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[The Society of Unrelenting Vigilance](#) - Glenn Dakin 2010-05

Thirteen-year-old Theo, who has lived in seclusion his entire life, discovers he is the descendant of the Candle Man, a Victorian vigilante with the ability to melt criminals with a single touch.

[The Prince of Mist](#) - Carlos Ruiz Zafon 2010-05-04

It's wartime, and the Carver family decides to leave the capital where they live and move to a small coastal village where they've recently bought a home. But from the minute they cross the threshold, strange things begin to happen. In that mysterious house still lurks the spirit of Jacob, the previous owners' son, who died by drowning. With the help of their new friend Roland, Max and Alicia Carver begin to explore the strange circumstances of that death and discover the existence of a mysterious being called the Prince of Mist--a diabolical character who has returned from the shadows to collect on a debt from the past. Soon the three friends find themselves caught up in an adventure of sunken ships and an enchanted stone garden--an adventure that will change their lives forever.

Invasion - Walter Dean Myers 2013-09-24

Walter Dean Myers brilliantly renders the realities of World War II. Josiah Wedgewood and Marcus Perry are on their way to an uncertain future. Their whole lives are ahead of them, yet at the same time, death's whisper is everywhere. One white, one black, these young men have nothing in common and everything in common as they approach an experience that will change them forever. It's May 1944. World War II is ramping up, and so are these young recruits, ready and eager. In small towns and big cities all over the globe, people are filled with fear. When Josiah and Marcus come together in what will be the greatest test of their lives, they learn hard lessons about race, friendship, and what it really means to fight. Set on the front lines of the Normandy invasion, this novel, rendered with heart-in-the-throat precision, is a cinematic masterpiece. Here we see the bold terror of war, and also the nuanced havoc that affects a young person's psyche while living in a barrack, not knowing if today he will end up dead or alive.

[Painting the Light](#) - Sally Cabot Gunning 2021-06-01

From the critically acclaimed author of *Monticello* and *The Widow's War* comes a vividly rendered historical novel of love, loss, and reinvention, set on Martha's Vineyard at the end of the nineteenth century. Martha's Vineyard, 1898. In her first life, Ida Russell had been a painter. Five years ago, she had confidently walked the halls of Boston's renowned Museum School, enrolling in art courses that were once deemed "unthinkable" for women to take, and showing a budding talent for watercolors. But no more. Ida Russell is now Ida Pease, resident of a seaside farm on Vineyard Haven, and wife to Ezra, a once-charming man who has become an inattentive and altogether unreliable husband. Ezra runs a salvage company in town with his business partner, Mose Barstow, but he much prefers their nightly card games at the local pub to his work in their Boston office, not to mention filling haystacks and tending sheep on the farm at home—duties that have fallen to Ida and their part-time farmhand, Lem. Ida, meanwhile, has left her love for painting behind. It comes as no surprise to Ida when Ezra is hours late for a Thanksgiving dinner, only to leave abruptly for another supposedly urgent business trip to Boston. But then something unthinkable happens: a storm strikes and the ship carrying Ezra and Mose sinks. In the wake of this shocking tragedy, Ida must settle the affairs of Ezra's estate, a task that brings her to a familiar face from her past—Henry Barstow, Mose's brother and executor. As she joins Henry in sifting through the remnants of her husband's life and work, Ida must learn to separate truth from lies and what matters from what doesn't. Captured in rich, painterly prose—piercing as a coastal gale and shimmering as sunlight on the waves—*Painting the Light* is an arresting portrait of a woman, and a considered meditation on grief, persistence, and reinvention.

