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A Battle over Memory Vintage

New York Times Bestseller: An “elegant” mosaic of trenchant observations on the late sixties and seventies from the author of *Slouching Towards Bethlehem* (The New Yorker). In this landmark essay collection, Joan Didion brilliantly interweaves her own “bad dreams” with those of a nation confronting the dark underside of 1960s counterculture. From a jailhouse visit to Black Panther Party cofounder Huey Newton to witnessing First Lady of California Nancy Reagan pretend to pick flowers for the benefit of news cameras, Didion captures the paranoia and absurdity of the era with her signature blend of irony and insight. She takes readers to the “giddily splendid” Getty Museum in Los Angeles, the cool mountains of Bogotá, and the Jordanian Desert, where Bishop James Pike went to walk in Jesus’ footsteps—and died not far from his rented Ford Cortina. She anatomizes the culture of shopping malls—“toy garden cities in which no one lives but everyone consumes”—and exposes the contradictions and compromises of the women’s movement. In the iconic title essay, she documents her uneasy state of mind during the years leading up to and following the Manson murders—a terrifying crime that, in her memory, surprised no one. Written in “a voice like no other in contemporary journalism,” *The White Album* is a masterpiece of literary reportage and a fearless work of autobiography by the National Book Award–winning author of *The Year of Magical Thinking* (The New York Times Book Review). Its power to electrify and inform remains undiminished nearly forty years after it was first published.

A Memoir of Family, Migration, Gangs, and Revolution in the Americas Vintage

An LA Times Best Book of the Year • A New York Times Editors' Pick • A Newsweek 25 Best Fall Books • A The Millions Most Anticipated Book of the Year "Gripping and beautiful. With the artistry of a poet and the intensity of a revolutionary, Lovato untangles the tightly knit skein of love and terror that connects El Salvador and the United States." —Barbara Ehrenreich, author of *Natural Causes* and *Nickel and Dimed*
An urgent, no-holds-barred tale of gang life, guerrilla warfare, intergenerational trauma, and interconnected violence between the United States and El Salvador, Roberto Lovato’s memoir excavates family history and reveals the intimate stories beneath headlines about gang violence and mass Central American migration, one of the most important, yet least-understood humanitarian crises of our time—and one in which the perspectives of Central Americans in the United States have been silenced and forgotten. The child of Salvadoran immigrants, Roberto Lovato grew up in 1970s and 80s San Francisco as MS-13 and other notorious Salvadoran gangs were forming in California. In his teens, he lost friends to the escalating violence, and survived acts of brutality himself. He eventually traded the violence of the streets for human rights advocacy in wartime El Salvador where he joined the guerilla movement against the U.S.-backed, fascist military government responsible for some of the most barbaric massacres and crimes against humanity in recent history. Roberto returned from war-torn El Salvador to find the United States on the verge of unprecedented crises of its own. There, he channeled his own pain into activism and journalism, focusing his attention on how trauma affects individual lives and societies, and began the difficult journey of confronting the roots of his own trauma. As a child, Roberto endured a tumultuous relationship with his father Ramón. Raised in extreme poverty in the countryside of El Salvador during one of the most violent periods of its history, Ramón learned to survive by straddling intersecting underworlds of family secrets, traumatic silences, and dealing in black-market goods and guns. The repression of the violence in his life took its toll, however. Ramón was plagued with silences and fits of anger that had a profound impact on his youngest son, and which Roberto attributes as a source of constant reckoning with the violence and rebellion in his own life. In *Unforgetting*, Roberto interweaves his father’s complicated history and his own with first-hand reportage on gang life, state violence, and the heart of the immigration crisis in both El Salvador and the United States. In

doing so he makes the political personal, revealing the cyclical ways violence operates in our homes and our societies, as well as the ways hope and tenderness can rise up out of the darkness if we are courageous enough to unforget.

