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[Life in the Garden](#) New York

Review of Books

A seductive and hugely suspenseful novel about what can happen when you look too closely into the past; The Photograph is the thirteenth novel by Booker

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Prize winning author Penelope Lively. Searching through a little-used cupboard at home, Glyn Peters chances upon a photograph he has never seen before. Taken in high summer, many years earlier, it shows his wife, Kath, holding hands with another man. Glyn's work as a historian should have inured him to unexpected findings and reversals, but he is ill-prepared for this radical shift in perception. His mind fills with questions. Who was the man? Who took the photograph? Where was it taken? When? Had Kath planned for him to find out all along? As Glyn begins to search for answers, he, and those around him, find the certainties of the past and present slip away, and the	picture of the beautiful woman they all thought they knew distort. 'One of Britain's most talented and experienced writers. The closer you look the more mystery you see' The Times Penelope Lively is the author of many prize-winning novels and short-story collections for both adults and children. She has twice been shortlisted for the Booker Prize: once in 1977 for her first novel, <i>The Road to Lichfield</i> , and again in 1984 for <i>According to Mark</i> . She later won the 1987 Booker Prize for her highly acclaimed novel <i>Moon Tiger</i> . Her other books include <i>Going Back</i> ; <i>Judgement Day</i> ; <i>Next to Nature</i> , <i>Art</i> ; <i>Perfect Happiness</i> ; <i>Passing On</i> ; <i>City of the Mind</i> ; <i>Cleopatra's</i>	Sister; <i>Heat Wave</i> ; <i>Beyond the Blue Mountains</i> , a collection of short stories; <i>Oleander</i> , <i>Jacaranda</i> , a memoir of her childhood days in Egypt; <i>Spiderweb</i> ; her autobiographical work, <i>A House Unlocked</i> ; <i>The Photograph</i> ; <i>Making It Up</i> ; <i>Consequences</i> ; <i>Family Album</i> , which was shortlisted for the 2009 Costa Novel Award, and <i>How It All Began</i> . She is a popular writer for children and has won both the Carnegie Medal and the Whitbread Award. She was appointed CBE in the 2001 New Year's Honours List, and DBE in 2012. Penelope Lively lives in London. <u><a href="#">Making It Up</a></u> Penguin Rare personal reflections from
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<p>“one of our most talented writers” (The New York Times Book Review) Look out for Penelope Lively’s new book, <i>The Purple Swamp Hen and Other Stories</i>. Memory and history have been Penelope Lively’s terrain in fiction throughout a career that has spanned five decades. In this “funny, smart, and poignant” (Los Angeles Times) memoir, she offers a glimpse into her influences and formative years, as well as a view of what life looks like from the vantage point of eighty years. Lively traces the arc of her own life, from early childhood in Cairo</p>	<p>to boarding school in England to the sweeping social changes of Britain’s twentieth century. She reflects on her early love of archaeology, and on the fragments of the ancients that have accompanied her journey. She also takes an intimate look back at a life devoted to books and writes insightfully about aging.</p> <p><b>Punk 57</b> Grove/Atlantic, Inc. Man Booker Prize Finalist: This “marvelous novel” about an abandoned husband, set in Moscow a century ago,</p>	<p>is “bristling with wry comedy” (Newsday). March 1913. Moscow is stirring herself to meet the beginning of spring. English painter Frank Reid returns from work one night to find that his wife has gone away; no one knows where or why, or whether she’ll ever come back. All Frank knows for sure is that he is now alone and must find someone to care for his three</p>
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young children. Into Frank's life comes Lisa Ivanovna, a quiet, calming beauty from the country, untroubled to the point of seeming simple. But is she? And why has Frank's bookkeeper, Selwyn Crane, gone to such lengths to bring these two together? From a winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award, this novel, with a new introduction by Andrew Miller, author

of *Pure*, is filled with "writing so precise and lilting it can make you shiver" (Los Angeles Times). "Fitzgerald was the author of several slim, perfect novels. *The Blue Flower* and *The Beginning of Spring* both had me abuzz for days the first time I read them. She was curiously perfect." —Teju Cole, author of *Open City*

**The Purple Swamp Hen and Other Stories**

Vintage

"In this haunting new novel, the act of forgetting is as strange and interesting as the power of remembering." —The New York Times Book Review  
Look out for Penelope Lively's new book, *The Purple Swamp Hen and Other Stories*. Penelope Lively is renowned for her signature combination of silken storytelling and nuanced human insights. In *Family Album*, Lively masterfully peels back one family's perfect

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façade to reveal the unsettling truths. All Alison ever wanted was to provide her six children with a blissful childhood. Its creation, however, became an obsession that involved Ingrid, the family au pair. As adults, Paul, Gina, Sandra, Katie, Roger, and Clare return to their family home and as mysteries begin to unravel, each must confront how the consequences of long-held secrets have shaped their lives.

