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Two Friends - Guy de Maupassant 1985-05

A French watchmaker and Draper, who both love to fish, brave fighting in the countryside to visit their favorite spot, but are captured by the Germans.

The Din in the Head - Cynthia Ozick 2006-06-02

A collection of essays on the joys of great literature from the New York Times–bestselling author and winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award. One of America’s foremost novelists and critics, Cynthia Ozick has won praise and provoked debate for taking on challenging literary, historical, and moral issues. Her new collection of spirited essays focuses on the essential joys of great literature, with particular emphasis on the novel. With razor-sharp wit and an inspiring joie de vivre, she investigates unexpected byways in the works of Leo Tolstoy, Saul Bellow, Helen Keller, Isaac Babel, Sylvia Plath, Susan Sontag, and others. In a posthumous and hilariously harassing “(Unfortunate) Interview with Henry James,” Ozick’s hero is shocked by a lady reporter. In “Highbrow Blues,” and in reflections on her own early fiction, she writes intimately of “the din in our heads, that relentless inner hum,” and the curative power of literary imagination. The Din in the Head is sure to please fans of Ozick, win her new readers, and excite critical controversy and acclaim. “Open the collection anywhere—I guarantee it—and you will feel the bite of her distinctive voice.” —Sven Birkerts, Los Angeles Times

“The passion that fills these essays is invigorating. In our age of irony and commercial pandering, we need writers like Ozick.” —Danielle Chapman, Chicago Tribune

The Odds - Stewart O'Nan 2012-01-19

In the new novel from the author of Emily, Alone and Henry, Himself, a middle-age couple goes all in for love at a Niagara Falls casino Stewart O'Nan's thirteenth novel is another wildly original, bittersweet gem like his celebrated Last Night at the Lobster. Valentine's weekend, Art and Marion Fowler flee their Cleveland suburb for Niagara Falls, desperate to recoup their losses. Jobless, with their home approaching foreclosure and their marriage on the brink of collapse, Art and Marion liquidate their savings account and book a bridal suite at the Falls' ritziest casino for a second honeymoon. While they sightsee like tourists during the day, at night they risk it all at the roulette wheel to fix their finances-and save their marriage. A tender yet honest exploration of faith, forgiveness and last chances, The Odds is a reminder that love, like life, is always a gamble.

A Jury of Her Peers - Susan Glaspell 2005-01-01

Two women uncover the truth in a rural murder investigation.

The Road to Los Angeles - John Fante 2010-05-18

I had a lot of jobs in Los Angeles Harbor because our family was poor and my father was dead. My first job was ditchdigging a short time after

I graduated from high school. Every night I couldn't sleep from the pain in my back. We were digging an excavation in an empty lot, there wasn't any shade, the sun came straight from a cloudless sky, and I was down in that hole digging with two huskies who dug with a love for it, always laughing and telling jokes, laughing and smoking bitter tobacco.

The Information - James Gleick 2011-03-01

From the bestselling author of the acclaimed *Chaos and Genius* comes a thoughtful and provocative exploration of the big ideas of the modern era: information, communication, and information theory. Acclaimed science writer James Gleick presents an eye-opening vision of how our relationship to information has transformed the very nature of human consciousness. A fascinating intellectual journey through the history of communication and information, from the language of Africa's talking drums to the invention of written alphabets; from the electronic transmission of code to the origins of information theory, into the new information age and the current deluge of news, tweets, images, and blogs. Along the way, Gleick profiles key innovators, including Charles Babbage, Ada Lovelace, Samuel Morse, and Claude Shannon, and reveals how our understanding of information is transforming not only how we look at the world, but how we live. A New York Times Notable Book A Los Angeles Times and Cleveland Plain Dealer Best Book of the Year Winner of the PEN/E. O. Wilson Literary Science Writing Award

Keeping Place - Jen Pollock Michel 2017-05-09

Home is our most fundamental human longing. Jen Pollock Michel connects that desire with the story of the Bible, revealing a homemaking God with wide arms of welcome—and a church commissioned with this same work. *Keeping Place* offers hope to the wanderer, help to the stranded, and a new vision of what it means to live today longing for eternal home.

