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Speedboat 2021-07-22 jen fain is a journalist negotiating the fraught landscape of 1970s new york party guests taxi drivers brownstone dwellers professors journalists presidents and debutantes fill these dispatches from the world as she finds it simultaneously novel memoir commonplace book confession and critique speedboat is funny disturbing cutting brilliant unlike anything that had come before since it burst onto the scene in the 1970s it has enthralled generations of readers and been a touchstone for writers including david foster wallace claudia rankine and jenny offill with an introduction by hilton als

Pitch Dark 2013-03-19 a strange thrilling novel about desperate love paranoia and heartbreak by one of america s most singular writers what s new what else what next what s happened here pitch dark is a book about love kate ennis is poised at a critical moment in an affair with a married man the complications and contradictions pursue her from a house in rural connecticut to a brownstone apartment in new york city to a small island off the coast of washington to a pitch black night in backcountry ireland composed in the style of renata adler s celebrated novel speedboat and displaying her keen journalist s eye and mastery of language both simple and sublime pitch dark is a bold and astonishing work of art

Goodbye, Vitamin 2017-07-11 named a best book of the year by npr othe oprah magazine vogue san francisco chronicle esquire huffington post nylon entertainment weekly buzzfeed booklist and the independent winner of the california book award for first fiction los angeles times book prize finalist for first fiction a quietly brilliant disquisition told in prose that is so startling in its spare beauty that i found myself thinking about khong s turns of phrase for days after i finished reading doree shafrir the new york times book review one of those rare books that is both devastating and light hearted heartfelt and joyful don t miss it buzzfeed hello rachel khong kudos for this delectable take on familial devotion and dementia npr her life at a crossroads a young woman goes home again in this funny and inescapably moving debut from a wonderfully original new literary voice freshly disengaged from her fiancé and feeling that life has not turned out quite the way she planned thirty year old ruth quits her job leaves town and arrives at her parents home to find that situation more complicated than she d realized her father a prominent history professor is losing his memory and is only erratically lucid ruth s mother meanwhile is lucidly erratic but as ruth s father s condition intensifies the comedy in her situation takes hold gently transforming her all her grief told in captivating glimpses and drawn from a deep well of insight humor and unexpected tenderness goodbye vitamin pilots through the loss love and absurdity of finding one s footing in this life

After the Tall Timber 2021-06-10 in these 21 essays of nonfiction adler draws on toward a radical middle a selection of her earliest new yorker pieces a year in the dark her film reviews and canaries in the mineshaft a selection of essays on politics and media and also includes uncollected work from the past two decades adler is first and foremost a journalist and positions herself as a centrist the pieces are concerned with in her words misrepresentation coercion and abuse of public process and to a degree the journalist s role in it with a brilliant literary and legal mind adler parses power by analyzing language

the language of courts of journalists of political figures of the man on the street in doing so she unravels the tangled narratives that pass for the resolution of scandal and finds the threads that others miss adler delves into the ones that explain what really is going on here from the watergate scandal to the preposterous kenneth starr report submitted to the house during the clinton impeachment inquiry to the plagiarism and fabrication scandal of the former new york times reporter jayson blair and she writes extensively about the supreme court and the power of its rulings including its fateful decision in bush v gore

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Nobody Is Ever Missing 2014-09-04 without telling her family elyria takes a one way flight to new zealand abruptly leaving her stable life in manhattan her home her career and her loving husband as the people she has left behind scramble to figure out what has happened to her elyria embarks on a hitchhiker's odyssey testing fate by travelling in the cars of overly kind women and deeply strange men tacitly being swept into the lives of strangers and sleeping in fields forests and public parks as she journeys from wellington to picton takaka kaikoura and onwards she asks herself what is it that i am missing how can a person be missing full of mordant humour and uncanny insights nobody is ever missing is a startling tale of love loss and the dangers encountered in the search for self knowledge it is a novel which goes far beyond the story of a physical journey and asks what it means to be human to be a woman and to be at the mercy of forces beyond one's own control

