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Correction New Directions Publishing
Insane follows the lives of inmates and
workers, including the central figure of
Doctor Raspe, in an asylum.

Spadework for a Palace The Melancholy of
Resistance

The scientist Roithamer has dedicated the last six
years of his life to “ the Cone, ” an edifice of
mathematically exact construction that he has
erected in the center of his family ’ s estate in

honor of his beloved sister. Not long after its
completion, he takes his own life. As an unnamed
friend pieces together—literally, from thousands of
slips of papers and one troubling manuscript—the
puzzle of Rotheimer ’ s breakdown, what emerges
is the story of a genius ceaselessly compelled to
correct and refine his perceptions until the only
logical conclusion is the negation of his own soul.
Considered by many critics to be Thomas
Bernhard ’ s masterpiece, Correction is a
cunningly crafted and unforgettable meditation on
the tension between the desire for perfection and
the knowledge that it is unattainable.

Visitation MacLehose Press

Tranquility is a living seismograph of the internal
quakes and ruptures of a mother and son
trapped within an Oedipal nightmare amidst the
suffocating totalitarian embrace of Communist
Hungary. Andor We é r, a thirty-six-year-old

writer, lives in a cramped apartment with his shut-
in mother, Rebeka, who was once among the
most celebrated stage actresses in Budapest.
Unable to withstand her maniacal tyranny but
afraid to leave her alone, their bitter
interdependence spirals into a Sartrian hell of
hatred, lies, and appeasement. Then Andor meets
the beautiful and nurturing Eszter, a woman who
seems to have no past, and they fall wildly in love
at first sight. With a fulfilling life seemingly within
reach for the first time, Andor decides that he is
ready to bring Eszter home to meet Mother.
Though Bartis ’ s characters are unrepentantly
neurotic and dressed in the blackest humor, his
empathy for them is profound. A political farce of
the highest ironic order, concluding that
“freedom is a condition unsuitable for humans,”
Tranquility is ultimately, at its splanchnic core, a

complex psychodrama turned inside out, revealing with visceral splendor the grotesque notion that there ' s nothing funnier than unhappiness.

Down in the City Dalkey Archive Press

From the winner of the 2015 Man Booker International Prize A powerful, surreal novel, in the tradition of Gogol, about the chaotic events surrounding the arrival of a circus in a small Hungarian town. The Melancholy of Resistance, László Krasznahorkai's magisterial, surreal novel, depicts a chain of mysterious events in a small Hungarian town. A circus, promising to display the stuffed body of the largest whale in the world, arrives in the dead of winter, prompting bizarre rumors. Word spreads that the circus folk have a sinister purpose in mind, and the frightened citizens cling to any manifestation of order they can find music, cosmology, fascism. The novel's characters are unforgettable: the evil Mrs. Eszter, plotting her takeover of the town; her weakling husband; and Valuska, our hapless hero with his head in the clouds, who is the tender center of the book, the only pure and noble soul to be found. Compact, powerful and intense, The

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Doppelgänger, 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.

Animal Inside New Directions Publishing

Set in the cities and islands of the Mediterranean, and linked thematically, the eight stories in The Foxes Come at Night read more like a novel, a meditation on memory, life and death. Their protagonists collect and reconstruct fragments of lives lived intensely, and now lost, crystallized in memory or in the detail of a photograph. And yet the tone of these stories is far from pessimistic: it seems that death is nothing to be afraid of.

The Sleep of the Righteous

Bloomsbury Publishing USA
Internationally celebrated Hungarian novelist László Krasznahorkai has been heralded by Susan Sontag as "the Hungarian master of the apocalypse" and compared

favorably to Gogol by W. G. Sebald. A new work by Krasznahorkai is always an event, and The Manhattan Project is no less. As part of Krasznahorkai's fellowship at the Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman Center for Scholars and Writers at the New York Public Library, he has been working on a novella inspired by a reading of Moby-Dick. Yet, as he follows in Herman Melville's footsteps, a second book alongside the original novella took shape. The Manhattan Project is that book. Offering a unique account of a great literary mind at work, Krasznahorkai reveals here the incidences and coincidences that shape his process of writing and creating. The Manhattan Project explores the act of creation through the lens of Krasznahorkai's encounter with Melville, and it places this vision alongside the work of others who have crossed Melville's path, both

literally and fictionally. Presented alongside Krasznahorkai's text are photographs by Ornan Rotem, which trace the encounters of writers and artists with Melville as they crisscross Manhattan, driven by a hunger to unlock the city's inscrutable ways. As Krasznahorkai goes in search of Melville, we journey along with him on the quest for the secret of creativity. The Manhattan Project provides a rare understanding of great literature in the making. The Occupation Trilogy Europa Editions UK

