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A Multitude of Sins

Vintage

Great Falls, Montana, is where the Rockies end and where, in 1960, the Brinson family hopes to find a better life. Instead,

sixteen-year-old Joe Brinson watches his parents discover the limits of their marriage and, at the same time, the unexpected depths of dignity and courage that remain even when love dies.

[Richard Ford and the Ends of Realism](#)

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A landmark new collection of stories from

Richard Ford that showcases his brilliance, sensitivity, and trademark wit and candor In *Sorry for Your Trouble*, Pulitzer Prize winner and New York Times bestselling author Richard Ford enacts a stunning meditation on memory, love and loss. "Displaced" returns us to a young man's Mississippi adolescence, and to a shocking encounter with a young Irish immigrant who recklessly tries to solace the narrator's sorrow after his father's death. "Driving Up"

follows an American woman's late-in-life journey to Canada to bid goodbye to a lost love now facing the end of this life. "The Run of Yourself," a novella, sees a New Orleans lawyer navigating the difficulties of living beyond his Irish wife's death. And "Nothing to Declare" follows a man and a woman's chance re-meeting in the New Orleans French Quarter, after twenty years, and their discovery of what's left of love for them. Typically rich with Ford's emotional lucidity and lyrical precision,

Sorry for Your Trouble is a memorable collection from one of our greatest writers.

The End of the Affair A&C
Black

Mary Lawson's debut novel is a shimmering tale of love, death and redemption set in a rural northern community where time has stood still. Tragic, funny and unforgettable, this deceptively simple masterpiece about the perils of hero worship leapt to the top of the bestseller lists only days after being released in Canada and earned glowing reviews in *The New York Times* and *The Globe and Mail*, to name a few. It will be published in more than a dozen countries worldwide, including the U.S., the U.K., Germany, Italy and Bulgaria. Luke, Matt, Kate and Bo Morrison are born in an Ontario farming community of only a few families, so isolated that "the road led only south." There is little work, marriage choices are few, and the winter

cold seeps into the bones of all who dare to live there. In the Morrisons' hard-working, Presbyterian house, the Eleventh Commandment is "Thou Shalt Not Emote." But as descendants of a great-grandmother who "fixed a book rest to her spinning wheel so that she could read while she was spinning," the Morrison children have some hope of getting off the land through the blessings of education. Luke, the eldest, is accepted at teachers college – despite having struggle mightily through school – but before he can enroll, the Morrison parents are killed in a collision with a logging truck. He gives up his place to stay home and raise his younger sisters -- seven-year-old Kate, and Bo, still a baby. In this family bound together by loss, the closest relationship is that between Kate and her older brother Matt, who love to wander off to the ponds together and lie on the bank, noses to the water. Matt teaches his little sister to watch "damselflies performing their delicate iridescent dances," to understand how water beetles

“carry down an air bubble with them when they submerge.” The life in the pond is one that seems to go on forever, in contrast to the abbreviated lives of the Morrison parents. Matt becomes Kate’s hero and her guide, as his passionate interest in the natural world sparks an equal passion in Kate. Matt, a true scholar, is expected to fulfill the family dream by becoming the first Morrison to earn a university degree. But a dramatic event changes his course, and he ends up a farmer; so it is Kate who eventually earns the doctorate and university teaching position. She is never able to reconcile her success with what she considers the tragedy of Matt’s failure, and she feels a terrible guilt over the sacrifices made for her. Now a successful biologist in her twenties, she nervously returns home with her partner, a microbiologist from an academic family, to celebrate Matt’s son’s birthday. Amid the clash of cultures, Kate takes us in and out of her troubled childhood memories. Accustomed to dissecting organisms under a

microscope, she must now analyze her own emotional life. She is still in turmoil over the events of one fateful year when the tragedy of another local family spilled over into her own. There are things she cannot understand or forgive. In this universal drama of family love and misunderstandings, Lawson ratchets up the tension, her narrative flowing with consummate control in ever-increasing circles, overturning one’s expectations to the end. Compared by Publishers Weekly to Richard Ford for her lyrical, evocative writing, Lawson combines deeply drawn characters, beautiful writing and a powerful description of the land. Independence Day Princeton University Press

In this magically evocative novel, William Maxwell explores the enigmatic gravity of the past, which compels us to keep explaining it even as it makes liars out of us every time we try. On a winter morning in the 1920s, a shot rings out on a farm in rural Illinois. A man named Lloyd Wilson has been killed.

