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Collected Prose - Paul Auster 2010-06-22

An essential collection from one of the finest thinkers and stylists in contemporary letters. The celebrated author of *The New York Trilogy*, *The Book of Illusions*, and *Oracle Night* presents here a highly personal collection of essays, prefaces, true stories, autobiographical writings, and collaborations with artists, as well as occasional pieces written for magazines and newspapers, including *The Invention of Solitude* his "breathtaking memoir." (Financial Times Magazine London) Ranging in subject from Sir Walter Raleigh to Kafka, Nathaniel Hawthorne to the high-wire artist Philippe Petit, conceptual artist Sophie Calle to Auster's own typewriter, the World Trade Center catastrophe to his beloved New York City itself, *Collected Prose* records the passions and insights of a writer who "will be remembered as one of the great writers of our time" (San Francisco Chronicle).

The Factory of Facts - Luc Sante 2012-09-12

The acclaimed author of *Low Life* reinvents the memoir in a cunning, lyrical book that is at once a personal history and a meditation on the construction of identity. Born in Belgium but raised in New Jersey, Luc Sante transformed himself from a pious, timid Belgian boy into a loutish American adolescent, who eschewed French while fantasizing about the pop star Françoise Hardy. To show how this transformation came about--and why it remained incomplete--*The Factory of Facts* combines family anecdote and ancestral legend; detailed forays into Belgian history, language, and religion; and deft synopses of the American

character.

Auggie Wren's Christmas Story - Paul Auster 2014-05-13

A timeless, utterly charming Christmas fable, beautifully illustrated and destined to become a classic When Paul Auster was asked by *The New York Times* to write a Christmas story for the Op-Ed page, the result, "Auggie Wren's Christmas Story," led to Auster's collaboration on a film adaptation, *Smoke*. Now the story has found yet another life in this enchanting illustrated edition with Argentine artist Isol. It begins with a writer's dilemma: he's been asked by *The New York Times* to write a story that will appear in the paper on Christmas morning. The writer agrees, but he has a problem: How to write an unsentimental Christmas story? He unburdens himself to his friend at his local cigar shop, a colorful character named Auggie Wren. "A Christmas story? Is that all?" Auggie counters. "If you buy me lunch, my friend, I'll tell you the best Christmas story you ever heard. And I guarantee every word of it is true." And an unconventional story it is, involving a lost wallet, a blind woman, and a Christmas dinner. Everything gets turned upside down. What's stealing? What's giving? What's a lie? What's the truth? It's vintage Auster, and pure pleasure: a truly unsentimental but completely affecting tale.

City of Glass - Paul Auster 2010-04-01

A graphic novel classic with a new introduction by Art Spiegelman Quinn writes mysteries. *The Washington Post* has described him as a "post-existentialist private eye." An unknown voice on

the telephone is now begging for his help, drawing him into a world and a mystery far stranger than any he ever created in print. Adapted by Paul Karasik and David Mazzucchelli, with graphics by David Mazzucchelli, Paul Auster's groundbreaking, Edgar Award-nominated masterwork has been astonishingly transformed into a new visual language.

Hand to Mouth - Paul Auster 2003-08-01

This is the story of a young man's struggle to stay afloat. By turns poignant and comic, Paul Auster's memoir is essentially an autobiographical essay about money--and what it means not to have it. From one odd job to the next, from one failed scheme to another, Auster investigates his own stubborn compulsion to make art and describes his ingenious, often far-fetched attempts to survive on next to nothing. From the streets of New York City and Paris to the rural roads of upstate New York, the author treats us to a series of remarkable adventures and unforgettable encounters and, in several elaborate appixes, to previously unknown work from these years.

Frankenstein - Mary Shelley 2021-05-17

One of the best masterpieces of the written world. More than 200 years after it was first published, Mary Shelley's Frankenstein has stood the test of time as a gothic masterpiece--a classic work of horror that blurs the line between man and monster. "If I cannot inspire love, I will cause fear." For centuries, the story of Victor Frankenstein and the monster he created has held readers spellbound. On the surface, it is a novel of tense and steadily mounting dread. On a more profound level, it illuminates the triumph and tragedy of the human condition in its portrayal of a scientist who oversteps the bounds of conscience, and of a creature tortured by the solitude of a world in which he does not belong. A novel of almost hallucinatory intensity, Mary Shelley's Frankenstein represents one of the most striking flowerings of the Romantic imagination.

