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Selected Stories Modern Library

A reissue of the 1956 novel in which Hatty, a middle-aged woman who grew up feeling out of place in her family and in the world, gains new insights into her past and future while honeymooning in Ibiza with her much-younger husband. Foul Play Suspected Anchor Canada

An NYRB Classics Original Robert Sheckley was an eccentric master of the American short story, and his tales, whether set in dystopic cityscapes, ultramodern advertising agencies, or aboard spaceships lighting out for hostile planets, are among the most startlingly

original of the twentieth century. Today, as the new worlds, alternate universes, and synthetic pleasures Sheckley foretold become our reality, his vision begins to look less absurdist and more prophetic. This retrospective selection, chosen by Jonathan Lethem and Alex Abramovich, brings together the best of Sheckley's deadpan farces, proving once again that he belongs beside such mordant critics of contemporary mores as Bruce Jay Friedman, Terry Southern, and Thomas Pynchon.

The Chrysalids Poppy

In the tradition of novels of Gayle Forman and John Green comes this extraordinary YA debut about a blind teen girl navigating life and love in high school. Parker Grant doesn't need 20/20 vision to see right through you. That's why she created the Rules: Don't treat her any differently

just because she's blind, and never take advantage. There will be no second chances. Just ask Scott Kilpatrick, the boy who broke her heart. When Scott suddenly reappears in her life after being gone for years, Parker knows there's only one way to react--shun him so hard it hurts. She has enough on her mind already, like trying out for the track team (that's right, her eyes don't work but her legs still do), doling out tough-love advice to her painfully naive classmates, and giving herself gold stars for every day she hasn't cried since her dad's death three months ago. But avoiding her

past quickly proves impossible, and the more Parker learns about what really happened--both with Scott, and her dad--the more she starts to question if things are always as they seem. Maybe, just maybe, some Rules are meant to be broken. Combining a fiercely engaging voice with true heart, debut author Eric Lindstrom's *Not If I See You First* illuminates those blind spots that we all have in life, whether visually impaired or not.

On Cats Liveright

Dr. Harry Vanderspeigle is actually a stranded alien explorer hiding out in a sleepy town in the Pacific Northwest. His short time as a doctor in Patience, Washington, has kept him busy solving mysteries though! With a few successes under his belt, Harry tackles another one after the contents of an old briefcase hint that a murderer could be hiding in town in plain sight--using an alias. Sound familiar? Acclaimed creators Peter Hogan (2000 AD, Tom Strong) and Steve Parkhouse

(Milkman Murders, Doctor Who) return to their unique science-fiction/murder-mystery series!

Citizen of the Galaxy Good Press

David Gore becomes concerned that his twelve-year-old son, Matthew, is too old to have an imaginary friend. His concerns deepen as Matthew becomes increasingly distressed and blames it on arguments with this unseen companion, whom he calls "Chocky". As the story unfolds, it becomes clear that the friend is far from imaginary, but is an alien consciousness communicating with Matthew's mind—a fact that is of interest to shadowy government forces.

Mestiza Blood Sourcebooks, Inc.

"I've loved every one of Susanna's books! Bedrock research and a butterfly's delicate touch with characters—historical fiction that sucks you in and won't let go!" —Diana Gabaldon, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Outlander* From international bestselling author Susanna Kearsley comes a historical tale of intrigue and revolution in Scotland, where the exile of King James brought plots, machinations, suspicion and untold bravery to light. Told partially in flashbacks, *The Vanished Days* weaves in and out of the timeline of the author's beloved New York Times bestseller *The Winter Sea*, unraveling an investigation into a young widow's secrets to unveil a plot that resonates to the highest echelons of Scotland's

social and political leaders. In the autumn of 1707, old enemies from the Highlands to the Borders are finding common ground as they join to protest the new Union with England. At the same time, the French are preparing to launch an invasion to bring the young exiled Jacobite king back to Scotland to reclaim his throne, and in Edinburgh the streets are filled with discontent and danger. Queen Anne's commissioners, seeking to calm the situation, have begun paying out money sent up from London to settle the losses and wages owed to those Scots who took part in the disastrous Darien expedition eight years earlier—an ill-fated venture that left Scotland all but bankrupt. When the young widow of a Darien sailor comes forward to collect her husband's wages, her claim is challenged. One of the men assigned to investigate has only days to decide if she's honest, or if his own feelings are blinding him to the truth. Set at the cusp of the eighteenth century, in the midst of the Jacobite Rebellion, *The Vanished Days* is a brilliantly told story of espionage, loyalties divided, boundless courage and enduring love.

