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AUTOCRACY INC by Anne Applebaum (Non-fiction)

DELIVERY: JULY 2023

AUTOCRACY INC will explore the networks, the ties that bind Russia, China, Belarus, Iran, Venezuela and other countries, as well as the international democracy movement that now opposes them. The book will put today's autocrats, and today's democratic activists, in a historic context, explaining what about Autocracy Inc is new and what is familiar. It will describe the deep links between modern autocracies; explain how autocrats have tried to shape the economics and politics of democracies; introduce the democratic activists who have tried to fight back. It will be relatively short, perhaps 80,000-100,000 words, following the format of *Twilight of Democracy*. It will incorporate, in a similar manner, reporting, history, philosophy and politics. Anne's aim is to explain this new world, and to start the conversation about how to defeat it.

Anne Applebaum is a columnist for the Washington Post and Slate, covering U.S. and international politics. She also runs a program on global transitions at the Legatum Institute in London, and in 2012-2013 held the Phillippe Roman chair in History and International Affairs at the London School of Economics. Her book, *Gulag: A History*, won the 2004 Pulitzer Prize for non-fiction, as well as Britain's Duff-Cooper Prize. Her book *Iron Curtain* was nominated for a National Book Award.

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**CAUSE & AFFECTION: ANGELICA SCHUYLER
CHURCH'S LIFE IN REVOLUTION by Molly Beer (Non-
fiction)**

DELIVERY: APRIL 2023

Though she is probably best known, these days, as the sister-in-law with whom Alexander Hamilton may or may not have flirted, Angelica was so much more than the recipient of some of Hamilton's most infamous letters. She was a diplomat and a politician in her own right who, during the War, relayed news of assassins and updates on British naval movements to the American Revolutionaries, and who, after the War, moved to London and reported to leaders in the nascent United States about the mental state of the King of England, the imprisonment of American ally, the Marquis de Lafayette, and the growing revolution in France. And yet for all Angelica did for the Revolution, very little has been written about her today (besides, of course, the writing that has been done about her relationship with Hamilton).

Through Angelica's story, this biography tells the larger story of women's work in the Revolution and the role they played in helping to craft both a new government and new society.

Molly Beer is an award-winning creative nonfiction writer and director of the place-based nonfiction writing program at the University of Michigan. Her writing on gender and the politics of place has appeared in such publications as *Salon*, *Guernica*, *The Rumpus*, *Terrain*, *Best Women's Travel Writing*, etc. She is a graduate of Duke University, the Bread Loaf School of English at Middlebury College, and the University of New Mexico, where she completed an MFA in creative nonfiction writing under the mentorship of Joy Harjo. She was born and raised in Angelica, New York, where her family still farms.

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**FREE SPEECH CAPITALISM: JOURNALISM,
DEMOCRACY & SILICON VALLEY by Emily Bell and
Taylor Owen (Non-fiction)**
DELIVERY: SPRING 2023

For the last eight years, longtime journalists and Professors of Journalism, Emily Bell and Taylor Owen, have been conducting research for the Tow Center for Digital Journalism at the Columbia Journalism School on the intersection of technology and journalism, specifically the ever-expanding role Silicon Valley has come to play in the industry. This work, and the dozens of other research projects Bell and Owen have developed for the Tow Center, will form the grounding for *Free Speech Capitalism: Journalism, Democracy and Silicon Valley*. In this new endeavor, Bell and Owen expand their findings to include not only the history of how Silicon Valley “broke” journalism but a proposal for how to “fix” it, exploring the problematic foundations of a surveillance economy, the power of new technologies, and the threat all of the above pose to democracy.

Before being named a Professor of Practice and the Director of the Tow Center for Digital Journalism at the Columbia Journalism School, Emily Bell worked as a leading print and online journalist and editor for over twenty years. Emily spent many years at *Guardian News and Media*, first as a reporter and business editor for *The Observer* newspaper, moving in 2000 to take charge of *the Guardian*’s network of websites.

Taylor Owen is an Assistant Professor of Digital Media and Global Affairs at the University of British Columbia and a Senior Fellow at the Columbia Journalism School. He is also the author, most recently, of *Disruptive Power: The Crisis of the State in the Digital Age* (Oxford University Press, 2015) and the co-editor of *The World Won’t Wait: Why Canada Needs to Rethink its Foreign Policies* (University of Toronto Press, 2015, with Roland Paris), *Journalism After Snowden: The Future of the Free Press in the Surveillance State* (Columbia University Press, 2017, with Emily Bell) and *The Platform Press: How Silicon Valley Re-engineered Journalism* (Tow Center 2017, with Emily Bell).

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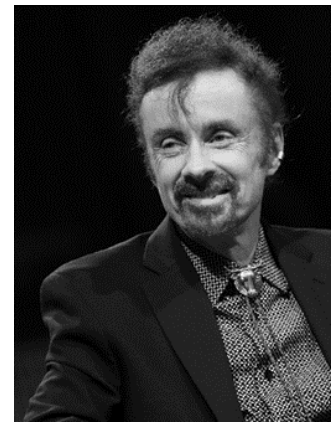
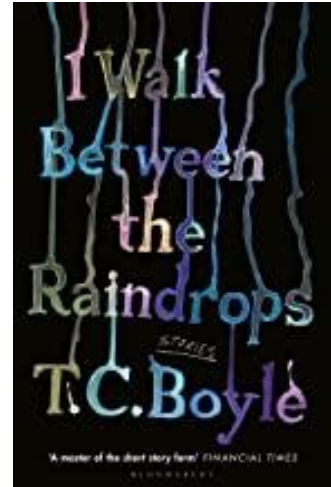


**I WALK BETWEEN THE RAINDROPS by T.C. Boyle
(Collection)**

PUBLICATION: SEPTEMBER 2022

T.C. BOYLE's latest collection exemplifies the author's wide range as he engages with new subjects in the voice and style his readers love. Cutting edge and familiar, fans of Boyle will welcome the chance to explore new narrative worlds with an expert guide. From classic relationship semantics to critiques of our reliance on ever progressing technology to the grey areas of desire, Boyle crafts another masterful anthology.

T.C. BOYLE is the author of twenty-eight books of fiction. He has been a member of the English Department at the University of Southern California since 1978, where he is Distinguished Professor of English. His work has been translated into more than two dozen foreign languages, including German, French, Italian, Dutch, Portuguese, Spanish, Russian, Hebrew, Korean, Japanese, Danish, Swedish, Norwegian, Lithuanian, Latvian, Polish, Hungarian, Bulgarian, Finnish, Farsi, Croatian, Turkish, Albanian, Vietnamese, Serbian and Slovene. He has been the recipient of a number of literary awards, including the PEN/Faulkner Prize for best novel of the year; the PEN/Malamud Prize in the short story; and the Prix Médicis Étranger for best foreign novel in France.



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BLUE SKIES by T.C. Boyle (Novel)

PUBLICATION: MAY 2023

BLUE SKIES is an eco-thriller with teeth, a tragicomic satire and a prescient novel that captures the absurdity and “inexpressible sadness at the heart of everything.” Called “brilliantly imaginative... in a terrifying way” by Annie Proulx, it follows in the tradition of T. C. Boyle’s finest novels, combining high-octane plotting with mordant wit and shrewd social commentary.

Boyle, one of the most inventive voices in contemporary fiction, transports us to water-logged and heat-ravaged coastal America, where Cat and her hapless, nature-loving family—including her eco-warrior parents, Otilie and Frank; her brother, Cooper, an entomologist; and her frat-boy-turned-husband, Todd—are struggling to adapt to the “new normal,” in which once-in-a-lifetime natural disasters happen once a week and drinking seems to be the only way to cope. At once raucously funny and deeply disturbing, BLUE SKIES is one hundred percent entertaining.

