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RSPB Spotlight: Robins Marianne Taylor 2015-06-18 Their melodious voices, bright red breasts and cheeky attitudes have always endeared Robins to the public, but how much do we really know about these familiar garden visitors. The characteristic image of a Robin on a spade handle is actually a consequence of their keen territorial instincts - males are often to be seen seeking a favourable lookout post. Despite their cute appearance, Robins are aggressively territorial and because they hold their territories all year round, Robins are one of the only UK birds that can still be heard singing in our gardens on Christmas Day, which has perhaps contributed to their longstanding association with the Christmas season. In this delightful new book Marianne Taylor provides a revealing account of their life cycle, behaviour and breeding, what they eat, how they hold their territories, and she looks into the many cultural representations of these much-loved little birds.

Treasures of Time Penelope Lively 2012-01-01 When the BBC plans a programme on the dig which made archaeologist Hugh Paxton famous, a host of memories are disinterred, and lives disrupted. Kate adored her father and considers the TV scheme an intrusion. Laura Paxton, lonely and bored, is delighted at the prospect of being seen as the charming widow of a distinguished scholar. A cynical on-looker to the filming is Tom Rider, Kate's fiance. While completing his thesis on an 18th century antiquarian, Tom observes the perplexities of being English and the parasitism of making a living out of the past. For Paxton's family and colleagues, the site, a Neolithic barrow, becomes the focus for recollections as selective as the filming which will in turn distort the Wiltshire scenery.

The Gamekeeper Barry Hines 2022-04-24 Humankind's relationship to nature is governed by money in this first US publication of a classic by the greatest chronicler of the British working class

No Way But Gentleness Richard Hines 2016-05-24 There is no way but gentleness to redeeme a Hawke. --Edmund Bert, 1619 Born and raised in the South Yorkshire mining village of Hoyland Common, Richard Hines remembers sliding down heaps of coal dust, hearing whispers of "accidents" in the pit, listening for the siren at the end of mine shifts, and praying for his father's safe return. At age eleven, Richard's prospects suddenly dimmed when he failed the trials for English Grammar School, though his older brother Barry, evidently their mother's favorite, had passed and seemed headed for great things. Crushed by a system that swiftly and permanently decided that some children do not merit a real education, and persecuted by the cruel antics of his English schoolteachers, Richard spent his

time in the fields and meadows just beyond the colliery slag heap. One morning, walking on the grounds of a ruined medieval manor, he came across a nest of kestrels. Instantly captivated but without a role model to learn from, he sought out ancient falconry texts from the local library and pored over the strange and beautiful language there. With just these books, some ingenuity, and his profound respect for the hawk's indomitable wildness, Richard learned to "man" or train his kestrel, Kes, and in the process became a man himself. *No Way But Gentleness* is a breathtaking memoir of one remarkable boy's love for a culture lost to time, and his attempt to find salvation in the natural world.

The Penguin Modern Classics Book Henry Eliot 2021-11-18 The essential guide to twentieth-century literature around the world For six decades the Penguin Modern Classics series has been an era-defining, ever-evolving series of books, encompassing works by modernist pioneers, avant-garde iconoclasts, radical visionaries and timeless storytellers. This reader's companion showcases every title published in the series so far, with more than 1,800 books and 600 authors, from Achebe and Adonis to Zamyatin and Zweig. It is the essential guide to twentieth-century literature around the world, and the companion volume to *The Penguin Classics Book*. Bursting with lively descriptions, surprising reading lists, key literary movements and over two thousand cover images, *The Penguin Modern Classics Book* is an invitation to dive in and explore the greatest literature of the last hundred years.

