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“Freedom to chart one’s strategic destiny comes only to those who are game-aware enough to rise above the game and determined enough to change the game to their own advantage.” So writes David McAdams in this groundbreaking, paradigm-busting, utterly readable romp through the game theory of business and life. You will emerge from this book as a “game-changer” yourself, more aware of the strategic interactions (or “games”) in your life and empowered with a ready-to-use set of methods to change those games to your advantage.

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DAVID McADAMS is a professor at the Duke University Fuqua School of Business. He is a leading scholar, popular teacher, and game-theory business consultant. He lives with his wife and children in Durham, North Carolina.
The United States is still typically conceived of as an offshoot of England, with our history unfolding east to west beginning with the first English settlers in Jamestown. This view overlooks the significance of America’s Hispanic past.

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Felipe Fernández-Armesto, the William P. Reynolds Professor of History at the University of Notre Dame, is the author of Pathfinders: A Global History of Exploration. He lives in South Bend, Indiana, and London.

An eminent scholar finds a new American history in the Hispanic past of our diverse nation.
Richard Powers

Orfeo
A Novel
The National Book Award–winning author of *The Echo Maker* delivers his most emotionally charged novel to date, inspired by the myth of Orpheus.

"Richard Powers has been astounding us almost every other year since 1985," wrote John Leonard (*Harper’s*). In *Orfeo*, Powers tells the story of a man journeying into his past as he desperately flees the present. Composer Peter Els opens the door one evening to find the police on his doorstep. His home microbiology lab—the latest experiment in his lifelong attempt to find music in surprising patterns—has aroused the suspicions of Homeland Security. Panicked by the raid, Els turns fugitive. As an Internet-fueled hysteria erupts, Els—the "Bioterrorist Bach"—pays a final visit to the people he loves, those who shaped his musical journey. Through the help of his ex-wife, his daughter, and his longtime collaborator, Els hatches a plan to turn this disastrous collision with the security state into a work of art that will reawaken its audience to the sounds all around them.

**RICHARD POWERS** was born in Evanston, Illinois. The author of eleven novels, he has been a Pulitzer Prize and four-time National Book Critics Circle Award finalist, received a MacArthur "genius grant," and won the National Book Award.

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In *Growing a Farmer*, Kurt Timmermeister recounted the toil and joy of wrestling an empty plot of land on Vashon Island, Washington, into a dairy farm. Now he tells the story of a feast made from only what the farm provides. But the story of the meal begins two years earlier with the birth of a calf, Alice. When she is grown, Alice will produce the cream to be churned into butter, made into sauce Béarnaise, and served alongside poached eggs and kale gathered the morning of the feast. Along the way we meet Leda, who trades onion seedlings for Kurt’s cheese; Michiko, who forages the white chanterelles for the antipasti course; and Bill, whose large, thin-skinned tomatoes will form the basis of the tomato upside-down cake. Rich in detail, resonant in story, *Growing a Feast* depicts the effort behind every meal, the farm that comes before every table.

**KURT TIMMERMEISTER** was a successful restaurateur in Seattle before buying farmland on Vashon Island in 1991. Originally four acres, Kurtwood Farms is now a thirteen-acre dairy farm specializing in farmstead cheese.

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Previously a staff writer for Switzerland’s leading newspaper, *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, MIKAEL KROGERUS currently works as a freelance writer in Biel, Germany. ROMAN TSCHÄPPELER is the founder and CEO of Guzo, a Swiss consulting firm. He lives in Zurich, Switzerland.

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**The Decision Book**
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In his seventeenth collection of poetry, Pulitzer Prize winner Stephen Dunn confronts the lines we fight against and the ones we draw for ourselves. *Lines of Defense* poignantly captures the absurdities of modern life, of expectations derailed, of the lived life juxtaposed to the imagined life, and the defenses we use to make do. Dunn is a poet writing at the height of his powers, in a voice full of gravitas.