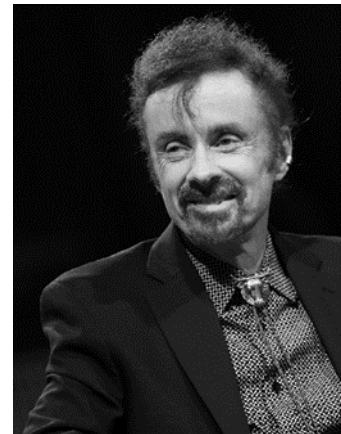
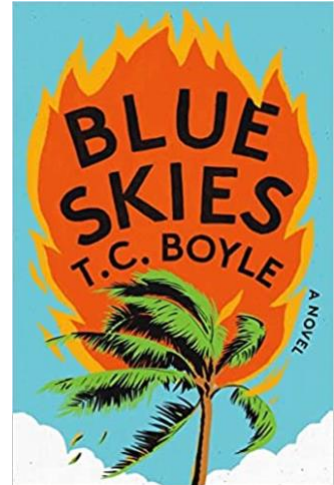
TC Boyle is the author of eighteen novels and twelve collections of short stories. He won the PEN/Faulkner Award in 1988 for his third novel, *World’s End*, and the Prix Médicis étranger (France) in 1995 for *The Tortilla Curtain*. His novel *Drop City* was a finalist for the 2003 National Book Award. Most recently, he has been the recipient of the Mark Twain American Voice in Literature Award, the Henry David Thoreau Prize, and the Jonathan Swift Prize for satire. He is a Distinguished Professor of English Emeritus at the University of Southern California and lives in Santa Barbara.

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MOBY DYKE: AN OBSESSIVE QUEST FOR THE LAST REMAINING LESBIAN BARS IN AMERICA by Krista Burton (Non-fiction)

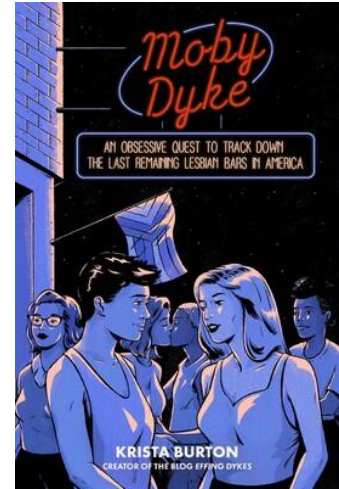
PUBLICATION: JUNE 2023

In 1987, there were 206 lesbian bars in America. Today, only a few dozen are still open for business. This is despite serving an important role as safe spaces for their customers, providing not only a good time and a stiff drink, but a haven of belonging. How and why did this happen? In *Moby Dyke*, Krista Burton investigates the answer to this question with firsthand research, embarking on an epic cross-country, multi-month project to visit every remaining dyke bar.

Between green-dyed Jell-o shots in Green Bay, the most flawless drag show in Indiana, and group serenades in Nashville, Krista Burton's journey also leads her to uncover important matters of queer culture. What are the impacts when a marginalized community when it becomes more mainstream, who precisely is welcome in certain queer spaces, and what it means to age in queer culture? Combining investigative reporting with personal reflection, this insightful and hilarious travelogue celebrates and interrogates the kind of community that can only be found in red-painted, windowless rooms soundtracked by Britney Spears-heavy playlists and illuminated by overhead holiday lights no matter the time of year.

Krista Burton is the creator of the popular blog *Effing Dykes* and was a frequent contributor to the online magazine *Rookie*. Her writing has also appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Guardian*, *Elle*, and *Vice*. She lives in Minnesota.

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MARIA CALLAS: A DANGEROUS DIVA by Jerome Charyn (Novel)

PUBLICATION: JANUARY 2025

A new novel by Jerome Charyn about the life and career of Maria Callas, the greatest opera singer of the twentieth century. From her turbulent childhood in New York and Greece to her fledgling opera career in Italy to fame on the world stage, Charyn charts the rise and fall of the diva's opera career and her tumultuous life behind the scenes.

Pressured by her mother into a career in the opera, Callas did not find success until she arrived in Italy where she became known as "La Davina." Her opera career flourished, as did her film career. She did not remain at the height of success for long, marred by her reputation a temperamental, scandal-prone diva and abject by the turbulence of her famous affair with Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis. Charyn paints a vivid portrait of the diva in every stage of her life, addressing the personal challenges she faced that at times overshadowed her success as a legend of opera.

Jerome Charyn is the award-winning author of more than fifty works, including *The Perilous adventures of the Cowboy King* and *The Secret Life of Emily Dickinson*. A renowned scholar of twentieth-century film and theatre history, he lives in Manhattan.

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**THE STRANGE CAREER OF THE CLOSET:
RACE, THE CITY AND GAY CULTURE & POLITICS
FROM THE SECOND WORLD WAR TO THE GAY
LIBERATION ERA (History)**

by George Chauncey

DELIVERY: JULY 2023

This book will pick up where the seminal GAY NEW YORK left off. Chauncey will examine among other things, how WWII shaped the lives of gay soldiers and veterans, the role religion played in how gays were viewed after the war, the bar culture of New York in the 50s, the segregation of White, Black and Hispanic gay men – all leading up to the Stonewall Riots.

George Chauncey is a historian and the author of GAY NEW YORK and WHY MARRIAGE? He is a professor at Columbia University.

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PICASSO THE FOREIGNER by Annie Cohen-Solal (Non-fiction)

PUBLICATION: APRIL 2021 (French)

APRIL 2023 (US)

The 2021 winner of the Femina Essay Award, Annie Cohen-Solal's *Picasso the Foreigner* reexamines the oeuvre and trajectory of the most celebrated artist of the twentieth century. From this new narrative, Picasso emerges as an artist ahead of his time not only aesthetically but politically. Based on years of new research, this book changes our understanding of Picasso and further challenges the idea that Paris was a welcoming haven for immigrated artists.

Annie Cohen-Solal, Distinguished Professor at Bocconi University, Department of Political and Social Sciences in Milan (Italy) is an academic and prize-winning writer. After *Sartre: A Life* (1987) became an international success, she became cultural counselor at the French Embassy in the US, where she turned her research and books to the artworld from a global and historical perspective on characters such as Leo Castelli and Mark Rothko. As a curator, she produced exhibitions such as *Revisiting Magiciens de la terre, a landmark exhibition* (Centre Pompidou, Paris, 2014); *Picasso the Foreigner* (National Immigration Museum and Picasso National Museum Paris, 2021-2022), which won the 2022 Historia Award for Best Exhibition. Born in Algiers, she lives between Paris and Milan.

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BIOGRAPHY OF CARSON MCCULLERS by Mary Dearborn (Biography)

PUBLICATION: SPRING 2024

The first full-scale biography of Carson McCullers that's been written in 40 years. This Southern Gothic writer captivated readers with *THE MEMBER OF THE WEDDING* and *THE HEART IS A LONELY HUNTER*. Her unhappy endings and fascination with the American South are explored in her numerous poems, plays, essays, short stories, and novels. Dearborn dives deep into the tumultuous, short life of this literary great.

Mary Dearborn is the author of *ERNEST HEMINGWAY*, *MISTRESS OF MODERNISM: THE LIFE OF PEGGY GUGGENHEIM* and *THE HAPPIEST MAN ALIVE: A BIOGRAPHY OF HENRY MILLER* among others.

