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*Rethinking Fiction after the
2007/8 Financial Crisis*

University of Nevada Press

The second volume in a magisterial trilogy, the story of Cameroon caught between empires during World War II In Cameroon, plum season is a highly anticipated time of year.

But for the narrator of *When the Plums Are Ripe*, the poet Pouka, the season reminds him of the “time when our country had discovered the root not so much of its own violence as that of the world’s own, and, in response, had thrown its sons who at that time were called Senegalese infantrymen into the desert, just as in the evenings the sellers throw all their still-unsold plums into the embers.” In this novel of radiant lyricism, Patrice Nganang recounts the story of Cameroon’s forced entry into World War II, and in the process complicates our own understanding of that

globe-spanning conflict. After the fall of France in 1940, Cameroon found itself caught between Vichy and the Free French at a time when growing nationalism advised allegiance to neither regime, and was ultimately dragged into fighting throughout North Africa on behalf of the Allies. Moving from Pouka's story to the campaigns of the French general Leclerc and the battles of Kufra and Murzuk, Nganang questions the colonial record and recenters African perspectives at the heart of Cameroon's national history, all the while writing with wit and panache. *When the Plums Are Ripe* is a brilliantly crafted, politically charged epic that challenges not only the legacies of colonialism but the intersections of language, authority, and history itself.

When the Plums Are Ripe
Grand Central Publishing
This book provides insight into the impact the 2007/8 financial crisis and subsequent Great Recession

had on American fiction. Employing an interdisciplinary approach which combines literary studies with anthropology, economics, sociology, and psychology, the author attempts to gauge the changes that the crisis facilitated in the American novel. Focusing on four books, Elizabeth Strout's *My Name Is Lucy Barton*, Philipp Meyer's *American Rust*, Sophie McManus's *The Unfortunates*, and William Gibson's *The Peripheral*, the study traces how they present such issues as poverty, wealth, equality, distinction, opportunity, and how they relate both to traditional criticisms of consumer culture and the US economy, particularly those issues that have received more attention as a result of the crisis. It also

tackles the issue of genre and interpretation in this period, as well as what methods the analyzed novels employ in order to highlight the decreasing social mobility of Americans.

The Yellow Birds

HarperCollins

THE NEW YORK TIMES

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MAJOR TV SERIES starring

Pierce Brosnan and co-written

by Philipp Meyer The critically

acclaimed, New York Times-

bestselling epic, a saga of

land, blood and power, follows

the rise of one unforgettable

Texas family from the

Comanche raids of the 1800s

to the oil booms of the 20th

century. Eli McCullough is just

twelve years old when a

marauding band of Comanche

storm his Texas homestead,

brutally murder his mother

and sister and take him

captive. Despite their torture

and cruelty, Eli - against all

odds - adapts to life with the

Comanche, learning their

ways and language, taking on

a new name, finding a place

as the adopted son of the

band's chief and fighting their

wars against not only other

Indians but white men too,

which complicates his sense

of loyalty, his promised

vengeance and his very

understanding of self. But

when disease, starvation and

westward expansion finally

decimate the Comanche, Eli is

left alone in a world in which

he belongs nowhere, neither

white nor Indian, civilized nor

fully wild. Deftly interweaving

Eli's story with those of his

son Peter and his great-

granddaughter JA, *The Son*

maps the legacy of Eli's

ruthlessness, his drive to

power and his lifelong status

as an outsider, even as the

McCullough family rises to

become one of the richest in

Texas, a ranching and oil

dynasty that is as resilient and

dangerous as the land they

claim. Yet, like all empires, the

McCulloughs must eventually

face the consequences of their

choices. Panoramic, deeply

evocative and utterly transporting, *The Son* is a masterpiece American novel - part epic of Texas, part classic coming-of-age story - that combines the narrative prowess of Larry McMurtry with the knife-edge sharpness of Cormac McCarthy.

'Stunning ... a book that for once really does deserve to be called a masterpiece' Kate Atkinson 'Magnificent ...

McCarthy's Border Trilogy is a point of reference, as is *There Will Be Blood*, but it is not fanciful to be reminded of certain passages from *Moby-Dick* - it's that good! *The Times* 'Brilliant ... a wonderful novel' Lionel Shriver

[Paper Trails](#) Simon and Schuster

A collection of stories about the complicated and powerful ties between mothers and daughters includes such tales as a mother and child

who turn cooking ingredients into symbolic weapons, an aimless college student who sneaks cigarettes while caring for her newborn and a woman who questions her place in the face of teen antics. 15,000 first printing.

