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Creationists Simon and Schuster
NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY
THE SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, THE CHICAGO
TRIBUNE, THE ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH, THE
KANSAS CITY STAR, AND BOOKLIST Homer and
Langley Collyer are brothers—the one blind and deeply
intuitive, the other damaged into madness, or perhaps
greatness, by mustard gas in the Great War. They live as
recluses in their once grand Fifth Avenue mansion,
scavenging the city streets for things they think they can

use, hoarding the daily newspapers as research for
Langley ' s proposed dateless newspaper whose reportage
will be as prophecy. Yet the epic events of the century
play out in the lives of the two brothers—wars, political
movements, technological advances—and even though they
want nothing more than to shut out the world, history
seems to pass through their cluttered house in the persons
of immigrants, prostitutes, society women, government
agents, gangsters, jazz musicians . . . and their
housebound lives are fraught with odyssean peril as they
struggle to survive and create meaning for themselves.
Conversations with E.L. Doctorow Random House
Continuing his epic trilogy of the Haitian slave uprising, Madison Smartt Bell ' s
Master of the Crossroads delivers a stunning portrayal of Toussaint Louverture,
former slave, military genius and liberator of Haiti, and his struggle against the
great European powers to free his people in the only successful slave revolution
in history. At the outset, Toussaint is a second-tier general in the Spanish army,
which is supporting the rebel slaves ' fight against the French. But when
Toussaint is betrayed by his former allies and the commanders of the Spanish

army, he reunites his army with the French, wresting vital territories and manpower from Spanish control. With his army one among several factions, Toussaint eventually rises as the ultimate victor as he wards off his enemies to take control of the French colony and establish a new constitution. Bell's grand, multifaceted novel shows a nation, splintered by actions and in the throes of chaos, carried to liberation and justice through the undaunted tenacity of one incredible visionary.

Andrew's Brain Random House

'I was living in even greater circles of gangsterdom than I had dreamed, latitudes and longitudes of gangsterdom' It's 1930's New York and fifteen-year-old streetkid Billy, who can juggle, somersault and run like the wind, has been taken under the wing of notorious gangster Dutch Schultz. As Billy learns the ways of the mob, he becomes like a son to Schultz - his 'good-luck kid' - and is initiated into a world of glamour, death and danger that will consume him, in this vivid, soaring epic of crime and betrayal.

The Best American Short Stories 2019 Taylor & Francis

The bestselling and Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Ragtime* and *Billy Bathgate* has compiled his first collection of essays, a richly textured and detailed combination of literary criticism, political invective, and historical meditation.

Drinks Before Dinner Vintage

One of America's premier writers, the bestselling author of *Ragtime*, *Billy Bathgate*, *The Book of Daniel*, and *World's Fair* turns his astonishing narrative powers to the short story in five dazzling

explorations of who we are as a people and how we live. Ranging over the American continent from Alaska to Washington, D.C., these superb short works are crafted with all the weight and resonance of the novels for which E. L. Doctorow is famous. You will find yourself set down in a mysterious redbrick townhouse in rural Illinois ("A House on the Plains"), working things out with a baby-kidnapping couple in California ("Baby Wilson"), living on a religious-cult commune in Kansas ("Walter John Harmon"), and sharing the heartrending cross-country journey of a young woman navigating her way through three bad marriages to a kind of bruised but resolute independence ("Jolene: A Life"). And in the stunning "Child, Dead, in the Rose Garden," you will witness a special agent of the FBI finding himself at a personal crossroads while investigating a grave breach of White House security. Two of these stories have already won awards as the best fiction of the year published in American periodicals, and two have been chosen for annual best-story anthologies. Composed in a variety of moods and voices, these remarkable portrayals of the American spiritual landscape show a modern master at the height of his powers.

Lives of the Poets Harvard University Press

From a master of modern American letters comes an enthralling collection of brilliant short fiction about people who, as E. L. Doctorow notes in his Preface, are somehow "distinct from their surroundings—people in some sort of contest with the prevailing world." Containing six unforgettable stories that have never appeared in book form, and a selection of previous classics, *All the Time in the World* is resonant with the mystery, tension, and moral investigation that distinguish the fiction of E. L. Doctorow.

