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**Andrew's Brain** Random House Trade Paperbacks

The Waterworks Random House

An Intertextual Approach to E.L. Doctorow's The Waterworks Harvard University Press

Presents a book review by Evelyn C. Leeper of "The Waterworks" written by American writer Edgar Lawrence Doctorow (b. 1931) and provided online by "The Channel." Notes that "The Waterworks" is a science fiction book.

World's Fair Edinburgh University Press

Selected by the Modern Library as one of the 100 best novels of all time Published in 1975, Ragtime changed our very concept of what a novel could be. An extraordinary tapestry, Ragtime captures the spirit of America in the era between the turn of the century and the First World War. The story opens in 1906 in New Rochelle, New York, at the home of an affluent American family. One lazy Sunday afternoon, the famous escape artist Harry Houdini swerves his car into a telephone pole outside their house. And almost magically, the line between fantasy and historical fact, between real and imaginary characters, disappears. Henry Ford, Emma Goldman, J. P. Morgan, Evelyn Nesbit, Sigmund Freud, and Emiliano Zapata slip in and out of the tale, crossing paths with Doctorow's imagined family and other fictional characters, including an immigrant peddler and a ragtime musician from Harlem whose insistence on a point of justice drives him to revolutionary violence.

Reporting the Universe Random House

An introspective narrative of the activities, attitudes, and concerns of a writer in his fiftieth year is accompanied by stories that address the same artistic and personal preoccupations

Welcome to Hard Times Random House

First published in 1994, this novel set in New York in the 1870s, revolves around the mysterious disappearance of Martin Pemberton shortly after he has glimpsed his supposedly dead father as a passenger in a stage coach. The award-winning author's other publications include 'Welcome to Hard Times' and 'Loon Lake'.

Lamentation 9/11 Random House

**NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH, SLATE, AND THE TELEGRAPH** This brilliant novel by the author of Ragtime, The Book of Daniel, Billy Bathgate, and The March takes us on a radical trip into the mind of a man who, more than once, has been the inadvertent agent of disaster. Speaking from an unknown place and to an unknown interlocutor, Andrew is thinking, Andrew is talking, Andrew is telling the story of his life, his loves, and the tragedies that have led him to this place and point in time. As he peels back the layers of his strange story, we are led to question what we know about truth and memory, brain and mind, personality and fate, about one another and ourselves. Probing, mischievous, and profound, Andrew's Brain is a singular achievement in the canon of an American master. Look for special features inside. Join the Random House Reader's Circle for author chats and more. "Too compelling to put down . . . fascinating, sometimes funny, often profound . . . Andrew is a provocatively interesting and even sympathetic character. . . . The novel seamlessly combines Doctorow's remarkable prowess as a literary stylist with deep psychological storytelling pitting truth against delusion, memory and perception, consciousness and craziness. . . . [Doctorow] takes huge creative risks—the best kind." —USA Today "Andrew's Brain is cunning. . . . [A] sly book . . . This babbling Andrew is a casualty of his times, binding his wounds with thick wrappings of words, ideas, bits of story, whatever his spinning mind can unspool for him. . . . One of the things that makes [Andrew] such a terrific comic creation is that he's both maddeningly self-delusive and scarily self-aware: He's a fool, but he's no innocent. . . . Andrew may not be able to enjoy his brain, but Doctorow, freely choosing to inhabit this character's whirligig consciousness, can." —The New York Times Book Review "A tantalising tour de force . . . a

journey worth taking . . . With exhilarating brio, the book plays off . . . two contrasting takes on mind and brain. . . . [Andrew's Brain encompasses] an astonishing range of modes: vaudeville humour, tragic romance, philosophical speculation. . . . It fizzes with intellectual energy, verbal pyrotechnics and satiric flair." —The Sunday Times (London)

"Dramatic . . . cunning and beautiful . . . strange and oddly fascinating, this book: a musing, a conjecture, a frivolity, a deep interrogatory, a hymn." —San Francisco Chronicle "Provocative . . . a story aswirl in a whirlpool of neuroscience, human relations, loss, guilt and recent American history . . . Doctorow reveals his mastery in the sheen of a text that is both window and mirror. Reading his work is akin to soaring in a glider. Buoyed by invisible breath, readers encounter stunning vistas stretching to horizons they've never imagined." —The Plain Dealer

"Andrew's ruminations can be funny, and his descriptions gorgeous." —Associated Press "[An] evocative, suspenseful novel about the deceptive nature of human consciousness." —More "A quick and acutely intelligent read." —Entertainment Weekly

Elmer Gantry Random House

A record of dissent celebrates the courage, savage wit, and insight of a celebrated human rights activist

The Waterworks Random House

Written by the American author of 'Ragtime', 'Billy Bathgate', 'The Book of Daniel' and 'Loon Lake'. The novel is set in post Civil War New York and concerns a mysterious disappearance, strange other-worldly occurrences and a newspaper editor's quest to discover not only what has taken place but also the deeper meaning behind the events.

