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Out of love, anger, and grief Clifford Chase has crafted a moving and brilliant memoir of loss and family bonds. With startling honesty, he evokes scenes of life in a suburban American family and illuminates the strong ties that are woven between two gay brothers as they become adults. Chase documents how, in turn, the family dynamics change forever when one brother--the elder, the admired, the feared, the loved--weathers AIDS-related illnesses and ultimately dies. This is a searching, unsentimental account of how AIDS steals away loved ones and how the wounds of loss come to be healed.

The MUP Encyclopaedia of Australian Science Fiction & Fantasy
Sydney University Press

The Second Edition is even better than the first, which was a bestseller. *The Art of the College Essay* shows students what makes great essays great, then tells them how to write one. Glancy provides a highly readable, student-tested guide to writing college essays that are so powerful, so gripping, so authentic, that the Ad Com can only say yes.

Tintin in the New World Penguin

A glamorous, haunted life unfolds in the mesmerizing biography of the woman behind a classic children's book In 1957, a children's book called *The Lonely Doll* was published. With its pink-and-white-checked cover and photographs featuring a wide-eyed doll, it captured the imaginations of young girls and made the author, Dare Wright, a household name. Close to forty years after its publication, the book was out of print but not forgotten. When the cover image inexplicably came to journalist Jean Nathan one afternoon, she went in search of the book--and ultimately its author. Nathan found Dare Wright living out her last days in a decrepit public hospital in Queens, New York. Over the next five years, Nathan pieced together a glamorous life. Blond, beautiful Wright had begun her career as an actress and model and then turned to fashion photography before stumbling upon her role as bestselling author. But there was a dark side to the story: a brother lost in childhood, ill-fated marriage plans, a complicated, controlling mother. Edith Stevenson Wright, herself a successful portrait painter, played such a dominant role in her daughter's life that Dare was never able to find her way into the adult world. Only through her work could she speak for herself: in her books she created the happy family she'd always yearned for, while her self-portraits betrayed an unresolved tension between sexuality

and innocence, a desire to belong and painful isolation. Illustrated with stunning photographs, *The Secret Life of the Lonely Doll* tells the unforgettable story of a woman who, imprisoned by her childhood, sought to set herself free through art.

The Art of the College Essay Henry Holt and Company

By the early 1940s, when Ukrainian-born Irène Némirovsky began working on what would become *Suite Française*—the first two parts of a planned five-part novel—she was already a highly successful writer living in Paris. But she was also a Jew, and in 1942 she was arrested and deported to Auschwitz: a month later she was dead at the age of thirty-nine. Two years earlier, living in a small village in central France—where she, her husband, and their two small daughters had fled in a vain attempt to elude the Nazis—she'd begun her novel, a luminous portrayal of a human drama in which she herself would become a victim. When she was arrested, she had completed two parts of the epic, the handwritten manuscripts of which were hidden in a suitcase that her daughters would take with them into hiding and eventually into freedom. Sixty-four years later, at long last, we can read Némirovsky's literary masterpiece *The first part, "A Storm in June,"* opens in the chaos of the massive 1940 exodus from Paris on the eve of the Nazi invasion during which several families and individuals are thrown together under circumstances beyond their control. They share nothing but the harsh demands of survival—some trying to maintain lives of privilege, others struggling simply to preserve their lives—but soon, all together, they will be forced to face the awful exigencies of physical and emotional displacement, and the annihilation of the world they know. In the second part, "Dolce," we enter the increasingly complex life of a German-occupied provincial village. Coexisting uneasily with the soldiers billeted among them, the villagers—from aristocrats to shopkeepers to peasants—cope as best they can. Some choose resistance, others collaboration, and as their community is transformed by these acts, the lives of these these men and women reveal nothing less than the very essence of humanity. *Suite Française* is a singularly piercing evocation—at once subtle and severe, deeply compassionate and fiercely ironic—of life and death in occupied France, and a brilliant, profoundly moving work of art.

Working on Wife Abuse Howell Books

With these audacious and murderously witty stories, Donald Barthelme threw the preoccupations of our time into the literary equivalent of a Cuisinart and served up a gorgeous salad of American culture, high and low. Here are the urban upheavals reimagined as frontier myth; travelogues through countries that might have been created by Kafka; cryptic dialogues that bore down to the bedrock of our longings, dreams, and angsts. Like all of Barthelme's work, the sixty stories collected in this volume are triumphs of language and perception, at once unsettling and irresistible. For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,700 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators.

The Dead Father Harper Collins

Selina Kyle walks a fine line in the criminal underworld. A thief herself, she's regularly on the wrong side of the law, while her personal life gives her crooked colleagues plenty of reason to distrust her. When Catwoman finds herself at the center of a dark plot full of violence and intrigue,

she'll have to decide which side she is on and who she can trust. If a leopard can't change its spots, and a leopard is a cat, can Catwoman ever escape her own destiny?

Over Our Dead Bodies W W Norton & Company Incorporated

The Indignities of Coach Class, the Torments of Low Thread Count, the Never-Ending Quest for Artisanal Olive Oil, and Other First World Problems David Rakoff's collection of autobiographical essays, *Fraud*, established him as one of our funniest, most insightful writers. In *Don't Get Too Comfortable*, Rakoff journeys into the land of plenty that is contemporary North America. Rarely have greed, vanity, selfishness, and vapidness been so mercilessly and wittily portrayed. Whether contrasting the elegance of one of the last flights of the supersonic Concorde with the good times and chicken wings of Hooters Air, portraying the rarified universe of Paris fashion shows where an evening dress can cost as much as four years of college, or traveling to a private island off the coast of Belize to watch a soft-core Playboy TV shoot, where he is provided with his very own personal manservant, David Rakoff takes us on a biting funny grand tour of our culture of excess, delving into the manic getting and spending that defines the North American way of life. Somewhere along the line, our healthy self-regard has exploded into obliterating narcissism, and Rakoff is there to map that frontier. He sits through the grotesqueries of "avant garde" vaudeville in Times Square immediately following 9/11. Twenty days without food allows him to experience firsthand the wonders of "detoxification," and the frozen world of cryonics, whose promise of eternal life is the ultimate status symbol, leaves him very cold indeed (much to our good fortune). At once a Wildean satire of our ridiculous culture of overconsumption and a plea for a little human decency, *Don't Get Too Comfortable* is a biting funny grand tour of our special circle of gilded-age hell.

Giggle, Giggle, Quack Da Capo Press

In this border-hopping anthology of travel memoir and fiction, every trip is a big one, as an advance guard of adventurous writers--both seasoned names and fresh voices--scatter across the globe, face the pure euphoria and sheer anxiety of travel, and survive a lot of very fast living.

The Quigley Book of the Pekingese Hachette UK

"Eloquent . . . An incredibly realistic portrayal of anorexia."

—The New Yorker She devoured their memoirs and magazine articles, committing the most salacious details to memory to learn what it would take to be the very best anorexic. When she was hospitalized at fifteen, she found herself in an existential wormhole: How can one suffer from something one has actively sought out? With attuned storytelling and unflinching introspection, Kelsey Osgood unpacks the modern myths of anorexia as she chronicles her own rehabilitation. *How to Disappear Completely* is a brave, candid and emotionally wrenching memoir that explores the physical, internal, and social ramifications of eating disorders. "Osgood vividly portrays the creepy phenomenon of the 'pro-ana' movement and the claustrophobic, self-involved, achingly lonely world in which young women compete to be 'perfect' anorexics. . . . imbued with pathos and tenderness." —Publishers Weekly

"What sets Kelsey Osgood's memoir apart from the existing literature on anorexia is the author's commitment to stripping the glamour and romance from the illness . . . Intelligent, moving, beautifully written, Osgood has written a paean to wellness, and taken a forthright look at everything that anorexia, 'bastard child of vanity and self-loathing,' took from her life." —Molly