From “Before We Leave”

Where are we going?
It’s not an issue of here or there.
And if you ever feel you can’t take another step, imagine
how you might feel to arrive,
if not wiser, a little more aware
how to inhabit the middle ground
between misery and joy.

STEPHEN DUNN is the author of sixteen previous poetry collections, including the Pulitzer Prize–winning *Different Hours*. He has also received an Academy Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. He lives in Frostburg, Maryland.
At the age of three, Eileen Cronin first realized that only she did not have legs. Her boisterous Catholic family accepted her situation as “God’s will,” treating her no differently than her ten siblings, as she “squiddled” through their 1960s Cincinnati home. But starting school, even wearing prosthetics, she had to brave bullying and embarrassing questions. As a teen, thrilled when boys asked her out, she was confused about what sexuality meant for her. She felt happiest and most comfortable relaxing and skinny-dipping with her girlfriends, imagining herself “an elusive mermaid.”

The cause of her disability remained taboo, however, even as she looked toward the future and the possibility of her own family. Reflecting with grace and humor on her youth, search for love, and quest for answers that pitted her against her mother—did her mother take the birth-defect-causing drug thalidomide?—Cronin spins a shimmering story of self-discovery and transformation.

EILEEN CRONIN practices clinical psychology in Los Angeles. She is an assistant editor for Narrative magazine. Her work has appeared in several publications, including the Washington Post. She won the 2008 Washington Writing Prize in fiction.
In recent years, computers have learned to diagnose diseases, drive cars, write clean prose, and win at Jeopardy! Advances like these have created unprecedented economic bounty, but in their wake median income has stagnated and the share of the population with jobs has fallen. MIT's Erik Brynjolfsson and Andrew McAfee reveal the technological forces driving this reinvention of our economy and chart a path toward future prosperity. Businesses and individuals, they argue, must learn to race with machines. Drawing on years of research, Brynjolfsson and McAfee identify the best strategies and policies for doing so. These include honing the ability to mix and match different technological resources and designing new collaborations that pair brute processing power with human ingenuity. A fundamentally optimistic book, The Second Machine Age will radically alter how we think about issues of technological, societal, and economic progress.

ERIK BRYNJOLFSSON is the director of the MIT Center for Digital Business and one of the most cited scholars in information systems and economics. ANDREW McAFFEE is a principal research scientist at the MIT Center for Digital Business and the author of Enterprise 2.0.

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Frankie Abandonato, a small-time con man on the run, finds refuge by posing as V. S. Mohle—a famously reclusive writer—and teaching in a prestigious writing program in Texas. Streetwise and semiliterate, Frankie finds that he enjoys being treated as a genius.

The program has been funded by Rex Schoeninger, the world’s richest novelist, who is dying. Buzzards are circling, angling for the remains of his fortune, and Frankie quickly realizes that he has been presented with the opportunity of a lifetime. Rex, haunted by a twenty-five-year feud with the shadowy Mohle, is determined to come to terms with his past and has arranged to bring his rival to Texas, only to find himself facing off against an imposter.

_Famous Writers I Have Known_ is not just a brilliant literary satire but also a surprisingly tender take on two men, one a scam artist frantic to be believed, the other an old lion desperate to be remembered.

**JAMES MAGNUSON** is the author of eight previous novels and the recipient of multiple fellowships and awards for fiction. He currently directs the James A. Michener Center for Writers at the University of Texas. He lives in Austin.
Over the course of his 101-year life, George F. Kennan—author of the “X” article, father of “containment,” and preeminent Cold War authority—filled 20,000 diary pages with philosophy, poetry, vivid description, and keen political and moral insights. Now, historian Frank Costigliola has masterfully selected and annotated the first-ever public collection of Kennan’s diaries.

These pages cover a man—and a remarkably talented writer—coming into greatness during the first stirrings of the Cold War and the nuclear arms race, a man never satisfied with his accomplishments despite the ambassadorships, the years of political influence, the Pulitzers and other accolades. They also give us a glimpse, in his final years, of one of our greatest statesmen during his most human moments. Together, these diaries tell the complete narrative of Kennan’s life, in his own intimate and unflinching words, and through him the arc of world events in the twentieth century.