[American Rust](#) Ecco

In June 2010, the editors of *The New Yorker* announced to widespread media coverage their selection of "20 Under 40"—the young fiction writers who are, or will be, central to their generation. The magazine published twenty stories by this stellar group of writers over the course of the summer. They are now collected for the first time in one volume. The range of voices is extraordinary.

There is the lyrical realism of Nell Freudenberger, Philipp Meyer, C. E. Morgan, and Salvatore Scibona; the satirical comedy of Joshua Ferris and Gary Shteyngart; and the genre-bending tales of Jonathan Safran Foer, Nicole Krauss, and T é a Obrecht. David Bezmozgis and Dinaw Mengestu offer clear eyed portraits of immigration and identity; Sarah Shun-lien Bynum, ZZ Packer, and Wells Tower offer voice-driven, idiosyncratic narratives. Then there are the haunting sociopolitical stories of Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Daniel Alarc ó n, and Yiyun Li, and the metaphysical fantasies of Chris Adrian, Rivka Galchen, and Karen Russell. Each of these writers reminds us why we read. And each is aiming for greatness: fighting to get and to hold our attention in a culture that is flooded with words, sounds, and pictures; fighting to surprise, to entertain, to teach, and to move not only us but generations of readers to come. A landmark collection, 20 Under 40 stands as a testament to the vitality of fiction today.

When She Woke Allen & Unwin
"An epic, original reinvention of the Gothic novel, taking the characters of our greatest novels, myths, and nightmares - the werewolf, the vampire, Frankenstein - and reimagining them for our time"--
You Know When the Men Are Gone Rutgers University Press
In the 1970s and 1980s, before he earned national acclaim for his award-winning novels, Pete Dexter was a newspaper columnist. Every week, in a few hundred words, Dexter cut directly to the heart of the American character at a time of national turmoil and crucial

change. With haunting urgency, his columns laid bare the violence, hypocrisy, and desperation he saw on the streets of Philadelphia and in the places he visited across the country. But he revealed, too, in the lighter side of his own life, sharing scenes with the indefatigable Mrs. Dexter, their young daughter, and a series of unforgettable creatures who strayed into their lives. No matter what caught Dexter's eye, it was illuminated by his dark, brilliant humor. Collected here for the first time are eighty-two of the best of those spellbinding, finely wrought pieces—with a new introduction by the author—assembled by Rob Fleder, editor of the bestselling *Sports Illustrated 50th Anniversary Book*. *Paper Trails* is searing, heart-breaking, and irresistibly funny, sometimes all at once. As Pete Hamill says

in his foreword, these essays "are as good as it ever gets." Only *Killers and Thieves* Vintage Crime/Black Lizard A heart-wrenching, unputdownable tale of redemption and survival in small-town America in the tradition of Richard Ford, Pete Dexter and Cormac McCarthy. *Ridgeline* HarperCollins "Outside the back window Alice can see the outlines of the garden, some of the furrows visible under the snow, stretching away in long thin rows. She can't imagine doing the garden without her dad. It's his thing; she's always thought of herself as his assistant at best. She can't imagine doing anything without her dad and she starts to feel like she can't breathe. And then she looks at him. Just looks at him as

he watches the fire with muffin crumbs on his lap. 'I'll write to you.' 'I know, sweetheart.' 'Every day.'" --From Alice Bliss When Alice Bliss learns that her father, Matt, is being deployed to Iraq, she's heartbroken. Alice idolizes her father, loves working beside him in their garden, accompanying him on the occasional roofing job, playing baseball. When he ships out, Alice is faced with finding a way to fill the emptiness he has left behind. Matt will miss seeing his daughter blossom from a tomboy into a full-blown teenager. Alice will learn to drive, join the track team, go to her first dance, and fall in love, all while trying to be strong for her mother, Angie, and take care of her precocious little sister,

Ellie. But the smell of Matt is starting to fade from his blue shirt that Alice wears everyday, and the phone calls are never long enough. Alice Bliss is a profoundly moving coming-of-age novel about love and its many variations--the support of a small town looking after its own; love between an absent father and his daughter; the complicated love between an adolescent girl and her mother; and an exploration of new love with the boy-next-door. These characters' struggles amidst uncertain times echo our own, lending the novel an immediacy and poignancy that is both relevant and real. At once universal and very personal, Alice Bliss is a transforming story about those who are left at home during

wartime, and a teenage girl bravely facing the future.