The "organic" is by now a venerable concept within aesthetics, architecture, and art history, but what might such a term mean within the spatialities and temporalities of film? By way of an answer, this concise and innovative study locates organicity in the work of Béla Tarr, the renowned Hungarian filmmaker and pioneer

of the "slow cinema" movement. Through a wholly original analysis of the long take and other signature features of Tarr's work, author Thorsten Botz-Bornstein establishes compelling links between the seemingly remote spheres of film and architecture, revealing shared organic principles that emphasize the transcendence of boundaries.

Colonel Lágrimas Vintage

Greedy rancher from the lowlands causes the ultimate destruction of an Indian village high up in the Peruvian Mountains.

The Bill Restless Books

From the winner of the 2015 Man Booker International Prize

The Tongue of Adam New York Review of Books

The Melancholy of Resistance New Directions Publishing

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Esther Prescott has seen little of life outside her wealthy family's Rose Bay

mansion, until flashy Stan Peterson comes roaring up the drive in his huge American car and barges into her life. Within a fortnight they are living in his Kings Cross flat. Moody and erratic, proud of his well-bred wife yet bitterly resentful of her privilege, Stan is involved with his former girlfriend and a series of shady business deals. Esther, innocent and desperate to please him, must endure his controlling ways. This story of a troubled and obsessive marriage, set against the backdrop of postwar Sydney, is devastating. First published in 1957, *Down in the City* announced Elizabeth Harrower as a major Australian writer. Elizabeth Harrower was born in Sydney in 1928. Her first novel *Down in the City* was published in 1957, and was followed by *The*

Long Prospect a year later. In 1959 she began working for the ABC and as a book reviewer for the Sydney Morning Herald. In 1960 she published *The Catherine Wheel*, the story of an Australian law student in London, her only novel not set in Sydney. *The Watch Tower* appeared in 1966. Her work is austere, intelligent, ruthless in its perceptions about men and women. She was admired by many of her contemporaries, including Patrick White and Christina Stead, and is without doubt among the most important writers of the postwar period in Australia. Elizabeth Harrower lives in Sydney. textpublishing.com.au 'Down in the City' marked the arrival of one of the sharpest authors of psychological fiction in Australian literature. Many

of the things that happen in the novel are unpleasant, but are rendered with such intensity and psychological insight that the experience of reading about them is thrilling.' Australian 'a triumph from Text's project to recover forgotten Australian literature. Doused in melancholy and written from an accessible yet unnerving third-person perspective, Harrower's debut is a light read with weighty resonance.' Readings Bookshop *War and War* Berghahn Books Higuchi Ichiy, Japan's first woman writer of stature in modern times, was born in 1872 and died at the age of twenty-four. In her brief life she wrote poems, essays, short stories and a great, multivolume diary. This book is made up of a critical biography, interlaced with extracts from the diary, and

Robert Danly's translations of hovers, watching it all.

nine representative stories. Destruction and Sorrow

The Foxes Come at Night Peter Owen Beneath the Heavens HMH

Publishers

From the winner of the 2015 Man Booker International Prize The latest novel from "the contemporary Hungarian master of the apocalypse" (Susan Sontag) Seiobo – a Japanese goddess – has a peach tree in her garden that blossoms once every three thousand years: its fruit brings immortality. In Seiobo There Below, we see her returning again and again to mortal realms, searching for a glimpse of perfection. Beauty, in Krasznahorkai's new novel, reflects, however fleetingly, the sacred – even if we are mostly unable to bear it. Seiobo shows us an ancient Buddha being restored; Perugino managing his workshop; a Japanese Noh actor rehearsing; a fanatic of Baroque music lecturing a handful of old villagers; tourists intruding into the rituals of Japan's most sacred shrine; a heron hunting.... Over these scenes and more – structured by the Fibonacci sequence – Seiobo

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The Breaking of a Wave Tuskar Rock Press

Limited to 2,000 gorgeous copies, this richly illustrated, extraordinary novella was created in collaboration with the famed painter Max Neumann.

