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The Garden Next Door Vintage
A NEW YORKER BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR
A WALL STREET JOURNAL TOP 10 BOOK
OF THE YEAR ONE OF NPR'S "BOOKS WE
LOVE" "A tender and funny story
about love, family and the
peculiar position of being a
stepparent...[Chilean Poet] broadens
the author's scope and quite
likely his international
reputation." -Los Angeles Times
"Zamora [is] one of the most
brilliant Latin American writers
of his generation." -The New York
Review of Books "Zamora's books
have long shown him to be a writer
who, at the sentence level, is in
a world all his own." -Juan Vidal,
NPR.org A writer of "startling
talent" (The New York Times Book
Review), Alejandro Zamora returns
with his most substantial work

yet: a story of fathers and sons,
ambition and failure, and what it
means to make a family After a
chance encounter at a Santiago
nightclub, aspiring poet Gonzalo
reunites with his first love,
Carla. Though their desire for each
other is still intact, much has
changed: among other things, Carla
now has a six-year-old son,
Vicente. Soon the three form a
happy sort-of family—a stepfamily,
though no such word exists in their
language. Eventually, their
ambitions pull the lovers in
different directions—in Gonzalo's
case, all the way to New York.
Though Gonzalo takes his books when
he goes, still, Vicente inherits
his ex-stepfather's love of poetry.
When, at eighteen, Vicente meets
Pru, an American journalist
literally and figuratively lost in
Santiago, he encourages her to
write about Chilean poets—not the
famous, dead kind, your Nerudas or
Mistrals or Bolaños, but rather the
living, striving, everyday ones.
Pru's research leads her into this
eccentric community—another kind of
family, dysfunctional but
ultimately loving. Will it also

lead Vicente and Gonzalo back to each other? In *Chilean Poet*, Alejandro Zambra chronicles with enormous tenderness and insight the small moments—sexy, absurd, painful, sweet, profound—that make up our personal histories. Exploring how we choose our families and how we betray them, and what it means to be a man in relationships—a partner, father, stepfather, teacher, lover, writer, and friend—it is a bold and brilliant new work by one of the most important writers of our time.

Charleston & Other Stories New York Review of Books

On a damp October night, the body of young, beautiful Ashley Cordova is found in an abandoned warehouse in lower Manhattan. By all appearances her death is a suicide—but investigative journalist Scott McGrath suspects otherwise.

Though much has been written about the dark and unsettling films of Ashley's father, Stanislas Cordova, very little is known about the man himself. As McGrath pieces together the mystery of Ashley's death, he is drawn deeper and deeper into the dark underbelly of New York City and the twisted world of Stanislas Cordova, and he begins to wonder—is he the next victim? In this novel, the dazzlingly inventive writer Marisha Pessl offers a breathtaking mystery that will hold you in suspense until the last page is turned.

El obsceno pájaro de la noche / The Obscene Bird of Night Northwestern University Press

A searing new work of nonfiction from award-winning author Brandy Colbert about the history and legacy of one of the most deadly and destructive acts of racial violence in American history: the Tulsa Race Massacre. Winner, Boston Globe-Horn Book Award. In the early morning of June 1, 1921, a white mob marched across the train tracks in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and into its predominantly Black Greenwood District—a thriving, affluent neighborhood

known as America's Black Wall Street. They brought with them firearms, gasoline, and explosives. In a few short hours, they'd razed thirty-five square blocks to the ground, leaving hundreds dead. The Tulsa Race Massacre is one of the most devastating acts of racial violence in US history. But how did it come to pass? What exactly happened? And why are the events unknown to so many of us today? These are the questions that award-winning author Brandy Colbert seeks to answer in this unflinching nonfiction account of the Tulsa Race Massacre. In examining the tension that was brought to a boil by many factors—white resentment of Black economic and political advancement, the resurgence of white supremacist groups, the tone and perspective of the media, and more—a portrait is drawn of an event singular in its devastation, but not in its kind. It is part of a legacy of white violence that can be traced from our country's earliest days through Reconstruction, the Civil Rights movement in the mid – twentieth century, and the fight for justice and accountability Black Americans still face today. The Tulsa Race Massacre has long failed to fit into the story Americans like to tell themselves about the history of their country. This book, ambitious and intimate in turn, explores the ways in which the story of the Tulsa Race Massacre is the story of America—and by showing us who we are, points to a way forward. YALSA Honor Award for Excellence in Nonfiction