Ready for Air Liveright Publishing

Set in a beautiful but dying Pennsylvania steel town, *American Rust* is a novel of the lost American dream and the desperation that arises from its loss. It is the story of two young men bound to the town by family, responsibility, inertia and the beauty around them who dream of a future beyond the factories, abandoned homes, and the polluted river. Isaac is the smartest kid in town, left behind to care for his sick father after his mother commits suicide and his sister Lee moves away. Now Isaac wants out too. Not even his best friend, Billy Poe, can stand in his way: broad-shouldered Billy, always ready for a fight, still living in his mother's trailer. Then, on the very day of

Isaac's leaving, something happens that changes the friends' fates and tests the loyalties of their friendship and those of their lovers, families, and the town itself. Evoking John Steinbeck's novels of restless lives during the Great Depression, *American Rust* is an extraordinarily moving novel about the bleak realities that battle our desire for transcendence, and the power of love and friendship to redeem us.

Hemlock Grove Harper Collins

"The finest Iraq War novel yet written by an American"-- Wall Street Journal, 10 Best Novels of the Year "An electrifying debut" (The Economist) that maps the blurred lines between good and evil, soldier and civilian, victor and vanquished.

Longlisted for the Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence It is April 2003. American forces have taken Baghdad and are now charged with winning hearts and minds. But this vital tipping point is barely recognized for what it is, as a series of miscalculations and blunders fuels an already-simmering insurgency intent on making Iraq the next graveyard of empires. In dazzling and propulsive prose, Brian Van Reet explores the lives on both sides of the battle lines: Cassandra, a nineteen-year-old gunner on an American Humvee who is captured during a deadly firefight and awakens in a prison cell; Abu Al-Hool, a lifelong mujahedeen beset by a simmering crisis of conscience as he struggles against enemies from without and within, including the new wave of far more radicalized jihadists; and Specialist Slead, a tank crewman who goes along with a "victimless" crime, the consequences of which are more awful than any he could have imagined. Depicting a war spinning rapidly out of control, destined to become a modern classic, *Spoils* is an unsparing and morally complex novel that chronicles the achingly human cost of combat.

20 Under 40 Random House
NOW A SHOWTIME

ORIGINAL TV SERIES Statesman Left alone to

- A “ bold, absorbing care for his aging novel ” (The New York father after his mother Times Book Review) of dies by suicide and his the lost American sister escapes to Yale, dream, the acts of Isaac English longs for friendship, loyalty, and a life beyond his love that arise from its hometown, a beautiful loss, and two young but economically devastated men, bound to their Pennsylvania steel hometown, who crave town. But when he an escape. “ Powerful . finally sets out to leave . gripping . . . in the for good, accompanied tradition that stretches by his temperamental from Ernest best friend, former high Hemingway to Cormac school football star McCarthy. ” —The Billy Poe, they are Washington Post caught up in a terrible NAMED ONE OF THE act of violence that BEST BOOKS OF THE changes their lives YEAR BY The New forever. Evoking John York Times Book Steinbeck ’ s novels of Review • The restless lives during Washington Post • the Great Depression, Economist • Pittsburgh American Rust takes us Post-Gazette • into the contemporary Newsweek • Kansas American heartland at a City Star • Idaho

moment of profound unrest and uncertainty about the future. It is a dark but lucid vision, a moving novel about the bleak realities that battle our desire for transcendence and the power of love and friendship to redeem us.

Rough Animals Little, Brown

A Kirkus Reviews Best Nonfiction Book of 2021 Family secrets emerge as a best-selling author dives into the history of the mob in small-town America. Best-selling author Russell Shorto, praised for his incisive works of narrative history, never thought to write about his own past. He grew up knowing his grandfather and namesake was a small-town mob boss but

maintained an unspoken family vow of silence. Then an elderly relative prodded: You ' re a writer—what are you gonna do about the story? Smalltime is a mob story straight out of central casting—but with a difference, for the small-town mob, which stretched from Schenectady to Fresno, is a mostly unknown world. The location is the brawny postwar factory town of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The setting is City Cigar, a storefront next to City Hall, behind which Russ and his brother-in-law, “ Little Joe, ” operate a gambling empire and effectively run the town. Smalltime is a riveting American immigrant story that travels back to Risorgimento Sicily, to the ancient, dusty, hill-

