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The Last Wolf Tuskar Rock Press

From the winner of the 2015 Man Booker International Prize Limited to 2,000 gorgeous copies, this richly illustrated, extraordinary novella was created in collaboration with the famed painter Max Neumann.

Spadework for a Palace (Storybook ND Series)
Oxford University Press, USA

The first book of criticism devoted to Pynchon's massive 2006 novel, Pynchon's *Against the Day: A Corrupted Pilgrim's Guide* gathers new work by more than a dozen scholars, offering readings informed by the newest developments in narratology, genre studies, ecocriticism, globalism, and the histories of science and religion. This title also offers fresh perspectives on divisive issues within Pynchon studies, such as anarchism, gender, and reviewers' reception of his recent work. What

emerges is a novel that will come to be seen, these essays argue, as a major part of Pynchon's storied legacy and a key work of the "late Pynchon." Before Lyricism New Directions Publishing Winner of the 2015 Man Booker International Prize *War & War* begins at a point of danger: on a dark train platform Korim is on the verge of being attacked and robbed by thuggish teenagers. From here, we are carried along by the insistent voice of this nervous clerk. Desperate, at times almost mad, but also keenly empathic, Korim has discovered in a small Hungarian town's archives an antique manuscript of startling beauty: it narrates the epic tale of brothers-in-arms struggling to return home from a disastrous war. Korim is determined to do away with himself, but before he commits suicide, he feels he must escape to New York with the precious manuscript and commit it to eternity by typing it all out onto the world wide web. Following Korim with obsessive realism through the streets of New York (from his landing in a Bowery flophouse to his move far uptown with a mad interpreter), *War and War* relates his encounters with a fascinating range of people in a world torn between viciousness and mysterious beauty. Following the eight chapters of *War & War* is a short 'prequel acting as a sequel', 'Isaiah', which brings us to a dark bar, years before in Hungary, where Korim rants against the world and threatens suicide. Written like nothing else (turning single sentences into chapters), *War &*

War affirms W. G. Sebald's comment that Krasznahorkai's prose far surpasses all the lesser concerns of contemporary writing.

Chasing Homer Harvard University Press Before Lyricism includes six book-length poems: 'The Forest' (1954), 'Plant Upbringing' (1956), 'Diary of Age' (1958), 'Description of the Body' (1959), 'The Meaning of the Blind' (1962), and 'Our Way of Being in Danger' (1966). Each of these, apart from 'Plant Upbringing,' was published as a separate book, which Vakalo herself designed. ('Plant Upbringing' was originally included in the volume Wall Painting, of which Vakalo later repudiated all but this single long poem.) For Vakalo, these poems formed a larger, accretive whole, which she titled Prin Apo Ton Lyrismo (Before Lyricism). By bringing these poems together under a single cover, Before Lyricism allows us to see the complex web of intertextual relations that bind these books together. Meanwhile, by bringing these poems into English, this volume will enrich not only our knowledge of this key period in Vakalo's career, but English-language readers' understanding of modern Greek poetry as a whole.

The Last Wolf & Herman Profile Books

In *The Bill*, László Krasznahorkai's madly lucid voice pours forth in a single, vertiginous, eleven-page sentence addressing Palma Vecchio, a sixteenth-century Venetian painter. Peering out from the pages are Vecchio's voluptuous, bare-breasted blondes, a succession of models transformed on the canvas into portraits of apprehensive sexuality. Alongside these women, the writer that Susan Sontag called "the Hungarian master of apocalypse"

interrogates Vecchio's gift: Why does he do it? How does he do it? And why are these models so afraid of him even though he, unlike most of his contemporaries, never touches them? The text engages with the art, asking questions only the paintings can answer. "László Krasznahorkai's taut, almost explosive texts resemble prose poems more than short stories or conventional novella chapters, though they do not pretend to lyricism."--Nation

The World Goes On Mariner Books

Now in paperback, a transcendent and wide-ranging collection of stories by László Krasznahorkai: "a visionary writer of extraordinary intensity and vocal range who captures the texture of present-day existence in scenes that are terrifying, strange, appallingly comic, and often shatteringly beautiful."--Marina Warner, announcing the Booker International Prize In *The World Goes On*, a narrator first speaks directly, then narrates a number of unforgettable stories, and then bids farewell ("here I would leave this earth and these stars, because I would take nothing with me"). As László Krasznahorkai himself explains: "Each text is about drawing our attention away

from this world, speeding our body toward annihilation, and immersing ourselves in a current of thought or a narrative..." A Hungarian interpreter obsessed with waterfalls, at the edge of the abyss in his own mind, wanders the chaotic streets of Shanghai. A traveler, reeling from the sights and sounds of Varanasi, India, encounters a giant of a man on the banks of the Ganges ranting on and on about the nature of a single drop of water. A child laborer in a Portuguese marble quarry wanders off from work one day into a surreal realm utterly alien from his daily toils.