El lugar sin límites ; El obsceno pájaro de la noche HarperCollins

Pamela Finnegan provides a detailed criticism of a major novel written by one of Chile's leading literary figures. She analyzes the symbolism and the use of language in *The Obscene Bird of Night*, showing that the novel's world becomes an icon characterized by entropy, parody, and materiality. Her study concludes that all linguistic ordering fictionalizes, that the lack of spirituality within the novel's world is

symptomatic of language gone stale, and that rallying to turn the event to their advantage: for blindness to this fact leads to dogma or Pinochet's junta, it represents a chance to assert solipsism, each counter-productive to political authority, while for the intellectuals who had basked in the Nerudas' light, it is an communication and human endeavor. To opportunity to grab the spoils of the estate. revive the linguistic system, she argues, we must revive the creative power of language. Against this backdrop of complex, often conflicting motivations, Donoso weaves a

This Sunday Algonquin Books

En esta novela, considerada la obra cumbre de José Donoso, la voz que narra fluye infatigable de los labios del Mudo, como en un viaje desde el ser hacia la nada, elaborando un mundo destinado, por la maldición intrínseca de la existencia, al deterioro, la pérdida o la confusión de cualquier identidad posible. Las viejas que pueblan la Casa de la Encarnación de la Chimba y los monstruos de la Rinconada ilustran cada matiz de la desesperación y cada uno de los ínfimos placeres cotidianos, anudando siempre al ciego instinto de la vida un inextinguible terror ante lo oscuro, lo innumerable, lo que ya no tiene forma.

The Lizard's Tale New Directions Publishing

Archival material from the 1990s underground movement "preserves a vital history of feminism" (Ann Cvetkovich, author of *Depression: A Public Feeling*). For the past two decades, young women (and men) have found their way to feminism through Riot Grrrl. Against the backdrop of the culture wars and before the rise of the Internet or desktop publishing, the zine and music culture of the Riot Grrrl movement empowered young women across the country to speak out against sexism and oppression, creating a powerful new force of liberation and unity within and outside of the women's movement. While feminist bands like Bikini Kill and Bratmobile fought for their place in a male-dominated punk scene, their members and fans developed an extensive DIY network of activism and support. The Riot Grrrl Collection reproduces a sampling of the original zines, posters, and printed matter for the first time since their initial distribution in the 1980s and '90s, and includes an original essay by Johanna Fateman and an introduction by Lisa Darms.

Black Birds in the Sky Text Publishing

Curfew takes place during one twenty-four hour period in January 1985. Matilde Neruda, widow of the Nobel Prize-winning poet, has just passed away, and various factions are

documentary-like realism and grotesque absurdity, José Donoso evokes the suffocating atmosphere of a country under dictatorship, and its quietly devastating effect on the actions of those who live there.

Obscene Bird of Night Grove Press

A grand novel of ideas and compelling crime mystery, about security states past and present, weather modification, and imperial influences.

Sacred Families HarperCollins

The unforgettable story of a housepainter turned doctor in Big Sky country who finds himself on a darkly funny journey to salvation in this "irrepressibly comic and optimistic" novel (The New York Times Book Review) from the acclaimed author of *Ninety-two in the Shade* and *Cloudbursts*. Berl Pickett is living in the small town of Livingston, Montana. The son of Pentecostal rug-shampooers, Pickett has never been the social toast of the town, but when he is accused of negligent homicide in the death of his former lover, he finds himself ostracized by his colleagues and realizes just how small his little village truly is. But fortunately for Berl, the very thing

that sets him apart—his inability to follow the pack—proves to be his saving grace. With this inglorious hero, McGuane has created an unforgettable voyager.