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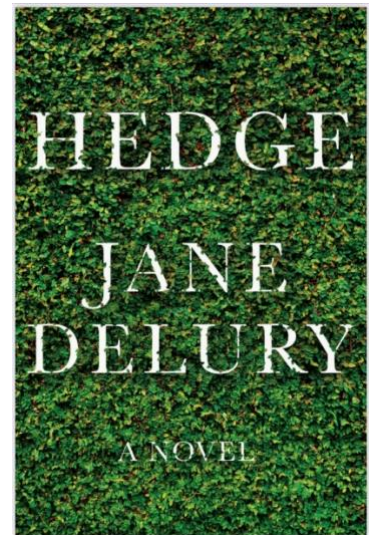


HEDGE by Jane Delury (Fiction)

PUBLICATION: JUNE 2023

Garden historian Maud Bentley packs up her daughters to spend a summer at an estate in rural New York, leaving her British husband behind in California. Motivated to reignite her career and escape her troubled marriage, she accepts a summer job restoring the garden of a 19th century estate in the Hudson Valley. This idyllic summer takes an unexpected turn when Maud becomes entangled with her archaeologist neighbor, Gabriel. Just as their relationship seems to promise a new future for Maud, her eldest daughter reveals an explosive secret that drives the family back to the Bay Area. Years later, these lies and passions of that summer continue to haunt Maud, when another unexpected encounter and a growing friendship—this time with the reclusive artist funding Maud’s project—resurrects old questions and patterns, bringing the past back to the surface. Deeply moving and impossible to put down, *HEDGE* is an unforgettable portrait of a woman’s longing to be a good mother while answering the call of her soul and mind.

Jane Delury received the Sue Kaufman Prize for First Fiction from the American Academy of Arts and Letters in 2019 for her debut novel-in-stories, *THE BALCONY*, which was published by Little, Brown. Her short stories have appeared in *The Southern Review*, *The Yale Review*, *Five Points*, *Glimmer Train*, *Narrative*, and other publications. Her awards include a PEN/O. Henry Prize, a Pushcart Special Mention, and her essays have appeared in *Real Simple*, Oprah.com, *Poets and Writers*, and *LitHub*. An associate professor at the University of Baltimore, she directs the BA in English and teaches in the MFA in Creative Writing & Publishing Arts program.



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GANDHI'S LIBRARY by Ian Desai (Non-fiction)
DELIVERY: FALL 2024

Beyond his reputation as one of the modern world's great individual heroes, Mahatma Gandhi actually relied on a tremendous human enterprise to support his crusade for India's independence. Behind Gandhi's accomplishments—and at the very heart of his enterprise—were tens of thousands of books that he and his co-workers collected, read, and used in their struggle for freedom. Far from being a lone genius, Gandhi's greatest skill was marshaling the best human and intellectual resources he could find towards his goal of releasing India from the material and psychological bonds of empire. Despite its massive impact on modern Indian history, Gandhi's enterprise has gone virtually unnoticed for decades, forgotten in the shadow of the towering icon of the Mahatma it helped to produce. Now, based on years of research in the extant libraries that supported the Mahatma and his movement, this book uncovers the hidden story of a community that used knowledge as its most potent weapon against imperialism and pursued a path to freedom paved by books. This story offers an intricate account of how the right books, in the hands of the right readers, can help realize a more humane, peaceful, and united human future.

Ian Desai received his doctorate in History from the University of Oxford while studying on a Rhodes scholarship. He has taught courses on Gandhi at Yale, NYU, and the University of Chicago.

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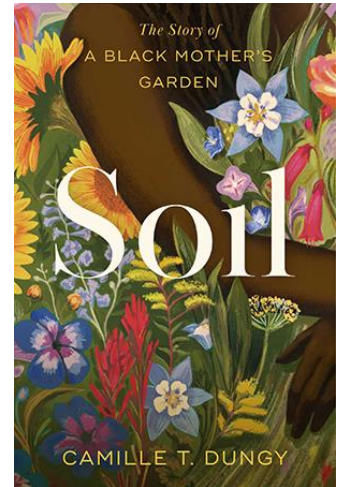
SOIL by Camille Dungy (Memoir)

PUBLICATION: MAY 2023

In *Soil: The Story of a Black Mother's Garden*, poet and scholar Camille T. Dungy recounts the 7 year odyssey to diversify her garden in the predominantly white community of Fort Collins, Colorado. When she moved there in 2013, with her husband and daughter, the community held strict restrictions about what residents could and could not plant in their gardens. In resistance to the homogenous policies that limited the possibility and wonder that grows from the earth, Dungy employs the various plants, herbs, vegetables, and flowers she grows in her garden as metaphor and treatise for how homogeneity threatens the future of our planet, and why cultivating diverse and intersectional language in our national discourse about the environment is the best means of protecting it.

Definitive and singular, *Soil* functions at the nexus of nature writing, environmental justice and prose to encourage readers to recognize the relationship between the peoples of the African diaspora and the land on which they live, and to understand that wherever soil rests beneath their feet is home.

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THE TOWN THAT CRIED WOLF: LOUVAIN, 1914-1940
by Roger Ekirch (Non-fiction)
DELIVERY: MAY 2025

The Town That Cried Wolf: Louvain, 1914-1940 explores the origins, the dynamics, and, above all, the protracted after-shocks of the most notorious military atrocity in the history of Western warfare from the Thirty Years War to the eve of World War II – a yet unfolding tale, observed a Paris newspaper in 1928, “that “touches the foundations of human societies, the notions of peace and war, love and hatred, crime and punishment, the just and the unjust, good and evil.” From 1914 to 1940, “The Town That Cried Wolf” charts Louvain’s tragic struggle against German militarism in both war and peace. During the first half of the twentieth century, no city or town lay on a more benighted path in Western Europe – or endured greater suffering due to the new mode of total war unleashed in 1914. The town’s ordeal, spanning twenty-six years, is a story of defeat, renewal, and, above all, resistance born of widespread devastation during the first weeks of World War I.

Roger Ekirch is a University Distinguished Professor of history at Virginia Tech and is also the author of *At Day’s Close*, published by Norton (his bestselling book so far, also published in translation in China, Germany, Holland, Korea, Slovakia, and Russia), and *Birthright*, also published by Norton. His most recent book, *American Sanctuary*, was published by Pantheon.

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AMERICAN MIDNIGHT by Adam Hochschild (History)
PUBLICATION: October 2022

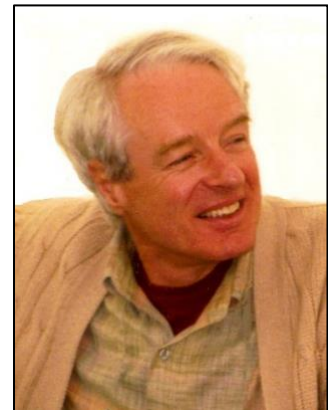
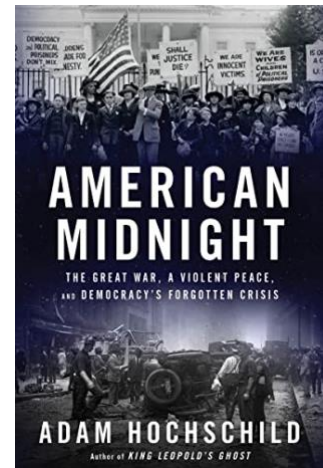
From legendary historian Adam Hochschild, *American Midnight* is a groundbreaking reassessment of the overlooked but startlingly familiar period between World War I and the Roaring Twenties. The foundations of American democracy were threatened by war, pandemic, and embattled violence. A deadly virus claimed hundreds of thousands of American lives. Militant nationalist groups arose. Mobs burned Black churches to the ground. Courts threw thousands of people into prison for opinions they voices. An American president hostile to civil rights. Self-appointed vigilantes executed tens of thousands of citizens' arrests. Some seventy-five newspapers and magazines were banned from the mail and forced to close. And, when the government stepped in, it was often to fan the flames. In this historical epic deep with contemporary resonance, Hochschild delivers an expansive, character-driven account of one of the darkest yet most overlooked periods in U.S. history.

