Dirty Snow Georges Simenon

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Three Crimes Penguin UK

Nineteen-year-old Frank Friedmaier lives in a country under occupation. Most people struggle to get by; Frank takes it easy in his mother's whorehouse, which caters to members of the occupying forces. But Frank is restless. He is a pimp, a thug, a petty thief, and, as Dirty Snow opens, he has just killed his first man. Through the unrelenting darkness and cold of an endless winter, Frank will pursue abjection will stop at nothing to rescue him. 2001. The country is in the until at last there is nowhere to go. Hans Koning has described Dirty Snow as "one of the building in the streets of Buenos Aires. This time Alzada is very few novels to come out of German-occupied determined to keep his head down and wait patiently for his France that gets it exactly right." In a study of the criminal mind that is comparable to Jim Thompson's The Killer Inside Me, Simenon maps a no man's land of the spirit in which human nature is driven to destruction-and redemption, perhaps, as well-by forces beyond its control.

Maigret's Boyhood Friend Penguin UK

Monsieur Monde is a successful middle-aged businessman in Paris. One morning he walks out on his life, leaving his wife asleep in bed, leaving everything. Not long after, he surfaces on the Riviera, keeping company with drunks, whores and pimps, with thieves and their marks. A whole new world, where he feels surprisingly at home—at least for a while. Georges Simenon knew how obsession, buried for years, can come to life, and about the wreckage it leaves

behind. He had a remarkable understanding of how bizarrely unaccountable people can be. And he had an almost uncanny ability movements were hard to make out. Very red lips stood out from to capture the look and feel of a given place and time. Monsieur Monde Vanishes is a subtle and profoundly disturbing triumph by the most popular of the twentieth century's great writers.

Maigret's Doubts Harvest Books

Now a Best First Novel 2022 ITW Thriller Awards Nominee A Library Journal Top Winter Debut: "Strong characterization, nail-biting suspense, social relevance." Two moments in time, twenty years apart, one last chance at redemption. What would you do with a second chance? 1981. Argentina is in the grip of a brutal military dictatorship. Inspector Joaquín Alzada's work in the Buenos Aires police force exposes him to the many realities of life under a repressive regime: desperate people, terrified people and —worst of all—missing people. Personally, he prefers greatest novels are covered, from Quixote (1614) to Orhan Pamuk 's Snow But when his revolutionary brother Jorge is disappeared, Alzada suggestions for what to read next. The guide comes complete with midst of yet another devastating economic crisis and riots are retirement. But when a dead body is found behind the morgue and a woman from one of the city's wealthiest families goes missing, Alzada is forced to confront his own involvement in one of the darkest periods in Argentinian history—a time of collective horror and personal tragedy.

Pedigree Penguin

"One of the greatest writers of the twentieth century . . . Simenon was unequaled at making us look inside, though the ability was masked by his brilliance at absorbing us obsessively in his stories. " —The Guardian The basis for the 1947 French film noir classic Panique, which was rereleased in January 2017 Georges Simenon's chilling portrayal of tragic love, persecution and betrayal "One sensed in him neither flesh nor

bone, nothing but soft, flaccid matter, so much so that his his orb-like face, as did the thin moustache that he curled with an iron and looked as if it had been drawn on with India ink; on his cheekbones were the symmetrical pink dots of a doll's cheeks. "People find Mr. Hire strange, disconcerting. The tenants in his building try to avoid him. He is a peeping Tom, a frequent client of sex workers, a dealer in unsavory literature. He is also the prime suspect for a brutal murder that he did not commit. But Mr. Hire 's innocence will not stand in the way of those looking for a scapegoat as tragedy unfolds in this quietly devastating and deeply unnerving novel.

The 100 Best Novels in Translation Penguin

Get the lowdown on the best fiction ever written. Over 230 of the world 's to stay out of politics, enjoying a simple life with his wife Paula. (2002), with fascinating information about their plots and their authors - and recommendations of the best editions and translations for every genre from the most enticing crime and punishment to love, sex, heroes and anti-heroes, not to mention all the classics of comedy and satire, horror and mystery and many other literary genres. With feature boxes on experimental novels, female novelists, short reviews of interesting film and TV adaptations, and information on how the novel began, this guide will point you to all the classic literature you 'll ever need.