Conversations with Paul Auster - James M. Hutchisson 2013-01-24

Paul Auster (b. 1947) is one of the most critically acclaimed and intensely studied authors in America today. His varied career as a novelist, poet, translator, and filmmaker has attracted

scholarly scrutiny from a variety of critical perspectives. The steadily rising arc of his large readership has made him something of a popular culture figure with many appearances in print interviews, as well as on television, the radio, and the internet. Auster's best known novel may be his first, *City of Glass* (1985), a grim and intellectually puzzling mystery that belies its surface image as a "detective novel" and goes on to become a profound meditation on transience and mortality, the inadequacies of language, and isolation. Fifteen more novels have followed since then, including *The Music of Chance*, *Moon Palace*, *The Book of Illusions*, and *The Brooklyn Follies*. He has, in the words of one critic, "given the phrase 'experimental fiction' a good name" by fashioning bona fide literary works with all the rigor and intellect demanded of the contemporary avant-garde. This volume--the first of its kind on Auster--will be useful to both scholars and students for the penetrating self-analysis and the wide range of biographical information and critical commentary it contains. *Conversations with Paul Auster* covers all of Auster's oeuvre, from *The New York Trilogy*--of which *City of Glass* is a component--to *Sunset Park* (2010), along with his screenplays for *Smoke* (1995) and *Blue in the Face* (1996). Within, Auster nimbly discusses his poetry, memoir, nonfiction, translations, and film directing.

[Graphic Adaptation of Paul Auster's City of Glass - Visual Language and Symbolism](#) - Alisa Westermann 2011-06

Seminar paper from the year 2009 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 1,3, University of Münster (Englisches Seminar), course: Graphic Novels, language: English, abstract: It was a wrong number that started it, the telephone ringing three times in the dead of night, and the voice on the other end asking for someone he was not. (Auster, 1985; 3) Paul Auster's anti-detective novel *City of Glass* is the story of a man, whose life accidentally angles off. More and more, he blunders into the complexity of a criminal case in search of the significant principle. Obsessively, he adapts his action to the stranger until he finally loses himself. Although Auster's novel, which is based on the nature and the function of language, is rather non-visual, Paul

Karasik and David Mazzucchelli succeeded in adopting it into a graphic novel that is more than just a translation from one genre into another. They managed to create a visual language full of metaphors, symbols and icons that add a new layer of meaning to the story. This is the reason why I decided to pick *City of Glass: The graphic novel* as the basis of my term paper. This thesis will argue that a graphic adaptation of a literary work can be more than just an illustrated copy of a superior novel and worth an analysis on its own. Furthermore, I will take a deeper look at the visual language, specifically, the visual metaphors and symbols, which build up the graphic novel and how these findings can be adapted into learning situations. First of all, I will give a summary of *City of Glass: the novel* followed by a definition of the anti-detective genre with the intention to point out, that the visual language of *City of Glass: the graphic novel* reflects this genre. Afterwards, a survey of the graphic novel as well as an analysis of its structure and composition and its visual language and symbolism is given. A brief outline of how these findings can be useful in teaching and learning situations.

The Longman Anthology of Detective Fiction - Deane Mansfield-Kelley 2004-07

A detective fiction anthology filled with award winning short stories, information on the authors who wrote them, discussion about the history and evolution of the genre, and important literary criticism.

A Life in Words - Paul Auster 2017-10-03

An inside look into Paul Auster's art and craft, the inspirations and obsessions, mesmerizing and dramatic in turn. A remarkably candid, and often surprisingly dramatic, investigation into one writer's art, craft, and life, *A Life in Words* is rooted in three years of dialogue between Auster and Professor I. B. Siegumfeldt, starting in 2011, while Siegumfeldt was in the process of launching the Center for Paul Auster Studies at the University of Copenhagen. It includes a number of surprising disclosures, both concerning Auster's work and about the art of writing generally. It is a book that's full of surprises, unscripted yet amounting to a sharply focused portrait of the inner workings of one of America's most productive and successful writers, through all twenty-one of Auster's

narrative works and the themes and obsessions that drive them.