Every Eye Gardners Books

Was he a reality, a dream or a nightmare? *Not If I See You First* Sourcebooks, Inc. **BOOKER PRIZE – WINNING AUTHOR** Set in a world in which the Reformation failed, this award-winning science fiction tale is “one of the best . . . alternate-worlds novels in existence” (Philip K. Dick) In Kingsley Amis' s virtuoso foray into virtual history it is

1976, but the modern world is a medieval relic, frozen in intellectual and spiritual time ever since Martin Luther was promoted to pope back in the sixteenth century. Stephen the Third, the king of England, has just died, and Mass (Mozart's second requiem) is about to be sung to lay him to rest. In the choir is our hero, Hubert Anvil, an extremely ordinary ten-year-old boy with a faultless voice. In the audience is a select group of experts whose job is to determine whether that faultless voice should be preserved by performing a certain operation. Art, after all, is worth any sacrifice. How Hubert realizes what lies in store for him and how he deals with the whirlpool of piety, menace, terror, and passion that he soon finds himself in are the subject of a classic piece of counterfactual fiction equal to Philip K. Dick's *The Man in the High Castle*. The *Alteration* won the John W. Campbell Memorial Award for best science-fiction novel in 1976.

Chocky Longman

Was he a reality, a dream or a nightmare?

Wanderers of Time Flame Tree Press

A classic novel from the author of *The Day of the Triffids* and *The Midwich Cuckoos*.

Classic Science Fiction Wildside Press LLC

A youth who has known only the primitive life of a galaxy slave is purchased by a beggar who turns

out to be a man with many extracurricular activities.

Consider *Her Ways* New York Review of Books

Contemporary / British English The island of Tanakuatua seems like heaven to the forty people who go there to create a new society. But soon they start to die in a horrible way. Something strange is in the forest. Two of the group decide to fight!

By John Wyndham Simon and Schuster

"It was surprising what old experiences remembered could do to a presumably educated, civilized man." And Hugh Denismore, a young doctor driving his mother's Cadillac from Los Angeles to Phoenix, is eminently educated and civilized. He is privileged, would seem to have the world at his feet, even. Then why does the sight of a few redneck teenagers disconcert him? Why is he reluctant to pick up a disheveled girl hitchhiking along the desert highway? And why is he the first person the police suspect when she is found dead in Arizona a few days later? Dorothy B. Hughes ranks with Raymond Chandler and Patricia Highsmith as a master of mid-century noir. In books like *In a Lonely*

Place and Ride the Pink Horse she exposed a seething discontent underneath the veneer of twentieth-century prosperity. With *The Expendable Man*, first published in 1963, Hughes upends the conventions of the wrong-man narrative to deliver a story that engages readers even as it implicates them in the greatest of all American crimes.

The Midwich Cuckoos Penguin UK

Katherine Mortenhoe lives in a near future very similar to the present day. Only in her time, dying from anything but old age is unheard of; death has been cured. So when Katherine is diagnosed with a terminal brain disease brought on by an inability to process an ever increasing volume of sensory input, she immediately becomes a celebrity to the "pain-starved public." But Katherine rejects her tragic role: She will not agree to be the star of a *Human Destiny* TV show, her last days will not be documented or broadcast. What she doesn't realize is that from the moment of diagnosis she's been watched, not only by television producers but by a new kind of program host, a man with a camera behind his unsleeping eyes. Like Margaret Atwood's *MaddAddam* trilogy, Kazuo Ishiguro's *Never Let Me Go*, and the television series *Black Mirror*, *The Continuous Katherine Mortenhoe* is a thrilling psychological drama that is as wise about human nature as it is about the nature of technology.

