of coffee and Yemen's central place in it. He leaves San Francisco and travels deep into his ancestral homeland to tour terraced farms high in the country's rugged mountains. But when war arrives, Mokhtar has to find a way out of Yemen without sacrificing his dreams or abandoning his people.

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While one is flighty and adventurous, wanting to experience the nightlife and people, the other wants only to do the work and go home. But both men must eventually face the absurdities of their positions, and the dire consequences of their presence

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Larry is the secular son in a family of Orthodox Brooklyn Jews. When his father dies, it's his responsibility to recite the Kaddish, the Jewish prayer for the dead, every day for eleven months. To the horror and dismay of his sister, Larry refuses—imperiling the fate of his father's soul. To appease her, Larry hires a stranger through a website called kaddish.com to recite the prayer and shepherd his father's soul safely to rest.

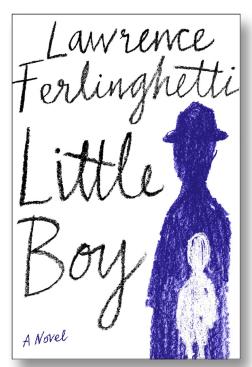
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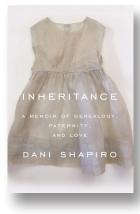
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In this unapologetically unclassifiable work Lawrence Ferlinghetti crafted what might be termed a closing statement about his highly significant and productive 99 years on this planet. His biographical reminiscences are interwoven with Allen Ginsberg-esque high energy bursts of raw emotion, rumination, reflection, reminiscence, and prognostication on what we may face as a species on Planet Earth in the future.

*Little Boy* is Ferlinghetti's literary last will and testament—part autobiography, part summing up, part Beat-inflected torrent of language and feeling, and all magical.

"It's called fiction, but this interweave of autobiography and history, lightningflash language and wisdom of the ages... is beyond easy definition."

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# Inheritance

A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love

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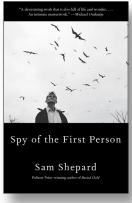
was not her biological father. *Inheritance* follows her urgent quest to unlock the story behind her identity while grappling with the consequences of what scientific and technological advancements allow us to discover.

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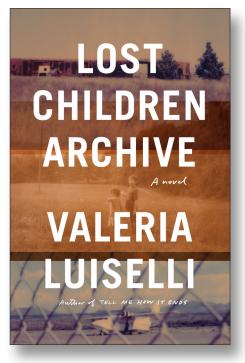
and life. Drawn from the transformative final days of Pulitzer Prize-winning writer, actor, and musician, Sam Shepard, this story traces the memories of an unnamed narrator as a medical condition renders him more and more dependent on the loved ones who are caring for him.

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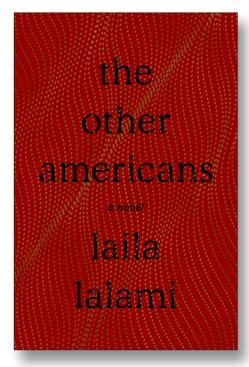
"The novel truly becomes novel again in Luiselli's hands.... The book [is] an archive of curiosities, yearnings, animated by the narrator's restless energy." —Parul Sehgal, *The New York Times* 

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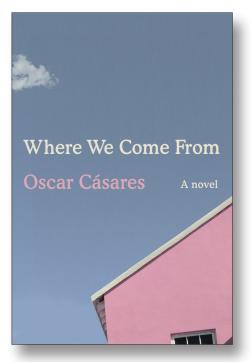
Late one spring night, Driss Guerraoui, a Moroccan immigrant living in California, is walking across a darkened intersection when he is killed by a speeding car. The repercussions of his death bring together a diverse cast of characters, all deeply divided by race, religion, and class. As they tell their stories, connections among them emerge, and love, messy and unpredictable, is born.

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"[Cásares] dares us to question the condition of our humanity."