[The Nine-Chambered Heart: Free Sampler](#) - Janice Pariat 2018-02-19

From the winner of the Sahitya Akademi Young Writer Award and the

Crossword Book Award for Fiction Shortlisted for The Hindu Prize for Literature 2015 'Explores with sharp beauty the mystery at the centre of loving anyone' Sophie Mackintosh, author of *The Water Cure*

Pandora In The Congo - Albert Sánchez Piñol 2009-04-16

It is 1914. In the heart of the Belgian Congo, Garvey, a bedraggled British manservant, emerges from the jungle. He is the lone survivor of a mining expedition in which both his masters have died, and all of the party's African porters have fled. With him, he carries two huge diamonds. From his prison cell in London, Garvey recounts his horrific and thrilling ordeal. Young Tommy Thomson is assigned to transcribe Garvey's story and only he can untangle the extraordinary mysteries of the Garvey case.

[Victus](#) - Albert Sanchez Pinol 2014-09-09

A #1 international bestseller reminiscent of the works of Roberto Bolaño, Carlos Ruiz Zafon, and Edward Rutherford—a page-turning historical epic, set in early eighteenth-century Spain, about a military mastermind whose betrayal ultimately leads to the conquest of Barcelona, from the globally popular Catalan writer Albert Sánchez Piñol. Why do the weak fight against the strong? At 98, Martí Zuviría ponders this question as he begins to tell the extraordinary tale of Catalonia and its annexation in 1714. No one knows the truth of the story better, for Martí was the very villain who betrayed the city he was commended to keep. The story of Catalonia and Barcelona is also Martí's story. A prestigious military engineer in the early 1700s, he fought on both sides of the long War of the Spanish Succession between the Two Crowns—France and Spain—and aided an Allied enemy in resisting the consolidation of those two powers. Politically ambitious yet morally weak, Martí carefully navigates a sea of Machiavellian intrigue, eventually rising to a position of power that he will use for his own mercenary ends. A sweeping tale of heroism, treason, war, love, pride, and regret that culminates in the tragic fall of a legendary city, illustrated with battle diagrams, portraits of political figures, and priceless maps of the old city of Barcelona, *Victus* is a magnificent literary achievement that is sure to be hailed as an instant classic.

Berlin Tales - Helen Constantine 2009-06-25

Berlin Tales is a collection of seventeen translated stories associated with Berlin. The book provides a unique insight into the mind of this fascinating city through the eyes of its story-tellers. Nearly twenty years after the fall of the Berlin Wall, the stories collected here reflect on the city's fascinating recent history, setting out with the early twentieth-century Berlin of Siegfried Kracauer and Alfred Döblin and culminating in an excellent selection of stories from the best of the new voices in the current boom in German fiction. They are chosen for their conscious exploration of the city's image, meaning, and attraction to immigrants and tourists as well as Berliners from both sides of the Wall. These stories also depict Berlin's distinct districts, not just the differences between East and West but also iconic sites such as Alexanderplatz, individual neighbourhoods (Jewish Mitte, Turkish Kreuzberg) and individual streets. There is an introduction and notes to accompany the stories and a selection of Further Reading. Each story is illustrated with a striking photograph and there is a map of Berlin and its transport system (a frequent motif). There is an introduction and notes to accompany the stories and a selection of Further Reading. The book will appeal to people who love travelling or are armchair travellers, as much as to those who love Berlin.

The Blood of the Vampire - Florence Marryat 2020-07-14

First published in 1897, "The Blood of the Vampire" is a vampire novel by prolific writer Florence Marryat. The story revolves around one Miss Harriet Brandt, the daughter of a mad scientist and a voodoo priestess who leaves her home in Jamaica for the first time to travel to Europe. However, Harriet is not a normal young woman, as everybody who gets close to her becomes ill or even dies. Boasting a sensational plot and utterly bizarre characters, Florence Marryat's Victorian vampire tale

constitutes a must-read for fans of the genre. Florence Marryat (1833 – 1899) was a British actress and author. She is remembered for her sensational novels and her relationships with numerous famous spiritual mediums during the 19th century. Other notable works by this author include: "Love's Conflict" (1865), "Her Father's Name" (1876), "There is No Death" (1891) and "The Spirit World" (1894), and "The Dead Man's Message" (1894). Many vintage books such as this are increasingly scarce and expensive. It is with this in mind that we are republishing this volume now in an affordable, modern, high-quality edition complete with the original text and artwork.