Nostalgia New Directions Publishing

Two prisoners, Luis Molina and Valentin Arregui, share a cell in a Buenos Aires prison. Molina is in jail for "corruption of a minor," while Valentin is a political prisoner who is part of a revolutionary group. The two men, opposites in every way, form an intimate bond in their cell, and their relationship changes both of them in profound ways.

Understanding José Donoso Vintage

"A contemporary story of class, gender, and property ownership--told through the interconnected lives of the residents of one London building and the real estate heiress who wants to tear it down"--

Taratuta ; And, Still Life with Pipe Princeton University Press

A virtuosic epic applauded by Stanley Crouch as "an adventurous masterwork that provides our literature with a signal moment," back in print in a definitive new edition "I have an awful memory for faces, but an excellent one for voices," muses Joubert Jones, the aspiring playwright at the center of *Divine Days*. A kaleidoscopic whorl of characters, language, music, and Black experience, this saga follows Jones for one week in 1966 as he pursues the lore and legends of fictional Forest County, a place resembling Chicago's South Side. Joubert is a veteran, recently returned to the city, who works for his aunt Eloise's newspaper and pours drinks at her Night Light Lounge. He wants to write a play about Sugar-Groove, a drifter, "eternal wunderkind," and local folk hero who seems to have passed away. Sugar-Groove's disappearance recalls the subject of one of Joubert's earlier writing attempts—W. A. D. Ford, a protean, diabolical preacher who led a religious sect known as "Divine Days." Joubert takes notes as he learns

about both tricksters, trying to understand their significance. *Divine Days* introduces readers to a score of indelible characters: Imani, Joubert's girlfriend, an artist and social worker searching for her lost siblings and struggling to reconcile middle class life with her values and Black identity; Eloise, who raised Joubert and whose influence is at odds with his writerly ambitions; (Oscar) Williemain, a local barber, storyteller, and founder of the Royal Rites and Righteous Ramblings Club; and the Night Light's many patrons. With a structure inspired by James Joyce and jazz, Leon Forrest folds references to African American literature and cinema, Shakespeare, the Bible, and classical mythology into a heady quest that embraces life in all its tumult and adventure. This edition brings Forrest's masterpiece back into print, incorporating hundreds of editorial changes that the author had requested from W. W. Norton, but were not made for their editions in 1993 and 1994. Much of the inventory from the original printing of the book by Another Chicago Press in 1992 had been destroyed in a disastrous warehouse fire.

The Riot Grrrl Collection Pantheon

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize "A masterwork . . . the novel astonishes with its inventiveness . . . it is nothing less than a grand comic fugue."—The New York Times Book Review *A Confederacy of Dunces* is an American comic masterpiece. John Kennedy Toole's hero, one Ignatius J. Reilly, is "huge, obese, fractious, fastidious, a latter-day Gargantua, a Don Quixote of the French Quarter. His story bursts with wholly original characters, denizens of New Orleans' lower depths, incredibly true-to-life dialogue, and the zaniest series of high and low comic adventures" (Henry Kisor, Chicago Sun-Times).

All the Birds, Singing Knopf Books for Young Readers

Newly revised and updated by Megan McDowell, and with a new introduction by Alejandro Zambra: at last, the unabridged,

centennial edition of Donoso's terrifying masterpiece sees the light of day Deep in a maze of musty, forgotten hallways, Mudio rummages through piles of old newspapers. The mute caretaker of the crumbling former abbey, he is hounded by a coven of ancient witches who are bent on transforming him, bit by bit, into the terrifying imbunche: a twisted monster with all of its orifices sewn up, buried alive in its own body. Once, Mudio walked upright and spoke clearly; once he was the personal assistant to one of Chile's most powerful politicians, Jerónimo de Azcoitia. Once, he ruled over a palace of monsters, built to shield Jeronimo's deformed son from any concept of beauty. Once, he plotted with the wise woman Peta Ponce to bed Inés, Jerónimo's wife. Mudio was Humberto, Jerónimo was strong, Inés was beautiful—once upon a time... Narrated in voices that shift and multiply, *The Obscene Bird of Night* frets the seams between master and slave, rich and poor, reality and nightmares, man and woman, self and other in a maniacal inquiry into the horrifying transformations that power can wreak on identity. Now, star translator Megan McDowell has revised and updated the classic translation, restoring nearly twenty pages of previously untranslated text that was mysteriously cut from the 1972 edition. Newly complete, with missing motifs restored, plots deepened, and characters more richly shaded, Donoso's pajarito (little bird), as he called it, returns to print to celebrate the centennial of its author's birth in full plumage, as brilliant as it is bizarre.