Tranquility Simon and Schuster Double or Nothing challenges the way we read fiction and the way we see words, and in the process, gives us back more of our own world and our real dilemmas than

we are used to getting.

The Melancholy of Resistance

Tuskar Rock Press

The novel has lost its purpose, Joseph Bottum argues in this fascinating new look at the history of fiction. We have not transcended our need for what novels provide, but we have grown to distrust the culture that allowed novels to flourish. "For almost three hundred years," Bottum writes, "the novel was a major art form, perhaps the major art form, of the modern world--the device by which, more than any other, we tried to explain ourselves to ourselves." But now we no longer "read novels the way we used to." In a historical tour de force--the kind of sweeping analysis almost lost to contemporary literary criticism--Bottum traces the emergence of the novel from the modern religious crisis

of the individual soul and the deep problems of atomized self. In chapters on such figures as Sir Walter Scott, Charles Dickens, and Thomas Mann, he examines the enormous ambitions once possessed by novels and finds in these older works a rebuke of our current failure of nerve. "We walk with our heads down," Bottum writes. "Without a sense of the old goals and reasons--a sense of the good achieved, understood as progress--all that remains are the crimes the culture committed in the past to get where it is now. uncompensated by achievement, unexplained by purpose, these unameliorated sins must now seem overwhelming: the very definition of a failed culture." In readings of everything from genre fiction to children's books, Bottum finds a lack of faith in the ability of art to respond to existence. "the decline of the novel's prestige reflects and confirms a genuine cultural crisis," he writes. Linking the novel to its religious origins, Bottum describes the urgent search for meaning in the new conditions of the modern age: "If the natural world is imagined by modernity as empty of purpose, then the hunt for nature's importance is supernatural, by definition." the novel became a fundamental device by which culture pursued the supernatural--facilitated by modernity's confidence in science and cultural progress. Losing that confidence, Bottum says, we lost the purpose of the art: "the novel didn't fail us. We failed the novel." Told in fast-paced, wide-ranging prose, Bottum's *The Decline*

of the Novel is a succinct critique of classical and contemporary fiction, providing guidelines for navigating the vast genre. this book is a must-read for those who hunger for grand accounts of literature, students of literary form, critics of contemporary art, and general readers who wish to learn, finally, what we all used to know: the deep moral purpose of reading novels.

The Noonday Demon University of Alabama Press

The Letter Killers Club is a secret society of self-described "conceivers" who, to preserve the purity of their conceptions, will commit nothing to paper. (What, after all, is your run-of-the-mill scribbler of stories if not an accomplished corruptor of conceptions?) The logic of the club is strict and uncompromising. Every Saturday,

members meet in a firelit room filled with empty black bookshelves where they strive to top one another by developing ever unlikelier, ever more perfect conceptions: a rehearsal of Hamlet hijacked by an actor who vanishes with the role; the double life of a merry medieval cleric derailed by a costume change; a machine-run world that imprisons men's minds while conscripting their bodies; a dead Roman scribe stranded this side of the River Acheron. But in this book set in an ominous Soviet Moscow of the 1920s, the members of the club are strangely mistrustful of one another, while all are under the spell of its despotic President, and there is no telling, in the end, just how lethal the purely conceptual-or, for that matter, letters-may be.

The Melancholy of Resistance W. W. Norton

A magnificent new collection of stories by "the contemporary

Hungarian master of apocalypse" (Susan Sontag) In *The World Goes On*, a narrator first speaks directly, then tells eleven unforgettable stories, and then bids farewell ("for here I would leave this earth and these stars, because I would take nothing with me"). As László Krasznahoraki 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, encounters a giant of a man on the banks of the Ganges ranting on 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. *The World Goes On* is another amazing masterpiece by the winner of the 2015 Man Booker International Prize. "The excitement of his writing," Adam Thirwell proclaimed in the New York Review of Books, "is that he has come up with this own original forms—there is nothing else like it in contemporary literature."