Three Bedrooms in Manhattan Black Dog & Leventhal Publishers

"One of the greatest writers of the twentieth century . . . Simenon was unequaled at making us look inside, though the ability was masked by his brilliance at absorbing us obsessively in his stories. "—The Guardian When a mysterious letter writer warns Inspector Maigret that a murder is imminent, Maigret must trace the messages back to their source before it is too late When a series of letters, penned on expensive stationery, arrives at Maigret's desk claiming that a murder will take place but that the writer is unsure as to who will die, who will do the killing, and when the killing will occur, Maigret's interest is piqued. He quickly traces the stationery back to the house of Emile Parendon, an eminent lawyer. But once there, the inspector finds that pinning down clues to a crime not yet committed isn't easy. When a murder does take place, the identity of the victim surprises even Maigret. A twisty and

engrossing mystery, Maigret Hesitates puts the great detective's powers to the

Maigret and the Man on the Bench Penguin Classics

Maigret finds himself back on the Rue des Acacias just ten days after cracking another case there. This time it is the murder of a criminal Maigret has known for over twenty years and one he always suspected was behind a string of jewellery robberies in the city. Maigret's patience is tested as he eliminates neighbour by neighbour in his hunt for the murderer. Penguin is publishing the entire series of Maigret novels in new translations. This novel has been published in a previous translation as Maigret Bides His Time. 'His artistry is supreme' John Banville 'One of the greatest writers of the twentieth century . . . Simenon was unequalled at making us look inside, though the ability was masked by his brilliance at absorbing us obsessively in his stories' Guardian Maigret and the Bum The Snow Was Dirty

Inspector Maigret is meant to be taking a holiday, but he can't resist following the development of his colleague Janvier's case in the papers and playing a few tricks on the way. Standing here at the window in the middle of the morning, vaguely observing the comings and goings in the In a perfect marriage of author and subject, P. D. James—one of street, he had a feeling that reminded of certain days in his childhood, when his mother was still alive and he was off school because he had the 'flu or it was the end of term. It was the feeling of finding out 'what went on when he wasn't there'. Penguin is publishing the entire series of Maigret novels in new translations. This novel has been published in a previous translation as Maigret's Little Joke. 'His artistry is supreme' John Banville 'One of the greatest writers of the twentieth century . . . Simenon was unequalled at making us look inside, though the ability was masked by his brilliance at absorbing us obsessively in his stories' Guardian'

The Rough Guide to Classic Novels Penguin UK

The first English publication of Georges Simenon's compelling novel about summer escape and elusive obsessions. 'The island itself. Its throbbing heat as if in a belliar under the sun, the scorpion in his son's bed, the deafening sound of cicadas' During his first holiday on the island of Porguerolles Dr Mah é caught a glimpse of something irresistible. As the memory continues to haunt him, he falls prey to a delusion that may offer an escape from his conventional existence - or may destroy him. This is the first English translation of The Mah é Circle, Simenon's dark, malevolent depiction of an ordinary man trapped in mundanity and consumed by obsession. 'Compelling, remorseless, brilliant' John Gray 'One of the greatest writers of the twentieth century . . . Simenon was unequalled at making us look inside, though the ability was masked by his brilliance at absorbing us obsessively in his stories' Guardian 'A supreme writer . . . unforgettable vividness' Independent Maigret Hesitates Polis Books

A homeless man is found beaten and unconscious along the banks of the Seine. Inspector Maigret must connect him to a past--and a possible motive for for his attempted murder. The investigation provides Maigret with a

chilling look at those who have rejected society and the small measure of justice The Man Who Watched the Trains Go By Penguin it offers them. Maigret is a registered trademark of the Estate of Georges Simenon

The Blue Room New York Review of Books

Based on his own experiences, Georges Simenon tells of a period in his youth when he was befriended by three men. Unbeknownst to him, these three would go on to commit a series of wholly reprehensible crimes. Yet it was only by chance that these travesties inspired Simenon to become a crime writer, rather than tread the path of evil himself. One of the 20th century's most prolific and widely read authors, Georges Simenon (1903 – 1989) is widely recognized as one of the most skillful and literate writers of detective fiction, famed for his Commissaire Maigret novels. The Two-Penny Bar Rough Guides UK

A violently poetic English western inspired by the true story of the Cragg Vale Coiners and as wild as the moors on which it is set.