Fleet of Worlds - Larry Niven 2008-08-26

When a chain reaction of supernovae explosions at the core of the galaxy unleashes a deadly wave of radiation that will sterilize the entire galaxy, the Citizens--accompanied by Kirsten Quinn-Kovacs, a descendant of human survivors rescued by the Citizens from a dying starship--flee into the unknown, in a novel set in the Known Space universe. Reprint.

Uncommon Causes of Stroke - Louis R. Caplan 2008-10-09

Most strokes are attributed to atherosclerosis of neck and intracranial arteries, brain embolism from the heart, and penetrating artery disease; these are discussed in detail in many other books. This compendium fills an important niche by providing authoritative discussions on the other, less common causes of stroke, including various forms of angitis, coagulation disorders, infective, paraneoplastic and metabolic disorders that may be associated with stroke, and a number of rare syndromes such as Eales disease and Fabry's disease. This new edition contains detailed, up-to-date information about the nature, diagnosis, and treatment of those relatively uncommon types of cerebrovascular disease that cause strokes. It is therefore a unique scientific and clinical resource that provides a useful reference to help physicians diagnose and treat stroke patients who do not fit well into the usual clinical categories. New chapters include stroke in patients with Lyme disease, scleroderma, Cogan's syndrome, Chagas' disease, and HIV.

Skin Folk - Nalo Hopkinson 2015-01-27

World Fantasy Award Winner: Fiction that "combines a richly textured multicultural background with incisive storytelling," by the author of *The Salt Roads* (Library Journal). In *Skin Folk*, with works ranging from science fiction to Caribbean folklore, passionate love to chilling horror, Nalo Hopkinson is at her award-winning best spinning tales like "Precious," in which the narrator spews valuable coins and gems from her mouth whenever she attempts to talk or sing. In "A Habit of Waste," a self-conscious woman undergoes elective surgery to alter her appearance; days later she's shocked to see her former body climbing onto a public bus. In "The Glass Bottle Trick," the young protagonist ignores her intuition regarding her new husband's superstitions—to horrifying consequences. Hopkinson's unique and vibrant sense of pacing and dialogue sets a steady beat for stories that illustrate why she received the 1999 John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer.

Entertaining, challenging, and alluring, *Skin Folk* is not to be missed.

My Fathers' Ghost Is Climbing in the Rain - Patricio Pron 2014-03-11

The American debut of one of Granta's Best Young Spanish-Language Novelists, *My Fathers' Ghost Is Climbing in the Rain* is a daring and deeply affecting story of one Argentine family's buried secrets. When a young writer returns home to visit his dying father, he finds himself drawn into an obsessive search for a local man gone missing. As the truth—not only about his father but an entire generation—comes to light, the narrator is forced to confront the ghosts of Argentina's dark political past, as well as long-hidden memories about his own family's history. Powerful and audacious, this semi-autobiographical novel is a thoroughly original story of corruption and responsibility, of history and remembrance, from one of South America's most important new writers.

Cold Skin - Albert Sánchez Piñol 2007-02

Reporting to a post-World War I solitary assignment on the edge of the Antarctic, weather official Gruner discovers that his predecessor has gone missing, that their outpost is under attack by deadly reptilian creatures, and that his only companion is a deeply disturbed stranger. Reprint.

Dark Matter - Michelle Paver 2010-10-21

January 1937. Clouds of war are gathering over a fogbound London. Twenty-eight year old Jack is poor, lonely and desperate to change his life. So when he's offered the chance to be the wireless operator on an Arctic expedition, he jumps at it. Spirits are high as the ship leaves Norway: five men and eight huskies, crossing the Barents Sea by the light of the midnight sun. At last they reach the remote, uninhabited bay where they will camp for the next year. Gruhuken. But the Arctic summer is brief. As night returns to claim the land, Jack feels a creeping