And the tenuous friendship between two lonely teenagers—one privileged yet neglected, the other a troubled farm boy—has been shattered. Fifty years later, one of those boys—now a grown man—tries to reconstruct the events that led up to the murder. In doing so, he is inevitably drawn back to his lost friend Cletus, who has the misfortune of being the son of Wilson's killer and who in the months before witnessed things that Maxwell's narrator can only guess at. Out of memory and imagination, the surmises of children and the destructive passions of their parents, Maxwell creates a luminous American classic of youth and loss.

Born to Run Vintage

Frank Bascombe is no longer a sportswriter, yet he's still living in Haddam, New Jersey, where he now sells real estate. He's still divorced, though his ex-wife, to his dismay, has remarried and moved

along with their children to Connecticut. But Frank is happy enough in his work and pursuing various civic and entrepreneurial sidelines. He has high hopes for this 4th of July weekend: a search for a house for deeply hapless clients relocating to Vermont; a rendezvous on the Jersey shore with his girlfriend; then up to Connecticut to pick up his larcenous and emotionally troubled teenage son and visit as many sports halls of fame as they can fit into two days. Frank's Independence Day, however, turns out not as he'd planned, and this decent, appealingly bewildered, profoundly observant man is

wrenched, gradually and inevitably, out of his private refuge. Independence Day captures the mystery of life — in all its conflicted glory — with grand humour, intense compassion and transfixing power.

I Suck at Girls
(Enhanced Edition)

Bloomsbury Publishing With The Sportswriter, in 1985, Richard Ford began a cycle of novels that ten years later — after Independence Day won both the Pulitzer Prize and the PEN/Faulkner Award — was hailed by The Times of London as “an extraordinary epic [that] is nothing less than the story of the twentieth century itself.” Frank Bascombe’s story resumes, in the fall of

2000, with the presidential election still hanging in the balance and Thanksgiving looming before him with all the perils of a post-nuclear family get-together. He’s now plying his trade as a realtor on the Jersey shore and contending with health, marital and familial issues that have his full attention: “all the ways that life seems like life at age fifty-five strewn around me like poppies.” Richard Ford’s first novel in over a decade: the funniest, most engaging (and explosive) book he’s written, and a major literary event.

Revolutionary Road

University of Toronto Press

NATIONAL BOOK
AWARD FINALIST •
Frank and April Wheeler

are a bright, beautiful, talented couple in the 1950s whose perfect suburban life is about to crumble in this "moving and absorbing story" (The Atlantic Monthly) from one of the most acclaimed writers of the twentieth century. "The Great Gatsby of my time ... one of the best books by a member of my generation." —Kurt Vonnegut, acclaimed author of *Slaughterhouse-Five* Perhaps Frank and April Wheeler married too young and started a family too early. Maybe Frank's job is dull. And April never saw herself as a housewife. Yet they have always lived on the assumption that greatness is only just around the corner. But now that certainty is about to unravel. With heartbreaking

compassion and remorseless clarity, Richard Yates shows how Frank and April mortgage their spiritual birthright, betraying not only each other, but their best selves. In his introduction to this edition, novelist Richard Ford pays homage to the lasting influence and enduring power of *Revolutionary Road*.

Between Them *Open Road Media*

Soon to be a feature film from the creators of *Downton Abbey* starring Elizabeth McGovern, *The Chaperone* is a New York Times-bestselling novel about the woman who chaperoned an irreverent Louise Brooks to New York City in the 1920s and the summer that would change them both. Only a few years before becoming a famous silent-film star and an icon of her

generation, a fifteen-year-old Louise Brooks leaves Wichita, Kansas, to study with the prestigious Denishawn School of Dancing in New York. Much to her annoyance, she is accompanied by a thirty-six-year-old chaperone, who is neither mother nor friend. Cora Carlisle, a complicated but traditional woman with her own reasons for making the trip, has no idea what she's in for. Young Louise, already stunningly beautiful and sporting her famous black bob with blunt bangs, is known for her arrogance and her lack of respect for convention. Ultimately, the five weeks they spend together will transform their lives forever. For Cora, the city holds the promise of discovery that might answer the question at the core of her being, and even as she does her best to watch over Louise in this strange and bustling place she embarks on a mission of her own. And

while what she finds isn't what she anticipated, she is liberated in a way she could not have imagined. Over the course of Cora's relationship with Louise, her eyes are opened to the promise of the twentieth century and a new understanding of the possibilities for being fully alive. Drawing on the rich history of the 1920s, '30s, and beyond—from the orphan trains to Prohibition, flappers, and the onset of the Great Depression to the burgeoning movement for equal rights and new opportunities for women—Laura Moriarty's *The Chaperone* illustrates how rapidly everything, from fashion and hemlines to values and attitudes, was changing at this time and what a vast difference it all made for Louise Brooks, Cora Carlisle, and others like them.