town home of Antonino Sciotto, the author's great-grandfather, who leaves his wife and children in grinding poverty for a new life—and wife—in a Pennsylvania mining town. It's a tale of Italian Americans living in squalor and prejudice, and of the rise of Russ, who, like thousands of other young men, created a copy of the American establishment that excluded him. *Smalltime* draws an intimate portrait of a mobster and his wife, sudden riches, and the toll a lawless life takes on one family. But *Smalltime* is something more. The author enlists his ailing father—Tony, the mobster's son—as his partner in the search for their troubled patriarch. As secrets are revealed and Tony's health

deteriorates, the book becomes an urgent and intimate exploration of three generations of the American immigrant experience. Moving, wryly funny, and richly detailed, *Smalltime* is an irresistible memoir by a masterful writer of historical narrative.

El Paso: A Novel by Farrar, Straus and Giroux
Finalist for the National Book Award, *The Yellow Birds* is the harrowing story of two young soldiers trying to stay alive in Iraq "The war tried to kill us in the spring." So begins this powerful account of friendship and loss. In *Al Tamar*, Iraq, twenty-one-year-old Private Bartle and eighteen-year-old Private Murphy cling to life as their platoon launches a bloody battle for the city. Bound together since basic training when Bartle makes a promise to bring Murphy

safely home, the two have been dropped into a war neither is prepared for. In the endless days that follow, the two young soldiers do everything to protect each other from the forces that press in on every side: the insurgents, physical fatigue, and the mental stress that comes from constant danger. As reality begins to blur into a hazy nightmare, Murphy becomes increasingly unmoored from the world around him and Bartle takes actions he could never have imagined. With profound emotional insight, especially into the effects of a hidden war on mothers and families at home, *The Yellow Birds* is a groundbreaking novel that is destined to become a classic.

Indeh Simon and Schuster

In 1948 Cleveland was America's sixth largest city; by 1969 it was the

twelfth. For Easterners, Cleveland is where the Midwest begins; for Westerners, it is where the East begins. In the summer of 1948, fourteen-year-old David Zielinsky can look forward to a job at the docks. Anne O'Connor, at twelve, is the apple of her political boss father's eye. David and Anne will meet-and fall in love-four years later, and for the next twenty years this pair will be reluctant star-crossed lovers in a troubled and turbulent country. A natural-born storyteller, Mark Winegardner spins an epic tale of those twenty years, artfully weaving such real-life Clevelanders as Eliot Ness, Alan Freed, and Carl Stokes into the tapestry. His narrative gifts may bring the fiction

of E. L. Doctorow to some of life and the seductive readers' minds, but Winegardner is very much his own man, and his observations of Cleveland are laced with a loving skepticism. His masterful saga of this conflicted city is a novel that speaks a memorable truth.

Citizen Vince Simon and Schuster

"Powerful. . . . Paul Howarth brings early Australia to life, bloody wars and all, in an epic tale of murder, revenge, and colonial oppression, with very little room for redemption. The story and his words will stay with you, long after you have finished the book." — New York Review of Books Two brothers are exposed to the brutal realities

cruelty of power in this riveting debut novel—a story of savagery and race, injustice and honor, set in the untamed frontier of 1880s

Australia—reminiscent of Philipp Meyer's *The Son* and the novels of Cormac McCarthy. It is 1885, and a crippling drought threatens to ruin the McBride family. Their land is parched, their cattle starving. When the rain finally comes, it is a miracle that renews their hope for survival. But returning home from an afternoon swimming at a remote waterhole filled by the downpour, fourteen-year-old Tommy and sixteen-year-old Billy

meet with a shocking tragedy. Thirsting for vengeance against the man they believe has wronged them—their former Aboriginal stockman—the distraught brothers turn to the ruthless and cunning John Sullivan, the wealthiest landowner in the region and their father's former employer. Sullivan gathers a posse led by the dangerous and fascinating Inspector Edmund Noone and his Queensland Native Police, an infamous arm of British colonial power charged with the "dispersal" of indigenous Australians to "protect" white settler rights. As they ride across the barren