Doctorow: Collected Stories Random House

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The People's Text A&C Black

This satirical novel by the Nobel Prize-winning author of It Can't Happen Here examines medicine in the modern world through the eyes of an idealistic man. The assistant of a small-town midwestern doctor, young Martin Arrowsmith is fascinated with the contents of Gray's Anatomy. Eager to pursue an adventurous career in medicine and science, he eventually sets off for medical school, where he hopes to dedicate himself to research. But as Martin progresses through life, he encounters qualities in humans more troublesome than any of the specimens he examines under a microscope. Happiness almost eludes him until his mentor offers him a post at a prestigious institute—which soon sends Martin to a plague ravaged Caribbean island. There he must show what he is truly made of . . . A perennial favorite of medical students to this day, Arrowsmith won author Sinclair Lewis the Pulitzer Prize in 1926, which he

declined. "Beyond doubt the best of Mr. Lewis's novels . . . Absorbing and illuminating." —The Spectator

E.L. Doctorow Ruder Finn Press

Brought together by a mutual fascination with pigeons, Louisa, a young chambermaid at the Hotel New Yorker, forms an unlikely friendship with the hotel's most famous and unusual resident, eccentric and pioneering inventor Nikola Tesla, during his final days. Reprint.

Lives of the Poets Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

To open this book is to enter the perilous, thrilling world of Billy Bathgate, the brazen boy who is accepted into the inner circle of the notorious Dutch Schultz gang. Like an urban Tom Sawyer, Billy takes us along on his fateful adventures as he becomes good-luck charm, apprentice, and finally protégé to one of the great murdering gangsters of the Depression-era underworld in New York City. The luminous transformation of fact into fiction that is E. L. Doctorow's trademark comes to triumphant fruition in Billy Bathgate, a peerless coming-of-age tale and one of Doctorow's boldest and most beloved bestsellers.

The Best American Short Stories 2000 Random House

Winner of the National Book Award • "Marvelous . . . You get lost in World's Fair as if it were an exotic adventure. You devour it with the avidity usually provoked by a suspense thriller." —The New York Times

Hailed by critics from coast to coast and by readers of all ages, this resonant novel is one of E.L. Doctorow's greatest works of fiction. It is 1939, and even as the rumbles of progress are being felt worldwide, New York City clings to remnants of the past, with horse-drawn wagons, street peddlers, and hurdy-gurdy men still toiling in its streets. For nine-year-old Edgar Altschuler, life is stoopball and radio serials, idolizing Joe DiMaggio, and enduring the conflicts between his realist mother and his dreamer of a father. The forthcoming Word's Fair beckons, an amazing vision of American automation, inventiveness, and prosperity—and Edgar Altschuler responds. A marvelous work from a master storyteller, World's Fair is a book about a boy who must surrender his innocence to come of age, and a generation that must survive great hardship to reach its future. Praise for World's Fair "Something close to magic." —Los Angeles Times "World's Fair is better than a time capsule; it's an actual slice of a long-ago world, and we emerge from it as dazed as those visitors standing on the corner of the future." —Anne Tyler "Doctorow has managed to regain the awed perspective of a child in this novel of rare warmth and intimacy. . . . Stony indeed in the heart that cannot be moved by this book." —People "Fascinating . . . exquisitely rendered details of a lost way of life." —Newsweek "Wonderful reading." —USA Today

Arrowsmith Random House

Filled with philosophical musings and personal observations, this fiction writer/Æs take on the universe combines memoir with science to explore the American consciousness and experience. (Literature)

Patriotic Gore Random House Trade Paperbacks

Featuring critical and biographical portraits of notable figures of the American Civil War, Patriotic Gore remains one of Edmund Wilson's greatest achievements. Considered one of the 100 Best Nonfiction books by The Modern Library. Figures discussed include Harriet Beecher Stowe, Abraham Lincoln, Ulysses S. Grant, William Tecumseh Sherman, and Oliver Wendell Holmes, among many others.