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Adam Hochschild is the author of eleven books, including *King Leopold's Ghost* and *To End All Wars* (both finalists for the National Book Critics Circle Award) and *Bury the Chains* (a finalist for the National Book Award and winner of the Los Angeles Times Book Prize and PEN USA Literary Award). He has written for the *New Yorker*, the *New York Times Book Review*, and many other publications. He lives in Berkeley California.

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DARE THE SEA by Ali Hosseini (Story Collection)

PUBLICATION: September 2023

Dare the Sea is a short-story collection from acclaimed fiction writer Ali Hosseini, his first written originally in English. Its stories explore Iran's landscape and culture and the undercurrent of change affecting its people—both in Iran and the United States. Half of the stories in the collection are set in Iran in the time before and just after the Iranian Revolution of 1979. These tales depict the pre-Revolution obstacles endured by rural Iranians on a daily basis and the necessary measures to get by: petty theft, corruption, drug trafficking, religion, and love. Stories in the latter half focus on Iranians in exile. Characters are seemingly dropped into locales like the Midwest or Hawaii, taking in their situation with only the survival skills they've learned in their own land and enduring the hardships of being strangers in a new country. Loosely interconnected by characters who make appearances more than once, the stories in *Dare the Sea* are strongly linked by the country of Iran, its landscape, its history, and its hold on its people.

Ali Hosseini is an Iranian American author who writes in Persian and English. He has published two novels in English, *The Lemon Grove* (2012) and *The Place of Stones* (2017), the latter a finalist for the John Gardner Fiction Prize. His short fiction has appeared in *Kenyon Review*, *Antioch Review*, and *Guernica*, among other publications. He came to the United States as a college student, worked as a farm laborer, construction worker, security guard and IT specialist. He lives in the Boston area.

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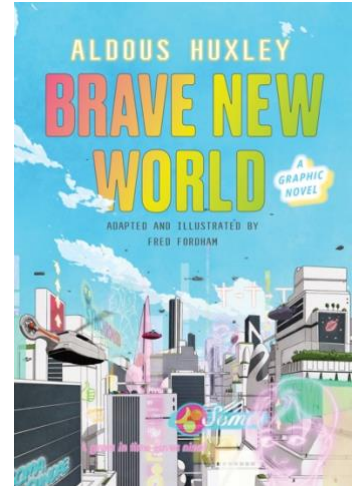
BRAVE NEW WORLD by Aldous Huxley (Fiction)

Adapted and Illustrated by Fred Fordham

PUBLICATION: APRIL 2022

Aldous Huxley's classic masterpiece reimagined as a vivid graphic novel. Though written in the 1930s, BRAVE NEW WORLD remains timely and speaks to a 21st-century world dominated by mass-entertainment, technology, medicine, and pharmaceuticals, the arts of persuasion, and the hidden influence of elites. This graphic novel will be sure to introduce BRAVE NEW WORLD to a whole new audience and thrill fans of the book as well.

Fred Fordham most recently adapted and illustrated Harper Lee's TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD. Before that he illustrated Philip Pullman's debut comic, THE ADVENTURES OF JOHN BLAKE.



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THE DIMENSIONS OF A CAVE by Greg Jackson (Fiction)
PUBLICATION: OCTOBER 2023

When investigative reporter Quentin Jones's story about covert military interrogation practices in the Desert War is buried, he is spurred to dig deeper, and unravel a trail that leads to VIRTUE: a cutting-edge technology that simulates reality during interrogation. As the shadowy labyrinth of governmental corruption unfurls and tightens around him, unnerving links to his protégé Bruce keep emerging, who, like Conrad's Kurtz, disappeared into the war several years earlier.

This debut novel is a virtuoso journey into the networks of power, our embroilment with new technologies and the dangers of corruption. It explores our drive towards war, violence and venality, placing humanity and idealism under the spotlight.

Greg Jackson is the author of *Prodigals*, a short story collection published by Farrar, Straus & Giroux in 2016. His essays and stories have been published in *The New Yorker*, *Harper's*, *New York Magazine*, and *The New York Times*. His story "The Hollow" was published in HarperCollins's *The Best American Short Stories: 2022*, and his story "Country & Eastern" was published in *Granta: Best of Young American Novelists* in Spring 2017.

**North American rights sold to Farrar, Straus & Giroux*

**UK Rights sold to GRANTA*

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**UP FROM SANCTITY: SECULARISM, RELIGION, AND
THE BATTLE FOR WOMEN’S RIGHTS by Susan Jacoby
(Non-fiction)**

DELIVERY: JUNE 2023

In her next book, Susan Jacoby will tackle the history of the pivotal position of women’s rights in the conflict between secularization and various forms of religion, beginning with the Jewish Bible, proceeding through the early Christian era, and concentrating, for the most part, on the United States, England, and Europe from the Enlightenment through the present. At the heart of her argument and historical narrative is the conviction that the liberty of women, like freedom of conscience, is a secular and secularist concept.

Susan Jacoby is the author of ten books, including her most recent, *Never Say Die* (Pantheon, 2011), and the *New York Times* bestseller, *The Age of American Unreason* (Pantheon, 2008). Jacoby has been the recipient of many grants and awards, from the Guggenheim, Rockefeller and Ford Foundations as well as the National Endowment for the Humanities. Her articles and essays have appeared in *The New York Times Magazine*, *Washington Post Book World*, *Los Angeles Times Book Review*, *Newsday*, *Harper’s*, *The Nation*, *Vogue*, *The American Prospect*, *Mother Jones*, and the *AARP Magazine*, among other publications. She is also the author of the weekly column, “The Spirited Atheist,” at the *On Faith* website published by The Washington Post.

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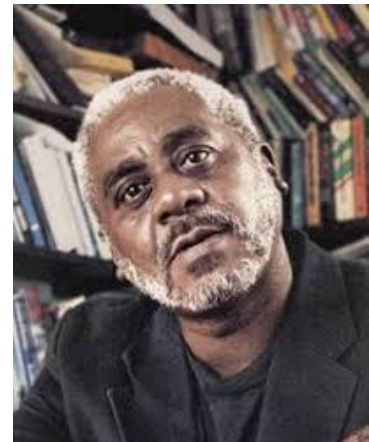
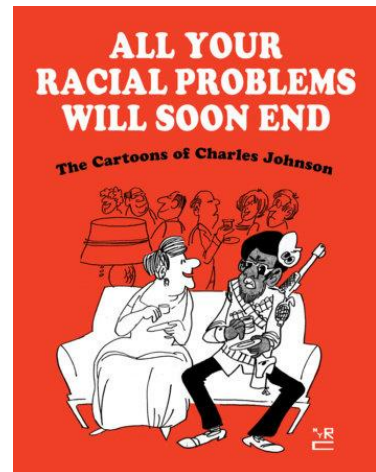
**ALL YOUR RACIAL PROBLEMS WILL SOON END by
Charles Johnson (Cartoons)**

PUBLICATION: NOVEMBER 2023

Before Charles Johnson found fame as a novelist and won the National Book Award for *Middle Passage* in 1991, he was a cartoonist, and a very good one. Taught via correspondence course by the comics editor Lawrence Lariar, mentored by the *New Yorker* cartoonist Charles Barsotti, and inspired by the call of the poet Amiri Baraka to celebrate and depict Black life in America, Johnson crafted some of the fiercest and funniest cartoons of the twentieth century.

