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The Box of Delights
Random House

When Oscar Blundell suffers a double tragedy, he accepts an invitation to take over a rambling old house in Scotland, taking Elfrida Phipps, his friend and neighbour, with him. As the house becomes a magnet for

waifs and strays, it seems to weave a magic spell for Elfrida and Oscar. 2000.

The Winter Sleepwalker
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
An ocean voyage of unimaginable consequences
Not every thirteen-year-old girl is accused of murder, brought to trial, and found guilty. But I was just such a girl, and my story is worth relating even if it did happen years ago. Be warned,

however: If strong ideas and action offend you, read no more. Find another companion to share your idle hours. For my part I intend to tell the truth as I lived it.

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle (rack) HarperCollins
This ABIA award-winning fantasy adventure set in 1980s London follows one girl's quest to find her father, leading her to a secret society of magical fighting booksellers who police the mythical Old World when it disastrously intrudes into the modern world.

Black Hearts in Battersea
HarperCollins
In this silly sequel to Arabel's Raven, Mortimer floats out to sea on a grand piano, tries to get even with three giraffes that have stolen his doughnuts at the zoo, and takes off with King Arthur's sword. Will Arabel ever be able to control her troublemaking pet raven?

The Wolves of Willoughby Chase
Puffin
Joan Aiken takes Emma and tells the story from Jane Fairfax's point of view. What of Jane's early years with Mrs and Miss Bates and her childhood friendship with Emma Woodhouse?

What of her years spent with the Campbells in London and the West Indies? And what of the summer spent at Weymouth?

The Witch of Clatteringshaws

Puffin

Revised and updated, this essential and practical guide by an award-winning children's author explains how to write books for children, from where to look to inspiration to practical advice on how to create characters and structure a plot.

The Cuckoo Tree
Simon and Schuster
Dido Twite, with the help of some sacred shaman healers, must foil a sinister plot to overthrow the king of a remote South

Sea island healers Sailing the high seas in pursuit of Lord Herodsfoot, roving ambassador to the ageing King James III, Dido Twite's search has led her to the remote South Sea island of Aratu. She arrives with a new friend she made en route, the enigmatic Dr. Talisman, who is returning to the isle after many years. Soon they discover that there's something even more dangerous in the ancient rain forest than its poisonous pearl snakes, sting monkeys, and 30-foot-long crocodiles. Dido and Talisman are confronted by the

Angrian invaders, who drove the Dilendi natives from their home 400 years earlier. Luckily, Dido befriends the gentle Forest People, who can heal with their magical touch. When she learns about a plot to overthrow the island's suffering king, Dido enlists the Forest People to help her thwart the scheme, save the monarch, and reunite him with his long-lost daughter. Dangerous Games is the 5th book in the award-winning Wolves Chronicles, but you may enjoy reading the series in any order. This ebook features an illustrated personal

history of Joan Aiken including rare images from the author's estate. The Black Snowman Macmillan Rediscover the A Puffin Book series and bring the best-loved classics to a new generation - including this treasured edition of Arabel and Mortimer Stories. Late one night, as Mr Jones drove his taxi home through a storm, he spotted a large black bird with a hairy fringe round its beak sprawled out in the road. Mr Jones decides to take the bird home to Number Six, Rainwater Crescent, London, NW 3, to meet his daughter, Arabel, she'll know what to do - she loves animals! 'His name's

Mortimer', she said. But it doesn't take long until the mischievous Mortimer causes chaos in the Jones household. . . The Teeth of the Gale CUP Archive Dido Twite's sharp wits are put to the test in this new adventure in the Wolves Chronicles. After King Richard dies, Dido's good pal Simon is put on the English throne, but he hates being cooped up in drafty St. James Palace, and his crusty old advisors won't let him have any fun at all. If only another descendent of the

king could be found, Simon would gladly be replaced. Never short a solution, Dido discovers a lead to another member of the royal line. But no one knows exactly who—or where—the child is. The masterful storyteller Joan Aiken once again invites readers into a spellbinding world of magic, mystery, and mayhem—with a dose of “proper” English hilarity, of course. Winter Solstice Doubleday Books for Young Readers A young gymnast

crushes on an older, more talented teammate while contending with her overworked mother. A newly queer twenty-something juggles two intimate relationships--with a slippery anarchist lover and an idiosyncratic meals-on-wheels recipient. A queer metal band's summer tour unravels amid the sticky heat of the Northeastern US. A codependent listicle writer becomes obsessed with a Japanese ASMR channel. The stories in *Personal Attention Roleplay* are propelled by queer loneliness, mixed-race confusion, late capitalist

despondency, and the pitfalls of intimacy. Taking place in Montreal, Toronto, and elsewhere, they feature young Asian misfits struggling with the desire to see themselves reflected--in their surroundings, in others, online. Chau Bradley's precise language and investigation of our more troubling motivations stand out in this wryly funny debut, through stories that hint at the uncanny while remaining grounded in the everyday. Jane Fairfax Turtleback Books A fantasy classic by the author of *The House with a Clock*

in *Its Walls*—basis for the Jack Black movie—and “ a writer who knows what wizardry is all about ” (Ursula K. Le Guin). A richly imaginative story of wizards stymied by a power beyond their control, *A Face in the Frost* combines the thrills of a horror novel with the inventiveness of fairy tale – inspired fantasy. Prospero, a tall, skinny misfit of a wizard, lives in the South Kingdom—a patchwork of feuding duchies and small manors, all loosely loyal to one figurehead king. Along with his necromancer friend Roger Bacon, who has been on a quest to find a mysterious book, Prospero must flee his home to escape ominous

pursuers. Thus begins an adventure that will lead him to a grove where his old rival, Melichus, is falsely rumored to be buried and to a less-than-hospitable inn in the town of Five Dials—and ultimately into a dangerous battle with origins in a magical glass paperweight. Lin Carter called *The Face in the Frost* one of “the best fantasy novels to appear since *The Lord of the Rings* . . . Absolutely first class.” With a unique blend of humor and darkness, it remains one of the most beloved tales by the Edgar Award – nominated author also known for the long-running Lewis Barnavelt series. *The Stolen Lake Pan* Macmillan