Sweet Land Stories Random House

A superb collection of fifteen stories—including "Wakefield," the inspiration for the film starring Bryan Cranston—by the author of Ragtime, The March, The Book of Daniel, and Billy Bathgate He has been called "a national treasure" by George Saunders. Doctorow's great topic, said Don DeLillo, is "the reach of American possibility, in which plain lives take on the cadences of history." This power is apparent everywhere in these stories: the bravery and self-delusion of people seeking the American dream; the geniuses, mystics, and charlatans who offer people false hope, or an actual glimpse of greatness. In "A House on the Plains," a mother has a plan for financial independence, which may include murder. In "Walter John Harmon," a man starts a cult using subterfuge and seduction. "Jolene: A Life" follows a teenager who escapes her home for Hollywood on a perilous quest for success. "Heist," the account of an Episcopal priest coping with a crisis of faith, was expanded into the bestseller City of God. "The Water Works," about the underbelly of 1870s New York, grew into a brilliant novel. "Liner Notes: The Songs of Billy Bathgate" is a corollary to the renowned novel and includes Doctorow's revisions. These fifteen stories, written from the 1960s to the early twenty-first century, and selected, revised, and placed in order by the author himself shortly before he died in 2015, are a testament to the genius of E. L. Doctorow. Praise for Doctorow: Collected Stories "Here, without the framework of historical context that defines his best-known novels, we discover a Doctorow equally adept at plumbing the contemporary American psyche and are reminded of literature's loss following his death." —O: The Oprah Magazine "These tales—sketches, really, wide-ranging in time, place and circumstances—are penned by a modern master. . . . What makes Doctorow's historical novels

brilliant is their engaging prose, smart writerly style, unconventional narratives and inventive and entertaining plots. Same for these dog-eared, pre-owned stories." —USA Today Praise for E. L. Doctorow " He has rewarded us, these forty-five years, with a vision of ourselves, as a people, a vision possessed of what I might call ' aspirational verve ' —he sees us clearly and tenderly, just as we are, but also sees past that—to what we might, at our best, become." —George Saunders " Doctorow did not so much write fiction about history as he seemed to occupy history itself. He owned it. He made it his own." —Ta-Nehisi Coates " On every level, [Doctorow ' s] work is powerful. . . . His sensitivity to language is perfectly balanced, and complemented by a gigantic vision." —Jennifer Egan " [He wrote] with such stunning audacity that I can still remember my parents ' awed dinner-table conversation, that summer, about a novel they were reading, called Ragtime, that went up to the overgrown wall enclosing the garden of fiction and opened the doorway to history." —Michael Chabon " Doctorow ' s prose tends to create its own landscape, and to become a force that works in opposition to the power of social reality." —Don DeLillo " A writer of dazzling gifts and boundless imaginative energy." —Joyce Carol Oates

#### When the Killing's Done The Waterworks

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Loon Lake Random House Trade Paperbacks  
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER With brilliant and audacious strokes, E. L. Doctorow creates a breathtaking collage of memories, events, visions, and provocative thought, all centered on an idea of the modern reality of God. At the heart of this stylistically daring tour de force is a detective story about a cross that vanishes from a rundown Episcopal church in lower Manhattan only to reappear on the roof of an Upper West Side synagogue. Intrigued by the mystery—and by the maverick rector and the young rabbi investigating the strange act of desecration—is a well-known novelist, whose capacious brain is a virtual repository for the ideas and disasters of the age. Daringly poised at the junction of the sacred and the profane, filled with the sights and sounds of New York, and encompassing a large cast of vividly drawn characters including theologians, scientists, Holocaust survivors, and war veterans, City of God is a monumental work of spiritual reflection, philosophy, and history by America ' s preeminent novelist and chronicler of our time. Praise for City of God " A grander perspective on the universe . . . a novel that sets its sights on God." —The Wall Street Journal " Dazzling . . . The true miracle of City of God is the way its disparate parts fuse into a consistently enthralling and suspenseful whole." —Time " Blooms with humor, and a humanity that carries triumphant as intelligent a novel as one might hope to find these days." —Los Angeles Times " Radiates [with] panoramic ambition and spiritual incandescence." —Chicago Tribune " One of the greatest American novels of the past fifty years . . . Reading City of God restores one ' s faith in literature." —The Houston Chronicle

#### Drinks Before Dinner Penguin Books

WINNER OF THE NATIONAL BOOK CRITICS

CIRCLE AWARD WINNER OF THE

PEN/FAULKNER AWARD NEW YORK TIMES

BESTSELLER In 1864, Union general William

Tecumseh Sherman marched his sixty thousand troops through Georgia to the sea, and then up into the Carolinas. The army fought off Confederate forces, demolished cities, and accumulated a borne-along population of freed blacks and white refugees until all that remained was the dangerous transient life of the dispossessed and the triumphant. In E. L.

Doctorow ' s hands the great march becomes a floating world, a nomadic consciousness, and an unforgettable reading experience with awesome relevance to our own times.

#### The Invention of Everything Else Random House

"Text accompanies photographs of posters for the missing put up around New York City following 9/11. It is a personal reflection on the people of the city and the special bond that gives them strength."--BOOK JACKET.Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved