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Ross Lockridge Jr. wrote the novel Raintree County (which corresponds to the real Henry County, Indiana), which inspired a film of the same name. This book contains a

collection of stories, remembrances, and photos connected with the book, film, and county.

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Nominated for several major awards and said by many to be one of the greatest novels of the century, Woiwode's epic is the story of four generations of the Neumiller family. "Nothing more beautiful and moving has been written in years". -- New York

Times Book Review

Out of Wedlock Rowman

Altamira

The long-awaited sequel to *My Sweet Audrina*, one of V.C. Andrews' s strangest, most beloved books—and now a Lifetime movie! Whitefern swallowed Audrina' s childhood—and now the sprawling Victorian mansion threatens her adult life too...

Audrina remembers a better time, when her husband, Arden, was a young man with a heart filled with devotion for her. He didn' t used to be this ambitious, expansive...this cruel. But then, the death of Audrina' s father changed a great many things. When the reading of her father' s will reveals that Audrina herself will control fifty-one percent of the family brokerage—the halls of Whitefern again don' t feel safe. Arden' s protestations become frantic, nearly violent. And while Audrina didn' t anticipate running the family business, she' s curious to do so. And she can' t help but wonder what had made her father change his will at the last minute? What did he know

about Arden that she didn' t?

Trapped in the middle of it all: her fragile, simple sister—the beautiful, trusting Sylvia. Audrina promised her father she' d watch over the young woman. But after years of relative quiet, the dark days of Whitefern may have returned...

Beyond the Bedroom

Wall Simon and Schuster

It is, perhaps, the fifteenth century and the ordered tranquillity of a Mediterranean island is about to be shattered by the appearance of two outsiders: one, a castaway, plucked from the sea by fishermen, whose beliefs represent a challenge to the established order; the other, a child abandoned by her mother and suckled by wolves, who knows nothing of the precarious relationship between Church and State but whose

innocence will become the subject of a dangerous experiment. But the arrival of the Inquisition on the island creates a darker, more threatening force which will transform what has been a philosophical game of chess into a matter of life and death...

Night of Flames Raintree County ...Shade of the Raintree

This true story of literary stardom and sudden tragedy is “ a riveting book, shattering and shot through with the powerful poignancy of a life undone ” (Detroit News). Raintree County, the first novel by Ross Lockridge, Jr., was the publishing event of 1948. Excerpted in Life magazine, it was a Book-of-the-Month Club Main Selection, won MGM ’ s Novel Award and a movie deal, and stood at

the top of the nation ’ s bestseller lists. Unfortunately, Lockridge ’ s first novel was also his last.

Two months after its publication the thirty-three-year-old author from Bloomington, Indiana, took his own life. His son Larry was five years old at the time. Shade of the Raintree is Larry ’ s search for an understanding of his father ’ s baffling act. In this powerfully narrated biography, Larry Lockridge uncovers a man of great vitality, humor, love, and visionary ambition, but also of deep vulnerability. The author manages to combine a son ’ s emotional investments with a sleuth ’ s dispassionate inquiry. The result is “ a book that is, in its own way, as remarkable and compelling as Raintree County ” (Milwaukee

Journal). “ Larry Lockridge here faces the double tasking of writing a biography of his father and of finding out what drove him to a ruthless act of self-destruction. An immensely moving book, deserving of the Pulitzer Prize. ” —Kirkus Reviews
This edition includes a new preface by the author.

The Oliver Stone Experience

Da Capo Press

A masterpiece of Biblical scope, and the magnum opus of one of America ’ s most enduring authors, in a commemorative hardcover edition In his journal, Nobel Prize winner John Steinbeck called East of Eden "the first book," and indeed it has the primordial power and simplicity of myth. Set in the rich farmland of California's Salinas Valley, this sprawling and often brutal novel follows the intertwined destinies of two families—the Trasks and

the Hamiltons—whose generations helplessly reenact the fall of Adam and Eve and the poisonous rivalry of Cain and Abel. The masterpiece of Steinbeck ’ s later years, East of Eden is a work in which Steinbeck created his most mesmerizing characters and explored his most enduring themes: the mystery of identity, the inexplicability of love, and the murderous consequences of love's absence. Adapted for the 1955 film directed by Elia Kazan introducing James Dean, and read by thousands as the book that brought Oprah ’ s Book Club back, East of Eden has remained vitally present in American culture for over half a century. Mister Roberts Penguin Group USA

