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## ***Love in Infant Monkeys***

2009-08-27

animals and celebrities share unusual relationships in these hilarious satirical stories by an award winning contemporary writer lions komodo dragons dogs monkeys and pheasants all have shared spotlights and tabloid headlines with celebrities such as sharon stone thomas edison and david hasselhoff millet hilariously tweaks these unholy communions to run a stake through the heart of our fascination with famous people and pop culture in a wildly inventive collection of stories that evoke the spectrum of human feeling and also its limits publishers weekly starred review while in so much fiction animals exist as symbols of good and evil or as author stand ins they represent nothing but themselves in millet s ruthlessly lucid prose implacable in their actions the animals in millet s spiraling fictional riffs and flounces show up their humans as bloated with foolishness yet curiously vulnerable as in a tour de force kabbalah infused interior monologue by madonna after she shoots a pheasant on her scottish estate millet treads newly imaginative territory with these charismatic tales these incredibly crafted stories with their rare intelligence humor and empathy describe the furious collision of nature and science man and animal everyday citizen and celebrity fact and fiction lydia millet s writing sparkles with urgent brilliance joe meno

## **Love in Infant Monkeys**

2009

the author offers a pandora s box of astringent and sentimental confections through a collection of stories each featuring that pairing that society seems to both love and loathe celebrities and animals by a pen usa award winner and an arthur c clarke prize finalist original

## ***Fight No More: Stories***

2018-06-12

new york times book review editors pick a library journal best book of 2018 full of joys on every scale npr this wonderfully original collection proves once again that pulitzer prize finalist lydia millet is the american writer with the funniest wisest grasp on how we fool ourselves chicago tribune in fight no more nina a lonely real estate broker estranged from her only relative is at the center of a web of stories connecting a community through the houses they inhabit with crackling satire and surprising tenderness millet introduces an indelible cast of untidy teens beastly men and strong minded women whose stories begin to outline the fate of one particular family being torn apart by forces they recognize but cannot control millet s intellect and beautiful prose deliver profound insight into human behavior from the ordinary to the bizarre and draws startling contrasts between house and home

## **How the Dead Dream**

2009-03-01

t is a young los angeles real estate developer consumed by power and political ambitions his orderly upwardly mobile life is thrown into chaos by the sudden appearance of his nutty mother who s been deserted by t s now out of the closet father after his mother s suicide attempt and two other deaths t finds himself increasingly estranged from his latest project a retirement community in the middle of the california desert as he juggles family business and social responsibilities t begins to nurture a curious obsession with vanishing species soon he s living a double life building sprawling subdivisions by day and breaking into zoos at night to be near the animals a series of calamities forces t to a tropical island where he takes a conrad esque journey up a river into the remote jungle millet s devastating wit psychological acuity and remarkable empathy for flawed humankind contend with her vision of a world slowly murdering itself

## **A Children's Bible: A Novel**

2020-05-12

finalist for the 2020 national book award for fiction one of the new york times ten best books of the year named one of the best novels of the year by time washington post npr chicago tribune esquire bbc and many others national bestseller a blistering little classic ron charles washington post a children s bible follows a group of twelve eerily mature children on a forced vacation with their families at a sprawling lakeside mansion contemptuous of their parents the children decide to run away when a destructive storm descends on the summer estate embarking on a dangerous foray into the apocalyptic chaos outside lydia millet s prophetic and heartbreaking story of generational divide offers a haunting vision of what awaits us on the far side of revelation

## **Omnivores: A Novel**

2018-06-12

lydia millet s debut novel first published in 1996 is an explosive satire that scorches our culture s monstrous men and institutions in a claustrophobic surreal california house teenager estée kraft lives with her domineering father whose obsession with insect taxonomy bleeds into sadism as his schemes multiply estée s bedridden mother entranced by the glow of the shopping channel remains oblivious to the escalating chaos estée manages to escape her childhood home only to find new horrors awaiting her in marriage and motherhood in a climactic twist her traumas take form in flesh and blood a legacy of the voracious male appetites that have haunted her life with acerbic wit philosophical depth and enthralling lyricism omnivores cuts to the core of america s hypocrisies and anxieties and introduced lydia millet as one of the wildest satirists of our time

