
Blue Nights Joan Didion

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Vintage

The author recounts her 1982 visit to El Salvador and describes the terror, fear and political repression that permeated the

country
Never Say Die Restless
Books
"Tracy Daugherty
delves deep into the life
of distinguished
American author and
journalist Joan Didion in
this, the first printed
biography published
about her life. Joan
Didion lived a life in the
public and private eye
with her late husband,
writer John Gregory
Dunne. Daugherty takes
readers on a journey
back through time,

following a young Didion
in Sacramento, through
to her adult life as a
writer interviewing
those who know and
knew her personally,
while maintaining a
respectful distance from
the reclusive literary
great." --

Essays Columbia
University Press
The "dazzling" and
essential portrayal of
1960s America from the
author of *South and
West* and *The Year of
Magical Thinking* (The
New York Times).

Capturing the
tumultuous landscape of
the United States, and
in particular
California, during a
pivotal era of social
change, the first work
of nonfiction from one
of American
literature's most
distinctive prose
stylists is a modern
classic. In twenty
razor-sharp essays that
redefined the art of
journalism, National
Book Award-winning
author Joan Didion
reports on a society
gripped by a deep
generational divide,

from the "misplaced settlements." First children" dropping acid published in 1968, in San Francisco's Slouching Towards Haight-Ashbury district Bethlehem has been to Hollywood legend heralded by the New John Wayne filming his York Times Book Review first picture after a as "a rare display of bout with cancer. She some of the best prose paints indelible written today in this portraits of reclusive country" and named to billionaire Howard Time magazine's list of Hughes and folk singer the one hundred best Joan Baez, "a and most influential personality before she nonfiction books. It is was entirely a person," the definitive account and takes readers on of a terrifying and eye-opening journeys to transformative decade Death Valley, Hawaii, in American history and Las Vegas, "the whose discordant most extreme and reverberations continue allegorical of American to sound a half-century

later.

A Novel Everyman's Library Reading is a revolutionary act, an act of engagement in a culture that wants us to disengage. In *The Lost Art of Reading*, David L. Ulin asks a number of timely questions - why is literature important? What does it offer, especially now? Blending commentary with memoir, Ulin addresses the importance of the simple act of reading in an increasingly digital culture. Reading a book, flipping through hard pages, or shuffling them on screen - it doesn't matter. The key is the

act of reading, and it's seriousness and depth. Ulin emphasizes the importance of reflection and pause allowed by stopping to read a book, and the accompanying focus required to let the mind run free in a world that is not one's own. Are we willing to risk our collective interest in contemplation, nuanced thinking, and empathy? Far from preaching to the choir, *The Lost Art of Reading* is a call to arms, or rather, to pages. *A Novel* Sarah Crichton Books New York Times Bestseller: An “elegant” mosaic of trenchant observations on the late sixties and seventies from the author of

Slouching Towards Bethlehem (The New Yorker). In this landmark essay collection, Joan Didion brilliantly interweaves her own “bad dreams” with those of a nation confronting the dark underside of 1960s counterculture. From a jailhouse visit to Black Panther Party cofounder Huey Newton to witnessing First Lady of California Nancy Reagan pretend to pick flowers for the benefit of news cameras, Didion captures the paranoia and absurdity of the era with her signature blend of irony and insight. She takes readers to the “giddily splendid” Getty Museum in Los Angeles, the cool mountains of Bogotá, and the Jordanian Desert, where Bishop

James Pike went to walk in Jesus’s footsteps—and died not far from his rented Ford Cortina. She anatomizes the culture of shopping malls—“toy garden cities in which no one lives but everyone consumes”—and exposes the contradictions and compromises of the women’s movement. In the iconic title essay, she documents her uneasy state of mind during the years leading up to and following the Manson murders—a terrifying crime that, in her memory, surprised no one. Written in “a voice like no other in contemporary journalism,” *The White Album* is a masterpiece of literary reportage and a fearless work of autobiography by the

National Book Award–winning author of *The Year of Magical Thinking* (The New York Times Book Review). Its power to electrify and inform remains undiminished nearly forty years after it was first published.