The Penguin Book of Mermaids Cristina Bacchilega 2019-10-08 Dive into centuries of mermaid lore with these captivating tales from around the world. A Penguin Classic Among the oldest and most popular mythical beings, mermaids and other merfolk have captured the imagination since long before Ariel sold her voice to a sea witch in the beloved Disney film adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's "The Little Mermaid." As far back as the eighth century B.C., sailors in Homer's *Odyssey* stuffed wax in their ears to resist the Sirens, who lured men to their watery deaths with song. More than two thousand years later, the gullible New York public lined up to witness a mummified "mermaid" specimen that the enterprising showman P. T. Barnum swore was real. *The Penguin Book of Mermaids* is a treasury of such tales about merfolk and water spirits from different cultures, ranging from Scottish selkies to Hindu water-serpents to Chilean sea fairies. A third of the selections are published here in English for the first time, and all are accompanied by commentary that explores their undercurrents, showing us how public perceptions of this popular mythical hybrid--at once a human and a fish--illuminate issues of gender, spirituality, ecology, and sexuality. For more than seventy-five years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 2,000 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.

Augustus Carp, Esq. by Himself Henry Howarth Bashford 2000 A Churchwarden, Sunday school superintendent, and President of the St Potamus Purity League, Augustus Carp is assiduous in exposing the sins and foibles of others while studiously ignoring his own. Although he campaigns against lechery, drinking, and smoking, he manages to indulge himself in plenty of other vices in the name of piety. The more seriously Carp takes himself, the more ridiculous he becomes. His frequent falls from dignity are uproarious—from his inability to climb off buses without falling over to his lifelong problems with flatulence. As a satire on hypocrisy, there is nothing quite like it in English prose.

Carry Me Down M. J. Hyland 2014-10-07 This Man Booker Prize finalist is "a fast-paced psychological drama . . . of the pain of lost innocence and the price of pursuing the truth" (People). John Egan is a misfit—"a twelve year old in the body of a grown man with the voice of a giant"—who diligently keeps a

"log of lies." John's been able to detect lies for as long as he can remember, it's a source of power but also great consternation for a boy so young. With an obsession for the Guinness Book of Records, a keenly inquisitive mind, and a kind of faith, John remains hopeful despite the unfavorable cards life deals him. This is one year in a boy's life. On the cusp of adolescence—from his changing voice and body, through to his parents' difficult travails and the near collapse of his sanity—John is like a tuning fork sensitive to the vibrations within himself and the trouble that this creates for him and his family. *Carry Me Down* is "a spare, piercing testimony to the bewilderment and resiliency of youth" (Publishers Weekly, starred review). "Writing of the highest order."—J.M. Coetzee "Surreal, heartbreaking . . . John Egan [is] a character the reader is privileged to meet. Hyland's skill is commendable. *Carry Me Down*, in all its grossness and granular beauty, is a remarkable book."—San Francisco Chronicle "In taut, simple prose, Hyland meticulously captures the specific pains of growing up poor and lonely in Ireland and deftly anatomizes her judgmental protagonist's odd mixture of . . . little boy and grown lad."—Entertainment Weekly

Sixties British Cinema Reconsidered Duncan Petrie 2020-03-02 "Challenging assumptions around Sixties stardom, the book focuses on creative collaboration and the contribution of production personnel beyond the director, and discusses how cultural change is reflected in both film style and cinematic themes."--Publisher description.

Saturday Night and Sunday Morning Alan Sillitoe 1997

BRAVE Rose McGowan 2018-01-30 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER - A revealing memoir and empowering manifesto - As featured in Ronan Farrow's *CATCH AND KILL* and Jodi Kantor and Megan Twohey's *SHE SAID* "BRAVE works beautifully as a manifesto. It's a call to arms—not just against the specific men who mistreated McGowan and the men and women who enabled that mistreatment, but against an industry."—The Boston Globe Rose McGowan was born in one cult and came of age in another, more visible cult: Hollywood. In a strange world where she was continually on display, stardom soon became a personal nightmare of constant exposure and sexualization. Rose escaped into the world of her mind, something she had done as a child, and into high-profile relationships. Every detail of her personal life became public, and the realities of an inherently sexist industry emerged with every script, role, public appearance, and magazine cover. The Hollywood machine packaged her as a sexualized bombshell, hijacking her image and identity and marketing them for profit. Hollywood expected Rose to be silent and cooperative and to stay the path. Instead, she rebelled and asserted her true identity and voice. She reemerged unscripted, courageous, victorious, angry, smart, fierce, unapologetic, controversial, and real as f*ck. BRAVE is her raw, honest, and poignant memoir/manifesto—a no-holds-barred, pull-no-punches account of the rise of a millennial icon, fearless activist, and unstoppable force for change who is determined to expose the truth about the entertainment industry, dismantle the concept of fame, shine a light on a multibillion-dollar business built on systemic misogyny, and empower people everywhere to wake up and be BRAVE. "My life, as you will read, has taken me from one cult to another. BRAVE is the story of how I fought my way out of these cults and reclaimed my life. I want to help you do the same." -Rose McGowan