## **Ghost Lights**

2012-11-06

surreal darkly hilarious and profound san francisco chronicle ghost lights stars an irs bureaucrat named hal a man baffled by his wife s obsession with her missing employer in a moment of drunken heroism hal embarks on a quest to find the man embroiling himself in a surreal tropical adventure and an unexpected affair with a beguiling german woman ghost lights is lydia millet at her best beautifully written engaging full of insight into the heartbreaking devotion of parenthood and the charismatic oddity of human behavior

## **Fight No More**

2018-06-19

twelve interlocking stories set in los angeles describe a broken family through the homes they inhabit in her first story collection since love in infant monkeys which became a pulitzer prize finalist lydia millet explores what it means to be home nina a lonely real estate broker estranged from her only relative is at the center of a web of stories connecting fractured communities and families she moves through the houses of l a s wealthy elite and finds men and women both crass and tender vicious and desperate with wit and intellect millet offers profound insight into human behavior from the ordinary to the bizarre strong minded girls are beset by the helpless myopic executives are tormented by their employees and beastly men do beastly things fresh off the critical triumph of sweet lamb of heaven longlisted for the national book award millet is pioneering a new kind of satire compassionate toward its victims and hilariously brutal in its depiction of modern american life

## **Sweet Lamb of Heaven: A Novel**

2016-05-03

longlisted for the national book award for fiction blending domestic thriller and psychological horror this compelling page turner follows a mother fleeing her estranged

2012-12-18

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husband lydia millet s previous work has been shortlisted for the pulitzer prize the national book critics circle award and the los angeles times book prize likewise greeted with rapturous praise sweet lamb of heaven is a first person account of a young mother anna fleeing her cold and unfaithful husband a businessman who s just launched his first campaign for political office when ned chases anna and their six year old daughter from alaska to maine the two go into hiding in a run down motel on the coast but the longer they stay the less the guests in the dingy motel look like typical tourists and the less ned resembles a typical candidate as his pursuit of anna and their child moves from threatening to criminal ned begins to alter his wife s world in ways she never could have imagined a double edged and satisfying story with a strong female protagonist a thrilling plot and a creeping sense of the apocalyptic sweet lamb of heaven builds to a shattering ending with profound implications for its characters and for all of us

## Pills and Starships

2014-05-19

a teenage girl and her brother fight for their family s future in a world devastated by climate change thrillingly scary there is much here to enjoy the washington post in a dystopian future brought about by global warming seventeen year old nat and her hacker brother sam have come by ship to the big island of hawaii for their parents final week the few americans who still live well also live long so long that older adults bow out not by natural means but by buying death contracts from the corporates who now run the disintegrating society keeping the people happy through a constant diet of pharma nat s family is spending their pharma guided last week at a luxury resort complex called the twilight island acropolis deeply conflicted about her parents decision nat spends her time keeping a record of everything her family does in the company supplied diary that came in the hotel s care package while nat attempts to come to terms with her impending parentless future sam begins to discover cracks in the corporates agenda and eventually rebels against the company his parents have hired to handle their last days now nat will have to choose a side in this moving and suspenseful novel by a national book award nominated author winner of the paterson prize for books for young people a deep read but fast it lingers in your mind long after it s been read new york journal of books a brilliant dystopian novel beautifully written dark but ultimately hopeful the buffalo news the details are terrific and as the tension mounts it becomes a real page turner the independent vivid moving will attract mature teen fans of divergent hunger games and similar apocalyptic survival stories midwest book review

## Pills and Starships

2014-06-10

in a world plagued by global warming and controlled by pharmaceutical corporations seventeen year old nat and her hacker brother sam uncover government secrets as they race to protect their family and forge their own path to hope

