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I Like to Watch Farrar,
Straus and Giroux

Thomas Sowell takes aim at a range of legal, social, racial, educational, and economic issues in this latest collection of his controversial, never boring, always thought-provoking essays. From "gun control myths" to "mealy mouth media" to "free lunch medicine," Sowell gets to the heart of the matters we all care about with his characteristically unsparing candor.

Eating Lightbulbs and Other Essays Penguin

Betty Fussell is an inspiring badass. She's not just the award-winning author of numerous books ranging from biography and memoir to cookbooks and food history; not just a winner of the James Beard Foundation's

Journalism Award who was inducted into their "Who's Who of American Food and Beverage" in 2009; and not just an extraordinary person whose fifty years' worth of essays on food, travel, and the arts have appeared in scholarly journals, popular magazines and newspapers as varied as The New York Times, The New Yorker, The Los Angeles Times, Saveur, and Vogue. This is a woman who at eighty-two years old (and despite being half-blind) went deer hunting for the very first time in the Montana foothills with her son, Sam (as described in her 2010 essay for the New York Times Magazine.) She got her deer. This is a woman who declared in a 2005

essay for Vogue that she had to teach herself Latin and German from scratch (on top of teaching herself how to cook) as a young twenty-one year old bride, because "housewifery wasn't enough." Indeed, for Fussell one subject is never enough.

Counterpoint is thrilled to be publishing this selected anthology of her diverse essays.

Black Nerd Problems

Macmillan

New essays on theological, political, and contemporary themes, by the Pulitzer Prize winner Marilynne Robinson has plumbed the human spirit in her renowned novels, including *Lila*, winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award, and *Gilead*, winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Critics Circle Award. In this new essay collection she trains her

incisive mind on our modern political climate and the mysteries of faith. Whether she is investigating how the work of great thinkers about America like Emerson and Tocqueville inform our political consciousness or discussing the way that beauty informs and disciplines daily life,

Robinson's peerless prose and boundless humanity are on

full display. *What Are We Doing Here?* is a call for Americans to continue the tradition of those great thinkers and to remake American political and cultural life as

"deeply impressed by obligation [and as] a great theater of heroic generosity, which, despite all, is sometimes palpable still."

Jackie Under My Skin
University of Georgia Press
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After Henry My 1980s and Other Essays

A move at age ten from a

Detroit suburb to Chattanooga in 1984 thrusts Anjali Enjeti into what feels like a new world replete with Confederate flags, Bible verses, and whiteness. It is here that she learns how to get her bearings as a mixed-race brown girl in the Deep South and begins to understand how identity can inspire, inform, and shape a commitment to activism. Her own evolution is a bumpy one, and along the way Enjeti, racially targeted as a child, must wrestle with her own complicity in white supremacy and bigotry as an adult. The twenty essays of her debut collection, *Southbound*, tackle white feminism at a national feminist organization, the early years of the AIDS epidemic in the South, voter suppression, gun violence and the gun sense movement, the whitewashing of southern literature, the 1982 racialized killing of Vincent Chin, social media's role in political accountability,

evangelical Christianity's marriage to extremism, and the rise of nationalism worldwide. In our current era of great political strife, this timely collection by Enjeti, a journalist and organizer, paves the way for a path forward, one where identity drives coalition-building and social change. *The Pink Trance Notebooks* *Catapult* Jackie Under My Skin is a nuanced description of how Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis transformed our definitions of personal identity and style. As Wayne Koestenbaum follows her into America's dreamwork, far from pious "family values," he dares to see her as a pleasure principle, a figure of Circean extravagance, and liberates her from the propagandistic uses to which her image is often harnessed. *William Morrow* A collection of three superb essays from a renowned prose stylist attempts to explore how

language can work its magic on us, as the author meditates on subjects ranging from his Austrian boyhood to the music of the Beatles.