Kafka on the Shore - Haruki Murakami 2005-01-18

Kafka on the Shore displays one of the world's great storytellers at the peak of his powers. Here we meet a teenage boy, Kafka Tamura, who is on the run, and Nakata, an aging simpleton who is drawn to Kafka for reasons that he cannot fathom. As their paths converge, acclaimed

author Haruki Murakami enfolds readers in a world where cats talk, fish fall from the sky, and spirits slip out of their bodies to make love or commit murder, in what is a truly remarkable journey.

The Early Stories - John Updike 2005-04-07

A grand collection of John Updike's inimitable early stories. Gathering together almost all the short fiction that John Updike published between 1953 and 1975, this collection opens with Updike's autobiographical stories about a young boy growing up during the Depression in a small Pennsylvania town. There follows tales of life away from home, student days, early marriage and young families, and finally Updike's experimental stories on 'The Single Life'. Here, then, is a rich and satisfying feast of Updike - his wit, his easy mastery of language, his genius for recalling the subtleties of ordinary life and the excitements, and perils, of the pursuit of happiness.

Marry Me - John Updike 2012-09-18

Marry Me is subtitled "A Romance" because, in the author's words, "people don't act like that anymore." The time is 1962, and the place is a fiefdom of Camelot called Greenwood, Connecticut. Jerry Conant and Sally Mathias are in love and want to get married, though they already are married to others. A diadem of five symmetrical chapters describes the course of their affair as it flickers off and on, and as their spouses react, in a tentative late-summer atmosphere of almost-last chances. For this is, as Jerry observes, "the twilight of the old morality, and there's just enough to torment us, and not enough to hold us in."

Terrorist - John Updike 2007-07-26

In his extraordinary and highly charged new novel, John Updike tackles one of America's most burning issues - the threat of Islamist terror from within. Set in contemporary New Jersey, *Terrorist* traces the journey of one young man, from radicalism to fundamentalism to terrorism, against the backdrop of a fraying urban landscape and an increasingly fragmented community. In beautiful prose, Updike dramatizes the logic of the fundamentalist terrorist - but also suggests ways in which we can counter it, in our words and our actions . . .

The Maples Stories - John Updike 2009-08-04

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Sunrise on the Veld - Doris Lessing 1979

The Water-Method Man - John Irving 2018-05-15

"John Irving, it is abundantly clear, is a true artist."—Los Angeles Times
Fred "Bogus" Trumper has troubles. A divorced, broke graduate student of Old Norse in 1970s New York, Trumper is a wayward knight-errant in the battle of the sexes and the pursuit of happiness: His ex-wife has moved in with his childhood best friend, his life is the subject of a tell-all movie, and his chronic urinary tract infection requires surgery. Trumper is determined to change. There's only one problem: it seems the harder he tries to alter his adolescent ways, the more he is drawn to repeating the mistakes of the past. . . . Written when Irving was twenty-nine, Trumper's tale of woe is told with all the wit and humor that would become Irving's trademark. "Three or four times as funny as most novels."—The New Yorker
Praise for *The Water-Method Man*
"Friendship, marriage, and family are his primary themes, but at that blundering level of life where mishap and folly—something close to joyful malice—perpetually intrude and disrupt, often fatally. Life, in [John] Irving's fiction, is always under siege. Harm and disarray are daily fare, as if the course of love could not run true. . . . Irving's multiple manner . . . his will to come at the world from different directions, is one of the

outstanding traits of *The World According to Garp*, but this remarkable flair for . . . stories inside stories . . . is already handled with mastery . . . and with a freedom almost wanton in *The Water-Method Man* [which is Garp's predecessor by six years]."—Terrence Des Pres "Brutal reality and hallucination, comedy and pathos. A rich, unified tapestry."—Time

Old Story Time - Trevor Rhone 2021-03-25

There have been many great and enduring works of literature by Caribbean authors over the last century. The Caribbean Contemporary Classics collection celebrates these deep and vibrant stories, overflowing with life and acute observations about society. *Old Story Time* is a Caribbean classic, providing brilliantly entertaining theatre about race, identity, malice, and the redeeming power of love. In this enthralling drama, we progress with Len from poor scholarship boy to successful accountant. We see a similar but opposite shift in George, from wealthy, well-connected schoolboy to double-dealing crook. Len's mother Miss Aggy, the girls he first loves, and the woman he eventually marries, many destinies are entwined with Len's. Misunderstandings can be dangerous, and trust and love need some help to win through. With the help of Pa Ben, our far-seeing narrator, can things end well? Trevor Rhone was a leading dramatist in Jamaica. His sparkling and original talent has won acclaim from critics and audiences worldwide. Suitable for readers aged 14 and above.