The Symbolic and Metaphoric Potential of Paul Auster's "City of Glass" - Franziska Schüppel 2012-12-25

Seminar paper from the year 2008 in the subject American Studies - Literature, grade: 1,3, University of Leipzig, language: English, abstract: Lewis Jones once wrote in the *Telegraph* about Paul Auster that "his novels are labyrinths of enigmas, mysteries and riddles, thrillers with no endings, detective stories as told by Samuel Beckett, their premises endlessly shifting, in which the only knowledge is that nothing is, or can be, known.". These qualities are also represented in his New York Trilogy published in 1987, that consists of the three detective stories *City of Glass*, *Ghosts*, and *The Locked Room*, which are set in New York. All of them deal with the nature of identity and attach value to these mysteries and riddles typical of Paul Auster, for example by using symbols and metaphors# to cause certain reactions in the reader. Especially the postmodern novel *City of Glass* from 1985 makes use of numerous symbols and metaphors that can be found throughout the whole novel. In this way, many passages or even single sentences can be interpreted differently and consequently it is sometimes difficult for the reader not to be confused. By using the single symbols and metaphors of the title, of glass as symbol of pairs and look-alikes, the crisis of identity, and the Tower of Babel in his novel *City of Glass*, Paul Auster influences the reader and causes different effects, such as catching his interest, confusing him, or giving him a reason for thinking. In the following I am going to analyze the single symbols and metaphors and try to interpret the effects on the reader and the author's intentions.

The New York Trilogy - Paul Auster 1998

The Blue Room - Georges Simenon 2016-02-16

"One of the greatest writers of the twentieth century . . . Simenon was unequalled at making us look inside, though the ability was masked by his brilliance at absorbing us obsessively in his stories." —The Guardian Master novelist Georges Simenon's critically acclaimed tale of the destructive power of lust and guilt "He felt no resentment towards Andree for biting his lip.

In the context of their lovemaking, it had its place." For Tony and Andree, there are no rules when they meet in the blue room at the Hotel des Voyageurs. Their adulterous affair is intoxicating, passionate—and dangerous. It soon turns into a nightmare from which there can be no escape. Heart-pounding and high-stakes, *The Blue Room* is a stylish and sensual psychological thriller that weaves a story of cruelty, reckless lust, and relentless guilt.

City of Glass - Paul Auster 2004-08

A late-night phone call from a stranger involves Quinn, a mystery writer, in a baffling murder case stranger than his novels, in a new edition of the Edgar-nominated graphic novel. Reprint. 10,000 first printing.

4 3 2 1 - Paul Auster 2017

On March 3, 1947, in the maternity ward of Beth Israel Hospital in Newark, New Jersey, Archibald Isaac Ferguson, the one and only child of Rose and Stanley Ferguson, is born. From that single beginning, Ferguson's life will take four simultaneous and independent fictional paths. Four Fergusons made of the same genetic material, four boys who are the same boy, will go on to lead four parallel and entirely different lives. Family fortunes diverge. Loves and friendships and intellectual passions contrast. Chapter by chapter, the rotating narratives evolve into an elaborate dance of inner worlds enfolded within the outer forces of history as, one by one, the intimate plot of each Ferguson's story rushes on across the tumultuous and fractured terrain of mid twentieth-century America. A boy grows up-again and again and again. As inventive and dexterously constructed as anything Paul Auster has ever written **4 3 2 1** is an unforgettable tour de force, the crowning work of this masterful writer's extraordinary career.

Akata Woman - Nnedi Okorafor 2022-01-18

The electrifying third book in the series that started with *Akata Witch*, named one of *Time* magazine's "100 Best Fantasy Books of All Time" and "100 Best YA Books of All Time," from award-winning author Nnedi Okorafor. "In this series, Okorafor creates a stunningly original world of African magic that draws on Nigerian folk beliefs and rituals instead of relying on the predictable tropes of Western fantasy novels." —*Time* magazine From the moment Sunny

Nwazue discovered she had mystical energy flowing in her blood, she sought to understand and control her powers. Throughout her adventures in *Akata Witch* and *Akata Warrior*, she had to navigate the balance between nearly everything in her life—America and Nigeria, the "normal" world and the one infused with juju, human and spirit, good daughter and powerful Leopard Person. Now, those hard lessons and abilities are put to the test in a quest so dangerous and fantastical, it would be madness to go...but may destroy the world if she does not. With the help of her friends, Sunny embarks on a mission to find a precious object hidden deep in an otherworldly realm. Defeating the guardians of the prize will take more from Sunny than she has to give, and triumph will mean she will be forever changed.

