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The Dance of Genghis Cohn New Directions

In Lionel Shriver's entertaining send-up of today's cult of exercise—which not only encourages better health, but now like all religions also seems to promise meaning, social superiority, and eternal life—an aging husband's sudden obsession with extreme sport makes him unbearable. After an ignominious early retirement, Remington announces to his wife Serenata that he's decided to run a marathon. This from a sedentary man in his sixties who's never done a lick of exercise in his life. His wife can't help but observe that his ambition is "hopelessly trite." A loner, Serenata disdains mass group activities of any sort. Besides, his timing is cruel. Serenata has long been the couple's exercise freak, but by age sixty, her private fitness regimes have destroyed her knees, and she'll soon face debilitating surgery. Yes, becoming more active would be good for Remington's heart, but then why not just go for a walk? Without several thousand of your closest friends? As Remington joins the cult of fitness that increasingly consumes the Western world, her once-modest husband burgeons into an unbearable narcissist. Ignoring all his other obligations, he engages a saucy, sexy personal trainer named Bambi, who treats Serenata with contempt. When Remington sets his sights on the legendarily grueling triathlon, MettleMan, Serenata is sure he'll end up injured or dead. And even if he does survive, their marriage may not. The Motion of the Body Through Space is vintage Lionel Shriver written with psychological insight, a rich cast of characters, lots of verve and petulance, an astute reading of contemporary culture, and an emotionally resonant ending.

The Company of Men University of Pennsylvania Press

This carefully crafted ebook: "The Diary of a Provincial Lady (Unabridged Edition With Original Illustrations)" is formatted for your eReader with a functional and detailed table of contents. When the editor of Time and Tide wanted some light "middles", preferably in serial form, E. M. Delafield promised to think of something to submit'. It was thus, in 1930, that her most popular and enduring work Diary of a Provincial Lady was written. This largely autobiographical novel which took the form of a journal of the life of an upper-middle class Englishwoman living mostly in a Devon village of the 1930s is a humorous account of a house-wife and a mother who juggles her life at home and yet goes on to successfully publish her first book. Excerpt: "November 7th.—Plant the indoor bulbs. Just as I am in the middle of them, Lady Boxe calls. I say, untruthfully, how nice to see her, and beg her to sit down while I just finish the bulbs. Lady B. makes determined attempt to sit down in armchair where I have already placed two bulb-bowls and the bag of charcoal, is headed off just in time, and takes the sofa." (The Diary of a Provincial Lady) E. M. Delafield (1890-1943) was a prolific English author who is best known for her autobiographical works like Zella Sees Herself, The Provincial Lady Series etc. which look at the lives of upper-middle class Englishwomen.

The Life Before Us Verso

In this book Ralph Schoolcraft explores the extraordinary career of the modern French author, film director, and diplomat—a romantic and tragic figure whose fictions extended well beyond his books. Born Roman Kacew, he overcame an impoverished boyhood to become a French Resistance hero and win the coveted Goncourt Prize under the pseudonym—and largely invented persona—Romain Gary. Although he published such acclaimed works as *The Roots of Heaven* and *Promise at Dawn*, the Gaullist traditions that he defended in the world of French letters fell from favor, and his critical fortunes suffered at the hands of a hostile press. Schoolcraft details Gary's frustrated struggle to evolve as a writer in the eye of a public that now considered him a known quantity. Identifying the daring strategies used by this mysterious character as he undertook an elaborate scheme to reach a new readership, Schoolcraft offers new insight into the dynamics of authorship and fame within the French literary institutions. In the early 1970s Gary made his departure from the conservative literary establishment, publishing works that boasted a quirky, elliptical style under a variety of pseudonymous personae, the most successful of which was that of an Algerian immigrant by the name of Emile Ajar. Moving behind the mask of his new creation, Gary was able to win critical and popular acclaim and a second Goncourt in 1975. But as Schoolcraft suggests, Gary may have "sold his shadow"—that is, lost his authorial persona—by marketing himself too effectively. Going so far as to recruit a cousin to stand in as the public face of this phantom author, Gary kept the secret of his true authorship until his violent death in 1980 from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. The press reacted with resentment over the scheme, and he was shunned into the ranks of literary oddities. Schoolcraft draws from archives of the several thousand documents related to Gary housed at the French publishing firms of Gallimard and Mercure de France, as well as the Butler Library at Columbia University. Exploring the depths of a story that has long remained shrouded in mystery, *Romain Gary: The Man Who Sold His Shadow* is as much a fascinating biographical sketch as it is a thought-provoking reflection on the assumptions made about identities in the public sphere.