## Dinosaurs: A Novel

2022-10-11

one of time s 100 must read books of 2022 an oprah daily favorite book of 2022 a publishers weekly best novel of 2022 a chicago public library best book of 2022 a stunning new novel from the author of a children s bible a national book award finalist and one of the new york times 10 best books of 2020 over twelve novels and two collections lydia millet has emerged as a major american novelist hailed as a writer without limits karen russell and a stone cold genius jenny offill millet makes fiction that vividly evokes the ties between people and other animals and the crisis of extinction her exquisite new novel is the story of a man named gil who walks from new york to arizona to recover from a failed love after he arrives new neighbors move into the glass walled house next door and his life begins to mesh with theirs in this warmly textured drily funny and philosophical account of gil s unexpected devotion to the family millet explores the uncanny territory where the self ends and community begins what one person can do in a world beset by emergencies dinosaurs is both sharp edged and tender an emotionally moving intellectually resonant novel that asks in the shadow of existential threat

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where does hope live

## **The Council of Animals**

2021-07-20

from national bestselling author nick mcdonnell the council of animals is a captivating fable for humans of all ages dreamers and cynics alike who believe if nothing else in the power of timeless storytelling now continued the cat there is nothing more difficult than changing an animal s mind but i will say in case i can change yours humans are more useful to us outside our bellies than in perhaps after the calamity the animals thought the humans had managed to do themselves in but it turns out a few are cowering in makeshift villages so the animals among them a cat a dog a crow a baboon a horse and a bear have convened to debate whether to help the last human stragglers or to eat them rest assured there is a happy ending sort of featuring illustrations by steven tabbutt

## ***Oh Pure and Radiant Heart***

2006

millet s latest novel is a black comic tour de force depicting the second coming of atomic bomb creators robert oppenheimer enrico fermi and leo szilard despite being dead these scientists are spotted in santa fe by a shy librarian who joins them on a pilgrimage to washington d c

## **Mermaids in Paradise**

2015-10-20

hilariously funny lydia millet s novels raise the bar for boldness rene steinke new york times book review in this comic masterpiece salon honeymooners deb and chip our opinionated skeptical narrator and her cheerful jock husband befriend a marine biologist who discovers mermaids in a coral reef as a resort chain swoops in to exploit the shy creatures the newlyweds unite with other adventurous vacationers to stop the company from turning the reef into a theme park mermaids in paradise is lydia millet s most fun book yet tempering the sharp satire of her early career with the empathy and subtlety of her more recent novels and short stories

## **My Happy Life**

2009-03-01

at the opening of my happy life the unnamed narrator has been abandoned in a locked room of a deserted mental hospital she hasn t seen the nice man who brings her food in days so she s eaten the soap the toothpaste and even tried to eat the plaster on her walls a dietary adventure that ended none too well this woman s story covering decades and spanning continents is tragic yet she is curiously at peace even happy despite a lifetime of neglect physical abuse and loss she s incapable of perceiving slight or injury she has infinite faith in the goodwill of others loves even her enemies and finds grace and communion in places most people wouldn t dare to brave lauded by both critics and readers my happy life consistently surprises and excites with its original vision of a unique woman whose rich interior life protects her from the horrors of external reality

## ***Everyone's Pretty***

2005-01-01

a supremely wacky and astute novel by a pen award winner and pulitzer prize finalist the washington post in los angeles dean decetes a pornographer with messianic delusions spins out of control spending his time drinking himself into a stupor getting beaten up by strangers he s recklessly insulted stealing credit cards to pay for sex being arrested begging favors and mounting a pr campaign to make himself famous with the help of a loyal foot soldier a porn

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loving midget he met in jail meanwhile his pious romantic spinster sister who reluctantly keeps house for him busies herself writing quasi religious love notes to the boss she worships and two of her coworkers at the statistics company an obsessive compulsive christian scientist in a twisted marriage and a promiscuous depressed blond bombshell become enmeshed in her life as she dreams of ridding herself of her freeloading brother and being carried away on a white horse by her employer then a teenage math genius runs away from home after her mother humiliates her in school and hooks up at a bar with decetes s suicidal editor told from five points of view over three wild days in which these lives intersect this is a rollickingly funny yet heart wrenching novel from one of today s most acclaimed literary voices taken at surface level its presentation of over the top characters placed in bizarre situations is supremely wacky but underneath is an astute examination of how contemporary society fosters alienation and loneliness so acute that it takes outsized actions to allow any possibility of driving the demons away the washington post

