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Forty-one False Starts Picador
In a collection that includes new essays written explicitly for this volume, one of our sharpest and most influential critics confronts the past, present, and future of literary culture. If every outlet for book criticism suddenly disappeared – if all we had were reviews that treated books like any other commodity – could the novel survive? In a gauntlet-throwing essay at the start of this brilliant assemblage, Cynthia Ozick stakes the claim that, just as surely as critics require a steady supply of new fiction, novelists need great critics to build a vibrant community on the foundation of literary history. For decades, Ozick herself has been one of our great critics, as these essays so clearly display. She offers models of critical analysis of writers from the mid-twentieth century to today, from Saul Bellow, Bernard Malamud, and Kafka, to William Gass and Martin Amis, all assembled in provocatively named groups: *Fanatics*, *Monsters*, *Figures*, and others. Uncompromising and brimming with insight, these essays are essential reading for anyone facing the future of literature in the digital age.

Imaginary Girls Hogarth
Chloe's older sister, Ruby, is the girl everyone looks to and longs for, who can't be captured or caged. When a night with Ruby's friends goes horribly wrong and Chloe discovers the dead body of her classmate London Hayes left floating in the reservoir, Chloe is sent away from

town and away from Ruby. But Ruby will do anything to get her sister back, and when Chloe returns to town two years later, deadly surprises await. As Chloe flirts with the truth that Ruby has hidden deeply away, the fragile line between life and death is redrawn by the complex bonds of sisterhood. With palpable drama and delicious craft, *Nova Ren Suma* bursts onto the YA scene with the story that everyone will be talking about.

Why Trilling Matters Polygon
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • The darkly suspenseful tale of two families struggling to make the hardest decision of their lives—all over the course of one meal. Now a major motion picture. “Chilling, nasty, smart, shocking, and unputdownable.”—Gillian Flynn, author of *Gone Girl* It's a summer's evening in Amsterdam, and two couples meet at a fashionable restaurant for dinner. Between mouthfuls of food and over the scrapings of cutlery, the conversation remains a gentle hum of polite discourse. But behind the empty words, terrible things need to be said, and with every forced smile and every new course, the knives are being sharpened. Each couple has a fifteen-year-old son. The two boys are united by their accountability for a single horrific act—an act that has triggered a police investigation and shattered the comfortable, insulated worlds of their families. As the dinner reaches its culinary climax, the conversation finally touches on their children, and as civility and friendship disintegrate, each couple shows just how far they are prepared to go to protect those they love. A NEW YORK TIMES NOTABLE BOOK “A European *Gone Girl* . . . A sly psychological thriller.”—The Wall Street Journal “Brilliantly engineered . . . The novel is designed to make you think twice, then thrice, not only about what goes on within its pages, but also the next time indignation rises up, pure and fiery, in your own heart.”—Salon “You'll eat it up, with some fava beans and a nice Chianti.”—Entertainment Weekly “[Koch] has created a clever, dark confection . . . absorbing and highly readable.”—New York Times Book Review “Tongue-in-cheek page-turner.”—The Washington Post “[A] deliciously Mr. Ripley-esque drama.”—O: The Oprah Magazine
The Lottery Yale University Press
Everything You Know Picador
Pocket Kings Simon and Schuster
Documenting the 120,000 British men and women

who live in New York City, Bell's photographic study features taxi drivers, cops, construction workers, burlesque dancers and drug dealers. These Brits play an important role in the city's cultural agenda: people featured include Zoe Heller, Stephen Daldry, Cecily Brown, Simon Schama, Sting and Kate Winslet. *An Englishman in New York* is an insight into the British sub-culture which forms an intrinsic part of everyday life in one of the most famous cities in the world.