Is He Popenjoy? DigiCat

Bearded bomb-throwers, self-indulgent nihilists, dangerous subversives. these characteristic clichés of anarchists in the popular imagination are often reproduced in the cinema. In *Film and the Anarchist Imagination*, the first comprehensive survey of anarchism in film, Richard Porton deconstructs such stereotypes while offering an authoritative account of films featuring anarchist characters and motifs. From the early cinema of Griffith and René Clair, to the work of Godard, Lina Wertmüller, Lizzie Borden and Ken Loach, Porton analyzes portrayals of anarchism in film, presenting commentaries and critiques of such classics as *Zéro de Conduite*, *Tout Va Bien*, and *Love and Anarchy*. In addition, he provides an excellent guide to the complex traditions of anarchist thought, from Bakunin and Kropotkin to Emma Goldman and Murray Bookchin, disclosing a rich historical legacy that encompasses the Paris Commune, the Haymarket martyrs, the anarcho-syndicalists of the Spanish Civil War, as well as more familiar contemporary avatars like the Situationists and the enragés of May 1968.

House of Splendid Isolation University of Chicago Press

Paul Newman, who died in 2008, achieved superstar status by playing charismatic renegades, broken

heroes, and winsome anti-heroes in such classic films as *The Hustler*, *Cool Hand Luke*, *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*, *The Verdict* and *The Color of Money*. And for all the diverse parts he played on the silver screen, Newman occupied nearly as many roles off it. He was a loving husband and family man, a fund raiser, sold his own brand of pasta sauce to make millions for charity, drove racing cars, and much more. Shawn Levy reveals the many sides of this legendary actor in the most comprehensive biography of the star yet published. We see Newman the consummate professional, a stickler for details and a driven worker. In his private life he played the roles of loyal son and brother, supportive husband - married to Joanne Woodward for 50 years - and responsible provider for six children. But Levy shows that Newman and his life were by no means perfect: there was a dalliance with another woman and failings as a father. The death of his only son Scott from a drug overdose in 1978 would haunt Newman for the rest of his life. Ultimately, the author reveals how Newman was able to blend his many roles and become a man of great integrity who was successful at almost everything he tried. It is a fascinating portrait of an extraordinarily gifted man and will leave readers feeling that they have slipped through the security gate and got to know a movie star who was famously guarded about his private life.

Antidote to Venom Macmillan + ORM

A NOVEL OF DESPERATE LOVE, BITTER HOPE, CHILLING COURAGE AND RELENTLESS BRAVERY "THIS quietly terrible parable for our times was first published in France fifteen years ago and was awarded the Prix de Critiques. It was translated into fourteen languages, but not into English. Since then M. Gary has won international fame with several other books. Now an entirely rewritten and, M. Gary hopes, a much improved version of A EUROPEAN EDUCATION is published in English for the first time. "A too hasty glance at A EUROPEAN EDUCATION might give the impression that no novel has ever borne a more sadly ironical title, because this is a story of innocence 'educated' in all the horrors and atrocities of modern war. But some of the graduates of the twentieth century's school of despair learned something other than the subjects taught. They learned that man's dream of freedom, of dignity and of love, is immortal; that his faith in a future without hatred cannot be destroyed."—Orville Prescott in THE NEW YORK TIMES "A EUROPEAN EDUCATION is a story of unmitigated privation and terror. But it is also the story of the human heart's triumph over evil even in the exercise of evil. "A EUROPEAN EDUCATION is about a group of partisans called the 'green ones' because they live in the forests of Poland. They hide in caves, steal food and sabotage every effort of the Germans. "Before the book ends, the hero has become a man; he has killed; he has learned how to steal without being caught, how to make friends with the Germans whom he intends to kill, and how to love. "The title is inherent in Janek's bitter summing up of what he has learned; '...all this European education comes down to is to teach you how to find the courage to shoot a man who sits there with lowered head....' "This may not be Romain Gary's most popular book, but it is a little masterpiece and may prove to be his."—THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A European Education Doubleday Books

