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There But For The Ali Smith 2011-09-13 From the acclaimed, award-winning author—when a dinner-party guest named Miles locks himself in an upstairs room and refuses to come out, he sets off a media frenzy. He also sets in motion a mesmerizing puzzle of a novel, one that harnesses acrobatic verbal playfulness to a truly affecting story. Miles communicates only by cryptic notes slipped under the door. We see him through the eyes of four people who barely know him, ranging from a precocious child to a confused elderly woman. But while the characters' wit and wordplay soar, their story remains profoundly grounded. As it probes our paradoxical need for both separation and true connection, *There but for the balances* cleverness with compassion, the surreal with the deeply, movingly real, in a way that only Ali Smith can.

Lucy Jamaica Kincaid 2002-09-04 Lucy, a teenage girl from the West Indies, comes to America to work as an au pair for a wealthy couple. She begins to notice cracks in their beautiful façade at the same time that the mysteries of own sexuality begin to unravel. Jamaica Kincaid has created a startling new heroine who is destined to win a place of honor in contemporary fiction.

Self-Portrait Celia Paul 2020-11-10 A rich, penetrating memoir about the author's relationship with a flawed but influential figure—the painter Lucian Freud—and the satisfactions and struggles of a life lived through art. One of Britain's most important contemporary painters, Celia Paul has written a reflective, intimate memoir of her life as an artist. *Self-Portrait* tells the artist's story in her own words, drawn from early journal entries as well as memory, of her childhood in India and her days as a art student at London's Slade School of Fine Art; of her intense decades-long relationship with the older esteemed painter Lucian Freud and the birth of their son; of the challenges of motherhood, the unresolvable conflict between caring for a child and remaining committed to art; of the "invisible skeins between people," the profound familial connections Paul communicates through her paintings of her mother and sisters; and finally, of the mystical presence in her own solitary vision of the world around her. *Self-Portrait* is a powerful, liberating evocation of a life and of a life-long dedication to art.

A Wake of Crows Kate Evans 2021-06-03 Donna Morris has chosen to do her probationary year as detective constable in the small seaside town of Scarborough. But on her first day, a body is found in the woods: the corpse of Henrik Grünttor presents itself as that of a homeless man, dead from his own drug use. However, until recently, Grünttor had been working at the local GCHQ centre on the Russian section and the postmortem reveals the cause of his death to be uncertain. Now in her early fifties, Donna has her own reasons for wanting to be in Scarborough, ones she would prefer to keep from her colleagues. For she's not been drawn there by the landscape or the light, or even the beach, but to be closer to her wayward daughter - a daughter serving time in the nearby prison for GBH. Yet beyond even this, Donna hides another secret: she grew up in East Berlin, escaping across the wall in the early 1980s. Due to the circumstances of her past Donna is drawn to the dead man whose background is not dissimilar to hers... and her persistence reveals there are several people who wanted Grünttor dead -- and gathered around him in his final days like a wake of crows...

Pinkerton's Sister Peter Rushforth 2005 New York at the turn of the century; a city bursting with new life. Out near Hudson Heights, Longfellow Park - an area of wealth and position - is being torn apart to make way for the newly rich and ambitious who threaten to engulf the long-standing residents. The new century brings with it a new order. But they still have their traditions, these older families, still have their respectability, their position, their culture. The grander ones even have statues made in their image. Yet, like so many well-orchestrated worlds, their houses contain secrets, rooms, people that they would prefer the rest of the world not to dwell upon. In the Pinkerton household a nineteenth-century embarrassment remains. Alice Pinkerton. Alice Pinkerton is almost thirty-five, not mad exactly, but disturbed, foolish, not right in the head. She had a friend once, a black servant girl (regarded in itself as a harbinger of abnormality) but she disappeared one day, never to return. Alice is tolerated (more or less), free to wander about, free to accompany her family to tea parties and cultured soirees, free to be condescended to, to have looks exchanged over her, free to be treated like a simpleton. But the truth is, Alice's mind is razor sharp, honed by a restless imagination, years of reading, and a profound contempt for her surroundings. Like her namesake in *Through the Looking-Glass*, Alice Pinkerton too has a mirror through which to enter a different world, only for her the mirror is her books. Left alone to read, to think, she has devoured the world that brings her mind alive: Shakespeare, Oscar Wilde, Robert Louis Stevenson, Wilkie Collins, Edgar Allan Poe are her inspiration; *Jane Eyre* (and *Bertha Rochester*), *Maggie Tulliver*, *Lady Macbeth* her companions, sustaining and nourishing her lonely life. As she moves through the witless world of Longfellow Park, observing its prejudices, its shallow culture and its vanity, its hatred of truth, she transports those who belittle her into these books and into her own - secretly-written - books, where they can no longer hide behind their tea parties and their song recitals, but are forced to act out their true characters, and reveal their true natures.