She Wasn't Soft - T. Coraghessan Boyle 1996

The Bloomsbury Birthday Quids are small editions of short stories by major writers, in a format and style of the Bloomsbury Classics. Printed on high-quality paper, designed by Jeff Fisher, the books should become collectors' items. This title is *She Wasn't Soft* by T. Coraghessan-Boyle.

The John Updike Encyclopedia - Jack De Bellis 2000

John Updike is one of the most seminal American writers of the 20th century and one of the most prolific as well. His writing consistently reveals stylistic brilliance, and through his engagement with America's moral and spiritual problems, his works chronicle America's hopes and dreams, failures and disappointments. Though an enormously popular writer, the complexity and elegance of his works have elicited much

scholarly attention. Through several hundred alphabetically arranged entries, this book provides an exceptional resource for both casual and serious readers. Whether seeking a novel summary, an authoritative analysis of subjects, elucidation of an allusion, or a point about Updike's life and manner of composition, the encyclopedia is indispensable. Extensive cross-referencing, numerous bibliographies, and a thorough index enhance its usefulness.

Habits of the Heart - Robert Neelly Bellah 1985

Based on conversations with hundreds of Americans, this volume reveals the self-understanding of Americans as a people and as a nation

The Stories of John Cheever - John Cheever 2011-04-20

PULITZER PRIZE WINNER • NATIONAL BESTSELLER • A seminal collection from one of the true masters of the short story. Spanning the duration of Cheever's long and distinguished career, these sixty-one stories chronicle and encapsulate the lives of what has been called "the greatest generation." From the early wonder and disillusionment of city life in "The Enormous Radio" to the surprising discoveries and common mysteries of suburbia in "The Housebreaker of Shady Hill" and "The Swimmer," these are tales that have helped define the form. Featuring a preface by the Pulitzer Prize-winning author, *The Stories of John Cheever* brings together some of the finest short stories ever written. "Cheever's crowning achievement is the ability to be simultaneously generous and cynical, to see that the absurd and the profound can reside in the same moment, and to acknowledge both at the detriment of neither." —The Guardian

Hooking Up - Tom Wolfe 2010-04-01

Only yesterday boys and girls spoke of embracing and kissing (necking) as getting to first base. Second base was deep kissing, plus groping and fondling this and that. Third base was oral sex. Home plate was going all the way. That was yesterday. Here in the Year 2000 we can forget about necking. Today's girls and boys have never heard of anything that dainty. Today first base is deep kissing, now known as tonsil hockey, plus groping and fondling this and that. Second base is oral sex. Third base is going all the way. Home plate is being introduced by name. And how

rarely our hooked-up boys and girls are introduced by name!—as Tom Wolfe has discovered from a survey of girls' File-o-Fax diaries, to cite but one of *Hooking Up's* displays of his famed reporting prowess. Wolfe ranges from coast to coast chronicling everything from the sexual manners and mores of teenagers... to fundamental changes in the way human beings now regard themselves thanks to the hot new field of genetics and neuroscience. . . to the inner workings of television's magazine-show sting operations. Printed here in its entirety is "Ambush at Fort Bragg," a novella about sting TV in which Wolfe prefigured with eerie accuracy three cases of scandal and betrayal that would soon explode in the press. A second piece of fiction, "U. R. Here," the story of a New York artist who triumphs precisely because of his total lack of talent, gives us a case history preparing us for Wolfe's forecast ("My Three Stooges," "The Invisible Artist") of radical changes about to sweep the arts in America. As an espresso after so much full-bodied twenty-first-century fare, we get a trip to Memory Mall. Reprinted here for the first time are Wolfe's two articles about *The New Yorker* magazine and its editor, William Shawn, which ignited one of the great firestorms of twentieth-century journalism. Wolfe's afterword about it all is in itself a delicious draught of an intoxicating era, the Twistin' Sixties. In sum, here is Tom Wolfe at the height of his powers as reporter, novelist, sociologist, memoirist, and—to paraphrase what Balzac called himself—the very secretary of American society in the 21st century.

