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## Restless William Boyd

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### Agent in Berlin Knopf

Rachel, Max, and their daughter Ellie had the perfect life—until the night Rachel ’ s heart stopped beating. She was thirty-six. Just as her family can ’ t forget her, Rachel can ’ t quite let go of them either. Caught in a place between worlds, Rachel watches helplessly as she begins to fade from their lives. This fresh debut novel touches on the various stages of bereavement, from denial to acceptance. As Max and Ellie work through their grief, Rachel

too struggles to come to terms with her death. And as her husband starts to date again, Rachel realizes that one day Max will find love, and that Ellie will have a new mother figure in her life. The Dead Wife ’ s Handbook is a heartwarming and touching book, very commercial in its approach and a compelling read. It will touch a wide readership, and is a perfect read for fans of the bestseller The Lovely Bones. Skyhorse Publishing, as well as our Arcade, Yucca, and Good Books imprints, are proud to publish a broad range of books for readers interested in fiction—novels, novellas, political and medical thrillers, comedy, satire, historical fiction, romance, erotic and love stories, mystery, classic literature, folklore and mythology, literary classics including Shakespeare, Dumas, Wilde, Cather, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national

bestseller, we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

Of Love and Other Wars Harper Collins  
In the small African republic of Kinjanja, British diplomat Morgan Leafy bumbles heavily through his job. His love of women, his fondness for drink, and his loathing for the country prove formidable obstacles on his road to any kind of success. But when he becomes an operative in Operation Kingpin and is charged with monitoring the front runner in Kinjanja ’ s national elections, Morgan senses an opportunity to achieve real professional recognition and, more importantly, reassignment. After he finds himself being blackmailed, diagnosed with a venereal disease, attempting bribery, and confounded with a dead body, Morgan realizes that very little is going

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according to plan.

**The Dream Lover** National Geographic Books

An omnibus collection of dazzling short stories by the acclaimed author of *Restless*, William Boyd.

**The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Contemporary British and Irish Literature** A&C Black

"It is summer in 1968, the year of the assassinations of Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy. While the world is reeling our trio is involved in making a racketsy *Swingin' Sixties* British movie in sunny Brighton. All are leading secret lives. As the film is shot, with its usual drastic ups and downs, so does our trio's private, secret world begin to take over their public one. Pressures build inexorably - someone's going to crack. Or maybe they all will"--Publisher description

**The Ice Soldier** Viking

One man's quiet life is shattered when he's forced to confront terrifying secrets he'd thought buried high in the Italian Alps. The New York Times has called his work "daring and remarkably assured," The Washington Post has dubbed it "shamelessly entertaining," and the Los Angeles Times claims it renders "the raw

elegance of the human experience itself." Now Paul Watkins returns with his most engaging and atmospheric novel yet. The ice soldier of the title is one William Bromley. Following a disastrous turn in the Alps during the Second World War, William has constructed for himself a quiet and lonely life as a history teacher at a London boarding school. For different reasons, he and his best friend Stanley have given up the world of mountaineering for a more peaceful existence. Peaceful that is, until a soldier from William's mountain regiment reappears, tragedy occurs, and a terrible bargain is made. Slowly, the horrifying events of the war come back to William, and he realizes what he must do. He is to confront his worst fears and memories by returning to the glaciers and peaks of northern Italy. The little-known role of the army's mountaineer corps comes brilliantly to life in this story of men pushed to the limits of endurance and survival, and haunted by the ghosts of war. "Paul Watkins is without question

one of the most gifted writers of his generation." -Tobias Wolff  
**Nat Tate** Crown Publishing Group (NY)

Set in the years 1914 to 1918, *An Ice Cream War* follows the fortunes of two English brothers who enlist and fight in German East Africa. Contrasting the vibrant chaos of East Africa with the quiet gentility of Edwardian England, the novel tracks the brothers' very different but equally tragic experiences in the war and the pressures and sorrows of those they leave at home.

**Brazzaville Beach** John Wiley & Sons

Eva, a Russian émigrée who worked for the British secret service during the war, thought she had left her spy life behind her, but when she is asked to go on one last mission, she needs her daughter's help to complete it.

