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# A Partisans Daughter Louis De Bernieres

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Two O'Clock, Eastern Wartime  
Random House  
Jan Smuts: Unafraid of  
Greatness is a re-examination of

the life and thoughts of Jan Smuts. It is intended to remind a contemporary readership of the remarkable achievements of this impressive soldier-statesman. The author, a former editor of The Star, argues that Smut's role in the creation of modern South Africa should never be forgotten, not least because of his lifetime of devoted service to this country. The book draws a parallel between Smuts and President Thabo Mbeki, both architects of

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a new South Africa, much lionised abroad yet often distrusted at home. This highly readable account of Smut's eventful life blends fact, anecdote and opinion in an examination of his complex character, his relationships with women, spiritual and intellectual life and role as advisor to world leaders. Politics and international affairs receive the most attention, but Smut's unique contributions in a variety of other fields, including botany, conservation and philosophy, also receive attention. Jan Smuts: Unafraid of Greatness does not shy away from the contradictions of its subject. Smuts was one of the architects of the United Nations and a great champion of human rights, yet he could not come to terms with the need to include the African majority in the politics of his own country. The White Flag Random House With the same ebullient storytelling, luxuriant prose, and irrepressible eroticism he brought to The War of Don Emmanuel's Nether Parts and Se ñ or Vivo and the Coca

Lord, Louis de Berni è res continues his chronicle of Cochadebajo, the Andean village where macho philosophers, defrocked priests, and reformed (though hardly inactive) prostitutes cohabit in cheerful anarchy. But this unruly utopia is imperiled when the demon-harried Cardinal Guzman decides to inaugurate a new Inquisition, with Cochadebajo as its ultimate target. On his side, the Cardinal has an army of fanatics who are all too willing to destroy bodies in order to save souls. The Cochadebajeros have precious little ammunition, unless you count chef Dolores's incendiary Chicken of a True Man, and a civil defense that deems nothing more crucial than the act of love. Part epic, part farce, The Troublesome Offspring of Cardinal Guzman confirms de Berni è res's reputation as England's answer to Gabriel Garc í a M á rquez. *Birds Without Wings*

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Ballantine Books

Set in North London during the Winter of Discontent, *A Partisan's Daughter* features the relationship between Chris, an unhappily married, middle-aged Englishman and Roza, a young Serbian woman who has recently moved to London. While driving through Archway in the course of his job as a medical rep, Chris is captivated by a young woman on a street corner. Clumsily, he engages her in conversation, and he secures an invitation to return one day for a coffee. His visits become more frequent and Roza starts to tell him the story of her life, drawing him increasingly into her world – from her childhood as a daughter of one of Tito's Partisans through her journey to England and on to her more recent colourful and

dangerous past in London. *A Partisan's Daughter* is about the power of storytelling. It is also a beautifully wrought and unlikely love story which is both compelling and moving to read. Here is another wonderful novel from the author of the bestselling *Birds Without Wings* and *Captain Corelli's Mandolin*. *The Troublesome Offspring of Cardinal Guzman* Peter Owen Publishers  
Hero – or Nazi? Silvia Foti was raised on reverent stories about her hero grandfather, a martyr for Lithuanian independence and an unblemished patriot. Jonas Noreika, remembered as “General Storm,” had resisted his country's German and Soviet occupiers in World War II, surviving two years in a Nazi concentration camp only

