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Ferdydurke Bloomsbury Publishing USA

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written by a Polish expatriate living in Argentina is presented in a single-volume edition, now with previously unpublished pages restored.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

A Guide to Philosophy in Six Hours and Fifteen Minutes

Dalkey Archive Press

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.

Cosmos Yale University Press

"Compelling and gorgeously written, this is a coming-of-age novella like no other. Chris Abani explores the depths of loss and exploitation with what can only be described as a knowing tenderness. An extraordinary, necessary

book."—Cristina Garcia, author of *Dreaming in Cuban*
"Abani's voice brings perspective to every moment, turning pain into a beautiful painterly meditation on loss and aloneness."—Aimee

Bender, author of *The Girl in the Flammable Skirt* "Abani's empathy for Abigail's torn life is matched only by his honesty in portraying it. Nothing at all is held back. A harrowing piece of work."—Peter Orner, author of *The Esther Stories Tough*, spirited, and fiercely independent Abigail is brought as a teenager to London from Nigeria by relatives who attempt to force her into prostitution. She flees, struggling to find herself in the shadow of a strong but dead mother. In spare yet haunting and lyrical prose reminiscent of Marguerite Duras, Abani brings to life a young woman who lives with a strength and inner light that will enlighten and uplift the reader. Chris Abani is a poet and novelist

and the author, most recently, of *GraceLand*, which won the 2005 PEN/Hemingway Prize, a Silver Medal in the California Book Awards, and was a finalist for several other prizes including the Los Angeles Times Book Prize. His other prizes include a PEN Freedom-to-Write Award, a Prince Claus Award, and a Lannan Literary Fellowship. He lives and teaches in California. **Cosmos Penguin**
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 Sewell not only sets out plausible boundaries for what or does not constitutes gibberish, but elucidates just how much of what is considered "sensible" writing must rely on nonsense for its power. Comparable only to the greatest works of Viktor Shklovsky, *The Field of Nonsense* is a masterpiece of American literary criticism. **Futurability Cosmos**
In the pre-World War II period--an era marked by the crumbling aristocracy-two

young people searching for their identities become involved in the ancient struggle between good and evil
Cosmo London : Calder and Boyars
The theme of the play is the contrast between social classes. The aristocracy or a "ruling group" are the poor people, "lackeys" and "rascals". The wrapping of the nobility in their sumptuous costumes is questioned by protagonist Albertinchen, who demands an immediate, undisguised truth with her "cry for nudity" : "Albertinchen, a young girl, opposes the desire for nudity - initially verbally - to the disgracefulness of her environment, she irritates a world that can no longer imagine existence without 'fashion', without veiled costumes.
Cosmos Seix Barral
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.

The Erotics of Restraint Biblioasis

"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.

Cosmos Yale University Press

A great masterpiece never before available in English, Kornél Esti is the wild final book by a Hungarian genius. Crazy, funny and gorgeously dark, Kornél Esti sets into rollicking action a series of adventures about a man and his wicked doppelgänger, who breathes every forbidden idea of his childhood into his ear, and then reappears decades later. Part Gogol, part Chekhov, and all brilliance, Kosztolányi in his final book serves up his most magical, radical, and intoxicating work. Here is a novel which inquires: What if your id (loyally keeping your name) decides to strike out on its own, cuts a disreputable swath through the world, and then sends home to you all its unpaid bills and ruined maidens? And then: What if you and your alter ego decide to write a book together?

Postmodern Sublime

Penguin

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.

Rhetoric of Failure, The

Northwestern University Press
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 and nod. I'll dunk my skull into a barrel of gin.

The Lute and the Scars Grove Press

CosmosGrove Press

Cosmos New Directions Publishing

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.

Cosmos Cornell University Press

Against a background of

oppression and exile, the debate between death and writing continues unabated in *The Lute and the Scars*: death as allegory or symbolic act, and writing as the one impregnable defense, the only means of survival.

Pornografia Akashic Books
Polish, Hybrid, and Otherwise examines the triple compact made by displaced authors with language, their host country, and the homeland left behind. It considers the entwined phenomena of expatriation and homelessness, and the artistic responses to these conditions, including reconstructions of identity and the creation of idealized new homelands. Conrad and Gombrowicz, writers who lived with the condition of exile, were in the vanguard of what today has become a thriving intellectual community of transnationals whose calling card is precisely their hybridity and fluency in multiple cultural traditions.

Conrad and Gombrowicz's Polish childhoods emerge as cultural touchstones against which they formulated their writing philosophies. Gasyna claims that in both cases negotiating exile involved processes of working through a traumatic past through the construction of narrative personae that served as strategic doubles. Both authors engaged in extensive manipulation of their public image. Above all, Conrad and

Gombrowicz's narratives are united by a desire for a linguistic refuge, a proposed home-in-language, and a set of techniques deployed in the representation of their predicament as subjects caught in-between.

Operetta Northwestern University Press

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.”

Possessed, Or, The Secret of Myslotch Grove Press

Within the genre of crime fiction, Gombrowicz explores the angst of human existence *Polish, Hybrid, and Otherwise* She Writes 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.

Kornel Esti Random House (NY)

The largest and richest English-language volume of poetry from “the greatest twentieth-century writer you have never heard of” (Los Angeles Times) Edited, Translated, and with an

Introduction by Richard Zenith, the author of the magisterial biography *Pessoa* A Penguin Classic Writing obsessively in French, English, and Portuguese, poet Fernando Pessoa (1888–1935) left a prodigious body of work, much of it credited to three “heteronyms”? Alberto Caeiro, Ricardo Reis, and Alvaro de Campos? alter egos with startlingly different styles, points of view, and biographies. Offering a unique sampling of his most famous voices, this collection features Pessoa’s major, best-known works and several stunning poems that have come to light only in this century, including his long, highly autobiographical swan song. Featuring a rich body of work that has never before been translated into English, this is the finest introduction available to the stunning breadth of Pessoa’s genius.

Artforum Yale University

Press

A Kind of Testament is an autobiographical account of the life and work of one of Poland’s most important novelists and playwrights, and one of the twentieth century’s greatest literary minds. Written in France in 1968, Gombrowicz’s personal testimony explores the relationship between the writer as artist and as human being, revealing how complex and extraordinary this relationship can be.