Neon in Daylight 2018-06-21 what do you get when a writer of extreme intelligence insight style and beauty chronicles the lives of self absorbed hedonists the great gatsby bright lights big city and now neon in daylight hermie hoby held me spellbound ann patchett author of commonwealth hoby is so good at unpacking all the strange dynamics at work in sex and desire emma cline author of the girls the perfect book with which to while away those hot summer nights independent expect gatsby esque hedonism and lyricism evening standard you will be transfixed the pool smart shimmering glinting with pocketable images and insights a vibrant rush of a novel observer a new york summer so hot the air is turning yellow kate a young woman newly arrived from london is determined to become the kind of person who is up for it and down for it and not remotely troubled over how those two semantically opposed phrases could have come to mean the same thing in the sweltering city she encounters bill a once lauded now booze sodden novelist and inez his teenage daughter who makes extra cash catering to the sexual fantasies of men she has met online and falls into a complex infatuation with them both

Chilly Scenes of Winter 2011-05-18 this is the story of a love smitten charles his friend sam the phi

beta kappa and former coat salesman and charles mother who spends a lot of time in the bathtub feeling depressed

Sleepless Nights 2011-07-13 in sleepless nights a woman looks back on her life the parade of people the shifting background of place and assembles a scrapbook of memories reflections portraits letters wishes and dreams an inspired fusion of fact and invention this beautifully realized hard bitten lyrical book is not only elizabeth hardwick s finest fiction but one of the outstanding contributions to american literature of the last fifty years

Gone 2011-09-10 from a legendary journalist and star writer at the new yorker one of the most revered institutions in publishing an insider s look at the magazine s tumultuous yet glorious years under the direction of the enigmatic william shawn renata adler went to work at the new yorker in 1963 and immediately became part of the circle close to editor william shawn a man so mysterious that no two biographies of him seem to be about the same person now adler herself an unrivaled literary force offers her brilliant take on the man and the myth that is the new yorker disputing recent memoirs by lillian ross and ved mehta along the way with her lucid prose meticulous eye for detail and genuine love of the new yorker adler re creates thirty years in its history and depicts shawn as a man of robust common sense amazing industry and editorial genius who nurtured innumerable major talents and egos to produce a magazine that was and remains unique her ensemble cast all involved in legendary friendships feuds and love affairs includes edmund wilson s n behrman brendan gill calvin trillin dwight macdonald donald barthelme hannah arendt pauline kael s i newhouse robert gottlieb tina brown and practically everyone of note in and around the new yorker above and beyond the fascinating literary anecdotes however adler s is a striking narrative that follows the weakening of shawn s hold over the magazine he loved his reluctant attempts to find a successor and the coup by which he was ultimately overthrown it is a wonderful piece of reporting full of real life drama of shakespearean dimensions which shawn himself surely would have loved

Dept. of Speculation 2014-01-28 from the acclaimed author of weather comes a slim stunning portrait of a marriage a beguiling rumination on the mysteries of intimacy trust faith knowledge and the condition of universal shipwreck that unites us all one of the 10 best books of the year the new york times book review a best book of the year the new yorker the boston globe minneapolis star tribune vogue com electric literature buzzfeed in the beginning it was easy to imagine their future they were young and giddy sure of themselves and of their love for each other dept of speculation was their code name for all the thrilling uncertainties that lay ahead then they got married had a child and navigated the familiar calamities of family life a colicky baby a faltering relationship stalled ambitions when their marriage reaches a sudden breaking point the wife tries to retrace the steps that have led them to this place invoking everything from kafka to the stoics to doomed russian cosmonauts as she analyzes what is lost and what remains in language that shimmers with rage and longing and wit offill has created a brilliantly suspenseful love story a novel to read in one sitting even as its piercing meditations linger long after

the last page

Toward a Radical Middle 1970 tense moving and hilarious a dark jewel of a novel francine prose o the oprah magazine three husbands have left her i r s agents are whamming on her door and her beloved cat has gone missing she s back and forth between melanie her secluded southern town and l a where she has a weakening grasp on her job as a script doctor having been sacked by most of the studios and convinced that her dealings with hollywood have fractured her personality money breton talks to herself nonstop she glues and hammers and paints every item in her place she forges loving inscriptions in all her books through it all there is her darling puzzling daughter who lives close by but seems ever beyond reach and her son the damaged victim of a violent crime under police protection in new york while both her children seem to be losing all their battles money tries for ways and reasons to keep battling why did i ever is a book of piercing intellect and belligerent humor since its first publication in 2002 it has had a profound impact not only on robison s devoted following but on the shape of the contemporary novel itself