Anti-Story - Philip Stevick 1971

The *Anti-Story* is an anthology of experimental fiction. It is edited by Philip Stevick. From Simon & Schuster comes a selection of the best experimental fiction in recent decades. Curated and edited by Philip Stevick, *Anti-Story: An Anthology of Experimental Fiction* is a collection perfect for any lover of creative fiction.

Burning Boy - Paul Auster 2021-10-26

A LOS ANGELES TIMES BOOK PRIZE WINNER A BOSTON GLOBE BEST BOOK OF 2021 Booker Prize-shortlisted and New York Times bestselling author Paul Auster's comprehensive, landmark biography of the great American writer Stephen Crane. With *Burning Boy*, celebrated novelist Paul Auster tells the extraordinary story of Stephen Crane, best known as the author of *The Red Badge of Courage*, who transformed American literature through an avalanche of original short stories, novellas, poems, journalism, and war reportage before his life was cut short by tuberculosis at age twenty-eight. Auster's probing account of this singular life tracks Crane as he rebounds from one perilous situation to the next: A controversial article written at twenty disrupts the course of the 1892 presidential campaign, a public battle with the New York police department over the false arrest of a prostitute effectively exiles him from the city, a star-crossed love affair with an unhappily married uptown girl tortures him, a common-law marriage to the proprietress of Jacksonville's most elegant bawdyhouse

endures, a shipwreck results in his near drowning, he withstands enemy fire to send dispatches from the Spanish-American War, and then he relocates to England, where Joseph Conrad becomes his closest friend and Henry James weeps over his tragic, early death. In *Burning Boy*, Auster not only puts forth an immersive read about an unforgettable life but also, casting a dazzled eye on Crane's astonishing originality and productivity, provides uniquely knowing insight into Crane's creative processes to produce the rarest of reading experiences—the dramatic biography of a brilliant writer as only another literary master could tell it.

Neon Lit:city of Glass - Bob Callahan
1994-08-01

A graphic, crime noir novel on a New York detective-cum-novelist who answers a wrong number. A double-barreled investigation, one from the perspective of the detective, the other from that of the novelist. Adapted from Paul Auster's *City of Glass* by the creators of *Maus*.

City of Glass - Paul Auster 1985

A late-night phone call from a stranger involves Quinn, a mystery writer, in a baffling murder case stranger than his novels

The Locked Room - Maj Sjöwall 2010-11-17

The stunning eighth installment in the Martin Beck mystery series by the renowned Swedish crime writing duo is a masterful take on a classic locked room mystery. With an introduction by Michael Connelly: "One of the most authentic, gripping, and profound collections of police procedurals ever accomplished." A young blonde in sunglasses robs a bank and kills a hapless citizen. Across town, a corpse with a bullet shot through its heart is found in a locked room—with no gun at the scene. The crimes seem disparate, but to Martin Beck they are two pieces of the same puzzle, and solving it becomes the one way he can escape the pains of his failed marriage and the lingering effects of a near-fatal bullet wound. Exploring the ramifications of egotism and intellect, luck and accident, this tour de force of detection bears the unmistakable substance and gravity of real life.

Squeeze Play - Paul Benjamin 1990

Someone's trying to kill former baseball star George Chapman, and he hires tough New York detective Max Klein. Chapman claims he has no

enemies, but Klein doesn't believe in fairy tales, or in the alibis and sexual ploys of Chapman's wife, who hates her husband enough to kill him.

