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The Lazarus Project Riverhead Trade
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A Novel Pan Macmillan

With a new introduction by Aleksandar Hemon In *The Tenants* (1971), Bernard Malamud brought his unerring sense of modern urban life to bear on the conflict between blacks and Jews then inflaming his native Brooklyn. The sole tenant in a rundown tenement, Henry Lesser is struggling to finish a novel, but his solitary pursuit of the sublime grows complicated when Willie Spearmint, a black writer ambivalent toward Jews, moves into the building. Henry and Willie are artistic rivals and unwilling neighbors, and their uneasy peace is disturbed by the presence of Willie's white girlfriend Irene and the landlord Levenspiel's attempts to evict both men and demolish the building. This novel's conflict, current then, is perennial now; it reveals the slippery nature of the human condition, and the human capacity for violence and undoing.

[Shadow Country](#) Random House
NATIONAL BOOK AWARD WINNER •

"Altogether gripping, shocking, and brilliantly told, not just a tour de force in its stylistic range, but a great American novel, as powerful a reading experience as nearly any in our literature."—Michael Dirda, *The New York Review of Books* Killing Mister Watson, *Lost Man's River*, and *Bone* by Bone—Peter Matthiessen's great American epic about Everglades sugar planter and notorious outlaw E. J. Watson

on the wild Florida frontier at the turn of the twentieth century—were originally conceived as one vast, mysterious novel. Now, in this bold new rendering, Matthiessen has marvelously distilled a monumental work while deepening the insights and motivations of his characters with brilliant rewriting throughout. Praise for *Shadow Country*

"Magnificent . . . breathtaking . . . Finally now we have [this three-part saga] welded like a bell, and with Watson's song the last sound, all the elements fuse and resonate."—Los Angeles Times "Peter Matthiessen has done great things with the Watson trilogy. It's the story of our continent, both land and people, and his writing does every justice to the blood fury of his themes."—Don DeLillo "The fiction of Peter Matthiessen is the reason a lot of people in my generation decided to be writers. No doubt about it. *Shadow Country* lives up to anyone's highest expectations for great writing."—Richard Ford "Shadow Country, Matthiessen's distillation of the earlier Watson saga, represents his original vision. It is the quintessence of his lifelong concerns, and a great legacy."—W. S. Merwin "[An] epic masterpiece . . . a great American novel."—The Miami Herald

[Away St. Martin's Griffin](#)
The unprovoked murder of a Russian

Jewish immigrant ignites a dazzling novel of flight, emigration and the meaning of home
The Lazarus Project University of Chicago Press

"A hugely absorbing first novel from a writer with a fluid, vivid style and a rare knack for balancing the pleasure of entertainment with the deeper gratification of insight. More, please." —Maggie Shipstead, *The New York Times Book Review* (Editors' Choice) "A story about Russia, the United States, friendship, identity, defection, and deception that is smart, startling, and worth reading regardless of when you were born."

—Kathryn Schulz, *New York Magazine* "Holt's beguiling debut... in which there is no difference between personal and political betrayal, vividly conjures the anxieties of the Cold War without ever lapsing into nostalgia." —The New Yorker Sarah Zuckerman and Jennifer Jones are best friends in an upscale part of Washington, D.C., in the politically charged 1980s. Sarah is the shy, wary product of an unhappy home: her father abandoned the family to return to his native England; her agoraphobic mother is obsessed with fears of nuclear war. Jenny is an all-American girl who has seemingly perfect parents. With Cold War rhetoric reaching a fever pitch in 1982, the ten-year-old girls write letters to Soviet premier Yuri Andropov asking for peace. But only Jenny's letter receives a response, and Sarah is left behind when her friend accepts the Kremlin's invitation to visit the USSR and becomes an international media sensation. The girls' icy relationship still hasn't thawed when Jenny and her parents die tragically in a plane crash in 1985. Ten years later, Sarah is about to graduate from college when she receives a mysterious letter from Moscow suggesting that Jenny's death might have been a hoax. She sets off to the former Soviet Union in search of the truth, but the more she delves into her personal Cold War history, the harder it is to separate facts from propaganda. *You Are One of Them* is a taut, moving debut about the ways in which we define ourselves against others and the secrets we

keep from those who are closest to us. In her insightful forensic of a mourned friendship, Holt illuminates the long lasting sting of abandonment and the measures we take to bring back those we have lost.