Random House

NATIONAL BESTSELLER •

“One of contemporary literature’s most revered essayists revives her raw records from a 1970s road trip across the American southwest ... her acute observations of the country’s culture and history feel particularly resonant today.” —Harper’s Bazaar Joan Didion, the bestselling, award-winning author of *The Year of*

Magical Thinking and *Let Me Tell You What I Mean*, has always kept notebooks—of overheard dialogue, interviews, drafts of essays, copies of articles. Here are two extended excerpts from notebooks she kept in the 1970s; read together, they form a piercing view of the American political and cultural landscape. “Notes on the South” traces a road trip that she and her husband, John Gregory Dunne, took through Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. Her acute observations about the small towns they pass through, her interviews with local figures,

and their preoccupation with race, class, and heritage suggest a South largely unchanged today. “California Notes” began as an assignment from *Rolling Stone* on the Patty Hearst trial. Though Didion never wrote the piece, the time she spent watching the trial in San Francisco triggered thoughts about the West and her own upbringing in Sacramento. Here we not only see Didion’s signature irony and imagination in play, we’re also granted an illuminating glimpse into her mind and process.

The American Puritans, Their

Prose and Poetry Zola Books

“Dunne has a wicked eye for the telling details, an uncanny ear for the revealing phrase.”—The New York Times. *Quintana & Friends* gathers thirty-three brilliant essays written by a pioneer of New Journalism between 1963 and 1978. John Gregory Dunne's gifts for keen reportage, subtle storytelling, and articulate opinion on full display, he covers topics ranging from the Hollywood machine to America's last fight club to departure day for young soldiers shipping out to Viet Nam. In a celebrated baseball essay, he follows San Francisco Giant outfielder Willie Mays as the slugger seeks to break the

National League career home-run record, his portrait capturing a prickly veteran not shy, in an age before PR handlers for athletes, of expressing his annoyance with reporters. In “Sneak,” Dunne brings us inside Twentieth-Century Fox's Minneapolis advance screening of the movie *Dr. Doolittle*. In “Quebec Zero,” he spends 24 hours underground with a crew of four young men manning nuclear missiles aimed at the Soviet Union, Dunne's goal “to see how it worked on the mind, to have World War III only an arm's length away.” In the title essay, Dunne writes of raising his adopted daughter Quintana with wife Joan Didion, speculating about the day the girl might wish

to seek out her birth mother. In “Friends,” he writes movingly of a best friend, screenwriter Josh Greenfield, father to an autistic son. “Eureka” celebrates Los Angeles. “Pauline” famously takes down revered New Yorker movie critic Pauline Kael. And in the much-discussed essay “Gone Hollywood,” Dunne blasts the notion that the movie business is a destroyer of writing talent. “The ecology of Hollywood eludes them,” he writes of those who bemoan the studio system's effects on writers. Echoing this point in the Kael essay, occasional screenwriter Dunne, making reference to an Upper West Side of Manhattan grocery store, famously declares: “The writers

who fell apart in Hollywood would have fallen apart in Zabar's."

Download this first-ever digital edition of *Quintana & Friends* and enjoy John Gregory Dunne at his wittiest, most observant, and powerfully eloquent best.

I Am God Sasquatch Books
Blue Nights Vintage

Loose Diamonds Vintage

An enchanting, comic love letter to sibling rivalry and the English language. From the author compared to Nora Ephron and Nancy Mitford, not to mention Jane Austen, comes a new novel celebrating the beauty, mischief, and occasional

treachery of language. The Grammarians are Laurel and Daphne Wolfe, identical, inseparable redheaded twins who share an obsession with words. They speak a secret "twin" tongue of their own as toddlers; as adults making their way in 1980s Manhattan, their verbal infatuation continues, but this love, which has always bound them together, begins instead to push them apart. Daphne, copy editor and grammar columnist, devotes herself to preserving the dignity and elegance of

Standard English. Laurel, who gives up teaching kindergarten to write poetry, is drawn, instead, to the polymorphous, chameleon nature of the written and spoken word. Their fraying twinship finally shreds completely when the sisters go to war, absurdly but passionately, over custody of their most prized family heirloom: Merriam Webster's New International Dictionary, Second Edition. Cathleen Schine has written a playful and joyful celebration of the interplay of language

and life. A dazzling comedy of sisterly and linguistic manners, a revelation of the delights and stresses of intimacy, *The Grammarians* is the work of one of our great comic novelists at her very best.