Ghosts - Paul Auster 1986

White hires Blue, a New York City private detective, to keep an eye on Black, but eventually Blue finds his own life in danger

Paul Auster's 'City of Glass' as a Postmodern Detective Novel - Toni Rudat 2007-11

Seminar paper from the year 2006 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies -

Literature, grade: 1,3, RWTH Aachen University, 13 entries in the bibliography, language:

English, abstract: PAUL AUSTER's novel 'City of Glass' published in 1985 appeared during the

period of the postmodern era.¹ Although it is considerably discussed at what time the

beginnings of the postmodern era is to be set, it is irrefutable that 'City of Glass' belongs to

postmodern literature. To analyse in how far

PAUL AUSTER's 'City of Glass' serves as a representative of the postmodern era and to

show the reader in what way postmodern qualities are converted into the writings of that

time, the main part of this paper will be divided up into two sections. The first section serves to

define the coming up of this movement and the qualities it possesses within the genre of

detective fiction. Furthermore some important idealistic features like the idea of reality and

identity have to be taken into consideration. The short introduction of the two identity-

constituting models by ERIKSON and MEAD will provide a better overview of the idea of identity

formation. Within the second section the novel itself will be taken into consideration. Therefore

it is necessary to take a close look at the main character Daniel Quinn and his character

development the crisis of his identity in the course of the novel respectively. Besides another

striking factor, namely the appearance of doublings and triplings of characters, has to be

clarified as well as the role of the narrator. The conclusion at the end of the paper is supposed

then to show to what extent 'City of Glass' belongs to postmodern literature and which

peculiarities of postmodern writings have been included in this novel. Since there are just a few

recent publications on Paul Auster and his novels three of them namely, *An Art of Desire: Reading Paul Auster* by BERND

HERZOGENRATH, Crisis: The Works of Paul Auster by CARSTEN SPRINGER and the pu
The New York Trilogy - Paul Auster
2006-03-28

The remarkable, acclaimed series of interconnected detective novels - from the author of 4 3 2 1: A Novel The New York Review of Books has called Paul Auster's work "one of the most distinctive niches in contemporary literature." Moving at the breathless pace of a thriller, this uniquely stylized trilogy of detective novels begins with *City of Glass*, in which Quinn, a mystery writer, receives an ominous phone call in the middle of the night. He's drawn into the streets of New York, onto an elusive case that's more puzzling and more deeply-layered than anything he might have written himself. In *Ghosts*, Blue, a mentee of Brown, is hired by White to spy on Black from a window on Orange Street. Once Blue starts stalking Black, he finds his subject on a similar mission, as well. In *The Locked Room*, Fanshawe has disappeared, leaving behind his wife and baby and nothing but a cache of novels, plays, and poems. This Penguin Classics Deluxe Edition includes an introduction from author and professor Luc Sante, as well as a pulp novel-inspired cover from Art Spiegelman, Pulitzer Prize-winning graphic artist of *Maus* and *In the Shadow of No Towers*. For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,700 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators.

[The Elephant Tree](#) - R D Ronald 2010-10-04
A jagged series of events written with gritty realism. *The Elephant Tree* transcends stereotypes and challenges the reader's sense of morality, with shocking plot twists and vivid characters.

Oracle Night - Paul Auster 2009-04-28
Recovering from a near-fatal illness, Sidney Orr, a thirty-four-year-old novelist, purchases a mysterious blue notebook from a Brooklyn stationery shop and is drawn into a bizarre

world of eerie premonitions and baffling events.
Walking Through Paul Auster's "City of Glass": "Flânerie" in His Novel - Jeanette Gonsior
2009-02

Seminar paper from the year 2006 in the subject American Studies - Literature, grade: 1,0, Humboldt-University of Berlin (Department of English and American Studies), course: The Flaneur and the Visual Culture of the City, 30 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: "To stroll is a science, it is the gastronomy of the eye. To walk is to vegetate, to stroll is to live." (Balzac, "Physiologie du Mariage") '*City of Glass*' is Paul Auster's first novel, published in 1985, after being rejected by several publishers. The first part of 'The New York Trilogy' has been translated into 17 languages so far, a fact that pleads for the novel's commercial success nowadays. An indication for the literary importance of '*City of Glass*' is the continually growing number of essays, anthologies and monographs all over the world. It is undeniable that its selling success is related to the general fascination for the cosmopolitan city of New York and for detective stories, as - at first sight - Auster's novel follows the tradition of Edgar Allan Poe. However, he follows the tradition "as creator of 'the lost ones'", as - on closer inspection - the reader has to realize that the real mystery is one of confused character identities and realities. '*City of Glass*' does not meet the reader's expectations about a typical New York 'city novel': Auster created an adequate text for a modified, postmodern cityscape where all objects of the city seem like linguistic codes that need to be deciphered. The risks of the city result from the confusion of language and perception. The fear of an identity collapse comes along with the apparent collapse of the cityscape. Auster picks out the loss of stability and security in the city as central theme. He describes a world begging for order and interpretation where "nothing is real except chance". (...) Auster's character Quinn is a deconstructed character of postmodernism, he acts like a 'fl neur', but does not feel comfortable while walkin

