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**The Grey Zone of Health and Illness**  
Grove/Atlantic, Inc.  
From the author of

Great Apes and Grey Rock of Crack as Area comes a new Big as the Ritz." selection of offbeat Reprint. short fiction that Dr Mukti and Other satirizes the follies Tales of Woe Abrams and foibles of men Tough, Tough Toys for Tough, Tough Boys is a new collection of cork-screwed tales from the author of Great Apes. The Guardian works as "Flytopia," "A Story for Europe," "Caring, Sharing," and "The

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(London) describes Will Self as “ a wayward genius, ” and you can find out why when you observe the author ’ s pitiless dissection of the foibles of men, women, and the Volvo 760 Turbo. Self ’ s world is a no-funhouse of warped mirrors. A man is seduced into a misanthropically charged symbiosis with the insects infesting his cottage—he has entered “ Flytopia. ” In “ A Story for Europe, ” a two-year-old English child utters his first, halting words . . . in business German. In “ Caring, Sharing, ” status-conscious New Yorkers navigate the perils of dating along with their very literal “ inner children. ” In “ The Rock of Crack as Big as the Ritz, ” a black Londoner

discovers an enormous rock of crack cocaine underpinning his house—and quickly turns it into an efficient little empire. In the title story a psychoanalyst strips away all the sangfroid of his professionalism to find beneath . . . precisely nothing. And in the short novella “ The Nonce Prize, ” a man framed for a sex crime he didn ’ t commit finds that his only way out is to win a short-story competition. Sharp, funny, and packed with verbal fireworks, Tough, Tough Toys for Tough, Tough Boys confirms yet again Will Self ’ s stature as one of the most accomplished and original writers of his generation.

*Grey Area Grove/Atlantic,*

Inc.

A strange boy and dog remind Will Stanton that he is an immortal, whose quest is to find the golden harp which will rouse others from a long slumber in the Welsh hills so they may prepare for the ultimate battle of Light versus Dark.

**How the Dead Live**  
*Grove/Atlantic, Inc.*

In this “ riveting read, meshing

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memoir with scientific explication ” (Nature), a world-renowned neuroscientist reveals how he learned to communicate with patients in vegetative or “ gray zone ” states and, more importantly, he explains what those interactions tell us about the working of our own brains. “ Vivid, emotional, and thought-provoking ” (Publishers Weekly), *Into the Gray Zone*

takes readers to the edge of a dazzling, humbling frontier in our understanding of the brain: the so-called “ gray zone ” between full consciousness and brain death. People in this middle place have sustained traumatic brain injuries or are the victims of stroke or degenerative diseases, such as Alzheimer ’ s and Parkinson ’ s. Many are oblivious to the outside world,

and their doctors believe they are incapable of thought. But a sizeable number—as many as twenty percent—are experiencing something different: intact minds adrift deep within damaged brains and bodies. An expert in the field, Adrian Owen led a team that, in 2006, discovered this lost population and made medical history. Scientists, physicians, and

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philosophers have only just begun to grapple with the implications. Following Owen ' s journey of exciting medical discovery, Into the Gray Zone asks some tough and terrifying questions, such as: What is life like for these patients? What can their families and friends do to help them? What are the ethical implications for religious

organizations, politicians, the Right to Die movement, and even insurers? And perhaps most intriguing of all: in defining what a life worth living is, are we too concerned with the physical and not giving enough emphasis to the power of thought? What, truly, defines a satisfying life? " Strangely uplifting...the testimonies of people who have returned from the gray zone evoke the mysteries of

consciousness and identity with tremendous power " (The New Yorker). This book is about the difference between a brain and a mind, a body and a person. Into the Gray Zone is " a fascinating memoir...reads like a thriller " (Mail on Sunday). *New York Magazine* Bloomsbury Paperbacks This stimulating and comprehensive study of Will

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Self's work spans his entire career and offers insightful readings of all his fictional and non-fictional work up to and including his Booker prize nominated novel Umbrella. Grey Area Cambridge Scholars Publishing When artist Simon Dykes wakes after a late night of routine debauchery, he discovers that his world has changed beyond recognition. His girlfriend, Sarah, has turned into a chimpanzee. And, to Simon's

appalled surprise, so has the rest of humanity. Simon, under the bizarre delusion that he is 'human', is confined to an emergency psychiatric ward. There he becomes of considerable interest to eminent psychologist and chimp, Dr Zack Busner. For with this fascinating case, Busner thinks may finally make his reputation as a truly great ape. *My Idea of Fun* Penguin UK Being suicidal isn't always about ending your life, it's about fighting to stay alive. In *The Gray Area of Being Suicidal* illustrates what it's like to live

with severe mental illnesses & despite the odds, thrive. Tea Jay opens her tumultuous world to you & shows how motherhood and Borderline Personality work together or tear her apart. The Grey Zone Grove/Atlantic, Inc. The Book of Dave is Booker-shortlisted author Will Self's dazzling sixth novel What if a demented London cabbie called Dave Rudman wrote a book to his estranged son to give him some fatherly advice? What if that book was buried in Hampstead and hundreds of years later, when rising sea levels have put London

