

# Operation Shylock A Confession Philip Roth

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**A Confession** Farrar, Straus and Giroux

The Counterlife is a novel unlike any that Philip Roth has written before, a book of astonishing 180-degree turns, a book of conflicting perspectives and points of view, and, by far, Roth's most radical work of fiction. The Counterlife is about people enacting their dreams of renewal and escape, some of them going so far as to risk their lives to alter seemingly irreversible destinies. Every major character (and most of the minor ones) is investigating, debating, and arguing the possibility of remaking the future. Illuminating these lives in transition and guiding us through all the landscapes, familiar and foreign, where these people are seeking self-transformation, is the mind of the novelist Nathan Zuckerman. His is the skeptical, enveloping intelligence that calculates the price that's paid in the struggle to change personal fortune and to reshape history. Yet his is hardly the only voice. This is a novel in which speaking out with force and lucidity appears to be the imperative of every life. There is Henry, the forty-year-old New Jersey dentist, who risks a quintuple bypass operation in order to escape the coronary medication that renders him sexually impotent. There is Maria, the wellborn young Englishwoman, who invites the disdain of her family by marrying the American she knows will be lease acceptable in Gloucestershire. There is Lippmann, the Israeli settlement leader, who contends that "everything is possible for the Jew if only he does not give ground." The action in The Counterlife ranges from a dentist's office in quiet suburban New Jersey to a genteel dining table in a tradition-bound English village, from a Christmas carol service in London's West End to a Sabbath evening celebration in a tiny desert settlement in Israel's occupied West Bank. Wherever they may find themselves, the characters of The Counterlife are tempted unceasingly by the prospect of an alternative existence that can reverse their fate. The Counterlife was a finalist for the National Book Award and winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award.

**American Pastoral / I Married a Communist / The Human Stain** Vintage

Set in a Newark neighborhood during a terrifying polio outbreak, Nemesis is a wrenching examination of the forces of circumstance on our lives. Bucky Cantor is a vigorous, dutiful twenty-three-year-old playground director during the summer of 1944. A javelin thrower and weightlifter, he is disappointed with himself because his weak eyes have excluded him from serving in the war alongside his contemporaries. As the devastating disease begins to ravage Bucky's playground, Roth leads us through every inch of emotion such a pestilence can breed: fear, panic, anger, bewilderment, suffering, and pain. Moving between the streets of Newark and a pristine summer camp high in the Poconos, Nemesis tenderly and startlingly depicts Cantor's passage into personal disaster, the condition of childhood, and the painful effect that the wartime polio epidemic has on a closely-knit, family-oriented Newark community and its children.

**Operation Shylock** Macmillan

American Pastoral is the story of a fortunate American's rise and fall—of a strong, confident master of social equilibrium overwhelmed by the forces of social disorder. Seymour "Swede" Levov—a legendary high school athlete, a devoted family man, a hard worker, the prosperous inheritor of his father's Newark glove factory—comes of age in thriving, triumphant postwar America. But everything he loves is lost when the country begins to run amok in the turbulent 1960s. Not even the most private, well-intentioned citizen, it seems, gets to sidestep the sweep of history. With vigorous realism, Roth takes us back to the conflicts and violent transitions of the 1960s. This is a book about loving—and hating—America. It's a book about wanting to belong—and refusing to belong—to America. It sets the desire for an American pastoral—a respectable life of space, calm, order, optimism, and achievement—against the indigenous American Berserk.

**A Confession** Farrar, Straus and Giroux

In an eloquent novel set against the turbulent backdrop of the McCarthy era, radio actor Iron Rinn, an idealistic Communist, marries beautiful actress Eva Frame, but their private relationship becomes a national scandal when Eva publicly betrays her husband's politics to a gossip columnist. 150,000 first printing.

A Novel Random House

This new biography of the controversial, influential, and prize-winning American novelist Philip Roth, a writer with an international reputation for inventive, original novels from Portnoy's Complaint to American

Pastoral and The Plot Against America, is based on new access to archival documents and new interviews with Roth's friends and associates.

The Plot Against America Vintage

A man whose self-appointed task is to lead the Jews out of Israel and back to Europe is at the center of this meditation on identity When She was Good Vintage

A Moses in reverse and a man whose self-appointed task is to lead the Jews out of Israel and back to Europe is at the center of this meditation on identity. Reprint. 50,000 first printing.