[Beyond the Red Notebook](#) - Dennis Barone
2011-09-16

The novels of Paul Auster—finely wrought, self-reflexive, filled with doublings, coincidences,

and mysteries—have captured the imagination of readers and the admiration of many critics of contemporary literature. In *Beyond the Red Notebook*, the first book devoted to the works of Auster, Dennis Barone has assembled an international group of scholars who present twelve essays that provide a rich and insightful examination of Auster's writings. The authors explore connections between Auster's poetry and fiction, the philosophical underpinnings of his writing, its relation to detective fiction, and its unique embodiment of the postmodern sublime. Their essays provide the fullest analysis available of Auster's themes of solitude, chance, and paternity found in works such as *The Invention of Solitude*, *City of Glass*, *Ghosts*, *The Locked Room*, *In the Country of Last Things*, *Moon Palace*, *The Music of Chance*, and *Leviathan*. This volume includes contributions from Pascal Bruckner, Marc Chenetier, Norman Finkelstein, Derek Rubin, Madeleine Sorapure, Stephen Bernstein, Tim Woods, Steven Weisenburger, Arthur Saltzman, Eric Wirth, and Motoyuki Shibata. The extensive bibliography, prepared by William Drenttel, will greatly benefit both scholars and general readers.

Matched - Ally Condie 2011-09-20

Cassia has always trusted the Society to make the right choices for her: what to read, what to watch, what to believe. So when Xander's face appears on-screen at her Matching ceremony, Cassia knows with complete certainty that he is her ideal mate . . . until she sees Ky Markham's face flash for an instant before the screen fades to black. The Society tells her it's a glitch, a rare malfunction, and that she should focus on the happy life she's destined to lead with Xander. But Cassia can't stop thinking about Ky, and as they slowly fall in love, Cassia begins to doubt the Society's infallibility and is faced with an impossible choice: between Xander and Ky, between the only life she's known and a path that no one else has dared to follow. Look for *CROSSED*, the sequel to *MATCHED*, in Fall 2011! Watch a Video

TRAINSPOTTING -

If trains and railway modelling are your passion or you just love quality scale modelling you can't miss this book with the usual AK's quality display plus Marklin's input. A handbook that will possibly become a cult book for scale

railway modelers in the next years. A new approach for an instructional book and the way techniques are displayed to beginners and advanced modellers. The book is structured in three main blocks. The first part contains the different techniques and materials we have at our disposal in order to be able to represent as many different effects as it is necessary. The second block walks us through a greatly visual and detailed description of the different processes and materials involved in representing these effects on different types of locomotives and wagons. A variety of techniques and work carried out by some of the best European and American modellers. On the third section we will see how to weather railway buildings and rail station structures and their elements. This goes together with a chapter full of real reference pictures of trains from around the world that will really delight the reader and push many to start with the hobby.

Three Films - Paul Auster 2003-12

The screenplay also received an Independent Spirit Award in 1996. "Set in contemporary Brooklyn, *Smoke* directly inspired *Blue in the Face*, a largely improvised comedy shot in a total of six days. A film unlike any other, it stars Harvey Keitel, with featured performances by Roseanne, Lily Tomlin, Lou Reed, and Michael J. Fox."

