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# The Darling Russell Banks

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The Darling Vintage Canada  
A triumph of the imagination,  
rich in incident and beautiful  
in its detail, Cloudsplitter  
brings to life one of history's  
legendary figures--John Brown,  
whose passion to abolish  
slavery lit the fires of the

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American Civil War in a conflagration that changed civilization.

Family Life Harper Collins

This Is the Story of a Happy Marriage is an irresistible blend of literature and memoir revealing the big experiences and little moments that shaped Ann Patchett as a daughter, wife, friend and writer. Here, Ann Patchett shares entertaining and moving stories about her tumultuous childhood, her painful early divorce, the

excitement of selling her first book, driving a Winnebago from Montana to Yellowstone Park, her joyous discovery of opera, scaling a six-foot wall in order to join the Los Angeles Police Department, the gradual loss of her beloved grandmother, starting her own bookshop in Nashville, her love for her very special dog and, of course, her eventual happy marriage. This Is the Story of a Happy Marriage is a memoir both

wide ranging and deeply personal, overflowing with close observation and emotional wisdom, told with wit, honesty and irresistible warmth.

Cloudsplitter Harper Collins

A cinquante-neuf ans, Hannah Musgrave revient sur sa vie de jeune bourgeoise américaine contrainte par son engagement révolutionnaire à prendre la fuite vers l'Afrique au début des années 1970. Ayant tenté sa chance au Liberia, elle s'y est mariée à un bureaucrate

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local appartenant à une tribu puissante et promis à une brillante carrière politique. Quelques années plus tard, elle a, en catastrophe, repris le chemin de l'Amérique, laissant là leurs trois enfants, fuyant la guerre civile qui enflammait le pays. Au moment où commence ce livre, Hannah quitte sa ferme "écologique" des Adirondacks, car ce passé sans épilogue la pousse à retourner en Afrique... Evocation passionnante d'une turbulente période de l'histoire des Etats-Unis

comme du destin d'un pays méconnu, le Liberia, le roman de Russell Banks tire sa force exceptionnelle de la complexité de son héroïne, et d'un bouleversant affrontement entre histoire et fiction.

A Permanent Member of the Family Simon and Schuster

Russell Banks explores the complexities of political life in the Caribbean.

Harper Collins

In this compelling novel - a cross

between Lady Chatterley's Lover and The Aviator - the acclaimed modern master takes us to riveting new territory. Part love story, part murder mystery, Russell Banks's The Reserve is as gripping as it is beautifully written, set in a pre-WWII world of class, politics, art, love and madness. Vanessa

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Cole is a stunningly beautiful and wild heiress, her parents' adopted only daughter. Twice-married, she has been scandalously linked to rich and famous men. On the night of July 4, 1936, inside the Cole family's remote Adirondack Mountain enclave, known as the Reserve, Vanessa will lose her father to a	heart attack - and meet Jordan Groves, a seductively carefree local artist whose leftist political loyalties to his working class neighbours are undercut by his wealth and his clientele. Jordan is easy prey for Vanessa's electrifying charm. But the heiress carries a dark family secret.	Unhinged by her father's unexpected death, she begins to spin out of control, manipulating and destroying the lives of all who cross her path. Moving from the secluded beauty of the Adirondacks to war-torn Spain and fascist Germany, filled with characters that pierce the heart, The Reserve is a
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passionately  
romantic novel of  
suspense and drama  
that adds a new  
dimension to this  
acclaimed author's  
extraordinary  
repertoire.

**Sandrine's Case** Seven  
Stories Press  
Now available for the  
first time in e-book  
format, a powerful  
literary classic from  
one of contemporary  
fiction's most  
acclaimed and  
important writers,  
Russell Banks's

Continental Drift is  
a masterful novel of  
hope lost and gained,  
and a gripping,  
indelible story of  
fragile lives  
uprooted and  
transformed by  
injustice,  
disappointment, and  
the seductions and  
realities of the  
American dream.