El Obsceno Pajaro de La Noche (the Obscene Bird of Night) Hell Has No Limits 28
Mauro Javier Cárdenas, the critically-acclaimed author of *The Revolutionaries Try*

Again—"an original, insubordinate novel" (New York Times)—pens a profound story of literature about a man coming to terms with his dysfunctional Colombian family, as well as his own behavior, as an immigrant in America. Antonio wants to avoid thinking about his sister—even though he knows he won't be able to avoid thinking about his sister—because his sister is on the run after allegedly threatening to shoot her neighbors, and has been claiming that Antonio, Obama, the Pentagon, and their mother are all conspiring against her. Nevertheless, Antonio is going to try his best to be as avoidant as possible, because he worries that what's been happening to his sister might somehow infect his relatively contented, ordered American life, and destabilize the precarious arrangement with his ex-wife that's allowed him to stay close to his two daughters. In fact, he's busy doing everything except facing his problems head-on: transcribing recordings of his mother speaking about their troubled life in Colombia, transcribing recordings of his ex-wife speaking about her idyllic life in the Czech Republic; writing about former girlfriends whose words and deeds still recur in his mind; rereading stories by American writers that allow him to skirt the subject of his sister's state of mind without completely destroying his own. Written in long, unravelling sentences that accommodate all the detritus of thought—scenes real and imagined, headphones and heartache, Toblerones and Thomas Bernhard—Aphasia captures the immensity of the present moment as well as the pain of the past. It cements Mauro Javier Cárdenas's place as one of the most innovative and extraordinary novelists working today. [The Letters of William Gaddis Fundacion](#)
Biblioteca Ayacuch
Humberto, who lives and works at a convent home for old women, loses his sanity as he becomes obsessed with black magic and his duty to protect a monstrous child.
Hell Has No Limits Farrar, Straus and

Giroux

A revelatory collection of correspondence by the lauded author of titanic American classics such as *The Recognitions* and *J R*, shedding light on his staunchly private life. **UPDATED WITH OVER TWO DOZEN NEW LETTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHS** Now recognized as one of the giants of postwar American fiction, William Gaddis shunned the spotlight during his life, which makes this collection of his letters a revelation. Beginning in 1930 when Gaddis was at boarding school and ending in September 1998, a few months before his death, these letters function as a kind of autobiography, and also reveal the extent to which he drew upon events in his life for his fiction. Here we see him forging his first novel, *The Recognitions* (1955), while living in Mexico, fighting in a revolution in Costa Rica, and working in Spain, France, and North Africa. Over the next twenty years he struggles to find time to write the National Book Award–winning *J R* (1975) amid the complications of work and family; deals with divorce and disillusionment before reviving his career with *Carpenter’s Gothic* (1985); then teaches himself enough about the law to produce *A Frolic of His Own* (1994). Resuming his lifelong obsession with mechanization and the arts, he finishes a last novel, *Agap? Agape* (published in 2002), as he lies dying. This newly revised edition includes clarifying notes by Gaddis scholar Steven Moore, as well as an afterword by the author’s daughter, Sarah Gaddis.

The Obscene Bird of Night Jonathan Cape
Humberto Pe?loza, el Mudito, quien al principio de la obra sirve en la Casa de Ejercicios Espirituales de la Encarnaci? de la Chimba, funge como narrador de los sucesos.