Why Did I Ever 2018-01-01 if you re a fan of sally rooney s work then you can t go wrong by picking up a copy of topics of conversation she s a fresh voice and one that it s certainly worth listening to vogue miranda popkey s debut explores the paradox of longing to assert control and longing to lose it she depicts what it feels like to exist actually live at that intersection which can so often bring about paralysis new yorker what is the shape of a life is it the things that happen to us or is it the stories we tell about the things that happen to us from the coast of the adriatic to the salt spray of santa barbara the narrator of topics of conversation maps out her life through two decades of bad relationships motherhood crisis and consolation the novel unfurls through a series of conversations in private with friends late at night at parties with acquaintances with strangers in hotel rooms in moments of revelation shame cynicism envy and intimacy sizzling with enigmatic desire miranda popkey s debut novel is a seductive exploration of life as a woman in the modern world of the stories we tell ourselves and of the things we reveal only to strangers

Topics of Conversation 2020-02-27 edited by the author s grandson the novelist matthew yorke and with an introduction by john updike this book is an excellent selection of henry green s uncollected writings it includes a number of outstanding stories never previously published written during the 20s and 30s bees saturday excursion and the remarkable mood among them it contains a highly entertaining account of green s service in the london fire brigade during the war a short play written in the 1950s and a selection of his journalism including revelatory articles about the craft of writing a marvellous evocation of venice a description of falling in love reviews which illuminate his literary enthusiasm and the entertaining interview with terry southern for the paris review it is rounded off with a biographical memoir by green s son sebastian yorke fascinating and invaluable as an introduction to green surviving casts new light on his work and illustrates the many facets of this exceptional writer one of the two most important english novelists of his time

Surviving 2012-05-31 shortlisted for the women s prize for fiction 2020 this is so good we are not ready

nor worthy ocean vuong what are you afraid of he asks me and the answer of course is dentistry humiliation scarcity then he says what are your most useful skills people think i m funny lizzie benson slid into her job as a librarian without a traditional degree but this gives her a vantage point from which to practise her other calling as an unofficial shrink for years she has supported her god haunted mother and her recovering addict brother they have both stabilized for the moment but then her old mentor sylvia liller makes a proposal sylvia has become famous for her prescient podcast hell and high water and wants to hire lizzie to answer the mail she receives from left wingers worried about climate change and right wingers worried about the decline of western civilization as she dives into this polarized world she begins to wonder what it means to keep tending your own garden once you ve seen the flames beyond its walls when her brother becomes a father and sylvia a recluse lizzie is forced to acknowledge the limits of what she can do but if she can t save others then what or who might save her and all the while the voices of the city keep floating in funny disturbing and increasingly mad

Weather 2020-02-13 shortlisted for the guardian first book award quite dazzling tls plenty of darkness and a sprinkling of magic guardian shadows doubles and the ghosts of past and future lovers haunt these elegantly structured and often hallucinatory stories the language is hypnotic deadpan intense the sentences jewel hard and sublime things to make and break is the work of a stylish exuberant new voice in modern fiction a motorcycle courier finds a cache of nude photos in her boyfriend s desk the daughter of east german emigrants encounters her doppelgänger who has crossed another cultural divide twin brothers fall for the same girl when a stripper receives an enigmatic proposal from a client she accepts ignorant of its terms mind blowingly good pank a visceral collection another magazine

Things to Make and Break 2018-06-28 the dud avocado follows the romantic and comedic adventures of a young american who heads overseas to conquer paris in the late 1950s edith wharton and henry james wrote about the american girl abroad but it was elaine dundy s sally jay gorce who told us what she was really thinking charming sexy and hilarious the dud avocado gained instant cult status when it was first published and it remains a timeless portrait of a woman hell bent on living i had to tell someone how much i enjoyed the dud avocado it made me laugh scream and guffaw which incidentally is a great name for a law firm groucho marx the dud avocado is one of the best novels about growing up fast the guardian *The Dud Avocado* 2010-11-17 to celebrate the 20th anniversary of nyrb classics a handpicked anthology of selections from the series in greek mythology ariadne gave theseus a ball of red thread to guide him through the labyrinth and the red thread offers a path through and a way to explore the ins and outs and twists and turns of the celebrated nyrb classics series now twenty years old the collection brings together twenty five pieces drawn from the more than five hundred books that have come out as nyrb classics over the last twenty years stories essays interviews poems along with chapters from novels and memoirs and other longer narratives have been selected by edwin frank the series editor to chart a distinctive entertaining and thought provoking course across the expansive and varied terrain of the classics series