Only Drunks and Children Tell the Truth - Drew Hayden Taylor 2021

Leaving Tangier - Tahar Ben Jelloun 2011-04-01

Tangier, in the early 1990s: Young Moroccans gather regularly in a seafront cafe to gaze at the lights on the Spanish coast glimmering in the distance. Facing a future with few prospects in a country they feel has failed them, their disillusionment is matched only by their desire to reach this paradise - so close and yet so far, not least because of the treacherous waters separating the two countries and the frightening stories they hear of the fates of would-be illegal emigrants. A young man called Azel is intent upon leaving one way or another. At the brink of

despair he meets Miguel, a wealthy Spanish gallery-owner, who promises to take him to Barcelona if Azel will become his lover. Seeing no other solution, and although he has a girlfriend to whom he is promised, Azel agrees to Miguel's proposition and thus begins a different kind of hell for the young Moroccan - shame and self-disgust at his own helplessness gradually overcome him and he finds himself once more in a hopeless situation. Azel and others like him, including his sister, begin to wonder if the reality of life in Europe will live up to their dreams.

From Here to Eternity - James Jones 1978-12

Winner of the National Book Award, this novel of courage, violence, and passion was the basis of the famous film starring Burt Lancaster, Deborah Kerr, and Frank Sinatra. This first book in James Jones's epic WW II trilogy follows the lives of the men and women stationed in Diamond Head, Hawaii, on the eve of the attack on the eve of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Copyright © Libri GmbH. All rights reserved.

Nine Lives - Ursula K. Le Guin 2017-02-14

"Ursula Le Guin is more than just a writer of adult fantasy and science fiction . . . she is a philosopher; an explorer in the landscapes of the mind." - Cincinnati Enquirer The recipient of numerous literary prizes, including the National Book Award, the Kafka Award, and the Pushcart Prize, Ursula K. Le Guin is renowned for her spare, elegant prose, rich characterization, and diverse worlds. "Nine Lives" is a short story originally published in the collection *The Wind's Twelve Quarters*.

The Function of Love in Baldwin's 'Another Country' - Sarah Poppel 2009-06-17

Seminar paper from the year 2004 in the subject American Studies - Literature, grade: 2,0, University of Tübingen, language: English, abstract: The novel *Another Country*, published in 1962, was written by James Baldwin, an African-American writer, particularly well known for his social-critical essays. *Another Country*, as a fictional work, serves Baldwin to express several ideas formerly developed in his essay writing and so the novel covers a manifold spectrum of social issues, including race, sexuality and finally love. Love as a central topic in Baldwin's *Another Country* has been analysed by several critics and even Baldwin

admits candidly that the novel shows "the desperate searches" of its characters "for the self-knowledge and self-esteem - the identity - without which real love is impossible." But how do these themes work in the novel, what does such a love have to look like and what does it have to include for the individual to be "able to learn to see real human beings behind the categories, labels, and prejudices" which are imposed by the loveless in a society. This essay undertakes an approximation to these questions mainly on the basis of the novel, considering some of Baldwin's essays and works of critics such as Lorelei Cederstorm or David Leeming. The first part will focus on an analysis of the relationship with which the novel starts and which can be regarded as a crucial guideline, a "negative touchstone" for the further development and interpretation of the novel. In Part II a short overview of the other relationships of the novel is provided. By doing this, their connection with the first relationship will be illustrated, until finally it will be possible to suggest how the characters succeed or fail in the matter of love, which Baldwin conceives as "[...] a journey two people have to make with each other."

Olinger Stories - John Updike 2014-10-07

The first one-volume hardcover edition of the eleven autobiographical stories that were closest to Updike's heart. With full-cloth binding and a silk ribbon marker. EVERYMAN'S POCKET CLASSICS. In an interview, Updike once said, "If I had to give anybody one book of me, it would be the *Olinger Stories*." These stories were originally published in *The New Yorker* and then in various collections before Vintage first put them together in one volume in 1964, as a paperback original. They follow the life of one character from the age of ten through manhood, in the small Pennsylvania town of Olinger (pronounced, according to Updike, with a long O and a hard G), which was loosely based on Updike's own hometown. "All the stories draw from the same autobiographical well," Updike explained, "the only child, the small town, the grandparental home, the move in adolescence to a farm." The selection was made and arranged by Updike himself, and was prefaced by a lovely 1,400-word essay by the author that has never been reprinted in full elsewhere until now.

