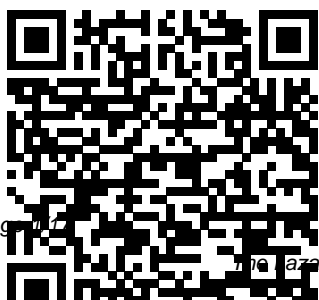

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Lazarus is Dead University of Iowa Press

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 remembearers moves from the present to the future and back to the past.

Another Side of Paradise

University of Virginia Press

On Thursday nights, the players assemble in the back of Readmore Comix and Games. Celeste is the dungeon master; Valerie, who works at the store, was roped in by default; Mooneyham, the banker,

likes to argue; and Ben, sensitive, unemployed, and living at home, is still recovering from an unrequited love. In the real world they go about their days falling in love, coming out at work, and dealing with their family lives all with varying degrees of success. But in the world of their fantasy game, they are heroes and wizards fighting to stop an evil cult from waking a sleeping god. But then a sexy new guy, Albert, joins the club, Ben ' s character is killed, and Mooneyham ' s boyfriend is accosted on the street. The connections and parallels between the real world and the fantasy one become stronger and more important than ever as Ben struggles to bring his character back to life and win Albert ' s affection, and the group unites to organize a protest at a neighborhood bar. All the while the slighted and competing vampire role playing club, working secretly in the shadows, begins to make its move.

The Book of My Lives St. Martin's Griffin

A first full-length work by

the MacArthur Award-winning author of the story collections *The Question of Bruno* and *Nowhere Man* finds the murder of Jewish immigrant Lazarus Averbuch triggering ethnic and political tensions in early twentieth-century Chicago, an event that is investigated a century later by a young writer from Eastern Europe.

A Time Outside This Time
Knopf

Winner of the Restless Books Prize for New Immigrant Writing, Priyanka Champaneri's transcendent debut novel brings us inside India's holy city of Banaras, where the manager of a death hostel shepherds the dying who seek the release of a good death, while his own past refuses to let him go. Banaras, Varanasi, Kashi: India's holy city on the banks of the Ganges has many names but holds one ultimate

promise for Hindus. It is the place where pilgrims come for a good death, to be released from the cycle of reincarnation by purifying fire. As the dutiful manager of a death hostel in Kashi, Pramesh welcomes the dying and assists families bound for the funeral pyres that burn constantly on the ghats. The soul is gone, the body is burnt, the time is past, he tells them. Detach. After ten years in the timeless city, Pramesh can nearly persuade himself that here, there is no past or future. He lives contentedly at the death hostel with his wife, Shobha, their young daughter, Rani, the hostel priests, his hapless but winning assistant, and the constant flow of families with their dying. But one day the past arrives in the lifeless form of a man pulled from the river—a man with an uncanny resemblance to Pramesh. Called “twins” in their childhood village, he and his cousin Sagar are inseparable until Pramesh leaves to see the outside world and Sagar

stays to tend the land. After Pramesh marries Shobha, defying his family's wishes, a rift opens up between the cousins that he has long since tried to forget. Do not look back. Detach. But for Shobha, Sagar's reemergence casts a shadow over the life she's built for her family. Soon, an unwelcome guest takes up residence in the death hostel, the dying mysteriously continue to live, and Pramesh is forced to confront his own ideas about death, rebirth, and redemption. Told in lush, vivid detail and with an unforgettable cast of characters, *The City of Good Death* is a remarkable debut novel of family and love, memory and ritual, and the ways in which we honor the living and the dead. PRAISE FOR THE CITY OF GOOD DEATH "In Champaneri's ambitious, vivid debut, the dying come to the holy city of Kashi to die a good death that frees them from the burden of reincarnation.... In sharp prose, Champaneri explores the

power of stories—those the characters tell themselves, those told about them, and those they believe. . . . This epic, magical story of death teems with life." —Publishers Weekly "Brimming with characters whose lives overlap and whose stories interweave, Champaneri's exquisite debut delves into the consequences of the past, and how stories that are told can become reality even when they contain barely a shred of truth. As Pramesh discovers, the bitterness of past wounds can bring hope for redemption and life." —Bridget Thoreson, Booklist "Lush prose evokes the thick, close atmosphere of Kashi and the intricate religious practices upon which life and death depend. Rumor and superstition hold sway over even the most level-headed people, twisting what's explainable into something extraordinary—with tragic consequences. . . . *The City of Good Death* is a breathtaking, unforgettable novel about how remembering

the past is just as important as moving on." —Eileen Gonzalez, Foreword Reviews, Starred Review

"Champaneri's Kashi is teeming and vivid . . . the book frequently charms, and it's as full of humor, warmth, and mystery as Kashi's own marketplace." —Kirkus Reviews

"The City of Good Death is the debut novel of Priyanka Champaneri but it has the confidence of a master storyteller. Drawing on the rich literary traditions of Salman Rushdie and Arundhati Roy, Champaneri's epic saga will satisfy armchair travelers thirsty for adventure, and sick of looking out their windows." —Chicago Review of Books

"In intricate detail and with remarkable skill, Champaneri writes a powerful tale about the pull of the past and our aching need to understand the mysteries and misunderstandings that thwart our relationships. An atmospheric and immersive debut with a rich cast of characters you won't soon

forget." —Marjan Kamali, author of *The Stationery Shop*

American Migrant Fictions Farrar, Straus and Giroux

It was a bitter cold morning in March, 1908. A nineteen-year-old Jewish immigrant traversed the confusing and unfamiliar streets of Chicago – a one-and-a-half-hour-long journey – from his ghetto home on Washburne Avenue to the luxurious Lincoln Place residence of Police Chief George Shippy. He arrived at 9 a.m. Within minutes after knocking on the front door, Lazarus Averbuch lay dead on the hallway floor, shot no less than six times by the chief himself.

