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Lessons Virtue The Tragedy of Arthur What Belongs to You Novel 11,Book 18 Stoner [][][][][] Atonement Outline The Paris Wife Open City [][][][][][][][][][][]][]] Z: A Novel of Zelda Fitzgerald Adeline 1812 The Headmaster's Wife Juneteenth Predestined Predestined; a Novel of New York Life The Stolen Lady Staggerford World Gone By Cloud Cuckoo Land His Father's Son: A Novel of New York (1895) Hollywood The South The Last Station The Sadness of Antonioni American Rust Villages Memorial Red Sky at Morning Tortured Love The Assembler of Parts World's End Who Walk in Darkness Thomas and Beal in the Midi To Paradise West of Sunset Crawl Space Lessons 2022-09-13 new york times best seller a new yorker essential read from the best selling author of atonement and saturday comes the epic and intimate story of one man's life across generations and historical upheavals from the suez crisis to the cuban missile crisis the fall of the berlin wall to the current pandemic roland baines sometimes rides with the tide of history but more often struggles against it a best book of the year vogue the new yorker masterful mcewan is a storyteller at the peak of his powers one of the joys of the novel is the way it weaves history into roland s biography the pleasure in reading this novel is letting it wash over you associated press when the world is still counting the cost of the second world war and the iron curtain has closed eleven year old roland baines s life is turned upside down two thousand miles from his mother s protective love stranded at an unusual boarding school his vulnerability attracts piano teacher miss miriam cornell leaving scars as well as a memory of love that will never fade now when his wife vanishes leaving him alone with his tiny son roland is forced to confront the reality of his restless existence as the radiation from chernobyl spreads across europe he begins a search for answers that looks deep into his family history and will last for the rest of his life haunted by lost opportunities roland seeks solace through every possible means music literature friends sex politics and finally love cut tragically short then love ultimately redeemed his journey raises important guestions for us all can we take full charge of the course of our lives without causing damage to others how do global events beyond our control shape our lives and our memories and what can we really learn from the traumas of the past epic mesmerizing and deeply humane lessons is a chronicle for our times a powerful meditation on history and humanity through the prism of one man s lifetime

Virtue 2021-07-20 named a summer must read by wall street journal elle harper s bazaar entertainment weekly glamour esquire bustle town country good housekeeping refinery29 and more hoby might have just written the defining new york city novel of our fraught socially anxious and politically tumultuous times interview intense and addictive new york times a powerful novel of youth desire and moral conflict in which a young man is seduced by the mirage of glamour at terrible cost arriving in new york city for an internship at an elite but fading magazine luca feels invisible smart but not worldly privileged but broke and uncertain how to navigate a new era of social change among his peers is zara a young black woman whose sharp wit and frank views on injustice create tension in the office especially in the wake of a shock election that s irrevocably destabilized american life in the months that follow as the streets of new york fill with pink hatted protesters and the magazine faces a changing of the guard luca is taken under the wing of an attractive and wealthy white couple paula a prominent artist and jason her filmmaker husband whose lifestyle he finds both alien and alluring with the coming of summer luca is swept up in the fever dream of their marriage accepting an invitation to join the couple and their children at their beach house and nurturing an infatuation both frustrating and dangerous only after he learns of a spectacular tragedy in the city he has left behind does he begin to realize the moral consequences of his allegiances in language at once

lyrical and incisive virtue offers a clear eyed unsettling story of the allure of privilege and the costs of complacency from a writer of astonishing acuity and vision

The Tragedy of Arthur 2011-04-19 the tragedy of arthur is an emotional and elaborately constructed tour de force from one of the best writers in america the washington post its doomed hero is arthur phillips a young novelist struggling with a con artist father who works wonders of deception imprisoned for decades and nearing the end of his life arthur s father reveals a treasure he s kept secret for half a century the tragedy of arthur a previously unknown play by william shakespeare arthur and his twin sister inherit their father s mission to see the manuscript published and acknowledged as the bard s last great gift to humanity unless it s their father s last great con by turns hilarious and haunting this virtuosic novel which includes shakespeare s lost play in its entirety brilliantly subverts our notions of truth fiction genius and identity as the two arthurs the novelist and the ancient king play out their strangely intertwined fates a new york times notable book a new yorker reviewers favorite of the year a wall street journal best novel of the year a san francisco chronicle best book of the year a chicago tribune favorite book of the year a library journal top ten book of the year a kirkus reviews best book of the year one of salon s five best novels of the year look for special features inside join the circle for author chats and more