Conformity - Cass R. Sunstein 2021-05-21

Bestselling author Cass R. Sunstein reveals the appeal and the danger of conformity. We live in an era of tribalism, polarization, and intense social division—separating people along lines of religion, political conviction, race, ethnicity, and sometimes gender. How did this happen? In *Conformity*, Cass R. Sunstein argues that the key to making sense of living in this fractured world lies in understanding the idea of conformity—what it is and how it works—as well as the countervailing force of dissent. An understanding of conformity sheds new light on many issues confronting us today: the role of social media, the rise of fake news, the growth of authoritarianism, the success of Donald Trump, the functions of free speech, debates over immigration and the Supreme Court, and much more. Lacking information of our own and seeking the good opinion of others, we often follow the crowd, but Sunstein shows that when individuals suppress their own instincts about what is true and what is right, it can lead to significant social harm. While dissenters tend to be seen as selfish individualists, dissent is actually an important means of correcting the natural human tendency toward conformity and has enormous social benefits in reducing extremism, encouraging critical thinking, and protecting freedom itself. Sunstein concludes that while much of the time it is in the individual's interest to follow the crowd, it is in the social interest for individuals to say and do what they think is best. A well-functioning democracy depends on it.

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television adaptation. Now those stories appear in hardcover for the first time, with the addition of a later story, "Grandparenting," which returns us to the Maples's lives long after their wrenching divorce.

Tag Along - Tom Ryan 2013-09

Friendships are forged on prom night, when four teens help each other through disappointment, near-arrest, parental interference and panic attacks.

The Horse-Dealer's Daughter - D.h. Lawrence 2019-08-28

D.H. Lawrence's 'The Horse Dealer's Daughter' could be described as a story in which boy meets girl. ...

Operation Shylock - Philip Roth 2010-12-23

'Subtle, funny and furious' Observer What if a lookalike stranger stole your name, hijacked your biography, and went about the world pretending to be you? Startlingly, Philip Roth meets a man in Jerusalem called Philip Roth who has been touring Israel - riding high on the author's reputation - preaching a bizarre reverse-exodus of the Jews, encouraging them to return to their ancestral homes in Europe. Roth decides to stop him, even if that means impersonating the impersonator. *Operation Shylock* is at once spy story, political thriller, meditation on identity and unfathomable journey through a volatile, frightening middle-east.

Pigeon Feathers - John Updike 2012-09-18

When this classic collection of stories first appeared—in 1962, on the author's thirtieth birthday—Arthur Mizener wrote in *The New York Times Book Review*: "Updike is a romantic [and] like all American romantics, that is, he has an irresistible impulse to go in memory home again in order to find himself. . . . The precise recollection of his own family-love, parental and marital, is vital to him; it is the matter in which the saving truth is incarnate. . . . *Pigeon Feathers* is not just a book of very brilliant short stories; it is a demonstration of how the most gifted writer of his generation is coming to maturity; it shows us that Mr. Updike's fine verbal talent is no longer pirouetting, however gracefully, out of a simple delight in motion, but is beginning to serve his deepest insight."

Gorse is Not People - Janet Frame 2012-07-25

'Frame . . . is a master . . . All [stories] overflow with dazzling observation and unforgettable metaphor . . . A powerful collection.' —Kirkus 'This is a gem of a book, or rather a string of gems, each uniquely coloured, cut and crafted.' —Landfall This brand new collection of 28 short stories by Janet Frame spans the length of her career and contains some of the best she wrote. None of these stories has been published in a collection before, and more than half are published for the first time in *Gorse is Not People*. The title story caused Frame a setback in 1954, when Charles Brasch rejected it for publication in *Landfall* and, along with others for one reason or other, deliberately remained unpublished during her lifetime. Previously published pieces have appeared in *Harper's Bazaar*, the *NZ Listener*, the *New Zealand School Journal*, *Landfall* and *The New Yorker* over the years, and one otherwise unpublished piece, 'The Gravy Boat', was read aloud by Frame for a radio broadcast in 1953. In these stories readers will recognise familiar themes, scenes, characters and locations from Frame's writing and life, and each offers a fresh fictional transformation that will captivate and absorb.