How it All Began Penguin  
It is a long, hot summer at World's End, a two-family grey stone cottage in the English countryside. Pauline is editing a romance novel in the smaller dwelling, and the larger part is occupied by her daughter, Teresa; Teresa's baby; and her husband, Maurice, a writer, whose infatuation with his editor's girlfriend is growing. Pauline fears for Teresa, who is passionately in love with her husband, for she senses Maurice's imminent betrayal. She remembers a time when

her possessive passion for Teresa's father eroded her own youth. A stunning and unexpected denouncement irrevocably changes the order of things for this family, whose intimacy the reader abandons reluctantly at novel's end. Wolf HarperCollins  
Penny is excited to welcome her new sibling, so throughout her mom ' s pregnancy she writes letters to it (not it, YOU!). She introduces herself (Penelope, but she prefers “ Penny ” ) and their moms (Sammy and Becky). She brags about their

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home city, Oakland, California (the weather, the Bay, and the Golden State Warriors) and shares the trials and tribulations of being a fifth-grader (which, luckily, YOU won't have to worry about for a long time). Penny asks little questions about her sibling's development and starts to ask big questions about the world around her (like if and when her moms are ever going to get married "for real"). Honest, relatable, and full of heart, Love, Penelope explores heritage, forgiveness, love, and

identity through the eyes (and pen) of one memorable 10-year-old in a special year when marriage equality and an NBA championship made California a place of celebration.

Me, Penelope Penguin One woman's worst fears come to life in the third novel of the Devil's Night dark romance series by New York Times bestseller Penelope Douglas, now with bonus material. Sending Damon to prison was the worst thing Winter could've done. It didn't matter that he did the crime or that she wished he was

dead. Winter thought he'd cool off in jail and be anything but the horror he was, or that at the very least she'd have time to disappear before he got out. But she was wrong. Three years came and went too fast, and prison only gave him time to plan. And while Winter anticipated his vengeance, she didn't expect this. He doesn't want to make her hurt. He wants to make everything hurt. Damon knows he needs to get rid of Winter's father, giving her, her sister, and her mother nowhere to run. The Ashby women are desperate for a knight in shining armor. But that's not what's coming. It's

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time Damon took control of his future. It's time he showed them all that he will never stop being the nightmare they think he is. Damon won't have to break into her home to do it. As the new man of the house, he has all the keys.

How It All Began Open Road + Grove/Atlantic

Secrets, deception, and passion consume two pen pals in the TikTok sensation from New York Times bestselling author Penelope Douglas, now with exclusive bonus material! They were perfect together. Until they met. In fifth grade, Misha's teacher set him and his classmates up with pen pals from a different school. For the

next seven years, Ryen was his everything. She kept Misha on track and accepted him as he is. They only had three rules: No social media, no phone numbers, no pictures. There was no reason to ruin the good thing they had going...until Misha runs across a photo of a girl online named Ryen. He knows he has to meet her. But he didn't expect to hate what he finds. Ryen has gone three months without a letter from Misha. Did he die? Get arrested? Knowing Misha like she does, neither would be a stretch. She needs to know someone is listening to her. But really, Ryen knows this is her own fault. She should've gotten his phone number, or picture, or something. As a mysterious vandal

leaves messages in Ryen's school, she's possessed by the handsome new student who knows just how to hurt and heal her. But she can't stop thinking of Misha. He could be gone forever. Or right under her nose, and she wouldn't even know it...

Romancing Mister Bridgerton: The 2nd Epilogue Abrams

On a London street, a retired schoolteacher is mugged and unexpected repercussions occur for her friends and neighbors.

Heat Wave Penguin UK

Dreams might be a heart's desire, but nightmares are its obsession in the first novel of a dark romance series from New York Times bestselling author Penelope Douglas. Erika Fane's boyfriend's

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older brother is handsome, strong, and completely terrifying. The star of his college's basketball team gone pro, he's more concerned with the dirt on his shoe than he is with her. But she saw him. She heard him. The things that he did, and the deeds that he hid... For years, Erika bit her nails, unable to look away. Now, she 's in college, but she hasn ' t stopped watching him. He ' s bad and the things she ' s seen aren ' t content to stay in her head anymore. Because he's finally noticed her. But Michael Crist knows the hold he has on Rika, how much she fears him. She looks down when he enters the room and stills when he ' s close. He knows she thinks only of him. When Michael ' s brother leaves for the

military, leaving Rika alone and unprotected, he knows the opportunity is too good to be true. Three years ago she put Michael ' s friends in prison, and now they ' re free. Every last one of her nightmares is about to come true. Crocodiles Need Kisses Too Penguin