Run River / Slouching Towards Bethlehem / Play It As It Lays / A Book of Common Prayer / The White Album New York Review of Books

This is a personal narrative as well as a book about Miami at the moment in the mid-1980s when the transformation of the city by its Cuban exile population was achieving critical mass. Rieff looks at Miami as America's New Havana, with a nod to the image fostered by TV's *Miami Vice* - an easy-going recital of his visits with Miami's most influential Cuban leaders, ranging from moderates to possibly murderous, anti-Castro politicians, along with tours of the city's now-famed Calle Ocho.

A Memoir of Witness and Resistance Everyman's Library
Library of America continues its definitive edition of one of the most electric writers of our time with a volume gathering her iconic reporting and novels from mid-career This second volume in Library of America's definitive Didion edition includes two novels and three remarkable essay collections with which she extended the compass of the extraordinary journalistic eye first developed in the celebrated books *Slouching Towards Bethlehem* and *The White Album*. Gather here are *Salvador*, a searing look at terror and Cold War politics in the Central American civil war of the early 1980s; *Miami*, a portrait not just of a city but of immigration, exile, the cocaine trade, and political violence; and *After Henry*, in which she reports on Patty Hearst, Nancy Reagan, the case of the Central Park Five, and the Los Angeles she once called home. The novels *Democracy* and *The Last Thing He Wanted*, the latter recently adapted for film by Netflix, are fast-paced, deftly observed narratives of power, conspiracy, and corruption in American political life. Taken together, these five books mark the remarkable mid-career evolution of one of the most dynamic

writers of our time.

An American Dream HarperCollins

"Tracy Daugherty delves deep into the life of distinguished American author and journalist Joan Didion in this, the first printed biography published about her life. Joan Didion lived a life in the public and private eye with her late husband, writer John Gregory Dunne. Daugherty takes readers on a journey back through time, following a young Didion in Sacramento, through to her adult life as a writer interviewing those who know and knew her personally, while maintaining a respectful distance from the reclusive literary great."

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The Last Thing He Wanted University of Arizona Press

Original edition has subtitle: extraordinary stories of survival and tragedy from the early voyages of discovery to Australia.

Joan Didion: The 1980s & 90s (LOA #341)
Macmillan

A definitive compilation of essays and nonfiction writings spanning more than forty years includes the author's reflections on politics, lifestyle, place, and cultural figures, including her studies of Haight-Ashbury, the Manson family, the Black Panthers, California earthquakes, Bill Clinton and Kenneth Starr, and much more.

A Biography of Joan Didion Salvador

Faux Queen: A Life in Drag is the memoir of a ballet-obsessed girl who moves to San Francisco from the suburbs and finds her people at the drag club. It joyously chronicles Monique Jenkinson's creation of her drag persona Fauxnique, the people and cultural practices that crash her identity into being, her journey through one of the most experimental moments in queer cultural history, and her rise through the nightlife underground to become the first cisgender woman crowned as a major pageant-winning drag queen. Jenkinson finds authenticity through the glee of drag artifice and articulation through the immediacy of performing bodies. She pens a valentine to gay men and their

culture while relaying the making of an open-minded feminist and queer ally. *Faux Queen* finds deep healing in irreverence and posits that it might be possible for us to come together in fabulous difference on the dance floor.

The Mosquito Coast Bywater Books

The Mosquito Coast - winner of the James Tait Black Memorial Prize - is a breathtaking novel about fanaticism and a futile search for utopia from bestseller Paul Theroux. Allie Fox is going to re-create the world. Abominating the cops, crooks, junkies and scavengers of modern America, he abandons civilisation and takes the family to live in the Honduran jungle. There his tortured, messianic genius keeps them alive, his hoarse tirades harrying them through a diseased and dirty Eden towards unimaginable darkness. 'Stunning. . . exciting, intelligent, meticulously realised, artful' Victoria Glendinning, Sunday Times 'An epic of paranoid obsession that swirls the reader headlong to deposit him on a black mudbank of horror' Christopher Wordsworth, Guardian

'Magnificently stimulating and exciting' Anthony Burgess American travel writer Paul Theroux is known for the rich descriptions of people and places that is often streaked with his distinctive sense of irony; his novels and collected short stories, *My Other Life*, *The Collected Stories*, *My Secret History*, *The Lower River*, *The Stranger at the Palazzo d'Oro*, *A Dead Hand*, *Millroy the Magician*, *The Elephanta Suite*, *Saint Jack*, *The Consul's File*, *The Family Arsenal*, and his works of non-fiction, including the iconic *The Great Railway Bazaar* are available from Penguin.