What Belongs to You 2016-01-19 longlisted for the national book award in fiction a finalist for the pen faulkner award for fiction a finalist for the los angeles times book prize for fiction a finalist for the james taite black prize for fiction a finalist the center for fiction first novel prize a finalist for the green carnation prize a new york times book review editors choice a los angeles times bestseller named one of the best books of the year by more than fifty publications including the new yorker the paris review the new york times selected by dwight garner gg the washington post esquire npr slate vulture the san francisco chronicle the guardian london the telegraph london the evening standard london the philadelphia inquirer the miami herald the millions buzzfeed the new republic best debuts of the year kirkus reviews and publishers weekly one of the ten best books of the year garth greenwell s what belongs to you appeared in early 2016 and is a short first novel by a young writer still it was not easily surpassed by anything that appeared later in the year it is not just first novelists who will be envious of greenwell s achievement james wood the new yorker on an unseasonably warm autumn day an american teacher enters a public bathroom beneath sofia s national palace of culture there he meets mitko a charismatic young hustler and pays him for sex he returns to mitko again and again over the next few months drawn by hunger and loneliness and risk and finds himself ensnared in a relationship in which lust leads to mutual predation and tenderness can transform into violence as he struggles to reconcile his longing with the anguish it creates he s forced to grapple with his own fraught history the world of his southern childhood where to be queer was to be a pariah there are unnerving similarities between his past and the foreign country he finds himself in a country whose geography and griefs he discovers as he learns more of mitko s own narrative his private history of illness exploitation and want

what belongs to you is a stunning debut novel of desire and its consequences with lyric intensity and startling eroticism garth greenwell has created an indelible story about the ways in which our pasts and cultures our scars and shames can shape who we are and determine how we love a conversation between garth greenwell and hanya yanagihara is included inside the e book edition

Stoner 2023-10-05 a beautiful hardback edition of the greatest rediscovered classic of recent years william stoner enters the university of missouri at nineteen to study agriculture a seminar on english literature changes his life and he never returns to work on his father s farm stoner becomes a teacher he marries the wrong woman his life is quiet and after his death his colleagues remember him rarely yet with truthfulness compassion and intense power this novel uncovers a story of universal value of the conflicts defeats and victories of the human race that pass unrecorded by history and in doing so reclaims the significance of an individual life a beautiful sad utterly convincing account of an entire life ian mcewan a brilliant beautiful inexorably sad wise and elegant novel nick hornby a terrific novel of echoing sadness julian barnes vintage quarterbound classics beautiful editions of great books to last a lifetime

Atonement 2003-05-20 national bestseller a symphonic novel of love and war childhood and class guilt and forgiveness that provides all the satisfaction of a brilliant narrative and the provocation we have come to expect from the acclaimed booker prize winning internationally bestselling author on a hot summer day in 1935 thirteen year old briony tallis witnesses a moment s flirtation between her older sister cecilia and robbie turner the son of a servant and cecilia s childhood friend but briony s incomplete grasp of adult motives together with her precocious literary gifts brings about a crime that will change all their lives as it follows that crime s repercussions through the chaos and carnage of world war ii and into the close of the twentieth century atonement engages the reader on every conceivable level with an ease and authority that mark it as a genuine masterpiece don t miss ian mcewan s new novel lessons

Outline 2015-01-13 a luminous powerful novel that establishes rachel cusk as one of the finest writers in the

english language a man and a woman are seated next to each other on a plane they get to talking about their destination their careers their families grievances are aired family tragedies discussed marriages and divorces analyzed an intimacy is established as two strangers contrast their own fictions about their lives rachel cusk s outline is a novel in ten conversations spare and stark it follows a novelist teaching a course in creative writing during one oppressively hot summer in athens she leads her students in storytelling exercises she meets other visiting writers for dinner and discourse she goes swimming in the ionian sea with her neighbor from the plane the people she encounters speak volubly about themselves their fantasies anxieties pet theories regrets and longings and through these disclosures a portrait of the narrator is drawn by contrast a portrait of a woman learning to face a great loss outline takes a hard look at the things that are hardest to speak about it brilliantly captures conversations investigates people s motivations for storytelling and questions their ability to ever do so honestly or unselfishly in doing so it bares the deepest impulses behind the craft of fiction writing this is rachel cusk s finest work yet and one of the most startling brilliant original novels of recent years a finalist for the folio prize the goldsmiths prize the scotiabank giller prize and the baileys women s prize for fiction one of the new york times top ten books of the year named a a new york times book review notable book and a best book of the year by the new yorker vogue npr the guardian the independent glamour and the globe and mail