Collected Nonfiction Vintage

In this moving and unexpected book, Joan Didion reassesses parts of her life, her work, her history, and ours. *Where I Was From*, in Didion's words, "represents an exploration into my own confusions about the place and the way in which I grew up, confusions as much about America as about California, misapprehensions and

misunderstandings so much a part of who I became that I can still to this day confront them only obliquely." The book is a haunting narrative of how her own family moved west with the frontier from the birth of her great-great-great-great-grandmother in Virginia in 1766 to the death of her mother on the edge of the Pacific in 2001; of how the wagon-train stories of hardship and abandonment and endurance created a culture in which survival would seem the sole virtue. In *Where I Was From*, Didion turns what John Leonard has called "her sonar ear, her radar eye" onto her own work, as well as that of such California writers as Frank Norris and Jack

London and Henry George, to examine how the folly and recklessness in the very grain of the California settlement led to the California we know today—a state mortgaged first to the railroad, then to the aerospace industry, and overwhelmingly to the federal government, a dependent colony of those political and corporate owners who fly in for the annual encampment of the Bohemian Club. Here is the one writer we always want to read on California showing us the startling contradictions in its—and in America's—core values. Joan Didion's unerring sense of America and its spirit, her acute interpretation of its institutions and literature, and her incisive

questioning of the stories it tells
itself make this fiercely intelligent
book a provocative and important
tour de force from one of our
greatest writers. From the
Hardcover edition.

The Last Love Song

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ONE OF THE NEW YORK
TIMES BOOK REVIEW'S
10 BEST BOOKS OF THE
YEAR NAMED ONE OF
THE 50 BEST MEMOIRS
OF THE PAST 50 YEARS
BY THE NEW YORK
TIMES SELECTED AS A
BEST BOOK OF THE
YEAR BY: The Washington
Post * Elle * NPR * New

York Magazine * Boston
Globe * Nylon * Slate * The
Cut * The New Yorker *
Chicago Tribune WINNER
OF THE THURBER PRIZE
FOR AMERICAN HUMOR
“Affectionate and very funny
. . . wonderfully grounded
and authentic. This book
proves Lockwood to be a
formidably gifted writer who
can do pretty much anything
she pleases.” – The New
York Times Book Review
From Booker Prize finalist
Patricia Lockwood, author of
the novel *No One Is Talking
About This*, a vivid,

heartbreakingly funny
memoir about balancing
identity with family and
tradition. Father Greg
Lockwood is unlike any
Catholic priest you have ever
met—a man who lounges in
boxer shorts, loves action
movies, and whose constant
jamming on the guitar
reverberates “like a whole
band dying in a plane crash
in 1972.” His daughter is an
irreverent poet who long ago
left the Church’s country.
When an unexpected crisis
leads her and her husband to
move back into her parents’

rectory, their two worlds collide. In *Priestdaddy*, Lockwood interweaves emblematic moments from her childhood and adolescence—from an ill-fated family hunting trip and an abortion clinic sit-in where her father was arrested to her involvement in a cultlike Catholic youth group—with scenes that chronicle the eight-month adventure she and her husband had in her parents’ household after a decade of living on their own. Lockwood details her education of a seminarian

who is also living at the rectory, tries to explain Catholicism to her husband, who is mystified by its bloodthirstiness and arcane laws, and encounters a mysterious substance on a hotel bed with her mother. Lockwood pivots from the raunchy to the sublime, from the comic to the deeply serious, exploring issues of belief, belonging, and personhood. *Priestdaddy* is an entertaining, unforgettable portrait of a deeply odd religious upbringing, and how one balances a hard-won

identity with the weight of family and tradition. *After Henry* Penguin Three essential works that redefined the art of journalism by “one of our sharpest and most trustworthy cultural observers” (The New York Times). In these masterpieces of razor-sharp reportage, the National Book Award–winning and New York Times–bestselling author proves herself one of the premier essayists of the twentieth century, “an articulate witness to the most stubborn and intractable truths of our time” (Joyce Carol

Oates, *The New York Times Book Review*). *Slouching Towards Bethlehem: America in the 1960s*—a pivotal era of social change and generational divide. Here is Joan Didion on the “misplaced children” of Haight-Ashbury as well as John Wayne in Hollywood; folk singer Joan Baez and reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes; the extremes of both Death Valley and Las Vegas. Named to *Time* magazine’s list of the one hundred best and most influential nonfiction books, this is “a rare display of some of the best prose written today in this country” (*The New York Times Book Review*). *The White Album: A New York Times* bestseller, this landmark essay collection confronts the dark aftermath of the 1960s. From a jailhouse visit to Huey Newton, cofounder of the Black Panther Party, to a recording session with *The Doors*, from the culture of shopping malls to the contradictions of the women’s movement, Joan Didion captures the paranoia and absurdity of the era with irony and insight. And in the iconic title essay, she documents her uneasy state of mind during the years leading up to and following the Manson murders—a terrifying crime that, in her memory, surprised no one. After *Henry: Whether reporting on a Hollywood murder or the “sideshows” of foreign wars*, Joan Didion crystalizes her reputation as a brilliant essayist. Highlights include a portrait of the White House under the Reagans, two “actors on location”; an unexpected meditation on the Patty Hearst case; and an exposé on the racial divisions and class fault lines of New York City following the rape of the Central Park jogger. An indispensable collection from a writer on whom we can rely “to