The Druggist of Auschwitz Penguin
"In the tradition of Zoe Heller's *What Was She Thinking?* *Notes on a Scandal*, a darkly sophisticated novel about an old woman's curiosity that turns into a dangerous obsession as she becomes involved in her new neighbor's complicated and cloaked life"--
Notes on a Scandal Vintage Canada
NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY San Francisco Chronicle • Newsweek/The Daily Beast • The Seattle Times • The Economist • Kansas City Star • BookPage
On February 14, 1989, Valentine's Day, Salman Rushdie was telephoned by a BBC journalist and told that he had been "sentenced to death" by the Ayatollah Khomeini. For the first time he heard the word fatwa. His crime? To have written a novel called *The Satanic Verses*, which was accused of being "against Islam, the Prophet and the Quran." So begins the extraordinary story of how a writer was forced underground, moving from house to house, with the constant presence of an armed police protection team. He was asked to choose an alias that the police could call him by. He thought of writers he loved and combinations of their names; then it came to him: Conrad and Chekhov—Joseph Anton. How do a writer and his family live with the threat of murder for more than nine years? How does he go on working? How does he fall in and out of love? How does despair shape his thoughts and actions, how and why does he stumble, how does he learn to fight back? In this remarkable memoir Rushdie tells that story for the first time; the story of one of the crucial battles, in our time, for freedom of speech. He talks about the sometimes grim, sometimes comic realities of living with armed policemen, and of the close bonds he formed with his protectors; of his struggle for support and understanding from governments, intelligence chiefs, publishers, journalists, and fellow writers; and of how he regained his freedom. It is a book of exceptional frankness and honesty, compelling, provocative, moving, and of vital importance. Because what happened to Salman Rushdie was the first act of a drama that is still unfolding somewhere in the world every day.
Praise for Joseph Anton "A harrowing, deeply felt and revealing document: an autobiographical mirror of the big, philosophical preoccupations that have animated Mr. Rushdie's work

throughout his career. ” —Michiko Kakutani, *The New York Times* “ A splendid book, the finest . . . memoir to cross my desk in many a year. ” —Jonathan Yardley, *The Washington Post* “ Thoughtful and astute . . . an important book. ” —USA Today “ Compelling, affecting . . . demonstrates Mr. Rushdie ’ s ability as a stylist and storyteller. . . . [He] reacted with great bravery and even heroism. ” —*The Wall Street Journal*

“ Gripping, moving and entertaining . . . nothing like it has ever been written. ” —*The Independent (UK)* “ A thriller, an epic, a political essay, a love story, an ode to liberty. ” —*Le Point (France)*

“ Action-packed . . . in a literary class by itself . . . Like Isherwood, Rushdie ’ s eye is a camera lens—firmly placed in one perspective and never out of focus. ” —*Los Angeles Review of Books*

“ Unflinchingly honest . . . an engrossing, exciting, revealing and often shocking book. ” —*de Volkskrant (The Netherlands)* “ One of the best memoirs you may ever read. ” —*DNA (India)*

“ Extraordinary . . . Joseph Anton beautifully modulates between . . . moments of accidental hilarity, and the higher purpose Rushdie saw in opposing—at all costs—any curtailment on a writer ’ s freedom. ” —*The Boston Globe*

Storyteller: The Life of Roald Dahl

Algonquin Books

When her best friend Sheba Hart's love affair with an underage male student comes to light, igniting a media circus, solitary schoolteacher Barbara Covett decides to write an account of the affair in her friend's defense, in the process revealing not only Sheba's secrets, but also her own. By the author of *Everything You Know*. Reader's Guide available. Reprint. 25,000 first printing.

Everything You Know Vintage

A “ highly entertaining ” story of a frustrated novelist who finds fame, fortune—and trouble—in the world of online poker (*The New York Times Book Review*). When Frank Dixon, a writer who has seen his career crash and burn, decides to dabble in online poker, he discovers he has a knack for winning. In this newfound realm, populated by alluring characters—each of them elusive, mysterious, and glamorous—he becomes a smash success: popular, rich, and loved. Going by the name Chip Zero, he sees his fortunes and romantic liaisons thrive in cyberspace while he remains blind to the fact that his real life is sinking. His online success, however, does not come without complications, as he comes to realize that his “ virtual ” friends and lovers are, in fact, made of flesh and blood—and one rival player is not at all happy that Mr. Zero has taken all his money. “ Brazen, often hilarious . . . an illuminating and fully realized story about identity and reputation in the digital age. ” —*The Washington Post* “ [A] recklessly funny, sparky satire of our obsession with the virtual world. ”