This Is One Way to Dance

Hoover Press

*A Book Riot Most

Anticipated Nonfiction

Book of 2021* The creators of the popular website Black Nerd Problems bring their witty and unflinching insight to this engaging collection of pop culture essays on everything from Mario Kart and The Wire to issues of representation and police brutality across media. When William Evans and Omar Holmon founded Black Nerd Problems, they had no idea whether anyone beyond their small circle of friends would be interested in their little corner of the internet. But soon after launching, they were surprised to find

out that there was a wide community of people who hungered for fresh perspectives on all things nerdy, from the perspective of #OwnedVoices. In the years since, Evans and Holmon have built a large, dedicated fanbase eager for their brand of cultural critique, whether in the form of a laugh-out-loud, raucous Game of Thrones episode recap or an eloquent essay on dealing with grief through stand-up comedy. Now, they are ready to take the next step with this vibrant and hilarious essay collection, which covers everything from X-Men to Breonna Taylor with insight and intelligence. A much needed and fresh pop culture critique from the perspective of people of color, Black Nerd Problems is the ultimate celebration for

anyone who loves a blend of social commentary and all things nerdy.

Coming Home Crazy Farrar, Straus and Giroux

Shortlisted for the James Tait

Black Prize for Biography

Longlisted for The Orwell

Prize for Political Writing An electric portrait of the artist as

a young woman that asks how a writer finds her voice in a

society that prefers women to be silent, from the author of

Orwell's *Roses In*

Recollections of My

Nonexistence, Rebecca Solnit

describes her formation as a writer and as a feminist in

1980s San Francisco, in an

atmosphere of gender violence

on the street and throughout society and the exclusion of

women from cultural arenas.

She tells of being poor, hopeful, and adrift in the city

that became her great teacher,

and of the small apartment

that, when she was nineteen,

became the home in which she

transformed herself. She

explores the forces that liberated her as a person and as

a writer--books themselves; the gay community that presented

a new model of what else

gender, family, and joy could mean; and her eventual arrival

in the spacious landscapes and overlooked conflicts of the

American West. Beyond being a memoir, Solnit's book is also

a passionate argument: that women are not just impacted

by personal experience, but by membership in a society where

violence against women pervades. Looking back, she

describes how she came to recognize that her own

experiences of harassment and menace were inseparable from

the systemic problem of who has a voice, or rather who is

heard and respected and who is silenced--and how she was

galvanized to use her own voice for change.

See What Can Be Done

Hoover Press

Incisive essays on Patty Hearst and Reagan, the Central Park jogger and the Santa Ana winds, from the New York Times—bestselling author of *South and West*. In these eleven essays covering the national scene from Washington, DC; California; and New York, the acclaimed author of *Slouching Towards Bethlehem* and *The White Album* “capture[s] the mood of America” and confirms her reputation as one of our sharpest and most trustworthy cultural observers (*The New York Times*). Whether dissecting the 1988 presidential campaign, exploring the commercialization of a Hollywood murder, or reporting on the “sideshows” of foreign wars, Joan Didion proves that she is one of the premier essayists of the twentieth century, “an articulate witness to the most stubborn and intractable truths of our time” (Joyce Carol Oates, *The New York Times Book Review*). Highlights include “In the Realm of the Fisher King,” a portrait of the White House under the stewardship of Ronald and Nancy Reagan, two “actors on location;” and “Girl of the Golden West,” a meditation on the Patty Hearst case that draws an unexpected and insightful parallel between the kidnapped heiress and the emigrants who settled California. “Sentimental Journeys” is a deeply felt study of New York media coverage of the brutal rape of a white investment banker in Central Park, a notorious crime that exposed the city’s racial and class fault lines. Dedicated to Henry Robbins, Didion’s friend and editor from 1966 until his death in 1979, *After Henry* is an indispensable collection of “superior reporting and criticism” from a writer on whom we have relied for more than fifty years “to

get the story straight” (Los Angeles Times).