unease. One by one, his companions are forced to leave. He faces a stark choice. Stay or go. Soon he will see the last of the sun, as the polar night engulfs the camp in months of darkness. Soon he will reach the point of no return - when the sea will freeze, making escape impossible. And Gruhuken is not uninhabited. Jack is not alone. Something walks there in the dark. This Special Edition Ebook will feature exclusive material: AUTHOR EXTRAS: *Dark Matter* ¿ An exclusive interview with Michelle Paver and an extended author biography with integrated photos of the landscape of Spitsbergen. COVER DESIGN: *Dark Matter* ¿ the jacket designer's take and cover design progression (5 x visuals). DARK MATTER - A SHORT FILM: *Dark Matter* ¿ Turning the novel into a short promotional film and *Dark Matter - The Film Director's Cut*, the rejected film scripts, the final film script and behind the scenes at filming (3 x visuals).

States of Inquiry - Oz Frankel 2006-07-21

"Performing, printing, and then circulating these studies, government established an economy of exchange with its diverse constituencies. In this medium, which Frankel terms "print statism," not only tangible objects such as reports and books but knowledge itself changed hands. As participants, citizens assumed the standing of informants and readers."

Cold Skin - Albert Sanchez Pinol 2009-02-17

A young man sent to spend a year alone monitoring the weather on the edge of the Antarctic Circle finds no sign of the man he has been sent to replace but he does find a mysterious castaway.

Beyond the Bright Sea - Lauren Wolk 2017-05-02

- Winner of the 2018 Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction - From the bestselling author of *Echo Mountain* and Newbery Honor-winner *Wolf Hollow*, *Beyond the Bright Sea* is an acclaimed best book of the year. An NPR Best Book of the Year • A Parents' Magazine Best Book of the Year • A Booklist Editors' Choice selection • A BookPage Best Book of the Year • A Horn Book Fanfare Selection • A Kirkus Best Book of the Year • A School Library Journal Best Book of the Year • A Charlotte Observer Best Book of the Year • A Southern Living Best Book of the Year • A New York Public Library Best Book of the Year "The sight of a campfire on a distant island...proves the catalyst for a series of discoveries and events—some poignant, some frightening—that Ms. Wolk unfolds with uncommon grace." -The Wall Street Journal □ "Crow is a determined and dynamic heroine." —Publishers Weekly □ "Beautiful, evocative." —Kirkus The moving story of an orphan, determined to know her own history, who discovers the true meaning of family. Twelve-year-old Crow has lived her entire life on a tiny, isolated piece of the starkly beautiful Elizabeth Islands in Massachusetts. Abandoned and set adrift in a small boat when she was just hours old, Crow's only companions are Osh, the man who rescued and raised her, and Miss Maggie, their fierce and affectionate neighbor across the sandbar. Crow has always been curious about the world around her, but it isn't until the night a mysterious fire appears across the water that the unspoken question of her own history forms in her heart. Soon, an unstoppable chain of events is triggered, leading Crow down a path of discovery and danger. Vivid and heart-wrenching, Lauren Wolk's *Beyond the Bright Sea* is a gorgeously crafted and tensely paced tale that explores questions of identity, belonging, and the true meaning of family.

Boats on Land - Janice Pariat 2012-10-05

Boats on Land is a unique way of looking at India's northeast and its people against a larger historical canvas—the early days of the British Raj, the World Wars, conversions to Christianity, and the missionaries. This is a world in which the everyday is infused with folklore and a deep belief in the supernatural. Here, a girl dreams of being a firebird. An artist watches souls turn into trees. A man shape-shifts into a tiger. Another is bewitched by water fairies. Political struggles and social unrest interweave with fireside tales and age-old superstitions. *Boats on Land* quietly captures our fragile and awkward place in the world.

