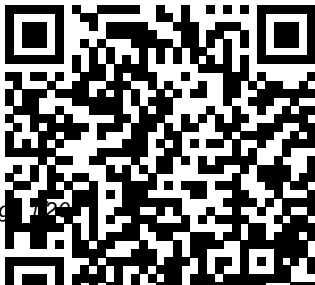

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Possessed, Or, The Secret of Myslotch
Cornell University Press

Witold Gombrowicz (1904-1969) was born and lived in Poland for the first half of his life but spent twenty-four years as an émigré in Argentina before returning to Europe to live in West Berlin and finally Vence, France. His works have always been of interest to those studying Polish or Argentinean or Latin American literature, but in recent years the trend toward a transnational perspective in scholarship has brought his work to increasing prominence. Indeed, the complicated web of transnational contact zones where Polish, Argentinean, French and German cultures intersect to influence

his work is now seen as the appropriate lens through which his creativity ought to be examined. This volume contributes to the transnational interpretation of Gombrowicz by bringing together a distinguished group of North American, Latin American, and European scholars to offer new analyses in three distinct themes of study that have not as yet been greatly explored — Translation, Affect and Politics. How does one translate not only Gombrowicz's words into various languages, but the often cultural-laden meaning and the particular style and tone of his writing? What is it that passes between author and reader that causes an affect? How did Gombrowicz's negotiation of the

turbulent political worlds of Poland and Argentina shape his writing? The three divisions of this collection address these questions from multiple perspectives, thereby adding significantly to little known aspects of his work.

Gombrowicz in Transnational Context Yale University Press

George Sand was the most famous, and the most scandalous, woman in nineteenth-century France. As a writer, she was enormously prolific: she wrote more than ninety novels, thirty-five plays, and thousands of pages of autobiography. She inspired writers as diverse as Flaubert and Proust but is often remembered for her love affairs with such figures as Musset and Chopin. Her affair

with Chopin is the most notorious: their nine-year relationship ended in 1847 when Sand began to suspect that the composer had fallen in love with her daughter, Solange. Drawing on archival sources, much of it neglected by Sand's previous biographers, Elizabeth Harlan examines the intertwined issues of maternity and identity that haunt Sand's writing and defined her life. Why was Sand's relationship with her daughter so fraught? Why was a woman so famous for her personal and literary audacity ultimately so conflicted about women's liberation? In an effort to solve the riddle of Sand's identity, Harlan examines a latticework of lives that include Solange, Sand's mother and grandmother, and Sand's own protagonists, whose stories amplify her own.

Cosmos Bloomsbury Publishing USA

One man's obsession with Artforum magazine takes us on a hilarious journey to the ultimate meaning of the very creation of art. Artforum is certainly one of César Aira's most charming, quirky, and funny books to date. Consisting of a series of interrelated stories about his compulsion to collect Artforum magazine, this is not about art so much as it is about passionate obsession. At first we follow our hapless collector from magazine shops to used bookstores hunting for copies of Artforum. A friend alerts him to a copy somewhere and he obsesses about actually going to get it—will the shop be open, will the copy already be sold? Finally he takes out a subscription, but then it never comes, so he hounds the mailman. There's the day his stash of Artforums gets rained on, but only one absorbs the water. And

interspersed is a wacky chapter about the mystery of the broken clothespins. "How weird." "How crazy."

Becoming Abigail Dalkey Archive Press

First published in Polish in 1932, *The Career of Nicodemus Dyzma* was Tadeusz Dolega-Mostowicz's breakout novel. Dyzma is an unemployed clerk who crashes a swanky party, where he makes an offhand crass remark that sets him on a new course. Soon high society—from government ministers to drug-fueled aristocrats—wants a piece of him. As Dyzma's status grows, his vulgarity is interpreted as authenticity and strength. He is unable to comprehend complicated political matters, but his cryptic responses are celebrated as wise introspection. His willingness to do anything to hold on to power—flip-flopping on political positions, inventing xenophobic plots, even having enemies assaulted—only leads to greater success. Dolega-Mostowicz wrote his novel in a newly

independent Poland rampant with political corruption and populist pandering. Jerzy Kosinski borrowed heavily from the novel when he wrote *Being There*, and readers of both books will recognize similarities between their plots. This biting political satire—by turns hilarious and disturbing, contemptuous and sympathetic—is an indictment of a system in which money and connections matter above all else, bluster and ignorance are valorized, and a deeply incompetent man rises to the highest spheres of government.