In Jane Austen's *Sense and Sensibility*, the estimable Colonel Brandon runs off on the day of his party, summoned to London by a missive with the whereabouts of his beloved's daughter. *Midnight Is a Place* Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
A teenage adventurer gets wrapped up in her father's dastardly schemes in this children's novel by the author of *The Wolves of Willoughby Chase*. *Dido Twite* is finally back in London and reunited with her old friend Simon, now the Duke of Battersea and a favorite of King Richard. But no sooner does *Dido* start to settle in than her rascally father, *Abednago*, appears and drags her off into the night. Soon *Dido*

finds herself caught in the midst of another dastardly conspiracy: a Hanoverian plot involving a mysterious double for the king, the miraculous healing powers of music, and a spy network made up of abandoned street children called lollipoops. Meanwhile, out in the forest, starving wolves are closing in on the city. . . *Dido and Pa* is the seventh book in the award-winning *Wolves Chronicles*, but you may enjoy reading the series in any order. *Midwinter Nightingale* HarperCollins
'For sheer enjoyability this tops almost anything' *The Times Intelligent* and spirited

Georgia March flies to the beautiful Greek island of Dendros to meet her cousin Sweden, but upon arrival finds her cousin Sweden 's body lying in a pool . . . Georgia has come to the paradise island of Dendros in search of a new life, a new job, and a way to forget about her lost lover. Instead, her adventure begins with tragedy and takes her to a mountain-top fortress – home to a powerful multi-millionaire, his jet set friends and a school for unusual children. In this stunning Greek hideaway Georgia is hired as a teacher,

but as she gets to know the children and their unconventional parents she becomes ensnared in a deadly international mystery. Our not-so hapless heroine must survive a series of bizarre brushes with death, but also deal with the attentions of a strangely charming man – is he really the wickedest man on the island? Somebody certainly wants her gone as she inches closer and closer to uncovering the truth about Sweden 's death . . . Joan Aiken reveals a strong heroine, a breathtaking backdrop and shocking plot twists

– The Butterfly Picnic has all the elements of a holiday romance with a dark underside of suspense. A Fool Again HarperCollins 'The final shock of it hit home. The Petches were thieves, and they had stolen him.' Tobias is on the run. From the father who betrayed him...from the mother who couldn't comfort him...from his own desperate fear. But when he falls into the clutches of his uncle's sinister gang of thieves,

his fear grows. And soon Toby realises, his nightmare has only just begun...

'Renner's story bristles with talent and brio, craft and polish' THE TIMES on Castle of Shadows

I Will Not Read This Book Harper Collins For use in schools and libraries only.

Ten-year-old Susie and her father love living on the South Dakota prairie with its vast, uninterrupted views of land and sky, but Susie's mother greatly misses their old life in Ohio.

Mansfield Park Revisited New York Review of Books The story of Black Gold, a winner of the Kentucky Derby. Black Gold Good Press

Now eighteen, Felix sets out across the mountains of Spain to rescue three children kidnapped by their father.

Along the way, he hopes to see his true love, Juana, who has entered a convent.

But his rescue party is being followed, and Felix fears he and the children are being led into a trap.

The Face in the Frost

Sourcebooks, Inc. With her daughter in the throes of drug addiction, a mother takes over the care of her granddaughter—and is transformed by the bond that forms between them—in this warm, sharp-

witted, and psychologically acute story of familial love by a praised British novelist. Ruth is a woman who believes in and despairs of the curative power of love. Her daughter, Eleanor, who is addicted to drugs, has just had a baby, Lily. Ruth adjusts herself in ways large and small to give to Eleanor what she thinks she may need—nourishment, distance, affection—but all her gifts fall short. After someone dies of an overdose in Eleanor's apartment, Ruth

hands her daughter an envelope of cash and takes Lily home with her, and Lily, as she grows, proves a compensation for all of Ruth's past defeats and disappointment. Love without fear is a new feeling for her, almost unrecognizable. Will it last? Love and Missed is a whip-smart, incisive, and mordantly witty novel about love's gains and missteps. British writer Susie Boyt's seventh novel, and the first to be published in the United States, is a triumph. Arabel's Raven

DigiCat
In this hilarious classic adventure, an innocent boy and his friends must stop a plot to topple the King of England. Simon, the foundling from The Wolves of Willoughby Chase, arrives in London to meet an old friend and pursue the study of painting. Instead he finds himself unwittingly in the middle of a wicked crew 's fiendish caper to overthrow the good King James and the Duke and Duchess of Battersea. With the help of his friend Sophie and the resourceful waif Dido, Simon narrowly escapes a

series of madcap close calls and dangerous run-ins. In a time and place where villains do nothing halfway, Simon is faced with wild wolves, poisoned pies, kidnapping, and a wrecked ship. This is a cleverly contrived tale of intrigue and misadventure. Perfect for fans of Lemony Snicket and Roald Dahl " It ' s a marvel! " —The New Yorker " A wild yarn, not to be put down once it is started. " —Washington Post " A riot of wildly improbable adventures happening to absurd and loveable characters with Dickensian names in

a time that never was
. . . Heartrending,
hair-raising, rib-
tickling, and
delightful. ” —New
York Times