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### **It Shouldn't Happen to a Vet** Bond Street Books

From Tana French, author of the forthcoming novel *The Searcher*, "the most important crime novelist to emerge in the past 10 years" (*The Washington Post*), the bestseller called "the most stunning of her books" (*The New York Times*) and a finalist for the Edgar Award. Back in 1985, Frank Mackey was a nineteen-year-old kid with a dream of escaping his family's cramped flat on Faithful Place and running away to London with his girl, Rosie Daly. But on the night they were supposed to leave, Rosie didn't show. Frank took it for granted that she'd dumped him—probably because of his alcoholic father, nutcase mother, and generally dysfunctional family. He never went home again. Neither did Rosie. Then, twenty-two years later, Rosie's suitcase shows up behind a fireplace in a derelict house on Faithful Place, and Frank, now a detective in the Dublin Undercover squad, is going home whether he likes it or not.

### **The Elephant Keepers' Children** McClelland & Stewart

It shouldn't happen to a vet sees recently qualified vet James Herriot firmly ensconced in the sleepy Yorkshire village of Darrowby, and acclimatized to life with his unpredictable colleagues, brothers Siegfried and Tristan Farnon. But veterinary practice in the 1930s was never going to be easy, and there are challenges on the horizon, from persuading his clients to let him use his 'modern' equipment, to becoming an uncle to a pig called Nugent. Throw in his first encounters with Helen, the beautiful daughter of a local farmer, and this year looks to be as eventful as the last ... This beautiful Macmillan Collector's Library edition of the second volume in James Herriot's memoirs, *It Shouldn't Happen to a Vet*, features an afterword by actress Carol Drinkwater, who starred as Helen Herriot in the BBC's *All Creatures Great and Small*. Designed to appeal to the booklover, the Macmillan Collector's Library is a series of beautiful gift editions of much loved classic titles. Macmillan Collector's Library are books to love and treasure.

### **Žitkovské bohyn?** Penguin

Leonard Cohen is one of the great writers, performers, and most consistently daring artists of our time. *Book of Longing* is Cohen's eagerly awaited new collection of poems, following his highly acclaimed 1984 title, *Book of Mercy*, and his hugely successful 1993 publication, *Stranger Music*, a *Globe and Mail* national bestseller. *Book of Longing* contains erotic, playful, and provocative line drawings and artwork on every page, by the author, which interact in exciting and unexpected ways on the page with poetry that is timeless, meditative, and at times darkly humorous. The book brings together all the elements that have brought Leonard Cohen's artistry with language worldwide recognition.

### **All This Belongs to Me** AmazonCrossing

A stray cat is rescued and brought to live with the Dalai Lama and upon observing the many visitors that pay their respects to the holy man learns what it means to achieve peace and happiness in a materialistic world.

### **The Skin Collector** Pickle Partners Publishing

In sparkling, imaginative prose, celebrated Czech

writer Radka Denemarkova depicts a world of absurdity and darkness. *Money from Hitler* tells the story of Gita Lauschmanova, who as a young girl in 1945 leaves a concentration camp as an orphan to face the stunning realization that there is in fact nowhere to return, and that the oppression and savagery of the holocaust are far from over. For Gita, living is no longer a question of right or wrong. It is purely a question of survival. *Money from Hitler* received the Czech Republic's prestigious Magnesia Litera award for Czech Literature in the prose category for 2007. It is now being made into a feature film.

### **The Incurable Optimists Club** Arrow

Marilyn Stasio in *The New York Times* raved: "Peter May is a writer I'd follow to the ends of the earth." Now Peter May takes us to a small island off the coast of Québec with an emotionally charged new mystery. When a murder rocks the isolated community of Entry Island, insomniac homicide detective Sime Mackenzie boards a light aircraft at St. Hubert airfield bound for the small, scattered chain of Madeline Islands, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, as part of an eight-officer investigation team from Montréal. Only two kilometers wide and three long, Entry Island is home to a population of just more than 100 inhabitants, the wealthiest of whom has just been discovered murdered in his home. Covered in her husband's blood, the dead man's melancholy wife spins a tale for the police about a masked intruder armed with a knife. The investigation appears to be little more than a formality--the evidence points to a crime of passion, implicating the wife. But Sime is electrified by the widow during his interview, convinced that he has met her before, even though this is clearly impossible. Haunted by this strange certainty, Sime's insomnia is punctuated by vivid, hallucinatory dreams of a distant past on a Scottish island 3,000 miles away, dreams in which he and the widow play leading roles. Sime's conviction soon becomes an obsession. And despite mounting evidence of the woman's guilt, he finds himself convinced of her innocence, leading to a conflict between the professional duty he must fulfill and the personal destiny he is increasingly sure awaits him.

### **The Invincible Seven** Harper Collins

Daniela Hodrova shares her unique perception of Prague, through playful poetic prose, and by imaginatively blending historical and cultural motifs with autobiographical moments. *A Kingdom of Souls* is the first volume of this author's literary journey - a *My Husband's Wife* AmazonCrossing. First published in 1956, *The Etruscan* is a fiction novel by Finnish author Mika Waltari. Beginning around 480 B.C., the story takes us on the spiritual journey of a young man named Lars Turms as he adventures through Ancient Greece to Sicily, Rome and, finally, Tuscany, searching for the meaning of life. He gradually becomes aware of his immortality and his duties to the future. Although set in ancient civilization, the book poses many of life's existential questions asked to this day, and the reader will

find timeless answers to these timeless questions through the main character.