The Paris Wife 2011-02-22 new york times bestseller a deeply evocative novel of ambition and betrayal that captures the love affair between two unforgettable people ernest hemingway and his wife hadley from the author of love and ruin and when the stars go dark a beautiful portrait of being in paris in the glittering 1920s as a wife and as one s own woman entertainment weekly named one of the best books of the year by people chicago tribune npr the philadelphia inquirer kirkus reviews the toronto sun bookpage chicago 1920 hadley richardson is a quiet twenty eight year old who has all but given up on love and happiness until she meets ernest hemingway following a whirlwind courtship and wedding the pair set sail for paris where they become the golden couple in a lively and volatile group the fabled lost generation that includes gertrude stein ezra pound and f scott fitzgerald though deeply in love the hemingways are ill prepared for the hard drinking fast living and free loving life of jazz age paris as ernest struggles to find the voice that will earn him a place in history and pours himself into the novel that will become the sun also rises hadley strives to hold on to her sense of self as her roles as wife friend and muse become more challenging eventually they find themselves facing the ultimate crisis of their marriage a deception that will lead to the unraveling of everything they ve fought so hard for a heartbreaking portrayal of love and torn loyalty the paris wife is all the more poignant because we know that in the end hemingway wrote that he would rather have died than fallen in love with anyone but hadley

Open City 2011-02-08 cerebral and capacious teju cole s novel asks what it means to roam freely the new york times one of the 25 most significant new york city novels from the last 100 years influential makes you think about

what kind of city is revealed to us based on where we cannot go katie kitamura bestselling author of intimacies one of the ten best books of the year time npr winner pen hemingway award rosenthal foundation award new york city book award along the streets of manhattan a young nigerian doctor named julius doing his residency wanders aimlessly the walks are a release from the tightly regulated mental environment of work and they give him the opportunity to process his relationships his recent breakup his present his past though he s navigating the busy parts of town the impression of countless faces does nothing to assuage his feelings of isolation julius crisscrosses social territory as well encountering people from different cultures and classes who provide insight on his journey which takes him to brussels to the nigeria of his youth and into the most unrecognizable facets of his own soul seething with intelligence and written in a clear rhythmic voice open city is a haunting mature profound work about our country and our world finalist national book critics circle award young lions fiction award one of the best books of the year the new york times book review the new yorker the atlantic the economist newsweek the new republic new york daily news los angeles times the boston globe the seattle times minneapolis star tribune gq salon slate new york the week the kansas city star kirkus reviews the guardian toronto star the globe and mail the irish times

Z: A Novel of Zelda Fitzgerald 2013-04-11 the new york times bestseller of the jazz age now an amazon originals series starring christina ricci if ever a couple became an era it was f scott fitzgerald and his glamorous flapper wife zelda they were the jazz age independent when beautiful reckless southern belle zelda sayre meets f scott fitzgerald at a country club dance in 1918 she is seventeen and he is a young army lieutenant before long zelda has fallen for him even though scott isn t wealthy or prominent or even a southerner and keeps insisting absurdly that his writing will bring him both fortune and fame when he sells his first novel she optimistically boards a train to new york to marry him and take the rest as it comes what comes here at the dawn of the jazz age is unimagined success and celebrity that will make scott and zelda legends in their own time each place they go becomes a

playground new york city long island hollywood paris and the french riviera where they join the endless party of the glamorous sometimes doomed lost generation that includes ernest hemingway sara and gerald murphy and gertrude stein everything seems new and possible but not even jay gatsby s parties go on forever who is zelda other than the wife of a famous sometimes infamous husband with brilliant insight and imagination therese anne fowler brings us zelda s irresistible story as she herself might have told it utterly compulsive reading stylist brilliant daily mail superb independent therese anne fowler s bestselling novel of the gilded age a well behaved woman is out now

Adeline 2016-02-04 on 18 april 1941 twenty two days after virginia woolf went for a walk near her weekend house in sussex and never returned her body was reclaimed from the river ouse norah vincent s adeline reimagines the events that brought woolf to the riverbank offering us a denouement worthy of its protagonist with poetic precision and psychological acuity vincent channels virginia and leonard woolf t s and vivienne eliot lytton strachey and dora carrington laying bare their genius and their blind spots their achievements and their failings from the inside out and haunting every page is adeline the name given to virginia stephen at birth which becomes the source of virginia s greatest consolation and her greatest torment intellectually and emotionally disarming adeline a vibrant portrait of woolf and her social circle the infamous bloomsbury group and a window into the darkness that both inspired and doomed them all is a masterpiece in its own right by one of our most brilliant and daring writers 1812 1997-07-15 from the new york times bestselling author david nevin comes an atonishing historical novel of the war of 1812 the war of 1812 would either make america a global power sweeping all the way to the pacific or break it into small pieces bound to mighty england it was a second revolution of sorts to prove to the british that america had to be taken seriously the principal actors in this drama were james and dolley madison and andrew and rachel jackson their courage and determination would shape america s destiny at the publisher s request this title is being sold without digital rights management software drm applied