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to be executed in 1947 by and soul-baring  
the KGB. His interviews, The Nazi ' s  
granddaughter, growing Granddaughter is an  
up in Chicago, was unforgettable journey  
treated like royalty in her into World War II history,  
tightly knit Lithuanian intensely personal but  
community. But in 2000, filled with universal  
when Silvia traveled to lessons about courage,  
Lithuania for a ceremony faith, memory, and  
honoring her grandfather, justice.  
she heard a very From She-Wolf to  
different story—a “ rumor Martyr Cornell  
that her grandfather had University Press  
been a “ Jew-killer. ” The The first in-depth  
Nazi ' s Granddaughter is look at Staël's  
Silvia ' s account of her political life and  
wrenching twenty-year writings Germaine de  
quest for the truth, from Staël (1766-1817) is  
a beautiful house perhaps best known  
confiscated from its today as a novelist,  
Jewish owners, to literary critic, and  
familial confessions and outspoken and  
the Holocaust tour guide independent thinker.  
who believed that her Yet she was also a  
grandfather had prominent figure in  
murdered members of his politics during the  
family. A heartbreaking French Revolution.  
and dramatic story based Biancamaria Fontana  
on exhaustive sheds new light on  
documentary research this often overlooked  
aspect of Staël's life  
and work, bringing

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vividly to life her unique experience as a political actor in a world where women had no place. The banker's daughter who became one of Europe's best-connected intellectuals, Staël was an exceptionally talented woman who achieved a degree of public influence to which not even her wealth and privilege would normally have entitled her. During the Revolution, when the lives of so many around her were destroyed, she succeeded in carving out a unique path for herself and making her views heard, first by the powerful men around her, later by the European public at large. Fontana provides the first in-depth look at her substantial output of writings on the theory

and practice of the exercise of power, setting in sharp relief the dimension of Staël's life that she cared most about—politics. She was fascinated by the nature of public opinion, and believed that viable political regimes were founded on public trust and popular consensus. Fontana shows how Staël's ideas were shaped by the remarkable times in which she lived, and argues that it is only through a consideration of her political insights that we can fully understand Staël's legacy and its enduring relevance for us today.

Wartime Lies Vintage  
When a family tragedy means Mick is sent to the outback to live with his Granpa, it

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looks as if he has a lonely life ahead of him. The cattle station is a tough place for a child, where nature is brutal and the men must work hard in the heat and dust. However, after a cyclone hits, things change for Mick. Exploring the flood waters, he finds a lost puppy covered in mud and half-drowned. Mick and his dog immediately become inseparable as they take on the adventures offered by their unusual home, and the business of growing up, together.

*Falling Slowly* CRC Press

Following *Like You'd Understand*, Anyway—awarded the Story Prize and a finalist for the National Book Award—Jim Shepard

returns with an even more wildly diverse collection of astonishingly observant stories. Like an expert curator, he populates the vastness of human experience—from its bizarre fringes and lonely, breathtaking pinnacles to the hopelessly mediocre and desperately below average—with brilliant scientists, reluctant soldiers, workaholic artists, female explorers, depraved murderers, and deluded losers, all wholly convincing and utterly fascinating. A “black world” operative at Los Alamos isn’t allowed to tell his wife anything about his daily activities, but he can’t resist

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sharing her intimate confidences with his work buddy. A young Alpine researcher falls in love with the girlfriend of his brother, who was killed in an avalanche he caused. An unlucky farm boy becomes manservant of a French nobleman who's as proud of his military service with Joan of Arc as he's aroused by the slaughter of children. A free-spirited autodidact, grieving her lost sister, traces the ancient steps of a ruthless Middle Eastern sect and becomes the first Western woman to travel the Arabian deserts. From the inventor of the

Godzilla epics to a miserable G.I. in New Guinea, each comes to realize that knowing better is never enough. Enthralling and unfaithfully compassionate, You Think That's Bad traverses centuries, continents, and social strata, but the joy and struggle that Shepard depicts with such devastating sensitivity—all the heartbreak, alienation, intimacy, and accomplishment—has a universal resonance. The Cat in the Treble Clef Fig Tree They were an inseparable tribe of childhood friends whose world was torn apart by the First World War. Some were lost in battle, and those who survived