outback in pursuit, their harsh and horrifying journey will have a devastating impact on Tommy, tormenting him for the rest of his life—and will hold enduring consequences for a young country struggling to come into its own. An epic tale of revenge and survival, *Only Killers and Thieves* is a gripping and utterly transporting debut, bringing to vivid life a colonial Australia that bears a striking resemblance to the American Wild West in its formative years. *Smalltime: A Story of My Family and the Mob* Algonquin Books Set against the backdrop of a devastating forest fire that Henry David Thoreau accidentally set

in 1844, John Pipkin's novel brilliantly illuminates the mind of the young philosopher at a formative moment in his life and in the life of the young nation. The Thoreau of Woodsburner is a lost soul, resigned to a career designing pencils for his father's factory while dreaming of better things. On the day of the fire, his path crosses those of three very different people, each of whom also harbors a secret dream. Oddmund Hus, a shy Norwegian farmhand, pines for the wife of his brutal employer. Eliot Calvert, a prosperous bookseller, is also a hilariously inept aspiring playwright. Caleb Dowdy preaches fire and brimstone to his followers through an opium haze. Each of their

lives, like Thoreau's, will be changed forever by the fire.

The Cleveland Anthology
Penguin

In this shattering and iconic American novel, PEN prize-winning writer, Smith Henderson explores the complexities of freedom, community, grace, suspicion and anarchy, brilliantly depicting our nation's disquieting and violent contradictions. After trying to help Benjamin Pearl, an undernourished, nearly feral eleven-year-old boy living in the Montana wilderness, social worker Pete Snow comes face to face with the boy's profoundly disturbed father, Jeremiah. With courage and caution, Pete slowly earns a measure of trust from this paranoid

survivalist itching for a final conflict that will signal the coming End Times. But as Pete's own family spins out of control, Pearl's activities spark the full-blown interest of the F.B.I., putting Pete at the center of a massive manhunt from which no one will emerge unscathed.

Crooked River Burning

Henry Holt and Company
Written by residents of Cleveland, this collection of essays and art speaks to the city from an insiders' view and presents a distinct sense of place.

The book was prompted by hearing the echoes for a revitalization of Cleveland and aims to find the future through the history of the city. Citizens of Cleveland will connect to the stories, and readers that are not from the area will enjoy the insight into what it means to live there, why the city is loved or hated,

and why some obsess over the city. The works are compiled into eight parts: "Concept," "Snapshot," "History," "Growing Up," "Conflict," "Music," "Culture," and "Back Home" and include contributions by: David C. Barnett, Sean Decatur, Mansfield Frazier, David Giffels, Alissa Nutting, Jim Roakakis, Connie Schultz, and many more.

Hands Farrar, Straus and Giroux

The thrilling, long-awaited return of the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Revenant* Winner of the 2022 Spur Award for Best Western Historical Novel Winner of the 2021 David. J. Langum, Sr. Prize in American Historical Fiction 2021 Montana Book Award Honoree In 1866, with the country barely recovered from the Civil

War, new war breaks out that confronts Colonel Carrington's soldiers on the western frontier—a clash of cultures between the Native tribes who have lived on the land for centuries and a young, ambitious nation. Colonel Henry Carrington arrives in Wyoming's Powder River Valley to lead the US Army in defending the opening of a new road for gold miners and settlers. Carrington intends to build a fort in the middle of critical hunting grounds, the home of the Lakota. Red Cloud, one of the Lakota's most respected chiefs, and Crazy Horse, a young but visionary warrior, understand full well the implications of this invasion. For the Lakota, the stakes are their home, their culture, their lives. As fall bleeds into winter, Crazy Horse leads a small war party

attacks. Red Cloud, meanwhile, wants to build the tribal alliances that he knows will be necessary to defeat the soldiers. Colonel Carrington seeks to hold together a US Army beset with internal discord. Carrington's officers are skeptical of their commander's strategy, none more so than Lieutenant George Washington Grummond, who longs to fight a foe he dismisses as inferior in all ways. The rank-and-file soldiers, meanwhile, are still divided by the residue of civil war, and tempted to desertion by the nearby goldfields. Throughout this taut saga—based on real people and events—Michael Punke

brings the same
immersive, vivid
storytelling and historical
insight that made his
breakthrough debut so
memorable. As *Ridgeline*
builds to its epic
conclusion, it grapples
with essential questions
of conquest and justice
that still echo today.