The Hand Mulholland Books

the most widely admired writers of detective fiction at work today—gives us a personal, lively, illuminating exploration of the human appetite for mystery and mayhem, and of those writers who have satisfied it. P. D. James examines the genre from top to bottom, beginning with the mysteries at the hearts of such novels as Charles Dickens 's Bleak House and Wilkie Collins 's The Woman in White, and bringing us into the present with such writers as Colin Dexter and Henning Mankell. Along the way she writes about Arthur Conan Doyle, Dorothy L. Sayers, Agatha Christie (" arch-breaker of rules "), Josephine Tey, Dashiell Hammett, and Peter Lovesey, among many others. She traces their lives into and out of their fiction, clarifies their individual styles, and gives us indelible portraits of the characters they 've created, from Sherlock Holmes to Sara Paretsky 's sexually liberated female investigator, V. I. Warshawski. She compares British and American Golden Age mystery writing. She discusses detective fiction as social history, the stylistic components of the genre, her own process of writing, how critics have reacted over the years, and what she sees as a renewal of detective fiction—and of the detective hero—in recent years. There is perhaps no one who could write about this enduring genre of storytelling with equal authority and flair: it is essential reading for every lover of detective fiction. The Mah é Circle Penguin UK

'I doubt whether it is possible for the crime novel to rise to greater heights than it does in Simenon's hands here' H.R.F. Keating

"One of the greatest writers of the twentieth century . . . Simenon was unequaled at making us look inside, though the ability was masked by his brilliance at absorbing us obsessively in his stories. " —The Guardian In this brilliant new translation of Georges Simenon's classic novel, a young man descends into a brutal world of crime " And always the dirty snow, the heaps of snow that look rotten, with black patches and embedded garbage . . . unable to cover the filth. " Nineteen-year-old Frank—thug, thief, son of a brothel owner—gets by surprisingly well despite living in a city under military occupation, but a warm house and a full stomach are not enough to make him feel truly alive in such a climate of deceit and betrayal. During a bleak, unending winter, he embarks on a string of violent and sordid crimes that set him on a path from which he can never return. Georges Simenon 's matchless novel is a brutal, compelling portrayal of a world without pity; a devastating journey through a psychological no man 's land.

Maigret and the Informer Penguin

An extraordinary selection of classics ranging from the well known authors such as Proust, Dostoyevsky, Sartre, Cervantes, Nabokov, Marquez, Kundera etc, to name just a handful, to lesser known, but no less deserving, authors writing in languages from every corner of the earth. For each selection Boyd Tonkin has written a commentary on the plot and theme of the work concerned, as well as writing about the merits of the particular translation(s) into the English language. The works are arranged in date order of publication, and are not ranked in any other way. The result is a rich tapestry of the best fiction from around the world that will surely accelerate the recent trend towards a more outward looking approach to what we read. It is both a work of reference but as importantly a book that can read from cover to cover with huge enjoyment.

Mr Hire's Engagement Penguin

Nick Corey is a terrible sheriff on purpose. He doesn't solve problems, enforce rules or arrest criminals. He knows that nobody in tiny Potts County actually wants to follow the law and he is perfectly content lazing about, eating five meals a day, and sleeping with all the eligible women. Still, Nick has some very complex problems to deal with. Two local pimps have been sassing him, ruining his already tattered reputation. His girlfriend Rose is being terrorized by her husband. And then, there's his wife and her brother Lenny who won't stop troubling Nick's already stressed mind. Are they a little too close for a brother and a sister? With an election coming up, Nick needs to fix his problems and fast. Because the one thing Nick does know is that he will do anything to stay sheriff. Because, as it turns out, Sheriff Nick Corey is not

nearly as dumb as he seems. In Pop. 1280, widely regarded as a classic of mid-20th century crime, Thompson offers up one of his best, in a tale of lust, murder, and betrayal in the Deep South that was the basis for the critically acclaimed French film Coup de Torchon.

Sunday Hesperus Press Publisher description

Dirty Snow New York Review of Books

A new translation of George Simenon's taut, devastating psychological novel set in American suburbia. The inspiration for the new play by award-winning playwright David Hare. 'I had begun, God knows why, tearing a corner off of everyday truth, begun seeing myself in another kind of mirror, and now the whole of the old, more or less comfortable truth was falling to pieces' Confident and successful, New York advertising executive Ray Sanders takes what he wants from life. When he goes missing in a snow storm in Connecticut one evening, his closest friend begins to reassess his loyalties, gambling Ray's fate and his own future. 'The romans durs are extraordinary: tough, bleak, offhandedly violent, suffused with guilt and bitterness, redolent of place . . . utterly unsentimental, frightening in the pitilessness of their gaze, yet wonderfully entertaining' John Banville 'One of the greatest writers of the twentieth century . . . Simenon was unequalled at making us look inside, though the ability was masked by his brilliance at absorbing us obsessively in his stories' Guardian 'A supreme writer . . . unforgettable vividness' Independen Maigret and the Nahour Case New York Review of Books Maigret receives a visit from an old schoolfriend, who seeks his help as he is under suspicion for the death of his girlfriend.