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have had their lives unimagined, scattered to Ceylon and India, France and Germany, and, inevitably, back to Britain. Now, at the dawn of the 1920s, all are trying to pick up the pieces. At the center of Louis de Bernières's riveting novel are Daniel, an RAF flying ace, and Rosie, a wartime nurse. As their marriage is slowly revealed to be built on lies, Daniel finds solace—and, sometimes, family—with other women, and Rosie draws her religion around herself like a carapace. Here too are Rosie's sisters—a bohemian, a minister's wife, and a spinster, each seeking purpose and happiness in her own unconventional way; and Daniel's military brother,

unable to find his footing in a peaceful world. Told in brief, dramatic chapters, *So Much Life Left Over* follows the stories of these old friends over the decades as their paths re-cross or their ties fray, as they test loyalties and love, face a survivor's grief and guilt, and adjust to a new world.

**The Ruin of a Princess** Vintage  
Follow the tangled web of relationships and emotions of the Dark and Penhallow families in this endearing classic, from the author of *Anne of Green Gables*. Aunt Becky's will is proving problematic. She has left the most precious of her possessions, an antique jug, to one



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of her beneficiaries—but has stipulated that the person may only be identified after a year has elapsed, once all of the family members have striven to live up to Aunt Becky's ideals. But the Dark and the Penhallow families are complex and numerous indeed—over three generations, 60 members of the Penhallow family have married 60 members of the Dark family, creating a tangled web of relationships and emotions. What lengths will family members go to to win the heirloom, and can anyone live up to what Aunt Becky would have wanted? The tumultuous and intertwined personal

and love lives of the Penhallows and Darks makes for entertaining reading in this cleverly crafted novel, characterized by Montgomery's piercing evaluations of character and skill of description.

**Of Love and Desire**

Simon and Schuster

'Sharp, funny,

engaging' Financial

Times Discover the

second gripping novel

in Louis de Bernières'

satirical tragic,

hilarious South

American trilogy.

Dionisio Vivo, a South

American lecturer in

philosophy, is puzzled

by the bodies that

keep turning up

outside his front

door. To his friend,

Ramon, one of the few

honest policemen in

town, the message is

all too clear:

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Dionisio's letters to the press, exposing the drug barons, must stop; and although Dionisio manages to escape the hit-men sent to get him, he soon realises that others are more vulnerable, and his love for them leads him to take a colossal revenge.

### **Notwithstanding**

Ebony Publishing

In 1998, Louis de Bernieres—acclaimed author of *Corelli's Mandolin*—came upon a bronze statue in a town on Australia's northwestern coast and was immediately compelled to know more about "Red Dog." He did not have to go far: everyone for hundreds of miles

in every direction seemed to have a story about Red Dog. He was a Red Cloud Kelpie, a breed of sheepdog known for its energy and cleverness. But Red Dog was a kind of ultra-Kelpie, energetic and clever enough for an entire breed in himself. Dubbed a "professional traveler" rather than a stray, Red Dog established his own transportation system, hitchhiking between far-flung towns and female dogs in cars whose engine noises he'd memorized and whose drivers he'd charmed. The call

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of the wild was  
matched by the call  
of the supper dish;  
Red Dog's appetite  
was as legendary as  
his exploits.

Everyone wanted to  
adopt him (one  
group of workers  
made him a member  
of their union),  
but Red Dog would  
be adopted by—or,  
more precisely, he  
would adopt—only  
one man: a bus  
driver whose love  
life quickly began  
to suffer and who  
never quite  
recovered from Red  
Dog's relentlessly  
affectionate  
presence.

Independent,  
clever, sly,  
stubborn,  
courageous and

foolhardy,  
impatient with  
boredom and the  
boring, Red Dog  
endeared himself to  
(almost) everyone  
who crossed his  
path. These funny,  
surprising, and  
touching stories of  
his life are  
certain to endear  
him to every  
reader.