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Dostoyevsky Reads Hegel in Siberia and Bursts Into Tears New

Directions Publishing

On *Literary Worlds* develops new strategies and perspectives for understanding aesthetic worlds.

The Last Wolf & Herman

Penguin UK

Where once was a beautiful wood now stands a desolate field smothered in ash and garbage, and here a young man named Waller has terrorizing encounters with grotesque figures named "the

garbagemen." As Waller becomes fascinated with these desperate men who eke out a survival by rooting through their nation's waste, he imagines they are also digging through its past as their government erases its history and walls itself off from the outside world. One of celebrated East German author Wolfgang Hilbig's most accessible and resonant works, *The Tidings of the Trees* is about the politics that rip us apart, the stories we tell for survival, and the absolute importance of words to nations and people. Featuring some of Hilbig's most striking, poetic, and powerful images, this flawless novella perfectly balances politics and literature.

The World Goes On (Third Edition)

New Directions Publishing

Long-listed for The Man Booker

International Prize 2018A

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The Foxes Come at Night Yale University Press
A Japanese goddess returns to the mortal realms in search of a glimpse of perfection.

The Sleep of the Righteous Tuskar Rock
Finalist for Le prix du Meilleur livre tranger (France) * A Finalist for the Premio von Rezzori (Italy) * Longlisted for the Prix Femina (France) From an award-winning and internationally acclaimed European writer, and for fans of *The Tiger's Wife* A chilling and suspenseful novel set in the wake of a violent revolution about a young girl rescued from an orphanage by an otherworldly grandmother she's never met

Old Rendering Plant New Directions Publishing
"In this literary diary, Krasznahorkai chronicles his attempts to fathom the life of Herman Melville, which is also the source of inspiration for his forthcoming novella *Spadework for a Palace*. Retracing Melville's steps, Krasznahorkai becomes engrossed in a web of chance encounters and coincidences that stretch from Manhattan to Nantucket, to London and to Berlin. Over the course of his wanderings, Krasznahorkai finds himself increasingly alienated from his present-day surroundings, drawn instead to the company of ghosts: the novelist Malcolm Lowry when he was down-and-out, the visionary architect Lebbeus Woods and of course - Melville himself. Ornan Rotem's photographic essay follows Krasznahorkai on his forays, both in space and time, creating a subtle portrait of a creative mind at work and the places he encounters."--Publisher

Stranger Magic New Directions Publishing
From the winner of the 2015 Man Booker International Prize
Seiobo There Below New Directions Publishing
'It was what we call in the trade a potato...' Tales of low-lives and grifters trying to make ends meet in pre-War Germany. Penguin Modern: fifty new books celebrating the pioneering spirit of the iconic Penguin Modern Classics series, with each one offering a concentrated hit of its contemporary, international flavour. Here are authors ranging from Kathy Acker to James Baldwin, Truman Capote to Stanislaw Lem and George Orwell to Shirley Jackson; essays radical and inspiring; poems moving and disturbing;

stories surreal and fabulous; taking us from the deep South to modern Japan, New York's underground scene to the farthest reaches of outer space.

Baron Wenckheim's Homecoming

Lexington Books

WINNER OF THE 2019 NATIONAL BOOK

AWARD FOR TRANSLATED LITERATURE

"Krasznahorkai's masterpiece" (The

Millions); "Apocalyptic,

visionary, and mad" (Publishers

Weekly); "One of the supreme

achievements of contemporary

literature" (Paris Review);

"Obsessive and visionary" (The New

Yorker); "Genius" (The Baffler) At

last, the capstone to

Krasznahorkai's four-part

masterwork Set in contemporary

times, Baron Wenckheim's

Homecoming tells the story of a

Prince Myshkin-like figure, Baron

Béla Wenckheim, who returns at the

end of his life to his provincial

Hungarian hometown. Having escaped

from his many casino debts in

Buenos Aires, where he was living

in exile, he longs to be reunited

with his high-school sweetheart

Marika. Confusions abound, and

what follows is an endless storm

of gossip, con men, and local

politicians, vividly evoking the

small town's alternately drab and

absurd existence. All along, the

Professor—a world-famous natural

scientist who studies mosses and

inhabits a bizarre Zen-like shack

in a desolate area outside of

town—offers long rants and

disquisitions on his attempts to

immunize himself from thought.