[A novel](#) Restless Books

Two books in one in a flip dos-à-dos format: The story of Aleksandar Hemon's parents' immigration from Sarajevo to Canada and a book of short memories of the author's family, friends, and childhood in Sarajevo. In *My Parents*, Aleksandar Hemon tells the story of his parents' immigration to Canada—of the lives that were upended by the war in Bosnia and siege of Sarajevo and the new lives his parents were forced to build. As ever with his work, he portrays both the perfect, intimate details (his mother's lonely upbringing, his father's fanatical beekeeping) and a sweeping, heartbreaking history of his native country. It is a story full of many Hemons, of course—his parents, sister, uncles, cousins—and also of German occupying forces, Yugoslav partisans, royalist Serb collaborators, singing Ukrainians, and a few befuddled Canadians. *My Parents* is Hemon at his very best, grounded in stories lovingly polished by retelling, but making them exhilarating and fresh in writing, summoning unexpected laughs in the midst of the heartbreaking narratives. *This Does Not Belong to You*, meanwhile, is the exhilarating, freewheeling, unabashedly personal companion to *My Parents*—a perfect dose of Hemon at his most dazzling and untempered in a series of beautifully distilled memories and observations and explosive, hilarious, poignant miniatures. Presented dos-à-dos with *My Parents*, it complements and completes a major work from a major writer. In the words of Colum McCann, “Aleksandar Hemon is, quite frankly, the greatest writer of our generation.” Hemon has never been better than here in these pages. And the moment has never been more ready for his voice, nor has the world ever been more in need of it.

[New American Stories](#) Knopf

An unprecedented glimpse into the strange and remarkable inner workings of the United Nations. Before he was invited to become the United Nations' first writer in residence, Aleksandar Hemon had a complicated relationship with the institution, whose image was tainted by the UN Protection Forces' delinquent and disgraceful presence in the Bosnian War. And yet he also understood that “without the UN, without the very idea of it, the crimes against Bosnians couldn't be perceived as crimes against all humanity.” By the time Hemon had finished his residency at the United Nations—he and the Magnum photographer Peter van Agtmael were invited into the iconic New York City headquarters and given access to the secretary-general, the General Assembly, and the Security Council—his relationship with the institution was even more complicated. In *Behind the Glass Wall*, Hemon shows us an essential modern institution at work, one both beautifully driven and profoundly crippled by its noble ideals. But above all he shows us an institution made up of cigarette-smoking, gossipy, hungry, angry, lovely, petty, brilliant people committed to the most inspiring of international principles, people who are at

least as frustrated as we are by the world's failure to live up to the goals of the Charter of the United Nations, people who get up every morning newly determined to achieve nothing less than peace on earth.

Space, Narrative, Identity

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ONE OF THE MOST LOVED NOVELS OF THE DECADE.

A long-lost book reappears, mysteriously connecting an old man searching for his son and a girl seeking a cure for her widowed mother's loneliness. Leo Gursky taps his radiator each evening to let his upstairs neighbor know he's still alive. But it wasn't always like this: in the Polish village of his youth, he fell in love and wrote a book... Sixty years later and half a world away, fourteen-year-old Alma, who was named after a character in that book, undertakes an adventure to find her namesake and save her family. With virtuosic skill and soaring imaginative power, Nicole Krauss gradually draws these stories together toward a climax of "extraordinary depth and beauty" (*Newsday*).

The Lazarus Project Chicago Review Press

When Aleksandar Hemon and Velibor Božović became friends as teenagers in Sarajevo, it was, in Hemon's words, "pretty clear that our friendship was for life, even if we could have no notion of what lay ahead of us." In the coming years, it became clear that their future was going to be entirely unlike anything they might have imagined. Their beloved city was ripped to shreds by ethnic violence, its citizens suffering the longest siege in the history of modern warfare. Hemon was trapped abroad, in Chicago, when the siege began, and unable to return home, he watched in despair, alone and helpless, as the war unfolded in headlines and TV dispatches. Božović, meanwhile, was trapped in Sarajevo with his family. As the conflict accelerated, he was conscripted into the Bosnian Army—even as his father, who had served in the Yugoslav People's Army since long before their country split apart, was being held in a Bosnian POW camp. In his essay "My Prisoner," Hemon tells Božović's story of life in Sarajevo during the siege. His account revolves around one particular incident in the middle of the war when Božović was offered the chance to visit his father in the POW camp—though not, of course, without an onerous quid pro quo. Almost twenty years later, in 2012, Hemon and Božović are still friends for life. Hemon is now a writer in Chicago; Božović is a photographer in Montreal. Hemon has traveled to Canada with his daughter to see his friend's art installation, *My Prisoner*, about that wartime reunion with his father. In this special ebook edition, both versions of "My Prisoner" are presented together. The result is a unique and extraordinary literary and artistic experience. Note: Hemon's essay appears in the Picador paperback and ebook editions of *The Book of My Lives*. Božović's *My Prisoner* appears only in this enhanced ebook.

[The Book of My Lives](#) Modern Library

In 1974, the Sellers family is transplanted from London to Sheffield in northern England. On the day they move in, the Glover household across the street is in upheaval: convinced that his wife is having an affair, Malcolm Glover has suddenly disappeared.

The reverberations of this rupture will echo through the years to come as the connection between the families deepens. But it will be the particular crises of ten-year-old Tim Glover—set off by two seemingly inconsequential but ultimately indelible acts of cruelty—that will erupt, full-blown, two decades later in a shocking conclusion. Expansive and deeply felt, *The Northern Clemency* shows Philip Hensher to be one of our most masterly chroniclers of modern life, and a storyteller of virtuosic gifts.

