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The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time

Random House Winner of the Whitbread Book of the Year 'Outstanding...a stunningly good read' Observer 'Mark Haddon's portrayal of an emotionally dissociated mind is a superb achievement... Wise and bleakly funny' Ian McEwan The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time is a murder mystery novel like no other. The detective, and narrator, is Christopher Boone. Christopher is fifteen and has Asperger's Syndrome. He knows a very great deal about maths and very little about human beings. He loves lists, patterns and the truth. He hates the colours yellow and brown and being touched. He has never gone further than the end of the road on his own, but when he finds a neighbour's dog murdered he sets out on a terrifying journey which will turn his whole world upside down.

Minutes to Midnight

Steidl Dap In 2003, Trent Parke began a road trip around his native Australia, a monumental journey that was to last two years and cover a distance of over 90.000 km. Minutes to Midnight is the ambitious photographic record of that adventure, in which Parke presents a proud but uneasy nation struggling to craft its identity from different cultures and traditions. Minutes to Midnight merges traditional documentary techniques and imagination to create a dark visual narrative portraying Australia with a mix of nostalgia, romanticism and brooding realism. This is not a record of the physical landscape but of an emotional one. It is a story of human anxiety and intensity which, although told from Australia, represents a universal human condition in the world today.

Message in a Bottle

Grand Central Publishing In this New York Times bestseller, a single mother sets out to find the North Carolina man who sent a message meant for someone else . . . and the journey may change her life forever. Divorced and disillusioned about relationships, Theresa Osborne is jogging when she finds a bottle on the beach. Inside is a letter of love and longing to "Catherine," signed simply "Garrett." Challenged by the mystery and pulled by emotions she doesn't fully understand, Theresa begins a search for this man that will change her life. What happens to her is unexpected, perhaps miraculous-an encounter that embraces all our hopes for finding someone special, for having a love that is timeless and everlasting.... Nicholas Sparks exquisitely chronicles the human heart. In his first bestselling novel, The Notebook, he created a testament to romantic love that touched readers around the world. Now in this New York Times bestseller, he renews our faith in destiny, in the ability of lovers to find each other no matter where, no matter when...

The Notebook

The love story to end all love stories

Hachette UK Celebrating 25 years of The Notebook - the classic novel which became the heart-wrenching film. * Once again, just as I do every day, I begin to read the notebook aloud... Noah Calhoun has returned from war and, in an attempt to escape the ghosts of battle, he sets his mind and his body to restoring an old plantation home to its former beauty. But he is haunted by memories of the beautiful girl he met there years before. A girl who stole his heart at the funfair, whose parents didn't approve, a girl he wrote to every day for a year. When Allie Hamilton shows up on his doorstep, exactly as he has held her in his memory for all these years, Noah has one last chance to win her back. Only this time, it's not just her parents in the way - Allie is engaged and she's not a woman to go back on her promises. The Notebook is the love story to end all love stories - it will break your heart, heal it back up and break it all over again. Praise for Nicholas Sparks: 'A fiercely romantic and touching tale' Heat 'An A-grade romantic read' OK! 'Pulls at the heartstrings' Sunday Times 'An absorbing page-turner' Daily Mail 'This one won't leave a dry eye' Daily Mirror

Silk

[Canongate Books](#) In 1861 French silkworm merchant Hervé Joncour travels to Japan, where he encounters the mysterious Hara Kei. He develops a painful longing for Kei's beautiful concubine - but they cannot touch; they don't even speak. And he cannot read the note she sends him until he has returned to his own country. But the moment he does, Joncour is enslaved. Subtle, tender and surprising, *Silk* is an evocative tale of erotic possession.

In the Sea There Are Crocodiles

[Random House](#) I read somewhere that the decision to emigrate comes from a need to breathe. The hope of a better life is stronger than any other feeling. My mother decided it was better to know I was in danger far from her; but on the way to a different future, than to know I was in danger near her; but stuck in the same old fear. At the age of ten, Enaiatollah Akbari was left alone to fend for himself. This is the heartbreaking, unforgettable story of his journey from Afghanistan to Italy in an attempt to find a safe place to live.