A vibrant new novel from Penelope Lively--a wry, wise story about the surprising ways lives intersect When Charlotte Rainsford, a retired schoolteacher, is accosted by a petty thief on a London street, the consequences ripple across the lives of acquaintances and strangers alike. A marriage unravels after an illicit love affair

is revealed through an errant cell phone message; a posh yet financially strapped interior designer meets a business partner who might prove too good to be true; an old-guard historian tries to recapture his youthful vigor with an ill-conceived idea for a TV miniseries; and a middle-aged central European immigrant learns to speak English and reinvents his life with the assistance of some new friends. Through a richly conceived and colorful cast of characters, Penelope Lively explores the powerful role of chance in people's lives and deftly illustrates how our paths



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can be altered irrevocably by someone we will never even meet. Brought to life in her hallmark graceful prose and full of keen insights into human nature, "How It All Began" is an engaging, contemporary tale that is sure to strike a chord with her legion of loyal fans as well as new readers. A writer of rare wisdom, elegance, and humor, Lively is a consummate storyteller whose gifts are on full display in this masterful work.

Kill Switch Penguin

The road to independence has never been easy. What Penelope Yeager wants: 1. Get out of high school. 2. Have sex. 3. Fall in love. 4. Get her driver ' s license. 5.

Forget what happened ten years ago. 6. See her mother happy. She ' s figured out how to get out of school a year early. If she can figure out the rest, maybe she ' ll actually be happy. Unfortunately, the rest isn ' t nearly as easy. " Jahn-Clough ' s prose is infused with startling flashes of beauty " —Horn Book "Fast-paced, well-written story."—School Library Journal

How it All Began Penguin  
A memoir that addresses ageing, memory, time and a life in the 20th century, by one of our greatest writers, Penelope Lively. 'This is not quite a memoir.

Rather, it is the view from old age. And a view of old age itself, this place at which we arrive with

a certain surprise - ambushed, or so it can seem. One of the few advantages of age is that you can report on it with a certain authority; you are a native now, and know what goes on here.' In this charming but powerful memoir, Penelope Lively reports from beyond the horizon of old age. She describes what old age feels like for those who have arrived there and considers the implications of this new demographic. She looks at the context of a life and times, the history and archaeology that is actually being made as we live out our lives in real time, in her case World War II; post war

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penny-pinching Britain; the Suez crisis; the Cold War and up to the present day. She examines the tricks and truths of memory. She looks back over a lifetime of reading and writing. And finally she looks at her identifying cargo of possessions - two ammonites, a cat, a pair of American ducks and a leaping fish sherd, amongst others. This is an elegant, moving and deeply enjoyable memoir by one of our most loved writers.

How It All Began Penguin  
Maria is spending the summer holidays with her family in Lyme Regis. She finds a sampler stitched by a girl, Harriet, in 1865 and it

becomes clear that something odd happened to Harriet - but what? A Whitbread Award winner, republished in the Collins Modern Classics range.

Cleopatra's Sister Penguin UK  
A TIME 100 Best Fantasy Books of All Time A Time Magazine Best Fantasy Book of 2018 L. Penelope's Song of Blood & Stone is a treacherous, thrilling, epic fantasy about an outcast drawn into a war between two powerful rulers. The kingdoms of Elsira and Lagrimar have been separated

for centuries by the Mantle, a magical veil that has enforced a tremulous peace between the two lands. But now, the Mantle is cracking and the True Father, ruler of Lagrimar and the most powerful Earthsinger in the world, finally sees a way into Elsira to seize power. All Jasmina ever wanted was to live quietly on her farm, away from the prying eyes of those in the nearby town. Branded an outcast by the color of her skin and her gift of Earthsong, she 's been shunned all her life and has learned to steer

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clear from the townsfolk...until a group of Lagrimari soldiers wander into her valley with an Elsiran spy, believing they are still in Lagrimar. Through Jack, the spy, Jasmina learns that the Mantle is weakening, allowing people to slip through without notice. And even more troubling: Lagrimar is mobilizing, and if no one finds a way to restore the Mantle, it might be too late for Elsira. Their only hope lies in uncovering the secrets of the Queen Who Sleeps and Jasmina's Earthsong is the key to unravel them. Thrust

into a hostile society and a world she doesn't know, Jasmina and Jack race to unveil an ancient mystery that might offer salvation.