## **The Fires Beneath the Sea**

2011-07-26

cara s mother has disappeared her father isn t talking about it her big brother max is hiding behind his ipod and her genius little brother jackson is busy studying the creatures he collects from the beach but when a watery specter begins to haunt the family s cape cod home cara and her brothers realize that their scientist mother may not be who they thought she was and that the world has much stranger much older inhabitants than they had imagined with help from cara s best friend hayley the three embark on a quest that will lead them from the cape s hidden ancient places to a shipwreck at the bottom of the sea they re soon on the front lines of an ancient battle between good and evil with the terrifying pouring man close on their heels packed with memorable characters and thrilling imagery lydia millet weaves a page turning adventure even as she brings the seaside world of cape cod to magical life the first in a series of books about the sykes children the fires beneath the sea is a rip cracking middle grade novel that will make perfect beach reading for readers of any age lydia millet is the author of six previous novels including my happy life which won the 2003 pen usa award for fiction and oh pure and radiant heart which was shortlisted for the arthur c clarke award her short story collection love in infant monkeys was a 2010 pulitzer prize finalist

## ***Dinosaurs***

2023-08-22

one of npr s books we love for 2022 a new yorker best books of 2022 so far a publishers weekly best novel of 2022 a chicago public library best book of 2022 one of time s 100 must read books of 2022 an oprah daily and literary hub favorite book of 2022 a bookbrowse top 20 best books of 2022 a stunning new novel from the author of a children s bible a national book award finalist and one of the new york times 10 best books of 2020

## **Magnificence: A Novel**

2013

after her husband s death susan lindley moves into her late great uncle s pasadena mansion and restores his taxidermy collection while being joined in the residence by an equally strange human menagerie in the new novel from the author of ghost lights 10 000 first printing

## **This Book Will Save Your Life**

2012-08-16

this book will save your life is an uplifting story about one man s efforts to bring himself back to life richard is a modern day everyman a middle aged divorcee trading stocks out of his home in los angeles who needs no one his life has slowed almost to a standstill until two incidents conspire to hurl him back into the world one day he wakes up with a knotty cramp in his back which rapidly develops into an all consuming pain at the same time a wide sinkhole appears outside his living room window threatening the foundations of his house a vivid novel

2012-12-18

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about compassion and transformation this book will save your life reveals what can happen if you are willing to open yourself up to the world around you since her debut in 1989 a m homes has been among the boldest and most original voices of her generation acclaimed for the psychological accuracy and unnerving emotional intensity of her storytelling her keen ability to explore how extraordinary the ordinary can be is at the heart of this touching and funny novel which was shortlisted for the richard judy book club in 2007

## **The Legacy of David Foster Wallace**

2012-04-15

in this elegant volume literary critics scrutinize the existing wallace scholarship and at the same time pioneer new ways of understanding wallace s fiction and journalism in critical essays exploring a variety of topics including wallace s relationship to american literary history his place in literary journalism his complicated relationship to his postmodernist predecessors the formal difficulties of his 1996 magnum opus infinite jest his environmental imagination and the social life of his fiction and nonfiction contributors plumb sources as diverse as amazon com reader recommendations professional book reviews the 2009 infinite summer project and the david foster wallace archive at the university of texas s harry ransom center

## **George Bush, Dark Prince of Love**

2000-01-25

an uproarious biting political satire about one ex con s obsession with the 41st president from the author of a children s bible a finalist for the 2020 national book award for fiction and one of the new york times book review s ten best books of the year some women like muscle brute strength or the illusion of it their idea of an attractive man is a craggy meatpacker with a squirrel brain who likes to crush vermin with his bare fist i call these women reaganites personally i ve always preferred the underdog rosemary is an ex con with no viable career prospects a boyfriend old enough to be her grandfather and a major obsession with our nation s forty first president whom she fondly refers to as g b unexpectedly smitten during his inaugural address rosemary is soon anticipating g b s public appearances with the enthusiasm she once reserved for all you can eat breakfast buffets as her ardor and determination to gain g b s affection grow rosemary embarks on an increasingly outrageous campaign that escalates from personal letters to paid advertising until at last she reaches the white house what happens next is nothing like how rosemary imagined it would be written with razor sharp satiric wit and packed with wry observations of our times our presidents and our electorate george bush dark prince of love is a hilarious antidote to the hype and hypocrisy of america s most hallowed institutions