The Heart of it Barry Hines 1995-05-01

Classroom Skills in English Teaching Colin Peacock 2017-11-28 Originally published in 1990. This practical guide to the basic skills of teaching and class management will help both experience and beginning teachers to identify and evaluate their classroom skills. Suitable for teaching programmes at all levels, the book covers goal-setting, the directive, discursive, problem-solving, and activity modes of

teaching, and the skills of explaining and effective questioning.

Meet The Baron John Creasey 2011-01-27 John Mannering ('The Baron') makes his first appearance. Lord Fauntley shows off both his daughter and the security surrounding his precious jewels. Mannering is attracted to both. Money is tight and he plans a burglary, but this fails and unexpected consequences result. One of the many twists occurs as the police seek Mannering's help. . .

How Green was My Valley Richard Llewellyn 2011 Llewellyn's tale of a young man's coming-of-age in a small Welsh mining town--the basis for the beloved film of the same name--is "a beautiful story told in words which have Welsh music in them . . . a book which will live in the mind and memory of its readers" ("Atlantic Monthly").

A Yorkshire Tragedy Anthony Clavane 2016-09-01 THE BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF PROMISED LAND AND DOES YOUR RABBI KNOW YOU'RE HERE? SETS HIS FOCUS TO YORKSHIRE, AND ITS ENDANGERED STATUS AS A SPORTING POWERHOUSE. 'If you want to know how it feels to be left behind, if you want to know how it feels to be forgotten, if you want to know how it feels to be heartbroken, then read this book' David Peace For the past 30 years, something has been missing from British sport. For some it has lost its heart and soul. Anthony Clavane argues that it has lost its Yorkshire-ness, which possibly amounts to the same thing. A Yorkshire Tragedy is the final part of Anthony Clavane's triptych that examines belonging, identity and the rise and fall of tightly knit sporting communities through the prism of the author's own personal experience. Loved A Yorkshire Tragedy? Then check out Does Your Rabbi Know You're Here? - Anthony Clavane's highly acclaimed history of Jewish involvement in English football.

Shades of Scarlet Anne Fine 2021-03-04 When Mum gives her the notebook, Scarlet should be happy. It's beautiful, with its shiny scarlet cover and its blank pages full of promise. But Scarlet is absolutely NOT in the mood for a peace offering. Does Mum really think she can tear their family apart and expect Scarlet to be happy about it? Scarlet decides there's only one thing she can write in the notebook. The truth, about everything . . .

The Children Of Dynmouth William Trevor 2010-04-01 The Children Of Dynmouth - a classic prize-winning novel by William Trevor Penguin Decades bring you the novels that helped shape modern Britain. The 1970s was a decade of anger and discontent. Britain endured power cuts and strikes. America pulled out of Vietnam and saw its President resign from office. Feminism and face lifts vied for women's hearts (and minds). And for many, prog rock, punk and disco weren't just music but ways of life. William Trevor's The Children of Dynmouth (Winner of the Whitbread Award and shortlisted for the Booker Prize) was first published in 1976 and is a classic account of evil lurking in the most unlikely places. In it we follow awkward, lonely, curious teenager Timothy Gedge as he wanders around the bland seaside town of Dynmouth. Timothy takes a prurient interest in the lives of the adults there, who only realise the sinister purpose to which he seeks to put his knowledge too late. 'A small masterpiece of understatement ... a work of rare compassion' Joyce Carol Oates, New York Times If you enjoyed The Story of Lucy Gault and Love and Summer, you will love this book. It will also be adored by readers of Colm Toibin and William Boyd. William Trevor was born in Mitchelstown, County Cork. He has written eighteen novels and novellas, and hundreds of short stories, for which he has won a number of prizes including the Hawthornden Prize, the Yorkshire Post Book of the Year Award, the Whitbread Book of the Year Award and the David Cohen Literature Prize in recognition of a lifetime's literary achievement. In 2002 he was knighted for his services to literature. His books in Penguin are: After Rain; A Bit on the Side; Bodily Secrets; Cheating at Canasta; The Children of Dynmouth; The Collected Stories (Volumes