—*Vanity Fair* “ Laugh-out-loud . . . There is a certain Everyman quality to Frank . . . whose self-deprecating humor helps carry him through his midlife angst and denial of addiction; you want to wish him well. ”

—Booklist

Putney Back Bay Books

Building on the tradition of *Little Bee*, Chris Cleave again writes with elegance, humor, and passion about friendship, marriage, parenthood, tragedy, and redemption. What would you sacrifice for the people you love? KATE AND ZOE met at nineteen when they both made the cut for the national training program in track cycling—a sport that demands intense focus, blinding exertion, and unwavering commitment. They are built to exploit the barest physical and psychological edge over equally skilled rivals, all of whom are fighting for the last one tenth of a second that separates triumph from despair. Now at thirty-two, the women are facing their last and biggest race: the 2012 Olympics. Each wants desperately to win gold, and each has more than a medal to lose. Kate is the more naturally gifted, but the demands of her life have a tendency to slow her down. Her eight-year-old daughter Sophie dreams of the Death Star and of battling alongside the Rebels as evil white blood cells ravage her personal galaxy—she is fighting a recurrence of the leukemia that nearly killed her three years ago. Sophie doesn ’ t want to stand in the way of her mum ’ s Olympic dreams, but each day the dark forces of the universe seem to be massing against her. Devoted and self-sacrificing Kate knows her daughter is fragile, but at the height of her last frenzied months of training, might she be blind to the most terrible prognosis? Intense, aloof Zoe has always hovered on the periphery of real human companionship, and her compulsive need to win at any cost has more than once threatened her friendship with Kate—and her own sanity. Will she allow her obsession, and the advantage she has over a harried, anguished mother, to sever the bond they have shared for more than a decade? Echoing the adrenaline-fueled rush of a race around the Velodrome track, *Gold* is a triumph of superbly paced, heart-in-throat storytelling. With great humanity and glorious prose, Chris Cleave examines the values that lie at the heart of our most intimate relationships, and the choices we make when lives are at stake and everything is on the line.

Brendel's Fantasy Little, Brown

Winner • National Book Critics Circle Award (Biography) Winner • Edgar Award (Critical/Biographical) Winner • Bram Stoker Award (Nonfiction) A *New York Times* Notable Book A *Washington Post* Notable Nonfiction Pick of the Year Named one of the Best Books of the Year by *Entertainment Weekly*, *NPR*, *TIME*, *Boston Globe*, *NYLON*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Seattle*

Times, *Kirkus Reviews*, and *Booklist* In this “ thoughtful and persuasive ” biography, award-winning biographer Ruth Franklin establishes Shirley Jackson as a “ serious and accomplished literary artist ” (Charles McGrath, *New York Times Book Review*). Instantly heralded for its “ masterful ” and “ thrilling ” portrayal (*Boston Globe*), Shirley Jackson reveals the tumultuous life and inner darkness of the literary genius behind such classics as “ *The Lottery* ” and *The Haunting of Hill House*. In this “ remarkable act of reclamation ” (Neil Gaiman), Ruth Franklin envisions Jackson as “ belonging to the great tradition of Hawthorne, Poe and James ” (*New York Times Book Review*) and demonstrates how her unique contribution to the canon “ so uncannily channeled women ’ s nightmares and contradictions that it is ‘ nothing less than the secret history of American women of her era ’ ” (*Washington Post*). Franklin investigates the “ interplay between the life, the work, and the times with real skill and insight, making this fine book a real contribution not only to biography, but to mid-20th-century women ’ s history ” (*Chicago Tribune*).

“ Wisely rescu[ing] Shirley Jackson from any semblance of obscurity ” (Lena Dunham), Franklin ’ s invigorating portrait stands as the definitive biography of a generational avatar and an American literary genius.