Reimagining the gag comic as a powerful and incendiary tool, Johnson tackled America's mid-century afflictions—segregation, inner-city poverty, police brutality, and white supremacy—by craftily subverting stale gag tropes. He populated them with bullet-dodging Black Panthers, doubt-filled Klansmen, militant babies, self-serving politicians, and complacent suburban liberals.

This collection, Johnson's first in nearly fifty years, brings together work from across his career: college newspaper gags, selections from his books *Black Humor* and *Half-Past Nation Time*, his unpublished manuscript *Lumps in the Melting Pot*, and uncollected pieces. Taken together, this volume reveals Johnson as long overdue for appreciation as a cartoonist of the first order.



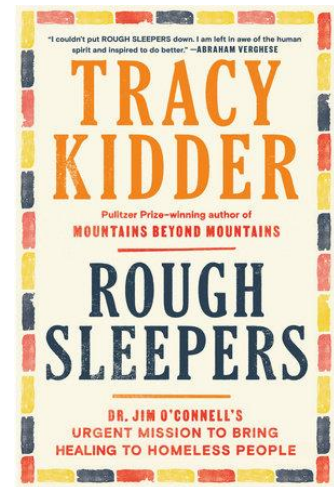
**World English rights sold to New York Review of Books*

ROUGH SLEEPERS by Tracy Kidder (Non-fiction)

PUBLICATION: JANUARY 2023

James Joseph O'Connell, known to his patients as "Doctor Jim," has led Boston's Healthcare for the Homeless Program for decades, bringing medical attention to the people who need it most without cost. A mild-mannered, modest, and relentless hard-working man, Jim has managed to form a support network and build a sense of trust with a population that every other system has failed. With Jim as his guide, Kidder explores a society just beneath the surface of every city, learning the stories of the homeless and how difficult it is for them to find the support they so desperately need. As patients like big-hearted Tony struggle to find housing and beat addiction, Jim serves as a guiding force, illuminating both the difference an individual can make and the huge amount that still must be done to solve the complicated problem of homelessness in America.

Tracy Kidder is a winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the author of the bestsellers *The Soul of a New Machine*, *House*, *Among Schoolchildren*, and *Home Town*. He has been described by the "Baltimore" *Sun* as the "master of the non-fiction narrative." His biography of Dr. Paul Farmer, *Mountains Beyond Mountains*, was a *New York Times* bestseller.



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THIRST FOR SALT by Madelaine Lucas (Debut Novel)
PUBLICATION: MARCH 2023

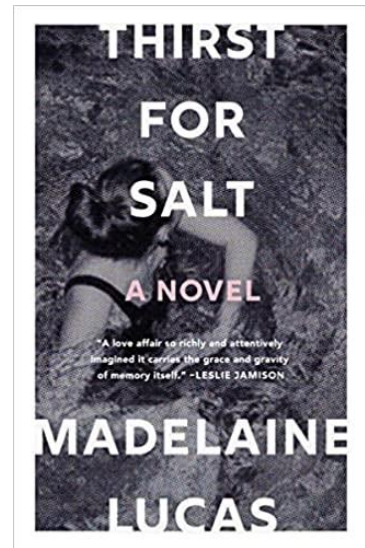
In *THIRST FOR SALT*, a beautifully evocative and quietly introspective novel, a young unnamed woman begins a love affair with Jude, a man nearly twenty years her senior. Set on a remote beach on the Australian coast, the narrator begins to neglect her other relationships as she grows closer to Jude, intent on peeling back his layers and desperate to be needed and loved with the utmost intensity. But when Jude's old friend Maeve enters their lives, the narrator feels that her and Jude's love is fragile, leading her to consider just what she'll do to preserve their tender, domestic intimacy. Years later, reflecting on this relationship, as well her childhood being raised by her impulsive, drifting mother, she begins to truly unravel and understand her own emotional and sexual coming of age. *THIRST FOR SALT* is a heady, intoxicating exploration of age, of love and desire, and how women navigate their lives and relationships as mothers, daughters, friends, and lovers.

Madelaine Lucas was born in Melbourne in 1990 and is currently based in Brooklyn, New York. She is a senior editor of the literary annual *NOON*, and a recent graduate from the fiction MFA program at Columbia University. Her essays and interviews have appeared in publications such as *Paris Review Daily*, *The Believer*, *Literary Hub* and elsewhere, and her fiction has been awarded Australia's Elizabeth Jolley Prize. She teaches workshops for adults and young people in creative writing programs at Columbia University and Catapult.

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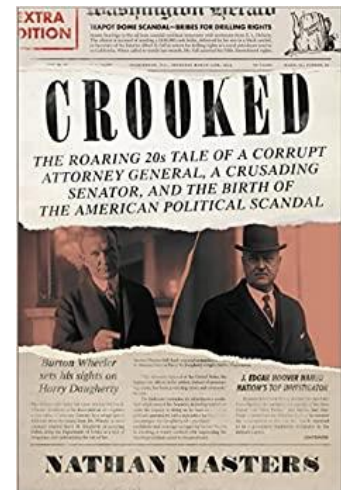
CROOKED by Nathan Masters (Non-fiction)

PUBLICATION: MARCH 2023

CROOKED tells the story of the most corrupt Attorney General in US history and the senator who took him down. Newly-elected to the Senate on a promise to root out corruption, Burton "Boxcar Burt" Wheeler soon set his sights on Harry Daugherty, President Warren G. Harding's Attorney General and the puppet-master behind the fledgling FBI. Daugherty was famously corrupt, having long-acted as President Harding's political fixer, doing whatever it took to keep the president in power. Fast-paced and suspenseful, Senator Wheeler and Attorney General Daugherty's cat-and-mouse game is a riveting political thriller.

Nathan Masters writes blockbuster nonfiction stories about the past, resurrecting personalities that time forgot too soon. Based on original primary-source research, his work has appeared in many publications, including the Los Angeles Times, Los Angeles Magazine, the scholarly journal Public Historian, and the digital longform magazine Truly*Adventurous. Since 2016, Nathan has hosted and produced Lost L.A., an Emmy Award-winning public television series from KCET.

**World English language rights sold to Hachette*



A DIRTY, FILTHY BOOK by Michael Meyer (Non-fiction)
DELIVERY: MARCH 2023

Michael Meyer's *A DIRTY, FILTHY BOOK* follows a scandalous trial over birth control in Victorian England, starring Annie Besant, the self-made activist who defended herself before the Crown. Besant and her friend and rumored lover, Charles Bradlaugh, had committed the crime of printing a book explaining how women could avoid unwanted pregnancy. Besant argued that it was a woman's moral right to be able to choose whether or not she wanted to bring children into the world, particularly given how often childbirth could lead to sickness and death for women, especially those of the working class. Arrested for spreading this information, Besant defended herself in court in a riveting trial that had the British public captivated.

Michael Meyer, an English professor at University of Pittsburgh, is currently a Fulbright Scholar in Taiwan and has previously written three books about China, *The Last Days of Old Beijing*, *In Manchuria*, and *The Road to Sleeping Dragon*, all published by Bloomsbury. He has also written a book about Benjamin Franklin's inheritance, called *Benjamin Franklin's Last Bet*, which will be published in April under the Harper Mariner imprint. He has previously been a Guggenheim fellow and Whiting Award winner. He has also received fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the New York Public Library's Cullman Center, MacDowell, and the Rockefeller Center at Bellagio. His writing has appeared in *The New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, on *This American Life*, and many other outlets.