Ferdydurke Text Publishing

A balloonist finds himself set upon by erotic lepers...a passenger on a ship notices a human eye on the deck...a group of aristocrats enjoy a vegetarian dish made from human flesh...a virginal young girl gnaws raw meat from a bone...a

notorious ruffian is terrorized by a rat. Welcome to the bizarre universe of Witold Gombrowicz, whose legendary short story collection is presented here for the first time in English. These tales, hilarious, disturbing, and brilliantly written, are utterly unique in world literature. After reading them, you'll never be the same.

The Lime Twig Routledge

This magnificent and witty study by an unrecognized innovator seeks to define and explore the nature of "nonsense" in literature. Relying mainly on readings of Lewis Carroll and Edward Lear, Elizabeth Sewall not only sets out plausible boundaries for what or

does not constitutes gibberish, but 1950s—fills the gap in our elucidates just how much of what is knowledge. Written in a considered "sensible" writing must straightforward way without his rely on nonsense for its power. famous linguistic inventions, the Comparable only to the greatest book presents an engaging account works of Viktor Shklovsky, The of Gombrowicz's childhood, youth, Field of Nonsense is a masterpiece literary beginnings, and fellow of American literary criticism. writers in interwar Poland and reveals how these experiences and individuals shaped his seemingly outlandish concepts about the self, culture, art, and society. In addition, the book helps readers understand the numerous autobiographical allusions in his fiction and brings a new level of understanding and appreciation to his life and work.

Pornografia Penguin
Although Witold Gombrowicz's unique, idiosyncratic writings include a three-volume Diary, this voluminous document offers few facts about his early life in Poland before his books were banned there and he went into voluntary exile. Polish Memories—a series of autobiographical sketches Gombrowicz composed for Radio Free Europe during his years in Argentina in the late

Cosmos Yale University Press
Here are two major works by the famed Polish novelist and

dramatist Witold Gombrowicz. The first, *Cosmos*, a metaphysical thriller, revolves around an absurd investigation. It is set in provincial Poland and narrated by a seedy, pathetic, and witty student who is charming and appalling by turns, and whose voice is dense with the richly palpable description that characterizes Gombrowicz's writing. The second, *Pornografia*, explores the sinister effect the young can have on the old. To serve their own secret eroticism, two aging intellectuals encourage a young couple to commit murder. Although the adolescents are the weapons used to commit the crime, the four become conspirators before the deed is done.

Cosmos State University of New

York Press

"Two young men meet by chance in a Polish resort town in the Carpathian Mountains. Intending to spend their vacation relaxing, they find a secluded family-run pension. But the two become embroiled first in a macabre event on the way to the pension, then in the peculiar activities and psychological travails of the family running it." -- Cover.
Guesthouse for Ganesha Grove Press

As narrow, nationalist views of patriotic allegiance have become widespread and are routinely invoked to justify everything from flag-waving triumphalism to xenophobic

bigotry, the concept of a nonnationalist patriotism has vanished from public conversation. Taking Liberties is a study of what may be called patriotism without borders: a nonnational form of loyalty compatible with the universal principles and practices of democracy and human rights, respectful of ethnic and cultural diversity, and, overall, open-minded and inclusive. Moving beyond a traditional study of Polish dramatic literature, Halina Filipowicz turns to the plays themselves and to archival materials, ranging from parliamentary speeches to polemical pamphlets and verse broadsides, to explore the cultural phenomenon of transgressive patriotism and its implications for society in the twenty-first century. In addition to recovering lost or forgotten materials, the author builds an innovative conceptual and methodological framework to make sense of those materials. The result is not only a significant contribution to the debate over the meaning and practice of patriotism, but a masterful intellectual history.