The Red Thread: Twenty Years of NYRB Classics 2019-09-24 an intellectually thrilling and emotionally wrenching investigation of otherness the need for one person to understand another person completely the impossibility of any such absolute knowing and the erotics of this separation can one person know another person how do we live through other people is it possible to fill the gap between people if not can art fill that gap grappling with these questions david shields gives us a book that is something of a revelation seventy plus essays written over the last thirty five years reconceived and recombined to form neither a miscellany nor a memoir but a sustained meditation on otherness the book is divided into five sections men women athletes performers alter egos whether he is writing about sexual desire or information sickness george w bush or kurt cobain women s eyeglasses or greek tragedy howard cosell or bill murray the comedy of high school journalism or the agony of first love shields s sustained piercing focus is on the multiplicity of perspectives informing any situation on the irreducible log jam of human information and on the possibilities and impossibilities for human connection

Other People 2017-02-21 finalist for the 2021 booker prize a new york times top 10 book of 2021 winner of the dylan thomas prize a book that reads like a prose poem at once sublime profane intimate philosophical witty and eventually deeply moving new york times book review editors choice wow i can t remember the last time i laughed so much reading a book what an inventive and startling writer i m so glad i read this i really think this book is remarkable david sedaris from a formidably gifted writer the new york times book review a book that asks is there life after the internet as this urgent genre defying book opens a woman who has recently been elevated to prominence for her social media posts travels around the world to meet her adoring fans she is overwhelmed by navigating the new language and etiquette of what she terms the portal where she grapples with an unshakable conviction that a vast chorus of voices is now dictating her thoughts when existential threats from climate change and economic precariousness to the rise of an unnamed dictator and an epidemic of loneliness begin to loom she posts her way deeper into the portal s void an avalanche of images details and references accumulate to form a landscape that is post sense post irony post everything are we in hell the people of the portal ask themselves are we all just going to keep doing this until we die suddenly two texts from her mother pierce the fray something has gone wrong and how soon can you get here as real life and its stakes collide with the increasingly absurd antics of the portal the woman confronts a world that seems to contain both an abundance of proof that there is goodness empathy and justice in the universe and a deluge of evidence to the contrary fragmentary and omniscient incisive and sincere no one is talking about this is at once a love letter to the endless scroll and a profound modern meditation on love language and human connection from a singular voice in american literature

No One Is Talking About This 2021-02-16 includes an interview featuring dagmara dominczyk and adriana trigiani a vibrant engaging debut novel that follows the friendship of three women from their youthful days in poland to their complicated not quite successful adult lives because of her father s role in the solidarity movement anna and her parents immigrate to the united states in the 1980s as political

refugees from poland they settle in brooklyn among immigrants of every stripe yet anna never quite feels that she belongs but then the summer she turns twelve she is sent back to poland to visit her grandmother and suddenly she experiences the shock of recognition in her family s hometown of kielce anna develops intense friendships with two local girls brash and beautiful justyna and desperately awkward kamila and their bond is renewed every summer when anna returns the lullaby of polish girls follows these three best friends from their early teenage years on the lookout for boys in kielce a town so rough its citizens are called the switchblades to the loss of innocence that wrecks them and the stunning murder that reaches across oceans to bring them back together after they ve grown and long since left home dagmara dominczyk s assured narrative flashes from the wild summers of the girls youth to their years of self discovery in new york and europe her writing is full of grit and guts and her descriptions of the emotional experiences of her characters resonate with honesty the lullaby of polish girls captures the passion and drama of friendship the immigrant s yearning to be known and the exquisite and wistful transformation of young women coming of age praise for the lullaby of polish girls a coming of age tale of three young polish women that is brimming with teary epiphanies betrayal and love as well as the grit of both new york and kielce it s girls with a polish accent the new york times the lullaby of polish girls will make you swoon dagmara dominczyk has written a glorious debut novel inspired by her own emigration from poland to brooklyn with depth intensity humor and grace adriana trigiani an ennui stricken actress returns to the old country and to the friends of her youth in dagmara dominczyk s the lullaby of polish girls in which solidarity is all about summer evenings under the stars with a vodka bottle and a radio playing forever young vogue compelling an original portrait of friendship and identity dominczyk uses a fresh confident style people in this arresting debut novel polish american film and tv actress dominczyk pays homage to her native city of kielce while capturing the joys insecurities and struggles of three girlfriends coming of age spanning thirteen years dominczyk s absorbing story is a triptych of tsknota polish for a kind of yearning and a profound desire for acceptance freedom and home booklist starred review the lullaby of polish girls is sexy and sensitive with a raw openhearted center dominczyk s love for her complicated characters is apparent from the first page to the last and by the novel s end the reader cares for them just as deeply emma straub look for special features inside join the random house reader s circle for author chats and more