From the two-time Booker Prize-winning author: an irrepressible, audacious, trenchantly funny new novel set in the 19th century and inspired in part by the life of Alexis de Tocqueville. With dazzling exuberance and all the richness of characterization, story, and language that we have come to expect from this superlative writer, Peter Carey explores the birth of democracy, the limits of friendship and whether people really can remake themselves in a New World. The two men at the heart of the novel couldn't be any more different: Olivier is the son of French aristocrats who (barely) survived the French Revolution. Parrot is the motherless son of an itinerate English printer. But when young Parrot is separated from his father (after a stupendous conflagration at a house of forgery) he runs into the powerful embrace of a one-armed marquis who will be his conduit - like it or not - into a life as closely (mis)allied with Olivier's as if they were connected by blood. And when Olivier sets sail for America - ostensibly to make a study of the American penal system, but more precisely to save his neck from the latest guillotineurs - Parrot, unable to loosen the Marquis's grip, is there too: as spy, scribe, comptroller, protector, foe and foil. As the narrative unfurls, shifting between the perspectives of Olivier and Parrot, between their picaresque adventures apart and together, in love and politics, prisons and finance, homelands and brave new lands - a most unlikely friendship begins to take hold.

My Paris Kitchen DigiCat

A tale of skeletons in a family's cupboard: the father running away from a pregnant mistress, a mother pregnant by a priest, and a son discovering he is a homosexual. None of which prevents them from leading perfectly normal lives on the outside. By the author of *To the Friend Who Did Not Save My Life*.

Lady L. New Directions Publishing

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • "A simply elegant memoir."—Newsweek In this exquisitely written memoir, Mia Farrow takes us on a journey into her remarkable life. As the daughter of actress Maureen O'Sullivan and film director John Farrow, she lived what was by all appearances a charmed and privileged childhood. But below the surface, money troubles, marital tensions, drinking, and occasionally violence marred the Hollywood illusion. And when Mia was nine, she would be forever wrenched from childhood by the terrible isolation of a bout with polio. Her father's death propelled her out into the world, where she embarked onto an acting career that included television, theater, and film—from her debut in Peyton Place to her first starring role in Rosemary's Baby, and on to her thirteen films with Woody Allen. Here is a luminous memoir of childhood and motherhood, a thoughtful exploration of a spiritual journey, and a candid examination of her marriages to Frank Sinatra and André Previn and her close but troubled twelve-year relationship with Woody Allen. Told with grace and deep understanding, as well as humor, *What Falls Away* is an unforgettable book, an extraordinary record of an extraordinary life.

Mister Roger and Me HarperCollins

House of Splendid Isolation is a newly reissued novel from Edna O'Brien, the author of *Girl*—"one of the most celebrated writers in the English language" (NPR's Weekend Edition). The heartbreaking dilemmas and the noble and bloody history of Ireland come vividly to life in the tale of Josie, a widow living in a solitary house outside an Irish village, whose home becomes the hideout of an IRA terrorist.

Hissing Tales London : M. Joseph

****Long-listed for the 2013 Frank O'Connor International Short Story Prize**** ****Short-listed for the 2013 Edge Hill Short Story Prize**** A young textile designer quits Britain to work for a Nigerian women's refuge, confident that this is her one chance to make a difference... A sixteen-year-old uses his first job, as a window-cleaner, to peer into other people's lives and carefully plan his own... A leading scientist spends an evening trying to explain his latest theory to a man who could destroy him... The characters in Jane Rogers' first short story collection are each blessed with an unwavering conviction. Buoyed up on self-belief, they enthuse, take calculated risks, and refuse to be deterred by the odds stacked against them. But just as Rogers' compassion as a writer endears us to their cause, her keen eye shows how fine the balance can be between conviction and self-delusion. At times, her subject seems to be the fallibility of any point of view, the persistence of blind spots no matter how careful or intelligent the viewer. Hers are not unreliable narrators, merely human ones - diverse, contradictory, imperfect. Indeed it is often their flaws that beguile us.

'There is nothing predictable about a Jane Rogers story. She has the confidence and skill to inhabit many different voices and different worlds. She slides the reader, in imagination, to a snow-bound France, to Africa, to the Caribbean: she takes us into offices and libraries, under the sea and into the forest, and also into the vast untrodden country of memory that we carry around inside. Her observation of our species is tender, precise, illuminating.' - Hilary Mantel 'Thrilling, ambitious stories that cross continents and soar from cells to stars.' - Maggie Gee 'Warm, wise, insightful, sharply observed and beautifully written - each story is a world in microcosm.' - Marina Lewycka 'This is her first collection of short stories, and it is beautiful.' - The Independent on Sunday

George Cukor Random House

"In this strange and fascinating novel, each character is perhaps the fruit of the delirium of the others. But who dreams who? There is Jean Danthès, French ambassador to Rome, inconsolable of the disappearance and debasement of Europe, the true one, that of the 18th century, which was called the Europe of Enlightenment. There is Malwina von Leyden, class adventurer and magician..."--Goodreads

The Gasp Farrar, Straus and Giroux

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Lady L. Pickle Partners Publishing

After the Liberation, orphaned French boy refuses to become a ward of the state and enters the Parisian underworld.