The Twilight World Werner Herzog 2022-06-14 A National Bestseller! The great filmmaker Werner Herzog, in his first novel, tells the incredible story of Hiroo Onoda, a Japanese soldier who defended a small island in the Philippines for twenty-nine years after the end of World War II In 1997, Werner Herzog was in Tokyo to direct an opera. His hosts asked him, Whom would you like to meet? He replied instantly: Hiroo Onoda. Onoda was a former soldier famous for having quixotically defended an island in the Philippines for decades after World War

II, unaware the fighting was over. Herzog and Onoda developed an instant rapport and would meet many times, talking for hours and together unraveling the story of Onoda's long war. At the end of 1944, on Lubang Island in the Philippines, with Japanese troops about to withdraw, Lieutenant Hiroo Onoda was given orders by his superior officer: Hold the island until the Imperial army's return. You are to defend its territory by guerrilla tactics, at all costs. . . . There is only one rule. You are forbidden to die by your own hand. In the event of your capture by the enemy, you are to give them all the misleading information you can. So began Onoda's long campaign, during which he became fluent in the hidden language of the jungle. Soon weeks turned into months, months into years, and years into decades—until eventually time itself seemed to melt away. All the while Onoda continued to fight his fictitious war, at once surreal and tragic, at first with other soldiers, and then, finally, alone, a character in a novel of his own making. In *The Twilight World*, Herzog immortalizes and imagines Onoda's years of absurd yet epic struggle in an inimitable, hypnotic style—part documentary, part poem, and part dream—that will be instantly recognizable to fans of his films. The result is a novel completely unto itself, a sort of modern-day Robinson Crusoe tale: a glowing, dancing meditation on the purpose and meaning we give our lives.

The Glass Town Game Catherynne M. Valente 2017-09-05 A Parents' Choice Gold Award Winner "Dazzling." —Publishers Weekly (starred review) Charlotte and Emily Brontë enter a fantasy world that they invented in order to rescue their siblings in this "lovely, fanciful" (Booklist, starred review) novel from the New York Times bestselling author of *The Girl Who Circumnavigated Fairyland in a Ship of Her Own Making*. Inside a small Yorkshire parsonage, Charlotte, Branwell, Emily, and Anne Brontë have invented a game called Glass Town, where their toy soldiers fight Napoleon and no one dies. This make-believe land helps the four escape from a harsh reality: Charlotte and Emily are being sent away to a dangerous boarding school. But then something incredible happens: a train whisks them all away to a real Glass Town, and the children trade the moors for a wonderland all their own. This is their Glass Town...almost. Their Napoleon never rode into battle on a fire-breathing porcelain rooster. And the soldiers can die; wars are fought over a potion that raises the dead, a potion Anne would very much like to bring back to England. But returning is out of the question—Charlotte will never go back to that horrible school. Together the Brontë siblings must battle their own imaginations in this magical celebration of authorship, creativity, and classic literature from award-winning author Catherynne M. Valente.

Invisible Monsters: A Novel Chuck Palahniuk 2011-03-21 "A harrowing, perverse, laugh-aloud funny rocket ride of catastrophes...Gutsy, terse and cunning, *Invisible Monsters* may emerge as Palahniuk's strongest book." —Greg Berkman, *Seattle Times* She's a fashion model who has everything: a boyfriend, a career, a loyal best friend. But when a sudden freeway "accident" leaves her disfigured and incapable of speech, she goes from being the beautiful center of attention to being an invisible monster, so hideous that no one will acknowledge she exists. Enter Brandy Alexander, Queen Supreme, one operation away from becoming a real woman, who will teach her that reinventing yourself means erasing your past and making up something better. And that salvation hides in the last places you'll ever want to look.

