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Spanking the Maid Macmillan

The Origin of the Brunists Grove Press

Preserving the Spell Vintage

Fiction. Women's Studies. Art. Drama.

Illustrated by Lavinia Hanachiuc. Second

Edition. A host of characters emerge from a

madwoman's dreams, populating a world as

strange and magnificent as a painting by

Hieronymus Bosch. A boy with one wing seeks

the secret to flight. A girl with a mirror for a

face, adored by all, longs to simply eat. A

pregnant girl reflects on the effects of

metamorphosis. The stories of BOYSGIRLS

are modern myths: tales that exist within our

present time but also outside it, in a place as

eternal as Atlantis or Middle Earth.

Going Native Tarcher

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The Universal Baseball Association, Inc., J.

Henry Waugh, Prop Dalkey Archive Press

Why have generations of philosophers failed

or refused to articulate a rigorous challenge to

the death penalty, when literature has been

rife with death penalty abolitionism for centuries? In this book, Peggy Kamuf explores why any properly philosophical critique of capital punishment in the West must confront the literary as that which exceeds the logical demands of philosophy. Jacques Derrida has written that "the modern history of the institution named literature in Europe over the last three or four centuries is contemporary with and indissociable from a contestation of the death penalty." How, Kamuf asks, does literature contest the death penalty today, particularly in the United States where it remains the last of its kind in a Western nation that professes to be a democracy? What resources do fiction, narrative, and poetic language supply in the age of the remains of the death penalty? Following a lucid account of Derrida's approach to the death penalty, Kamuf pursues this question across several literary texts. In reading Orwell's story "A Hanging," Kamuf explores the relation between literary narration and the role of the witness, concluding that such a witness needs the seal of literary language in order to account for the secret of the death penalty. The next chapter turns to the American scene with Robert Coover's 1977 novel *The Public Burning*, which restages the executions of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg as an outlandish public spectacle in Times Square. Because this fictional device reverses the drive toward secrecy that, beginning in the mid-nineteenth century, put an end to public executions in the West, Kamuf reads the novel in a tension with the current tendency in the U.S. to shore up and protect remaining death penalty practices through increasingly pervasive secrecy measures. A reading of Norman Mailer's 1979 novel *The Executioner's Song*, shows the breakdown of any firm distinction between suicide and capital execution and explores the essential affinity between traditional narrative structure, which is plotted from the end, and the "plot" of a death penalty. Final readings of Kafka, Derrida, and Baudelaire consider the relation between literature and law, showing how performative literary language can "play the law." A brief conclusion, titled "Postmortem," reflects on the condition of literature as that which survives the death penalty. A major contribution to the field of law and society, this book makes the case for literature as a space for contesting the death penalty, a case that scholars and activists working across a range of traditions will need to confront.

Huck Out West: A Novel Grove Press

A middle-aged accountant invents a dice-controlled baseball world.

Understanding Robert Coover

McSweeney's Books

Rewrites the old German folktale, *Sleeping Beauty*, into a story about the ramifications of the Holocaust.

The Complete Plays Grove Press

Fairy tales are supposed to be magical, surprising, and exhilarating, an enchanting counterpoint to everyday life that nonetheless helps us understand and deal with the anxieties of that life.

Today, however, fairy tales are far from marvelous—in the hands of Hollywood, they have been stripped of their power, offering little but formulaic narratives and tame surprises. If we want to rediscover the power of fairy tales—as Armando Maggi thinks we should—we need to discover a new mythic lens, a new way of approaching and understanding, and thus re-creating, the transformative potential of these stories.

In *Preserving the Spell*, Maggi argues that the first step is to understand the history of the various traditions of oral and written narrative that together created the fairy tales we know today. He begins his exploration with the ur-text of European fairy tales, Giambattista Basile's *The Tale of Tales*, then traces its path through later Italian, French, English, and German traditions, with particular emphasis on the Grimm Brothers' adaptations of the tales, which are

included in the first-ever English translation in an appendix. Carrying his story into the twentieth century, Maggi mounts a powerful argument for freeing fairy tales from their bland contemporary forms, and reinvigorating our belief that we still can find new, powerfully transformative ways of telling these stories.