The Lullaby of Polish Girls 2013-06-04 no one burned hotter than eve babitz possessing skin that radiated its own kind of moral laws spectacular teeth and a figure that was the stuff of legend she seduced seemingly everyone who was anyone in los angeles for a long stretch of the 1960s and 70s one man proved elusive however and so babitz did what she did best she wrote him a book slow days fast company is a full fledged and full bodied evocation of a bygone southern california that far exceeds its mash note premise in ten sun baked santa ana wind swept sketches babitz re creates a los angeles of movie stars distraught over their success socialites on three day drug binges holed up in the chateau marmont soap opera actors worried that tomorrow s script will kill them off italian femmes fatales even more fatal than babitz and

she even leaves la now and then spending an afternoon at the house of flawless orange county suburbanites a day among the grape pickers of the central valley a weekend in palm springs where her dreams of romance fizzle and her only solace is virginia woolf in the end it doesn't matter if babitz ever gets the guy she seduces us

Slow Days, Fast Company 2016-08-30 haunting and provocative rowland's writing is compelling and masterful delia ephron author of the lion is in once there were many transcriptionists at the record a behemoth new york city newspaper but new technology has put most of them out of work so now lena the last transcriptionist sits alone in a room a human conduit silently turning reporters recorded stories into print until the day she encounters a story so shocking that it shatters the reverie that has become her life this exquisite novel written by an author who spent more than a decade as a transcriptionist at the new york times asks probing questions about journalism and ethics about the decline of the newspaper and the failure of language it is also the story of a woman's effort to establish her place in an increasingly alien and alienating world the transcriptionist is suffused with prescient insight into journalism ethics and alienation a thought provoking original work new york journal of books rowland seems that rare thing the naturally gifted novelist she deftly maps a very specific kind of urban loneliness the inner ache of the intelligent damaged soul who prefers the company of ideas and words to that of people that urge to make words holy is at the heart of this novel's strange sad beauty the washington post the transcriptionist holds many pleasures and can be read through many lenses rowland plays with the notions of truth and reliability sharp and affecting the new york times book review a strange mesmerizing novel about the decline of newspapers and the subsequent loss of humanity and yes these are related booklist starred review ambitious and fascinating disturbing and powerful library journal entering the city rowland creates with its tightly strung dialogue and soulful lonely citizens is a memorable experience the boston globe unforgettable written with such delight compassion and humanity it's newsworthy alex gilvarry author of from the memoirs of a non enemy combatant

The Transcriptionist 2014-05-13 reading how literature saved my life is like getting to listen in on a really great smart provocative conversation the book is not straightforward it resists any single interpretation and it seems to me to constitute nothing less than a new form whitney otto in this wonderfully intelligent stunningly honest painfully funny book acclaimed writer david shields uses himself as a representative for all readers and writers who seek to find salvation in literature blending confessional criticism and anthropological autobiography shields explores the power of literature from blaise pascal's pensées to maggie nelson's bluets renata adler's speedboat to proust's remembrance of things past to make life survivable maybe even endurable shields evokes his deeply divided personality his ridiculous ambivalence his character flaws his woes his serious despairs books are his life raft but when they come to feel un lifelike and archaic he revels in a new kind of art that is based heavily on quotation and consciousness and he shares with us a final irony he wants literature to assuage human loneliness but nothing can assuage human loneliness literature doesn't lie about this which is what makes

it essential a captivating thought provoking utterly original way of thinking about the essential acts of reading and writing