GEORGE F. KENNAN was America’s most acclaimed Cold War diplomat as well as a prize-winning historian and author. FRANK COSTIGLIOLA is an author and historian at the University of Connecticut specializing in U.S. foreign relations in the twentieth century.
I, one
Henryk Stanislaw Wyrzykowski,
Head Clerk of Closed Files,
a department of one,
work . . .
in a forgotten well of ghostly sighs

This astonishing novel in verse tells the story of Henryk Wyrzykowski, a drifting, haunted young man hiding from the Vietnam War in the basement of a San Francisco welfare building and translating his mother’s diaries. The diaries concern the Jedwabne massacre, an event that took place in German-occupied Poland in 1941. Wildly inventive, dark, beautiful, and unrelenting, The Wherewithal is a meditation on the nature of evil and the destruction of war.

PHILIP SCHULTZ, the author of seven previous collections of poetry, was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 2008 for Failure. The founder and director of the Writers Studio, he lives in East Hampton, New York.

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FEBRUARY
In October 2003, Sergeant Kayla Williams of the 101st Airborne Division anxiously awaited news of fellow soldier Brian McGough, wounded by a roadside bomb in Iraq. On returning home, Williams and McGough began a tentative romance and later married, but neither anticipated the consequences of McGough’s injury on their lives. With little information available about the long-term effects and potential for recovery from traumatic brain injuries and post-traumatic stress, and lacking essential support for returning veterans from the military and the VA, Williams and McGough suffered through his violent mood swings, her struggles to reintegrate into a country still oblivious to women veterans, and what seemed the indifference of civilian society at large.

Never willing to abandon a fallen comrade, Williams persevered. So did McGough, until both found paths to healing and wholeness—as individuals and as a family.

KAYLA WILLIAMS, a former Arabic linguist in the U.S. Army, is the author of Love My Rifle More than You. She lives with her husband and children in Virginia.
During his impeachment proceedings, Richard Nixon boasted, “I can go into my office and pick up the telephone and in twenty-five minutes seventy million people will be dead.” In this incisive, masterfully argued new book, award-winning social theorist Elaine Scarry demonstrates that the power of one leader to obliterate millions of people with a nuclear weapon—a possibility that remains very real even in the wake of the Cold War—deeply violates our constitutional rights and is fundamentally at odds with the principles of social contract. When a leader can single-handedly decide to deploy a nuclear weapon, we live in a state of “thermonuclear monarchy,” not democracy. By reasserting our Constitution, we can abolish nuclear weapons, end thermonuclear monarchy, and secure the safety of foreign populations, home populations, and the earth itself. Scarry’s groundbreaking way of thinking will interest everyone alarmed about nuclear arms and the danger they pose to life on earth.

ELAINE SCARRY is the Cabot Professor of Aesthetics and the General Theory of Value at Harvard University. Her book The Body in Pain was a National Book Critics Circle Award finalist. She lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts.
In this auspicious debut, Molly Antopol cuts a wide swath through the fabric of time and place, exploring people from different cultures who are all painfully human in their joys, desires, tragedies, and heartaches. An actor, phased out of Hollywood for his Communist ties during McCarthyism, tries to share a meaningful moment with his son. An Israeli soldier comes of age when his brother is maimed on their communal farm. A gallerist, swept up by the 1970s dissident art movement, begins smuggling paintings out of Moscow and curating underground shows in her Jerusalem home. This is a rare collection as accomplished at capturing our soaring triumphs as it is our crippling defeats—a hopeful reminder that we are all closer and more capable than we sometimes feel.

“A writer of seismic talent.”—Adam Johnson, Pulitzer Prize winner

“Beautiful, funny, fearless, exquisitely crafted and truly novelistic in scope.”—Jesmyn Ward, National Book Award winner

MOLLY ANTOPOL teaches writing at Stanford University, where she was a recent Wallace Stegner Fellow. Her writing has appeared in One Story, Esquire, American Short Fiction, NPR’s This American Life, and elsewhere.