The Origin of the Brunists

Simon and Schuster

Robert Coover returns with "Stepmother," a reimagining of the fairy-tale tradition. There is magic, there are princes, there are painful castrations. There are grim reapers, frisky maidens and seductive ogresses. There is also beauty, and true love, of a sort.

Pinocchio in Venice University of Pittsburgh Pre

One of the great masterpieces of modern Latin American fiction, *Terra Nostra* is concerned with nothing less than the history of Spain and of South America, with the Indian Gods and with Christianity, with the birth, the passion, and the death of civilizations. Fuentes skillfully blends a wide range of literary forms, stories within stories, Mexican and Spanish myth, and famous literary characters in this novel that is both a historical epic and an apocalyptic vision of modern times. *Terra Nostra* is that most ambitious and rare of creations—a total work of art.

A Child Again Greenwood

Publishing Group

In Robert Coover's latest collection of short stories, we explore worlds where time is dangerously out of control. Worlds that unravel like films within films within films. Worlds obsessed with the temporary. Ultimately, we explore worlds that are exactly like our own. Features new and previously published stories. Robert Coover has published fourteen novels, three short story collections, and a

collection of plays since "The Origin of the Brunists" received the William Faulkner Foundation First Novel Award in 1966. His short fiction has appeared in the "New Yorker," "Harper's Magazine," and "Playboy." He lives in Providence, Rhode Island.

Ghost Town Grove Press

The bestselling author of "The Public Burning" spins a darkly magical tale about life in an ordinary small town and the woman who casts a spell on its inhabitants.

The Universal Baseball Association, Inc., J. Henry Waugh, Prop Open Road Media

A recreation of the tale of "Sleeping Beauty" tells of a prince tangled in the briars, a sleeping princess who dreams of a succession of kissing princes, and a grizzled fairy who inhabits the princess' dreams, inflaming her desires

The Grand Hotels (of Joseph

Cornell) Burning Deck Books

A new collection of short stories by the celebrated author revisits the shared cultural heritage of fairy tales, myths, and childhood stories to explore the origins of fear, hope, and wonder in both children and adults.

Going For a Beer: Selected Short Fictions Grove Press

The lone survivor of a catastrophic mine explosion announces that the end of the world is at hand and begins a new cult that, sweeping the mining towns, gathers believers in anticipation of the Coming of the End of the World. Reprint.

Pricksongs & Descants Abrams

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Gerald's Party Deep Vellum Publishing

Probes the personalities assembled at a party when the murder of a guest named Ros transforms an ordinary evening.

Noir Grove/Atlantic, Inc.

The sequel to Robert Coover's debut novel, the award-winning *The Origin of the Brunists* **Spanking the Maid** Fordham Univ Press

"A mixtape of variations and a fugue on time from a postmodern master... Familiar tales and conventional genres are made new, tinged with shuddering wonder and titillating humor."

—Yu-Yun Hsieh, *The New York Times* Book Review Robert Coover has been playing by his own rules for more than half a century, earning the 1987 Rea Award for the Short Story as "a writer who has managed, willfully and even perversely, to remain his own man while offering his generous vision and versions of America." Here, in this selection of his best stories, you will find an invisible man tragically obsessed by an invisible woman; a cartoon man in a cartoon car who runs over a real man who is arrested by a real policeman with cartoon eyes; a stick man who reinvents the universe. While invading the dreams and nightmares of others, Coover cuts to the core of how realism works.

Street Cop Grove Press

Presents a synopsis, author sketch, and critical commentary for each of one hundred novels which were published during the 20th century and which today remain largely unknown.

Boysgirls The Origin of the

Brunists

This volume contains every play written by Joe Orton, who emerged in the 1960s as the most talented comic playwright in recent English history and was considered the direct successor to Wilde, Shaw, and Coward.