I Thought My Father Was God - Paul Auster 2002-09-07

One of America's foremost writers collects the best stories submitted to NPR's popular monthly show--and illuminates the powerful role storytelling plays in all our lives. When Paul Auster and NPR's Weekend All Things Considered introduced The National Story Project, the response was overwhelming. Not only was the monthly show a critical success, but the volume of submissions was astounding. Letters, emails, faxes poured in on a daily basis--more than 4,000 of them by the time the project celebrated its first birthday. Everyone, it seemed, had a story to tell. *I Thought My Father Was God* gathers 180 of these personal, true-life accounts in a single, powerful volume. They come from people of all ages, backgrounds, and walks of life. Half of the contributors are men; half are women. They live in cities, suburbs, and rural areas, and they come from 42 different

states. Most of the stories are short, vivid bits of narrative, combining the ordinary and the extraordinary, and most describe a single incident in the writer's life. Some are funny, like the story of how a Ku Klux Klan member's beloved dog rushed out into the street during the annual KKK parade and unmasked his owner as the whole town looked on. Some are mysterious, like the story of a woman who watched a white chicken walk purposefully down a street in Portland, Oregon, hop up some porch steps, knock on the door and calmly enter the house. Many involve the closing of a loop, like the one about the woman who lost her mother's ashes in a burglary and recovered them five years later from the mortuary of a local church. Hilarious blunders, wrenching coincidences, brushes with death, miraculous encounters, improbable ironies, premonitions, sorrows, pains, dreams—this singular collection encompasses an extraordinary range of settings, time periods, and subjects. A testament to the important role storytelling plays in all our lives, *I Thought My Father Was God* offers a rare glimpse into the American soul.

The Fountainhead - Ayn Rand 2005-04-26

The revolutionary literary vision that sowed the seeds of Objectivism, Ayn Rand's groundbreaking philosophy, and brought her immediate worldwide acclaim. This modern classic is the story of intransigent young architect Howard Roark, whose integrity was as unyielding as granite...of Dominique Francon, the exquisitely beautiful woman who loved Roark passionately, but married his worst enemy...and of the fanatic denunciation unleashed by an enraged society against a great creator. As fresh today as it was then, Rand's provocative novel presents one of the most challenging ideas in all of fiction—that man's ego is the fountainhead of human progress... "A writer of great power. She has a subtle and ingenious mind and the capacity of writing brilliantly, beautifully, bitterly...This is the only novel of ideas written by an American woman that I can recall."—The New York Times

White Spaces - Paul Auster 1980

From the archives of Libby Scheier (Fonds 130).

Report from the Interior - Paul Auster

2013-11-19

Paul Auster's most intimate autobiographical

work to date In the beginning, everything was alive. The smallest objects were endowed with beating hearts . . . Having recalled his life through the story of his physical self in *Winter Journal*, internationally acclaimed novelist Paul Auster now remembers the experience of his development from within through the encounters of his interior self with the outer world in *Report from the Interior*. From his baby's-eye view of the man in the moon, to his childhood worship of the movie cowboy Buster Crabbe, to the composition of his first poem at the age of nine, to his dawning awareness of the injustices of American life, *Report from the Interior* charts Auster's moral, political, and intellectual journey as he inches his way toward adulthood through the postwar 1950s and into the turbulent 1960s. Auster evokes the sounds, smells, and tactile sensations that marked his early life—and the many images that came at him, including moving images (he adored cartoons, he was in love with films), until, at its unique climax, the book breaks away from prose into pure imagery: The final section of *Report from the Interior* recapitulates the first three parts, told in an album of pictures. At once a story of the times—which makes it everyone's story—and the story of the emerging consciousness of a renowned literary artist, this four-part work answers the challenge of autobiography in ways rarely, if ever, seen before. A Kirkus Reviews Best Nonfiction Book of 2013

City of Glass - Cassandra Clare 2010-08-03

Clary, who is still seeking a cure for her mother's enchantment, travels to the City of Glass, the capital of the forbidden country of the secretive Shadowhunters, where she uncovers important truths about her family's past.