Because They Wanted To Overamstel Uitgevers

The Searing Portrayal Of War That Has Stunned And Galvanized Generations Of Readers An immediate bestseller upon its original

publication in 1939, Dalton Trumbo's stark, profoundly troubling masterpiece about the horrors of World War I brilliantly crystallized the uncompromising brutality of war and became the most influential protest novel of the Vietnam era. Johnny Got His Gun is an undisputed classic of antiwar literature that's as timely as ever. "A terrifying book, of an extraordinary emotional intensity."--The Washington Post "Powerful. . . an eye-opener." --Michael Moore "Mr. Trumbo sets this story down almost without pause or punctuation and with a fury amounting to eloquence."--The New York Times "A book that can never be forgotten by anyone who reads it."--Saturday Review

Understanding E.L. Doctorow Vintage

The hero of this dazzling novel by American master E. L. Doctorow is Joe, a young man on the run in the depths of the Great Depression. A late-summer night finds him alone and shivering beside a railroad track in the Adirondack mountains when a private railcar passes. Brightly lit windows reveal well-dressed men at a table and, in another compartment, a beautiful girl holding up a white dress before her naked form. Joe will follow the track to the mysterious estate at Loon Lake, where he finds the girl along with a tycoon, an aviatrix, a drunken poet, and a covey of gangsters. Here Joe's fate will play out in this powerful story of ambition, aggression, and identity. Loon Lake is another stunning achievement of this acclaimed author.

"Powerful . . . [a] complex and haunting meditation on modern American history." – The New York Times "A genuine thriller . . . a marvelous exploration of the complexities and contradictions of the American dream . . . Not under any circumstances would we reveal the truly shattering climax." – The Dallas Morning News "A dazzling performance . . .

[Loon Lake] anatomizes America with insight, passion, and inventiveness." – The Washington Post Book World "Hypnotic . . . tantalizes long after it has ended." – Time "Compelling . . . brilliantly done." – St. Louis Post-Dispatch "A masterpiece." – Chicago Sun-Times

Jack London, Hemingway, and the Constitution: Ruder Finn Press
Billy Bathgate Random House

The March Random House Incorporated

"An elegant page-turner of nineteenth-century detective fiction." – The Washington Post Book World One rainy morning in 1871 in lower Manhattan, Martin Pemberton a freelance writer, sees in a passing stagecoach several elderly men, one of whom he recognizes as his supposedly dead and buried father. While trying to unravel the mystery, Pemberton disappears, sending McIlvaine, his employer, the editor of an evening paper, in pursuit of the truth behind his freelancer's fate. Layer by layer, McIlvaine reveals a modern metropolis surging with primordial urges and sins, where the Tweed Ring operates the city for its own profit and a conspicuously self-satisfied nouveau-riche ignores the poverty and squalor that surrounds them. In E. L. Doctorow's skilled hands, *The Waterworks* becomes, in the words of *The New York Times*, "a dark moral tale . . . an eloquently troubling evocation of our past." "Startling and spellbinding . . . The waters that lave the narrative all run to the great confluence, where the deepest issues of life and death are borne along on the swift, sure vessel of [Doctorow's] poetic imagination." – *The New York Times Book Review* "Hypnotic . . . a dazzling romp, an extraordinary

read, given strength and grace by the telling, by the poetic voice and controlled cynical lyricism of its streetwise and world-weary narrator. ” – The Philadelphia Inquirer “ A gem of a novel, intimate as chamber music . . . a thriller guaranteed to leave readers with residual chills and shudders. ” – Boston Sunday Herald “ Enthralling . . . a story of debauchery and redemption that is spellbinding from first page to last. ” – Chicago Sun-Times “ An immense, extraordinary achievement. ” – San Francisco Chronicle

Billy Bathgate Burns & Oates

Filled with philosophical musings and personal observations, this fiction writerÆs take on the universe combines memoir with science to explore the American consciousness and experience.