A travs de ? nos enteramos de dos historias paralelas que convergen en la relacin? entre amos y sirvientes. La familia Azcoita?, millonarios terratenientes de abolengo, representan el paradigma econm?ico, polt?ico y social de los integrantes de su clase, odiada, temida y envidiada por los de abajo. Chilean Poet David R. Godine Publisher
For the first time in English, a mind-bending, surreal masterpiece by “the forerunner of them all” (Pablo Neruda) In the city of San Agustín de Tango, the banal is hard to tell from the bizarre. In a single day, a man is guillotined for preaching the intellectual pleasures of sex; an ostrich in a zoo, reversing roles, devours a lion; and a man, while urinating, goes bungee jumping through time itself—and manages to escape. Or does he? Witness the weird machinery of Yesterday, where the Chilean master Juan Emar deploys irony, digression, and giddy repetitions to ratchet up narrative tension again and again and again, in this thrilling whirlwind of the ecstatically unexpected—all wed to the happiest marriage of any novel, ever. Born in Chile at the tail end of the nineteenth century, Juan Emar was largely overlooked during his lifetime, and lived in self-imposed exile from the literary circles of his day. A cult of Emarians, however, always persisted, and after several rediscoveries in the Spanish-speaking world, he is finally getting his international due with the English-language debut of *Yesterday*, deftly translated by Megan McDowell. Emar’s work offers unique and delirious pleasures, and will be an epiphany to anglophone readers.

Square Wave W. W. Norton & Company
Finalist, Best Writing Award, Melbourne Prize for Literature, 2015 A brilliant collection of short stories by a new voice in Australian fiction. A student travels to Estonia to investigate his violent father's upbringing. A woman is possessed by visions of her brother's brutal death at a lake in Finland. A bride plumbs the depths of her loathing for her husband on a journey across Africa. A lonely boy is haunted by nightmares of a new classmate who has an affair with their teacher. Each of the stories in *The Double* is unnerving,

and unforgettable. Ranging from rural Australia to Northern Europe and beyond, from the dark past of the Soviet era to a terrifying vision of the near future, this collection marks the arrival of a unique and bewitching talent. Maria Takolander is a senior lecturer in literature at Deakin University in Geelong. She is the author of a work of literary criticism and two poetry collections. Her poems have featured in annual best-of anthologies for the past seven years. This is her first book of fiction. 'Maria Takolander's stories are written in a bewitching minor key. Haunting and mysterious, this is a collection that you will want to savour, then read all over again.' Danielle Wood 'A captivating and slightly uncomfortable series of tales that are in turns frightening, amusing, haunting and reassuring...The settings alternate between the familiar scenes of rural Australia and the more unknown background of Northern Europe, but it is the characters that really shine in this collection...Takolander's stories are...undeniably powerful.' Australian Bookseller and Publisher 'Fiercely intelligent and idiosyncratic, sometimes shot through with black humour, sometimes pressing down on the reader with the full weight of human horror...Individually, Takolander's stories can be bleak. But collectively they are thrilling. Slender as this collection may be, it announces the arrival of a considerable talent.' Australian 'An intriguing collection of short stories, The Double comprises an unsettling journey into the lives of Takolander's peculiarly distant and troubled protagonists as they explore the dark recesses of the human condition.' Melbourne Review 'Incisive, economic, imbued with simple depth and glittering with hard truth, The Double is a literary force. Poetic in its brevity, the stories are none the less substantial, speaking of the nature of courage, the damage done by ignoring the past, and human beings' ability to torture themselves.' West Australian '[Maria Takolander's] stories seem like wordscapes that offer panoramic views without shunning fine, sometimes devastating, details. They reverberate with the passage of time, especially those stories that link Australia to northern Europe, to Stalinism...Takolander's prose has a quite gorgeous directness, a desert-like sparseness, even when - no, especially when - the topic is melancholy or fearsome.' Australian Book Review 'This debut short-story collection...is eerily beautiful and not for the faint of heart...It's the kind of book that will unnerve you and keep you up at night.' Readings 'An intriguing collection of short stories...The esoteric tales explore themes of passion, death, desire and redemption.' Sunday Life/Sun Herald 'shot through...brilliantly with humour and satire.' Otago Daily Times