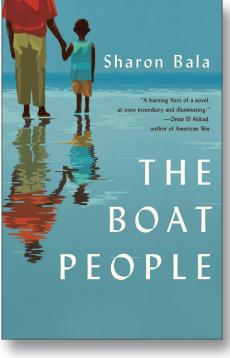
-Ernesto Quiñonez, author of Bodega Dreams

# The Boat People SHARON BALA

When a rusty cargo ship carrying Mahindan and five hundred fellow refugees from Sri Lanka's bloody civil war reaches Vancouver's shores, the young father thinks he and his sixyear-old son can finally start a new life. Instead, the group is thrown into a detention processing center, with government officials and news headlines speculating that among the "boat people" are members of a separatist militant organization responsible for countless suicide attacks.

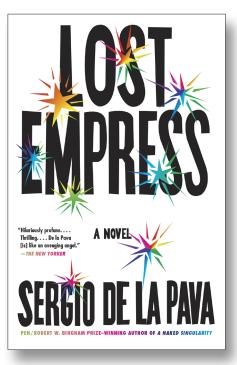
As the refugees become subject to heavy interrogation, Mahindan begins to fear that a desperate act taken in Sri Lanka to fund their escape may now jeopardize his and his son's chance for asylum.

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-The Economist

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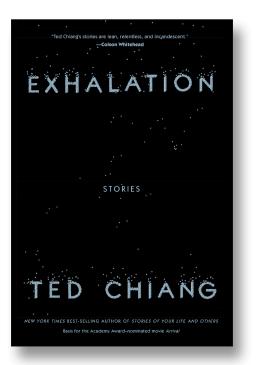
Stories TED CHIANG

From the acclaimed author of *Stories of Your Life and Others* comes a groundbreaking new collection of short fiction.

These nine poignant stories tackle some of humanity's oldest questions along with new quandaries: "The Merchant and the Alchemist's Gate" explores past mistakes and second chances; "Exhalation" looks at scientific ramifications that are literally universal; "Anxiety Is the Dizziness of Freedom" grapples with the concepts of choice and free will.

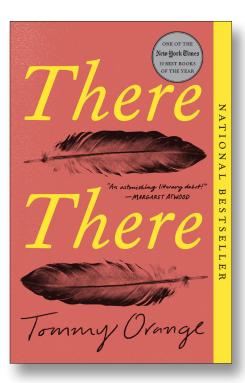
"[Chiang's] commitment to exploring deep human questions elevates them to among the very best science fiction." —*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

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"With a literary authority rare in a debut novel, [*There There*] places Native American voices front and center before readers' eyes."

-Fresh Air, NPR

"Powerful. . . . A revelation."

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Same Same PETER MENDELSUND

Same Same is a deeply unsettling novel about what it means to exist and to create. Percy Frobisher arrives at the glass dome of the

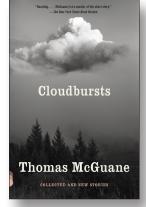
"Institute" with the task of undertaking a project of great significance. When he spills something on his uniform—a major faux pas—he learns about a mysterious shop where you can take something, utter the command "same same," and receive a replica better than the original.

"A substantial book about emptiness."

—Andrew Ervin, The New York Times Book Review

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Cloudbursts Collected and New Stories THOMAS McGUANE

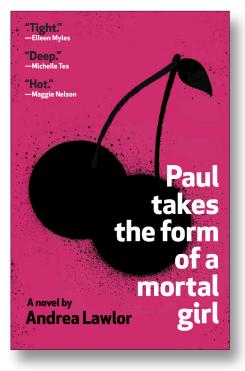
Heralded as an unrivaled master of the short story for more than four decades, Thomas McGuane draws

on the hilarious to the tragic and back again. **Cloudbursts** collects forty-five stories including two new and six previously uncollected pieces—into one definitive volume, celebrating the human ability to persist through life's absurdities.

"Belongs on the social observer shelf with other short story masters including Anne Beattie, John Cheever, and Roald Dahl." —New York Journal of Books

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# Paul Takes the Form of a Mortal Girl ANDREA LAWLOR

It's 1993 and Paul Polydoris tends bar at the only gay club in a university town thrumming with politics and partying. He studies queer theory, has a dyke best friend, makes zines, and is a flaneur with a rich dating life. But Paul's also got a secret: he's a shapeshifter. Oscillating wildly from Riot Grrrl to leather cub, Paul transforms his body and his gender at will as he crossed the country—a journey and adventure through the deep queer archives of struggle and pleasure.