## **Everyone's Pretty**

2005-01-10

a funny novel about a sex obsessed pornographer a hygienic christian scientist a melancholic blond beauty and a teenage math wiz wends its way through the streets of modern l a in search of answers to the big questions original

## **Black Swan Green**

2006-04-11

by the new york times bestselling author of the bone clocks and cloud atlas longlisted for the man Booker prize selected by time as one of the ten best books of the year a new york times notable book named one of the best books of the year by the washington post book world the christian science monitor rocky mountain news and kirkus reviews a los angeles times book prize finalist winner of the ala alex award finalist for the costa novel award from award winning writer david mitchell comes a sinewy meditative novel of boyhood on the cusp of adulthood and the old on the cusp of the new black swan green tracks a single year in what is for thirteen year old jason taylor the sleepest village in muddiest worcestershire in a dying

cold war england 1982 but the thirteen chapters each a short story in its own right create an exquisitely observed world that is anything but sleepy a world of kissingerisque realpolitik enacted in boys games on a frozen lake of nightcreeping through the summer backyards of strangers of the tabloid fueled thrills of the falklands war and its human toll of the cruel luscious dawn madden and her power hungry boyfriend ross wilcox of a certain madame eva van outryve de crommelynck an elderly bohemian emigré who is both more and less than she appears of jason s search to replace his dead grandfather s irreplaceable smashed watch before the crime is discovered of first cigarettes first kisses first duran duran lps and first deaths of margaret thatcher s recession of gypsies camping in the woods and the hysteria they inspire and even closer to home of a slow motion divorce in four seasons pointed funny profound left field elegiac and painted with the stuff of life black swan green is david mitchell s subtlest and most effective achievement to date praise for black swan green david mitchell has created one of the most endearing smart and funny young narrators ever to rise up from the pages of a novel the always fresh and brilliant writing will carry readers back to their own childhoods this enchanting novel makes us remember exactly what it was like the boston globe david mitchell is a prodigiously daring and imaginative young writer as in the works of thomas pynchon and herman melville one feels the roof of the narrative lifted off and oneself in thrall time

## **The Shimmers in the Night**

2013-10-18

the world is becoming very strange for thirteen year old cara who discovers that some wonderful creatures don t only exist in dreams

## **Tinkers**

2019-01-01

special edition of paul harding s pulitzer prize winning debut novel featuring a new foreword by marilynne robinson and book club extras inside in this deluxe tenth anniversary edition marilynne robinson introduces the beautiful novel tinkers which begins with an old man who lies dying as time collapses into memory he travels deep into his past where he is reunited with his father and relives the wonder and pain of his impoverished new england youth at once heartbreaking and life affirming tinkers is an elegiac meditation on love loss and the fierce beauty of nature the story behind this new york times bestselling debut novel the first independently published pulitzer prize winner since a confederacy of dunces received the award nearly thirty years before is as extraordinary as the elegant prose within it inspired by his family s history paul harding began writing tinkers when his rock band broke up following numerous rejections from large publishers harding was about to shelve the manuscript when bellevue literary press offered a contract after being accepted by blp but before it was even published the novel developed a following among independent booksellers from coast to coast readers and critics soon fell in love and it went on to receive the pulitzer prize prompting the new york times to declare the novel s remarkable success the most dramatic literary cinderella story of recent memory that story is still being written as readers across the country continue to discover this modern classic which has now sold over half a million copies proving once again that great literature has a thriving and passionate audience paul harding is the author of two novels about multiple generations of a new england family enon and the pulitzer prize winning tinkers he teaches at stony brook southampton

## **Oh Pure and Radiant Heart**

2005-06-01

oh pure and radiant heart plucks the three scientists who were key to the invention of the atom bomb oppenheimer leo szilard and enrico fermi as they watch history s first mushroom cloud rise over the desert on july 16th 1945 and places them down in modern day santa fe one by one the scientists are spotted by a shy librarian who becomes convinced of their authenticity entranced bewildered overwhelmed by their significance as historical markers on the one hand and their peculiar personalities on the other she to the dismay of her husband devotes herself to them soon the scientists acquire a sugar daddy a young pothead millionaire

from tokyo who bankrolls them heroes to some lunatics or con artists to others the scientists finally become messianic religious figureheads to fanatics who believe oppenheimer to be the second coming as the ever growing convoy traverses the country in a fleet of rv s on a pilgrimage to the un the scientists wrestle with the legacy of their invention and their growing celebrity while ann and her husband struggle with the strain on their marriage a personal journey married to a history of thermonuclear weapons