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FEBRUARY
Susanne Antonetta

Make Me a Mother

A Memoir

A woman unexpectedly finds her best self through a sleepy bundle handed over at the airport in this heartfelt and surprising memoir.

In Make Me a Mother, acclaimed memoirist Susanne Antonetta adopts an infant from Seoul, South Korea. After meeting their six-month-old son, Jin, at the airport—an incident made memorable when Susanne, so eager to meet her son, is chased down by security—Susanne and her husband learn lessons common to all parents, such as the lack of sleep and the worry and joy of loving a child. They also learn lessons particular to their own family: not just how another being can take over your life but how to let an entire culture in, how to discuss birth parents who gave up a child, and the tricky steps required to navigate race in America.

In the end, her relationship with her son teaches Susanne to understand her own troubled childhood and to forgive and care for her own aging parents. Susanne comes to realize how, time and time again, all families have to learn to adopt one another.

SUSANNE ANTONETTA is the author of the memoir Body Toxic, a New York Times Notable Book and winner of the American Book Award. She lives in Bellingham, Washington, with her husband and son.

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Trevor Cox is on a hunt for the sonic wonders of the world. A renowned expert who engineers classrooms and concert halls, Cox has made a career of eradicating bizarre and unwanted sounds. But after an epiphany in the London sewers, Cox now revels in exotic noises—creaking glaciers, whispering galleries, stalactite organs, musical roads, humming dunes, seals that sound like alien angels, and a Mayan pyramid that chirps like a bird. With forays into archaeology, neuroscience, biology, and design, Cox explains how sound is made and altered by the environment, how our body reacts to peculiar noises, and how these mysterious wonders illuminate sound’s surprising dynamics in everyday settings—from your bedroom to the opera house. The Sound Book encourages us to become better listeners in a world dominated by the visual and to open our ears to the glorious cacaphony all around us.

A professor of acoustic engineering, TREVOR COX has presented seventeen BBC radio documentaries and has won awards for promoting acoustics to the public. He lives in Manchester, England.

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FEBRUARY
Life in the mountains of eastern Kentucky is bleak, especially for a black girl in the era of segregation. Quiet Audrey Martin plays the piano and looks up to her beautiful best friend, Caroline Wallace, “the shiniest pearl she knows.” With Caroline’s father in jail for killing her mother, her life represents everything that Audrey needs to run from. When a booking agent from the Apollo offers Audrey a ticket to join the booming jazz scene in Harlem, she can’t resist, not even for Caroline. In different worlds, following different paths, Audrey’s star soars as she tours the country and flirts with true love. Meanwhile, Caroline sinks into the trials and tribulations of a black woman in a backward country, where her ambitions only seem to move further out of reach. A powerful coming-of-age story, *Saint Monkey* marks the arrival of a talented new voice in American fiction.

**JACINDA TOWNSEND** studied at Harvard University and Duke University Law School before receiving her MFA from the University of Iowa. She currently teaches creative writing at Indiana University. *Saint Monkey* is her first novel.

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This book is at once a biography of Louis Armstrong’s prolific years in the 1920s and early 1930s and an examination of the cultural forces that shaped his life and, ultimately, jazz itself. Thomas Brothers picks up where he left off with *Louis Armstrong’s New Orleans*, blending numerous personal accounts to tell the story of how Armstrong navigated the legacies of racial inequality to forge two new musical styles—one vocal and one instrumental—that permanently altered the course of popular music in the United States. No other author combines intimate knowledge of Armstrong’s life with the boldness to examine his subject’s place in a racially charged America. Combining biography, cultural history, and musical scholarship, *Louis Armstrong, Master of Modernism* illuminates the life and work of the man many consider to be the greatest American artist of the twentieth century.

THOMAS BROTHERS is a professor of music at Duke University, where he teaches jazz, rock, African-American music, and late medieval music. He lives in Durham, North Carolina.