The Headmaster's Wife 2014-02-25 an immensely talented writer whose work has been described as incandescent kirkus and poetic booklist thomas christopher greene pens a haunting and deeply affecting portrait of one couple at their best and worst inspired by a personal loss greene explores the way that tragedy and time assail one man s memories of his life and loves like his father before him arthur winthrop is the headmaster of vermont s elite lancaster school it is the place he feels has given him his life but is also the site of his undoing as events spiral out of his control found wandering naked in central park he begins to tell his story to the police but his memories collide into one another and the true nature of things a narrative of love of marriage of family and of a tragedy arthur does not know how to address emerges luminous and atmospheric bringing to life the tight knit enclave of a quintessential new england boarding school the novel is part mystery part love story and an exploration of the ties of place and family beautifully written and compulsively readable the headmaster s wife stands as a moving elegy

to the power of love as an antidote to grief a truly remarkable novel i read the second half of the headmaster s wife with my mouth open my jaw having dropped at the end of the first half thomas christopher greene knows how to hook a reader and land him richard russo pulitzer prize winning author of empire falls an accomplished and artful storyteller greene has surprises in store as he unspools a plot that becomes as poignant as it is unpredictable wally lamb new york times bestselling author of the hour i first believed greene s genre bending novel of madness and despair evokes both the predatory lasciviousness of nabokov s classic lolita and the anxious ambiguity of gillian flynn s contemporary thriller gone girl 2012 booklist

Juneteenth 2011-06-01 ellison sought no less than to create a book of blackness a literary composition of the tradition at its most sublime and fundamental henry louis gates jr time from the renowned author of the classic novel invisible man ralph ellison s juneteenth is brilliantly crafted moving and wise with a new introduction by national book award winning author and scholar charles johnson here is ellison the master of american vernacular the preacher s hyperbole and the politician s rhetoric the rhythms of jazz and gospel and ordinary speech at the height of his powers telling a powerful evocative tale of a prodigal of the twentieth century tell me what happened while there s still time demands the dying senator adam sunraider to the reverend a z hickman the itinerant negro preacher whom he calls daddy hickman as a young man sunraider was bliss an orphan taken in by hickman and raised to be a preacher like himself his history encompasses camp meetings where he became the risen lazarus to inspire the faithful the more ordinary joys of southern boyhood bucolic days as a filmmaker lovemaking with a young woman in a field in the oklahoma sun and behind it all lies a mystery how did this chosen child become the man who would deny everything to achieve his goals

<u>Predestined</u> 1974 stephen french whitman is an overlooked american literary naturalist whose predestined compares favorably with the work of frank norris in a letter to the late charles scribner in 1922 f scott fitzgerald proposed that the firm establish a scribner library in a list of eighteen books fitzgerald ranked predestined second after the house of mirth or ethan frome his own this side of paradise was third in the dozen years since its first publication in 1910 predestined had stirred excitement among a considerable number of other writers and journalists whitman princeton class of 1901 had worked for several years on the new york sun predestined whitman s first and most successful novel is a remarkably controlled inexorably plotted story of felix piers born to wealth and misfortune who was predestined to a life of failure the rich varied background of new york city s many sides provides the compelling backdrop to this deterministic novel

Predestined; a Novel of New York Life 2013-09 this historic book may have numerous typos and missing text purchasers can usually download a free scanned copy of the original book without typos from the publisher not indexed not illustrated 1910 edition excerpt 1 g x g s he he aid ish the ants rned open n he outon of than jefore chapter xvi anxious to escape at once from that environment he sent for an auctioneer who asked do you want a

public sale felix recoiled from the thought of strangers tramping through her home the auctioneer accordingly explored the rooms appraised each article and after letting fall some words about hard times and the scarcity of cash offered the young man seventy five dollars down for everything felix made a gesture of resignation the other looking surprised and discomfited went off for his porters they stripped the flat the bare aspect of the parlor recalled to felix the day when he and she had come house hunting just so others would come now it seemed to him that the little garish room ought to express somehow in perpetuity the tragedy it had enclosed and yet the next tenants would never see as he did whenever he turned round a chimera dissolving in the shadows now it took shape beyond a succession of open doors in the kitchen again from the kitchen he saw it float before a parlor window lacking outline and substance vaguer than any apparition of conventional report less like a wraith indeed than a mere fall of shade at the passage of a cloud before iht sun it was for felix indefinitely suggestive of h degrees person as if one had there some unfathomable analogy to the echo lingering after the voice has i cd sway but when taking his departure in the t0ti ht he laid hand upon the door knob did she degrees The Stolen Lady 2021-09-21 from the acclaimed author of the night portrait comes a stunning historical novel about two women separated by five hundred years who each hide leonardo da vinci s mona lisa with unintended consequences france 1939 at the dawn of world war ii anne guichard a young archivist employed at the louvre arrives home to find her brother missing while she works to discover his whereabouts refugees begin flooding into paris and german artillery fire rattles the city once they reach the city the nazis will stop at nothing to get their hands on the louvre s art collection anne is quickly sent to the castle of chambord where the louvre s most precious artworks including the mona lisa are being transferred to ensure their safety with the germans hard on their heels anne frantically moves the mona lisa and other treasures again and again in an elaborate game of hide and seek as the threat to the masterpieces and her life grows closer anne also begins to learn the truth about her brother and the role he plays in this dangerous game florence 1479 house servant bellina sardi s future seems fixed when she accompanies her newly married mistress lisa gherardini to her home across the arno lisa s husband a prosperous silk merchant is aligned with the powerful medici his home filled with luxuries and treasures but soon bellina finds herself bewitched by a charismatic monk who has urged florentines to rise up against the medici and to empty their homes of the riches and jewels her new employer prizes when master leonardo da vinci is commissioned to paint a portrait of lisa bellina finds herself tasked with hiding an impossible secret when art and war collide leonardo da vinci his beautiful subject lisa and the portrait find themselves in the crosshairs of history Staggerford 2011-01-12 the classic novel of a small minnesota town and of one school teacher who calls it home this utterly charming deeply poignant debut remains perhaps the signature achievement of beloved novelist jon hassler once hailed by the new york times as a writer good enough to restore your faith in fiction it s the story of a week in the life of miles pruitt a thirty five year old bachelor who teaches high school english in staggerford