The House by the Medlar Tree

[Courier Dover Publications](#) Three generations of fishermen conduct an epic struggle against nature, fate, and society in this moving tale by acclaimed realist writer Giovanni Verga. Written in 1881 and set in the Sicilian village of Aci Trezza during the 1860s, the novel recounts an impoverished family's attempts to pay off a crushing debt, to reclaim their lost boat and ancestral home, and to reunite their scattered clan. This groundbreaking work of fiction offers a revealing look at the social and political climate in post-revolutionary Italy. Verga combines lyrical prose and inspiring social commentary to chronicle the poverty suffered by provincial Sicilian communities after Garibaldi's conquest. Rich in character and starkly honest, *The House by the Medlar Tree* offers a life-affirming story of misfortunes endured with humor and courage.

The Cloven Viscount

[Houghton Mifflin Harcourt](#) When a nobleman is split in two, his separate halves pursue different adventures in a fantastically macabre tale by the author of *Invisible Cities*. It is the seventeenth century, and the Viscount Medardo of Terralba must go into battle against the Turks. But the inexperienced warrior is soon bisected lengthwise by a cannonball. Through a miracle of stitching, one half of him survives, returning to his feudal estate to lead a lavishly evil life. But soon his other, virtuous half appears—also very much alive. When the two halves become rivals for the love of the same woman, there's no telling the lengths each will go to in order to win. Now available in an independent volume for the first time, this deliciously bizarre novella of *is* Calvino at his most devious and winning.

Family Sayings

[Arcade Publishing](#)

Italian Made Simple

Revised and Updated

[Crown](#) Whether you are planning a romantic Italian getaway, packing a knapsack for your junior year abroad, or just want to engage your Italian business associate in everyday conversation, *Italian Made Simple* is the perfect book for any self-learner. Void of all the non-essentials and refreshingly easy to understand, *Italian Made Simple* includes: * basics of grammar * vocabulary building exercises * pronunciation aids * common expressions * word puzzles and language games * contemporary reading selections * Italian culture and history * economic information * Italian-English and English-Italian dictionaries Complete with drills, exercises, and answer keys for ample practice opportunities, *Italian Made Simple* will soon have you speaking Italian like a native.

The Origin of the Red Cross

"Un Souvenir de Solferino,"

Breaking Dawn

[Hachette UK](#) In the explosive finale to the epic romantic saga, Bella has one final choice to make. Should she stay mortal and strengthen her connection to the werewolves, or leave it all behind to become a vampire? When you loved the one who was killing you, it left you no options. How could you run, how could you fight, when doing so would hurt that beloved one? If your life was all you had to give, how could you not give it? If it was someone you truly loved? To be irrevocably in love with a vampire is both fantasy and nightmare woven into a dangerously heightened reality for Bella

Swan. Pulled in one direction by her intense passion for Edward Cullen, and in another by her profound connection to werewolf Jacob Black, a tumultuous year of temptation, loss, and strife have led her to the ultimate turning point. Her imminent choice to either join the dark but seductive world of immortals or to pursue a fully human life has become the thread from which the fates of two tribes hangs. This astonishing, breathlessly anticipated conclusion to the Twilight Saga illuminates the secrets and mysteries of this spellbinding romantic epic. It's here! #1 bestselling author Stephenie Meyer makes a triumphant return to the world of Twilight with the highly anticipated companion, *Midnight Sun*: the iconic love story of Bella and Edward told from the vampire's point of view. "People do not want to just read Meyer's books; they want to climb inside them and live there." -- Time "A literary phenomenon." -- The New York Times

The Roman Missal

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The Mountain

The Breathtaking Italian Bestseller

[Hachette UK](#) **A CURSED PLACE. A COLD CASE. A KILLER WHO LEFT NO TRACE.** The huge International bestseller. Gripping, unputdownable and packed with twists, *The Mountain* is a thriller that you will never forget. "Can be compared (with no fear of hyperbole) to Stephen King and Jo Nesbø" - Massimo Vincenz, *La Repubblica*. Jeremiah Salinger blames himself. The crash was his fault. He was the only survivor. Now the depression and the nightmares are closing in. Only his daughter Clara can put a smile on his face. But when he takes Clara to the Bletterbach - a canyon in the Dolomites rich in fossil remains - he overhears by chance a conversation that gives his life renewed focus. In 1985 three students were murdered there, their bodies savaged, limbs severed and strewn by a killer who was never found. Salinger, a New Yorker, is far from home, and these Italian mountains, where his wife was born, harbour a close-knit, tight-lipped community whose mistrust of outsiders can turn ugly. All the same, solving this mystery might be the only thing that can keep him sane. Translated from the Italian by Howard Curtis