Coraline Neil Gaiman 2009-11-02 When a young girl ventures through a hidden door, she finds another life with shocking similarities to her own. Coraline has moved to a new house with her parents and she is fascinated by the fact

that their 'house' is in fact only half a house! Divided into flats years before, there is a brick wall behind a door where once there was a corridor. One day it is a corridor again and the intrepid Coraline wanders down it. And so a nightmare-ish mystery begins that takes Coraline into the arms of counterfeit parents and a life that isn't quite right. Can Coraline get out? Can she find her real parents? Will life ever be the same again?

Villette Charlotte Brontë 1862

Popular World Fiction, 1900-present: A-De Walton Beacham 1987 Publishing and critical history of best-selling world fiction writers; critical evaluations of selected titles.

Last Things Janet Gezari 2007-02-22 Emily Brontë's poems are more frequently celebrated than read. Ironically, their very uniqueness and strangeness have made them less interesting to current feminist critics than other poetry written by Victorian women. This much-needed study reinstates Emily Brontë's poems at the heart of Romantic and Victorian concerns while at the same time underlining their enduring relevance for readers today. Last Things presents the poems as the achievement of a powerfully independent mind responding to its own inner experience of the world while seeking always an abrogation of human limits compatible with a stern morality. Although the book does not discuss all of Brontë's poems, it seeks to be comprehensive by undertaking an analysis of individual poems, the progress she made from the beginning of her career as a poet to its end, her poetical fragments and her writing practice, and her motives for writing poetry. Last Things also brings the emotions and concerns that inform *Wuthering Heights* into sharper focus by relating them to the poems.

Gothic incest Jenny DiPlacidi 2018-02-24 This electronic version has been made available under a Creative Commons (BY-NC-ND) open access license. The first full-length study of incest in the Gothic genre, this book argues that Gothic writers resisted the power structures of their society through incestuous desires. It provides interdisciplinary readings of incest within father-daughter, sibling, mother-son, cousin and uncle-niece relationships in texts by authors including Emily Brontë, Eliza Parsons, Ann Radcliffe and Eleanor Sleath. The analyses, underpinned by historical, literary and cultural contexts, reveal that the incest thematic allowed writers to explore a range of related sexual, social and legal concerns. Through representations of incest, Gothic writers modelled alternative agencies, sexualities and family structures that remain relevant today.

Charlotte's Inheritance M. E. Braddon 2019-12-09 "Charlotte's Inheritance" by M. E. Braddon. Published by Good Press. Good Press publishes a wide range of titles that encompasses every genre. From well-known classics & literary fiction and non-fiction to forgotten-or yet undiscovered gems-of world literature, we issue the books that need to be read. Each Good Press edition has been meticulously edited and formatted to boost readability for all e-readers and devices. Our goal is to produce eBooks that are user-friendly and accessible to everyone in a high-quality digital format.

Island of Lost Girls Jennifer McMahon 2009-10-13 From the author of the acclaimed *Promise Not to Tell* comes a chilling and perfectly plotted tale in which crimes of the past and present blend in a mesmerizing tale of mystery, shattered innocence, guilt, and redemption On her way to a job interview, Rhonda never expected to get caught in the middle of a crime. Sitting in her

blue Honda at a gas station, she saw a person dressed as a rabbit grab a young girl out of nearby car. Confused by the absurdity of the rabbit costume, Rhonda does nothing at first. By the time she regains her senses, however, the kidnapper and child are gone. Plagued by guilt, she's determined to help with the investigation. But as she gets closer to discovering the kidnapper's identity, she also gets closer to uncovering the truth behind the disappearance of another child—her best friend Lizzy who went missing years before. As Rhonda races to solve the two overlapping mysteries, she rekindles an old romance, learns that people from her past are far different than what they seemed, and ultimately finds liberation. Filled with compelling, realistic characters, twisting suspense, and creepy turns that will have readers flying through the pages, *Island of Lost Girls* is a remarkable display of narrative genius from a stellar new talent.