Here, at last back in print, is the classic dual biography of Ross Lockridge and Thomas Heggen, two authors who achieved sudden fame and

fortune and then self-destructed. Ross Lockridge, the author of the spectacularly best-selling *Raintree County*, and Thomas Heggen, the creator of *Mister Roberts*, both were thrust in the 1940s into unexpected fame and money. Each was young and inexperienced in the ways of the world. John Leggett explores their lives, their loves, their friendships, and their writing and publishing experiences to discover what ultimately and tragically failed them. Ross and Tom portrays two gifted writers and their final descent into that Fitzgeraldian crack-up where "in the real dark night of the soul it is always three o'clock in the morning." [Knowledge Of Angels](#)
Penguin Group USA
When *The Urban Frontier* was first published it roused

attention because it held that settlers made a concerted effort to bring established institutions and ways to their new country. This differed markedly from the then-dominant Turnerian hypothesis that a culture's identity and behavior was determined by its history and experience in a particular social and physical environment. *The Urban Frontier* is still considered one of the most important books in urban history. This printing of the now-classic Wade volume features a new introduction by Zane L. Miller.

Ross Lockridge's *Attitude Toward History in His Novel "Raintree County"*
Wildside Press LLC

The Cardiff Giant, set in Cooperstown, New York, has up its novelistic sleeve Puck's profound declaration, "Lord,

what fools these mortals be!" Jess Freeman, investigative reporter, arrives on the scene to look into the weird disappearance from the Farmers' Museum of a huge human figure. He had been unearthed in the late nineteenth century near Cardiff, New York. Jess confronts locals and outsiders who all have a theory, including that the giant has been reanimated and is lurching throughout the community. They are enmeshed in self-punishing belief systems such as alien abduction, astrology, kabbalistic numerology, New Age rebirthing, and religious dogmas reduced to literal absurdities. The fast-paced action centers around episodes where they pay a sorry price for their beliefs. But skeptics don't fare much better, susceptible as they are to mental disorders that show the faculty of reason is fragile

indeed. These characters group and regroup, with romance always on their minds, and finally come to recognitions at once surprising and moving.

Of All the Bloody Cheek
University of Illinois Press
A panoramic epic of the 19th century in Raintree County, Indiana, particularly of the Civil War and its effects.

The Pillars of the Earth
Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

In 1948, Ross Lockridge's novel Raintree County was a number one bestseller and acclaimed literary work. Yet, at the height of his fame at age 33, Lockridge killed himself. In a brilliant biography, his son Larry seeks understanding. Simultaneous release with the re-publication by Penguin of the long unavailable Raintree

County. Photos.
Indiana University Press
Raintree County ...Shade of
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Being a Collection of Essays
Observing the Fiftieth
Anniversary of Ross
Lockridge, Jr.'s "Raintree
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WHY did my father, Ross
Lockridge, Jr., execute
himself, while his first novel
was the nation's number
one bestseller? Raintree
County was also a Book-of-
the-Month Club Main
Selection. It had won the
highly publicized MGM
novel prize. A lengthy
excerpt appeared in LIFE
MAGAZINE--America's
premier organ of popular
culture--which had hitherto
not published fiction.

Raintree County was an
informal contender for being
the mythical Great
American Novel. He went to
his death in full knowledge
that his life, viewed from the
street, exceeded all but the
most extravagant of human
dreams. This story is
grounded personally, and in
the culture of the time--e.g.,
the Kinsey Institute, and the
Hollywood of Elizabeth
Taylor, Montgomery Clift,
Eva Marie Saint. Wardell
Pomeroy, Alfred C. Kinsey's
colorful wing man, was our
Bloomington, Indiana
neighbor, and as a child
horsing around with the
Pomeroy kids I became privy
to "peculiarities" that shed
light on my father's place in
history, and the covert
culture of pervasive
pedophilia, incest, and
childhood sexual abuse,
cocooned by institutional

protection and denial, and permitted to persist, and to wreak unacknowledged havoc in the lives of innocents to this day.

Raintree County Memories
Random House
Collection consists primarily of correspondence from author Ross Franklin Lockridge, Jr., 1914-1948, to various individuals. The Lilly Library acquired these letters to complement the manuscript files for Lockridge's book, *Raintree County*. Many of the letters discuss the success of *Raintree County* as well as Lockridge's untimely death. Lockridge was born on April 25, 1914 in Bloomington, Indiana. The family moved to Fort Wayne for several years, but later returned to Bloomington. Lockridge attended Indiana University in Bloomington, where he

was known for his impressive academic record. In 1937, he married Vernice Baker and together the couple had four children, Ernest, Jeanne, Ross, and Lawrence. Lockridge died on March 6, 1948 in Bloomington, Indiana, several weeks after the publication of *Raintree County*. The novel was his only book. Published in 1948, *Raintree County* is considered by some to be the "Great American Novel." The story follows the character John Shawnessey during the course of a single day, July 4, 1892, and features flashbacks to the time period after the Civil War. It is set in the fictional *Raintree County*, which is in part based on Henry County, Indiana, where Lockridge spent his childhood summers at his grandmother's home.