How Literature Saved My Life 2013-02-05 a luminous literary debut following two patients in recovery after an experimental memory drug warps their lives lucien moves to los angeles to be with his grandmother as she undergoes an experimental memory treatment for alzheimer s using a new drug memoroxin an emerging photographer he s also running from the sudden death of his mother a well known artist whose legacy haunts him even far from new york sophie has just landed the lead in the upcoming performance of la sylphide with the los angeles ballet she still waitresses during her off hours at the chateau marmont witnessing the recreational use of memoroxin or mem among the hollywood elite when lucien and sophie meet at the center founded by the ambitious yet conflicted dr angelica sloane to treat patients who ve abused mem they have no memory of how they got there or why they feel so inexplicably drawn to one another is it attraction or something they cannot remember from before set in a city that seems to have no memory of its own the shimmering state is a graceful meditation on the power of story and its creation it masterfully explores memory and how it can elude us trap us or even set us free

The Shimmering State 2021-08-10 a masterwork about backcountry life by one of brazil s most celebrated novelists paulo honório is a sometime field hand who has kicked and clawed and schemed his way to prosperity becoming master of the decrepit estate são bernardo where once upon a time he toiled he is ruthless in his exploitation of his fellow man but when he makes a match with a fine young woman he is surprised to discover that this latest acquisition as he sees it may be somewhat harder to handle it is in paulo honório s own rough hewn voice that the great brazilian writer graciliano ramos often compared to william faulkner tells this gritty and dryly funny story of triumph and comeuppance a tour de force of the writer s art that is beautifully captured in padma viswanathan s new translation

São Bernardo 2020-05-05 reality hunger is a manifesto for a burgeoning group of interrelated but unconnected artists who living in an unbearably artificial world are breaking ever larger chunks of reality into their work the questions shields explores the bending of form and genre the lure and blur of the real play out constantly around us and reality hunger is a radical reframing of how we might think about this truthiness about literary licence quotation and appropriation in television film performance art rap and graffiti in lyric essays prose poems and collage novels drawing on myriad sources shields takes an audacious stance on issues that are being fought over now and will be fought over far into the future converts will see reality hunger as a call to arms detractors will view it as an occasion to defend the status quo it is certain to be one of the most controversial and talked about books of the season

Reality Hunger 2010-02-25 longlisted for the independent foreign fiction prize 2015 adaption is everything something frau lohmark is well aware of as the biology teacher at the charles darwin high school in a country backwater of the former east germany a strict devotee of darwin s evolution principle lohmark views education as survival of the fittest classifying her pupils as biological specimens and

scorning her colleagues for indulging in favourites however as people move west in search of work and opportunities the school's future is in jeopardy and the lohmark is forced to face her most fundamental lesson she must adapt or she cannot survive

The Giraffe's Neck 2014-03-27 when ettie's husband dies her daughter iza insists that her mother give up the family house in the countryside and move to budapest displaced from her community and her home ettie tries to find her place in this new life but can't seem to get it right she irritates the maid hangs food outside the window because she mistrusts the fridge and in her naivety and loneliness invites a prostitute in for tea iza's ballad is the story of a woman who loses her life's companion and a mother trying to get close to a daughter whom she has never truly known it is about the meeting of the old fashioned and the modern worlds and the beliefs we construct over a lifetime

When the Lights Go Down 1980 after enduring a vicious bear attack in the russian far east's kamchatka peninsula a french anthropologist undergoes a physical and spiritual transformation that forces her to confront the tenuous distinction between animal and human in the eye of the wild begins with an account of the french anthropologist nastassja martin's near fatal run in with a kamchatka bear in the mountains of siberia martin's professional interest is animism she addresses philosophical questions about the relation of humankind to nature and in her work she seeks to partake as fully as she can in the lives of the indigenous peoples she studies her violent encounter with the bear however brings her face to face with something entirely beyond her ken the untamed the nonhuman the animal the wild in the course of that encounter something in the balance of her world shifts a change takes place that she must somehow reckon with left severely mutilated dazed with pain martin undergoes multiple operations in a provincial russian hospital while also being grilled by the secret police back in france she finds herself back on the operating table a source of new trauma she realizes that the only thing for her to do is to return to kamchatka she must discover what it means to have become as the even people call it medka a person who is half human half bear in the eye of the wild is a fascinating mind altering book about terror pain endurance and self transformation comparable in its intensity of perception and originality of style to j a baker's classic *the peregrine* here nastassja martin takes us to the farthest limits of human being