[A Piece of My Heart](#)
Vintage

“ Why isn ’ t Jonathan Buckley better known? His novel of love, death and melancholy comedy, *The Great Concert of the Night*, is captivating. ”

—John Banville David has just spent New Year ’ s Eve alone, watching *Le Grand Concert de la Nuit*, a film in which his former lover Imogen starred. In the early hours of the new year, consoled and tormented by her ethereal presence, he begins to write. What follows is a brilliantly various journal, chronicling a year in the life of a thinking man. David works as a curator at the ailing Sanderson-Perceval Museum in southern England, whose small collection of porcelain, musical instruments, crystals, velvet mushrooms, and glass jellyfish is as

eccentric and idiosyncratic as the long-dead collectors ’ tastes. David himself is a connoisseur of the derelict and nonutilitarian, of objects removed from the flow of time. Refusing the imposed order of a straightforward chronology, his journal moves fluidly back and forth in time, filled with fragments of life remembered, imagined, and recorded, from memories of his past life with Imogen or with his ex-wife, Samantha, to reflections on the lives and relics of female saints or the history of medicine. There are quotations from Seneca, Meister Eckhart, and the Goncourt brothers mixed in with the equally compelling imagined words of fictional film

directors, actors, and, always, the fascinating Imogen, who is alive now only “ in the perpetual present of the sentence. ” In *The Great Concert of the Night*, Jonathan Buckley expertly interweaves sexual despair, cultural critique, the plot lines of one man ’ s quietly brilliant life, and the problems and paradoxes of writing, especially writing about and to the dead. *Wildlife Prospective Press Teen*

First, I'll tell about the robbery our parents committed. Then about the murders, which happened later. It was more bad instincts and bad luck that lead to Dell Parsons' parents robbing a bank. They weren't reckless people, but in an

instant, their actions alter fifteen-year-old Dell's sense of normal life forever. In the days that follow, he is saved before the authorities think to arrive. Driving across Montana, his life hurtles towards the unknown; a hotel in a deserted town, the violent and enigmatic Arthur Remlinger, and towards Canada itself. But, as Dell discovers, in this new world of secrets and upheaval, he is not the only one whose past lies on the other side of the border.

Border Crossings New York Review of Books Canada
A&C Black
The Bascombe Novels
Post Hill Press

In *I Suck at Girls*, the enhanced e-book

edition, Justin's famously opinionated father goes on camera for the first time, offering life advice on topics from marriage to profanity and debating the appeal of pornography in seven exclusive videos.

Justin's father also tells his version of raising Justin with an essay written in prose as hilarious and poignant as his son's. In addition the enhanced e-book features nine exclusive photos from Justin's childhood. "Human beings fear the unknown. So, whatever's freaking you out, grab it by the balls and say hello. Then it ain't the unknown anymore and it ain't scary. Or I

guess it could be a shitload scarier." Fans of the #1 bestseller *Sh*t My Dad Says* will recognize the always-patient voice of Justin Halpern's dad as it crackles through the pages of this hysterical new book. The story begins when Justin takes his dad out to lunch to announce that he's decided to propose to his girlfriend.

"You've been dating her for four years," his dad replies. "It ain't like you found a parallel fucking universe." But eventually he gives Justin some advice: that he should take a day off and think back over everything he's learned in life about women, relationships, and himself before

making his decision. And that's just what Justin does—revisiting everything from his disastrous childhood crushes to the night he finally lost his virginity while working as a dishwasher at Hooters. *I Suck at Girls* is full of his dad's patented brand of wisdom. But it's also full of new characters just as funny as his dad—from his brother, who provides insights into wedding night rituals ("You stand in one corner of the room, and she stands in the other. You each take off one piece of clothing at a time") to his first boss, who warns Justin to man up: "That's what a man does. He takes his shots and then he

scrubs the shit out of some dishes." The result is a pilgrim's progress through the landscape of sex and love—by one of the funniest writers at work today. Please note that due to the large file size of these special features this enhanced e-book may take longer to download than a standard e-book.