minnesota and though it is only a week it s an extraordinary week filled with the poetry of living the sweetness of expectation and the glory of surprise that can change a life forever praise for staggerford witty intelligent compassionate an absolutely smashing first novel the plain dealer you ll remember it for a long time the minneapolis tribune one of the year s truly freshly conceived and carried out novels one whose not always so gentle ironies address themselves to a broader range of life than is to be found in staggerford minnesota the kansas city star a thoroughly convincing x ray vision of small town life so sincere so true so honest with itself and so very very funny that a reader often has to wipe the tears out of the corners of his eyes before he can as he must read on the houston post very entertaining miles is one of the most likable protagonists of modern fiction the pittsburgh press staggerford minnesota is a town out of control it is as weird and convoluted as any lover of comic fiction could wish boston herald american

World Gone By 2015-03-10 a psychologically morally complex novel of blood crime passion and vengeance set in cuba and ybor city florida during world war ii in which joe coughlin must confront the cost of his criminal past and present ten years have passed since joe coughlin s enemies killed his wife and destroyed his empire and much has changed prohibition is dead the world is at war again and joe s son tomás is growing up now the former crime kingpin works as a consigliore to the bartolo crime family traveling between tampa and cuba his wife s homeland a master who moves in and out of the black white and cuban underworlds joe effortlessly mixes with tampa s social elite u s naval intelligence the lansky luciano mob and the mob financed government of fulgencio batista he has everything money power a beautiful mistress and anonymity but success cannot protect him from the dark truth of his past and ultimately the wages of a lifetime of sin will finally be paid in full dennis lehane vividly recreates the rise of the mob during a world at war from a masterfully choreographed ash wednesday gun battle in the streets of ybor city to a chilling heartbreaking climax in a cuban sugar cane field told with verve and skill world gone by is a superb work of historical fiction from one of the most interesting and accomplished american novelists washington post writing today

Cloud Cuckoo Land 2021-09-28 on the new york times bestseller list for over 20 weeks a new york times notable book a national book award finalist named a best book of the year by fresh air time entertainment weekly associated press and many more if you re looking for a superb novel look no further the washington post from the pulitzer prize winning author of all the light we cannot see comes the instant new york times bestseller that is a wildly inventive a humane and uplifting book for adults that s infused with the magic of childhood reading experiences the new york times book review among the most celebrated and beloved novels of recent times cloud cuckoo land is a triumph of imagination and compassion a soaring story about children on the cusp of adulthood in worlds in peril who find resilience hope and a book in the 15th century an orphan named anna lives inside the formidable walls of constantinople she learns to read and in this ancient city famous for its libraries she finds what

might be the last copy of a centuries old book the story of aethon who longs to be turned into a bird so that he can fly to a utopian paradise in the sky outside the walls is omeir a village boy conscripted with his beloved oxen into the army that will lay siege to the city his path and anna s will cross in the present day in a library in idaho octogenarian zeno rehearses children in a play adaptation of aethon s story preserved against all odds through centuries tucked among the library shelves is a bomb planted by a troubled idealistic teenager seymour this is another siege and in a not so distant future on the interstellar ship argos konstance is alone in a vault copying on scraps of sacking the story of aethon told to her by her father anna omeir seymour zeno and konstance are dreamers and outsiders whose lives are gloriously intertwined doerr s dazzling imagination transports us to worlds so dramatic and immersive that we forget for a time our own

His Father's Son: A Novel of New York (1895) 2008-06-01 this scarce antiquarian book is a facsimile reprint of the original due to its age it may contain imperfections such as marks notations marginalia and flawed pages because we believe this work is culturally important we have made it available as part of our commitment for protecting preserving and promoting the world's literature in affordable high quality modern editions that are true to the original work