Postmodern Sublime New Directions Publishing

In this bitterly funny novel by the renowned Polish author Witold Gombrowicz, a writer finds himself tossed into a chaotic world of schoolboys by a diabolical professor who wishes to reduce him to childishness. Originally published in Poland in 1937, *Ferdydurke* became an instant literary sensation and catapulted the young author to fame. Deemed scandalous and subversive by Nazis, Stalinists, and the Polish Communist regime in turn, the novel (as well as all of Gombrowicz's other works) was officially banned in Poland for decades. It has nonetheless remained one of the most influential works of twentieth-century European literature. *Ferdydurke* is translated here directly from the Polish for the first time. Danuta Borchardt deftly captures Gombrowicz's playful and idiosyncratic style, and she allows English speakers to experience fully the masterpiece of a writer whom Milan Kundera describes as "one of the great novelists of our century."

A Kind of Testament London : Calder and Boyars

A landmark autobiography written by a Polish expatriate living in Argentina is presented in a single-volume edition, now with previously unpublished pages

restored. Original.

Cosmos Biblioasis

Focusing on works by Norman Mailer, Thomas Pynchon, Joseph McElroy, and Don DeLillo, Joseph Tabbi finds that a simultaneous attraction to and repulsion from technology has produced a powerful new mode of modern writing—the technological sublime.

A Guide to Philosophy in Six Hours and Fifteen Minutes Seix Barral

The debut novella from one of contemporary fiction's most exciting young voices, now in a new edition. Salem, Massachusetts, 1851: McGlue is in the hold, still too drunk to be sure of name or situation or

orientation—he may have killed a man. That man may have been his best friend. Intolerable memory accompanies sobriety. A-sail on the high seas of literary tradition, Ottessa Moshfegh gives us a nasty heartless blackguard on a knife-sharp voyage through the fogs of recollection. They said I've done something wrong? . . . And they've just left me down here to starve. They'll see this inanition and be so damned they'll fall to my feet and pass up hot cross buns slathered in fresh butter and beg I forgive them. All of them . . . : the entire world one by one. Like a

good priest I'll pat their heads A brilliant, funny and
and nod. I'll dunk my skull into heartbreaking account of
a barrel of gin. people in formerly Communist
Ferdydurke Akashic Books countries who are nostalgic
'One of the truest and most for how they used to live. For
beautiful things I've read.' hundreds of years, Bulgarian
Tim Flannery I used to bottle- Gypsies trained bears to
feed my father's two bears. dance, welcoming them into
When my son was born, they their families and taking them
were kept together. There on the road to perform. In the
were plenty of times when I early 2000s, after the fall of
got it wrong-the baby drank Communism, they were forced to
from the bear's bottle, and release the bears into a
the bear from his. So when wildlife refuge. But, even
they fired me from the today, whenever the bears see
collective farm, I knew one a human, they still get up on
thing: if I wanted to go on their hind legs to dance. In
living, I had to find a bear. the tradition of Ryszard