**The Balkan Trilogy** Europa

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## Editions

Faulks's first novel since the extraordinary success of *Birdsong* is written with the same passion, power and breadth of vision. Set in England and France during the darkest days of World War II, *Charlotte Gray*, like *Birdsong*, depicts a complex love affair that is both shaped and thwarted by war. It is 1942. London is blacked out, but France is under a greater darkness, as the occupying Nazi forces encroach ever closer in a tense waiting game. *Charlotte Gray*, a volatile but determined young woman, travels south from Edinburgh. Working in London, she has a brief but intense love affair with an RAF pilot. When his plane is lost over France, she contrives to go there herself to work in the Resistance and to search for him--but then is unwilling to leave as she finds that the struggle for the country's fate is intimately linked to her own

battle to take control of her life. Faulks's novel is an examination of lost paradises, politics without belief, the limits of memory, the redemptive power of art and the existence of hope beyond reason. It is also a brilliant evocation of life in Occupied France and, more significantly, a revelation of the appalling price many Frenchmen paid to survive in unoccupied, so-called Free France. As the men, women and children of *Charlotte's* small town prepare to meet their terrible destiny, the truth of what took place in wartime France is finally exposed. When private lives and public events fatally collide, the roots of the characters' lives are torn up and exposed. These harrowing scenes are presented with the passion and narrative force that readers will recall from *Birdsong*. *Charlotte Gray* will attract even more readers to Faulks's remarkable fiction.

## Restless Vintage

In the quiet cul-de-sac where Keith and Stephen live the only immediate signs of the Second World War are the blackout at night and a single random bomb site. But the two boys start to suspect that all is not what it seems when one day Keith announces a disconcerting discovery: the Germans have infiltrated his own family. And when the secret underground world they have dreamed up emerges from the shadows they find themselves engulfed in mysteries far deeper and more painful than they had bargained for. 'Bernard Shaw couldn't do it, Henry James couldn't do it, but the ingenious English author Michael Frayn does do it: write novels and plays with equal success ... Frayn's novel excels.' John Updike, *New Yorker* 'A beautifully accomplished, richly nostalgic novel about supposed second-world-war espionage seen through the eyes of a young boy.' *Sunday Times* 'Deeply satisfying . . . Frayn has written nothing better.' *Independent* Imaginings Of Sand Penguin UK

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A thrilling, plot-twisting novel from the author of *Restless*, a national bestseller and winner of the Costa Novel of the Year Award. It is May in Chelsea, London. The glittering river is unusually high on an otherwise ordinary afternoon. Adam Kindred, a young climatologist in town for a job interview, ambles along the Embankment, admiring the view. He is pleasantly surprised to come across a little Italian bistro down a leafy side street. During his meal he strikes up a conversation with a solitary diner at the next table, who leaves soon afterwards. With horrifying speed, this chance encounter leads to a series of malign accidents through which Adam will lose everything - home, family, friends, job, reputation, passport, credit cards,

mobile phone - never to get them back. A heart-in-mouth conspiracy novel about the fragility of social identity, the corruption at the heart of big business and the secrets that lie hidden in the filthy underbelly of the everyday city.

Waiting for Sunrise Penguin UK

One of the most beguiling storytellers on either side of the Atlantic delivers a luminous new collection whose 14 stories are a series of variations on the theme of love-and its shady cousin lust. A film director's journal becomes an unintended chronicle of his deepening and ruinous obsession with a leading lady ("Notebook No. 9"). While flying business class, a well-behaved English architect feels the chill onset of an otherworldly visitation that will shatter his family and career ("A Haunting"). An unhappy young boy, neglected by both his father and adulterous mother, finds an unexpected friend in an elderly painter ("Varengeville"). Wise, unsettling, humane, and endlessly

surprising, *Fascination* lives up to its title on every page, while confirming William Boyd's stature as a writer of incandescent talent.

*Killing Lizards and Other Stories*  
Bloomsbury Publishing USA

A primatologist flees her broken marriage for a job in war-torn Africa in the renowned author's "brilliant . . . stunningly magical" novel (Washington Post Book World). William Boyd's classic *Brazzaville Beach* has been called a "bold seamless blend of philosophy and suspense . . . [that] nevertheless remains accessible to general readers on a level of pure entertainment." (Boston Globe). When her marriage to a brilliant but unstable mathematician finally shatters, Hope Clearwater leaves England to join a team of primate researchers in a remote African country. Though she is there to study chimps, the greater challenge is her attempt to grapple with her own recent past-as well as her fellow scientists. And when she discovers evidence of supposedly peaceful chimps engaging in extreme violence, Hope finds

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herself drawn into a war of desperate egos and ruthless ambitions.

*Spies* Henry Holt and Company  
THE SUNDAY TIMES  
BESTSELLERVienna, 1913.

Lysander Rief, a young English actor, sits in the waiting room of the city's preeminent psychiatrist as he anxiously ponders the particularly intimate nature of his neurosis. When the enigmatic, intensely beautiful Hettie Bull walks in, Lysander is immediately drawn to her, unaware of how destructive the consequences of their subsequent affair will be. One year later, home in London, Lysander finds himself entangled in the dangerous web of wartime intelligence - a world of sex, scandal and spies that is slowly, steadily, permeating every corner of his life...

