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Milo De Angelis, born in 1951, is one of the most important living Italian poets. With this volume, Susan Stewart and Patrizio Ceccagnoli bring to English readers for the first time a facing-page edition of his most recent work: his book-length elegy, *Theme of Farewell*, and the subsequent poems of *That Wandering in the Darkness of Courtyards*. These two books form a sequence narrating the illness and premature death, in 2003, of the poet's wife, the writer Giovanna Sicari, a celebrated poet in her own right; they also trace De Angelis's turn from grief, through time, back to the world. Immediate, perceptive, and woven from the fabric of everyday life in contemporary Milan, the poems never depart from universal human emotions of despair and awakening. Throughout his long career, De Angelis has renewed lyric poetry with the sheer intensity of his forms and insights, and the volumes offered here have won some of the most important Italian literary awards, including the coveted Premio Viareggio. These inexorable and beautifully crafted translations will be of interest to scholars of contemporary Italian literature, students of contemporary poetry and literary translation, and those who work in comparative literature. Above all, they are bound to speak to any reader in search of a poet writing at the height of his powers of expression.

Sicily, 1677. From his deathbed, Charles III's viceroy, the marquis of Castle Rodrigo, names his wife as his successor. Eleanora de Moura is a highly intelligent and capable woman who immediately applies her political acumen to heal the scarred soul of Palermo, a city afflicted by poverty, misery and the frequent uprisings that are their consequences. But the machinations of powerful men soon result in Donna Eleanora, whom the Church sees as a dangerous

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revolutionary, being recalled to Spain. Her rule lasted 27 days - the exact time it takes for the moon to complete a cycle
A teenage boy becomes increasingly removed from his friends and family after the death of his beloved grandfather, as he becomes more aware of his own mortality and sexuality.

When a Marine fireteam searches an isolated Vietnamese village believed to be a supply depot for the Viet Cong an IED explodes, leaving only one survivor of the five-man unit. But who is he: Bunny, Hillbilly, Poke, Injun, or "the LT"? Because he is horribly burned, disfigured, and unable to speak, the military doctors don't know, but the people back home in a coal mining camp in southern West Virginia think they know. Most unsettling of all the survivor himself isn't certain who he is. Spanning the landscape from Vietnam's war-torn jungles to hardscrabble Appalachia, *In An Empty Room* is a gripping examination of time, memory, consciousness, and selfhood and suggests unanticipated conclusions about the nature of human identity. "[a] rare novel which comprises a journey into the thicket of a wounded mind, a mind searching for an identity to serve as evidence of this empty room we call the self."--Joe Amato, author of *Samuel Taylor's Last Night*
Nobel Prize winner Peter Handke offers a wry and entertaining take on history's most famous seducer as he takes a respite from his stressful existence Don Juan's story—"his own version"—is filtered through the consciousness of an anonymous narrator, a failed innkeeper and chef, into whose solitude Don Juan bursts one day. On each day of the week that follows, Don Juan describes the adventures he experienced on that same day a week earlier. The adventures are erotic, but Handke's Don Juan is more pursued than pursuer. What makes his accounts riveting are the remarkable evocations of places and people, and the nature of his narration. *Don Juan: His Own Version* is, above

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all, a book about storytelling and its ability to burst the ordinary boundaries of time and space. In this brief and wry volume, Peter Handke conjures images and depicts the subtleties of human interaction with an unforgettable vividness. Along the way, he offers a sharp commentary on many features of contemporary life.

A bold re-imagining of our civilization's greatest tale of war, from the acclaimed and bestselling author of *Silk*. In *An Iliad*, Alessandro Baricco re-creates the siege of Troy through the voices of twenty-one Homeric characters, in the narrative idiom of our modern imagination. From the return of Chryseis to the burial of Hector, we see through human eyes and feel with human hearts the unforgettable events first recounted almost three thousand years ago. Imbuing the stuff of legend with a startling new relevancy and humanity, Baricco gives us *The Iliad* as we have never known it. His transformative achievement is certain to delight and fascinate all readers of Homer's indispensable classic.

After celebrated author Jasper Gwyn suddenly and publicly announces that he will never write another book, he embarks on a strange new career path as a "copyist," holding thirty-day sittings in a meticulously appointed room and producing, at the end, brief but profoundly rich portraits in prose. The surprising, beautiful, and even frightening results are received with rapture by their subjects—among them Gwyn's devoted assistant, Rebecca; a beautiful fabric importer; a landscape painter; Gwyn's own literary agent; two wealthy newlyweds; a tailor to the Queen; and a very dangerous nineteen-year-old. Then Gwyn disappears, leaving behind only a short note to his assistant—and the portraits. As Rebecca studies his words, she realizes that the mystery is larger than the simple fact of Gwyn's whereabouts, and she begins to unravel a lifetime's worth of clues left by a man who saw so much but said so little, a man whose solitude masked a heart as hungry

as hers.