Why Averbuch went to the police chief's house or exactly what happened after that is still not known. This is the most comprehensive account ever written about this episode that stunned Chicago and won the attention of the entire country. It does not "solve" the mystery as much as it places it in the context of a nation that was unsure how to absorb all of the immigrants flowing across its borders. It attempts to reconstruct the many different perspectives and concerns that comprised the drama surrounding the investigation of Averbuch's killing. Space, Narrative,

Identity Pan Macmillan "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.

Behind the Glass Wall
Vintage

What exactly is goodness? Where is it found in the literary imagination? Toni Morrison, one of American letters' greatest voices, pondered these

perplexing questions in her celebrated Ingersoll Lecture, delivered at Harvard University in 2012 and published now for the first time.

Perhaps because it is overshadowed by the more easily defined evil, goodness often escapes our attention. Recalling many literary examples, from Ahab to Coetzee's Michael K, Morrison seeks the essence of goodness and ponders its significant place in her writing. She considers the concept in relation to unforgettable characters from her own works of fiction and arrives at conclusions that are both eloquent and edifying. In a lively interview conducted for this book, Morrison further elaborates on her lecture's ideas, discussing goodness not

only in literature but in society and history—particularly black history, which has responded to centuries of brutality with profound creativity. Morrison ' s essay is followed by a series of responses by scholars in the fields of religion, ethics, history, and literature to her thoughts on goodness and evil, mercy and love, racism and self-destruction, language and liberation, together with close examination of literary and theoretical expressions from her works. Each of these contributions, written by a scholar of religion, considers the legacy of slavery and how it continues to shape our memories, our complicities, our outcries, our lives, our communities, our

literature, and our faith. In addition, the contributors engage the religious orientation in Morrison ' s novels so that readers who encounter her many memorable characters such as Sula, Beloved, or Frank Money will learn and appreciate how Morrison ' s notions of goodness and mercy also reflect her understanding of the sacred and the human spirit.

Easyread Comfort Edition Tcj Publishing 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 belongings.
New American Stories
Picador USA
Meticulously researched and controversial in scope and imagination, "And So It Was Written" travels to a time when a Third Temple is built and the Ark of the Covenant holding the Ten Commandments is found. As the Romans prepare to reclaim Israel, two sets of brothers—None Roman and one Jewish—find their friendships, hatreds, and lives intertwined.

And So It Was Written

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*.

The Lazarus Project
Vintage

An anthology of top-selected short fiction by new and established American writers includes pieces by Deborah Eisenberg, Anthony Doerr and Charles Yu. Original. Harvard's 95th Ingersoll Lecture with Essays on Morrison's Moral and Religious Vision MCD

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 discomfoting 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.

Blueprint for Disaster
Harcourt

Aleksandar Hemon's lives begin in Sarajevo, a small, blissful city where a young boy's life is consumed with street soccer with the neighborhood kids, resentment of his younger sister, and trips abroad with his engineer-cum-beekeeper father. Here, a young man's life is about poking at the pretensions of the city's elders with American music, bad poetry, and slightly better

journalism. And then, his life in Chicago: watching from afar as war breaks out in Sarajevo and the city comes under siege, no way to return home; his parents and sister fleeing Sarajevo with the family dog, leaving behind all else they had ever known; and Hemon himself starting a new life, his own family, in this new city. And yet this is not really a memoir. The Book of My Lives, Hemon's first book of nonfiction, defies convention and expectation. It is a love song to two different cities; it is a heartbreaking paean to the bonds of family; it is a stirring exhortation to go out and play soccer—and not for the exercise. It is a book driven by passions but built on fierce

intelligence, devastating experience, and sharp insight. And like the best narratives, it is a book that will leave you a different reader—a different person, with a new way of looking at the world—when you've finished. For fans of Hemon's fiction, *The Book of My Lives* is simply indispensable; for the uninitiated, it is the perfect introduction to one of the great writers of our time. A Kirkus Reviews Best Nonfiction Book of 2013

Stories Pan Macmillan
Panoramic in scope, *Away* is the epic and intimate story of young Lillian Leyb, a dangerous innocent, an accidental heroine. When her family is destroyed in a Russian pogrom, Lillian comes to America alone, determined to make her

way in a new land. When word comes that her daughter, Sophie, might still be alive, Lillian embarks on an odyssey that takes her from the world of the Yiddish theater on New York's Lower East Side, to Seattle's Jazz District, and up to Alaska, along the fabled Telegraph Trail toward Siberia. All of the qualities readers love in Amy Bloom's work—her humor and wit, her elegant and irreverent language, her unflinching understanding of passion and the human heart—come together in the embrace of this brilliant novel, which is at once heartbreaking, romantic, and completely unforgettable.

My Prisoner Penguin
The Lazarus Project Riverhead Trade (Paperbacks)

A Novel MCD

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.
The Lazarus Project
City Lights Books
Presents a collection of
contemporary short
stories from countries
in Europe, including
Hungary, France, and
Norway, with additional
information about the
writers and translators.
And, A Coin Random
House
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 friends for life. Hemon 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 Bo ž ović's story of life in Sarajevo during the siege. His account revolves around one particular incident in the middle of the war when Bo ž ović 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 Bo ž ović are still

is now a writer in Chicago; Bo ž ović 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. Bo ž ović's My Prisoner appears only in this enhanced ebook.

[Inside the United Nations](#)
Macmillan

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."

The History of Love: A Novel Restless Books

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.