**North American rights sold to Harvard University Press*

**UK rights sold to Ebury*

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**ATROCITIES DURING THE 1948 WAR: A
COMPARATIVE DESCRIPTION AND ANALYSIS by
Benjamin Morris (History)
DELIVERY: FEBRUARY 2024**

What atrocities occurred during the 1948 War? In the many decades since, an ongoing political and propaganda struggle between Palestine and Israel over the narrative that defines the conflict has generated allegations from both sides that are often exaggerated or factually inaccurate. In Benjamin Morris's *Atrocities During the 1948 War*, the author makes it his project to clarify this history, to achieve an accurate description and explanation of what really happened. In this historical survey and analysis, Morris uses unearthed archives, memoirs and de-classified documents to give a concentrated look at exactly what happened, why, and, to the extent possible, what were the events' effects on these warring societies.

The Israeli historian Benjamin Morris is the author of two previous titles about the 1948 War, *The Birth of the Palestinian Refugee Problem Revisited* (Cambridge University Press, 2004) and *1948, A History of the First Arab-Israeli War* (Yale University Press, 2008). A provocative figure, Morris's work on the Arab-Israeli conflict has gathered enduring attention from all ends of the political spectrum.

**World English rights sold to Harvard University Press*

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BEASTS IN THE EAST by Andrew Moore (Non-fiction)
DELIVERY: MARCH 2023

BEASTS IN THE EAST is the story of the reintroduction of large mammals to the eastern United States. The book will document the people who have dedicated their lives to this work, investigate the challenges of human coexistence, and explore essential questions of human-nature relationships, including the effects of climate change, debates over land use, and whether wildness can ever truly be restored – not just for the sake of the animals, but for the human cultures that share these same landscapes.

Andrew Moore is the author of *Pawpaw: In Search of America's Forgotten Fruit* (Chelsea Green, 2015), which was a finalist for the James Beard award.

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TELL ME YOU'RE HAPPY TO SEE ME by Charlotte Shane (Memoir)

DELIVERY: FEBRUARY 2023

A work of auto-theory in the vein of Maggie Nelson's *The Argonauts*, *TELL ME YOU'RE HAPPY TO SEE ME* blends memoir, cultural criticism, and feminist theory. Structured as a memoir driven by Charlotte's experience as a sex worker and a sex workers' rights' activist, the book interrogates one of the most compelling questions of our time: can feminism and heterosexuality co-exist?

Charlotte Shane received her MA in Poetry from the Johns Hopkins Writing Seminars and is the author of two books, *Prostitute Laundry* and *N.B.*, both published by TigerBee Press (which she co-founded in 2015) to acclaim from a wide variety of outlets including *NPR's On The Media*, *The Washington Post*, *New York Magazine*, *Vice*, *The Guardian*, and the *New York Times Book Review* podcast. Charlotte was the host and curator of *Bad Advice From Bad Women*, a monthly reading series that was held across the country (but mostly in New York City) for two years. She's a regular contributor to *The Nation*, *Bookforum*, *The New Republic*, *The TLS*, and *The New Inquiry*, and her work has also appeared in *Harper's*, *Dissent*, *Salon*, *New York Magazine*, *Jezebel*, and *Hazlitt*.

**World English rights sold to Simon and Schuster*

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THE BANDIT QUEENS by Parini Shroff (Debut Novel)
PUBLICATION: JANUARY 2023

The Bandit Queens begins in a small village in India when the husband of our protagonist, Geeta, disappears, and the rest of the village thinks Geeta killed him. Geeta hasn't wasted too much time trying to correct the record because as a single woman her new reputation has been the one thing keeping her safe all these years. Still, she's paid a price. She's an outcast in her town, estranged from her childhood best friend, Saloni, and from the rest of the women in her microloan group. But that all changes when another member of the group approaches Geeta with a problem of her own. Farah's husband, Samir, is an abusive drunk and she's ready to be rid of him, so she asks Geeta for help, appealing to her expertise. Not wanting to reveal the truth, Geeta reluctantly agrees, but this one small murderous favor sets in motion a chain of events that will change everything - and not just for Geeta, but for Saloni, and Farah, and all the women in their village.



Parini Shroff received her MFA from the University of Texas in Austin, where she studied under Elizabeth McCracken, Alexander Chee and Christina Garcia.

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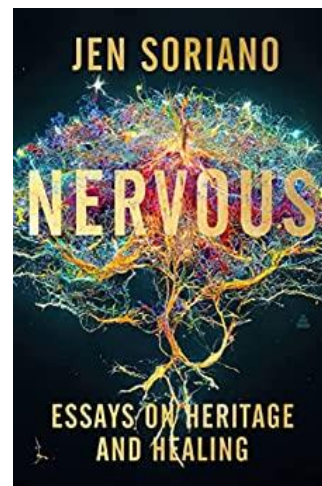
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NERVOUS by Jen Soriano (Essays)

PUBLICATION: AUGUST 2023

In *NERVOUS*, Jen explores the chronic pain and co-morbid nervous system conditions that she's lived with for many years, tracing their origins back, through epigenetics, to the collective trauma her family experienced under colonization in the Philippines. Using her experience as a trained historian and scientist, Jen offers readers a window into the ways that pain can become both embodied and inherited, and offers new hope for healing on a societal scale.

Jen Soriano (she/they) is an award-winning Filipinx-American essayist whose work has appeared or is forthcoming in the *Believer*, *Mother Jones* and *Waxwing*, among other outlets. She is the author of the chapbook *Making the Tongue Dry* and is the recipient of the 2019 Penelope Niven Creative Nonfiction Prize from the Center for Women Writers and the 2019 Fugue Prose Prize. Jen was also a finalist in the 2019 Ploughshares Emerging Writers Contest, judged by Leslie Jamison. She has been awarded fellowships from Hugo House, the Vermont Studio Center, and Jack Jones Literary Arts.



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**THE WORLD OF PONDSIDE by Mary Helen Stefaniak
(Novel)**

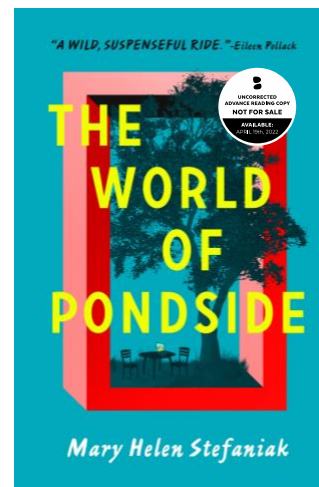
PUBLICATION: APRIL 2022

Set in a nursing home, A resident is found drowned, strapped to his wheelchair headfirst in the pond. Is it suicide or is it murder? As much as the nursing home is rocked by the death of one of their own many are even more distressed that they can no longer log onto their favorite video game, World of Pondsides, designed especially for them by the man whose body is now submerged in water. As residents, nurses, kitchen help, and police all search for the truth about what happened to Robert they are sucked into a journey that will lead them across the world (both physically and virtually.) The story is filled with a raucous bunch of misfits who suffer from various stages of dementia and other age related afflictions which Mary Helen handles with humor and compassion.