The Coronado Expedition, 1540-1542 - George Parker Winship 1896

Moderan - David R. Bunch 2018-09-11

A collection of chilling and prescient stories about ecological apocalypse and the merging of human and machine. Welcome to Moderan, world of the future. Here perpetual war is waged by furious masters fighting from Strongholds well stocked with "arsenals of fear" and everyone is enamored with hate. The devastated earth is coated by vast sheets of gray plastic, while humans vie to replace more and more of their own "soft parts" with steel. What need is there for nature when trees and flowers can be pushed up through holes in the plastic? Who requires human companionship when new-metal mistresses are waiting? But even

a Stronghold master can doubt the catechism of Moderan. Wanderers, poets, and his own children pay visits, proving that another world is possible. "As if Whitman and Nietzsche had collaborated," wrote Brian Aldiss of David R. Bunch's work. Originally published in science-fiction magazines in the 1960s and '70s, these mordant stories, though passionately sought by collectors, have been unavailable in a single volume for close to half a century. Like Anthony Burgess in *A Clockwork Orange*, Bunch coined a mind-bending new vocabulary. He sought not to divert readers from the horror of modernity but to make us face it squarely. This volume includes eleven previously uncollected Moderan stories.

A Blow to the Heart - Marcel Theroux 2006

The violent death of Daisy's husband leaves her a widow at 32, obliterating everything she has lived for. As she struggles to build a new life, a chance encounter with her husband's killer becomes the starting point of a journey into obsessive hatred. Daisy stalks the man, a small-time criminal and boxer called Joel Heath and pursues him in secret into the twilight world of professional boxing. She befriends Tate, a boxing has-been, and his deaf protege Isaac, in order to strike back at Heath. But Isaac's disability and his once-in-a-lifetime talent present Daisy with harder choices and more dangerous opponents than she could ever have imagined. This taut intelligent book is a thriller with a brain and a heart.

Pediatric, Adolescent and Young Adult Gynecology - Albert Altchek 2009-04-08

The young ob/gyn patient presents unique problems different from the mature woman but which training often neglects. This user-friendly, practical book provides generous coverage of all aspects of pre-womanhood gynecology. Ranging from the commonest problems to the less common but urgent, it emphasizes diagnosis, special care and management throughout.

The Man Who Spoke Snakish - Andrus Kivirähk 2015-11-03

The runaway Estonian bestseller tells the imaginative and moving story of a boy tasked with preserving ancient traditions in the face of modernity. Set in a fantastical version of medieval Estonia, *The Man Who Spoke Snakish* follows a young boy, Leemet, who lives with his hunter-gatherer family in the forest and is the last speaker of the ancient tongue of snakish, a language that allows its speakers to command all animals. But the forest is gradually emptying as more and more people leave to settle in villages, where they break their backs tilling the land to grow wheat for their "bread" (which Leemet has been told tastes horrible) and where they pray to a god very different from the spirits worshipped in the forest's sacred grove. With lothario bears who wordlessly seduce women, a giant louse with a penchant for swimming, a legendary flying frog, and a young charismatic viper named Ints, *The Man Who Spoke Snakish* is a totally inventive novel for readers of David Mitchell, Sjón, and Terry Pratchett.

We Have Always Lived in the Castle - Shirley Jackson 1967-10

THE STORY: The home of the Blackwoods near a Vermont village is a lonely, ominous abode, and Constance, the young mistress of the place, can't go out of the house without being insulted and stoned by the villagers. They have also composed a nasty s

Reducing Birth Defects - Institute of Medicine 2003-10-27

Each year more than 4 million children are born with birth defects. This book highlights the unprecedented opportunity to improve the lives of children and families in developing countries by preventing some birth defects and reducing the consequences of others. A number of developing countries with more comprehensive health care systems are making significant progress in the prevention and care of birth defects. In many other developing countries, however, policymakers have limited knowledge of the negative impact of birth defects and are largely unaware of the affordable and effective interventions available to reduce the impact of certain conditions. *Reducing Birth Defects: Meeting the Challenge in the Developing World* includes descriptions of successful programs and presents a plan of action to address critical gaps in the understanding, prevention, and treatment of birth defects in developing countries. This study also recommends capacity building, priority research, and institutional and global efforts to reduce the incidence and impact of birth defects in developing countries.

The Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon - Stephen King 2017-04-25

A frightening suspense novel about nine-year-old Trisha, who becomes lost in the woods as night falls.

The Kitchen House - Kathleen Grissom 2014-10-21

"In 1790, Lavinia, a seven-year-old Irish orphan with no memory of her past, arrives on a tobacco plantation where she is put to work as an indentured servant with the kitchen house slaves. Though she becomes

deeply bonded to her new family, Lavinia is also slowly accepted into the world of the big house, where the master is absent and the mistress battles opium addiction. As time passes she finds herself perilously straddling two very different worlds and when loyalties are brought into question, dangerous truths are laid bare and lives are at risk."-- Publisher's description.

The Book of Lost Things - John Connolly 2006-11-07

Taking refuge in fairy tales after the loss of his mother, twelve-year-old David finds himself violently propelled into an imaginary land in which the boundaries of fantasy and reality are disturbingly melded. By the author of *The Black Angel*. 75,000 first printing.

Zipporah, Wife of Moses - Marek Halter 2005-07-05

From the internationally bestselling author of *Sarah* comes the riveting story of the remarkable woman who walked beside Moses. Although she is a Cushite by birth—one of the people of the lands to the south—Zipporah grew up as the beloved daughter of Jethro, high priest and sage of the Midianites. But the color of Zipporah's skin sets her apart, making her an outsider to the men of her adopted tribe, who do not want her as a wife. Then one day while drawing water from a well, she meets a handsome young stranger. Like her, he is an outsider. A Hebrew raised in the house of the Egyptian Pharaoh, Moses is a fugitive, forced to flee his homeland. Zipporah realizes that this man will be the husband and partner she never thought she would have. Moses wants nothing more than a peaceful life with the Midianites, but Zipporah won't let Moses forget his past—or turn away from his true destiny. She refuses to marry him until he returns to Egypt to free his people. When God reveals himself to Moses in a burning bush, his words echo Zipporah's, and Moses returns to Egypt with his passionate and generous wife by his side. A woman ahead of her time, Zipporah leaps from the pages of this remarkable novel. Bold, independent, and a true survivor, she is a captivating heroine, and her world of deserts, temples, and ancient wonders is a fitting backdrop to an epic tale.

Sunless Solstice - Library British 2021-10

Another festive edition to the *Tales of the Weird* series, following on from *Spirits of the Season* and *Chill Tidings*. A unique selection ranging from the spooky haunted houses of Victorian Christmastime to experimental twentieth-century horrors. It offers a truly international scope of stories, from the pine forests of Canada to the peaks of the Alps. Like any other boy I expected ghost stories at Christmas, that was the time for them. What I had not expected, and now feared, was that such things should actually become real. Strange things happen on the dark wintry nights of December. Welcome to a new collection of haunting Christmas tales, ranging from traditional Victorian chillers to weird and uncanny episodes by twentieth-century horror masters including Daphne du Maurier and Robert Aickman. Lurking in the blizzard are menacing cat spirits, vengeful trees, malignant forces on the mountainside and a skater skirting the line between the mortal and spiritual realms. Wrap up warm - and prepare for the longest nights of all.

21st-century Gothic - Danel Olson 2011

Selected by a poll of more than 180 Gothic specialists, the fifty-three original works discussed in *21st-Century Gothic* represent the most impressive Gothic novels written around the world between 2000-2010.

Home World - Bonnie Milani 2013-09-01

Centuries of ruinous war have left Earth little more than a dusty tourist world within the star-flung Commonwealth she founded. Now, amid the ruins of a post-apocalyptic Hawaii, Jezekiah Van Buren has found a way to restore Earth - *Home World* to the other worlds of the Commonwealth - to her lost glory. Jezekiah manages to stay one step ahead of his foes, until his Lupan warlord-partner reaches Earth. And these two most powerful men suddenly find themselves in love with the same woman. A woman who just may be the most deadly assassin of them all.