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FEBRUARY
Charlie Smith

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Charlie Smith is a poet of “shimmering energy” (Mary Oliver). Jump Soul selects from among his eight previous collections and includes astonishing new work, showcasing a brilliant career in American letters. Embracing both Southern lushness and urban grit, Smith’s work is fresh, audacious, and “brutally honest” (Sacramento Book Review), never more so than in this collection.

From “Collected First Lines”

I’m sure there is meaning,
and I know it’s sometimes more interesting
to stand in a road than to move along it,

though even this, said with such confidence
just a minute ago,

explains nothing.

CHARLIE SMITH is an award-winning poet and novelist. Five of his works have been named New York Times Notable Books. Smith has taught at Princeton University and the University of Alabama, and he lives in New York.

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Kevin Cook

Kitty Genovese
The Murder, the Bystanders, the Crime That Changed America

The untold truth behind the sensational murder that cast a shadow over 1960s America.

What happened to Catherine “Kitty” Genovese? Slain on her front stoop in New York City just before the 1964 World’s Fair—a murder the New York Times called “a frozen moment of dramatic, disturbing societal change”—Kitty became an urban martyr, butchered in plain sight of thirty-eight witnesses who “didn’t want to get involved.” Her killing crystallized a new psychological concept: the “Bystander Effect.”

That’s the story told by the Times’s legendary A. M. Rosenthal, Malcolm Gladwell, the authors of Freakonomics, and countless psychology textbooks. But it isn’t true. As Kevin Cook demonstrates, the tale of “thirty-eight witnesses” is a myth. The truth is more compelling—and so is the crime’s young victim.

Now, on the fiftieth anniversary of the Genovese murder, Cook offers a riveting, suspenseful account of what really happened that night in Kew Gardens, Queens. Drawn from newly discovered documents and revelatory interviews with Kitty’s lover and other key figures, Kitty Genovese redefines a story America thought it already knew.

KEVIN COOK, the award-winning author of Titanic Thompson and Tommy’s Honor, has written for the New York Times, the Daily News, GQ, Men’s Journal, Vogue, and many other publications, and has appeared on CNN and FOX-TV.

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Everyone experiences anger. Whether you act on it or bury it, anger will eventually seep out—either as rage, passive aggression, or another unhealthy emotion. Denying your feelings doesn’t make them go away, and anger that is not adequately processed can quickly become toxic.

This book shows readers how to use techniques of mindfulness—that is, being in the present moment—to deliberately allow the physical sensations and emotions of anger to surface so they can be examined and then released. By slowing down and exploring anger instead of reacting out of habit, readers learn how to honor it as an instructive emotion and use this understanding for self-healing. Learn about the various types of anger and follow a step-by-step program to assess the roots of anger in your life and regain control.

ANDREA BRANDT, PhD, has over thirty years of clinical experience in anger management. She appears regularly on television and radio and lives in Santa Monica, California.
Meet the Baileys: Burck, a prosperous lawyer voted the American Legion’s “Citizen of the Year” in his tiny hometown of Vinita, Oklahoma; his wife Marlies, a swinging German immigrant with a fondness for Scotch and bell-bottomed Arab exchange students; their addled son Scott, who dangles from the city’s highest flagpole and repeatedly crashes the family Porsche; and Blake, the younger son, trying to find a way through the storm. “You’re gonna be just like me,” a drunken Scott taunts him. “Maybe worse.”

Winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award and finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, Blake Bailey has been hailed by Time magazine for his ability to capture lives “compellingly and in harrowing detail” and by the New York Times as “addictively readable.” The Splendid Things We Planned is his exhilarating, heartbreaking memoir, a darkly funny account of growing up in the shadow of an erratic and increasingly dangerous brother, which culminates in one heartbreaking Christmas.

Blake Bailey is the author of biographies of John Cheever, Richard Yates, and Charles Jackson and is the authorized biographer of Philip Roth. He lives in Virginia, where he is the Mina Hohenberg Darden Professor of Creative Writing at Old Dominion University.

