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Ghosts Macmillan
A selection of essays on writing



and reading by the master short-fiction writer Lydia Davis. Lydia Davis is a writer whose originality, influence, and wit are beyond compare. Jonathan Franzen has called her “a magician of self-consciousness,” while Rick Moody hails her as “the best prose stylist in America.” And for Claire Messud, “Davis’s signal gift is to make us feel alive.” Best known for her masterful short stories and translations, Davis’s gifts extend equally to her nonfiction. In *Essays One*, Davis has, for the first time, gathered a selection of essays, commentaries, and lectures

composed over the past five decades. In this first of two volumes, her subjects range from her earliest influences to her favorite short stories, from John Ashbery’s translation of Rimbaud to Alan Cote’s painting, and from the Shepherd’s Psalm to early tourist photographs. On display is the development and range of one of the sharpest, most capacious minds writing today. *Spectacle New Directions Publishing*. A major publishing event: the third volume of Michel Leiris’s renowned autobiography, now available in English for the

first time in a brilliant translation by Lydia Davis. A beloved and versatile author and ethnographer, French intellectual Michel Leiris is often ranked in the company of Proust, Gide, Sartre, and Camus, yet his work remains largely unfamiliar to English-language readers. This brilliant translation of *Fibrils*, the third volume of his monumental autobiographical project *The Rules of the Game*, invites us to discover why Lévi-Strauss proclaimed him “incontestably one of the greatest writers of the century.” Leiris’s

autobiographical essay, a thirty-five-year project, is a primary document of the examined life in the twentieth century. In *Fibrils*, Leiris reconciles literary commitment with social/political engagement. He recounts extensive travel and anthropological work, including a 1955 visit to Mao ' s China. He also details his suicidal “ descent into Hell, ” when the guilt over an extramarital affair becomes unbearable. A ruthless self-examiner, Leiris seeks to invent a new way of remembering, probe the mechanisms of memory and explore the way a life

can be told.

Night Train Figures

The first in-depth analysis of Lydia Davis's translations and writing *The Many Voices of Lydia Davis* shows how translation, rewriting and intertextuality are central to the work of Lydia Davis, a major American writer, translator and essayist. Winner of the Man Booker International Prize 2013, Davis writes innovative short stories that question the boundaries of the genre. She is also an important translator of

French writers such as Maurice Blanchot, Michel Leiris, Marcel Proust and Gustave Flaubert. Translation and writing go hand-in-hand in Davis's work. Through a series of readings, this study investigates how Davis's translations and stories relate to each other, finding that they are inextricably interlinked. It explores how Davis uses translation - either as a compositional tool or a plot device - and other instances of rewriting in her stories, demonstrating that

translation is central for understanding her prose. Understanding how Davis's work complicates divisions between translating and other forms of writing highlights the role of translation in literary production. Key Features The first monograph on this key contemporary writer that analyses texts from throughout her career A series of analyses of Davis's major translations and how her work interacts with them A rethinking of the role of translation in literary

production and the boundaries between translating and writing **Samuel Johnson Is Indignant** Sarabande Books Bob, Son of Battle, is a sheepdog so canny and careful of his flock, so deeply devoted to his master, James Moore, and so admired for his poise and wisdom by the residents of a small village in the rugged mountains of England's North Country, that young though he is, he is already known as Owd Bob. In a recent contest, Bob has proved himself a matchless sheepdog, and if he wins the trophy two more times, he'll

be seen as equal to the legendary sheepdogs of yore. But Bob has a real rival: Red Wull, with his docked tail and bristling yellow fur, a ferocious creature, just like his diminutive master, Adam McAdam, a lonely Scot, estranged not only from his English neighbors but from his son, David. McAdam just can't stop belittling this strapping young man, all the more so since David began courting Moore's beautiful daughter Maggie. But what McAdam really wants is for his beloved Wullie to wrest the prize from Bob once and for all. The story takes a darker turn when a troubling new threat to the local flocks emerges. A dog

has gone rogue, sneaking out at night to feast on the flesh and blood of the sheep he is bound to protect. Again and again, new sheep fall prey to this relentless predator; again and again, he slips away undetected. This master hunter can only be among the boldest and sharpest of dogs . . . Bob, Son of Battle has long been a beloved classic of children's literature both in America and in England. Here the celebrated author and translator Lydia Davis, who first read and loved this exciting story as a child, has rendered the challenging idioms of the original into fluent and graceful English of our day, making this

tale of rival dogs and rival families and the shadowy terrain between Good and Bad accessible and appealing to readers of all ages.