The Sweet Hereafter

The Darling A Novel  
A BRILLIANT AND  
BEGUILING REIMAGINING  
OF ONE OF OUR GREATEST  
MYTHS BY A GIFTED  
YOUNG WRITER Zachary

Mason's brilliant and  
beguiling debut novel,  
The Lost Books of the  
Odyssey, reimagines  
Homer's classic story  
of the hero Odysseus  
and his long journey  
home after the fall of  
Troy. With brilliant  
prose, terrific  
imagination, and  
dazzling literary  
skill, Mason creates  
alternative episodes,  
fragments, and  
revisions of Homer's  
original that taken  
together open up this  
classic Greek myth to  
endless reverberating  
interpretations. The

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Lost Books of the Odyssey is punctuated with great wit, beauty, and playfulness; it is a daring literary page-turner that marks the emergence of an extraordinary new talent.

**An Anthology of the Commonwealth Short Story Prize** Vintage Canada

American Youth is a controlled, essential, and powerful tale of a teenager in southern New England who is confronted by a terrible moral dilemma following a fatal

firearms accident in his home. This tragedy earns him the unwelcome admiration of a sinister group of boys at his school and a girl associated with them. Set in a town riven by social and ideological tensions – an old rural culture in conflict with newcomers – this is a classic portrait of a young man struggling with the idea of identity and responsibility in an America ill at ease with itself.

**A Memoir of Survival** Harper Collins

From the award-winning author: A “wonderfully ambitious” novel of West Africa, told through the struggles and dreams of four extraordinary women (The Guardian). When a cousin offers Abie her family’s plantation in the West African village of Rofathane in Sierra Leone, she leaves her husband, children, and career in London to reclaim the home she left behind long ago. With the help of her four aunts—Asana, Mariama, Hawa, and Serah—Abie

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begins a journey to uncover the past of her family and her home country, buried among the neglected coffee plants. From rivalries between local chiefs and religious leaders to arranged marriages, manipulative unions, traditional desires, and modern advancements, Abie's aunts weave a tale of a nation's descent into chaos—and their own individual struggles to claim their destiny. Hailed by Marie Claire as "a fascinating evocation of the	experience of African women, and all that has been gained—and lost—with the passing of old traditions," Ancestor Stones is a powerful exploration of family, culture, heritage, and hope. "This is [Forna's] first novel, but it is too sophisticated to read like one." —The Guardian <u>American Youth</u> HarperCollins Wade Whitehouse, divorced, estranged from his young daughter, spends his days as a well-	driller, snow-plow operator, and policeman, his nights in a wind-swept trailer park. But when a union boss is killed in an apparent hunting accident near Wade's home, and he is convinced that it is murder, he seizes the event as a chance to right many wrongs - unaware that as he unravels the mystery he himself will become unravelling. Soon his hunger for justice and self-respect become inseparable from a desperate violence.
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From the Trade  
Paperback edition.  
**Trailerpark** Vintage  
Canada  
Winner of the Pulitzer  
Prize "Russo writes  
with a warm, vibrant  
humanity.... A  
stirring mix of  
poignancy, drama and  
comedy." -The  
Washington Post  
Welcome to Empire  
Falls, a blue-collar  
town full of abandoned  
mills whose citizens  
surround themselves  
with the comforts and  
feuds provided by  
lifelong friends and  
neighbors and who find

humor and hope in the  
most unlikely places,  
in this Pulitzer Prize-  
winning novel by  
Richard Russo. Miles  
Roby has been slinging  
burgers at the Empire  
Grill for 20 years, a  
job that cost him his  
college education and  
much of his self-  
respect. What keeps him  
there? It could be his  
bright, sensitive  
daughter Tick, who  
needs all his help  
surviving the local  
high school. Or maybe  
it's Janine, Miles'  
soon-to-be ex-wife,  
who's taken up with a

noxiously vain health-  
club proprietor. Or  
perhaps it's the  
imperious Francine  
Whiting, who owns  
everything in town-and  
seems to believe that  
"everything" includes  
Miles himself. In  
Empire Falls Richard  
Russo delves deep into  
the blue-collar heart  
of America in a work  
that overflows with  
hilarity, heartache,  
and grace.  
American darling  
Oberon Books  
Following a tragic  
schoolbus accident,  
high-profile lawyer



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Mitchell Stephens descends upon a small town. With promises of retribution and a class-action lawsuit filed on behalf of the grieving community, Stephens begins his investigation into the details of the crash. But beneath the town's calm, he uncovers a tangled web of lies, deceit and forbidden desires that mirrors his own troubled personal life. Gradually, we learn that Stephens has his own agenda, and that everyone has secrets to

keep.