Jasper Gwyn è uno scrittore. Vive a Londra e verosimilmente è un uomo che ama la vita. Tutt'a un tratto ha voglia di smettere. Forse di smettere di scrivere, ma la sua non è la crisi che affligge gli scrittori senza ispirazione. Jasper Gwyn sembra voler cambiare prospettiva, arrivare al nocciolo di una magia. Gli fa da spalla, da complice, da assistente una ragazza che raccoglie, con rabbiosa devozione, quello che progressivamente diventa il mistero di Mr Gwyn. Alessandro Baricco entra nelle simmetrie segrete di questo mistero con il passo sicuro e sciolto di chi sa e ama i sentieri che percorre. Muove due formidabili personaggi che a metà romanzo si passano il testimone, e se a Mr Gwyn tocca mischiare le carte del mistero, la ragazza ha il compito di ricompone la sequenza per arrivare a una ardita e luminosa evidenza.

An unforgettable fable about the brutality of war – and one girl's quest for revenge and healing, from the author of the acclaimed international bestseller *Silk*. When – in an unnamed place and time – Manuel Roca's enemies hunt him down to kill him, they fail to discover Nina, his youngest child, hidden in a hole beneath his farmhouse floor. After this carnage Tito, one of the murderers, discovers Nina's trapdoor. Enthralled by the sight of Nina's perfect innocence, he keeps quiet. By the time she has grown up, Nina's innocence will have bloomed into something else altogether, and one by one the wartime hunters will become the peacetime hunted. But not until a striking old woman calls upon a familiar old man selling newspapers in town can we know what Nina will ultimately make of her brutal legacy.

A novel about the frightfulness and ruthlessness of being in love, from the author of the Booker Prize-winning

novel *The Sea, The Sea* Martin Lynch-Gibson believes he can possess both a beautiful wife and a delightful lover. But when his wife, Antonia, suddenly leaves him for her psychoanalyst, Martin is plunged into an intensive emotional reeducation. He attempts to behave beautifully and sensibly. Then he meets a woman whose demonic splendor at first repels him and later arouses a consuming and monstrous passion. As his Medusa informs him, "this is nothing to do with happiness." *A Severed Head* was adapted for a successful stage production in 1963 and was later made into a film starring Claire Bloom, Lee Remick, Richard Attenborough, and Ian Holm.

Fourteen years after the publication of his cult classic *I Barbari*, Baricco returns in *The Game* to the topic of change, in a journey that maps out the transformations that the digital revolution has wrought upon the landscape of human experience. From *Space Invaders* to the PlayStation, from Windows 95 to the conundrum of artificial intelligence, Baricco traces the trajectory of a revolution in the way we think, feel, and communicate - and seeks to discover what it might actually mean for our future.

In this book, the performance and the textual dimension of storytelling is investigated and expanded through a series of multi-disciplinary and interdisciplinary studies that focus upon the materiality and the embodiment of the act of telling.

This award-winning novel about a woman facing her past introduces Terranova to English-speaking audiences. Translated by Ann Goldstein, translator of *Elena*

Ferrante's Neapolitan quartet. Finalist, Premio Strega, 2019 | Winner, Premio Alassio Centolibri | Selected among the 10 Best Italian Books of 2018 by Corriere della Sera

Ida is a married woman in her late thirties, who lives in Rome and works at a radio station. Her mother wants to renovate the family apartment in Messina, to put it up for sale and asks her daughter to sort through her things--to decide what to keep and what to throw away. Surrounded by the objects of her past, Ida is forced to deal with the trauma she experienced as a girl, twenty-three years earlier, when her father left one morning, never to return. The fierce silences between mother and daughter, the unbalanced friendships that leave her emotionally drained, the sense of an identity based on anomaly, even the relationship with her husband, everything revolves around the figure of her absent father. Mirroring herself in that absence, Ida has grown up into a woman dominated by fear, suspicious of any form of desire. However, as her childhood home besieges her with its ghosts, Ida will have to find a way to break the spiral and let go of her father finally.

Beautifully translated by Ann Goldstein, who also translated Elena Ferrante's Neapolitan quartet, *Farewell, Ghosts* is a poetic and intimate novel about what it means to build one's own identity.