The Motion of the Body Through Space Harvill Press

When he hears a story about a huge dinosaur fossil locked deep inside an Alpine glacier, university professor Stan finds a childhood dream reignited. Whatever it takes, he is determined to find the buried treasure. But Stan is no mountaineer and must rely on the help of three others: old friend Umberto, with his eccentric young assistant, Peter, and cautious mountain guide Gio. Time is short: they must complete their expedition before winter sets in. As bonds are forged and tested on the mountainside, and the lines between determination and folly are blurred, the hazardous quest for the Earth's lost creatures becomes a journey into Stan's own past. This breathless, heartbreaking epic-in-miniature speaks to the spirit of adventure within us all.

King Solomon Independently Published

A long-estranged family discovers that blood is thicker than water in this hilarious and moving domestic comedy. It's been a couple of decades since Nick cast off his impossible, contentious, embarrassingly working-class parents: gruff, stingy, explosive Ken and June, who seemed to revert to a primal state of nature after a divorce that both of them managed to

blame on Nick. Enjoying the life of the country gentleman that he's made for himself with impeccably turned-out Astrid and her teenage daughter, Laura, Nick has kept only the slenderest family connection to his brother, Dave, who's stuck with the role of ambassador in a family that's long settled into cold war. But then Ken decides that the year of his death has arrived, and thus kicks off an ill-conceived quest to reunite his family before he meets his fate. Bringing to this tinderbox just the spark it needs, Louise Dean sends up the whole clan, each of them fatally flawed yet saved by hidden grace, and illuminates with her incomparable acuity their clashes of generation, gender, class, and temperament, in a riotous and compassionate conflagration.

Film and the Anarchist Imagination House of Anansi

"Hocus Bogus first published in French as *Pseudo* by Mercure de France. Mercure de France, 1976. This translation David Bellos, 2010. Published by arrangement with the Estate of Romain Gary."--T.p. verso.

The Enchanters Univ. Press of Mississippi

Originally published in 1954, *The Wilder Shores of Love* is the classic biography of four nineteenth-century European women who leave behind the industrialized west for Arabia in search of romance and fulfillment. Hailed by *The Daily Telegraph* as "enthraling to read," Lesley Blanch's first book tells the story of Isabel Burton, the wife and traveling companion of the explorer Richard Burton; Jane Digby, who exchanged European society for an adventure in loving; Aimée Dubucq de Rivery, a Frenchwoman captured by pirates who became a member of the Turkish sultan's harem; and Isabelle Eberhardt, a Swiss woman who dressed as a man and lived among the Arabs of Algeria.

What Falls Away Aurum

Airman, war hero, immigrant, law student, diplomat, novelist and celebrity spouse, Romain Gary had several lives thrust upon him by the history of the twentieth century, but he also aspired to lead many more. He wrote more than two dozen books and a score of short stories under several different names in two languages, English and French, neither of which was his mother tongue. Gary had a gift for narrative that endeared him to ordinary readers, but won him little respect among critics far more intellectual than he could ever be. His varied and entertaining writing career tells a different story about the making of modern literary culture from the one we are accustomed to hearing. Born Roman Kacew in Vilna (now Lithuania) in 1914 and raised by only his mother after his father left them, Gary rose to become French Consul General in Los Angeles and the only man ever to win the Goncourt Prize twice. This biography follows the many threads that lead from Gary's wartime adventures and early literary career to his years in Hollywood and his marriage to the actress Jean Seberg. It illuminates his works in all their incarnations, and culminates in the tale of his most brilliant deception: the fabrication of a complex identity for his most successful nom de plume, Émile Ajar. In his new portrait of Gary, David Bellos brings biographical research together with literary and cultural analysis to make sense of the many lives of Romain Gary - a hero fit for our times, as well as his own.

Europa New Directions Publishing

A former Nazi, who has become a police officer in postwar Germany, is possessed by the ghost of the Jewish comedian that he executed during World War II