Learning to Lose - David Trueba 2010-06-22

It is Sylvia's sixteenth birthday, and her life as an adult is about to begin—not with the party she had been planning, but with a car accident and a broken leg. Behind the wheel is a talented young soccer player, just arrived from Buenos Aires and set for stardom on and off the field. As their destinies collide and a young romance is set in motion, across town, Sylvia's father and grandfather are finding their own lives suddenly derailed by a violent murder and a secret affair with a prostitute. Set against the maze of Madrid's congested and contested streets, *Learning to Lose* follows these four individuals as they swerve off course in unexpected directions. Each of them is dodging guilt and the fear of failure, but their shared search for happiness, love, purity, redemption, and, above all, a way to survive, forms a taut narrative web that binds the characters together. From one of Spain's most celebrated

contemporary writers, *Learning to Lose* is a lucid and gripping view into the complexities of lives overturned and into the capriciousness of modern life, with its intoxicating highs and devastating lows.

The People's Act Of Love - James Meek 2008-11-20

1919, Siberia . . . Deep in the unforgiving landscape a town lies under military rule, awaiting the remorseless assault of Bolsheviks along the Trans-Siberian railway. One night a stranger, Samarin, appears from the woods with a tale of escape from an Arctic prison, insisting a cannibal is on his trail. Only Anna, a beautiful young widow, trusts his story. When a local shaman is found dead suspicion and terror engulf the isolated community, which harbours a secret of its own . . .

Pandora in the Congo - Albert Sánchez Piñol 2009

A literary take on the Boy's Own Adventure model - this is Indiana Jones meets *Life of Pi*

Prealgebra - Elayn Martin-Gay 2010-01-01

This manual contains completely worked-out solutions for all the odd-numbered exercises in the text.

Our Andromeda - Brenda Shaughnessy 2012-12-11

Confronting hard realities, Shaughnessy's heart opens wide as she explores parallel universes and writes a utopian *Andromeda* of her imagination.

Stone in a Landslide - Maria Barbal 2011-11-01

The Catalan modern classic, first published in 1985, now in its 50th edition, for the first time in English. The beginning of the 20th century: 13-year-old Conxa leaves her home village in the Pyrenees to work for her childless aunt. After years of hardship she finds love with Jaume - a love that will be thwarted by the Spanish Civil War. Approaching her own

death, Conxa looks back on a life in which she has lost everything except her own indomitable spirit. Why Peirene chose to publish this book: 'I fell in love with Conxa's narrative voice, its stoic calmness and the complete lack of anger and bitterness. It's a timeless voice, down to earth and full of human contradictory nuances. It's the expression of someone who searches for understanding in a changing world but senses that ultimately there may be no such thing.' Meike Ziervogel 'Sparse and haunting.' Katy Guest, *Independent* 'The compression is so deft, the young narrator's voice so strong, so particular, her straightforward evocation of the hard labour and rare pleasures of mountain life . . . so vibrant, that it makes me want to take scissors to everything else I read.' Richard Lea, *Guardian* 'A Pyrenean life told in a quietly effective voice.' Daniel Hahn, *Independent* 'There is an understated power in Barbal's depiction of how the forces of history can shape the life of the powerless.' Adrian Turpin, *Financial Times* 'A masterpiece of world literature and a shining example of the virtuosity of elegant and concise prose.' Pam Norfolk, *Lancashire Evening Post* 'Air-tight believability.' Matthew Tree, *Times Literary Supplement* INDEPENDENT BOOKS OF THE YEAR 2010 FOYLES BOOKS OF THE YEAR 2010

Tender Morsels - Margo Lanagan 2008-10-14

Tender Morsels is a dark and vivid story, set in two worlds and worrying at the border between them. Liga lives modestly in her own personal heaven, a world given to her in exchange for her earthly life. Her two daughters grow up in this soft place, protected from the violence that once harmed their mother. But the real world cannot be denied forever—magicked men and wild bears break down the borders of Liga's refuge. Now, having known Heaven, how will these three women survive in a world where beauty and brutality lie side by side?