Looking at Pictures

New Directions Poetry Pamphlet

'A writer as mighty as Kafka, as subtle as Flaubert, and as epoch-making, in her own way, as Proust' (Ali Smith) Lydia Davis gathered a selection of her non-fiction writing for the first time in 2019 with *Essays*. Now, she continues the project with *Essays Two*,

focusing on the art of translation, the learning of foreign languages through reading, and her experience of translating, amongst others, Flaubert and Proust, about whom she writes with an unmatched understanding of the nuances of their styles. Every essay in this book is a revelation.

Break It Down

Pantheon

The End of the Story is an energetic, candid,

and funny novel about an enduring obsession and a woman's attempt to control it by the telling of the story of it. With ruthless honesty, artful analysis, and crystalline depictions of human and natural landscapes, Lydia Davis's novel offers a compelling illumination of the dilemmas of loss and the process of

remembering.

The End of the Story

New York Review of Books

"Two remarkable prose stylists – friends since high school – transform found material from the nineteenth century into mesmerizing poem-essays. It was given to me, in the nineteenth century, to spend a lifetime on his earth. Along with a few of the sorrows that are appointed unto men, I have had innumerable enjoyments; and the

world has been to me, even from childhood, a great museum.— Lydia Davis. Bad rapids. Bradley is knocked over the side; his foot catches under the seat and he is dragged, head under water. Camped on a sand beach, the wind blows a hurricane. Sand piles over us like a snowdrift.— Eliot Weinberger."--Publisher's website (viewed 11/29/2016).

The Thirteenth Woman and Other Stories Back Bay Books

A special side of
Robert Walser: his
essays on art
**Alfred Ollivant's Bob,
Son of Battle** New
Directions
An inventive new
collection from the
author of *Hydroplane*
and *The End of Free
Love* * A San Francisco
Chronicle, Complex,
Flavorwire, Vol. 1
Brooklyn, Largehearted
Boy and Slaughterhouse
90210 Best Book of the
Year * In these
innovative linked
stories, women
confront loss and

grief as they sift
through the wreckage of
their lives. In the
title story, a woman
struggles with the
death of her friend in
a plane crash. A
daughter decides
whether to take her
father off life support
in the Pushcart Prize-
winning "Cowboys." And
in "Underthings," when
a man hits his
girlfriend, she calls
it an accident.
Spectacle bears witness
to alarming and strange
incidents: carnival
rides and plane
crashes, affairs spied

through keyholes and
amateur porn, vandalism
and petty theft. These
wounded women stand at
the edge of disaster
and risk it all to
speak their sharpest
secrets. In lean,
acrobatic prose, Susan
Steinberg subverts
assumptions about
narrative and
challenges conventional
gender roles. She
delivers insight with a
fierce lyric intensity
in sentences shorn of
excessive sentiment or
unnecessary ornament.
By fusing style and
story, Steinberg

amplifies the connections between themes and characters so that each devastating revelation echoes throughout the collection. A vital and turbulent book from a distinctive voice, *Spectacle* will break your heart, and then, before the last page is turned, will bind it up anew. "Experimental but never opaque, Steinberg's stories seethe with real and imagined menace."
—Publishers Weekly
The Cows New York Review of Books

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display is the development and range of one of the sharpest, most capacious minds writing today.

The Many Voices of Lydia Davis Penguin UK
Find out why fellow authors like Ali Smith, Dave Eggers and Jonathan Franzen love Lydia Davis's writing so much in this landmark collection of all of her stories to date from across three decades. And why James Wood described this book in the New

Yorker as 'a body of work probably unique in American writing' and 'one of the great, strange American literary contributions'.