Cousin Kate Rosetta Books

"This fable lifts a great freight of ideas effortlessly... The story of an expedition driven on by wishes of possession and power but guided internally by myths of America whose sources lie in the late 20th century." —Guardian Following the energy crisis of the late twentieth century, America has been abandoned. Now, a century later, a small group of European explorers returns to the now climatically mutated continent. But America is unrecognizable—the Bering Strait has been dammed and much of the country has become a desert, populated by isolated natives and the bizarre remnants of a disintegrated culture. The expedition sets off from Manhattan on a cross-country journey, through Holiday Inns and abandoned theme parks, to uncover a shocking new power in the heart of Las Vegas.

The Secret People New York Review of Books
Thelma is six years old. Life at home is unsettling and disturbing; her father's games are not enjoyable and her mother dotes on Willy, the favoured child. When her parents move to Canada, Thelma smuggles her imaginary friends with her in her suitcase. By turns harrowing and wonderfully funny, *Mouthing the Words* tells Thelma's story of sexual abuse, anorexia, borderline multiple personality disorder and her return to England. Reminiscent of Jeanette Winterson and Sylvia Plath, *Mouthing the Words* is a remarkable and inspiring fiction debut

The Science of Ghosts New York Review of Books

In *Chocky*, pioneering science-fiction master John Wyndham confronts an enigma as strange as anything found in his classic works *The Day of the Triffids* or *The Chrysalids*—the mind of a child. It's not terribly unusual for a boy to have an imaginary friend, but Matthew's parents have to agree that his—nicknamed *Chocky*—is anything but ordinary. Why, *Chocky* demands to know, are there twenty-four hours in a day? Why are there two sexes? Why can't Matthew solve his math homework using a logical system like binary code? When the questions *Chocky* asks become too advanced and, frankly, too odd for teachers to answer, Matthew's parents start to wonder if *Chocky* might be something far stranger than a figment of their son's imagination. *Chocky*, the last novel Wyndham published during his life, is a playful investigation of what being human is all about, delving into such matters as child-rearing, marriage, learning, artistic inspiration—and ending with a surprising and impassioned plea for better human stewardship of the earth.

Chocky Dark Horse Comics

Chocky New York Review of Books

The Stories of Robert Sheckley New York Review of Books

Are ghosts real? Are there truly haunted places, only haunted people, or both? And how can we know? Taking neither a credulous nor a dismissive approach, this first-of-its-kind book solves those perplexing mysteries and more—even answering the question of why we care so very much. Putting aside purely romantic tales, this book examines the actual evidence for ghosts—from eyewitness accounts to mediumistic productions (such as diaphanous forms materializing in dim light), spirit photographs, ghost-detection phenomena, and even CSI-type trace evidence. Offering numerous exciting case studies, this book engages in serious investigation rather than breathless mystifying. Pseudoscience, folk legends, and outright hoaxes are challenged and exposed, while the historical, cultural, and scientific aspects of ghost experiences and haunting reports are carefully explored. The author—the world's only professional paranormal investigator—brings his skills as a stage magician, private detective, folklorist, and forensic science writer to bear on a topic that demands serious study.

Prequel To: "Chocky's Challenge" by Mark Daniel Taylor & Francis

A short story collection of nightmares, dreams, desire and visions centered around the Chicana experience. The stunning, star-

reviewed V. Castro weaves urban legend, folklore, life experience and heartache in this intimate anthology of modern horrors. From the lauded author of *The Queen of the Cicadas* (which picked up starred reviews from PW, Kirkus and Booklist who called her "a dynamic and innovative voice") comes a short story collection of nightmares, dreams, desire and visions focused on the Chicana experience.

V. Castro weaves urban legend, folklore, life experience and heartache in this personal journey beginning in south Texas: a bar where a devil dances the night away; a street fight in a neighborhood that may not have been a fight after all; a vengeful chola at the beginning of the apocalypse; mind swapping in the not so far future; satan who falls and finds herself in a brothel in Amsterdam; the keys to Mictlan given to a woman after she dies during a pandemic. The collection finishes with two longer tales: *The Final Porn Star* is a twist on the final girl trope and slasher, with a creature from Mexican folklore; and *Truck Stop* is an erotic horror romance with two hearts: a video store and a truck stop. FLAME TREE PRESS is the imprint of long-

standing Independent Flame Tree Publishing, dedicated to full-length original fiction in the horror and suspense, science fiction & fantasy, and crime / mystery / thriller categories. The list brings together fantastic new authors and the more established; the award winners, and exciting, original voices.