Dagon

[Lindhardt og Ringhof](#) The man is addicted to morphine, and can think of nothing but death. Only morphine has made his life barely tolerable. He is in this fragile mental state because of the things that happened in the past; because of the things he was forced to encounter. During the First World War he ended up alone on an island - an island that was pure horror. 'Dagon' is a horror short story written by H. P. Lovecraft. It was first published in 1917. H.P. Lovecraft (1890-1937) was an American horror writer. His best known works include 'The Call of Cthulhu' and 'the Mountains of Madness'. Most of his work was originally published in pulp magazines, and Lovecraft rose into fame only after his death at the age of 46. He has had a great influence in both horror and science fiction genres.

The London Eye Mystery

[Random House](#) When Ted and Kat watched their cousin Salim get on board the London Eye, he turned and waved before getting on. After half an hour it landed and everyone trooped off - but no Salim. Where could he have gone? How on earth could he have disappeared into thin air? Since the police are having no luck finding him, Ted and Kat become sleuthing partners. Despite their prickly relationship, they overcome their differences to follow a trail of clues across London in a desperate bid to find their cousin. And ultimately it comes down to Ted, whose brain works in its own very unique way, to find the key to the mystery. This is an unputdownable spine-tingling thriller!

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[Everyman's Classic Library in Paperback](#)

The Complete Prophecies of Nostradamus

[Sterling Publishing Company, Inc.](#) Provides the complete prophecies of Nostradamus, accompanied by new interpretations of the seer's predictions with analysis that includes the dates on which the predictions would occur.

Un anno con Virginia Woolf

Neri Pozza Editore «L'idea è questa: svegliarsi ogni mattina, in compagnia di Virginia Woolf. Per un anno intero, farsi accompagnare nella giornata che si apre dalla sua voce. Giorno dopo giorno, provate a sfogliare questo libro come fosse un breviario, un libro dei giorni, se non delle ore. Una liturgia dei giorni scanditi come nei libri delle ore del passato, che guidavano la mente a concentrarsi su immagini e pensieri che l'arricchivano, e la preparavano all'incontro con la vita quotidiana... Tutti noi, lettori e lettrici di Virginia Woolf, se leggiamo i suoi romanzi, i suoi racconti, i saggi, le lettere, il diario, è perché godiamo del ristoro che ci viene dall'essere in compagnia con la sua mente. Perché Virginia Woolf ha vissuto, come tutti noi, una vita ricca di gioie, e anche di dolore... Scopriremo così, frequentandola per l'appunto quotidianamente, una compagna di vita libera, e coraggiosa. E se spesso le capitava, come le capitò, di finire in vicoli ciechi, erano strade che cercava - molte delle quali ha lasciato aperte per noi. E sono certa, non ho dubbio alcuno, che ci verrà del bene a convivere per un anno, fianco a fianco con una creatura che non ha mai ceduto, in cambio di sicurezza, o di identità, il suo grande amore per un'esistenza libera». Dall'introduzione di Nadia Fusini «Amore. Odio. Pace. Tre emozioni che tramano il testo della vita umana». «Ho sviluppato una mia filosofia. Che consiste in un senso di libertà. Scrivo quello che mi va di scrivere, e questo è tutto».