"[Lawlor endeavors to] reclaim the canonical—specifically Ovid and Gertrude Stein—not to queer it, but to genderqueer it." *—The Paris Review* 

"Bends genre as well as gender." —The New York Times

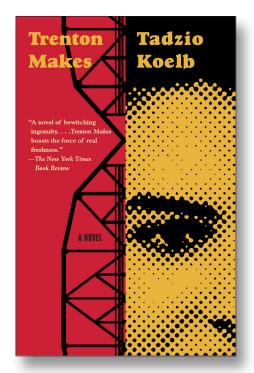
# Trenton Makes

# TADZIO KOELB

**Trenton Makes** is the indelibly told story of a woman determined to carve out her share of the American Dream.

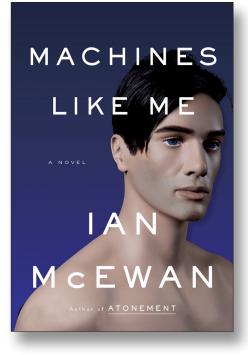
In 1946 industrial New Jersey, a woman kills her husband in a domestic brawl—and then assumes his identity. As Abe Kunstler, he secures a factory job, buys a car, and successfully woos a young woman with whom he makes a home. Fast-forward to 1971, Trenton's heyday as a factory town is long past, and the family life Abe has so carefully constructed is crumbling under the intolerable pressures of his long ruse.

"Koelb shows how profoundly gender roles influence individual lives and how devastating it is for those who become strangers or impostors in their own lives." —*Library Journal* 



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# Machines Like Me IAN McEWAN

In his new novel, Ian McEwan, author of *Atonement* and *The Children Act*, considers whether a machine can understand the human heart.

**Machines Like Me** follows Charlie, who is drifting through life in an alternative 1980s London. He falls in love with Miranda, a bright student who lives with a terrible secret. When Charlie comes into money, he buys Adam, one of the first synthetic humans. With Miranda's help—he designs a near-perfect human that emerges who is beautiful, strong, and clever. It isn't long before a love triangle soon forms, and these three beings confront a profound moral dilemma.

"An intriguing novel about humans, machines, and what constitutes a self." —*Publishers Weekly* 



#### The Sparsholt Affair

ALAN HOLLINGHURST

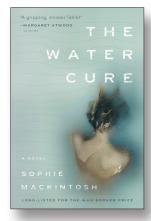
Arriving at Oxford University in 1940, the charismatic David Sparsholt remains unaware of his effect on others, especially

on Evert Dax, the lonely son of a celebrated novelist. Spanning three generations, *The Sparsholt Affair* follows the friendship between these two men, and the influence it has on their lives—and the lives of others' for decades to come.

"A literary master." —Fresh Air, NPR

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#### The Water Cure

SOPHIE MACKINTOSH Longlisted for the 2018 Man Booker Prize

In this dystopic feminist revenge fantasy, three sisters are raised

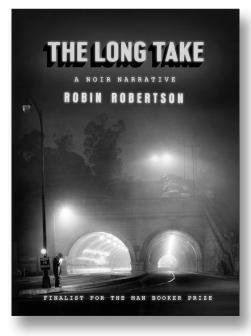
on an isolated island to fear men, while protected from the men on the mainland. The girls endure cult-like rituals to fortify them from the spreading masculine toxicity, until the day two men and a boy wash ashore. **The Water Cure** is a riveting debut about our capacity for violence and the potency of female desire.

"A gripping, sinister fable!"

-Margaret Atwood (via Twitter)

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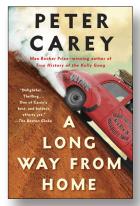
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# The Long Take A Noir Narrative ROBIN ROBERTSON Finalist for the Man Booker Prize

**The Long Take** is a poet's noir narrative about Walker, a D-Day veteran in postwar America: a good man, brutalized by war, haunted by violence, yet resolved to find kindness again, in the world and in himself. Unable to return home to rural Nova Scotia, he looks instead to the city for freedom, anonymity and repair.

As he travels from New York to Los Angeles and San Francisco, he finds work as a journalist, while trying to piece his life together just as America is beginning to come apart, riven by social and racial divisions, spiraling corruption, and the collapse of the inner cities.