The Eyre Affair Jasper Fforde 2002-07-01 Great Britain circa 1985: time travel is routine, cloning is a reality (dodos are the resurrected pet of choice), and literature is taken very, very seriously. Baconians are trying to convince the world that Francis Bacon really wrote Shakespeare, there are riots between the Surrealists and Impressionists, and thousands of men are named John Milton, an homage to the real Milton and a very confusing situation for the police. Amidst all this, Acheron Hades, Third Most Wanted Man In the World, steals the original manuscript of *Martin Chuzzlewit* and kills a minor character, who then disappears from every volume of the novel ever printed! But that's just a prelude.

A Long Shadow H. L. Marsay 2021-05-13 Old sins cast long shadows... When the bodies of a young, homeless girl and a girl who disappeared thirty years ago are found on the same day, residents in the historic city of York are aghast. It seems unlikely the two cases are related, and yet some of the same players knew both victims. As Detective Chief Inspector John Shadow and his eager new partner, Sergeant Jimmy Chang, dive into their investigation, they uncover a complicated web of pop stars, pub owners, shopkeepers and old school friends who each have something to hide. John Shadow is a man of contradictions. A solitary figure who shuns company, but is a keen observer of all he meets. A lover of good food, but whose fridge is almost always empty. He prefers to work alone and is perpetually trying to dodge his partner, who's full of energy, modern ideas and theories. But as the two men gradually learn to work together to solve the case, it's clear that the past is never as far away as you think.

Mr. Splitfoot Samantha Hunt 2016-01-05 The strange odysseys of two young women animate this “hypnotic and glowing” American gothic novel that blurs the line between the real and the supernatural (Gregory Maguire, *The New York Times Book Review*). A *New York Times* Editors' Choice A *Paris Review* Staff Pick Ruth and Nat are seventeen. They are orphans living at The Love of Christ! Foster Home in upstate New York. And they may be able to talk to the dead. Enter Mr. Bell, a con man with mystical interests who knows an opportunity when he sees one. Together they embark on an unexpected journey that connects meteor sites, utopian communities, lost mothers, and a scar that maps its way across Ruth's face. Decades later, Ruth visits her niece, Cora. But while Ruth used to speak to the dead, she now doesn't speak at all. Even so, she leads Cora on a mysterious mission that involves crossing the entire state of New York on foot. Where is she taking them? And who—or what—is hidden in the woods at the end of the road? “[A] gripping novel...The narratives, which twist together into a shocking dénouement, are marked by ghost stories.”—*The New Yorker*

Emily Brontë Reappraised Claire O'Callaghan 2018-06-15 Revised edition of this biography with a twist about Emily Brontë, the subject of major 2022 film *Emily* starring Emma Mackey. Brontë scholar Claire O'Callaghan conjures a new image of Emily Brontë and rehabilitates her reputation by exploring the themes of her life and work. We discover that Emily was a thoroughly modern woman. Emily Brontë occupies a special place in the English literary canon. And rightly so: the incomparable *Wuthering Heights* is a novel that has bewitched us for almost 200 years, and the character of Heathcliff is, perhaps, the ultimate romantic hero—and villain. But Emily herself remains an enigmatic figure, often portrayed as awkward, as a misanthrope, as no normal being. That's the conventional wisdom on Emily as a person, but is it accurate? Is it fair? It's time for the real Emily Brontë to please stand up.

The Annotated Wuthering Heights Emily Brontë 2014-10-20 An annotated version of the famous love story provides philosophical, historical, economic, political, and religious context to the author's words; unpacks allusions to other works of literature; and translates the thick Yorkshire dialect of some of the characters.

People in the Room Norah Lange 2018-07-31 An uncanny exploration of desire, domestic space, isolation and voyeurism by a writer Borges loved—only now in English translation.