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MARCH
Freedom, in Philip Pettit’s provocative analysis, “requires more than just being let alone.” In Just Freedom, a succinct articulation of the republican philosophy for which he is renowned, Pettit builds a theory of universal freedom as nondomination. Seen through this lens, even societies that consider themselves free may find their political arrangements lacking. Do those arrangements protect people’s liberties equally? Are they subject to the equally shared control of those they protect? Do they allow the different peoples of the world to live in equal freedom? With elegant, user-friendly tests of freedom—the eyeball test, the tough luck test, and the straight talk test—Pettit addresses these questions, laying out essential yardsticks for policymakers and concerned citizens alike. An invitation to join in a program that would better articulate and realize justice in our social, democratic, and international lives, Just Freedom offers readers an essential starting place for the world’s thorniest problems.

PHILIP PETTIT is the L. S. Rockefeller University Professor of Politics and Human Values at Princeton University and Distinguished Professor of Philosophy at the Australian National University. His many books include Republicanism and On the People’s Terms.
In the fall of 2001, a newlywed English professor took on a job editing the “women’s section” of one of Pakistan’s leading Urdu newspapers. She soon transformed pages of celebrity gossip and fashion advice into a vehicle for the investigation of the true lives of Pakistani women.

News of acid attacks on hapless women, the trading of girls as currency in tribal disputes, and other abuses transformed this young mother into a fiery advocate for women’s rights—one guided by Islamic ethics and ideals of social justice as she taught rural leaders to distinguish between religion and tribal custom. Her commitment to her countrywomen led her to a seat in the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, where she fought to protect women, girls, and the poor.

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Thirty years after his death in 1983, Yale University professor Paul de Man remains a haunting figure. The Nazi collaborator and chameleon-like intellectual created with Deconstruction a literary movement so pervasive that it threatened to topple the very foundations of literature and history itself. The revelation in 1988 that de Man had written a collaborationist and anti-Semitic article led to his intellectual downfall, yet biographer Evelyn Barish apprehended that nothing appeared to contextualize the life he assiduously sought to conceal. Relying on archival research and hundreds of interviews, Barish evokes figures such as Mary McCarthy, Elizabeth Hardwick, and Jacques Derrida. Reexamining de Man’s life, particularly in prewar Europe and his reincarnation in postwar America, she reveals, among other things, his embezzlement schemes, his lack of an undergraduate degree, and his bigamous marriage. The man who despised narrative, particularly biography, finally gets his due in this chilling portrait of a man and his era.

EVELYN BARISH is a professor at the City University of New York Graduate Center and the author of Emerson: The Roots of Prophecy, for which she won the Christian Gauss Award. She lives in New York.
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Using deadpan humor and savage charm belying deep empathy for her characters, Miller’s debut captures the angst, sexual rivalry, and escalating self-doubt of teenage life in America while announcing Miller as a fierce new voice.

**MARY MILLER** is the author of the short story collection *Big World*. Her work has been published in *McSweeney’s Quarterly, American Short Fiction, The Oxford American*, and other journals. She lives in Austin, Texas. This is her first novel.
Even in the byzantine Italian world of Dante scholarship, Australian-born Prue Shaw is one of the world’s foremost Dante authorities. Keenly aware that thousands of books have been written about The Divine Comedy, the undaunted Shaw remained convinced that an accessible, nonscholarly work that explicated Dante was still needed. Just as Dante becomes a poet with a prophetic mission, Reading Dante becomes far more than an exegesis of Dante’s three-part Commedia. It offers a literary experience that lifts the reader into the universal realms of poetry and mythology, revealing how one can recover time past through memory and language. Whether challenging the notion that Dante was vindictive, decoding the numerology that can confound readers, or positioning Dante’s tortured life within the framework of fourteenth-century Florence, Shaw creates an astonishingly lyrical work that appeals to both those who’ve never read the Commedia and those who have. Reading Dante underscores Dante’s belief that poetry can change human lives.