"Modern, complex, political.... A poem that's long been waiting to be written." —*The Los Angeles Review of Books* 



#### A Long Way from Home PETER CAREY

Together a married couple enters the 1954 Redex Trial, a weeks-long endurance contest of a car race that circles the entire continent

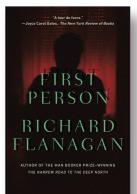
of Australia, in the hopes of winning a car dealership. But before that can happen, their official strip maps will lead them, without warning, out of the comfortable white Australia they know so well.

"Using a wild road race, [Carey has] found a journey into Australia's broken past."

-The New York Times Book Review

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#### First Person RICHARD FLANAGAN

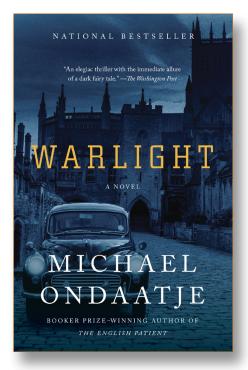
Kif Kehlmann, a young, penniless writer, thinks he's finally caught a break when he's offered \$10,000 to ghostwrite the

memoir of "Ziggy" Heidl, the notorious con man and corporate criminal before he goes off to court for defrauding banks for \$700 million. As the end of their six-week deadline draws near, Kif becomes increasingly unsure if he is ghostwriting a memoir, or if Ziggy is rewriting him.

"A profound and thought-provoking novel." —The Bookseller

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# Warlight MICHAEL ONDAATJE

In 1945, just after World War II, fourteen-year old Nathaniel and his sister stay behind in London when their parents move to Singapore, leaving them in the care of a mysterious figure named "The Moth" and his eccentric group of friends: men and women joined by a shared history of unspecified service during the war, all of whom seem determined to protect and educate (in rather unusual ways) Rachel and Nathaniel. But are they really what and who they claim to be?

A dozen years later, Nathaniel begins to uncover all that he didn't know and understand in that time, and it is this journey.

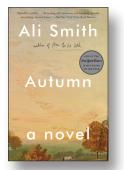
"[Ondaatje] casts a magical spell, as he takes you into his half-lit world of war and love, death and loss, and the dark waterways of the past."

-The New York Review of Books

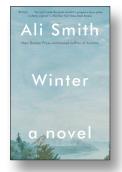
# Spring ALI SMITH

On the heels of *Autumn* and *Winter* comes *Spring*, the continuation of Ali Smith's celebrated Seasonal Quartet. With an eye to the migrancy of story over time, and riffing on *Pericles*, one of Shakespeare's most resistant and rollicking works, Ali Smith tells the impossible tale of an impossible time. The time we're living in is changing nature. Will it change the nature of story?

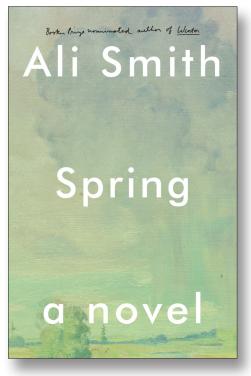
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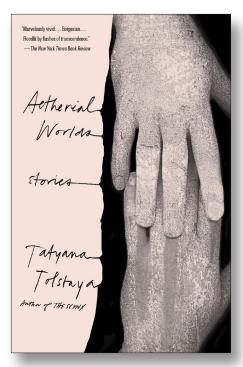


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#### Aetherial Worlds TATYANA TOLSTAYA TRANSLATED BY ANYA MIGDAL

In this dazzling collection of stories from one of Russia's most important writers, ordinary realities—and our yearnings to transcend them—lead to miraculous otherworlds: A woman's deceased father appears in her dreams with clues about the afterlife. A man falls in love with a marble statue as his marriage falls apart. A child glimpses heaven through a stained-glass window.

Tolstaya's tales—rendered with the emotional insight of Chekhov, the surreal satire of Gogol—transmute the quotidian into aetherial wonders.