McCloskey, author of *Circles Around the Sun: In Search of a Lost Brother*

The Home Book of Verse Vintage Canada

A profound portrait of family dynamics in the rural South and "an essential novel" (The New Yorker) "As close to flawless as any reader could ask for . . . The living language [Allison] has created is as exact and innovative as the language of *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *The Catcher in the Rye*." —The New York Times Book Review The publication of Dorothy Allison's *Bastard Out of Carolina* was a landmark event that

won the author a National Book Award nomination and launched her into the literary spotlight. Critics have likened Allison to Harper Lee, naming her the first writer of her generation to dramatize the lives and language of poor whites in the South. Since its appearance, the novel has inspired an award-winning film and has been banned from libraries and classrooms, championed by fans, and defended by critics. Greenville County, South Carolina, is a wild, lush place that is home to the Boatwright family—a tight-knit clan of rough-hewn, hard-drinking men who shoot up each other's trucks, and indomitable women who get married young and age too quickly. At the heart of this story is Ruth Anne Boatwright, known simply as Bone, a bastard child who observes the world around her with a mercilessly keen perspective. When her stepfather Daddy Glen, "cold as death, mean as a snake," becomes increasingly more vicious toward her, Bone finds herself caught in a family triangle that tests the loyalty of her mother, Anney—and leads to a final, harrowing encounter from which there can be no turning back.

The Secret Life of the Lonely Doll Grove/Atlantic, Inc.

This internationally acclaimed winner of the Finlandia Award is "a brilliant and dark parable about the fluid boundaries between human and animal" (The Boston Globe). Angel, a young photographer, comes home from a night of carousing to find a group of drunken teenagers in the courtyard of his apartment building, taunting a wounded, helpless young troll. He takes it in, not suspecting the dramatic consequences of this decision. What does one do with a troll in the city? As the troll's presence influences Angel's life in ways he could never have predicted, it becomes clear that the creature is the familiar of man's most forbidden feelings. A novel of sparkling originality, *Troll* is a wry, beguiling story of nature and man's relationship to wild things, and of the dark power of the wildness in ourselves. "[An] imaginative and engaging novel of urban fantasy . . . The stuff of ancient legend shadows with rather unnerving precision the course of unloosed postmodern desire." —Chris Lehmann, The Washington Post Book World

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"[A] luminous tale of passion and betrayal" set in the post-colonial and civil war eras of Sierra Leone (The New York Times). Winner of the Commonwealth Writers' Prize for Best Book As a decade of civil war and political unrest comes to a devastating close, three men must reconcile themselves to their own fate and the fate of their broken nation. For Elias Cole, this means reflecting on his time as a young scholar in 1969 and the affair that defined his life. For Adrian Lockheart, it means listening to Elias's tale and following his own heart into a heated romance. For Elias's doctor, Kai Mansaray, it's desperately battling his nightmares by trying to heal his patients. As each man's story becomes inexorably bound with the others', they discover that they are connected not only by their shared heritage, pain, and shame, but also by one remarkable woman. *The Memory of Love* is a beautiful and ambitious exploration of the influence history can have on generations, and the shared cultural burdens that each of us inevitably face. "A soft-spoken story of brutality and endurance set in postwar Sierra Leone . . . Tragedy and its aftermath are affectingly, memorably evoked in this multistranded narrative from a significant talent." —Kirkus Reviews

Don't Get Too Comfortable Melbourne University

Number-one bestselling author Iris Johansen teams up with Edgar Award winner Roy Johansen and the result is an explosive, tour-de-force thriller. . . . It was the assignment of a lifetime. . . . Brilliant marine architect Hannah Bryson has been given the job of a lifetime. A U.S. maritime museum has just acquired the decommissioned Soviet submarine *Silent Thunder* for public exhibition. It's Hannah's job to make sure that every single inch of the legendary nuclear attack sub is safe for the thousands of visitors anticipated.