"World of Pondsides" is a "Chinatown"-style mystery (where the real story keeps getting bigger than it first appeared to be) that's a cross between "One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest" (but in a nursing home) and "Ready Player One"! In tone and use of dark humor, "Catch 22" and "Motherless Brooklyn" and "A Confederacy of Dunces" also come to mind, although "World of Pondsides" is a bit cheerier than all of them. As so many people find themselves caring for elderly relatives there is a built in audience who will appreciate this mad cap tale.

Mary Helen Stefaniak is the author of two earlier novels, *The Turk and My Mother* (which received the 2005 John Gardner Fiction Book Award) and *The Califfs of Baghdad, Georgia* (which was selected by independent booksellers as an Indie-Next "Great Read and received the 2011 Anisfield-Wolf Book Award for Fiction) and a collection of short stories, *Self-Storage and Other Stories*.

**World English language rights sold to Blackstone Publishing*



WHISKEY TENDER by Deborah Taffa (Memoir)
DELIVERY: FEBRUARY 2023

As the granddaughter of those forced, as children, to attend assimilationist boarding schools; as the daughter of parents encouraged to leave their reservation for job training in big cities throughout the American West, Taffa was raised to believe that some sacrifices were worth making in order to get ahead. But as she grew older, and especially as she reached her own coming-of-age, Taffa began to question the promise passed down to her by her parents - and indeed by American society writ large: that if she gave up her culture, her land, and her traditions, she would not only be accepted, she would be rewarded; that America would honor its half of the bargain and allow her access to the "American Dream." Shot through with Taffa's unique brand of historical analysis, **WHISKEY TENDER** interrogates the promise of assimilation and the many betrayals her family has suffered, both personal and historical, in pursuit of the "American Dream."

For readers of Mary Karr and Terese Marie Mailhot, **WHISKEY TENDER** tells the story of Deborah Taffa's girlhood growing up both on, and off, her family's reservation. Written in moving, lyrical prose, Taffa's memoir grapples with the struggle that has come to define her generation: the question of assimilation and of what, exactly, one must sacrifice to achieve the "American Dream."

A citizen of the Quechan (Yuma) Nation and Laguna Pueblo, Taffa earned her MFA at the Iowa Writers Workshop. Today, she is the Director of the MFA in Creative Writing Program at the IAIA (Institute of American Indian Arts) and has won awards from Tin House, MacDowell, the Ellen Meloy Fund, a Public Space, and others. Her writing has been published by *The Rumpus*, *Boston Review*, *Los Angeles Review of Books*, *A Public Space*, *Salon*, *Huff Post*, *Prairie Schooner*, *Twenty Groundbreaking Years of Flash Nonfiction*, and *The Best American Nonrequired Reading*, and many more.

**North American rights sold to Ecco (HarperCollins)*

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DIGGING STARS by Novuyo Rosa Tshuma (Fiction)

PUBLICATION: SEPTEMBER 2023

A brilliant young woman from Zimbabwe comes to America to follow in her astronomer-father's footsteps and study the stars. With admission to The Program, an elite graduate program at the forefront of astronomy and technology based in the Midwest, Rosa fulfills her dream to live in the United States, where she plans to continue her father's research, which was cut short by his untimely and mysterious death. Once there, however, Rosa's internal struggles with anxiety, which she calls The Terrors, and her classmates' introduction to her of American perceptions of ethnicity, identity, and personhood complicate her ambition for success.

Set against the vast unknowability of the cosmos, *Digging Stars* blends satire and rich drama, lampooning technocapitalist meritocracy and American stereotypes about Africa while probing the emotional complexities of love friendship, family, political conviction, and the long tail of colonialism.

A professor of fiction at Emerson College and a native of Zimbabwe, Novuyo Rosa Tshuma is an award-winning author whose influence spans the globe. Her debut novel, *House of Stone* was the winner of the 2019 Edward Stanford Travel Writing Award, the 2019 Bulawayo Arts Award for Outstanding Fiction, and shortlisted for the 2019 Orwell Prize and the 2019 Dylan Thomas Prize. Her writing appears regularly in journals and anthologies, including *McSweeney's*, *The Displaced: Refugee Writers on Refugee Lives*, and *Ploughshares*.

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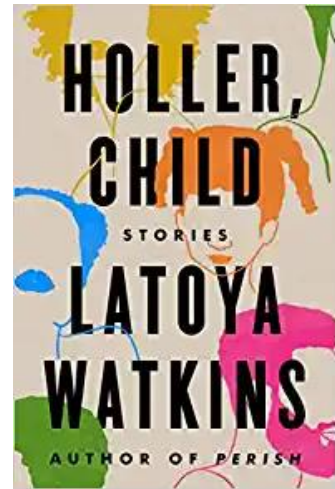
HOLLER, CHILD by LaToya Watkins (Story Collection)

PUBLICATION: AUGUST 2023

In her collection, *HOLLER, CHILD*, Watkins explores themes of guilt, betrayal, and forgiveness. Set in Texas, these stories delve into complex characters; a former horse breeder in trouble with the police, the mother of a cult leader whose congregation has committed mass suicide, and more.

LaToya Watkins' writing has appeared or is forthcoming in *A Public Space*, *The Sun*, *McSweeney's*, *Kenyon Review*, *The Pushcart Prize Anthology*, and elsewhere. She has received grants, scholarships, and fellowships from the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, the MacDowell Colony, Yaddo, Hedgebrook, and A Public Space (she was one of their 2018 Emerging Writers Fellows). She holds a PhD in Aesthetic Studies from the University of Texas at Dallas and is co-director of the Jack Jones Literary Arts Retreat.

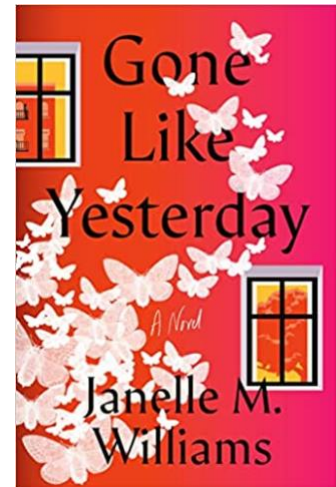
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GONE LIKE YESTERDAY by Janelle Williams (Debut Novel)

PUBLICATION: February 2023

Janelle M. Williams' thought-provoking, lyrical debut novel, *GONE LIKE YESTERDAY* employs magical realism to explore the haunting experience of being a Black woman in today's America. Days before jaded college prep coach Zahra Robinson's older brother Derrick goes missing, she meets Sammie, an outspoken Trini-American teenager who reminds Zahra of her brother. Since she was young, Zahra has heard the voices of her ancestors singing to her through moths, and when she realizes Sammie can hear them too, they must figure out together why these spirits haunt them and what exactly they could be trying to tell them. As they travel from Harlem to Atlanta to find Derrick, their encounters with the past bring them closer to Derrick and to each other, leading them to unravel threads of their identities they had long left unexplored. For fans of *Little Fires Everywhere* and *Such a Fun Age*, *GONE LIKE YESTERDAY* is a sharp, literary exploration of racial identity, family, and self, and what it means to be found.



Janelle M. Williams received her BA from Howard University and her MFA in Creative Writing from Manhattanville College. She was a 2017 Kimbilio Fiction Fellow, where she was in workshop with author Deesha Philyaw. She is currently a senior program manager at Writopia Lab and a non-fiction editor for *Inkwell*. Her work has appeared in *Prairie Schooner*, *The Normal School*, *Shenandoah*, *Passages North*, and *Lunch Ticket*, among others. Her flash fiction story, *Harlem Thunder*, was longlisted for the Wigleaf Top 50 in 2020.