The Fire Next Time Stanford University Press

Wayne Koestenbaum's first book of short fiction: a collection of whimsical, surreal, baroque, ribald, and heartbreaking fables. In his first book of short fiction--a collection of whimsical, surreal, baroque, ribald, and heartbreaking fables--Wayne Koestenbaum takes the gloom and melancholy of our own terrifying political moment and finds subversive solace by overturning the customary protocols of tale-telling. Characters and narrators wander into strange locales; the difference between action and thinking, between reality and dream, grows moot in a heightened yet burlesque manner. The activities in *The Cheerful Scapegoat* are a cross between a comedy of manners and a Sadean orgy. Language has its own desires: figures of speech carry an erotic charge that straddles the line between slapstick and vertigo.

Punishment hangs over every dialogue--but in the fable-world of *The Cheerful Scapegoat*, abjection comes with an undertaste of contentment. The tchotchkes of queer culture--codes and signifiers--get scrambled together in these stories and then blown up into an improbable soufflé.

Koestenbaum's fables travel in circles, slipping away from their original point and leading the reader to a paradisiacal suspension of fixed categories. Intensified sentences and curlicue narratives scheme together mesmerically to convince the reader to abandon old ways of thinking and to take on a commitment to the polymorphous, the wandering, the tangential. Koestenbaum's fables--emergency bulletins uttered in a perverse vernacular of syntactic pirouettes--alert us to the necessity of pushing language into new contortions of exactitude and ecstatic excess.

World of Wonders Random House Trade Paperbacks

A New York Times Critic's Top Pick of the Year This essential,

enlightening, truly delightful collection shows one of our greatest writers parsing the political, artistic, and media landscape of the past three decades. These sixty-six essays and reviews, culled from the pages of *The New York Review of Books*, *The New York Times*, *Harper's*, *The Atlantic*, and *The New Yorker*, among others, find Lorrie Moore turning her discerning eye on everything from Philip Roth to Margaret Atwood, from race in America to the shocking state of the GOP, from celebrity culture to the wilds of television, from Stephen Sondheim to Barack Obama. See *What Can Be Done* is a perfect blend of craft, brains, and a knowing, singular take on life, liberty, and the pursuit of (some kind of) happiness.

The Cheerful Scapegoat Catapult
Hilarious and cutting essays about self-preservation, betrayal, family, gay sex, mental illness, and the inherently flawed way we live and love.

What Are We Doing Here?
Picador

Wayne Koestenbaum considers the meaning of humiliation in this eloquent work of cultural critique and personal reflection. The lives of people both famous and obscure are filled with scarlet-letter moments when their dirty laundry sees daylight. In these moments we not only witness the reversibility of "success," of prominence, but also come to visceral terms with our own vulnerable selves. We can't stop watching the scene of shame, identifying with it and absorbing its nearness, and relishing our imagined immunity from its stain, even as we acknowledge the universal, embarrassing predicament of living in our own bodies. With an unusual, disarming blend of autobiography and cultural commentary, noted poet and critic Wayne Koestenbaum takes us through a spectrum of mortifying circumstances—in history, literature, art, current

events, music, film, and his own life. His generous disclosures and brilliant observations go beyond prurience to create a poetics of abasement. Inventive, poignant, erudite, and playful, *Humiliation* plunges into one of the most disquieting of human experiences, with reflections at once emboldening and humane.

My 1980s and Other Essays Anchor

Essays share the author's impressions of China and the effect they had on his appreciation of his own country, the United States.

Why I Burned My Book and Other Essays on Disability Gallery Books

Collection of columnist Thomas Sowell's controversial columns about issues ranging from homelessness, foreign policy, AIDS, environmentalism,

education, law, race and nostalgia.