get the story straight” (Los Angeles Times).
and Other Stories Vintage
The iconic writer's electrifying first novel is a story of marriage, murder and betrayal that only she could tell with such nuance, sympathy, and suspense—from the bestselling, award-winning author of *The Year of Magical Thinking* and *Let Me Tell You What I Mean*. Everett McClellan and his wife, Lily, are the great-grandchildren of pioneers, and what happens to them is a tragic epilogue to the pioneer experience—a haunting portrait of a marriage whose wrong

turns and betrayals are at once absolutely idiosyncratic and a razor-sharp commentary on the history of California.

Salvador Harper Collins

The author of the best-selling *The Age of American Unreason* presents an impassioned critique of modern practices by pharmaceutical companies, lifestyle gurus and scientific businessmen who are promoting morally questionable and expensive illusions of thriving longevity. Reprint.
We Tell Ourselves Stories in

Order to Live Open Road Media
NATIONAL BESTSELLER • A work of stunning frankness about losing a daughter, from the bestselling, award-winning author of *The Year of Magical Thinking* and *Let Me Tell You What I Mean* Richly textured with memories from her own childhood and married life with her husband, John Gregory Dunne, and daughter, Quintana Roo, this new book by Joan Didion is an intensely personal and moving account of her thoughts, fears, and doubts regarding having children, illness and growing old. As she reflects on her daughter's life and on her role as a parent, Didion grapples with the candid questions that all

parents face, and contemplates her age, something she finds hard to acknowledge, much less accept. Blue Nights—the long, light evening hours that signal the summer solstice, “the opposite of the dying of the brightness, but also its warning”—like *The Year of Magical Thinking* before it, is an iconic book of incisive and electric honesty, haunting and profound.

The Year of Magical

Thinking Open Road Media
A definitive compilation of essays and nonfiction writings spanning more than forty years includes the author's reflections on politics, lifestyle, place, and

cultural figures, including her studies of Haight-Ashbury, the Manson family, the Black Panthers, California earthquakes, Bill Clinton and Kenneth Starr, and much more.

Let Me Tell You What I Mean Macmillan

From one of America's greatest and most iconic writers: an honest and courageous portrait of age and motherhood.

The Grammarians Farrar, Straus and Giroux

Selections from the writings of Puritans in New England in the first century of colonial life.

Miami Vintage

From the bestselling, award-winning author of *The Year of Magical Thinking* and *Let Me Tell You What I Mean*—a gorgeously written, bitterly funny look at the relationship between politics and personal life. Moving deftly between romance, farce, and tragedy, from 1970s America to Vietnam to Jakarta, *Democracy* is a tour de force from a writer who can dissect an entire society with a single phrase. Inez Victor knows that the major casualty of the political life is memory. But the people around Inez have

made careers out of losing track. political class.

Her senator husband wants to forget the failure of his last bid for the presidency. Her husband's handler would like the press to forget that Inez's father is a murderer. And, in 1975, America is doing its best to lose track of its one-time client, the lethally hemorrhaging republic of South Vietnam. As conceived by Joan Didion, these personages and events constitute the terminal fallout of democracy, a fallout that also includes fact-finding junkets, senatorial groupies, the international arms market, and the Orwellian newspeak of the

Why Books Matter in a Distracted Time Open Road Media

[In this book, the author] explores an intensely personal yet universal experience: a portrait of a marriage - and a life, in good times and bad - that will speak to anyone who has ever loved a husband or wife or child. Several days before Christmas 2003, John Gregory Dunne and Joan Didion saw their only daughter, Quintana, fall ill with what seemed at first flu,

then pneumonia, then complete septic shock. She was put into an induced coma and placed on life support. Days later - the night before New Year's Eve - the Dunnes were just sitting down to dinner after visiting the hospital when John Gregory Dunne suffered a massive and fatal coronary. In a second, this close, symbiotic partnership of forty years was over. Four weeks later, their daughter pulled through. Two months after that, arriving at LAX, she collapsed and underwent six hours of brain

surgery at UCLA Medical Center to relieve a massive hematoma. This ... book is Didion's attempt to make sense of the "weeks and then months that cut loose any fixed idea I ever had about death, about illness ... about marriage and children and memory ... about the shallowness of sanity, about life itself." --Jacket.