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relates the story of Ferriday Louisiana a small town on the banks of the Mississippi and the many remarkable people the town has produced including Jimmy Swaggart Jerry Lee Lewis Mickey Gilley and Newscaster Howard K Smith

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by the New York Times bestselling author of The Group, A Jagged Diamond, and a book, a glimpse of a brilliant but fractured whole. Observer, a woman of intellect and style. Celia McGehee, New York Times timeless brilliant and frighteningly insightful. Daily Mail: these six brilliantly written episodes brought together in Mary McCarthy's first novel create a fascinating portrait of a 1930s New York social circle based loosely on the author's own life. The book follows a young bohemian woman, Margaret Sargent, through her experiences and lost loves in a time of coming war. On publication in 1942, its bold insight, sly wit, and virtuoso style won Mary McCarthy immediate recognition as one of the most accomplished, versatile, and penetrating writers in America.

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2015-03

delightful elegant prose and discussions that span the history of 2 000 years of literature publisher s weekly a novel is a story transmitted from the novelist to the reader it offers distraction entertainment and an opportunity to unwind or focus but it can also be something more powerful a way to learn about how to live read at the right moment in your life a novel can quite literally change it the novel cure is a reminder of that power to create this apothecary the authors have trawled two thousand years of literature for novels that effectively promote happiness health and sanity written by brilliant minds who knew what it meant to be human and wrote their life lessons into their fiction structured like a reference book readers simply look up their ailment be it agoraphobia boredom or a midlife crisis and are given a novel to read as the antidote bibliotherapy does not discriminate between pains of the body and pains of the head or heart aware that you ve been cowardly pick up to kill a mockingbird for an injection of courage experiencing a sudden acute fear of death read one hundred years of solitude for some perspective on the larger cycle of life nervous about throwing a dinner party ali smith s there but for the will convince you that yours could never go that wrong whatever your condition the prescription is simple a novel or two to be read at regular intervals and in nice long chunks until you finish some treatments will lead to a complete cure others will offer solace showing that you re not the first to experience these emotions the novel cure is also peppered with useful lists and sidebars recommending the best novels to read when you re stuck in traffic or can t fall asleep the most important novels to read during every decade of life and many more brilliant in concept and deeply satisfying in execution the novel cure belongs on everyone s bookshelf and in every medicine cabinet it will make even the most well read fiction aficionado pick up a novel he s never heard of and see familiar ones with new eyes mostly it will reaffirm literature s ability to distract and transport to resonate and reassure to change the way we see the world and our place in it this appealing and helpful read is guaranteed to double the length of a to read list and become a go to reference for those unsure of their reading identities or who are overwhelmed by the sheer number of books in the world library journal

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2013-09-26

jessica mitford was a member of one of england s most legendary families among her sisters were the novelist nancy mitford and the current duchess of devonshire and one of the great muckraking journalists of modern times leaving england for america she pursued a career as an investigative reporter and unrepentant gadfly publicizing not only the misdeeds of most famously the funeral business the american way of death a bestseller and the prison business kind and usual punishment but also of writing schools and weight loss programs mitford s diligence unfailing skepticism and acid pen made her one of the great chroniclers of the mischief people get up to in the pursuit of profit and the name of good poison penmanship collects seventeen of mitford s finest pieces about everything from crummy spas to network tv censorship and fills them out with the story of how she got the scoop and no less fascinating how the story developed after publication the book is a delight to read few journalists have ever been as funny as mitford or as gifted at getting around in those dark cobwebbed corners where modern america fashions its shiny promises it s also an unequaled and necessary manual of the fine art of investigative reporting

The Novel Cure

2012-05-09

a new york review books original transcending divisions of creed challenging social distinctions of all sorts and celebrating individual unity with the divine the poetry of kabir is one of passion and paradox of mind bending riddles and exultant riffs these new translations by arvind krishna mehrotra one of india s finest contemporary poets bring out the richness wit and power of a literary and spiritual master

Poison Penmanship

2011-04-05

the first appearance of alice goodman s two internationally renowned and controversial libretti alongside one of her masterful translations an nyrb classics original nixon in china and the death of klinghoffer played a crucial role in bringing opera back to life as a contemporary art form and they have been popular and in the case of klinghoffer highly controversial ever since they were first staged by the director peter sellars in the eighties and nineties both operas were conceived from the start as collaborations between composer and writer and their power is due as much to the dazzlingly constructed and deeply felt libretti of the poet alice goodman as they are to john adams s music nixon in china is a story at once heroic comic and unnerving of men and women making history and of their different conceptions of what history is and what it means to makes it klinghoffer by contrast has at its center the tragedy of an innocent man condemned at the cost of his life to play a part in history history is our mother which takes its title from a line sung by the title character in nixon in china brings goodman s two libretti together for the first time in book form included alongside goodman s no less inspired translation of emanuel schikaneder s famous libretto to the magic flute these vivid dramas of character and searching meditations on fate are here revealed as among the most original ambitious and accomplished poetic achievements of our time

Songs of Kabir

2017-07-18

this booker prize short listed dark satire of 20th century irish society is back in print is it possible to kill with

kindness as molly keane's booker prize short-listed dark comedy suggests not only can kindness be deadly it just may be the best form of revenge the novel opens as aron st charles prepares to serve her invalid mother a splendid luncheon the silver gleams the linens glow of rabbit mousse a dish her mother despises in fact a single whiff of the stuff is enough to knock the old lady dead all my life so far i have done everything for the best reasons and the most unselfish motives says aron soon after in the pages that follow she will make her case reminiscing about her youth among the hunting and fishing classes of ireland a faded aristocracy dedicated to distraction even as their fortunes dwindle keane's brilliant sleight of hand is to allow her blinkered heroine to narrate her own development from neglected child to ungainly debutante to bitter spinster aron understands nothing yet she reveals all