Hollywood 1991 in 1917 an actress s rise to stardom is paralleled by the birth of hollywood *The South* 2012-10-30 a highly acclaimed novel from the author of brooklyn and an immensely gifted and accomplished writer the washington post about an irishwoman who creates a new life in post war spain in 1950 katherine proctor leaves ireland for barcelona determined to escape her family and become a painter there she meets miguel an anarchist veteran of the spanish civil war and begins to build a life with him but katherine cannot escape her past as michael graves a fellow irish émigré in spain forces her to reexamine all her relationships to her lover her art and the homeland she only thought she knew the south is a novel of classic themes of art and exile and of the seemingly irreconcilable yearnings for love and freedom to which colm tóibín brings a new passionate sensitivity

The Last Station 2009-11-10 soon to be a major motion picture a new york times notable book as leo tolstoy s life draws to a tumultuous close his tempestuous wife and most cunning disciple are locked in a whirlwind battle for the great man s soul torn between his professed doctrine of poverty and chastity and the reality of his enormous wealth and thirteen children tolstoy dramatically flees his home only to fall ill at a tiny nearby rail station the famous and famously troubled writer believes he is dying alone unaware that over a hundred newspapermen camp outside awaiting hourly reports on his condition jay parini moves deftly between a colorful cast of characters to create a stunning portrait of one of the world s most treasured authors dancing between fact and fiction the last station is a brilliant and moving literary performance

The Sadness of Antonioni 2011-08-01 part mafia murder mystery part novel of ideas but most of all a love story

the sadness of antonioni follows hank morelli a young assistant professor of film who is obsessed with antonioni s l avventura as he embarks on an unlikely romance with a wendy s cashier he is also drawn into the mystery of his grandfather s underworld connections and tempted by his department chair and his department chair s mysterious girlfriend nadia to take part in a monstrous film project they are planning haunted throughout by the terror of time s raw present without exit the sadness of antonioni is an american adventure in the antonioni vein visually rich and emotionally mysterious in which an unlikely young couple navigates the difficult waters of their relationship each suffering the remnants of a violent past that must be resolved if they hope to stay together heartrending and unsparing yet with a persistent comic vein this is frank lentricchia s seventh and most ambitious and disturbing novel to date

American Rust 2009-02-24 now a hit streaming series a bold absorbing novel the new york times book review of the lost american dream the acts of friendship loyalty and love that arise from its loss and two young men bound to their hometown who crave an escape powerful gripping in the tradition that stretches from ernest hemingway to cormac mccarthy the washington post a best book of the year new york times book review the washington post economist pittsburgh post gazette newsweek kansas city star idaho statesman left alone to care for his aging father after his mother dies by suicide and his sister escapes to yale isaac english longs for a life beyond his hometown a beautiful but economically devastated pennsylvania steel town but when he finally sets out to leave for good accompanied by his temperamental best friend former high school football star billy poe they are caught up in a terrible act of violence that changes their lives forever evoking john steinbeck s novels of restless lives during the great depression american rust takes us into the contemporary american heartland at a moment of profound unrest and uncertainty about the future it is a dark but lucid vision a moving novel about the bleak realities that battle our desire for transcendence and the power of love and friendship to redeem us

Villages 2005-09-27 in this wry novel of sentimental education and sexual pursuit we follow owen mackenzie a representative man of the author s generation from cradle to grave and from bed to bed his life and relationships are shaped by three villages warm lit communities that keep the darkness at bay from within and without in willow pennsylvania the young owen is transfixed by his first glimpses of female beauty in middle falls connecticut he marries becomes a first wave computer programmer and discovers the very grownup pleasures of serial adultery finally married for a second time he retires with his memories illusions and fantasies to the somewhat geriatric community of haskells crossing massachusetts john updike turns owen s personal odyssey into a radiant sensual fable of the seasons of a man s life and of the getting of wisdom in america

<u>Memorial</u> 2006-09-12 in his most profound and accomplished book to date acclaimed author bruce wagner breaks from hollywood culture with a novel of exceptional literary dimension and searing emotional depth joan herlihy is a semi successful architect grasping at the illustrious commission that will catapult her to international renown