Love is Blind Harvard  
University Press  
THE BOOK: A narrative

counterpoint between two women, two South Africas. Kristien Muller returns from London to her homeland to fulfil a promise. Her grandmother lies on her deathbed unleashing a tumult of myth, legend and brute fact. Confronted by the realities of a land hurtling towards change, Kristien discovers that the present holds its own moments of savagery. A searing panorama of South Africa's experience, reminiscent in its political & imaginative scope of Marquez's *One Hundred Years Of Solitude*.

*The Dream Lover* Bloomsbury  
Publishing

It is 1939. Eva Delectorskaya is a beautiful 28-year-old Russian émigrée living in Paris. As war breaks out she is recruited for the British Secret Service by Lucas Romer, a mysterious Englishman, and under his tutelage she learns to become the perfect

spy, to mask her emotions and trust no one, including those she loves most. Since the war, Eva has carefully rebuilt her life as a typically English wife and mother. But once a spy, always a spy. Now she must complete one final assignment, and this time Eva can't do it alone: she needs her daughter's help.

*Sweet Caress* Skyhorse

A novel of astounding beauty and wisdom, *Fugitive Pieces* is a profound meditation on the resilience of the human spirit and love's ability to resurrect even the most damaged of hearts.

**Fascination** Canelo

The #1 international bestseller. One day Tom Meron, a happily married father of two who's never been in trouble, receives a phone call that will change his life forever: his friend Jack Calley, a high-flying city lawyer, is screaming down the phone for help. As Meron listens, Calley is murdered. His last words,

spoken to his killer, are the first two lines of Meron's address. Confused and terrified, Meron grabs his children and hurries out of the house as soon as he can. It is only just in time. Within minutes, a car pulls up outside, and three men get out. It's clear that they're coming for him. And with his wife missing, an unidentified corpse in her office, and the police after him for murder, his life's about to get a whole lot more interesting.

*Stars and Bars* Vintage

One of our most acclaimed authors takes on a legendary literary character, James Bond -- producing a smart and stylish narrative of international espionage, conspiracy, and war. It's 1969, and, just having celebrated his 45th birthday, British agent James Bond -- 007 -- is summoned to headquarters to receive an unusual mission. Voltazia, a troubled West African nation, is being wracked by a bitter civil war, and M directs Bond to squash the rebel

forces threatening the established regime. Bond senses that he's not getting the full story about Britain's interest in the outcome. His landing in Voltazia begins a feverish mission to discover the forces behind this brutal war -- and Bond realizes the situation is far from straightforward. The beautiful and brilliant Ellie Ogilvy-Grant, his intelligence liaison on the ground, seems to be Bond's best weapon -- until the two are captured by rebel forces and her allegiances become unclear. Bond escapes and returns home alive, but as he pieces together the real story behind the violence in Voltazia, he knows his life is in danger. The conspiracy extends further than Bond ever imagined, and only by crossing the Atlantic can he connect the dots between a dying African military leader, British and American intelligence forces, and a humanitarian aid group whose intentions are far from innocent. Moving from rebel battlefields in West Africa to the closed doors of intelligence offices in London and Washington, this novel is at once a gripping thriller, a tensely

plotted story full of memorable characters and breathtaking twists, and a masterful study of power and how it's wielded -- a brilliant addition to the James Bond canon.

**Armadillo** Europa Editions

"A very funny sendup of Italian-cooking-holiday-romance novels" (Publishers Weekly). Gerald Samper, an effete English snob, has his own private hilltop in Tuscany where he whiles away his time working as a ghostwriter for celebrities and inventing wholly original culinary concoctions--including ice cream made with garlic and the bitter, herb-based liqueur known as Fernet Branca. But Gerald's idyll is about to be shattered by the arrival of Marta, on the run from a crime-riddled former Soviet republic, as a series of misunderstandings brings this odd couple into ever closer and more disastrous proximity . . . "Provokes the sort of indecorous involuntary laughter that has more in common with sneezing than chuckling. Imagine a British John Waters crossed with David Sedaris." --The New York Times

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Restless Bloomsbury Publishing  
Brodie Moncur is a piano tuner,  
as brilliant in his own way as  
John Kilbarron, the pianist  
Brodie accompanies on all of  
his tours. It is a luxurious  
life, and a level of success  
Brodie could hardly have  
dreamed of growing up in a  
remote Scottish village, in a  
household ruled by a tyrannical  
father. But Brodie would gladly  
give it all up for the love of  
the Russian soprano Lika Blum:  
beautiful, worldly, seductive--  
and consort to Kilbarron.  
Brodie's passion for Lika only  
grows as their lives become  
increasingly more intertwined,  
more secretive, and, finally,  
more dangerous. What Brodie  
doesn't know about Lika, and  
about her connection to  
Kilbarron and his sinister  
brother, Malachi, eventually  
tests Brodie's ability, and  
will, to survive. -- adapted  
from publisher info.