History is Our Mother: Three Libretti

2021-05-18

set during world war i this monumental philosophical novel about human despair inspired albert camus own writing and prefigured the greater existential movement blood dark tells the story of a brilliant philosopher trapped in a provincial town and of his spiraling descent into self destruction cripure as his students call him the name a mocking contraction of critique of pure reason despises his colleagues despairs of his charges and is at odds with his family the year is 1917 and the slaughter of the first world war goes on and on with french soldiers not only dying in droves but also beginning to rise up in protest still haunted by the memory of the wife who left him long ago cripure turns his fury and scathing wit on everyone around him before he knows it a trivial dispute with a complacently patriotic colleague has embroiled him in a duel

Good Behaviour

2017-10-17

now a major motion picture this landmark case study of three schizophrenic patients offers a rare and eccentric journey into madness shining a light on the ethical dilemmas of institutionalized care in the mid 20th century slate on july 1 1959 at ypsilanti state hospital in michigan the social psychologist milton rokeach brought together three paranoid schizophrenics clyde benson an elderly farmer and alcoholic joseph cassel a failed writer who was institutionalized after increasingly violent behavior toward his family and leon gabor a college dropout and veteran of world war ii the men had one thing in common each believed himself to be jesus christ their extraordinary meeting and the two years they spent in one another's company serves as the basis for an investigation into the nature of human identity belief and delusion that is poignant amusing and at times disturbing displaying the sympathy and subtlety of a gifted novelist rokeach draws us into the lives of three troubled and profoundly different men who find themselves confronted with the ultimate contradiction conceivable for human beings more than one person claiming the same identity

Blood Dark

2011-04-19

not so long ago james mangan was a brilliant young poet these days however he toils as a journalist and shivers in the shadow of his glamorous movie star wife and now she has left him for her lover adrift and depressed jamie takes refuge with his father in whose house he turns up a 19th century daguerreotype bearing the initials j m and depicting a man who as it happens is jamie's spitting image could this be the only existing photograph of his purported ancestor the legendarily dissolute irish poet james clarence mangan obsessed by this strange resemblance and aided by an unexpected financial windfall jamie heads to ireland thinking at last to discover that elusive entity himself instead in the dreary coastal village of drishane he meets the mangans derelict eileen sullen dinny drunken and shrunken conor and the sexy and very available kathleen they know something for sure something to do with jamie and something they don't want him to find out the mangan inheritance is melodrama at its most inventive and suggestive an inquiry into the problem of identity and the nature of ancestry that beguiles the reader with dark deeds wild humor and weird goings on on its way towards a shocking and terrifying and utterly satisfying conclusion

The Three Christs of Ypsilanti

2011-08-09

the natural world in all its richness glimpsed variously in the house the barnyard and the garden in ponds and streams and at large in the woods and the fields including old friends like the dog the cat the cow and the pig along with more unusual and sometimes alarming characters such as the weasel the dragonfly snakes of several sorts and even a whale not to mention ants in their seeming infinitude and a single humble potato all these and more are the subjects of what may well be the most deft and delightful book of literary miniatures ever written in jules renard's world plants and animals not only feel but speak one species the swallow appears to write hebrew and yet for all the anthropomorphic wit and whimsy the author indulges in they guard their mystery too sly funny and touching nature stories here beautifully rendered into english by douglas parmée and accompanied by the wonderful ink brush images of pierre bonnard with which the book was originally published is a literary classic of inexhaustible freshness

The Mangan Inheritance

2011-12-14

a plane crashes in the vast northern territory of australia and the only survivors are two children from charleston

south carolina on their way to visit their uncle in adelaide mary and her younger brother peter set out on foot lost in the vast hot australian outback they are saved by a chance meeting with an unnamed aboriginal boy on walkabout he looks after the two strange white children and shows them how to find food and water in the wilderness and yet for all that mary is filled with distrust on the surface walkabout is an adventure story but darker themes lie beneath peter s innocent friendship with the boy met in the desert throws into relief mary s half adult anxieties and the book as a whole raises questions about what is lost and may be saved when different worlds meet and in reading marshall s extraordinary evocations of the beautiful yet forbidding landscape of the australian desert perhaps the most striking presence of all in this small perfect book we realize that this tale a deep yet disturbing story in the spirit of adalbert stifter s rock crystal and richard hughes s a high wind in jamaica is also a reckoning with the mysteriously regenerative powers of death

Nature Stories

2012-01-17

a vibrant selection of poems by the great persian mystic with groundbreaking translations by an american poet of persian descent rumi s poems were meant to induce a sense of ecstatic illumination and liberation in his audience bringing its members to a condition of serenity compassion and oneness with the divine they remain masterpieces of world literature to which readers in many languages continually return for inspiration and succor as well as aesthetic delight this new translation by haleh liza gafori preserves the intelligence and the drama of the poems which are as full of individual character as they are of visionary wisdom marilyn hacker praises gafori s new translations of rumi as the work of someone who is at once an acute and enamored reader of the original farsi text a dedicated miner of context and backstory and best of all a marvelous poet in english

Walkabout

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Gold

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