glossy décor magazines and the luxe condo designs of meier koolhaas and hadid the incestuous cult of contemporary starchitects unexpectedly she finds her venice beach firm on the short list for a coveted private memorial a napa billionaire s vanity tribute to relatives killed in the christmas tsunami with life changing consequences her brother chester clings to a failing career as a location scout before suffering an accidental injury resulting from an outrageous prank the tragicomic repercussions lead him through a maze of addiction delusion paranoia and ultimately transcendence virtually abandoned by her family the indomitable marjorie herlihy mother widow and dreamer falls prey to a confidence scheme dizzying in its sadism and complexity and unbeknownst to marj and her children the father who disappeared decades ago is alive and well nearby recently in the local news for reasons that will prove to be both his redemption and his undoing spiraling toward catastrophe separate lives collide as family members make a valiant attempt to reunite and create an enduring legacy to rewrite a ruined american dream deeply compassionate and violently irreverent memorial is a testament to faith and forgiveness and a luminous tribute to spirituality in the twenty first century with an unflagging eye on a society ruptured by natural and unnatural disaster and an insatiable love for humanity wagner delivers a masterpiece **Red Sky at Morning** 2014-02-18 red sky at morning is a minor marvel it is a novel of paradox of identity of an overwhelming yes to life that embraces with wonder what we are pleased to call the human condition in short a work of art harper lee hailed by the washington post book world as a sort of catcher in the rye out west richard bradford s red sky at morning is the classic coming of age story set during world war ii about the enduring spirit of youth and the values in life that count in the summer of 1944 frank arnold a wealthy shipbuilder in mobile alabama receives his volunteer commission in the us navy and moves his wife ann and seventeen year old son josh to the family s summer home in the village of corazon sagrado high in the new mexico mountains a true daughter of the confederacy ann finds it impossible to cope with the quality of life in the largely hispanic village and in the company of jimbob buel an insufferable south proud professional houseguest takes to bridge and sherry josh on the other hand becomes an integral member of the sagrado community forging friendships with his new classmates with the town s disreputable resident artist and with amadeo and excilda montoya the couple hired by his father to care for their house josh narrates the story of his fateful year in sagrado and with irresistibly deadpan irreverent humor describes the events and people who influence his progress to maturity unhindered by his mother s disdain for these tacky dusty little westerners josh comes into his own and into a young man's finely formed understanding of duty responsibility and love

Tortured Love 2015-04-07 ÿtortured love follows the meandering life of one individual and his bizarre effect on a handful of people the reader will acknowledge the ever changing pattern of the world and how a personal influence can incite everything from suicide and murder to love and romance there will be a tidal wave of emotions from happiness to disgust as violence retribution regret and happiness are explored with a veritable force this unique

journey will be enlivening and disheartening in equal measures concentrating on a colourful array of characters from psychopaths to poets and their parallel coexistence tortured love is not for the faint of heart but then neither is life itself

The Assembler of Parts 2015-03-17 a dual kirkus best fiction and best debut fiction selection this stunning novel is an emotional fable about love forgiveness and what most makes us human at the outset of this extraordinary first novel eight year old jess finds herself in heaven reviewing her short life she is guided in this by a being she calls the assembler of parts and her task seems to be to grasp her life s meaning from the moment of her birth it was obvious that jess is unlike other children for she suffers from a syndrome of birth defects that leaves her flawed but by her very imperfections she has a unique ability to draw love from and heal those around her from the parents who come together over her to the grandmother whose guilt she assuages to the family friend she helps reconcile with an angry past yet it is only when she comes to her sudden death for which her parents are suspected of neglect unleashing a chain of events beyond her healing that her sense of her life truly begin to crystallize and only then does the assembler s purpose become clear with prose that is rich in emotion and eloquence and that distills poetry from the language of medicine and the words for ordinary things raoul wientzen has delivered a novel of rare beauty that speaks to subjects as profound as faith what makes us human and the value of a life skyhorse publishing as well as our arcade yucca and good books imprints are proud to publish a broad range of books for readers interested in fiction novels novellas political and medical thrillers comedy satire historical fiction romance erotic and love stories mystery classic literature folklore and mythology literary classics including shakespeare dumas wilde cather and much more while not every title we publish becomes a new york times bestseller or a national bestseller we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home

<u>World's End</u> 1988 this multi generational novel ranges over the history of the hudson river valley from the late seventeenth cenutry to the late 1960s with low humor high seriousness and magical almost hallucinatory prose it follows the interwoven destinies of families of indians lordy dutch patrons and yoemen copyright libri gmbh all rights reserved

Who Walk in Darkness 2015-06-09 considered by many to be the first beat novel this underground classic follows a clique of young bohemians from dive bar to dance hall in 1940s new york recently fired from his job and not yet ready to find a new one aspiring author blake williams begins his evenings at the sporting club bar in greenwich village where he knows he will find henry porter an ambitious and manipulative writer rumored to be passing for white henry has a cold hearted charisma that is both irresistible and infuriating to his friends while sipping beers delivered by the bar s surly italian waiter henry and blake discuss their plans for the night a trip uptown to dance to the strains of a puerto rican orchestra perhaps or a prize fight at madison square garden or maybe a party in a

dim and crowded apartment on prince street reefer smoke clouding the air the possibilities are endless until the money runs out originally published in 1952 who walk in darkness was one of the most controversial novels of midcentury america its cast of hip young men and women from the unforgettable antihero henry porter to harry lee a talented but heavy drinking novelist going through a period of grave self doubt were based on well known figures of the era their existential crises are portrayed with an honesty that shocked the publishing establishment and helped give rise to one of the most significant literary movements in american history as relevant today as it was more than half a century ago who walk in darkness is the masterwork of an author far ahead of his time and a captivating character study whose influence can be felt in novels as wide ranging as jack kerouac s on the road and philip roth s the human stain