The Truth in a Lie Jan Turk Petrie 2020-06-18 Secrets and lies can be so destructive – especially when you lie to yourself Charlotte Preece, a successful writer, moves to a riverside apartment after breaking up with her lover. She feels guilty when the upheaval so disturbs her student daughter, Kate, that she fails her first-year exams. Charlotte is then called to the bedside of her ailing mother and has to drive through heavy snow to reach the hospital. She's astonished when Duncan, her ex-husband, braves the treacherous conditions to join her. Is he being supportive, or does he have other motives? And then the two of them are snowed in together... 'The Truth in a Lie' is a novel that explores the complex relationships between mothers and daughters, wives and husbands. It is a story of love, loyalty, betrayal and the damage done by untold secrets. A must for fans of Maggie O'Farrell, Ann Patchett and Sally Rooney.

Their Little Secret Mark Billingham 2019-05-02 The sixteenth book in the Tom Thorne series, from bestselling author Mark Billingham. 'Hugely intelligent and authentic' BELINDA BAUER, AUTHOR OF SNAP She says she's an ordinary mother. He knows a liar when he sees one. Sarah thinks of herself as a normal single mum. It's what she wants others to think of her. But the truth is, she needs something new, something thrilling. Meanwhile, DI Tom Thorne is investigating a woman's suicide, convinced she was driven to do it by a man who preys on vulnerable women. A man who is about to change Sarah's life. From number one, five-million-copy bestseller Mark Billingham comes a breathless new thriller starring Thorne and Tanner that readers will devour. PRAISE FOR MARK BILLINGHAM 'One of the great series of British crime fiction' THE TIMES 'An unconventional literary superstar' MAIL ON SUNDAY 'Billingham is a world-class writer' KARIN SLAUGHTER 'A new Mark Billingham is always a treat' SUSIE STEINER 'Finely paced and polished procedural, with twists and turns galore' CARA HUNTER 'Perfectly executed and with a thoroughly unnerving twist' GUARDIAN 'Thorne is a terrific invention' IRISH INDEPENDENT 'Mark Billingham gets better and better' MICHAEL CONNELLY

Wide Sargasso Sea Jean Rhys 1992 Beautiful and wealthy Antoinette Cosway's passionate love for an English aristocrat threatens to destroy her idyllic West Indian island existence and her very life

You Animal, You! Charlotte Cory 2012 A reworking of Victorian-era visiting cards, replacing the heads of the subjects with the heads of animals that have been stuffed.

Broadway Plays and Musicals Thomas S. Hirschak 2009-04-22 New York City's Broadway district is by far the most prestigious and lucrative venue for American performers, playwrights, entertainers and technicians. While there are many reference works and critical studies of selected Broadway plays or musicals and even more works about the highlights of the American theater, this is the first single-volume book to cover all of the activities on Broadway between 1919 and 2007. More than 14,000 productions are briefly described, including hundreds of plays, musicals, revivals, and specialty programs. Entries include famous and forgotten works, designed to give a complete picture of Broadway's history and development, its evolution since the early twentieth century, and its rise to unparalleled prominence in the world of American theater. The productions are identified in terms of plot, cast, personnel, critical reaction, and significance in the history of New York theater and culture. In addition to a chronological list of all Broadway productions between 1919 and 2007, the book also includes approximately 600 important productions performed on Broadway before 1919.

Paranormal Warwickshire S. C. Skillman 2020-11-15 Takes the reader into the world of ghosts and spirits in Warwickshire, following their footsteps into the unknown.

Watching Charlotte Bronte Die Ellie Stevenson 2013-12-02 Seeing a ghost is bad enough. But what if the dead woman's Charlotte Bronte? 'No bike wheels spinning high in the air, no ghastly corpse, or crumpled victim propped against a wall. The street was damp and devoid of life, but also of death. 'I watched the water running away. All I could think was one small thought. I hadn't known Charlotte could ride a bike.' Ghostly happenings, death and destruction, a few twists and unexpected endings. All part of the mix in *Watching Charlotte Bronte Die*: and other surreal stories. 'Mystery does arise in many different places in this collection of nine stories from somewhat intriguing realities. Be prepared for the unexpected.' Ingrid Stevens