One and Two); Death in Summer; Felicia's Journey; Fools of Fortune; The Hill Bachelors; Love and Summer; The Mark-2 Wife; Selected Stories; The Story of Lucy Gault and Two Lives.

The Blinder Barry Hines 1966

I'm the King of the Castle Susan Hill 1980

Billy Liar Keith Waterhouse 1978

The Call of the Wild and Selected Stories Jack London 2009-08-04 The Call of the Wild is Now a Major Motion Picture Starring Harrison Ford! Out of the white wilderness, out of the Far North, Jack London, one of America's most popular authors, drew the inspiration for his robust tales of perilous adventure and animal cunning. Swiftly paced and vividly written, the novel and five short stories included here capture the main theme of London's work: the law of the club and the fang—man's instinctive reversion to primitive behavior when pitted against the brute force of nature. Includes The Call of the Wild, Diable: A Dog, An Odyssey of the North, To the Man on the Trail, To Build a Fire, and Love of Life

Passage to Juneau Jonathan Raban 2011-06-22 With the same rigorous observation (natural and social), invigorating stylishness, and encyclopedic learning that he brought to his National Book Award-winning *Bad Land*, Jonathan Raban conducts readers along the Inside Passage from Seattle to Juneau. The physical distance is 1,000 miles of difficult-and often treacherous-water, which Raban navigates solo in a 35-foot sailboat. But *Passage to Juneau* also traverses a gulf of centuries and cultures: the immeasurable divide between the Northwest's Indians and its first European explorers-- between its embattled fishermen and loggers and its pampered new class. Along the way, Raban offers captivating discourses on art, philosophy, and navigation and an unsparing narrative of personal loss.

The Price of Coal Barry Hines 2005-03

The Goshawk T.H. White 2012-04-25 The predecessor to Helen Macdonald's *H is for Hawk*, T. H. White's nature writing classic, *The Goshawk*, asks the age-old question: what is it that binds human beings to other animals? White, the author of *The Once and Future King* and *Mistress Masham's Repose*, was a young writer who found himself rifling through old handbooks of falconry. A particular sentence—"the bird reverted to a feral state"—seized his imagination, and, White later wrote, "A longing came to my mind that I should be able to do this myself. The word 'feral' has a kind of magical potency which allied itself to two other words, 'ferocious' and 'free.'" Immediately, White wrote to Germany to acquire a young goshawk. Gos, as White named the bird, was ferocious and Gos was free, and White had no idea how to break him in beyond the ancient (and, though he did not know it, long superseded) practice of depriving him of sleep, which meant that he, White, also went without rest. Slowly man and bird entered a state of delirium and intoxication, of attraction and repulsion that looks very much like love. White kept a daybook describing his volatile relationship with Gos—at once a tale of obsession, a comedy of errors, and a hymn to the hawk. It was this that became *The Goshawk*, one of modern literature's most memorable and surprising encounters with the wilderness—as it exists both within us and without.