Spectacular actions are staged as

death and the abyss loom over the

unsuspecting townfolk.

Salki Simon and Schuster

Doppelgängers, a murderer's guilt, pulp noir, fanatical police, and impossible romances--these are the pieces from which German master Wolfgang Hilbig builds a divided nation battling its demons. Delving deep into the psyches of both East and West Germany, *The Sleep of the Righteous* reveals a powerful, apocalyptic account of the century-defining nation's trajectory from 1945 to 1989. From a youth in a war-scarred industrial town to wearying labor as a factory stoker, surreal confrontations with the Stasi, and, finally, a conflicted escape to the West, Hilbig creates a cipher that is at once himself and so many of his fellow Germans. Evoking the eerie bleakness of films like Tarkovsky's *Stalker* and *The Lives of Others*, this titan of German letters combines the Romanticism of Poe with the absurdity of Kafka to create a visionary, somber statement on the ravages of history and the promises of the future.

The Manhattan Project MacLehose Press

"Destruction and Sorrow beneath the Heavens is both a travel memoir and the chronicle of a distinct intellectual shift as one of the most captivating contemporary writers and thinkers begins to engage with the cultures of Asia and the legacies of its interactions with Europe in a newly globalized society. Rendered in English by award-winning translator Otilie Mulzet, *Destruction and Sorrow beneath the Heavens* is an important work, marking the emergence of Krasznahorkai as a truly global novelist"-- Amazon.com

War & War Tuskar Rock Press

A joyful ode—in a single soaring, crazy sentence—to the

interconnectedness of great (and mad) minds Spadework for a Palace bears the subtitle "Entering the Madness of Others" and offers an epigraph: "Reality is no obstacle." Indeed. This high-octane obsessive rant vaults over all obstacles, fueled by the idées fixe of a "gray little librarian" with fallen arches whose name—herman melvill—is merely one of the coincidences binding him to his lodestar Herman Melville ("I too resided on East 26th Street . . . I, too, had worked for a while at the Customs Office"), which itself is just one aspect of his also being "constantly conscious of his connectedness" to Lebbeus Woods, to the rock that is Manhattan, to the "drunkard Lowry" and his Lunar Caustic, to Bartok. And with this consciousness of connection he is not only gaining true knowledge of Melville, but also tracing the paths to "a Serene Paradise of Knowledge." Driven to save that Palace (a higher library he also serves), he loses his job and his wife leaves him, but "people must be told the truth: there is no dualism in existence." And his dream will be "realized, for I am not giving up: I am merely a day-laborer, a spade-worker on this dream, a herman melvill, a librarian from the lending desk, currently an inmate at Bellevue, but at the same time—may I say this?—actually a Keeper of the Palace."

Pynchon's Against the Day

Princeton University Press
In *The Last Wolf*, a philosophy professor is mistakenly hired to write the true tale of the last wolf of Extremadura, a barren stretch of Spain. His miserable experience is narrated in a single, rolling sentence to a patently bored bartender in a dreary Berlin bar. In *Herman*, a master trapper is asked to clear a forest's last 'noxious beasts.' *Herman* begins with great zeal, although in time he switches sides, deciding to track entirely new game... In *Herman II*, the same events are related from the perspective of strange visitors to the region, a group of hyper-sexualised aristocrats who interrupt their orgies to pitch in with the manhunt of poor *Herman*... These intense, perfect novellas, full of Krasznahorkai's signature sense of foreboding and dark irony, are perfect examples of his craft.

They New Directions Publishing
The grandson of Prince Genji lives outside of space and time and wanders the grounds of an old monastery in Kyoto. The monastery, too, is timeless, with barely a trace of any human presence. The wanderer is searching for a garden that has long captivated him. This novel by International Booker Prize winner Laszlo Krasznahorkai - perhaps his most serene and poetic work - describes a search for the [Bokin]fo].