## **I'm With the Bears**

2011-10-01

a collection of striking short stories on the dangers of climate change featuring works by margaret atwood t c boyle kim stanley robinson and more the boston globe the size and severity of the global climate crisis is such that even the most committed environmentalists are liable to live in a state of denial the award winning writers collected here have made it their task to shake off this nagging disbelief bringing the incomprehensible within our grasp and shaping an emotional response to the deterioration of our global habitat from t c boyle s account of early eco activists to nathaniel rich s vision of a near future where oil sells for 800 a barrel these ten provocative occasionally chilling sometimes satirical stories bring a human reality to disasters of inhuman proportions royalties from i m with the bears will go to 350.org an international grassroots movement working to reduce the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere

## **Migrations**

2021-07-06

an extraordinary novel as beautiful and as wrenching as anything i ve ever read emily st john mandel a dark past an impossible journey the will to survive franny stone is determined to go to the end of the earth following the last of the arctic terns on what may be their final migration to antarctica as animal populations plummet franny talks her way onto one of the few remaining boats heading south but as she and the eccentric crew travel further from shore and safety the dark secrets of franny s life begin to unspool haunted by love and violence franny must confront what she is really running towards and from from the west coast of ireland to australia and remote greenland this is an ode to the wild places and creatures now threatened and an epic moving story of the possibility of hope against all odds readers love migrations wrenchingly beautiful visceral heart breaking simply phenomenal raw and gripping riveting here s your next favourite a story about love passion wandering previously published as the last migration

## **Magnificence: A Novel**

2012-11-05

a woman embarks on a dazzling new phase in her life after inheriting a sprawling mansion and its vast collection of taxidermy pulitzer prize finalist lydia millet is one of the most acclaimed novelists of her generation scott timberg los angeles times salon praised her for writing that is always flawlessly beautiful reaching for an experience that precedes language itself the village voice added if kurt vonnegut were still alive he would be extremely jealous this stunning new novel presents susan lindley a woman adrift after her husband s death and the dissolution of her family embarking on a new phase in her life after inheriting her uncle s sprawling mansion and its vast collection of taxidermy susan decides to restore the neglected moth eaten animal mounts tending to the fur and feathers the beaks the bones and shimmering tails meanwhile an equally derelict human menagerie including an unfaithful husband and a chorus of eccentric old women joins her in residence in a setting both wondrous and absurd susan defends her legacy from freeloading relatives and explores the mansion s unknown spaces funny and heartbreaking magnificence explores evolution and extinction children and parenthood loss and revelation the result is the rapturous final act to the critically acclaimed cycle of novels that began with how the dead dream

## The Bodies of the Ancients

2017

the sykes family is faced with revelations from without and within whatever happens nothing will ever be the same again

## **BEING A BUDDHIST NUN**

2009-06-30

they may shave their heads don simple robes and renounce materialism and worldly desires but the women seeking enlightenment in a buddhist nunnery high in the folds of himalayan kashmir invariably find themselves subject to the tyrannies of subsistence subordination and sexuality ultimately buddhist monasticism reflects the very world it is supposed to renounce butter and barley prove to be as critical to monastic life as merit and meditation kim gutschow lived for more than three years among these women collecting their stories observing their ways studying their lives her book offers the first ethnography of tibetan buddhist society from the perspective of its nuns gutschow depicts a gender hierarchy where nuns serve and monks direct where monks bless the fields and kitchens while nuns toil in them monasteries may retain historical endowments and significant political and social power yet global flows of capitalism tourism and feminism have begun to erode the balance of power between monks and nuns despite the obstacles of being considered impure and inferior nuns engage in everyday forms of resistance to pursue their ascetic and personal goals a richly textured picture of the little known culture of a buddhist nunnery the book offers moving narratives of nuns struggling with the buddhist discipline of detachment its analysis of the way in which gender and sexuality construct ritual and social power provides valuable insight into the relationship between women and religion in south asia today