Smash All the Windows Jane Davis 2018-04-12

Surprised by God Danya Ruttenberg 2009-08-01 At thirteen, Danya Ruttenberg decided she was an atheist. As a young adult, she immersed herself in the rhinestone-bedazzled wonderland of late 1990s San Francisco—drinking smuggled absinthe with wealthy geeks and plotting the revolution with feminist zinemakers. But she found herself yearning for something she would eventually call God. *Surprised by God* is a memoir of a young woman's spiritual awakening and eventual path to the rabbinate, a story of integrating life on the edge of the twenty-first century into the discipline of traditional Judaism, without sacrificing either. It's also an unflinchingly honest guide to the kind of work that goes into developing a spiritual practice—and it shows why, perhaps, doing this in today's world requires more effort than ever.

Selected Letters of Charlotte Brontë Margaret Smith 2007-09-13 These letters

give an insight into the life of a writer whose novels continue to be bestsellers. They reveal much about Charlotte Brontë's personal life, her family relationships, and the society in which she lived. Many of her early letters are written with vigour, vivacity, and an engaging aptitude for self-mockery. In contrast, her letters to her 'master', the Belgian schoolteacher Constantin Heger, reveal her intense, obsessive longing for some response from him. Other letters are deeply moving, when Charlotte endures the agony of her brother's and sisters' untimely deaths. We learn also of the progress of her writing, including the astonishing success of *Jane Eyre*, and of her contacts with her publishers, including the young George Smith; and we recognize in her letters the life-experiences which are transmuted into the art of her novels. Contemporary society is brilliantly described in her letters from London, when she writes of her encounters with famous writers and with critics of her novels. We hear too of her visits to art galleries, operas, and the Great Exhibition of 1851 at the Crystal Palace. Dramatic letters written in December 1852 convey the 'turbulence of feeling' in the Haworth curate Arthur Nicholls's proposal of marriage to her and in Mr Brontë's violent reaction to it; and we subsequently hear of her secret correspondence with her suitor, her father's eventual consent, and her tragically brief happy marriage, cut short by her death in March 1855.

Writing for Magazines in the UK Ellie Stevenson 2015-09-04 Writing for Magazines in the UK: how to get paid to write. A short, punchy guide to article and feature writing and how to earn money from it. Article writing: the practicalities: how to find topics and magazines to write for. Top tips on approaching editors. Articles writing: research, style and being professional. What does a rejection really mean? Planning ahead: being businesslike: how to get paid to write. 'I wish I'd had the benefit of Ellie Stevenson's booklet when I was just starting out as a writer. It tells you things you didn't even realise you needed to know.' Gill Sharp, published writer of educational books, materials and resources.

The Angel in My Pocket Sukey Forbes 2015-05-19 A woman born to privilege as part of a well-known New England family discusses how she learned to live again after losing her young daughter to a rare genetic disease and found ways to reconnect with her in the afterlife through clairvoyants.

Resurrection Bay Emma Viskic 2018-09-04 ONE OF THE YEAR'S 10 BEST MYSTERY NOVELS – PUBLISHERS WEEKLY Finalist for the CWA (Crime Writers' Association) Gold Dagger Finalist for John Creasey (New Blood) Dagger Awards From Australia's most exciting new crime-writing talent comes an "outstanding . . . gripping and violent" thriller starring a deaf PI who is "original and appealing" (The Guardian) Caleb Zelic can't hear you, but he sees everything. And he never forgets a face. Caleb Zelic's childhood friend has been brutally murdered—fingers broken, throat slit—at his home in Melbourne. Tortured by guilt, Caleb vows to track down the killer. But he's profoundly deaf; missed words and misread lips can lead to confusion, and trouble. Fortunately, Caleb knows how to read people; a sideways glance, an unconvincing smile, speak volumes. When his friend Frankie, a former cop, offers to help, they soon discover the killer is on their tail. Sensing that his ex-wife may also be in danger, Caleb insists they return to their hometown of Resurrection Bay. But here he learns that everyone—including his murdered friend—is hiding something. And the deeper he digs, the darker the secrets . . .