The Empty Canvas

London : Secker & Warburg

The Conquest of Bread

Courier Corporation **Written by a Russian prince who renounced his title, this work promotes an anarchist market economy — a system of autonomous cooperative collectives. A century after its initial publication, it remains fresh and relevant.**

On Ugliness

Rizzoli Publications **In the mold of his acclaimed History of Beauty, renowned cultural critic Umberto Eco's On Ugliness is an exploration of the monstrous and the repellant in visual culture and the arts. What is the voyeuristic impulse behind our attraction to the gruesome and the horrible? Where does the magnetic appeal of the sordid and the scandalous come from? Is ugliness also in the eye of the beholder? Eco's encyclopedic knowledge and captivating storytelling skills combine in this ingenious study of the Ugly, revealing that what we often shield ourselves from and shun in everyday life is what we're most attracted to subliminally. Topics range from Milton's Satan to Goethe's Mephistopheles; from witchcraft and medieval torture tactics to martyrs, hermits, and penitents; from lunar births and disemboweled corpses to mythic monsters and sideshow freaks; and from Decadentism and picturesque ugliness to the tacky, kitsch, and camp, and the aesthetics of excess and vice. With abundant examples of painting and sculpture ranging from ancient Greek amphorae to Bosch, Brueghel, and Goya among others, and with quotations from the most celebrated writers and philosophers of each age, this provocative discussion explores in-depth the concepts of evil, depravity, and darkness in art and literature.**

Twilight

Hachette UK **Fall in love with the addictive, suspenseful love story between a teenage girl and a vampire with the book that sparked a "literary phenomenon" and redefined romance for a generation (New York Times). Isabella Swan's move to Forks, a small, perpetually rainy town in Washington, could have been the most boring move she ever made. But once she meets the mysterious and alluring Edward Cullen, Isabella's life takes a thrilling and terrifying turn. Up until now, Edward has managed to keep his vampire identity a secret in the small community he lives in, but now nobody is safe, especially Isabella, the person Edward holds most dear. The lovers find themselves balanced precariously on the point of a knife -- between desire and danger. Deeply romantic and extraordinarily suspenseful, Twilight captures the struggle between defying our instincts and satisfying our desires. This is a love story with bite. It's here! #1 bestselling author Stephenie Meyer makes a triumphant return to the world of Twilight with the highly anticipated companion, Midnight Sun: the iconic love story of Bella and Edward told from the vampire's point of view. "People do not want to just read Meyer's books; they want to climb inside them and live there." -- Time "A literary phenomenon." - The New York Times**

The Skin

New York Review of Books **This is the first unexpurgated English edition of Curzio Malaparte's legendary work The Skin. The book begins in 1943, with Allied forces cementing their grip on the devastated city of Naples. The sometime Fascist and ever-resourceful Curzio Malaparte is working with the Americans as a liaison officer. He looks after Colonel Jack Hamilton, "a Christian gentleman . . . an American in the noblest sense of the word," who speaks French and cites the classics and holds his nose as the two men tour the squalid streets of a city in ruins where liberation is only another word for desperation. Veterans of the disbanded Italian army beg for work. A rare specimen from the city's famous aquarium is served up at a ceremonial dinner for high Allied officers. Prostitution is rampant. The smell of**

death is everywhere. Subtle, cynical, evasive, manipulative, unnerving, always astonishing, Malaparte is a supreme artist of the unreliable, both the product and the prophet of a world gone rotten to the core.

The Best Of Me

Hachette UK **The bestselling love story behind the massive Hollywood film starring James Marsden and Michelle Monaghan. They were teenage sweethearts from opposite sides of the tracks - with a passion that would change their lives for ever. But life would force them apart. Years later, the lines they had drawn between past and present are about to slip . . . Called back to their hometown for the funeral of the mentor who once gave them shelter when they needed it most, they are faced with each other once again, and forced to confront the paths they chose. Can true love ever rewrite the past? This is the new epic love story from the multi-million-copy bestselling author of The Notebook, The Lucky One and The Last Song. Nicholas Sparks is one of the world's most beloved authors.**

Writing and Performing Female Identity in Italian Culture

Springer **This volume investigates the ways in which Italian women writers, filmmakers, and performers have represented female identity across genres from the immediate post-World War II period to the turn of the twenty-first century. Considering genres such as prose, poetry, drama, and film, these essays examine the vision of female agency and self-actualization arising from women artists' critique of female identity. This dual approach reveals unique interpretations of womanhood in Italy spanning more than fifty years, while also providing a deep investigation of the manipulation of canvases historically centered on the male subject. With its unique coupling of generic and thematic concerns, the volume contributes to the ever expanding female artistic legacy, and to our understanding of postwar Italian women's evolving relationship to the narration of history, gender roles, and these artists' use and revision of generic convention to communicate their vision.**