Iza's Ballad 2014-08-07 what hemingway's *a moveable feast* did for paris in the 1920s this charming yet undeceivable memoir does for greenwich village in the late 1940s in 1946 anatole broyard was a dapper earnest fledgling avant gardist intoxicated by books sex and the neighborhood that offered both in such abundance stylish written mercurially witty imbued with insights that are both affectionate and astringent this memoir offers an indelible portrait of a lost bohemia we see broyard setting up his used bookstore on cornelia street indulging in a dream that was for him as romantic as living off the land or sailing around the world while exercising his libido with a protegee of anais nin and taking courses at the new school where he deliberates on the new trends in art sex and psychosis along the way he encounters delmore schwartz caitlin and dylan thomas william gaddis and other writers at the start of their careers written with insight and mercurial wit kafka was the rage elegantly captures a moment and

place and pays homage to a lost bohemia as it was experienced by a young writer eager to find not only his voice but also his place in a very special part of the world

In the Eye of the Wild 2021-11-16 what really happened in the 2000 presidential election and can it happen again it was the most tumultuous and uncertain transition of power in the history of the united states and yet to most americans what really happened in the 2000 presidential election remains unclear something went wrong in florida but the supreme court cleared it up and then er everyone was happy right but who actually won the florida vote recount what exactly did the supreme court decide was there truly no dissent what role did the mass media play in irreparable harm renata adler the long time star of the new yorker magazine who is also an attorney and a life long republican takes a blistering look at the bush v gore supreme court decision and uncovers numerous problems including instances where the judges mis cited their own previous decisions or reversed them irreparable harm is one of three hard hitting books published by melville house the road to illegitimacy irreparable harm and the big chill that take a close look at the 2000 election based on three pieces of investigative journalism originally filed at the time by three of the country s top journalists these three insightful books are riveting history but more importantly they may help troubled americans with one of the most pressing questions we face can it happen again

Kafka Was the Rage 2010-12-01 journalist party girl bookworm artist muse by the time she d hit thirty eve babitz had played all of these roles immortalized as the nude beauty facing down duchamp and as one of ed ruscha s five 1965 girlfriends babitz s first book showed her to be a razor sharp writer with tales of her own eve s hollywood is an album of vivid snapshots of southern california s haute bohemians of outrageously beautiful high school ingenues and enviably tattooed chicanas of rock stars sleeping it off at the chateau marmont and though babitz s prose might appear careening she s in control as she takes us on a ride through an la of perpetual delight from a joint serving the perfect taquito to the corner of la brea and sunset where we make eye contact with a roller skating hooker to the watts towers this daughter of the wasteland is here to show us that her city is no wasteland at all but a glowing landscape of swaying fruit trees and blooming bougainvillea buffeted by earthquakes and the santa ana winds and every bit as seductive as she is

Irreparable Harm 2004 hardwick s sentences are burned in my brain susan sontag sidelined betrayed killed off elizabeth hardwick considers the history of women and literature she imagines the lives of the brontes woolf eliot and plath the fate of literary wives such as zelda fitzgerald and jane carlyle and the stories of fictional heroines from richardson s clarissa to ibsen s nora with her radiant sympathy and wisdom hardwick mines their childhoods marriages and personalities to probe the costs of sex love and marriage she asks who is the seducer and who the seduced who the victim and who the victor both timely and timeless these devastatingly stylish essays are nothing less than a reckoning dissecting relations between the sexes women and writing work and life

Eve's Hollywood 2015-10-06 52 fictionalized episodes with men simple and ingenious gets at the truth of

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Seduction and Betrayal 2019-07-02 renata adler is one of the most original incisive and witty writers active in american letters today whether it be fiction reportage or essay her work is marked by a truly extraordinary intellect and a luminous prose that is penetrating precise deft and often very funny in this new collection which includes the early and definitive profile of the national guard the widely discussed and still controversial review of pauline kael and the first major piece about foreign contributions to american political campaigns adler s wide ranging reflections become focused on two increasingly fused interests the politics which govern our public world and the media which now actively distort and misrepresent information about that world for anyone seriously interested in politics and the media canaries in the mineshaft is yet another proof that renata adler is one of the most delightful and brilliant writers of our day

52 Men 2015-08-15 in eight stories this singular collection of short fiction written over the course of ten years explores the terrain of modern urban life in reflective telegraphic prose susan sontag confronts the reader with exposed workings of an impassioned intellect in narratives seamed with many of the themes of her essays the nature of knowing our relationship with the past and the future in an alienated present

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