A Novel Random House

In June, 2006, Picador launch Picador Shots, a new series of pocket-sized books priced at £ 1. The Shots aim to promote the short story as well as the work of some Picador's greatest authors. They will be contemporarily packaged but ultimately disposable books that are the ideal literary alternative to a magazine. Aleksandar Hemon's 'A Coin' and 'Exchange of Pleasant Words' from *The Question of Bruno* will be one of the first shots. In 'A Coin' the discomforting reality of surviving in a war-zone is pieced together through fragments of letters from Aida, a resident of Sarajevo. Far away, someone endures the anguish of waiting to read what she has written and of wondering if she is even still alive. In 'Exchange of Pleasant Words' the history of the Hemon family is assembled from a tangle of literary references, family myths and memories. The result is a subtle exploration of the need to remember the past whether fabricated or truly frightening. Hemon's observations are both painfully funny and heartbreakingly sad. He writes with a wit, freshness and true originality that proves him one of the most talented and skilled writers of his generation.

Stories HarperCollins

A beautifully rendered reevaluation of a previously misunderstood chapter in the history of immigration to America--which is to say, in the history of America itself--Hemon's work describes and defines what it means to be a new citizen in this land--"Miami Herald."

[My Parents: An Introduction / This Does Not Belong to You](#) Farrar, Straus and Giroux

On the last day of 1999, a survivor grandmother in Tel Aviv shares with her granddaughter her tragic life story as a child hidden in a pit, with only a rat for company. The granddaughter tells the legend of "Girl and Rat" to her teacher; in 2009 those who heard it through her classmates establish an internet website with poems. From now on this memory is spread all over the world and becomes a myth. A future anthropologist, researching its mysterious roots in 2099, discovers Father Stanislaw's personal journal documenting his rescue of that little Jewish girl, and so the chain of remembrance moves from the present to the future and back to the past.

An Accidental Anarchist Picador

Presents a collection of contemporary short stories from countries in Europe, including Hungary, France, and Norway, with additional information about the writers and translators.

The Lazarus Project City Lights Books

A blistering novel about a writer's creative response to the daily onslaught of fake news, memory, and the ways in which truth gives over to fiction "An absorbing portrait of an inspired artist in the midst of our maddening cultural moment" —Ayad Akhtar, author of *Homeland Elegies* When Satya, a professor and author, attends a prestigious artists' retreat to write, he finds the pressures of the outside world won't let up: the president rages online; a dangerous virus envelops the globe; and the twenty-four-hour news cycle throws fuel on every fire. For most of the retreat fellows, such stories are unbearable distractions, but for Satya, who sees them play out in both America and his native India, these Orwellian interruptions begin to crystallize into an idea for his new novel, *Enemies of the People*, about the lies we tell ourselves and one another. Satya scours his life for instances in which truth bends toward the imagined and misinformation is mistaken as fact. Mixing Satya's experiences—as a father, husband, and American immigrant—with newspaper clippings, the president's tweets, and observations on famous works of art, *A Time Outside This Time* captures a feverish political moment with intelligence, beauty, and an eye for the uncanny. It is a brilliant interrogation on life in a post-truth era and an attempt to imagine a time outside this one.

Lazarus is Dead FSG Originals

Essays pay tribute to the two different cities of the author's youth--Sarajevo, until the city came under siege, and then Chicago, where he and his family started a new life, leaving behind everything they had ever known.

The Question of Bruno Macmillan

Like most men in their early thirties, Lazarus has plans that don't involve dying. He is busy organising his sisters, his business and his women. Life is mostly good, until far away in Galilee, without warning, his childhood best friend turns water into wine.

And So It Was Written Anchor

On 2 March 1908, Lazarus Averbuch, a young Russian Jewish immigrant to Chicago, tried to deliver a letter to the city's Chief of Police. He was shot dead. After the shooting, it was claimed he was an anarchist assassin and an agent of foreign operatives who wanted to bring the United States to its knees. His sister, Olga, was left alone and bereft in a city seething with tension. A century later, two friends become obsessed with the truth about Lazarus and decide to travel to his birthplace. As the stories intertwine, a world emerges in which everything and nothing has changed . . . 'Prose this powerful could wake the dead' *Observer* 'This is easily Hemon's best work to date, an intricately tessellated portrait of flight, emigration, and the meaning of home' *Evening Standard*
Easyread Comfort Edition *The Lazarus Project*

American Migrant Fictions focuses on novels of five American migrant writers of the late twentieth and early twenty first centuries, who construct spatial paradigms within their narratives to explore linguistic diversity, identities and be-longings.

The Tenants Vintage

From the celebrated author of the bestselling *Lazarus Project* "a dazzling collection of stories ... further cementing [Hemon's] position among the finest fiction writers working in English" (*GQ*). The stories of Aleksandar Hemon's *Love and Obstacles* are united by their narrator, a young man coming of age in Communist-but-cosmopolitan Sarajevo who will leave for the United States just as his city is torn asunder. In Hemon's hands, seemingly mundane childhood experiences become daring, dramatic adventures, while unique and wrenching circumstances become a common ground that involves us all. As cohesive and impressive as any novel, the short story collection *Love and Obstacles* stands with the National Book Award finalist *The Lazarus Project* as the best work of this MacArthur Genius Award winner's career. From the author of *The Book of My Lives*.