## **We Loved It All**

2024-04-02

a personal evocation of the glory of nature our vexed position in the animal kingdom and the difficulty of adoring what we destroy

## **Significant Objects**

2012-08-06

100 extraordinary stories about ordinary things significant objects a literary and economic experiment can a great story transform a worthless trinket into a significant object the significant objects project set out to answer that question once and for all by recruiting a highly impressive crew of creative writers to invent stories about an unimpressive menagerie of items rescued from thrift stores and yard sales that secondhand flotsam definitely becomes more valuable sold on ebay objects originally picked up for a buck or so sold for thousands of dollars in total making the project a sensation in the literary blogosphere along the way but something else happened too the stories created were astonishing a cavalcade of surprising responses to the challenge of manufacturing significance who would have believed that random junk could inspire so much imagination the founders of the significant objects project that s who this book collects 100 of the finest tales from this unprecedented creative experiment you ll never look at a thrift store curiosity the same way again featuring original stories by chris adrian rob agredo kurt andersen rachel axler rob baedeker nicholson baker rosecrans baldwin matthew battles charles baxter kate bernheimer susanna breslin kevin brockmeier matt brown blake butler meg cabot tim carvell patrick cates dan chaon susanna daniel adam davies kathryn davis matthew de abaitua stacey d erasmo helen dewitt doug dorst mark doty ben ehrenreich mark frauenfelder amy fusselman william gibson myla goldberg ben greenman jason grote jim hanas jennifer michael hecht sheila heti christine hill dara horn shelley jackson heidi julavits ben katchor matt klam wayne koestenbaum josh kramer kathryn kuitenbrouwer neil labute victor lavalley j robert lennon jonathan lethem todd levin laura lippman mimi lipson robert lopez joe lyons sarah manguso merrill markoe tom mccarthy miranda mellis lydia millet maud newton annie nocenti stephen o connor stewart o nan jenny offill gary panter ed park

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## **In Other Rooms, Other Wonders**

2010-04-05

in other rooms other wonders illuminates a place and people as it describes the overlapping worlds of an extended pakistani landowning family servants masters peasants and socialites all inextricably bound to each other confront the advantages and constraints of their station the dissolution of old ways and the shock of change these richly textured stories reveal the complexities of pakistani class and culture as they describe the loves triumphs misunderstandings and tragedies of everyday life

## **China on Screen**

2006

in china on screen chris berry and mary farquhar leaders in the field of chinese film studies explore more than one hundred years of chinese cinema and nation providing new perspectives on key movements themes and filmmakers berry and farquhar analyze the films of a variety of directors and actors including chen kaige zhang yimou hou hsiao hsien bruce lee jackie chan maggie cheung gong li wong kar wai and ang lee they argue for the abandonment of national cinema as an analytic tool and propose cinema and the national as a more productive framework with this approach they show how movies from china hong kong taiwan and the chinese diaspora construct and contest different ideas of chinese nation as empire republic or ethnicity and complicated by gender class style transnationalism and more among the issues and themes covered are the tension between operatic and realist modes male and female star images transnational production and circulation of chinese films the image of the good foreigner all related to different ways of imagining nation comprehensive and provocative china on screen is a crucial work of film analysis

## ***The Wrinkle Cure***

2005-09-01

dr perricone s 1 new york times bestselling guide to a better healthier complexion offers a revolutionary all natural antioxidant program that revitalizes the skin at any age from the outside and inside reissue

## **The Tree**

2000

in this series of moving recollections involving both his childhood and his work as a mature artist john fowles explains the impact of nature on his life and the dangers inherent in our traditional urge to categorize to tame and ultimately to possess the landscape this acquisitive drive leads to alienation and an antagonism to the apparent disorder and randomness of the natural world for john fowles the tree is the best analogue of prose fiction symbolizing the wild side or our psyche and he stresses the importance in art of the unpredictable the unaccountable and the intuitive

## **The Penguin Book of Mermaids**

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

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