The Garden of the Finzi-Continis

Journeys Out of the Body

The Classic Work on Out-of-Body Experience

Harmony **The definitive work on the extraordinary phenomenon of out-of-body experiences, by the founder of the internationally known Monroe Institute. Robert Monroe, a Virginia businessman, began to have experiences that drastically altered his life. Unpredictably, and without his willing it, Monroe found himself leaving his physical body to travel via a "second body" to locales far removed from the physical and spiritual realities of his life. He was inhabiting a place unbound by time or death. Praise for Journeys Out of the Body "Monroe's account of his travels, Journeys Out of the Body, jam-packed with parasitic goblins and dead humans, astral sex, scary trips into mind-boggling other dimensions, and practical tips on how to get out of your body, all told with wry humor, quickly became a cult sensation with its publication in 1971, and has been through many printings. Whatever their 'real' explanation, Monroe's trips made for splendid reading." —Michael Hutchinson, author of Megabrain "Robert Monroe's experiences are probably the most intriguing of any person's of our time, with the possible exception of Carlos Castaneda's." —Joseph Chilton Pierce, author of Magical Child "This book is by a person who's clearly a sensible man and who's trying to tell it like it is. No ego trips. Just a solid citizen who's been 'out' a thousand times now and wants to pass his experiences to others." —The Last Whole Earth Catalog**

Professional Crocodile

Chronicle Books **In this book without words, Mr. Crocodile gets up every morning and carefully gets ready for work--but just what is his job?**

The Observer's Year

366 Nights in the Universe

Springer Science & Business Media **For this new edition, the text has been brought fully up to date - and the period covered is from 2005 to 2010. Inevitably, this has meant that large sections of the book have been completely rewritten. Much has happened since the first edition was published in 1998. Patrick Moore December 2004 v 00-OY2e_PRE(i-xvi).qxd 14/2/05 2:03 PM Page vii Contents Preface. v Introduction ix Phases of the Moon 2005-2010 xii January 1 February 39 March. 67 April. 97 May 127 June 155 July 181 August. 209 September. 237 October 265 November. 295 December. 325 Appendix A: The 88 Constellations. 351 Appendix B:**

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 always looks much the same'. In fact, nothing could be further from the truth. There are 365 days in each year (366 in
 a Leap Year!), and from an astronomical point of view no two are alike.

My Brilliant Friend

Beginning in the 1950s Elena and Lila grow up in Naples, Italy, mirroring two different aspects of their nation.

Mein Kampf (English)

My Struggle

In Mein Kampf, Hitler used the main thesis of "the Jewish peril", which posits a Jewish conspiracy to gain world leadership. The narrative describes the process by which he became increasingly antisemitic and militaristic, especially during his years in Vienna. He speaks of not having met a Jew until he arrived in Vienna, and that at first his attitude was liberal and tolerant. When he first encountered the anti-semitic press, he says, he dismissed it as unworthy of serious consideration. Later he accepted the same anti-semitic views, which became crucial in his program of national reconstruction of Germany. Mein Kampf has also been studied as a work on political theory. For example, Hitler announces his hatred of what he believed to be the world's two evils: Communism and Judaism. During his work, Hitler blamed Germany's chief woes on the parliament of the Weimar Republic, the Jews, and Social Democrats, as well as Marxists, though he believed that Marxists, Social Democrats, and the parliament were all working for Jewish interests. He announced that he wanted to completely destroy the parliamentary system, believing it to be corrupt in principle, as those who reach power are inherent opportunists.

Race, Nation and Gender in Modern Italy

Intersectional Representations in Visual Culture

[Springer](#) This book explores intersectional constructions of race and whiteness in modern and contemporary Italy. It contributes to transnational and interdisciplinary reflections on these issues through an analysis of political debates and social practices, focusing in particular on visual materials from the unification of Italy (1861) to the present day. Giuliani draws attention to rearticulations of the transnationally constructed Italian 'colonial archive' in Italian racialised identity-politics and cultural racisms across processes of nation building, emigration, colonial expansion, and the construction of the first post-fascist Italian society. The author considers the 'figures of race' peopling the Italian colonial archive as composing past and present ideas and representations of (white) Italianness and racialised/gendered Otherness. Students and scholars across a range of disciplines, including Italian studies, political philosophy, sociology, history, visual and cultural studies, race and whiteness studies and gender studies, will find this book of interest.