Man in the Dark - Paul Auster 2008-08-19

A new novel with a dark political twist from "one of America's greats."* *Man in the Dark* is Paul Auster's brilliant, devastating novel about the many realities we inhabit as wars flame all around us. Seventy-two-year-old August Brill is recovering from a car accident in his daughter's house in Vermont. When sleep refuses to come, he lies in bed and tells himself stories, struggling to push back thoughts about things he would prefer to forget—his wife's recent death and the horrific murder of his

granddaughter's boyfriend, Titus. The retired book critic imagines a parallel world in which America is not at war with Iraq but with itself. In this other America the twin towers did not fall and the 2000 election results led to secession, as state after state pulled away from the union and a bloody civil war ensued. As the night progresses, Brill's story grows increasingly intense, and what he is so desperately trying to avoid insists on being told. Joined in the early hours by his granddaughter, he gradually opens up to her and recounts the story of his marriage. After she falls asleep, he at last finds the courage to revisit the trauma of Titus's death. Passionate and shocking, *Man in the Dark* is a novel of our moment, a book that forces us to confront the blackness of night even as it celebrates the existence of ordinary joys in a world capable of the most grotesque violence.

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Paul Auster's Writing Machine - Evija Trofimova
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Paul Auster is one of the most acclaimed figures in American literature. Known primarily as a novelist, Auster's films and various collaborations are now gaining more recognition. Evija Trofimova offers a radically different approach to the author's wider body of work, unpacking the fascinating web of relationships between his texts and presenting Auster's canon as a rhizomatic factio-fictional network produced by a set of writing tools. Exploring Auster's literal and figurative use of these tools ? the typewriter, the cigarette, the doppelgänger figure, the city ? Evija Trofimova discovers Auster's "writing machine", a device that works both as a means to write and as a construct that manifests the emblematic writer-figure. This is a book about assembling texts and textual networks, the writing machines that produce them, and the ways such machines invest them with meaning. Embarking on a scholarly quest that takes her from between the lines of Auster's work to between the streets of his beloved New York and finally to the man himself, *Paul Auster's Writing Machine* becomes not just a critical investigation but a critical collaboration, raising important questions about the ultimate meaning of Auster's work, and about the relationship between texts, their authors, their readers and their critics.

Walking Through Paul Auster's "City of Glass": "Flânerie" in his Novel - Jeanette Gonsior
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Seminar paper from the year 2006 in the subject American Studies - Literature, grade: 1,0, Humboldt-University of Berlin (Department of English and American Studies), course: The Flâneur and the Visual Culture of the City, 30 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: "To stroll is a science, it is the gastronomy of the eye. To walk is to vegetate, to stroll is to live." (Balzac, "Physiologie du Mariage") 'City of Glass' is Paul Auster's first novel, published in 1985, after being rejected by several publishers. The first part of 'The New York Trilogy' has been translated into 17 languages so far, a fact that pleads for the novel's commercial success nowadays. An indication for the literary importance of 'City of Glass' is the continually growing number of essays, anthologies and monographs all over the world. It is undeniable that its selling success is related to the general fascination for the cosmopolitan city of New York and for detective stories, as — at first sight — Auster's novel follows the tradition of Edgar Allan Poe. However, he follows the tradition "as creator of 'the lost ones'", as — on closer inspection — the reader has to realize that the real mystery is one of confused character identities and realities. 'City of Glass' does not meet the reader's expectations about a typical New York 'city novel': Auster created an adequate text for a modified, postmodern cityscape where all objects of the city seem like linguistic codes that need to be deciphered. The risks of the city result from the confusion of language and perception. The fear of an identity collapse comes along with the apparent collapse of the cityscape. Auster picks out the loss of stability and security in the city as central theme. He describes a world begging for order and interpretation where "nothing is real except chance". (...) Auster's character Quinn is a deconstructed character of postmodernism, he acts like a 'flâneur', but does not feel comfortable while walking through the city, he seems lost. New York is the 'nowhere' Quinn has built around himself. Professor Stillman also seems to stroll like a 'flâneur', but he has to fulfill an operation (in contrast to the "classical"

'flâneur' who has no aim). Auster deconstructs the postmodern figure of the flâneur as he deconstructs the classical detective novel. Ironically, these very deconstructions help to shape the novel. Quinn can be read as flâneur adapted to a postmodern world, I argue. In the

following, I will explore the relations between Auster's 'City of Glass' and concepts of 'flânerie', strolling urban observing. In order to discuss 'flânerie' in Auster's work, it is essential to take a closer look on the term first. (...)