Thomas and Beal in the Midi 2019-04-16 a young interracial couple escapes from maryland to france in 1892 living first among artists in the vibrant latin quarter of paris and then beginning a new life as winemakers in the rugged countryside of the languedoc twenty three years after the publication of his acclaimed novel mason s retreat and six years after the right hand shore christopher tilghman returns to the saga of the mason and bayly families in thomas and beal in the midi thomas bayly and his wife beal have run away to france escaping the laws and prejudices of post reconstruction america the drama in this richly textured novel proceeds in two settings first in paris and then in the languedoc where thomas and beal begin a new life as winemakers beal indelible beautiful and poised enchants everyone she meets in this strange new land including a gaggle of artists in the latin quarter when they first arrive in paris later when they ve moved to the beautiful and rugged languedoc she is torn between the freedoms she experienced in paris and the return to the farm life she thought she had left behind in america a moving and delicate portrait of a highly unusual marriage thomas and beal in the midi is a radiant work of deep insight and peerless imagination about the central dilemma of american history the legacy of slavery and the civil war that explores the many ways that the past has an enduring hold over the present

To Paradise 2022-01-11 1 new york times best seller from the award winning best selling author of the classic a little life a bold brilliant novel spanning three centuries and three different versions of the american experiment about lovers family loss and the elusive promise of utopia a best book of the year vogue esquire npr goodreads to paradise is a fin de siècle novel of marvelous literary effect but above all it is a work of emotional genius the great power of this remarkable novel is driven by yanagihara s understanding of the aching desire to protect those we love partners lovers children friends family and even our fellow citizens and the pain that ensues when we cannot in an alternate version of 1893 america new york is part of the free states where people may live and love whomever they please or so it seems the fragile young scion of a distinguished family resists betrothal to a worthy suitor drawn to a charming music teacher of no means in a 1993 manhattan besieged by the aids epidemic a young hawaiian man lives with his much older wealthier partner hiding his troubled childhood and the fate of his father

and in 2093 in a world riven by plagues and governed by totalitarian rule a powerful scientist s damaged granddaughter tries to navigate life without him and solve the mystery of her husband s disappearances these three sections comprise an ingenious symphony as recurring notes and themes deepen and enrich one another a townhouse in washington square park in greenwich village illness and treatments that come at a terrible cost wealth and squalor the weak and the strong race the definition of family and of nationhood the dangerous righteousness of the powerful and of revolutionaries the longing to find a place in an earthly paradise and the gradual realization that it can t exist what unites not just the characters but these americas are their reckonings with the qualities that make us human fear love shame need loneliness

West of Sunset 2015-12-29 a mesmerizing and haunting the boston globe novel of f scott fitzgerald s last years in hollywood in 1937 f scott fitzgerald was a troubled uncertain man whose literary success was long over in poor health with his wife consigned to an asylum and his finances in ruin he struggled to make a new start as a screenwriter in hollywood those last three years of fitzgerald s life are the focus of stewart o nan s graceful and elegiac novel west of sunset with flashbacks to fitzgerald s glamorous jazz age past the story follows him as he arrives on the mgm lot falls in love with brassy gossip columnist sheilah graham begins work on the last tycoon and tries to maintain a semblance of family life with the absent zelda and their daughter scottie the golden age of hollywood is brought vividly to life through the novel s romantic cast of characters from dorothy parker and ernest hemingway to humphrey bogart written with striking grace and subtlety this is a wise and intimate portrait of a man trying his best to hold together a world that s flying apart

<u>Crawl Space</u> 2006-06-13 a war criminal returns to the scene of the crime it s 1999 and emile poulquet awaits sentencing in a paris court for deporting thousands to almost certain death during world war ii but haunted by ghosts from his past and determined to confront his dark legacy he escapes and heads toward his beloved finier a rural town in the south of france where he once served as prefect his return will have explosive consequences in finier poulquet finds shelter within the strange embrace of a group of teenage wastrels and encounters new breeds of idealism degeneracy and friendship he sets out to find arianne a lifelong obsession and the widow of a resistance hero in order to hand her his last will and testament but as he begins his quest he cannot help being drawn inexorably toward another circle of refugees and reporters in town for a wartime reunion he doesn t yet know that his worst betrayal and the greatest test of his own ability to pardon another is yet to come by turns epic and intimate reflective and slyly humorous crawl space limns the gray zone between past and future edie meidav poignantly describes one man s tragic attempt to come to terms with the past

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