'Remarkable. Some of the most moving fiction - on death, marriage, children - of recent years. To read *The Collected Stories* is to be reminded of the grand, echoing mind-chambers created by Sebald or recent Coetzee. A writer of vast intelligence and originality.'

Independent on Sunday

'What stories. Precise and piercing, extremely funny. Nearly all are unlike anything you've ever read.' Metro 'I loved these stories. They are so well-written, with such clarity of thought and precision of language. Excellent.' William Leith, Evening Standard 'Remarkable. Some of the most moving fiction - on death, marriage, children - of recent years. To read Collected Stories is to be reminded of the grand, echoing mind-chambers created by Sebald or recent Coetzee. A writer of vast intelligence and originality.' Independent on Sunday 'A body of work probably unique in American writing, in its combination of lucidity, aphoristic brevity, formal originality, sly comedy, metaphysical bleakness, philosophical pressure and human wisdom.' New Yorker 'One of the most respected writers in America.' Financial Times 'Davis is a high priestess of the

startling, telling detail. She can make the most ordinary things, such as couples talking, or someone watching television, bizarre, almost mythical. I felt I had encountered a most original and daring mind.' Colm Tóibín, Daily Telegraph
Sorry Please Thank You Graywolf Press
From Edward P. Jones comes one of the most acclaimed novels in recent memory—winner of the Pulitzer Prize

for Fiction and the National Book Critics Circle Award for Fiction. The Known World tells the story of Henry Townsend, a black farmer and former slave who falls under the tutelage of William Robbins, the most powerful man in Manchester County, Virginia. Making certain he never circumvents the law, Townsend runs	his affairs with unusual discipline. But when death takes him unexpectedly, his widow, Caldonia, can't uphold the estate's order, and chaos ensues. Edward P. Jones has woven a footnote of history into an epic that takes an unflinching look at slavery in all its moral complexities. "A masterpiece that deserves a place in	the American literary canon."—Time Folie Du Jour Varieties of Disturbance As with the fiction of Snijders' translator Lydia Davis herself, brevity is the soul of beauty in these tiny masterworks The Collected Stories of Lydia Davis Farrar, Straus and Giroux Finding out that your child has
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Asperger's Syndrome or Autism can be devastating enough, but when you discover that he or she won't eat 99.9 per cent of all food and drink in the known universe, the fun really starts. This was the situation the author found herself in a decade ago when her son first took a dislike to milk, and then to	virtually every other substance she attempted to feed him. Her book was written to reassure other parents that there are lots of people out there in the same boat, and to suggest practical methods of dealing with the problem. As well as drawing on her own experience, the author has spoken to parents, children, and	professionals with first-hand knowledge of dietary difficulties, and their advice and comments form a key part of the book. <u>Other Electricities</u> Farrar, Straus and Giroux Esteemed critic Blanche Gelfant's brilliant companion gathers together lucid essays on major writers and themes by some of the best literary critics in the United States.
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Part 1 is comprised of articles on stories that share a particular theme, such as "Working Class Stories" or "Gay and Lesbian Stories." The heart of the book, however, lies in Part 2, which contains more than one hundred pieces on individual writers and their work, including Fitzgerald, Hemingway, Richard Ford, Raymond Carver, Eudora Welty, Andre Debus, Zora Neal Hurston, Anne Beattie, Bharati Mukherjee, J. D. Salinger, and Jamaica Kincaid, as

well as engaging pieces on the promising new writers to come on the scene.