Kapu?ci?ski, award-winning Polish journalist Witold Szablowski tells remarkable stories of people throughout Eastern Europe and in Cuba who, like Bulgaria's dancing bears, are now free but long for when they were not. He describes hitchhiking through Kosovo as it declares independence, arguing with the guides at the Stalin Museum, and sleeping in London's Victoria Station alongside a homeless Polish woman. Dancing Bears is a fascinating portrait of social and economic upheaval, and a	lesson in the challenges of freedom and the seductions of authoritarian rule. Witold Szablowski is an award-winning Polish journalist. His 2013 book about Turkey, The Assassin from Apricot City, won the Beata Pawlak Award and an English PEN award, and was nominated for the Nike Award, Poland's most prestigious book prize. Antonia Lloyd-Jones is a leading translator from Polish, and has twice won the Found in Translation Award. She is a mentor for the UK's Emerging Translators' Mentorship Programme, and a
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former co-chair of the Translators Association. 'Heartrending...A sharply drawn account of people in "newly free societies" who long for life to be the same as it was in the unfree past...Connected by the allegory of performing bears, Szabowski's melancholy personality studies underscore freedom's challenges and the seductions of authoritarian rule.' Publishers Weekly 'Elegantly pulling together the varied threads, Szabowski combines personal histories, letting his interviewee do the	talking, with a unique storytelling device. As a result, Dancing Bears is both a compelling social history and a stunning example of literary journalism.' AU Review 'Polish journalist Witold Szabowski uncovers life after communism with a curious, humorous and, at times, tender account of regular folk struggling to come to terms with the new world.' Adelaide Review 'Witold Szabowski is a born storyteller. His reports from the post-Communist world read like fairy-tales with the
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stench of reality. Absurd, darkly funny, compassionate, his book is a literary jewel.' Ian Buruma 'Mixing bold journalism with bolder allegories, Mr Szablowski teaches us with witty persistence that we must desire freedom rather than simply expect it.' Timothy Snyder 'Utterly original... Provokes a far-reaching and unresolved conversation about what freedom might really mean.' New York Times Book Review 'Fascinating.' Otago Daily Times 'A compelling and

nuanced portrait of the push between the freedoms of modernity and nostalgia for the old communist system... [Szablowski] displays the qualities of a top-notch reporter: an eye for telling detail and - inherent sympathy for his subject.' Australian 'Riveting.' Overland
Cosmos New Directions Publishing
Milan Kundera called Witold Gombrowicz one of the great novelists of our century. His most famous novel, *Cosmos*, the recipient of the 1967

International Prize for Literature, is now available in a critically acclaimed translation, for the first time directly from the Polish, by the award-winning translator Danuta Borcardt. *Cosmos* is a metaphysical noir thriller narrated by Witold, a seedy, pathetic, and witty student, who is charming and appalling by turns. On his way to a relaxing vacation he meets the despondent Fuks. As they set off together for a family-run pension in the Carpathian Mountains they discover a dead bird hanging from a string. Is this a strange but meaningless occurrence or is it the beginning of a string of bizarre events? As the young men become embroiled in the Chekhovian travails of the family running the pension, Grombrowicz creates a gripping narrative where the reader questions who is sane and who is safe?

The Field of Nonsense Penguin
It's tough to be an accountant in a time of war. It's tough to be a poet, young and earnest, while your family struggles to make ends meet and your friends risk their lives to sabotage the Nazis in your occupied streets. It's tough to be in love with the idea of being in

love, even as your country has been turned into a factory of death. For Jurek, though, it is impossible not to be all these things, and he may have found the one place on earth where his optimism and lyricism make sense. A psychiatric hospital just outside of Warsaw needs someone to keep the books. In ordinary times, the hospital in the village of Tworki is synonymous with bedlam. But in these extraordinary times, its walled gardens and manicured walks frame an unlikely idyll, with Jurek its unlikely hero. Here Goethe and Dürer discourse on philosophy and art; Newton conjures new theories; and Rubens dabbles with his paints. Great emperors, now of gentler disposition, have traded their armies for cards. And the only thing that threatens to break the routine is an occasional picnic. But the happiness Jurek finds in Tworki is perforated by melancholy. For life involves risk, and there is no longer such a thing as a small risk. People are disappearing. There are strange columns of smoke on the horizon. As the realities of war swallow the world beyond the hospital walls, Jurek and his friends must try to rediscover and salvage whatever beauty they

can.

Diary Cosmos

A NATIONAL BESTSELLER * A NEW YORK
TIMES BOOK REVIEW EDITORS' CHOICE
* A WASHINGTON POST BEST BOOK OF
THE YEAR "An invigorating work,
deadly precise in its skewering of
people, places and things . . .
Stylish, despairing and very
funny, Fake Accounts . . .
adroitly maps the dwindling gap
between the individual and the
world." -Katie Kitamura, The New
York Times Book Review A woman in
a tailspin discovers that her
boyfriend is an anonymous online
conspiracy theorist in this
"absolutely brilliant take on the
bizarre and despicable ways the
internet has warped our perception
of reality" (Elle, One of the Most

Anticipated Books of the Year). On
the eve of Donald Trump's
inauguration, a young woman snoops
through her boyfriend's phone and
makes a startling discovery: he's
an anonymous internet conspiracy
theorist, and a popular one at
that. Already fluent in internet
fakery, irony, and outrage, she's
not exactly shocked by the
revelation. Actually, she's
relieved--he was always a little
distant--and she plots to end their
floundering relationship while on a
trip to the Women's March in DC.
But this is only the first in a
series of bizarre twists that
expose a world whose truths are
shaped by online lies. Suddenly
left with no reason to stay in New
York and increasingly alienated

from her friends and colleagues, our unnamed narrator flees to Berlin, embarking on her own cycles of manipulation in the deceptive spaces of her daily life, from dating apps to expat meetups, open-plan offices to bureaucratic waiting rooms. She begins to think she can't trust anyone--shouldn't the feeling be mutual? Narrated with seductive confidence and subversive wit, *Fake Accounts* challenges the way current conversations about the self and community, delusions and gaslighting, and fiction and reality play out in the internet age.

The Lute and the Scars

Northwestern University Press
Why do we read? What do we

cherish in a book? What is the nature of a masterpiece? What do Alice Munro, Albert Camus, and the great Polish experimentalist Witold Gombrowicz have in common? In the tradition of Nabokov, Calvino, and Kundera, Douglas Glover's new essay collection fuses his long experience as an author with his love of philosophy and his passion for form. Call it a new kind of criticism or an operator's manual for readers and writers, *The Erotics of Restraint* extends Glover's long and deeply personal conversation with great books and their authors. With the same dazzling

mix of emotion and idea that characterizes his fiction, he dissects narrative and shows us how and why it works, why we love it, and how that makes us human. Erudite and obsessively detailed, inventive, confessional, and cheeky, these essays offer a brilliant clarity, a respite in an age of doubt. They raise the bar.

Cosmo Yale University Press Gold Award in the Regional Fiction (Europe) category of the 2020 IPPY Awards Gold Medal in the Fiction-Literary category of the 2020 Readers' Favorite Book Awards Silver Award in the Audiobook: Fiction

category of the 2020 IBPA Benjamin Franklin Awards

"Teitelman paints an intensely beautiful world in which different cultures merge in surprising ways. . . . A rich and moving story about an unlikely pair." –Kirkus Reviews

In 1923, seventeen-year-old Esther Grünspan arrives in Köln "with a hardened heart as her sole luggage." Thus begins a twenty-two-year journey, woven against the backdrops of the European Holocaust and the Hindu Kali Yuga (the "Age of Darkness" when human civilization degenerates spiritually), in search of a place of sanctuary.

Throughout her travails, using cunning and shrewdness, Esther relies on her masterful tailoring skills to help mask her Jewish heritage, navigate war-torn Europe, and emigrate to India. Esther's traveling companion and the novel's narrator is Ganesha, the elephant-headed Hindu God worshipped by millions for his abilities to destroy obstacles, bestow wishes, and avenge evils. Impressed by Esther's fortitude and relentless determination, born of her deep—though unconscious—understanding of the meaning and purpose of love, Ganesha, with compassion, insight, and poetry, chooses to highlight her story because he recognizes it is all of our stories—for truth resides at the essence of its telling. Weaving Eastern beliefs and perspectives with Western realities and pragmatism, *Guesthouse for Ganesha* is a tale of love, loss, and spirit reclaimed.