No Country Joe Brady 2021-03

No One Round Here Reads Tolstoy Mark Hodkinson 2022-02-03 Mark Hodkinson grew up among the terrace houses of Rochdale in a house with just one book. His dad kept it on top of a wardrobe with

other items of great worth – wedding photographs and Mark’s National Cycling Proficiency certificate. If Mark wanted to read it, he was warned not to crease the pages or slam shut the covers. Today, Mark is an author, journalist and publisher. He still lives in Rochdale, but is now snugly ensconced (or is that buried?) in a ‘book cave’ surrounded by 3,500 titles – at the last count. *No One Round Here Reads Tolstoy* is his story of growing up a working-class lad during the 1970s and 1980s. It’s about schools (bad), music (good) and the people (some mad, a few sane), and pre-eminently and profoundly the books and authors (some bad, mostly good) that led the way, and shaped his life. It’s also about a family who just didn’t see the point of reading, and a troubled grandad who, in his own way, taught Mark the power of stories. In recounting his own life-long love affair with books, Mark also tells the story of how writing and reading has changed over the last five decades, starting with the wave of working-class writers in the 1950s and 60s, where he saw himself reflected in books for the first time.

Modern Classics Kestrel for a Knave Barry Hines 2000-05-30 With prose that is every bit as raw, intense and biting honest as the world it depicts, Barry Hines's *A Kestrel for a Knave* contains a new afterword by the author in Penguin Modern Classics. Life is tough and cheerless for Billy Casper, a troubled teenager growing up in the small Yorkshire mining town of Barnsley. Treated as a failure at school, and unhappy at home, Billy discovers a new passion in life when he finds Kes, a kestrel hawk. Billy identifies with her silent strength and she inspires in him the trust and love that nothing else can, discovering through her the passion missing from his life. Barry Hines's acclaimed novel continues to reach new generations of teenagers and adults with its powerful story of survival in a tough, joyless world. Ken Loach's renowned film adaptation, *Kes*, has achieved cult status and in his new afterword Barry Hines discusses his work to adapt the novel into a screenplay, and reappraises the legacy of a book that has become a popular classic. Barry Hines (b. 1939) was born in the mining village of Hoyland Common, near Barnsley, South Yorkshire. Leaving Ecclesfield Grammar School without any qualifications, Hines worked as an apprentice mining surveyor for the National Coal Board before entering Loughborough Training College to study Physical Education. Working as a teacher in Hoyland Common, he wrote novels in the school library after work, later turning to writing full-time. If you enjoyed *A Kestrel for a Knave*, you might like *The Call of the Wild*, *White Fang*, and *Other Stories* by Jack London, published in Penguin Classics.

The loneliness of the long-distance runner Alan Sillitoe 1984

The Millstone Margaret Drabble 1966 An independent young woman is faced with a difficult choice when she discovers that she is pregnant after her one and only sexual experience

Kes Barry Hines 2000 "This new stage adaptation of Barry Hines' well-known film and novel once again proves its gritty charm and popular staying power..." --Back cover.

The Haunted Dolls' House (Fantasy and Horror Classics) M. R. James 2016-01-15 M. R. James was born in Kent, England in 1862. James came to writing fiction relatively late, not publishing his first collection of short stories – *Ghost Stories of an Antiquary* (1904) – until the age of 42. Modern scholars now see James as having redefined the ghost story for the 20th century and he is seen as the founder of the 'antiquarian ghost story'. We are republishing these classic works in affordable, high quality, modern editions with a brand new introductory biography of the author.

Barry Hines David Forrest 2018 This is the first full-length critical study of the work of Barry Hines, best know as the author of *A Kestrel for a Knave*

Kieron Smith, boy James Kelman 2009-04-30 Rejected by his brother and largely ignored by his parents, Kieron Smith finds comfort - and endless stories - in the home of his much-loved grandparents. But when his family move to a new housing scheme on the outskirts of the city, a world away from the close community of the tenements, Kieron struggles to find a way to adapt to his new life. Warm, funny, with searing insight and astonishing empathy, in *Kieron Smith*, James Kelman has created an unforgettable boy.