The secular and the pious. The rich and the poor. Those with “a capacity for destiny” and those who “cannot afford it.” *Emmaus* is a world of stark contrasts, one in which four young men—all from proud, struggling families, and all lusting after Andre, a hyper- sexual woman—are goaded from adolescence to manhood in a torrent of

exploits and crises, sexual awakenings and morbid depressions, naivety and fatalism. A brilliant portrait of the perils and uncertainties of youth and faith, *Emmaus* is a remarkable novel from one of the very best writers in Europe.

At the start of this fiendishly comic and suspenseful novel, a mild-mannered English academic chuckles as he watches his wife commit adultery. The action takes place before she met him. But lines between film and reality, past and present become terrifyingly blurred in this sad and funny tour de force from the author of *Flaubert's Parrot*.

The author of the international bestseller *Silk* now delivers a ravishing and wildly inventive novel about friendship, genius and its discontents, and the redemptive power of narrative. Somewhere in America lives a brilliant boy named Gould, an intellectual guided missile aimed at the Nobel Prize. His only companions are an imaginary giant and an imaginary mute.

Improbably—and yet with impeccable logic—he falls into the care of Shatzy Shell, a young woman whose life up till that point has been equally devoid of human connection. Theirs is a relationship of stories and of stories within stories: of Gould's evolving saga of an underdog boxer and the violent Western that Shatzy has been dictating into a tape recorder since the age of six. Out of these stories, Alessandro Baricco creates a masterpiece of metaphysical pulp fiction that recalls both *Scheherazade* and *Italo Calvino*. By turns exhilarating and deeply moving, *City* is irresistible.

"S. may very well be one of the strongest books about

war you will ever read. . . The writing is taut, precise, and masterful." —The Philadelphia Enquirer Set in 1992, during the height of the Bosnian war, *S.* reveals one of the most horrifying aspects of any war: the rape and torture of civilian women by occupying forces. *S.* is the story of a Bosnian woman in exile who has just given birth to an unwanted child—one without a country, a name, a father, or a language. Its birth only reminds her of an even more grueling experience: being repeatedly raped by Serbian soldiers in the "women's room" of a prison camp. Through a series of flashbacks, *S.* relives the unspeakable crimes she has endured, and in telling her story—timely, strangely compelling, and ultimately about survival—depicts the darkest side of human nature during wartime.

The basis for the new Amazon Prime Original Series! Perfect for fans of *E.T.* and *Stranger Things*—the first narrative artbook from acclaimed author and artist Simon Stålenhag about a fictionalized suburban town in the 1980s inhabited by fantastic machines and strange, imaginative beasts. In 1954, the Swedish government ordered the construction of the world's largest particle accelerator. The facility was complete in 1969, located deep below the pastoral countryside of Mäläröarna. The local population called this marvel of technology *The Loop*. These are its strange tales. From the same author who wrote the imaginative artbook *The Electric State*, this "haunting," (*The Verge*) "sophisticated sci-fi" (*The Nerdist*) follows the bizarre stories from otherworldly creatures and is a page-turner you won't be able to put down.

The Letter Killers Club is a secret society of self-described “conceivers” who, to preserve the purity of their conceptions, will commit nothing to paper. (What, after all, is your run-of-the-mill scribbler of stories if not an accomplished corruptor of conceptions?) The logic of the club is strict and uncompromising. Every Saturday, members meet in a firelit room filled with empty black bookshelves where they strive to top one another by developing ever unlikelier, ever more perfect conceptions: a rehearsal of Hamlet hijacked by an actor who vanishes with the role; the double life of a merry medieval cleric derailed by a costume change; a machine-run world that imprisons men’s minds while conscripting their bodies; a dead Roman scribe stranded this side of the River Acheron. But in this book set in an ominous Soviet Moscow of the 1920s, the members of the club are strangely mistrustful of one another, while all are under the spell of its despotic President, and there is no telling, in the end, just how lethal the purely conceptual—or, for that matter, letters—may be.

The year is 1861. Hervé Joncour is a French merchant of silkworms, who combs the known world for their gemlike eggs. Then circumstances compel him to travel farther, beyond the edge of the known, to a country legendary for the quality of its silk and its hostility to foreigners: Japan. There Joncour meets a woman. They do not touch; they do not even speak. And he cannot read the note she sends him until he has returned to his own country. But in the moment he does, Joncour is possessed.