The Perfume Thief Macmillan

This anthology pays tribute to Allan Berube (1946-2007), a self-taught historian and MacArthur Fellow who was a pioneer in the study of lesbian and gay history in the United States. Best known for his Lambda Literary Award-winning book *Coming Out Under Fire: The History of Gay Men and Women in World War II* (1990), Berube also wrote extensively on the history of sexual politics in San Francisco and on the relationship between sexuality, class, and race. John D'Emilio and Estelle Freedman, who were close colleagues and friends of Berube, have selected sixteen of his most important essays, including hard-to-access articles and unpublished writing. The book provides a retrospective on Berube's life and work while it documents the emergence of a grassroots lesbian and gay community history movement in the 1970s and 1980s. Taken together, the essays attest to the power of

history to mobilize individuals and communities to create social change.

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Farrar, Straus and Giroux

The three essays collected in this book offer a succinct introduction to Agamben's recent work through an investigation of Foucault's notion of the apparatus, a meditation on the intimate link of philosophy to friendship, and a reflection on contemporariness, or the singular relation one may have to one's own time. "Apparatus" (dispositif in French) is at once a most ubiquitous and nebulous concept in Foucault's later thought. In a text bearing the same name ("What is a dispositif?") Deleuze managed to contribute its mystification, but Agamben's leading essay illuminates the notion: "I will call an apparatus," he writes, "literally anything that has in some way the capacity to capture, orient, determine, intercept, model, control, or secure the gestures, behaviors, opinions, or discourses of living beings." Seen from this

perspective, Agamben's work, like Foucault's, may be described as the identification and investigation of apparatuses, together with incessant attempts to find new ways to dismantle them. Though philosophy contains the notion of philo, or friend, in its very name, philosophers tend to be very skeptical about friendship. In his second essay, Agamben tries to dispel this skepticism by showing that at the heart of friendship and philosophy, but also at the core of politics, lies the same experience: the shared sensation of being. Guided by the question, "What does it mean to be contemporary?" Agamben begins the third essay with a reading of Nietzsche's philosophy and Mandelstam's poetry, proceeding from these to an exploration of such diverse fields as fashion, neurophysiology, messianism and astrophysics.

Ever Wonder Why? Univ of California Press

Following *The Broken Estate*, *The Irresponsible Self*, and *How Fiction Works*—books that established James Wood as the

leading critic of his generation—The Fun Stuff confirms Wood's preeminence, not only as a discerning judge but also as an appreciator of the contemporary novel. In twenty-three passionate, sparkling dispatches—that range over such crucial writers as Thomas Hardy, Leon Tolstoy, Edmund Wilson, and Mikhail Lermontov—Wood offers a panoramic look at the modern novel. He effortlessly connects his encyclopedic, passionate understanding of the literary canon with an equally in-depth analysis of the most important authors writing today, including Cormac McCarthy, Lydia Davis, Aleksandar Hemon, and Michel Houellebecq. Included in The Fun Stuff are the title essay on Keith Moon and the lost joys of drumming—which was a finalist for last year's National Magazine Awards—as well as Wood's essay on George Orwell, which Christopher Hitchens selected for the Best American Essays 2010. The Fun Stuff is indispensable reading for anyone who cares about contemporary literature.

The Jukebox and Other Essays on
Storytelling McFarland

No one captured the teen portion of the eighties as poignantly as writer-director John Hughes. Sixteen Candles, The Breakfast Club, Weird Science, Pretty in Pink, Ferris Bueller's Day Off, and Some Kind of Wonderful are timeless tales of love, angst, longing, and self-discovery that illuminated and assuaged the anxieties of an entire generation. Fondly nostalgic, filled with wit and surprising insights, don't you forget about me contains original essays from a skillfully chosen crop of novelists and essayists on the films' far-reaching effects on their own lives -- an irresistible read for anyone who came of age in the eighties (or just wishes they did). Featuring new writing from: Steve Almond * Julianna Baggott * Lisa Borders * Ryan Boudinot * T Cooper * Quinn Dalton * Emily Franklin * Lisa Gabriele * Tod Goldberg * Nina de Gramont * Tara Ison * Allison Lynn * John McNally * Dan Pope * Lewis Robinson * Ben Schrank * Elizabeth Searle * Mary Sullivan * Rebecca Wolff

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