(Literature)

The Book of Daniel Univ of South Carolina Press

An electric thriller where spies go to battle, and the free world is at stake In the final installment in William DeAndrea ’ s Clifford Driscoll series, master spy Driscoll is “ going tame ” —that is, recovering from a near-death accident and enjoying domestic peace. Driscoll, now known as Allan Trotter, hasn ’ t killed anyone in more than a year. He still works for the Agency—a super-secret intelligence unit of the US government known only to the president and its founding congressman—but he ’ s too full of pins and plates to be a field agent anymore. To top it off, he ’ s so smitten with beautiful media mogul Regina Hudson that he ’ s contemplating settling down. But Trotter ’ s new life is rudely interrupted when he learns that Soviet spies are bent on taking charge of the upcoming US presidential election. Their instrument is an influential senator, Hank Van Horn, a womanizing bad seed who— despite an upstanding reputation—once murdered one of his own staffers. And as if the election plot wasn ’ t perilous enough, Van Horn ’ s relentless son, Mark, soon gets involved in a very bloody way.

Sweet Land Stories Simon and Schuster

An assortment of short fiction ranges across America, from Alaska to the District of Columbia, as it explores the complexities of modern life in such stories as "Jolene: a Life," "A House on the Plains," "Baby Wilson," and "Walter John Harmon."

Billy Bathgate Random House Trade Paperbacks

WINNER OF THE NATIONAL BOOK CRITICS CIRCLE AWARD
WINNER OF THE PEN/FAULKNER AWARD NEW YORK TIMES

BESTSELLER In 1864, Union general William Tecumseh Sherman marched his sixty thousand troops through Georgia to the sea, and then up into the Carolinas. The army fought off Confederate forces, demolished cities, and accumulated a borne-along population of freed blacks and white refugees until all that remained was the dangerous transient life of the dispossessed and the triumphant. In E. L. Doctorow ’ s hands the great march becomes a floating world, a nomadic consciousness, and an unforgettable reading experience with awesome relevance to our own times. All the Time in the World Penguin UK

"Text accompanies photographs of posters for the missing put up around New York City following 9/11. It is a personal reflection on the people of the city and the special bond that gives them strength."--BOOK JACKET.Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

E.L. Doctorow Random House

A superb collection of fifteen stories—including “ Wakefield, ” the inspiration for the film starring Bryan Cranston—by the author of Ragtime, The March, The Book of Daniel, and Billy Bathgate He has been called “ a national treasure ” by George Saunders. Doctorow ’ s great topic, said Don DeLillo, is “ the reach of American possibility, in which plain lives take on the cadences of history. ” This power is apparent everywhere in these stories: the bravery and self-delusion of people seeking the American dream; the geniuses, mystics, and charlatans who offer people false hope, or an actual glimpse of greatness. In “ A House on the Plains, ” a mother has a plan for

financial independence, which may include murder. In “Walter John Harmon,” a man starts a cult using subterfuge and seduction. “Jolene: A Life” follows a teenager who escapes her home for Hollywood on a perilous quest for success. “Heist,” the account of an Episcopal priest coping with a crisis of faith, was expanded into the bestseller *City of God*. “The Water Works,” about the underbelly of 1870s New York, grew into a brilliant novel. “Liner Notes: The Songs of Billy Bathgate” is a corollary to the renowned novel and includes Doctorow’s revisions. These fifteen stories, written from the 1960s to the early twenty-first century, and selected, revised, and placed in order by the author himself shortly before he died in 2015, are a testament to the genius of E. L. Doctorow. *Praise for Doctorow: Collected Stories* “Here, without the framework of historical context that defines his best-known novels, we discover a Doctorow equally adept at plumbing the contemporary American psyche and are reminded of literature’s loss following his death.” —O: *The Oprah Magazine* “These tales—sketches, really, wide-ranging in time, place and circumstances—are penned by a modern master. . . . What makes Doctorow’s historical novels brilliant is their engaging prose, smart writerly style, unconventional narratives and inventive and entertaining plots. Same for these dog-eared, pre-owned stories.” —USA Today *Praise for E. L. Doctorow* “He has rewarded us, these forty-five years, with a vision of ourselves, as a people, a vision possessed of what I might call ‘aspirational verve’—he sees us clearly and tenderly, just as we are, but also sees past that—to what we might, at our best, become.” —George Saunders “Doctorow did not so much write fiction about history as he seemed to occupy history itself. He owned it. He made it his own.” —Ta-Nehisi Coates “On every level, [Doctorow’s] work is powerful. . . . His sensitivity to language is perfectly balanced, and complemented by a gigantic vision.” —Jennifer Egan “[He wrote] with such stunning audacity that I can still remember my parents’ awed dinner-table conversation, that summer, about a novel they were reading, called *Ragtime*, that went up to the overgrown wall enclosing the garden of fiction and opened the doorway to history.” —Michael Chabon “Doctorow’s prose tends to create its own landscape, and to become a force that works in