PRUE SHAW is emeritus reader in Italian studies at University College London and the editor of the edizione nazionale of Dante’s Monarchia and of a digital edition of the Commedia. She lives in Cambridge, England.
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ELIZABETH SPENCER is the author of nine novels, seven collections of short stories, a memoir, and a play. She is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters. She lives in North Carolina.
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TERRY GOLWAY was a journalist for thirty years, writing for the New York Observer, the New York Times, and other venues. He is the director of the Kean University Center for History, Politics, and Policy in New Jersey.
In the summer of 1998, Walter Kirn—then a young novelist struggling with fatherhood and a dissolving marriage—set out on a peculiar, fateful errand: to personally deliver a crippled hunting dog from an animal shelter in Montana to the New York apartment of one Clark Rockefeller, a secretive young banker and art collector. Thus began a fifteen-year relationship that drew Kirn deep into the fun-house world of an outlandish, eccentric son of privilege who, one day, would be shockingly unmasked as a brazen serial impostor and brutal double-murderer. Kirn’s one-of-a-kind story, already excerpted in The New Yorker, of being duped by a real-life Mr. Ripley, takes us on a bizarre and haunting journey from the posh private club rooms of Manhattan to the hard-boiled courtrooms and prisons of Los Angeles. In Blood Will Out, Kirn lays bare a Dreiser-esque tale of class, self-invention, and the great American con.

WALTER KIRN is the author of Thumbsucker and Up in the Air, both made into major films. His work has appeared in GQ, New York, Esquire, and the New York Times Magazine. He lives in Livingston, Montana.
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A Simple Psychologically Oriented Deliberation in View of the Dogmatic Problem of Hereditary Sin

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The first new translation of Kierkegaard’s masterwork in a generation brings to vivid life this essential work of modern philosophy.

First published in 1844, Søren Kierkegaard’s concise treatise identified—long before Freud—anxiety as a profound human condition, portraying human existence largely as a constant struggle with our own spiritual identities. Brilliantly synthesizing human insights with Christian dogma, Kierkegaard presented The Concept of Anxiety as a landmark “psychological deliberation,” suggesting that our only hope in overcoming anxiety was not through “powder and pills” but by embracing it with open arms. While Kierkegaard’s Danish prose is surprisingly rich, previous translations—the most recent in 1980—have marginalized the work with alternately florid or slavishly wooden language. With a vibrancy never seen before in English, Alastair Hannay, the world’s foremost Kierkegaard scholar, re-creates its natural rhythm, eager that this overlooked classic will not only become as celebrated as Fear and Trembling, The Sickness unto Death, and Either/Or but also be revivified as the seminal work of existentialism and moral psychology that it is.

Søren Kierkegaard (1813–1855), the author of more than twenty books, is widely considered to be the father of both modern psychology and existentialism. Alastair Hannay is an emeritus professor of philosophy at the University of Oslo and has previously translated six volumes of Kierkegaard’s writings.
As a teenager, Elizabeth Scarboro imagined a freewheeling future for herself. But when she falls in love with Stephen—brilliant, infuriating, and living with cystic fibrosis—Scarboro embraces another sort of adventure. Taking a path both joyous and heartrending, she chooses to stay with Stephen and live an entire marriage in the ten years they have. *My Foreign Cities* is a portrait of a young couple approaching mortality with reckless abandon, gleefully outrunning it for as long as they can.

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**ELIZABETH SCARBORO** is the author of two children’s novels and winner of the Olga and Paul Menn Foundation Prize for fiction. She lives in Berkeley, California, with her husband and two children.
The Short, Strange Life of Herschel Grynszpan

A Boy Avenger, a Nazi Diplomat, and a Murder in Paris

“Reading this excellent, thought-provoking biography, one is all too easily reminded of Camus’s 1942 novel, The Stranger.”—Philip Kerr, Wall Street Journal