Operation Shylock HarperCollins

Novelist Nathan Zuckerman challenges the many schemes concocted by the people around him for reversing their seemingly irreversible destinies, in this exploration of the mind of modern Israel and anti-Semitism in establishment England, and of the passion for self-transformation and the hunger for political power The Counterlife Vintage

In 1951, Marcus Messner escapes his father's fears about the potential dangers facing his son by attending college at the conservative Winesburg College, where he confronts the customs and constrictions of a different world.

The Facts HarperCollins

A bestseller in Israel, this volume of short stories—from a case of impotence cured by a pet terrier to a pessimistic Middle Eastern talking fish—is an extraordinary collection from the preeminent Israeli writer of his generation.

The Ghost Writer Library of America

Presents an intimate, incisive portrait of a middle-aged American living in London and his mistress, a married Englishwoman, through a series of private, adulterous dialogues. Reprint.

Operation Shylock / Sabbath's Theater Library of America Philip Roth

What if a lookalike stranger stole your name, usurped your biography and went around the world pretending to be you? In this tour de force of fact and fiction, Philip Roth meets a man who may or may not be Philip Roth. Because someone with that name has been touring the State of Israel, promoting a bizarre exodus in reverse of the Jews. Roth decides to stop him—even if that means impersonating his impersonator. Suspenseful, hilarious, hugely impassioned, pulsing with intelligence and narrative energy, Operation Shylock is at once a spy story, a political thriller, a meditation on identity, and a confession. Like Pushkin and Dostoevsky before him, Philip Roth takes on the subject of the writer's double, which for Roth is inevitably bound up in Jewishness and identity. This is a bold, inventive and energetic departure from his past novels, a meta-novel, and, like all of his writing, full of ideas, wit, humor and startling observation.

The Collected Stories Library of America

A young writer in search of a spiritual father, Nathan Zuckerman views E. I. Lonoff, who lives with his wife and his student-mistress in rural Massachusetts, as an embodiment of the ideal of artistic integrity and independence

Goodbye, Columbus / Five Short Stories / Letting Go Random House

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A Survey of Jewish-American Literature on Israel, 1928-1995 Vintage

On March 19, 2013, a distinguished group of writers and critics gathered at the Newark Museum's Billy Johnson Auditorium in Newark, New Jersey, to celebrate the extraordinary career and lasting literary legacy of Philip Roth on the occasion of his 80th birthday. This keepsake volume gathers remarks from the evening's speakers, a fitting tribute to the only living novelist whose work is collected in the Library of America series. Here you'll find Jonathan Lethem, hilariously recounting his first consciousness-raising encounter with Roth's work through the Kafkaesque novel The Breast; Hermione Lee, tracing the Shakespearean themes in Roth's books, from Portnoy's Complaint to The Humbling; Alain Finkielkraut, offering a deep reading of Roth's final novel, Nemesis; Claudia Roth Pierpont, assessing Roth's portrayal of women in such books as Sabbath's Theater and The Human Stain; Edna O'Brien, recalling her long friendship with Roth; and the author himself, offering a quintessentially Rothian valediction.

Operation Shylock Random House

Examines eight Jewish-American writers—Meyer Levin, Leon Uris, Saul Bellow, Hugh Nissenson, Chaim Potok, Philip Roth, Anne Roiphe, and Tova Reich—who have "imagined" Israel in their work.

Nemesis Odyssey Editions

An anthology of selections from eight of Philip Roth's early novels, with a definitive version of The Breast and the previously uncollected story Novotny's Pain, alongside the essay-story Looking At Kafka.

Manhood in Philip Roth's Post-War America Simon and Schuster

After eleven years of solitude working on his New England mountain as a writer, Nathan Zuckerman returns to New York to confront a turbulent city in the wake of September 11, as well as the aging Amy Bellette, one-time muse to his first literary hero, E.I. Lonoff.

Deception Vintage International

The collected interviews of the author of Portnoy's Complaint & Goodbye, Columbus.

Operation Shylock Turtleback Books

'Subtle, funny and furious' Observer What if a lookalike stranger stole your name, hijacked your biography, and went about the world pretending to be you? Startlingly, Philip Roth meets a man in Jerusalem called Philip Roth who has been touring Israel - riding high on the author's reputation - preaching a bizarre reverse-exodus of the Jews, encouraging them to return to their ancestral homes in Europe. Roth decides to stop him, even if that means impersonating the impersonator. Operation Shylock is at once spy story, political thriller, meditation on identity and unfathomable journey through a volatile, frightening middle-east.