John Updike's Novels - Donald J. Greiner 1984

This is a companion volume to Greiner's *The Other John Updike: Poems/ Short Stories / Prose / Play* published in 1981, and is a perceptive study and thorough discussion of Updike's major fiction. The book does not impose a thesis on Updike's development as a novelist, but offers an informed reading of the novels to isolate and discuss the qualities that made Updike great. Greiner supplements this with an analysis of the critical reception accorded to each of the novels. He includes excerpts from published interviews with Updike to illuminate his view of fiction, his debt to conservative theologian Karl Barth, his conception of the dilemma faced by 20th-century American writers, and his relationship with Nathaniel Hawthorne. He has grouped the novels to demonstrate Updike's range of interest, his formal versatility, and his sharp ear for contemporary American speech. Of particular interest is his overview of Updike's *Rabbit* chronicle. ISBN 0-8214-0780-5 : \$23.95.

Tales from Firozsha Baag - Rohinton Mistry 2011-03-11

In these eleven stories, Rohinton Mistry opens our eyes and our hearts to the rich, complex patterns of life inside *Firozsha Baag*, an apartment building in Bombay. Here are Jaakaylee, the ghost-seer, and Najamai, the only owner of a refrigerator in *Firozsha Baag*; Rustomji the Curmudgeon and Kersi, the young boy whose life threads through the book and who narrates the final story as an adult in Toronto. We see their passions, their worst fears, their betrayals, and their humorous acts of revenge. Witty and poignant, in turns, these intersecting stories create a finely textured mosaic of lives and illuminate a world poised between the old ways and the new.

The House of God - Samuel Shem 1978

An intern becomes disillusioned with the medical establishment when he sees his fellow interns fall for the illusions that destroy a doctor's ability to relate to and really care for his patients

A & P - John Updike 1986-06-01

Untwine - Edwidge Danticat 2015-09-29

A haunting and mesmerizing story about sisterhood, family, love and loss by literary luminary Edwidge Danticat. Giselle Boyer and her identical twin, Isabelle, are as close as sisters can be, even as their family seems to be unraveling. Then the Boyers have a tragic encounter that will shatter everyone's world forever. Giselle wakes up in the hospital, injured and unable to speak or move. Trapped in the prison of her own body, Giselle must revisit her past in order to understand how the people closest to her -- her friends, her parents, and above all, Isabelle, her twin -- have shaped and defined her. Will she allow her love for her family and friends to lead her to recovery? Or will she remain lost in a spiral of longing and regret? *Untwine* is a spellbinding tale, lyrical and filled with love, mystery, humor, and heartbreak. Award-winning author Edwidge Danticat brings her extraordinary talent to this graceful and unflinching examination of the bonds of friendship, romance, family, the horrors of loss, and the strength we must discover in ourselves when all seems hopeless.

Rabbit is rich ; Rabbit at rest - John Updike 2003

Middle-aged Harry Angstrom, chief sales representative of a Toyota dealership, copes with inflation, governmental ineffectiveness, the return of his prodigal son, and a chance encounter with an old girlfriend, in *Rabbit Is Rich*, while in *Rabbit at Rest*, Harry "Rabbit" Angstrom, now living in a Florida condominium, faces middle age, heart trouble, and a wife

Wayward - Dana Spiotta 2021-07-06

A NEW YORK TIMES NOTABLE BOOK OF THE YEAR • A “furious and addictive new novel” (The New York Times) about mothers and daughters, and one woman's midlife reckoning as she flees her suburban life. “A virtuosic, singular and very funny portrait of a woman seeking sanity and purpose in a world gone mad.” —The New York Times Book Review “Riddled with insights into aging, womanhood, and discontent, *Wayward* is as elegant as it is raw, and almost as funny as it is sad.”

—Philadelphia Inquirer “A comic, vital new novel.” —The New Yorker Samantha Raymond's life has begun to come apart: her mother is ill, her teenage daughter is increasingly remote, and at fifty-two she finds herself staring into “the Mids”—that hour of supreme wakefulness between three and four in the morning in which women of a certain age suddenly find themselves contemplating motherhood, mortality, and, in this case, the state of our unraveling nation. When she falls in love with a beautiful, decrepit house in a hardscrabble neighborhood in Syracuse, she buys it on a whim and flees her suburban life—and her family—as she grapples with how to be a wife, a mother, and a daughter, in a country that is coming apart at the seams. Dana Spiotta's *Wayward* is a stunning novel about aging, about the female body, and about female complexity in contemporary America. Probing and provocative, brainy and sensual, it is a testament to our weird times, to reforms and resistance and utopian wishes, and to the beauty of ruins.