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underwater, spawned a religion? What if one man decided to question life according to Dave? And what if Dave had indeed made a mistake? Shuttlng between the recent past and a far-off future where England is terribly altered, The Book of Dave is a strange and troubling mirror held up to our times: disturbing, satirizing and vilifying who and what we think we are. At once a meditation upon the nature of received religion, a love story, a caustic satire of contemporary urban life and a historical detective story set in the far future - this compulsive novel will be enjoyed by readers

everywhere, including fans of Martin Amis and Anthony Burgess's A Clockwork Orange. 'Vivid, visceral and breathtakingly ambitious, this is Self's best yet' GQ 'Mindboggling ... A darkly hilarious ... A fascinating book' Evening Standard Will Self is the author of nine novels including Cock and Bull; My Idea of Fun; Great Apes; How the Dead Live; Dorian, an Imitation; The Book of Dave; The Butt; Walking to Hollywood and Umbrella, which was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize. He has written five collections of shorter fiction and three novellas: The

Quantity Theory of Insanity; Grey Area; License to Hug; The Sweet Smell of Psychosis; Design Faults in the Volvo 760 Turbo; Tough, Tough Toys for Tough, Tough Boys; Dr. Mukti and Other Tales of Woe and Liver: A Fictional Organ with a Surface Anatomy of Four Lobes. Self has also compiled a number of nonfiction works, including The Undivided Self: Selected Stories; Junk Mail; Perfidious Man; Sore Sites; Feeding Frenzy; Psychogeography; Psycho Too and The Unbearable Lightness of Being a Prawn Cracker. **The Grey King** Penguin UK New York

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magazine was born in 1968 after a run as an insert of the New York Herald Tribune and quickly made a place for itself as the trusted resource for readers across the country. With award-winning writing and photography covering everything from politics and food to theater and fashion, the magazine's consistent mission has been to reflect back to its audience the energy and excitement of the city itself, while celebrating New York as both a place and an idea.

**Psychogeography** Penguin UK  
Some people lost their sense of proportion, others their

sense of scale, but Simon Dykes, a middle-aged, successful London painter, has lost his sense of perspective in a most disturbing fashion. After a night of routine, pedestrian debauchery, traipsing from toilet to toilet, and imbibing a host of narcotics on the way, Simon wakes up cuddled in his girlfriend's loving arms. Much to his dismay, however, his girlfriend has turned into a chimpanzee. To add insult to

injury, the psychiatric crash team sent to deal with him as he flips his lid is also comprised of chimps. Indeed, the entire city is overrun by clever primates, who, when they are not jostling for position, grooming themselves, or mating some of the females, can be found driving Volvos, hanging out on street corners, and running the world. Nonetheless convinced that he is still a human, Simon is confined to the

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emergency psychiatric ward of Charing Cross Hospital, where he becomes the patient of Dr. Zack Busner, clinical psychologist, medical doctor, anti-psychiatrist, and former television personality—an expert at the height of his reign as alpha male. As Busner attempts to convince him that “everyone who is fully sentient in this world are chimpanzees,” Simon struggles with the horrifying

delusion that he is really a human trapped in a chimp’s body. Written with the same brilliant satiric wit that has distinguished Self’s earlier fiction, *Great Apes* is a hilarious, often disturbing, and absolutely original take on man’s place in the evolutionary chain. In a strange and twisted tale that recalls Jonathan Swift and Franz Kafka’s *Metamorphosis*, Will Self’s comic genius is impossible to ignore.

### **The Undivided Self**

Ediciones Universidad de Salamanca  
The fictional world of Will Self is unlike any other. In *The Quantity Theory of Insanity*, we learn, amongst other things, the dark and terrible secret of Ward 9, why you are right to think that London is full of dead people and that each and every human being is caught up in a colossal balancing act between the sane and the insane ... *The Quantity Theory of Insanity* is acerbic, satirical, hilarious and, most of all, utterly unique in imaginative vision.  
**Liver** Simon and Schuster  
This new volume



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of work from the British satirist draws selected short stories from his five previous collections, including *The Quantity Theory of Insanity*, *Gray Area and Tough*, *Tough Toys for Tough*, *Tough Boys*.