*The Embroiderer*

Random House

Australia

England, late

1970s. Forty-

something Chris is

trapped in a

loveless, sexless

marriage. Roza, in

her twenties, the

daughter of one of

Tito's partisans,

has only recently

moved to London

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from Yugoslavia. One evening, Chris mistakes her for a prostitute and propositions her. Instead of being offended, she gets into his car. Over the next months Roza tells Chris stories of her past. She's a fast-talking, wily Scheherazade, saving her own life as she retells it—and Chris is rapt. This deeply moving novel of their unlikely love is also a brilliantly subtle commentary on the seductive power of storytelling.

**Ghosts** Hesperus Press  
Welcome to the village of Notwithstanding,

where a lady dresses in plus fours and shoots squirrels, a retired general gives up wearing clothes altogether, a spiritualist lives in a cottage with the ghost of her husband, and people think it quite natural to confide in a spider that lives in a potting shed. Based on de Bernières' recollections of the village he grew up in, Notwithstanding is a funny and moving depiction of a charming vanished England.

*The Daughter of Time*  
Pushkin Press  
Le Divorce meets The Elegance of the Hedgehog in this hilariously entertaining mega-bestseller from France When her chronically

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unemployed husband runs off to start a crocodile farm in Kenya with his mistress, Joséphine Cortès is left in an unhappy state of affairs. The mother of two—confident, beautiful teenage Hortense and shy, babyish Zoé—is forced to maintain a stable family life while making ends meet on her meager salary as a medieval history scholar. Meanwhile, Joséphine’s charismatic sister Iris seems to have it all—a wealthy husband, gorgeous looks, and a très chic Paris address—but she dreams of bringing meaning back into her life. When Iris charms a famous

publisher into offering her a lucrative deal for a twelfth-century romance, she offers her sister a deal of her own: Joséphine will write the novel and pocket all the proceeds, but the book will be published under Iris’s name. All is well—that is, until the book becomes the literary sensation of the season. A Partisan's Daughter Bloomsbury Publishing  
When artifacts from Japanese families sent to internment camps during World War II are uncovered during renovations at Seattle's Panama Hotel, Henry Lee embarks on a personal quest that

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leads to memories of British family whose growing up Chinese in lives and loves are a city rife with anti-indelibly shaped by Japanese sentiment the horrors of World and of Keiko, a War I and the hopes Japanese girl whose for its aftermath. In love transcended the brief golden cultures and years of the generations. A first Edwardian era the novel. 60,000 first McCosh printing.

### **Godfather of the**

**Revolution** Penguin UK  
Roiphe explores in her novel the relation between Charles Lutwidge Dodgson (Lewis Carroll), and Alice Liddell, a young neighbourgirl, that most likely became his main character in Alice in Wonderland.

### **Imagining Alexandria**

Vintage  
From the acclaimed author of Corelli's Mandolin, here is a sumptuous, sweeping, powerfully moving new novel about a

sisters—Christabel, Ottilie, Rosie and Sophie—grow up in an idyllic household in the countryside south of London. On one side, their neighbors are the proper Pendennis family, recently arrived from Baltimore, whose close-in-age boys—Sidney, Albert and Ashbridge—shake their father's hand at breakfast and address him as "sir." On the other side is the Pitt family: a "resolutely French"

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mother, a former navy captain, and two brothers, Archie and Daniel, who are clearly "going to grow up into a pair of daredevils and adventurers." In childhood this band is inseparable, but the days of careless camaraderie are brought to an abrupt halt by the outbreak of The Great War, in which everyone will play a part. All three Pendennis brothers fight in the hellish trenches at the front; Daniel Pitt becomes an ace fighter pilot with his daredevil tendencies intact; Rosie and Ottilie McCosh volunteer in the hospitals, where women serve with much passion and nearly as much hardship as the men at the front; Christabel McCosh becomes one of the squad of photographers sending "snaps" of their loved ones at home to the soldiers; and Sophie McCosh drives for the RAF in France. In the aftermath of the war, as "the universal joy and relief were beginning to be tempered by . . . an atmosphere of uncertainty," everyone must contend with the modern world that is slowly emerging from the ashes of the old. A wholly immersive novel about a particular time and place, *The Dust That Falls from Dreams*

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also illuminates the timeless ways in which men and women carry profound loss alongside indelible hope.