"Masterful. . . . A collection of dark, funny folkloric tales." —*The Paris Review* 

"Edgy, brash, slyly surreal, and mordantly funny." —Booklist

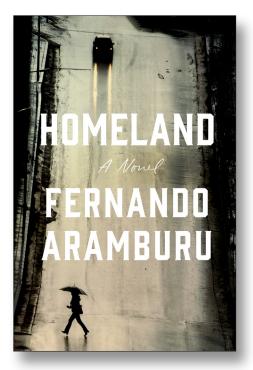
# Homeland

FERNANDO ARAMBURU TRANSLATED BY ALFRED MACADAM

Now available in English-language translation, *Homeland* gives a fictional account of lives shattered by Basque terrorism, rekindling debate about truth and reconciliation.

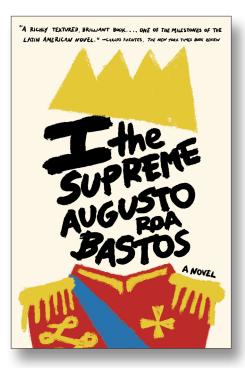
Lifetime friends become bitter enemies when the father of one family is killed by militants one of whom is a son from the other family. Told in short sections highlighting a rich multiplicity of characters from all walks of life, *Homeland* unfolds in nonlinear fashion as it traces the moral dilemmas faced by the families of murder victim and perpetrator alike. Aramburu alludes only obliquely to the historical context while he focuses on the psychological complexity of his characters.

"An eloquent testament to a historical reality." —Mario Vargas Llosa



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#### I the Supreme AUGUSTO ROA BASTOS TRANSLATED BY HELEN LANE

*I the Supreme* imagines a dialogue between the nineteenth-century Paraguayan dictator known as Dr. Francia, and Policarpo Patiño, his secretary and only companion. The opening pages present a sign that they had found nailed to the wall of a cathedral, purportedly written by Dr. Francia himself, ordering the execution of all of his servants upon his death. This sign is quickly revealed to be a forgery, which takes leader and secretary into a larger discussion about the nature of truth.

Their conversation stretches across the history of their nation, filled with surrealist imagery, labyrinthine turns, and footnotes supplied by a mysterious "compiler."

"A richly textured, brilliant book.... One of the milestones of the Latin American novel." –Carlos Fuentes, The New York Times Book Review

# Washington Black

# ESI EDUGYAN

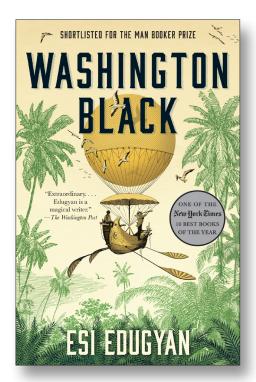
Shortlisted for the 2018 Man Booker Prize

George Washington Black ("Wash"), an elevenyear-old field slave on a Barbados sugar plantation, has been chosen by his master's brother to become his manservant. Wash is surprised to learn that the eccentric Christopher Wilde turns out to be an explorer, inventor, and abolitionist. Soon Christopher shows Wash his flying machine, initiating him into a world where even a boy born in chains may embrace a life of freedom, dignity and meaning.

But when a man is killed and a bounty is placed on Wash's head, Christopher and Wash must abandon everything, and set sail along the eastern coast of America, and, finally, to a remote outpost in the Arctic.

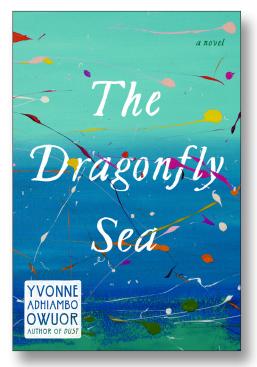
"An unconventional and often touching novel about the search for transcendence above categories."

-Maureen Corrigan, Fresh Air



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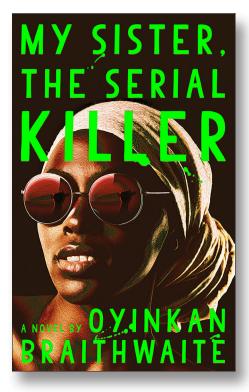
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# The Dragonfly Sea YVONNE ADHIAMBO OWUOR

**The Dragonfly Sea** is a vibrant, coming-of-age novel about a young woman struggling to find her place in a vast world.