**A Novel** Vintage Canada

"Breathtaking.... Crazy for the Storm will keep you up late into the night." —Washington Post Book World  
Norman Olstead's New York Times bestselling memoir Crazy for the Storm is the story of the harrowing plane crash the author miraculously survived at age

eleven, framed by the moving tale of his complicated relationship with his charismatic, adrenaline-addicted father. Destined to stand with other classic true stories of man against nature—Into Thin Air and Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer; Sebastian Junger's The Perfect Storm—it is a literary triumph that novelist

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Russell Banks (Affliction) calls, "A heart-stopping story beautifully told...Norman Olstead has written a book that may well be read for generations." <u>Exciting Times</u> Open Road + Grove/Atlantic "After many years of believing that I never dream of anything, I dreamed of Africa." Over a decade after	leaving her three sons behind in Liberia, Hannah Musgrave realizes she has to leave her farm in the Adirondacks and find out what has happened to them and the chimpanzees for whom she created a sanctuary. The Darling is the story of her return to the wreckage of west Africa and the story of her past,	from her middle- class American upbringing to her years in the Weather Underground. It is also one of the most powerful novels of the decade, an unforgettable tale of growth and loss, and an unstinting exploration of some of the most troubling issues of our time: terrorism, race,
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and the contact between the first world and the third. Hannah Musgrave, the narrator of <i>The Darling</i> , tells us she first travelled to Africa in the mid-1970s, to escape prosecution for her radical political activities with the Weathermen. Arriving in Liberia to work in a medical research	lab, Hannah – also known by her alias, Dawn Carrington – meets Woodrow Sundiata, an official in the ministry of public health, and they fall immediately in love. Courting with Woodrow, an intelligent, ambitious man, means encountering his other life in his ancestral village of Fuama – a life that could	scarcely be more different from Hannah's affluent childhood as the daughter of a bestselling pediatrician. Hannah and Woodrow start a family, but she feels herself to be somehow estranged from her life in Liberia and curiously detached from her husband and three sons. Still in search of herself as her
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children grow older, Doe leads to	Woodrow's release	friends from her
Hannah develops a	from detention, but	underground years.
closer and closer	at a price: she	One of them, Zack
bond with the	must return to the	Procter, is
chimpanzees at the	US, leaving her	involved with a
lab, whom she calls	family behind.	plan to spring
"dreamers." During	Hannah feels that	Charles Taylor - an
the early 1980s,	her dreamers will	attractive Liberian
Liberian society	feel her absence	politician - from
grows more	more deeply than	jail, and Hannah
unstable, until an	her family will. In	involves herself
illiterate soldier	the US Hannah	with the plot,
named Samuel Doe	briefly reconnects	genuinely believing
brutally overthrows	with her parents	that Taylor will
and assassinates	after years of	bring social
the president.	estrangement before	democracy to west
Hannah's courageous	returning to her	Africa. Hannah gets
intervention with		permission to

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return to her family eventually, to a	behind. More than
in the mid-1980s,	ten years will pass
and decides that	before she can
this time things	return to discover
will be different:	their fate, and
she will take	understand her own.
charge of her home	<u>The Darling</u> Allen &
life, ousting	Unwin
Woodrow's young	Get to know the
cousin Jeanette,	colorful cast of
and she will build	characters at the
a sanctuary for her	Granite State
chimpanzees. But	Trailerpark, where
Charles Taylor has	Flora in number 11
also returned, and	keeps more than a
his slow and bloody	hundred guinea pigs
rebellion against	and screams at people
Doe leads,	to stay away from her
	babies, Claudel in
	number 5 thinks he is

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lucky until his wife  
burns down their  
trailer and runs off  
with Howie Leeke, and  
Noni in number 7 has  
telephone conversations  
with Jesus and tells  
the police about them.  
In this series of  
related short stories,  
Russell Banks offers  
gripping, realistic  
portrayals of  
individual Americans  
and paints a portrait  
of New England life  
that is at once dark,  
witty, and revealing.  
Affliction Knopf  
Canada  
In Family Life,