MLA International Bibliography of Books and Articles on the Modern Languages

and Literatures 1987 Vols. for 1969- include ACTFL annual bibliography of books and articles on pedagogy in foreign languages 1969-

Writing in Collaborative Theatre-Making Sarah Sigal 2017-09-16 This engaging text explores the role of the writer and the text in collaborative practice through the work of contemporary writers and companies working in Britain, offering students and aspiring writers and directors effective practical strategies for collaborative work.

The Bronte Sisters Anne Bronte 2012-11-12 Although the Brontës have long fascinated readers of fiction and biography, their poetry was all too little known until this pioneering selection by Stevie Davies, the novelist and critic. Charlotte (1816-1855) is certainly a competent poet, and Anne (1820-1849) developed a distinctive voice, while Emily (1818-1848) is one of the great women poets in English. Read together with their novels, the poems movingly elucidate the ideas around which the narratives revolve. And they surprise us out of our conventional notions of the sisters' personalities: Emily's rebelliousness, for example, is counterbalanced here by great tenderness. This selection of over seventy poems gives an idea of the variety of thought and feeling within each author's work, and of the way in which the poems of these three remarkable writers parallel and reflect each other.

Critical Theory Today Lois Tyson 2012-09-10 Critical Theory Today is the essential introduction to contemporary critical theory. It provides clear, simple explanations and concrete examples of complex concepts, making a wide variety of commonly used critical theories accessible to novices without sacrificing any theoretical rigor or thoroughness. This new edition provides in-depth coverage of the most common approaches to literary analysis today: feminism, psychoanalysis, Marxism, reader-response theory, new criticism, structuralism and semiotics, deconstruction, new historicism, cultural criticism, lesbian/gay/queer theory, African American criticism, and postcolonial criticism. The chapters provide an extended explanation of each theory, using examples from everyday life, popular culture, and literary texts; a list of specific questions critics who use that theory ask about literary texts; an interpretation of F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby* through the lens of each theory; a list of questions for further practice to guide readers in applying each theory to different literary works; and a bibliography of primary and secondary works for further reading.

Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant Anne Tyler 2011-02-09 A "funny, heart-hammering, wise" (The New York Times) best-selling portrait of a family that will remind you why "to read a novel by Anne Tyler is to fall in love" (PEOPLE). Abandoned by her wanderlusting husband, stoic Pearl raised her three children on her own. Now grown, the siblings are inextricably linked by their memories—some painful—which hold them together despite their differences. Hardened by life's disappointments, wealthy, charismatic Cody has turned cruel and envious. Thrice-married Jenny is errant and passionate. And Ezra, the flawed saint of the family, who stayed at home to look after his mother, runs a restaurant where he cooks what other people are homesick for, stubbornly yearning for the perfect family he never had. Now gathered during a time of loss, they will reluctantly unlock the shared secrets of their past and discover if what binds them together is stronger than what tears them apart. "[In *Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant* Tyler] has arrived at a new level of power." —John Updike, *The New Yorker* "Marvelous, astringent, hilarious, [and] strewn with the banana peels of love." —*Cosmopolitan*

Trainwreck Sady Doyle 2017-08-29 "Smart ... compelling ... persuasive ." -New York Times Book Review She's everywhere once you start looking: the trainwreck. She's Britney Spears shaving her head, Whitney Houston saying "crack is whack," and Amy Winehouse, dying in front of millions. But the trainwreck is also as old (and as meaningful) as feminism itself. From Mary Wollstonecraft—who, for decades after her death, was more famous for her illegitimate child and suicide attempts than for *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman*—to Charlotte Brontë, Billie Holiday, Sylvia Plath, and even Hillary Clinton, Sady Doyle's *Trainwreck* dissects a centuries-old phenomenon and asks what it means now, in a time when we have unprecedented access to celebrities and civilians alike, and when women are pushing harder than ever against the boundaries of what it means to "behave." Where did these women come from? What are their crimes? And what does it mean for the rest of us? For an age when any form of self-expression can be the one that ends you, Doyle's book is as fierce and intelligent as it is funny and compassionate—an essential, timely, feminist anatomy of the female trainwreck.