[The Sportswriter](#)

HarperCollins

Graham Greene 's

masterful novel of love and betrayal in World War II

London is "undeniably a major work of art" (The

New Yorker). Maurice

Bendrix, a writer in

Clapham during the Blitz,

develops an acquaintance

with Sarah Miles, the

bored, beautiful wife of a

dull civil servant named

Henry. Maurice claims it 's

to divine a character for

his novel-in-progress. That ' s the first deception. What he really wants is Sarah, and what Sarah needs is a man with passion. So begins a series of reckless trysts doomed by Maurice ' s increasing romantic demands and Sarah ' s tortured sense of guilt. Then, after Maurice miraculously survives a bombing, Sarah ends the affair—quickly, absolutely, and without explanation. It ' s only when Maurice crosses paths with Sarah ' s husband that he discovers the fallout of their duplicity—and it ' s more unexpected than Maurice, Henry, or Sarah herself could have imagined. Adapted for film in both 1956 and 1999, Greene ' s novel of all that inspires love—and all that poisons it—is “ singularly moving and beautiful ” (Evelyn Waugh).

The Lay of the Land

Vintage

As a sportswriter, Frank

Bascombe makes his living studying people--men, mostly--who live entirely within themselves. This is a condition that Frank himself aspires to. But at thirty-eight, he suffers from incurable dreaminess, occasional pounding of the heart, and the not-too-distant losses of a career, a son, and a marriage. In the course of the Easter week in which Ford's moving novel transpires, Bascombe will end up losing the remnants of his familiar life, though with his spirits soaring.

Crow Lake John Wiley & Sons

The first biography of Chilean novelist

Roberto Bola ñ o, the author of the international bestsellers

The Savage

Detectives and 2666
How to know the man
behind works of fiction
so prone to
extravagance? In the
first biography of
Chilean novelist and
poet Roberto Bolaño,
journalist Mónica
Maristain tracks
Bolaño from his
childhood in Chile to his
youth in Mexico and his
early infatuation with
literature, to years of
tremendous literary
productivity in Spain,
and to his untimely
death and the
posthumous and
unprecedented stardom
that came with the
international publication
of his novels *The
Savage Detectives* and
2666. *Bolaño: A
Biography in
Conversations* is

assembled from a
series of rich
interviews with the
people who knew
Bolaño best: we meet
Bolaño's first
publisher, who printed
225 copies of his first
book of poetry; are
introduced to his
parents and an array of
childhood friends, who
watched a precocious
young man turn into an
obsessive writer who
barely left the house;
and witness the birth of
Bolaño's famed
Infrarealist literary
movement. The book
also sheds new light on
aspects of Bolaño's life
that have long been
shrouded in mystery:
for the first time, we
learn the details of his
final illness and the
drama of his final days.

Throughout the book, Maristain present an image far removed from the stereotypes that have been created over the years, with the aim of reintroducing the man whose works grabbed readers worldwide. Maristain writes as a journalist and admirer, impressed with the power of Bola ñ o ' s prose and the cool irony with which he faced the literary world.

The Great Concert of the Night Routledge

A law professor and cultural critic offers an eye-opening exploration of the laws of fashion throughout history, from the middle ages to the present day, examining the canons, mores and customs of clothing rules that we often take for granted

Dress Codes

HarperCollins

This is the first book to analyze our suburban literary tradition.

Tracing the suburb's emergence as a crucial setting and subject of the twentieth-century

American novel, Catherine Jurca

identifies a decidedly masculine obsession with the suburban home and a preoccupation with its