The Collected Stories of Lydia Davis New Directions Publishing Varieties of DisturbanceMacmillan
Story of Love in Solitude Farrar, Straus and Giroux
An elegantly hair-raising collection of Edith Wharton's ghost stories, selected and with a preface written by the author herself. No history of the American

uncanny tale would be complete without mention of Edith Wharton, yet many of Wharton's most dedicated admirers are unaware that she was a master of the form. In fact, one of Wharton's final literary acts was assembling *Ghosts*, a personal selection of her most chilling stories, written between 1902 and 1937. In "The Lady's Maid's Bell," the earliest tale

included here, a	preoccupations of the	goal in writing them
servant's dedication	living, using the	was to counter "the
to her mistress	supernatural to	hard grind of modern
continues from beyond	investigate such	speeding-up" by
the grave, and in	worldly matters as	preserving that
"All Souls," the last	violence within	ineffable space of
story Wharton wrote,	marriage, the horrors	"silence and
an elderly woman	of aging, the rot at	continuity," which is
treads the permeable	the root of new	not merely the
line between life and	fortunes, the	prerogative of
the hereafter. In all	darkness that stares	humanity but—"in the
her writing,	back from the abyss	fun of the
Wharton's great gift	of one's own soul.	shudder"—its delight.
was to mercilessly	These are stories to	Contents All Souls'
illuminate the	"send a cold shiver	The Eyes Afterward
motives of men and	down one's spine,"	The Lady's Maid's
women, and her ghost	not to terrify, and	Bell Kerfol The
stories never stray	as Wharton explains	Triumph of Night Miss
far from the	in her preface, her	Mary Pask Bewitched

Mr. Jones Pomegranate	Jonathan Franzen and	French reflects on
Seed A Bottle of	"the best prose	her experience
Perrier	stylist in America"	translating Proust
<u>Can't and Won't</u>	by Rick Moody,	("A work of creation
Farrar, Straus and	gathered a generous	in its own right."
Giroux	selection of her	—Claire Messud,
A collection of	essays about best	Newsday), Madame
essays on	writing practices,	Bovary ("[Flaubert's]
translation, foreign	representations of	masterwork has been
languages, Proust,	Jesus, early tourist	given the English
and one French city,	photographs, and much	translation it
from the master short-	more. Essays Two	deserves." —Kathryn
fiction writer and	collects Davis's	Harrison, The New
acclaimed translator	writings and talks on	York Times Book
Lydia Davis In Essays	her second	Review), and Michel
One, Lydia Davis, who	profession: the art	Leiris
has been called "a	of translation. The	("Magnificent." —Tim
magician of self-	award-winning	Watson, Public
consciousness" by	translator from the	Books). She also

makes an extended visit to the French city of Arles, and writes about the varied adventures of learning Norwegian, Dutch, and Spanish through reading and translation. Davis, a 2003 MacArthur Fellow and the winner of the 2013 Man Booker International Prize for her fiction, here focuses her unique intelligence and idiosyncratic ways of understanding on the endlessly complex	relations between languages. Together with <u>Essays One</u> , this provocative and delightful volume cements her status as one of our most original and beguiling writers. <u>Essays One</u> Graywolf Press From one of our most imaginative and inventive writers, a crystalline collection of perfectly	modulated, sometimes harrowing and often hilarious investigations into the multifaceted ways in which human beings perceive each other and themselves. A couple suspects their friends think them boring; a woman resolves to see herself as nothing but then concludes she's set too high a goal; and a funeral home
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receives a letter
rebuking it for
linguistic errors.
Lydia Davis once
again proves in the
words of the Los
Angeles Times "one
of the quiet giants
in the world of
American fiction."

Can't Eat, Won't Eat

Farrar, Straus and
Giroux

A notable discovery of
a truly original voice
Several stories
inhabit Roger
Lewinter's first small
book to appear in

English, Story of Love once prose poems and a
in Solitude. Each story form of dreaming; they
takes the form of a are akin to the great
loop: a spider who French tradition of
won't stop returning; things sparking
camellias that flourish emotions and emotions
and then die; dying sparking things—part
parents whose presence Sarraute, part Robbe-
is always yet felt; Grillet, part Perec.
turning again and again Plot is not really the
to work on Rilke point of his meditative
translations; a younger works. Lewinter
man whom the narrator concerns himself more
sees each week at the with perception,
Geneva street markets. apperception, and
All the tales touch on sudden inflections of
the possibility, the grace: loss and beauty
open possibility of meet in an explosion of
love—a loop without joy, which becomes, "in
end. Lewinter's short its brilliance, a means
fictional works are at of transmittal."