On the island of Pate, off the coast of Kenya, lives solitary, stubborn Ayaana and her mother, Munira. When a sailor named Muhidin, also an outsider, enters their lives, Ayaana finds something she has never had before: a father. But as Ayaana grows into adulthood, forces of nature and history begin to reshape her life and the island itself—from a taciturn visitor with a murky past to a sanctuary-seeking religious extremist, from dragonflies to a tsunami, from black-clad kidnappers to cultural emissaries from China.

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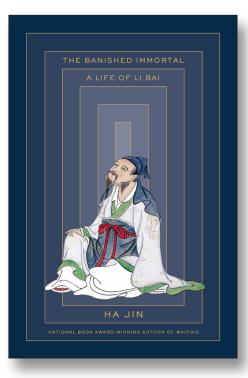
# My Sister, the Serial Killer OYINKAN BRAITHWAITE

*My Sister, The Serial Killer* is a short and darkly funny novel that follows Korede, a Nigerian woman whose younger sister Ayoola has a very inconvenient habit of killing her boyfriends.

Korede has long been in love with a kind, handsome doctor at the hospital where she works. But when he asks Korede for Ayoola's phone number, she must reckon with what her sister has become and how far she's willing to go to protect her.

"A taut, rapidly paced thriller that pleasurably subverts serial killer and sisterhood tropes." —*Huffington Post* 

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# The Banished Immortal

A Life of Li Bai (Li Po)

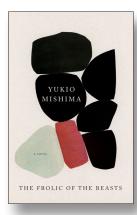
ha jin

**The Banished Immortal** is an extraordinary portrait of a poet who both transcended his time and was shaped by it, and whose ability to live, love, and mourn without reservation produced some of the most enduring verses in the world.

Ha Jin draws on a wide range of historical and literary sources to weave the life story of Li Bai (701–762), whose poems—shaped by Daoist thought and characterized by their passion and lust for life—rang throughout the Tang Dynasty and continue to be celebrated today.

"The Banished Immortal is a biography, but it is also a document in which a rootless writer nods to the past inside him."

-Han Zhang, The New Yorker



# The Frolic of the Beasts

YUKIO MISHIMA TRANSLATED BY ANDREW CLARE

Published in 1961 and available in English for the first time, **The Frolic** of the Beasts is a

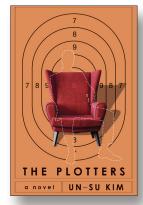
haunting examination of the various guises we assume throughout our lives, and a tale of psychological self-entrapment, seduction, and murder.

"Mishima is a giant. . . . One of the most acclaimed writers of the 20th century. . . . Unforgettable."

-The New York Times Book Review

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#### **The Plotters**

UN-SU KIM TRANSLATED BY SORA KIM-RUSSELL

This fantastical crime novel is set in an alternate Seoul where the many assassina-

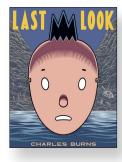
tion guilds compete for market dominance. Described as "Kill Bill meets Murakami. Twisted and surreal," by author D. B. John, *The Plotters* is a deeply entertaining thriller that soars with soul, wit, and lyricism. Un-Su Kim, born in 1972, has won the Munhakdongne Novel Prize, Korea's most prestigious literary prize.

"An irresistible sociopolitical parable." —Booklist (starred review)

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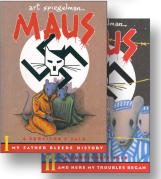












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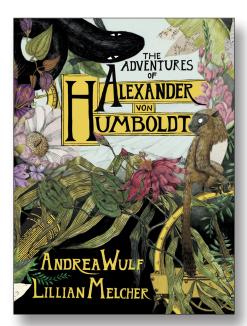
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Alexander von Humboldt (1769–1859) was an intrepid explorer whose restless life was packed with adventure and discovery. But his most revolutionary idea was a radical vision of nature as a complex and interconnected global force that does not exist for the use of humankind alone.

His theories and ideas were profoundly influenced by a five-year exploration of South America. In *The Adventures of Alexander von Humboldt*, Andrea Wulf along with artist Lillian Melcher bring this daring expedition to life, complete with excerpts from Humboldt's own diaries, atlases, and publications. She gives us an intimate portrait of the man who predicted human-induced climate change and influenced iconic figures such as Simón Bolívar, Charles Darwin, and John Muir.

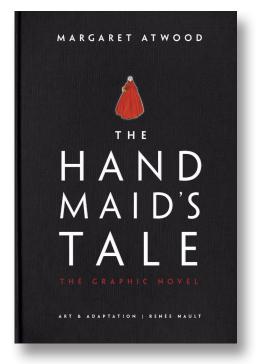
# The Handmaid's Tale

**The Graphic Novel** 

MARGARET ATWOOD ILLUSTRATED BY RENEE NAULT

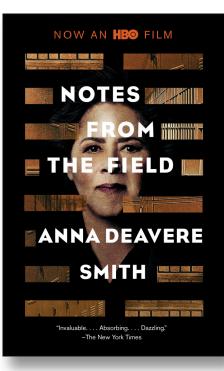
Provocative, startling, prophetic, Margaret Atwood's **The Handmaid's Tale** has long been a global phenomenon. With this stunning graphic novel adaptation of a modern classic, beautifully realized by artist Renée Nault, the terrifying reality of Gilead has been brought to vivid life like never before.

Offred is a Handmaid in the Republic of Gilead, where women are prohibited from holding jobs, reading, and forming friendships. She serves in the household of the Commander and his wife, and under the new social order she has only one purpose: once a month, she must lie on her back and pray that the Commander makes her pregnant. But Offred remembers the years before Gilead, when she was an independent woman who had a job, a family, and a name of her own. Now, her memories and her will to survive are acts of rebellion.



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Film can make us want things we cannot have. While sometimes rapturous, the interaction of onscreen beauty and private desire speaks to a crisis in American culture, one that pits delusions of male supremacy against feminist awakening and the spirit of gay resistance.

In **Sleeping with Strangers**, David Thomson combines criticism, his encyclopedic knowledge of film history, and memoir to examine how film has found the fault lines in traditional masculinity and helped to point the way past it toward a more nuanced understanding of what it means to be a person desiring others.

"Thomson makes the two-dimensions of the movies three-dimensional."

—Scott Eyman, author of John Wayne: Life and Legend

# "Broadsword Calling Danny Boy"

Watching Where Eagles Dare GEOFF DYER

A thrilling Alpine adventure starring Richard Burton and Clint Eastwood, *Where Eagles Dare* is the apex of 1960s war movies, by turns enjoyable and preposterous. *"Broadsword Calling Danny Boy"* is Geoff Dyer's hilarious tribute to a film he has loved since childhood: it's a scene-by-scene analysis takes readers from its snowy, Teutonic opening credits to its vertigo-inducing climax.

"A short, eccentric, hugely enjoyable work that succeeds admirably in capturing the daft exuberance of Where Eagles Dare." –Literary Review

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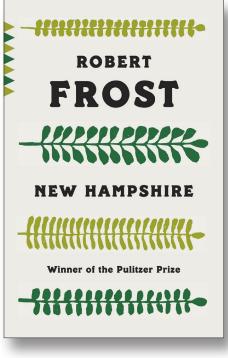
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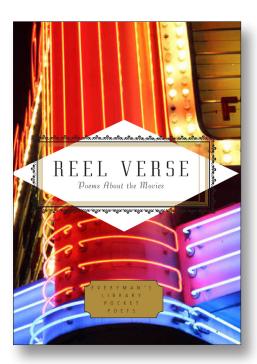
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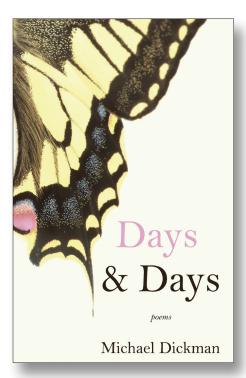
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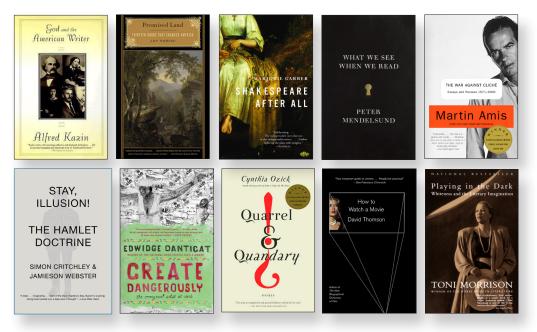
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