King of Rabbits Karla Neblett 2021-03-25 CHOSEN AS BOOK OF THE MONTH BY AFRORI BOOKS FEATURED ON BBC RADIO 4: OPEN BOOK 'It's hard not to fall for the main character . . . you can see the car crash coming, but you can't look away' CLAIRE FULLER 'A brilliantly crafted story about class and race, and the failure of society to catch children who fall through the cracks' INDEPENDENT Kai lives on a rural council estate in Somerset with his three older sisters, and his mum who is being led into an addiction by his troubled father. Kai adores three things: his dad, his friend Saffie and the school rabbit Flopsy - and is full of ambition to be the fastest runner in Middledown Primary. But Kai's natural optimism and energy collide with an adult world he doesn't understand. And when his life drifts towards an event that will change everything, will his love of nature and the wild rabbits in the woods provide him with the resilience he needs to overcome the odds? 'A heartfelt novel about poverty, race and trauma' GUARDIAN 'A brilliant debut; vivid and compelling' JENNI FAGAN

RSPB British Birds of Prey Marianne Taylor 2016-04-07 This book is a celebration of British raptors, with 200 stunning colour photographs. An authoritative text examines the biology and ecology of each species, following their fortunes as British breeding birds from historical times to the present day. This book will serve as a showcase of these fabulous birds and highlight the diverse work of the RSPB in ensuring their survival.

Life After Kes Simon W. Golding 2014-10-29 *Life After Kes* examines the history and legacy of the 1969 award-winning British film, *Kes*, about a boy's (Billy Casper) relationship with a kestrel. This fascinating book not only pays homage to the vision and extraordinary talent involved both in front and behind the camera but also looks at subsequent changes in the educational system, posing some important questions. Are we any better off today? Have schools and teaching staff moved forward over the last few decades? Have successive government's learnt anything from the mistakes of the past? *Life After Kes* explores the lives of the cast and production team since the making of the film including David (Dai) Bradley who played the lead role and examines why the legacy of Billy Casper and the national perception of *Kes* cast a shadow over South Yorkshire. Does Casper's ghost still haunt this ex-mining community and is director Ken Loach's gritty northern drama as relevant today as it was then? This book is a must-have for all film fans, anyone who enjoyed *Kes* and all those with an interest in British social history.

Common People Kit de Waal 2019-05-01 Working-class stories are not always tales of the underprivileged and dispossessed. *Common People* is a collection of essays, poems and memoir written in celebration, not apology: these are narratives rich in barbed humour, reflecting the depth and texture of working-class life, the joy and sorrow, the solidarity and the differences, the everyday wisdom and poetry of the woman at the bus stop, the waiter, the hairdresser. Here, Kit de Waal brings together thirty-three established and emerging writers who invite you to experience the world through their eyes, their voices loud and clear as they reclaim and redefine what it means to be working class. Features original pieces from Damian Barr, Malorie Blackman, Lisa Blower, Jill Dawson, Louise Doughty, Stuart Maconie, Chris McCrudden, Lisa McInerney, Paul McVeigh, Daljit Nagra, Dave O'Brien, Cathy Rentzenbrink, Anita Sethi, Tony Walsh, Alex Wheatle and more.

Scenes from Metropolitan Life William Cooper 1982 Following on from William Cooper's novel 'Scenes from provincial life' - in 'Scenes from metropolitan life' it is eight years since Joe Lunn ... taught in a provincial school, and now he is in London at work in the civil service. His superior at the Ministry is Robert, his old friend; and Myrtle, the delightful mistress of his earlier years, although now married, makes not infrequent trips to London to visit him.

A Kestrel for a Knave Barry Hines 2000-05-25 Life is tough and cheerless for Billy Casper, a disillusioned teenager growing up in a small Yorkshire mining town. Violence is commonplace and he is frequently cold and hungry. Yet he is determined to be a survivor and when he finds Kes, a kestrel hawk he discovers a passion in life. Billy identifies with her proud silence and she inspired in him the trust and love that nothing else can. Intense and raw and bitingly honest, *A KESTREL FOR A KNAVE* was first published in 1968 and was also made into a highly acclaimed film, 'Kes', directed by Ken Loach.