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CATERPILLAR DOGS by Tennessee Williams (Story Collection)

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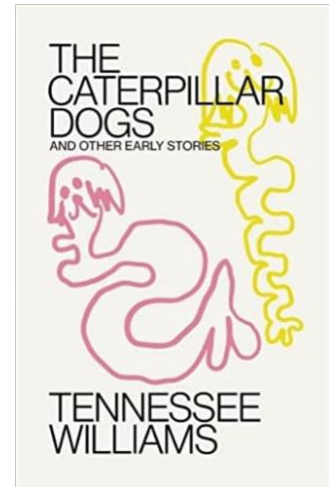
These tales were penned by one Thomas Lanier Williams of Missouri before he became a successful playwright, and yet his voice is unmistakable.

The reliable idiosyncrasies and quiet dignity of Williams's eccentrics are already present in his characters. Consider the diminutive octogenarian of "The Caterpillar Dogs," who may have just met her match in a pair of laughing Pekinese that refuse to obey; the retired, small-town evangelist in "Every Friday Nite is Kiddies Nite," who wears bright-colored pajamas and receives a message from God to move to St. Louis and finally, finally go to the movies again; or the distraught factory worker whose stifled artistic spirit, and just a soupçon of the macabre, propel the drama of "Stair to the Roof."

Love's diversions and mis-directions, even autoerotic longings, are found in these delightful lagniappes: in "Season of Grapes," the intoxicating ripeness of summer in the Ozarks acquaints one young man with his own passions, which turn into a fever dream, and the first revelation of female sexuality blooms for a college boy in "Ironweed." Is there such a thing as innocence? Apparently in the 1930s there was, and Williams reveals it in these stories.

**North American rights sold to New Directions*

**Spanish rights sold to ALBA*



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RED FAMINE by Anne Applebaum (History)

PUBLICATION: OCTOBER 2017

Anne Applebaum investigates the famine that swept the Soviet state during 1932 and 1933, the most lethal in European history and the most carefully covered up from the international world, in three parts. Of the 5 million who lost their lives during these food shortages, 3 million were Ukrainians. Applebaum will argue that this famine amounted to a state sanctioned genocide, that the policy of collectivization was used to kill millions and end political resistance in Ukraine. Part one will explain the famine's background, part two will describe how Soviet leadership turned a disaster into genocide against Ukrainian people, and part three will examine the consequences of the famine, both in the immediate aftermath and over many years.

Anne Applebaum is a columnist for the Washington Post and Slate, covering U.S. and international politics. She also runs a program on global transitions at the Legatum Institute in London, and in 2012-2013 held the Phillippe Roman chair in History and International Affairs at the London School of Economics. Her book, *Gulag: A History*, won the 2004 Pulitzer Prize for non-fiction, as well as Britain's Duff-Cooper Prize. Her most recent book, *Iron Curtain*, was nominated for a National Book Award.

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TWILIGHT OF DEMOCRACY by Anne Applebaum
(Non-fiction)

PUB DATE: JULY 21, 2020

TWILIGHT OF DEMOCRACY explores, at a granular level, the attraction of new authoritarian movements to people living in democracies. What do these movements offer? How do they help people advance? To which instincts do they appeal? Why have they emerged right now? The book contains some new reporting, from Spain, Switzerland and Brazil. It looks at some historical examples, at other societies seduced by authoritarian rhetoric, including Stalinist central Europe, as well as Nazi Germany. It also explores some related phenomenon: the modern conspiracy theory, polarization and its impact, meritocracy and its discontents. But the most important focus is on the seduction of totalitarian thinking and the appeal of the one-party state.

Anne Applebaum is a historian and journalist. She is a regular columnist for the Washington Post and a Professor of Practice at the London School of Economics, where she runs Arena, a program dedicated to disinformation and 21st century propaganda. She is the author of several books, including GULAG: A HISTORY which won the 2004 Pulitzer Prize for non-fiction and IRON CURTAIN which won the 2013 Cundill Prize for Historical Literature, both of which were nominated for the National Book Award. She is also the author of BETWEEN EAST AND WEST, a travelogue published in 1993 and recently reprinted.

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WHAT IT MEANS WHEN A MAN FALLS FROM THE SKY by Lesley Arimah (Short Stories)

PUBLICATION: APRIL 2017

Lesley Nneka Arimah is a Nigerian writer who received her MFA from Minnesota State University. Most recently, she was named the winner of the 2015 Commonwealth Short Story Prize – Africa. Stories from this collection have been published, or will appear, in *The New Yorker*, *Harper's Magazine*, *Granta*, and elsewhere. Her as-yet-unfinished novel, *The Children of Bones*, is about a girl in Nigeria who attempts to raise her mother from the dead.

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TALK TO ME by T.C. Boyle (Fiction)

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In T.C. Boyle's latest novel, Sam, a young chimp, is trained to converse with humans as a part of a research experiment. The story follows a young academic and his girlfriend, who conduct the experiment and how inevitably, things begin to go wrong. As Sam progresses, readers must question their notions of consciousness and self-awareness and grapple with the question, "what makes us human?"

Thought provoking and comedic, TALK TO ME explores our shared humanity. Recently published in Germany, it has already reached the top of the best-seller list!

T.C. BOYLE is the author of twenty-eight books of fiction. He has been a member of the English Department at the University of Southern California since 1978, where he is Distinguished Professor of English. His work has been translated into more than two dozen foreign languages, including German, French, Italian, Dutch, Portuguese, Spanish, Russian, Hebrew, Korean, Japanese, Danish, Swedish, Norwegian, Lithuanian, Latvian, Polish, Hungarian, Bulgarian, Finnish, Farsi, Croatian, Turkish, Albanian, Vietnamese, Serbian and Slovene. He has been the recipient of a number of literary awards, including the PEN/Faulkner Prize for best novel of the year; the PEN/Malamud Prize in the short story; and the Prix Médicis Étranger for best foreign novel in France.

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When Alice and Jake get married one of her clients gives them a mysterious gift – an invitation to join a mysterious society of couples. At first they are excited to have been singled out to go to parties and meet exotic and successful people but soon they find out what happens when you don't follow the rules. They find themselves sucked into the sadistic culture at the core of the agreement they have made with "The Pact" and there doesn't seem to be any way out.

Michelle Richmond is the author of two short story collections and four novels, including The New York Times best-seller THE YEAR OF FOG which sold in over fifteen countries.

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VALENTINE by Elizabeth Wetmore (Novel)
PUBLICATION: APRIL 2020

It is 1976 and a West Texas oilfield town stands on the cusp of the next great oil boom. When a local girl—Glory Ramírez—survives a vicious assault amid the derricks and pumpjacks of the oil patch, Glory, along with the town’s mothers and daughters, must grapple with the fallout. Simultaneously fierce and unflinching, often surprisingly tender, VALENTINE tells the stories of the women and girls caught up in the aftermath of a horrific crime: an urgent, timely, haunting exploration of the intersections of violence and race, class and region in a story that plumbs the depths of darkness and fear but ends in beauty and hope.

Elizabeth Wetmore’s fiction has appeared or is forthcoming in Epoch, Kenyon Review, Colorado Review, Baltimore Review, Crab Orchard Review, Iowa Review and other journals. Two of her stories were nominated for Pushcart Prizes, and one received a Special Mention. A graduate of the Iowa Writers’ Workshop, she is the recipient of a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts and two fellowships from the Illinois Arts Council as well as a grant from the Barbara Deming Foundation. In addition, she was a Rona Jaffe Scholar in Fiction at Bread Loaf and a Fellow at the MacDowell Colony. In the spring of 2015, she was one of six Writers in Residence at Hedgebrook.

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