*The Quantity Theory of Insanity*

Pavilion Books, Limited  
Talks about psychosis and contemporary malaise.

**New York Magazine**

Bloomsbury Publishing USA

"A brother is as easily forgotten as an umbrella."—James Joyce, *Ulysses*

Radical and uncompromising, *Umbrella* is a tour de force from one of England's most acclaimed contemporary writers, and *Self's* most ambitious novel to date. Moving between Edwardian London and a suburban mental hospital in 1971, *Umbrella* exposes the twentieth century's technological searchlight as refracted through the dark glass of a long term mental institution. While making his first tours of the hospital at which he has just begun working, maverick psychiatrist Zachary Busner notices that many of the patients exhibit a strange physical tic: rapid,

precise movements that they repeat over and over. One of these patients is Audrey Dearth, an elderly woman born in the slums of West London in 1890. Audrey's memories of a bygone Edwardian London, her lovers, involvement with early feminist and socialist movements, and, in particular, her time working in an umbrella shop, alternate with Busner's attempts to treat her condition and bring light to her clouded world. Busner's investigations into Audrey's illness lead to discoveries about her family that are shocking and tragic.

**Between Perfect and Real**

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sociológicas o psicológicas. Pero abundan menos las aproximaciones desde la teoría literaria, desde la técnica narrativa o, como tal vez cabría esperar al tratarse de estudiantes tan jóvenes, desde la aplicación de las nuevas tecnologías. Por el contrario, se repiten temas como los traumas heredados de la Guerra de Vietnam, las cicatrices del 11 de septiembre o los problemas de género. **Grey Area** Grey Area Most discussions of

health care center on medical advances, cost, and the roles of insurers and government agencies. With *The Grey Zone of Health and Illness*, Alan Blum offers a new perspective, outlining a highly nuanced theoretical approach to health and health care alike. Drawing on a range of thinkers, Blum explains how our current understanding of health care tends to posit it as a sort of state of permanent

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emergency, like the nuclear standoff of the Cold War. To move beyond that, he argues, will require a complete rethinking of health and sickness, self-governance and negligence. A heady, cutting-edge intervention in a critical area of society, *The Grey Zone of Health and Illness* will have wide ramifications in the academy and beyond.

**In the Gray Area of Being Suicidal A&C Black**

It's 1988 and Lily Bloom, a 65-year-old American lies dying of cancer in a London hospital. As her two daughters buzz around her and the nurses pump her full of morphine, she slides in and out of consciousness, outraged that there is so little time left and so many people still to disparage.

**Violence and Dystopia** Springer

La publicación de este volumen representa un caso relativamente insólito. Un pequeño grupo de jóvenes investigadores de

menos de treinta años convence a un grupo mucho más numeroso de la misma edad para celebrar en Salamanca la First Conference of Young Researchers on Anglophone Studies. El resultado es deslumbrante. No solo demuestran una gran capacidad organizativa, sino que los resultados individuales de las aportaciones científicas son sobresalientes. Este volumen, *Current Trends in Anglophone Studies*, recoge una selección revisada de las propuestas presentadas en el Encuentro y gira en torno a una estructuración tripartita clásica: estudios culturales,

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lingüísticos y literarios. En ella caben todos aquellos que se mueven en el campo de los estudios anglófonos. Cada uno de estos campos podría haber sido suficiente para celebrar un congreso, pero parece razonable que en este tipo de encuentros tengan cabida todos. De ese modo, este volumen se convierte en un ejemplo de aproximación interdisciplinar a los estudios anglófonos. Desde un punto de vista cuantitativo, los estudios culturales ocupan sin duda un espacio menor. Sin embargo, sobresale la variedad de

temas tratados, así como la internacionalización de los autores, dentro de este apartado. Estudiantes españoles e italianos acometen estudios relacionados con la música, la pintura, el cine, la traducción, la marginalidad social o el impacto de las nuevas tecnologías en la producción artística. Si no pareciera demasiado atrevido, podría decirse que estos jóvenes estudiosos irían más allá de lo que un día ya lejano pudieron imaginar Richard Hoggard o Raymond Williams. Los estudios aquí presentados reflejan, sin duda, la evolución que la

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problemas de género. En definitiva, se trata de una selección de artículos claramente prometedora, que transmite la seguridad de que el futuro de la Filología Inglesa está en buenas manos y podrá experimentar una positiva evolución en los próximos años. Por todo ello, hay que felicitar a todos los participantes individuales y, sobre todo, a los organizadores del evento, y editores de este volumen, que han demostrado una enorme capacidad de trabajo y de saber hacer.

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Prose: A view of  
Great Britain

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