Russell Banks's first  
novel, he transforms  
the dramas of  
domesticity into the  
story of a royal family  
in a mythical  
contemporary kingdom.  
Life inside this  
kingdom includes the  
king (dubbed "the  
Hearty" or "the  
Bluff"), who squeals  
angrily as is his wont;  
the queen, who, while  
pondering the mirror in  
her chambers, decides  
to write a book; three  
adolescent princes who  
are, respectively, a  
superb wrestler, a  
fanatical sports car

driver, and a sullen  
drunk. Then there are  
the mysterious Green  
Man with a thing for  
princes; the Loon, who  
lives in a tree house  
designed by Christopher  
Wren; and a whole slew  
of murders, mayhem,  
coups, debauches, world  
tours, and love and  
loss and laughter.  
Dreaming Up America  
Farrar, Straus and  
Giroux  
A searing novel about  
memory, abandonment,  
and betrayal from the  
acclaimed and  
bestselling Russell  
Banks At the center of

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Foregone is famed	MacLeod, in the	understanding about a
Canadian American	presence of Fife's wife	significant lost
leftist documentary	and alongside Malcolm's	chapter in American
filmmaker Leonard Fife,	producer,	history and the nature
one of sixty thousand	cinematographer, and	of memory itself.
draft evaders and	sound technician, all	Russell Banks gives us
deserters who fled to	of whom have long	a daring and resonant
Canada to avoid serving	admired Fife but who	work about the scope of
in Vietnam. Fife, now	must now absorb the	one man's mysterious
in his late seventies,	meaning of his	life, revealed through
is dying of cancer in	astonishing, dark	the fragments of his
Montreal and has agreed	confession.	recovered past.
to a final interview in	Imaginatively	<u>The Magic Kingdom</u>
which he is determined	structured around	Vintage Canada
to bare all his secrets	Fife's secret memories	An beautiful and
at last, to	and alternating between	tragic love story told
demythologize his	the experiences of the	through the letters
mythologized life. The	characters who are	explorer George Bass
interview is filmed by	filming his confession,	exchanged with his
his acolyte and ex-star	the novel challenges	new, young wife
student, Malcolm	our assumptions and	Elizabeth during their

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very short marriage. Theirs was a passionate and extraordinary love affair carried out across the oceans, a love that Elizabeth never let go as she wrote increasingly despairing letters to her husband already lost at sea.

**Continental Drift**  
Open Road +  
Grove/Atlantic  
The author of  
Continental Drift,  
Rule of the Bone and  
The Sweet Hereafter  
returns with a very  
original, riveting

mystery about a young outcast, and a contemporary tale of guilt and redemption. The perfect convergence of writer and subject, *Lost Memory of Skin* probes the zeitgeist of a troubled society where zero tolerance has erased any hope of subtlety and compassion. Suspended in a modern-day version of limbo, the young man at the centre of Russell Banks's

uncompromising and morally complex new novel must create a life for himself in the wake of incarceration. Known in his new identity only as the Kid, he is shackled to a GPS monitoring device and forbidden to go near where children might gather. He takes up residence under a south Florida causeway, in a makeshift encampment with other convicted sex offenders. Barely



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beyond childhood himself, the Kid, despite his crime, is in many ways an innocent. Enter the Professor, a university sociologist of enormous size and intellect who finds in the Kid the perfect subject for his research. But when the Professor's past resurfaces and threatens to destroy his carefully constructed world, the balance in the	two men's relationship shifts. Banks has long been one of our most acute and insightful novelists. <i>Lost Memory of Skin</i> is a masterful work of fiction that unfolds in language both powerful and beautifully lyrical. <i>American Darling</i> Routledge Chappie is a punked- out teenager rejected by his mother and abusive stepfather. Out of	school and in trouble with the police, he drifts through crash pads, doper squats, and malls until he finally settles in an abandoned school bus with Rose, a seven-year-old child, and I-Man, an exiled Rastafarian who will dramatically change his life. Together they begin an amazing journey...
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