Enlisting the aid of her brother, Connor, they examine the enormous vessel and delve into its long---and lethal---history. But is it really a trap? In the course of their investigation, Connor discovers a mysterious message behind one of the ship ' s panels. But before he can figure out what it means, there ' s a deadly assault on Silent Thunder. . . . Though the U.S. government tries to warn Hannah away, she ' ll stop at nothing to find the ruthless mastermind behind her brother ' s death. Even if it means joining forces with a mysterious man who may be even more dangerous than the enemy she has sworn to bring down. As Hannah finds herself in the crossfire of an epic standoff, her only hope for survival is to unravel the sub ' s explosive secret. But someone ' s willing to kill to make sure Silent Thunder stays silent. . . . Brisk, exhilarating, and filled with authentic details, Silent Thunder is what you get when you team the biggest name in suspense with the stunning plot twists of an Edgar Award--winning author. Get ready for a page-turning thrill ride!

Sixty Stories Terrace Books

An analysis of the unlikely relationship between nature and scientific design reveals how such innovations as Velcro, solar panels, and self-cleaning surfaces were created to mimic intricate mechanisms found in the natural world.

Queer 13 HarperCollins Australia

The Port Arthur massacre on 28 April 1996, when 35 people were shot dead by Martin Bryant, transformed Australia ' s gun control debate. Public outrage drove politicians from all sides of politics to embrace gun control. Non-violent ' people power ' galvanised government resolve to outlaw semi-automatic weapons, register all guns, and tighten gun ownership laws. Simon Chapman ' s book gives an insider ' s view of the struggle for gun control, highlighting the public discourse between shooters determined to preserve the right for civilians to bear military-style weapons, and activists dedicated to getting Australia ' off the American path ' of gun violence. Law reform is not inevitable. It requires the planned, strategic use of media and advocacy to convert anger into action. The story of the campaign for gun control is a practical guide to achieving humane social change for activists everywhere.

The Memory of Love Macmillan

Gabrielle Glancy once again astonishes us with a how to book that's both extremely useful and easy to read. This book answers the question almost all writers have when facing a blank page. Where do I begin? And how to I break through my own blocks?

Bastard Out of Carolina Anchor Canada

Integrating selections by gay and lesbian teenagers with older writers' reflections on growing up lesbian or gay, this anthology features works by James Baldwin, Rita Mae Brown, Quentin Crisp, Audre Lorde, Martina Navratilova, and David Leavitt

The Children's Encyclopedia Dramatists Play Service Inc

Acclaimed author Frederic Tuten boldly revives the well-loved character Tintin -- the eternally youthful protagonist from Belgian artist Herge's popular comic book series, The Adventures of Tintin -- and leads him into an adventure like none he has experienced before. Once again joined by Captain Haddock and his little dog Snowy, the intrepid world traveler Tintin embarks on a mysterious journey to Machu Picchu in Peru. But where danger and intrigue have met him before, this voyage brings new perils and enchantments.

The Salem Witch Trials Reader DC Comics

Contains primary source material.

Suite Francaise Open Road + Grove/Atlantic

In shimmering prose that weaves among intimate confessions, deadpan asides, and piercing observations on the fear and turmoil that defined the long decade after 9/11, Clifford Chase tells the stories that have shaped his adulthood. There are his aging parents, whose disagreements sharpen as their health declines; and his beloved brother, lost tragically to AIDS; and his long-term boyfriend—always present, but always kept at a distance. There is also the revelatory, joyful music of the B-52s, Chase ' s sexual confusion in his twenties, and more recently, the mysterious appearance in his luggage of weird objects from Iran the year his mother died. In the midst of all this is Chase ' s singular voice—incisive, wry, confiding, by turns cool or emotional, always engaging. The way this book is written—in pitch-perfect fragments—is crucial to Chase ' s deeper message: that we experience and remember in short bursts of insight, terror, comedy, and love. As ambitious in its form as it is in its radical candor, The Tooth Fairy is the rare memoir that can truly claim to rethink the genre.