The Year of Magical Thinking Vintage

In this latest foray into the ailing American psyche, Joan Didion takes her scalpel to inauthenticity and dogma, and lays bare the

discrepancies between urban realities and the images peddled by America's attendant quack doctors. Like its great predecessors, 'Slouching Towards Bethlehem' and 'The White Album', 'Sentimental Journeys' is a thoroughly astringent, bracing report on the State of the Union.

Joan Didion Penguin

Surveys the history of El Salvador, explains the causes of the current warfare, and analyzes U.S. policy towards South America

The Last Love Song South End Press
NATIONAL BESTSELLER • "Didion at her finest" -USA Today • An intricate, fast-paced novel about trying to create a context for democracy and getting hands a little dirty in the process, complete with conspiracies, arms dealing, and assassinations. From the author of *The Year of Magical Thinking* and *Let Me Tell You What I Mean* The narrator introduces Elena McMahon, estranged from a life of celebrity fundraisers and from her powerful West Coast husband, Wynn Janklow, whom she has left, taking Catherine, her daughter, to become a reporter for *The Washington Post*. She finds herself boarding a plane for Florida to see her father. She becomes embroiled in her his business even though "she had trained herself since childhood not to have any interest in what he was doing." It is from this moment that she is caught up in something much larger than she could have imagined. Didion makes connections among Dallas, Iran-Contra, and Castro, and points out how "spectral companies with high-concept names tended to interlock." As this book builds to its terrifying finish, we see the underpinnings of a dark historical underbelly.

Fixed Ideas Vintage

El Salvador's civil war began in 1980 and ended twelve bloody years later. It saw

extreme violence on both sides, including the terrorizing and targeting of civilians by death squads, recruitment of child soldiers, and the death and disappearance of more than 75,000 people. Examining El Salvador's vibrant life-story literature written in the aftermath of this terrible conflict--including memoirs and testimonials--Erik Ching seeks to understand how the war has come to be remembered and rebattled by Salvadorans and what that means for their society today. Ching identifies four memory communities that dominate national postwar views: civilian elites, military officers, guerrilla commanders, and working class and poor testimonialists. Pushing distinct and divergent stories, these groups are today engaged in what Ching terms a "narrative battle" for control over the memory of the war. Their ongoing publications in the marketplace of ideas tend to direct Salvadorans' attempts to negotiate the war's meaning and legacy, and Ching suggests that a more open, coordinated reconciliation process is needed in this postconflict society. In the meantime, El Salvador, fractured by conflicting interpretations of its national trauma, is hindered in dealing with the immediate problems posed by the nexus of neoliberalism, gang violence, and outmigration.

America Since 9.11 Vintage

This enhanced eBook edition of *Blue Nights* includes three short films directed by Griffin Dunne and starring Joan Didion. Each film blends Didion's incisive prose with images and mementos from her daughter's life. From one of our most powerful writers, *Blue Nights* is a work of stunning frankness about losing a daughter. Richly textured with bits of her own childhood and married life with her husband, John Gregory Dunne, and daughter, Quintana Roo, this new book by Joan Didion