Machine Learning with TensorFlow, Second Edition

[Manning Publications](#) Updated with new code, new projects, and new chapters, Machine Learning with TensorFlow, Second Edition gives readers a solid foundation in machine-learning concepts and the TensorFlow library. Summary Updated with new code, new projects, and new chapters, Machine Learning with TensorFlow, Second Edition gives readers a solid foundation in machine-learning concepts and the TensorFlow library. Written by NASA JPL Deputy CTO and Principal Data Scientist Chris Mattmann, all examples are accompanied by downloadable Jupyter Notebooks for a hands-on experience coding TensorFlow with Python. New and revised content expands coverage of core machine learning algorithms, and advancements in neural networks such as VGG-Face facial identification classifiers and deep speech classifiers. Purchase of the print book includes a free eBook in PDF, Kindle, and ePub formats from Manning Publications. About the technology Supercharge your data analysis with machine learning! ML algorithms automatically improve as they process data, so results get better over time. You don't have to be a mathematician to use ML: Tools like Google's TensorFlow library help with complex calculations so you can focus on getting the answers you need. About the book Machine Learning with TensorFlow, Second Edition is a fully revised guide to building machine learning models using Python and TensorFlow. You'll apply core ML concepts to real-world challenges, such as sentiment analysis, text classification, and image recognition. Hands-on examples illustrate neural network techniques for deep speech processing, facial identification, and auto-encoding with CIFAR-10. What's inside Machine Learning with TensorFlow Choosing the best ML approaches Visualizing algorithms with TensorBoard Sharing results with collaborators Running models in Docker About the reader Requires intermediate Python skills and knowledge of general algebraic concepts like vectors and matrices. Examples use the super-stable 1.15.x branch of TensorFlow and TensorFlow 2.x. About the author Chris Mattmann is the Division Manager of the Artificial Intelligence, Analytics, and Innovation Organization at NASA Jet Propulsion Lab. The first edition of this book was written by Nishant Shukla with Kenneth Fricklas. Table of Contents PART 1 - YOUR MACHINE-LEARNING RIG 1 A machine-learning odyssey 2 TensorFlow essentials PART 2 - CORE LEARNING ALGORITHMS 3 Linear regression and beyond 4 Using regression for

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28 Good Night Stories

Minedition A charming collection of bedtime tales covers an array of topics and is presented in diverse voices through the works of various authors, enhanced with full-color illustrations throughout.

Post-Democracy

Polity Post-Democracy is a polemical work that goes beyond current complaints about the failings of our democracy and explores the deeper social and economic forces that account for the current malaise. Colin Crouch argues that the decline of those social classes which had made possible an active and critical mass politics has combined with the rise of global capitalism to produce a self-referential political class more concerned with forging links with wealthy business interests than with pursuing political programmes which meet the concerns of ordinary people. He shows how, in some respects, politics at the dawn of the twenty-first century returns us to a world familiar well before the start of the twentieth, when politics was a game played among elites. However, Crouch maintains that the experience of the twentieth century remains salient and it reminds us of possibilities for the revival of politics. This engaging book will prove challenging to all those who claim that advanced societies have reached a virtual best of all possible democratic worlds, and will be compelling reading for anyone interested in the shape of twenty-first-century politics.

Padre Pio

Encounters with a Spiritual Daughter from Pietrelcina

. A treasury of personal encounters with Padre Pio and a wealth of insight into the vibrant spirituality of an extraordinary saint, Graziella's newly expanded memoirs will lead readers to a more profound love of the Padre with a deep and abiding love for his children.

The Two Towers

Being the Second Part of the Lord of the Rings

Createspace Independent Publishing Platform **The Two Towers: Being the Second Part of The Lord of the Rings** By J.R.R. Tolkien

The Angel and the Christmas Rabbit

And 24 Advent Stories

Minedition Illustrations from fourteen accomplished artists relate twenty-four traditional short advent stories in a book full of tales of sharing, tradition, and festivities.

The History of Religions

Essays in Methodology