The Paper Palace The Creative Company NAMED A BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR BY THE WASHINGTON POST, VOGUE, MARIE CLAIRE, READER'S DIGEST, AND GOOD

HOUSEKEEPING “ A gripping read...Unabashedly queer, probing and unafraid...Exceedingly engaging. ”

—USA Today “ Sublimely weird, fluently paced, brazenly funny and gayer still, and it richly deserves to find readers. ” —*New York Times* From the author of the *New York Times* – bestselling sensation *Mostly Dead Things*: a surprising and moving story of two mothers, one difficult son, and the limitations of marriage, parenthood, and love If she ’ s being honest, Sammie Lucas is scared of her son. Working from home in the close quarters of their Florida house, she lives with one wary eye peeled on Samson, a sullen, unknowable boy who resists her every attempt to bond with him. Uncertain in her own feelings about motherhood, she tries her best—driving, cleaning, cooking, prodding him to finish projects for school—while growing increasingly resentful of Monika, her confident but absent wife. As Samson grows from feral toddler to surly teenager, Sammie ’ s life begins to deteriorate into a mess of unruly behavior, and her struggle to create a picture-perfect queer family unravels. When her son ’ s hostility finally

spills over into physical aggression, Sammie must confront her role in the mess—and the possibility that it will never be clean again. Blending the warmth and wit of Arnett's breakout hit, *Mostly Dead Things*, with a candid take on queer family dynamics, *With Teeth* is a thought-provoking portrait of the delicate fabric of family—and the many ways it can be torn apart.

Critics, Monsters, Fanatics, And Other Literary Essays Simon and Schuster

Collected Stories includes both volumes of the National Book Award – winning author Shirley Hazzard's short-story collections—*Cliffs of Fall and People in Glass Houses*—alongside uncollected works and two previously unpublished stories. Shirley Hazzard's *Collected Stories* is a work of staggering breadth and accomplishment. Taken together, these twenty-eight short stories are masterworks in telescoping focus, ranging from quotidian struggles between beauty and pragmatism to satirical send-ups of international bureaucracy, from the Italian countryside to suburban Connecticut. Hazzard's heroes are high-minded romantics who attempt to fit their feelings into the twentieth-century world of office jobs and dreary marriages. After all, as she writes in "The Picnic," "It was tempting to confine oneself to what one could cope with. And one couldn't cope with love." And yet it is the comedy, the tragedy, and the splendor of love, the pursuit and the absence of it, that animates Hazzard's stories and provides the truth and beauty that her protagonists seek.

Hazzard once said, "The idea that somebody has expressed something, in a supreme way, that it can be expressed; this is, I think, an enormous feature of literature." Her stories themselves are a supreme evocation of writing at its very best: probing, uncompromising, and deeply felt.

With Teeth Farrar, Straus and Giroux

Ten-year-old Steve longs to be poor and neglected like his friend Wally, whose parents are incapable drunks. But unfashionably for Steve, he's saddled with a conventional, stable and middle-class family. Then, over the course of a year, his father has a fling with a barmaid and leaves home, his mother's response is to start a psychology degree, his sister is arrested for demanding money with menaces and his brother gets a girl pregnant.

100 Essays I Don't Have Time to Write

Harper Collins

Lionel Trilling, regarded at the time of his death in 1975 as America's preeminent literary critic, is today often seen as a relic of a vanished era. His was an age when literary criticism and ideas seemed to matter profoundly in the intellectual life of the country. In this eloquent book, Adam Kirsch shows that Trilling, far from being obsolete, is essential to understanding our current crisis of literary confidence—and to overcoming it. By reading Trilling primarily as a writer and thinker, Kirsch demonstrates how Trilling's original and moving work continues to provide an inspiring example of a mind creating itself

through its encounters with texts. "Why Trilling Matters" introduces all of Trilling's major writings and situates him in the intellectual landscape of his century, from Communism in the 1930s to neoconservatism in the 1970s. But Kirsch goes deeper, addressing today's concerns about the decline of literature, reading, and even the book itself, and finds that Trilling has more to teach us now than ever before. As Kirsch writes, "Trilling's essays are not exactly literary criticism" but, like all literature, "ends in themselves."