At the turn of the 20th Century, the great cruise liner

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Virginia shuttles back and forth across the Atlantic Ocean, transporting passengers from old Europe to the New World. When an abandoned baby is found on board the sailors christen Novecento – 1900. The child is destined to a strange fate. Novecento will never leave the ship as long as he lives, yet he becomes the greatest jazz musician the world would never know. He only knows his music, which has a magical effect on everyone who hears. For six years before World War II, Tim Tooney played trumpet with him and Novecento gave him his story... Adapted for film in *The Legend of 1900*, this stage adaptation presented as a monologue, is a beautiful piece of theatre.

En una de las páginas de Mr Gwyn, la última novela de Alessandro Baricco, se aludía a cierta obra titulada *Tres veces al amanecer*, atribuida a un apócrifo autor angloindio, Akash Narayan. el afamado autor de *Seda* ha querido ofrecernos ahora esa obra, una

For centuries, the Koh-i-Noor diamond has set man against man and king against king. Now part of the British Crown Jewels, the priceless gem is a prize that many have killed to possess. So when the Crown Jewels go on display in Mumbai, security is everyone's principal concern. And yet, on the very day Inspector Chopra visits the exhibition, the diamond is stolen from under his nose. The heist was daring and seemingly impossible. The hunt is on for the culprits. But it soon becomes clear that only one man -- and his elephant -- can possibly crack this case. . . Featuring the most charming crime-solving duo ever to grace the pages of a book, the *Baby Ganesh Detective Agency* series is a must-read for fans

of Alexander McCall Smith.

After declaring he will no longer write novels, Mr. Gwyn creates profound character portraits for clients until he disappears leaving behind only the portraits and a short note to his assistant.

The newest Oprah's Book Club 2.0 selection: this special eBook edition of *The Twelve Tribes of Hattie* by Ayana Mathis features exclusive content, including Oprah's personal notes highlighted within the text, and a reading group guide. The arrival of a major new voice in contemporary fiction. A debut of extraordinary distinction: Ayana Mathis tells the story of the children of the Great Migration through the trials of one unforgettable family. In 1923, fifteen-year-old Hattie Shepherd flees Georgia and settles in Philadelphia, hoping for a chance at a better life. Instead, she marries a man who will bring her nothing but disappointment and watches helplessly as her firstborn twins succumb to an illness a few pennies could have prevented. Hattie gives birth to nine more children whom she raises with grit and mettle and not an ounce of the tenderness they crave. She vows to prepare them for the calamitous difficulty they are sure to face in their later lives, to meet a world that will not love them, a world that will not be kind. Captured here in twelve luminous narrative threads, their lives tell the story of a mother's monumental courage and the journey of a nation. Beautiful and devastating, Ayana Mathis's *The Twelve Tribes of Hattie* is wondrous from first to last—glorious, harrowing, unexpectedly uplifting, and blazing with life. An emotionally transfixing page-turner, a searing portrait of striving in the face of

insurmountable adversity, an indelible encounter with the resilience of the human spirit and the driving force of the American dream.

'The crabby little girls of today are the crabby old women of tomorrow!' Entrepreneur, psychiatrist, fussybudget - Lucy van Pelt is the much-loved crabby heroine of the Peanuts gang. Never one to suffer in silence, in this brand new book she is presented as the role model she has always wanted to be. Packed with tips on how to stick up for yourself, how to make yourself heard, how to stand up for what you believe in and much more besides, How to be a Grrrl is Lucy's guide to making the most of being a girl.

"The crazy life and courageous death of a man who loved women too much to want only one." Don Juan is a passionate lover of life and nearly 1,000 women. One night, the Commendatore of Calatrava catches him kissing his daughter, and challenges him to a duel. Don Juan wins the duel, which of course means that the Commendatore is slain-and so begins the end for the incorrigible seducer. Dave Eggers says, of the series: "I couldn't be prouder to be a part of it. Ever since Alessandro conceived this idea I thought it was brilliant. The editions that they've compiled have been lushly illustrated and elegantly designed."

A mind-bending X-Men tale from the brains of Peter Milligan (X-STATIX, Shade the Changing Man) and Wilfredo Torres (MOON KNIGHT, BLACK PANTHER)! David Haller, the son of Professor Charles Xavier, has always had trouble containing the multiple personalities in his mind. And with each personality, comes a wild and

dangerous mutant power. But now, a terrifying new personality is threatening to absorb these powers and take over David's mind and body. In a desperate attempt to save himself, David seeks out the help of renowned young psychotherapist Hannah Jones to delve into his fractured mind and fight back this dark personality. But unknown to Legion...Dr. Jones brings her own demons with her... COLLECTING: LEGION 1-5