alternative--the

experience of spiritual and emotional dislocation that she terms

"homelessness." In the process, she challenges representations of white

suburbia as prostrated by its own privileges. In

novels as disparate as Tarzan (written by

Tarzana, California, real-estate developer Edgar

Rice Burroughs), Richard Wright's Native Son, and

recent fiction by John

Updike and Richard Ford, literary history and
Jurca finds an emphasis cultural studies, while
on the suburb under telling the story of one of
siege, a place where the our most revered and
fortunate tend to see reviled locations: "the
themselves as powerless. little suburban house at
From Babbitt to Rabbit, number one million and
the suburban novel casts ten Volstead Avenue"
property owners living in that Edith Wharton
communities of their warned would ruin
choosing as dispossessed American life and letters.
people. Material Canada Simon and
advantages become Schuster
artifacts of oppression, Thomas King is the first
and affluence is Native writer to generate
fraudulently identified as widespread interest in both
impoverishment. The Canada and the United
fantasy of victimization States. He has been
reimagines white flight as nominated twice for
a white diaspora. Governor General's
Extending innovative Awards, and his first novel,
trends in the study of Medicine River, has been
nineteenth-century transformed into a CBC
American culture, Jurca's movie. His books have
analysis suggests that been reviewed in
self-pity has played a publications such as The
constitutive role in white New York Times Book
middle-class identity in Review, The Globe and
the twentieth century. Mail, and People magazine.
It King is also the author of
breaks new ground in the serialized radio series
The Dead Dog Caf é and is

an accomplished photographer. *Border Crossings* is the first full-length study to explore King's art. Davidson, Walton, and Andrews employ a framework of postcolonial and border studies theory to examine the concepts of nation, race, and sexuality in King's work. They examine how King's art routinely explores cross-cultural dynamics, including Native rights and race relations, American and Canadian cultural interaction, and the artistic traditions of Europe and North America. The authors argue that, by situating these concepts within a comic framework, King avoids the polemics that often surface in cultural critiques. His writing engages, entertains, and educates. This provocative analysis of King's art reads across cultures and between borders, and makes an important contribution to

the study of Native writing, Canadian and American literature, border studies, and humour studies.

Gatherings from Spain
Penguin

In 2009, Bruce

Springsteen and the E Street Band performed

at the Super Bowl's half-time show. The

experience was so exhilarating that Bruce

decided to write about it. That's how this

extraordinary

autobiography began.

Over the past seven years, Bruce

Springsteen has

privately devoted himself to writing the

story of his life,

bringing to these pages the same honesty,

humour, and originality found in his songs. He

describes growing up

Catholic in Freehold, New Jersey, amid the poetry, danger, and darkness that fueled his imagination, leading up to the moment he refers to as "The Big Bang": seeing Elvis Presley's debut on The Ed Sullivan Show. He vividly recounts his relentless drive to become a musician, his early days as a bar band king in Asbury Park, and the rise of the E Street Band. With disarming candour, he also tells for the first time the story of the personal struggles that inspired his best work, and shows us why the song "Born to Run" reveals more than we previously realized. Free Love A&C Black 'An electrifying account

of gambling addiction ... compelling' The Times 'Searingly honest ... should be in the hands of anyone who has eyed a bet' Daily Mail 'Compulsive' The i 'An in-depth testimony' Daily Telegraph 'An extraordinary story ... vital stuff' Adrian Chiles, BBC Radio 5 Live 'A no-holds-barred journey through gambling addiction and into the hope of recovery' Paul Merson 'Patrick's story will stop you in your tracks' Sam Billings, England cricketer The unputdownable story of a life shattered by a secret gambling addiction – and an uplifting tale of recovery. With a foreword by Marcus Trescothick. For more than 12 years, Patrick Foster lived a double life. Turning 31, a popular and

sociable young teacher and former professional cricketer, he had a lovely girlfriend and a supportive family. But he was hiding a secret and debilitating gambling addiction from even those closest to him. Huge bets had led to huge debts, thousands of lies, and consequences for his mental health that pushed him to the edge of the platform at Slough station, where he was moments from taking his own life in March 2018. That month Patrick had turned a £ 30 bet into £ 28,000, then lost £ 50,000 on a single horse, Might Bite, in the Cheltenham Gold Cup, watching the race in a silent classroom as his students undertook a mock exam in front of him. In his desperation, he had taken out every

possible loan, and borrowed money from family, friends and even the parents of children he taught. Although his life was unravelling around him, he could not stop. You might think that this is just one man's story. But problem gambling affects one in 200 people in the UK alone. Hundreds lose their lives annually as a result. The industry is worth more than £ 14 billion. Might Bite is a shocking, cautionary tale of just how easy it is to fall victim to the insidious lure of 'winning big'. And of how recovery is possible from the depths of addiction, no matter how inescapable it seems. 'As a society, we are only just getting to grips with gambling addiction. Patrick Foster is a trailblazer. His work

will help many.' Marcus
Trescothick