Mobile Technologies for Every Library Virago Press

Shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize Zoe Heller's *Notes on a Scandal* ("A deliciously perverse, laugh-out-loud-funny novel." --Vogue) is a major motion picture from Fox Searchlight starring Cate Blanchett and Judi Dench. Schoolteacher Barbara Covett has led a solitary life until Sheba Hart, the new art teacher at St. George's, befriends her. But even as their relationship develops, so too does another: Sheba has begun an illicit affair with an underage male student. When the scandal turns into a media circus, Barbara decides to write an account in her friend's defense—and ends up revealing not only Sheba's secrets, but also her own.

Everything You Know Penguin

A National Book Critics Circle Finalist for Criticism A deeply Malcolmian volume on painters, photographers, writers, and critics. Janet Malcolm's *In the Freud Archives* and *The Journalist and the Murderer*, as well as her books about Sylvia Plath and Gertrude Stein, are canonical in the realm of nonfiction—as is the title essay of this collection, with its forty-one "false starts," or serial attempts to capture the essence of the painter David Salle, which becomes a dazzling portrait of an artist. Malcolm is "among the most intellectually provocative of authors," writes David Lehman in *The Boston Globe*, "able to turn epiphanies of perception into explosions of insight." Here, in *Forty-one False Starts*, Malcolm brings together essays published over the course of several decades (largely in *The New Yorker* and *The New York Review of Books*) that reflect her preoccupation with artists and their work. Her subjects are painters, photographers, writers, and critics. She explores Bloomsbury's obsessive desire to create things visual and literary; the "passionate collaborations" behind Edward Weston's nudes; and the character of the German art photographer Thomas Struth, who is "haunted by the Nazi past," yet whose photographs have "a lightness of spirit." In "The Woman Who Hated Women," Malcolm delves beneath the "onyx surface" of Edith Wharton's fiction, while in "Advanced Placement" she relishes the black comedy of the *Gossip Girl* novels of Cecily von Ziegesar. In "Salinger's Cigarettes," Malcolm writes that "the pettiness, vulgarity, banality, and vanity that few of us are free of, and thus can tolerate in others, are like ragweed for Salinger's helplessly uncontaminated heroes and heroines." "Over and over," as Ian Frazier writes in his introduction, "she has demonstrated that nonfiction—a book of

reporting, an article in a magazine, something we see every day—can rise to the highest level of literature." One of Publishers Weekly's Best Nonfiction Books of 2013

The King of Pain Dewi Lewis Pub

The authorised biography of one of the greatest storytellers of all time, written with complete and exclusive access to the archives stored in the Roald Dahl Museum and Story Centre.

The State of Affairs Simon and Schuster

" [Zoe Heller] is an extraordinarily entertaining writer, and this novel showcases her copious gifts, including a scathing, Waugh-like wit. " —New York Times Best-selling author Zoe Heller has followed up the critical and commercial success of *What Was She Thinking? Notes on a Scandal* with another tour-de-force on the meaning of faith, belief, and trust: *The Believers*. Tragic and comic, witty and intense, *The Believers* is the story of a dysfunctional family forced by tragedy to confront their own personal demons. In the vein of Claire Messud and Zadie Smith, Zoe Heller has written that rare novel that tackles the big ideas without sacrificing page-turning readability.

Gold Farrar, Straus and Giroux

"Perhaps the best book by the foremost stylist of his generation" (*New York Times*), J. D. Salinger's *Franny and Zooey* collects two works of fiction about the Glass family originally published in *The New Yorker*. "Everything everybody does is so—I don't know—not wrong, or even mean, or even stupid necessarily. But just so tiny and meaningless and—sad-making. And the worst part is, if you go bohemian or something crazy like that, you're conforming just as much only in a different way." A novel in two halves, *Franny and Zooey* brilliantly captures the emotional strains and traumas of entering adulthood. It is a gleaming example of the wit, precision, and poignancy that have made J. D. Salinger one of America's most beloved writers.