Greek Nymphs: Myths, Cult, Lore is the first comprehensive study of the nymph in the ancient Greek world. This well-illustrated book examines nymphs as both religious and mythopoetic figures, tracing their development and significance in Greek culture from Homer through the Hellenistic period. Drawing upon a broad range of literary and archaeological evidence, Jennifer Larson discusses sexually powerful nymphs in ancient and modern Greek folklore, the use of dolls representing nymphs in the socialization of girls, the phenomenon of nympholepsy, the nymphs' relations with other deities in the Greek pantheon, and the nymphs' role in mythic narratives of city-founding and colonization. The book includes a survey of the evidence for myths and cults of the nymphs arranged by geographical region, and a special section of the worship of nymphs in caves throughout the Greek world. From one of Italy's most respected literary voices, a manifesto on the state of global culture and how connectivity is changing the way we experience it. For the gatekeepers of traditional high culture, the rise of young ambitious outsiders has indeed seemed like nothing short of a barbarian invasion. In this concise and

powerful manifesto, Alessandro Baricco explores a handful of realms that have been "plundered"-wine, soccer, music, and books-and extrapolates that it is not a case of old values against new but a widespread mutation that we are all part of, leading toward a different way of having experiences and creating meaning.

A Kirkus Reviews Best Fiction Title of 2011 In Buzz Aldrin, What Happened to You in All the Confusion?, readers follow a man who wishes not to be followed, a man who, after a series of personal and professional disasters, finds himself lying on a rain-soaked road in the desolate, treeless Faroe Islands, population only a few thousand, a wad of bills in his pocket and no memory of how he had come to be there. From there, Brage Award-winning author and playwright Johan Harstad's debut novel--previously published to great success in eleven countries with its first English-language appearance in June 2011--tells the story of Mattias, a thirty-something gardener living in Stavanger, Norway, whose idol is Buzz Aldrin, second man on the moon: the man who was willing to stand in Neil Armstrong's shadow in order to work, diligently and humbly, for the success of the Apollo 11 mission. Through Harstad's "delectably light but nonetheless impactful prose . . . [t]he novel's finest moments wrap you up in communion with Mattias, as if you are spending a quiet afternoon with an old friend, chatting but mostly thinking" (Three Percent).

Surrounded by a vivid and memorable cast of characters--aspiring pop musicians, Caribbean-obsessed psychologists, death-haunted photographers, girls who dream of anonymous men falling in love with them on

bus trips, and even Buzz Aldrin himself--"Harstad combines formal play and linguistic ferocity with a searing emotional directness" (Dedi Felman, *Words Without Borders*) to bring Mattias to the realization that he cannot always blend into the background.

The Young Bride is a scintillating and sensual novel about a young woman's ingress into a fantastically strange family. The hand of the young woman in question has been promised to the scion of a noble family. She is to make her preparations for marriage at the family's villa, where the inhabitants never seem to sleep. The atmosphere turns surreal as the days pass and her presence on the family estate begins to make itself felt on her future in-laws. Internationally bestselling novelist Alessandro Baricco portrays a cast of mysterious characters whose lives and every act seem to exist beyond the rules of causation as he tells a story about fate and the difficult job of confronting the Other and creating an Us.

A beautiful, oddly carved violin becomes the link between two generations of musicians, as they move from Hungary during the devastation of World War I, to Vienna and the approaching Anschluss, to a modern-day auction at Christie's in London. Reprint.

A rediscovered classic memoir - the mesmerizingly beautiful account of one woman's year spent living in a remote hut in the Arctic.

The astounding rise and equally astounding fall of the Sonninos, as seen through the eyes of the youngest heir to the Sonnino dynasty. A boisterous, passionate tale of adventure, sex and betrayal in the opulent neighbourhoods of contemporary Rome.

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The first and only guide to turning your 21st century democracy into a fascist paradise. Democracy is difficult, flawed and unstable. It involves barely distinguishable political parties taking part in lengthy, overcomplicated and expensive decision-making processes. Trying to engage so many people with political issues seems to lead only to complexity and disagreement. So why bother? Doesn't fascism guarantee a more effective and efficient management of the state? In this short, biting ironic mixture of *On Tyranny* and *The Psychopath Test*, Italian political activist Michela Murgia explores the logic that is attracting increasing numbers of voters to right-wing populism. Far from its origins in the 20th century, fascism is once again on the rise in an age of increased connectivity and globalism. Murgia shows how many of the elements of our society that we might think would combat closed-mindedness and xenophobia actually fan the flames. Closing with a "fascistometer" to measure the reader's own authoritarian inclinations, *How to be a Fascist* is a refreshingly direct, polemical book that asks us to confront the fascism in our governments, in our societies, and in our own political leanings.

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