examines her thoughts, fears, and doubts regarding having children, illness, and growing old. *Blue Nights* opens on July 26, 2010, as Didion thinks back to Quintana's wedding in New York seven years before. Today would be her wedding anniversary. This fact triggers vivid snapshots of Quintana's childhood--in Malibu, in Brentwood, at school in Holmby Hills. Reflecting on her daughter but also on her role as a parent, Didion asks the candid questions any parent might about how she feels she failed either because cues were not taken or perhaps displaced. "How could I have missed what was clearly there to be seen?" Finally, perhaps we all remain unknown to each other. Seamlessly woven in are incidents Didion sees as underscoring her own age, something she finds hard to acknowledge, much less accept. *Blue Nights*--the long, light evening hours that signal the summer solstice, "the opposite of the dying of the brightness, but also its warning"--like *The Year of Magical Thinking* before it, is an iconic book of incisive and electric honesty, haunting and profoundly moving.

Political Fictions Vintage

Explores how Didion's nonfiction prose style, often lauded for being beautiful and poetic, also works rhetorically. Much acclaimed and often imitated, Joan Didion remains one of the leading American essayists and political journalists of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. The lone woman writer among the New Journalists in the 1960s and '70s, Didion became a powerful critic of public and political mythologies in the '80s and '90s, and was an inspiration for those, particularly women, dealing with aging and grief and loss in the early 2000s. An iconic figure,

Didion is still much admired by readers, critics, and essayists, who speak of looking to her prose style as a model for their own. In *Joan Didion: Substance and Style*, Kathleen M. Vandenberg explores how Didion's nonfiction prose style, often lauded for its beauty and poetry, also works rhetorically. Through close readings of selected nonfiction from the last forty years--biographically, culturally, and politically situated--Vandenberg reveals how Didion deliberately and powerfully employs style to emphasize her point of view and enchant her readers. While Didion continues to publish and the "Cult of Joan," as one author calls it, grows seemingly stronger by the day, this book is the only extended treatment of Didion's later nonfiction and the first sustained and close consideration of how her essays work at the level of the sentence. Kathleen M. Vandenberg is Senior Lecturer in Rhetoric at Boston University.

The White Album Open Road Media

The author recounts her 1982 visit to El Salvador and describes the terror, fear and political repression that permeated the country

Substance and Style Library of America

Plagued by political instability, economic hardships, and massacres of innocent men, women, and children, El Salvador has fought for freedom throughout the centuries. No other reference source captures the suffering and adversities this ever-evolving country has faced. El Salvador's tumultuous history and recent past are clearly documented in this comprehensive volume, filling a void on high school and public library shelves. This work offers the most current coverage on this tiny Latin American nation's struggles, covering from the pre-Columbian era to economics and politics in the 21st Century. Complete with interviews and accounts from former rebels and guerillas and other victims of the country's struggle for freedom, this volume highlights a unique account of El Salvador's past--the

viewpoints from the civilians who lived through it. Students will find *The History of El Salvador* to be an invaluable source for social studies, history, current events, and political science classes.

The Face of Revolution Vintage

The story of the 1989 massacre of civilians in El Salvador by US-trained soldiers.

Essays Open Road Media

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*).

Unforgetting Vintage

Library of America launches a definitive collected edition of one of the most original and electric writers of our time with a volume gathering her five iconic books of the 1960s & 70s. Joan Didion's influence on postwar American letters is undeniable. Whether writing fiction, memoir, or trailblazing journalism, her gifts for narrative and dialogue, and her intimate but detached authorial persona, have won her legions of readers and admirers. Now Library of America launches its multi-volume edition of Didion's collected writings, prepared in consultation with the author, that brings together her fiction and nonfiction for the first time. Collected in this first volume are Didion's five iconic books from the 1960s and 1970s: *Run River*, *Slouching Towards Bethlehem*, *Play It As It Lays*, *A Book of Common Prayer*, and *The White Album*. Whether writing about countercultural San Francisco, the Las Vegas wedding industry, Lucille Miller, Charles Manson, or the shopping mall, Didion achieves a wonderful negative sublimity without condemning her subjects or condescending to her readers. Chiefly about California, these books display Didion's genius for finding exactly the right language and tone to capture America's broken twilight landscape at a moment of headlong conflict and change.