opposition to the power of social reality.” —Don DeLillo “A writer of dazzling gifts and boundless imaginative energy.” —Joyce Carol Oates
Random House
E. L. Doctorow is acclaimed internationally for such novels as *Ragtime*, *Billy Bathgate*, and *The March*. Now here are Doctorow’s rich, revelatory essays on the nature of imaginative thought. In *Creationists*, Doctorow considers creativity in its many forms: from the literary (Melville and Mark Twain) to the comic (Harpo Marx) to the cosmic (Genesis and Einstein). As he wrestles with the subjects that have teased and fired his own imagination, Doctorow affirms the idea that “we know by what we create.” Just what is Melville doing in *Moby-Dick*? And how did *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* impel Mark Twain to radically rewrite what we know as *Huckleberry Finn*? Can we ever trust what novelists say about their own work? How could Franz Kafka have written a book called *Amerika* without ever leaving Europe? In posing such questions, Doctorow grapples with literary creation not as a critic or as a scholar—but as one working writer frankly contemplating the work of another. It’s a perspective that affords him both protean grace and profound insight. Among the essays collected here are Doctorow’s musings on the very different Spanish Civil War novels of Ernest Hemingway and André Malraux; a candid assessment of Edgar Allan Poe as our “greatest bad writer”; a bracing analysis of the story of Genesis in which God figures as the most complex and riveting character. Whether he is considering how Harpo Marx opened our eyes to surrealism, the haunting photos with which the late German writer W. G. Sebald illustrated his texts, or the

innovations of such literary icons as Heinrich von Kleist, Harriet Beecher Stowe, and Sinclair Lewis, Doctorow is unfailingly generous, shrewd, attentive, surprising, and precise. In examining the creative works of different times and disciplines, Doctorow also reveals the source and nature of his own artistry. Rich in aphorism and anecdote, steeped in history and psychology, informed by a lifetime of reading and writing, *Creationists* opens a magnificent window into one of the great creative minds of our time.

Johnny Got His Gun Kensington Publishing Corp.

The long-unavailable work by one of America's most eminent writers. *Drinks Before Dinner*, called "witty and provocative" by the *New York Times*, is E.L. Doctorow's only play. A tour-de-force of language and ideas concerning the individual's role in and response to contemporary America, *Drinks Before Dinner* revolves around a dinner party for the economically privileged. As Doctorow writes in his introduction, "[This play] deals in general statements about the most common circumstances of our lives, the numbers of us, the cars we drive, the television we watch, the cities we live in, our contraception and our armaments, and our underlying sense of the apocalypse. . . ."

Doctorow: Collected Stories Random House

National Book Award Finalist A heartstrong story of family and romance, tribulation and tenacity, set on the High Plains east of Denver. In the small town of Holt, Colorado, a high school teacher is confronted with raising his two boys alone after their mother retreats first to the bedroom, then altogether. A teenage girl—her father long since disappeared, her mother unwilling to have her in the house—is pregnant, alone herself, with nowhere to go. And out in the country, two brothers, elderly bachelors, work the family homestead, the only world they've ever known. From these unsettled

lives emerges a vision of life, and of the town and landscape that bind them together—their fates somehow overcoming the powerful circumstances of place and station, their confusion, curiosity, dignity and humor intact and resonant. As the milieu widens to embrace fully four generations, Kent Haruf displays an emotional and aesthetic authority to rival the past masters of a classic American tradition.

Master of the Crossroads Random House

Innocence is lost to unforgettable experience in these brilliant stories by E. L. Doctorow, as full of mystery and meaning as any of the longer works by this American master. In "The Writer in the Family," a young man learns the difference between lying and literature after he is induced into deceiving a relative through letters. In "Wili," an early-twentieth-century idyll is destroyed by infidelity. In "The Foreign Legation," a girl and an act of political anarchy collide with devastating results. These and other stories flow into the novella "Lives of the Poets," in which the images and themes of the earlier stories become part of the narrator's unsparing confessions about his own mind, offering a rare look at the creative process and its connection to the heart.