#### The Horses in My Life Melville House

And Another Thing ... will be the sixth novel in the now improbably named Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy trilogy. Eight years after the death of its creator, Douglas Adams, the author's widow, Jane Belson, has given her approval for the project to be continued by the international number one bestselling children's writer, Eoin Colfer, author of the Artemis Fowl novels. Douglas Adams himself once said, 'I suspect at some point in the future I will write a sixth Hitchhiker book. Five seems to be a wrong kind of number, six is a better kind of number.' Belson said of Eoin Colfer, 'I love his books and could not think of a better person to transport Arthur, Zaphod and Marvin to pastures new.' Colfer, a fan of Hitchhiker since his schooldays, said, 'Being given the chance to write this book is like suddenly being offered the superpower of your choice. For years I have been finishing this incredible story in my head and now I have the opportunity to do it in the real world.' Prepare to be amazed...

#### Freeze Frame Northwestern University Press

IN THE FIRST BOOK OF PETER MAY'S CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED ENZO FILES, FORENSICS EXPERT ENZO MACLEOD WAGERS THAT HE CAN SOLVE SIX PERPLEXING COLD CASES--AND UNEXPECTEDLY PLACES HIMSELF DIRECTLY IN HARM'S WAY.

"ACTION-PACKED." --ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY  
"BRISK AND THRILLING." --THE BALTIMORE SUN  
"THOROUGHLY ENGAGING." --LIBRARY JOURNAL

Half-Scottish, half-Italian Enzo MacLeod used to be one of the top forensics experts in Scotland, and now he lives in Toulouse, working as a university professor. Divorced in Scotland and widowed in France, he has an estranged Scottish daughter and a French daughter he has raised by himself. As if his life isn't complicated enough, he soon finds himself unexpectedly on the hunt for solutions to some vexing cold cases thanks to an ill-advised wager about the power of forensic science. Meanwhile, in Paris, a man desperately seeking sanctuary flees into a church. The next day, his sudden disappearance will make him famous throughout France. Deep in the catacombs below the City of Light, MacLeod unearths disturbing clues deliberately left behind by a killer. But as the retired forensics expert draws closer to the truth, he discovers he may just wind up the next victim for his troubles.

#### And Another Thing... Minotaur Books

The long-awaited magnum opus from Haruki Murakami, in which this revered and bestselling author gives us his hypnotically addictive, mind-bending ode to George Orwell's 1984. The year is 1984. Aomame is riding in a taxi on the expressway, in a hurry to carry out an assignment. Her work is not the kind that can be discussed in public. When they get tied up in traffic, the taxi driver suggests a bizarre 'proposal' to her. Having no other choice she agrees, but as a result of her actions she starts to feel as though she is gradually becoming detached from the real world. She has been on a top secret mission, and her next job leads her to encounter the superhuman founder of a religious cult. Meanwhile, Tengo is leading a nondescript life but wishes to become a

writer. He inadvertently becomes involved in a strange disturbance that develops over a literary prize. While Aomame and Tengo impact on each other in various ways, at times by accident and at times intentionally, they come closer and closer to meeting. Eventually the two of them notice that they are indispensable to each other. Is it possible for them to ever meet in the real world?

#### Fifty Shades Freed Collector's Library

The bestselling author of The Man Who Listens to Horses tells the stories of the most memorable horses he has encountered during a career of sixty years. Monty Roberts is famous the world over as "the man who listens to horses." This book is a celebration of his best-loved horses, chosen from the tens of thousands he has worked with over the past sixty years. Here he tells us of the horses who taught him the most, as well as the horses that have most indelibly impressed themselves on his memory and his heart. Monty was all but born in the saddle, a riding prodigy. Growing up, he rebelled against his father's traditionally accepted but cruel methods of "horse breaking." By observing wild horses and perfecting his understanding of the way they communicate, he was able to create a unique partnership with these noble creatures. All of the horses featured here -- from Ginger, the retired ranch horse, to world-famous thoroughbreds -- have contributed something unique to Monty's understanding of their kind. He has never lost sight of how much they meant to him, and The Horses in My Life is his tribute to their memory. "In the life of every horseman there can only be one first horse. In my case, his name was Ginger. He was around thirteen years old when I met him; and I was two. I like to imagine our first meeting, myself an infant, not in any sense aware of what life had in store, while he was a true old professional. My first experiences with Ginger began before my conscious memory, which means my life with horses has no discernible beginning." --excerpt from The Horses in My Life