Skeleton Key to the Suicide of My Father, Ross Lockridge, Jr. Chicago Review Press

This omnibus collects Monte Schulz ' s Jazz Age Trilogy of historical fiction novels, which follows various family members on the eve of the Great Depression to the circus, through bank robberies, underneath front porches and big city skyscrapers, and much more. Crossing Eden is the story of an American family in the summer of 1929, when a failed businessman divides himself from his wife and children, and a troubled farm boy runs away from home in the company of a gangster. It ' s also the tale of a nation in the last months of the Roaring Twenties, a glittering decade of exuberance and doubt, optimism and fear. Set equally among the states along the Middle Border, in a small East Texas town, and in a great gleaming metropolis, Crossing

Eden chronicles the Pendergast family of Farrington, Illinois, cast apart by circumstance into the early 20th century landscape of big business, tent shows, speakeasies, sé ances, bank robberies, lynchings, murder, romance, circuses, and skyscrapers. It ' s a grand tapestry of the American experience in an age of transition from rural to urban, with our nation perched on the precipice of the Great Depression.

The Suicide of Ross Lockridge, Jr., Abrams

"The first book of real magnitude to come out of the last war." —John Dos Passos John Horne Burns brought The Gallery back from World War II, and on publication in 1947 it became a critically-acclaimed bestseller. However, Burns's early death at the age of 36 led to the subsequent neglect of

this searching book, which captures the shock the war dealt to the preconceptions and ideals of the victorious Americans. Set in occupied Naples in 1944, *The Gallery* takes its name from the Galleria Umberto, a bombed-out arcade where everybody in town comes together in pursuit of food, drink, sex, money, and oblivion. A daring and enduring novel—one of the first to look directly at gay life in the military—*The Gallery* poignantly conveys the mixed feelings of the men and women who fought the war that made America a superpower.

The Riddle of Ross
Lockridge's *Raintree County*
Rowman & Littlefield

The epic life of John
Shawnessy, born in Indiana
in the nineteenth century, as

he pursues the American
dream

Whitefern Penguin

Painting a vivid and terrifying picture of war-torn Europe during World War II, this tale chronicles the lives of Anna, a Krakow university professor, and her husband Jan, a Polish cavalryman. After they are separated and forced to flee occupied Poland, Anna soon finds herself caught up in the Belgian Resistance, while Jan becomes embedded in British Intelligence efforts to contact the Resistance in Poland. He soon realizes that he must seize this opportunity to search for his lost wife, Anna.

Travels with Ernest
Doubleday Books

WHY did my brilliant father
Ross Lockridge, Jr. execute
himself at 33, while his first novel
RAINTREE COUNTY held the
Number-One ranking in the
United States and was being
praised by readers and critics
alike as *The Great American
Novel*? Even as he was killing
himself he was experiencing

success beyond the greatest of great expectations, dying in full knowledge that his life, viewed from the street, had exceeded all but the most extravagant of human dreams. My book offers the Skeleton Key that unlocks the Riddle of Raintree County. I do this less from choice than an obligation to history and to truth. Squeamishness and mendacity, blood-brothers, go hand in hand. Miss Manners plays no part in this tragedy. Truth is not subject to etiquette or taste, and it is precisely because the truth about my father's brief, terrible life and his forlorn death is unspeakable that the truth demands to be told. SKELETON KEY is grounded in my own personal relationship with my father and other family members, especially his parents (my grandfather and grandmother), who had a lethal impact upon his life, then attempted a similar impact upon mine. My book is concretely and personally grounded, too, in the culture of the time--in particular, the Kinsey Institute, and Hollywood (e.g., Elizabeth Taylor, Montgomery Clift, Eva Marie

Saint, Edward Dmytryk and others connected with making of the motion-picture version of RAINTREE COUNTY). I experienced the filming of the movie. I attended its premiere. Wardell Baxter Pomeroy, Kinsey's colorful right-hand man, was our neighbor. As a child playing with the Pomeroy children I learned "peculiarities" of cultural significance, that shed light on my father's place in History. Embedded in my narrative is the covert culture of pervasive pedophilia and childhood sexual abuse, cocooned by institutional protection and denial, and permitted to persist, and to wreak unacknowledged havoc in the lives of innocents. A published novelist, I bring to my memoir a novelist's powers of observation, and a novelist's vision of the intricate, poisonous web of cause-and-effect that ultimately trapped my father and devoured him. Replete with hitherto unpublished photographs, and documents such as my father's medical records from his brief stint in a psychiatric ward shortly before

his suicide, SKELETON KEY
marries the Memoir with the
Graphic Novel.

Skeleton Key to the Suicide
of My Father, Ross
Lockridge, Jr., Author of
Raintree County Jove
Publications

Applies the precepts of
samurai philosophy and
practice to the problems of
doing business and of daily
living and shows how to
defeat opponents by
overcoming the "inner
opponents"