On the morning of November 7, 1938, Herschel Grynszpan, a desperate seventeen-year-old Jewish refugee, walked into the German embassy in Paris and shot Ernst vom Rath, a Nazi diplomat. Two days later vom Rath lay dead, and the Third Reich exploited the murder to unleash Kristallnacht in a bizarre concatenation of events that would rapidly involve Ribbentrop, Goebbels, and Hitler himself. But was Grynszpan a crazed lone gunman or agent provocateur of the Gestapo? Was he motivated by a desire to avenge Jewish people, or did his act of violence speak to an intimate connection between the assassin and his target, as Grynszpan later claimed? Part page-turning historical thriller and part Kafkaesque legal drama, The Short, Strange Life of Herschel Grynszpan brings to life the historical details and moral dimensions of one of the most enigmatic cases of World War II. This compelling biography presents a story with twists and turns that “no novelist could invent” (Alice Kaplan).

Jonathan Kirsch is the author of the best-selling The Harlot by the Side of the Road. He is the book editor of the Jewish Journal and a longtime reviewer for the Los Angeles Times. He lives in Los Angeles, California.
The Divine Comedy

Translated by Clive James

“Under James’s uncanny touch, seven long centuries drop away, and the great poem is startlingly fresh and new.”—Stephen Greenblatt

The Divine Comedy is the precursor of modern literature, and Clive James’s translation—decades in the making—gives us the entire epic as a single, coherent, and compulsively readable lyric poem. For the first time ever in an English translation, James makes the bold choice of switching from the terza rima composition of the original Italian—a measure that strains in English—to the quatrains. The result is “rhymed English stanzas that convey the music of Dante’s triple rhymes” (Edward Mendelson). James’s translation reproduces the same wonderful momentum of the original Italian that propels the reader along the pilgrim’s path from Hell to Heaven, from despair to revelation.

“The greatest virtue of James’s translation is his gift for infusing poetry in the least likely places. . . . James’s austere volume achieves something remarkable: It lets Dante’s poetry shine in all its brilliance.”—Joseph Luzzi, New York Times Book Review

Gentlemen Prefer Blondes

With a new introduction by Jenny McPhee

Loos’s classic tale shows that questions of women and power—more relevant today than ever—can come in the most alluring of packages.

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“Lorelei Lee’s wide-eyed ditziness is nothing less than a joy forever.”—Michael Dirda

Born in California, ANITA LOOS (1893–1981) was a prolific screenwriter, playwright, and author. JENNY McPhee is the author of A Man of No Moon, No Ordinary Matter, and The Center of Things. She lives in London.
In a work that “deeply reconceptualizes the New Deal and raises countless provocative questions” (David Kennedy), Fear Itself changes the ground rules for our understanding of this pivotal era in American history. Ira Katznelson examines the New Deal through the lens of a pervasive, almost existential fear that gripped a world defined by the collapse of capitalism and the rise of competing dictatorships, as well as a fear created by the ruinous racial divisions in American society. Katznelson argues that American democracy was both saved and distorted by a Faustian collaboration that guarded racial segregation as it built a new national state to manage capitalism and assert global power. Fear Itself charts the creation of the modern American state and “how a belief in the common good gave way to a central government dominated by interest-group politics and obsessed with national security” (Louis Menand, The New Yorker).

IRA KATZNELSON, Columbia University’s Ruggles Professor of Political Science and History and president of the Social Science Research Council, is the author of When Affirmative Action Was White. He lives in New York.
Renowned poet Simon Armitage adopts the role of modern troubadour in this meditative and humorous memoir of trekking all 256 miles of Britain’s harsh but beautiful Pennine Way. Walking the trail by day and giving poetry readings—to crowds of varying receptivity—for food and lodging by night, he encounters eccentric locals, surly livestock, and the famously fickle English weather. Armitage makes his way, overcoming the physical and emotional challenges of his journey, while reflecting on the poet’s place in a bustling modern world.

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Simon Armitage is an award-winning poet and translator of both Sir Gawain and the Green Knight and The Death of King Arthur. He is a professor of poetry at the University of Sheffield, UK.
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