#### Gottland Crown

Alamut takes place in 11th Century Persia, in the fortress of Alamut, where self-proclaimed prophet Hasan ibn Sabbah is setting up his mad but brilliant plan to rule the region with a handful of elite fighters who are to become his "living daggers." By creating a virtual paradise at Alamut, filled with beautiful women, lush gardens, wine and hashish, Sabbah is able to convince his young fighters that they can reach paradise if they follow his commands. With parallels to Osama bin Laden, Alamut tells the story of how Sabbah was able to instill fear into the ruling class by creating a small army of devotees who were willing to kill, and be killed, in order to achieve paradise. Believing in the supreme Ismaili motto "Nothing is true, everything is permitted," Sabbah wanted to "experiment" with how far he could manipulate religious devotion for his own political gain through appealing to what he called the stupidity and gullibility of people and their passion for pleasure and selfish desires. The novel focuses on Sabbah as he unveils his plan to his inner circle, and on two of his young followers — the beautiful slave girl Halima, who has come to Alamut to join Sabbah's paradise on earth, and young ibn Tahir, Sabbah's most gifted

fighter. As both Halima and ibn Tahir become disillusioned with Sabbah's vision, their lives take unexpected turns. *Alamut* was originally written in 1938 as an allegory to Mussolini's fascist state. In the 1960's it became a cult favorite throughout Tito's Yugoslavia, and in the 1990s, during the Balkan's War, it was read as an allegory of the region's strife and became a bestseller in Germany, France and Spain. Following the attacks of September 11, 2001, the book once again took on a new life, selling more than 20,000 copies in a new Slovenian edition, and being translated around the world in more than 19 languages. This edition, translated by Michael Biggins, is the first-ever English translation.

#### The Etruscan Women's Press Literary

Dora grows up hearing stories of the "goddesses" who were said to prophesize, conjure love and curses and, through divine connection, cure the damages of the spirit and the body. Now an academic, Dora is researching the goddess tales, but preserving ancient knowledge and untold truths yields a stunning discovery. One that reaches back to the witch trials of the seventeenth century through Nazi Germany and to the mysteries of her own family's past. Embarking on an emotional journey, Dora is about to find out how deeply and fatefully she is entwined with secret tradition.

Mother Road Read Books Ltd

For ages, people have been asking themselves these questions: "Where did we come from and where are we going? What is the sense of our existence? Do we have an immortal soul?" And... "Is there a God?" If you also seek these answers, but find the religious books too heavy and the infamous answer "42" too cryptic, then this short story is just right for you. It may not reveal you "the absolute truth", but it will certainly inspire you to your further contemplation.

#### Entry Island Hachette Books

Set in the backstreets of Paris during the tumultuous sixties, *The Incurable Optimists Club* is a huge, exhilarating whirlwind of first love, radical art, colonial war, progressive politics, Chuck Berry and chain-smoking intellectuals.

#### The Story of the Universe Vintage Crime/Black Lizard

"In telling the stories of several generations of one family, the author sketches the development of Czech society in the recent past. His version of history is replete with humour and hyperbole, as well as emotional depth"--Publisher's website.

#### Extraordinary People Quercus

Winner of the Europe Book Prize One of Europe's most preeminent investigative journalists travels to the Czech Republic—the Czech half of the former Czechoslovakia, the land that brought us Kafka—to explore the surreal fictions and the extraordinary reality of its twentieth century. For example, there's the story of the small businessman who adopted Henry Ford's ideas on productivity to create the world's largest shoe company—and hired modernist giants such as Le Corbusier to design his company towns (which were also the birthplaces of Ivana Trump and Tom Stoppard). Or the story of Kafka's niece, who loaned her name to writers blacklisted under the Communist regime so they could keep publishing. Or the story of the singer Karel Gott,

winner of the country's Best Male Vocalist Award thirty-six years in a row, whose summer home, Gottland, is the Czech Dollywood. Based on meticulous research and hundreds of interviews with everyone from filmmakers to writers to pop stars to ordinary citizens, Gottland is a kaleidoscopic portrait of a resilient people living through difficult and often bizarre times—equally funny, disturbing, stirring and absurd . . . in a word, Kafkaesque. From the Hardcover edition.

*I Had a Dog and a Cat* - Pictures Drawn by Josef and Karel Capek Penn State University Press

A terrifying new thriller in the the internationally bestselling *Killer Instinct* series: Detective Joona Linna finds himself on a collision course with a terrifying killer whose past is more troubling than anyone could imagine. "One of those rare books that is truly difficult to put down." —New York Journal of Books  
A brutal killing spree at a home for wayward teens. One girl is dead, another is missing. Joona Linna scrambles to track her down before the death toll mounts.

#### The Man from Beijing Del Rey

Tense and suspenseful, the only reason to stop racing through the pages of *Jorn Lier Horst's Ordeal* will be to pause for a quick glance over your shoulder... "The best Scandinavian crime fiction available." - Yrsa Sigurdardottir  
Frank Mandt died after a fall down his basement steps, the same basement that holds a locked safe bolted to the floor. His granddaughter, Sofie Lund, inherits the house but wants nothing to do with his money. She believes the old man let her mother die in jail and is bitterly resentful. Line Wisting's journalist instincts lead her into friendship with Sofie, and Line is with her when the safe is opened. What they discover unlocks another case and leads Chief Inspector William Wisting on a trial of murder to an ordeal that will eventually separate the innocent from the damned.