**Still She Haunts Me**

Vintage

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BETWEEN THE

COVERS\*\* 25TH

ANNIVERSARY EDITION

- WITH A NEW

INTRODUCTION BY THE

AUTHOR 'A true

diamond of a novel, glinting with comedy and tragedy'

Daily Mail It is 1941 and Captain

Antonio Corelli, a young Italian officer, is posted

to the Greek island of Cephallonia as part of the occupying forces. At first he is

ostracised by the locals but over time he proves himself to be civilised, humorous - and a consummate musician. When Pelagia, the local doctor's daughter, finds her letters to her fiancé go unanswered, Antonio and Pelagia draw close and the working of the eternal triangle seems inevitable. But can this fragile love survive as a war of bestial savagery gets closer and the lines are drawn between invader and defender? 'Louis de Bernières is in the direct line that runs through



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Dickens and Evelyn from start to  
Waugh...he has only finish' Mail on  
to look into his Sunday'Witty and  
world, one senses, stylish' Sunday  
for it to rush into Times'Jilly Cooper  
reality, colours territory with a  
and touch and whiff of Joanna  
taste' Evening Trollope ... a  
Standard lavish saga' The  
So Much Life Left Times'Slyly comic'  
Over Jonathan Ball Red The seat of the  
Publishers Trelawney family  
Shortlisted for the for over 800 years,  
Bollinger Everyman Trelawney Castle  
Wodehouse Prize For was once the jewel  
Comic Fiction'If of the Cornish  
you're in need of a coast. Each  
Succession successive Earl  
replacement then spent with abandon,  
this tale of a turning the house  
crumbling English and grounds into a  
dynasty clinging on sprawling,  
to the past while extravagant  
coping with the palimpsest of  
fallout of the 2008 wings, turrets and  
crash is for you. follies. But recent  
Pure pleasure' - generations have  
Stylist 'Delights been better at

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spending than making money. Now living in isolated penury, unable to communicate with each other or the rest of the world, the family are running out of options. Three unexpected events will hasten their demise: the sudden appearance of a new relation, an illegitimate, headstrong, beautiful girl; an unscrupulous American hedge fund manager determined to exact revenge; and the crash of 2008. A love story and social satire set in the parallel and seemingly unconnected worlds

of the British aristocracy and high finance, House of Trelawney is also the story of lost and found friendships between three women. One of them will die; another will discover her vocation; and the third will find love.

**Blue Dog** Random House Digital, Inc.  
From USA Today Bestselling author Kathryn Gauci-A richly woven saga set against the mosques and minarets of Asia Minor and the ruins of ancient Athens, 1822: As The Greek War of Independence rages, a child is born to a woman of legendary

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beauty on the Greek island of Chios. The subsequent decades of bitter struggle between Greeks and Turks simmer to a head when the Greek army invades Turkey in 1919. During this time, Dimitra Lamartine arrives in Smyrna and gains fame and fortune as an embroiderer to the elite of Ottoman society. However, it is her granddaughter, Sophia, who takes the business to great heights as a couturier in Constantinople only to see their world come crashing down with the outbreak of war. 1922: Sophia begins a new life in Athens, but the memory of a dire prophecy once told to her grandmother about a girl with flaming red hair begins to haunt her with devastating consequences with the occupation of Greece by the Axis Powers in 1941-1972: Eleni Stephenson is called to the bedside of her dying aunt in Athens. In a story that rips her world apart, Eleni discovers the chilling truth behind her family's dark past plunging her into the shadowy world of political intrigue, secret societies and espionage where families and friends are torn apart and where a belief in superstition simmers just below the surface. Extravagant, inventive,

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tale that travellers  
and those who seek  
culture and oriental  
history will love