A Stitch in Time Harper Collins

A spellbinding tale of magic, passion, and destiny •

“ One of the most beautiful love stories I've ever read. ” —Julie Garwood

Blessed with the Welsh gift of “ sight, ” Lady Arianna saw the vision in a golden bowl: a knight with eyes gray as the English sea that had captured her, his sword about to pierce

her heart. And she trembled, not with fear, but with a desire that engulfed her very soul. On the treacherous border of Wales, Raine, the Black Dragon, rode his charger toward Castle Rhuddlan and the lady within. Illegitimate son of a Norman nobleman, his past was scarred by denial and mistrust, and now his future lay in the conquest of a fiefdom . . . and a woman's love. As the battle trumpet sounded, Arianna, her Celtic pride unyielding, saw her dream take flesh: Raine, the enemy who inflamed her

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blood with desire; Raine, the lover she must gentle and tame, and then, as ancient hatreds threatened their lives, either cherish . . . or betray.

“ A wonderful read . . . I was hooked from the first page and the magic continues throughout. ” —Johanna Lindsey

Moon Tiger Penguin UK  
Three of them, one of her, and a remote cabin in the woods. Let the hot, winter nights ensue in this steamy dark romance from New York Times bestselling author Penelope Douglas, now with

bonus material. Tiernan de Haas doesn't care about anything anymore. The only child of a film producer and his starlet wife, she's grown up with wealth and privilege but not love or guidance. And when her parents suddenly pass away, she knows she should be devastated. But she's always been alone, hasn't she? Jake Van der Berg, her father's stepbrother and her only living relative, assumes guardianship of Tiernan. Sent to live in the mountains of Colorado with Jake and his two sons, Noah and Kaleb, Tiernan quickly

learns that these men now have a say in what she chooses to care and not care about anymore. As the men take Tiernan under their wing, she slowly finds her place among them. Because lines blur and rules become easy to break when no one else is watching. One of them has her. The other one wants her. But he's going to keep her.

Ammonites and Leaping Fish  
Penguin UK

A Man Booker Prize – shortlisted first novel and a “ searing study of the peculiar state of being in love ” (The Sunday Telegraph). In The Road to Lichfield, Penelope Lively

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explores the nature of history and memory as it is embodied in the life of forty-year-old Anne Linton, who comes to her father's aid when he is moved into a nursing home in a distant town. As she shares his last weeks, she unexpectedly learns that her father had a mistress. With this new knowledge, Linton must examine the realities of her own life—of her childhood, her marriage—and ask, what secrets has she also kept? Deeply felt and beautifully controlled, *The Road to Lichfield* is a subtle exploration of chance and consequence, of the intricate weave of generations across a past never fully known, and a future never fully anticipated.

“ Like all of Lively's best novels, *The Road to Lichfield* contains

beneath its modest veneer great depths of intelligence, perception and feeling. ” —The Washington Post Book World

Penelope Fitzgerald Penguin

“ A powerful, moving and beautifully wrought novel about the ways in which lives are molded by personal memory and the collective past. ” —The Boston Globe Winner of the Man Booker Prize Elderly, uncompromising Claudia Hampton lies in a London hospital bed with memories of life fluttering through her fading consciousness. An author of popular history, Claudia proclaims she's carrying out her last project: a history of the

world. This history turns out to be a mosaic of her life, her own story tangled with those of her brother, her lover and father of her daughter, and the center of her life, Tom, her one great love found and lost in war-torn Egypt. Always the independent woman, often with contentious relationships, Claudia's personal history is complex and fascinating. As people visit Claudia, they shake and twist the mosaic, changing speed, movement, and voice, to reveal themselves and Claudia's impact on their world.

“ Emotionally, *Moon Tiger* is kaleidoscopic, deeply satisfying.

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The all too brief encounter between Claudia and Tom will surely rate as one of the most memorable of contemporary fictional affairs. This is one of the best novels I have read for years. ” —The London Sunday Telegraph “ It pulls us in; it engages us and saddens us. It is also unexpectedly funny . . . It leaves its traces in the air long after you ’ ve put it away. ” —The New York Times Book Review “ One of the very best Booker winners . . . it asks hard questions about memory and history and personal legacy; it ’ s stylistically demanding and inventive . . . a wonderful

book. ” —The Guardian  
The Photograph Penguin  
Penelope Lively is one of England's greatest living writers. In *City of the Mind*, Matthew Halland is an architect intimately involved with the new face of London, while haunted by the destruction and loss in its history. Matthew has a rich and moving relationship with his daughter Jane, and becomes entangled with an array of fascinating characters, from Rutter, a corrupt real estate developer whose Mafia-like ways disgust him, to Sarah, a romantic ray of hope who enters his life. In Lively's most ambitious novel, she has created a wonderfully rich and audacious confrontation with the mystery of London.