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The Wretched of the Earth Frantz Fanon 2019-12-23 A distinguished psychiatrist from Martinique who took part in the Algerian Nationalist Movement, Frantz Fanon was one of the most important theorists of revolutionary struggle, colonialism, and racial difference in history. Fanon's masterwork is a classic alongside Edward Said's Orientalism or The Autobiography of Malcolm X, and it is now available in a new translation that updates its language for a new generation of readers. The Wretched of the Earth is a brilliant analysis of the psychology of the colonized and their path to liberation. Bearing singular insight into the rage and frustration of colonized peoples, and the role of violence in effecting historical change, the book incisively attacks the twin perils of postindependence colonial politics: the disenfranchisement of the masses by the elites on the one hand, and intertribal and interfaith animosities on the other. Fanon's analysis, a veritable handbook of social reorganization for leaders of emerging nations, has been reflected all too clearly in the corruption and violence that has plagued present-day Africa. The Wretched of the Earth has had a major impact on civil rights, anticolonialism, and black consciousness movements around the world.

The Book of the Courtier Baldassare Castiglione 2012-03-07 An insider's view of court life during the Renaissance, here is the handiwork of a 16th-century diplomat who was called upon to resolve the differences in a war of etiquette among the Italian nobility.

The Correspondence of H.G. Wells David C. Smith 2021-04-07 This collection of H.G. Wells's correspondence draws on over 50 archives and libraries worldwide, including the papers of Wells's daughter by Amber Reeves. The book contains over 2,000 letters, and while a few are business – to publishers, agents and secretaries – the majority are much more personal. Wells's private correspondence extends from letters to President Franklin Roosevelt and Prime Ministers Winston Churchill and A.J. Balfour, to persons such as 'Mark Benney', who wrote novels based on his life in the slums and his time in prison. There is correspondence too with his many female friends and lovers, among them Rebecca West, Eileen Power, Gertrude Stein, Marie Stopes, Lilah MacCarthy and Dorothy Richardson. For example, a letter from Moura Budberg, with whom Wells had a long-standing affair, which announces that she is pregnant by him and about to have an abortion, reveals how an advocate of birth control is himself caught out. Wells also enjoyed correspondence with the press, particularly during the two World Wars, and with various BBC officials and people who worked on his films. Some of his letters on the

controversies of free love, socialism, birth control, the Fabian Society, and the nature of the curriculum of the new London University in the 1890s are included. Interspersed chronologically with Wells's letters is a small selection of about 40 letters to Wells, where letters from him are not extant. Among these are letters from Ray Lankester, Joseph Conrad, C.G. Jung, Trotsky, Hedy Gattnerigg (the woman who attempted suicide in Wells's flat), and J.C. Smuts. The letters are arranged in these periods: Volume 1 1878–1900; Volume 2 1901–1912; Volume 3 1913–1930; and Volume 4 1930–1946. H.G. Wells's works include *The Time Machine* (1895), *The Invisible Man* (1897), *The War of the Worlds* (1898), *The History of Mr Polly* (1910), and *A Short History of the World* (1922).

**The Last Demon** Isaac Bashevis Singer 2011-02-15 Nobel Prize-winner Isaac Bashevis Singer is best remembered for his short stories, which drew on traditions of folk tales and Yiddish culture to explore good and evil, passion and restraint, religious fervour and personal failings with wisdom, wit and humanity. The three collected here, about a girl who pretends to be a man to study the Torah, a frustrated demon and a writer trying to understand a Holocaust survivor, illuminate eternal themes with supernatural grace.

**Mini Modern Classics** PENGUIN CLASSICS 2011-02 A set of 50 fascinating, disturbing, moving or funny short books published in an appealing new format to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Penguin Modern Classics

**Penguin Modern Classics** 2011-02-15 •A classic is a book which has never exhausted all it has to say to its readers• from *Why Read the Classics?* by Italo Calvino Penguin Modern Classics have been shaping the reading habits of generations since 1961. This 50th anniversary catalogue offers a complete list of all the titles in print across the Modern Classics list, from Chinua Achebe to Stefan Zweig via George Orwell and everything else in between. It also contains Italo Calvino's inspiring essay on what makes a classic a classic.

**Nineteen Eighty-Four** George Orwell 2021-01-09 "Nineteen Eighty-Four: A Novel", often published as "1984", is a dystopian social science fiction novel by English novelist George Orwell. It was published on 8 June 1949 by Secker & Warburg as Orwell's ninth and final book completed in his lifetime.

Thematically, "Nineteen Eighty-Four" centres on the consequences of totalitarianism, mass surveillance, and repressive regimentation of persons and behaviours within society. Orwell, himself a democratic socialist, modelled the authoritarian government in the novel after Stalinist Russia. More broadly, the novel examines the role of truth and facts within politics and the ways in which they are manipulated. The story takes place in an imagined future, the year 1984, when much of the world has fallen victim to perpetual war, omnipresent government surveillance, historical negationism, and propaganda. Great Britain, known as Airstrip One, has become a province of a totalitarian superstate named Oceania that is ruled by the Party who employ the Thought Police to persecute individuality and independent thinking. Big Brother, the leader of the Party, enjoys an intense cult of personality despite the fact that he may not even exist. The protagonist, Winston Smith, is a diligent and skillful rank-and-file worker and Outer Party member who secretly hates the Party and dreams of rebellion. He enters into a forbidden relationship with a colleague, Julia, and starts to remember what life was like before the Party came to power.

**Asymmetry** Lisa Halliday 2018-02-08 'A scorchingly intelligent first novel' New York Times 'Spellbinding' New Yorker 'Thrilling' Guardian In New York, Alice, a young editor, begins an affair with Ezra Blazer, a world-famous, much older writer. At Heathrow airport, Amar, an Iraqi-American economist en route to Kurdistan, is detained by immigration. Somehow their lives are connected, in this unconventional love story that has things to say about all of contemporary life.

**Economics of Good and Evil** Tomas Sedlacek 2011-07-01 Tomas Sedlacek has shaken the study of economics as few ever have. Named one of the "Young Guns" and one of the "five hot minds in economics" by the Yale Economic Review, he serves on the National Economic Council in Prague, where his provocative writing has achieved bestseller status. How has he done it? By arguing a simple, almost heretical proposition: economics is ultimately about good and evil. In *The Economics of Good and Evil*, Sedlacek radically rethinks his field, challenging our assumptions about the world. Economics is touted as a science, a value-free mathematical inquiry, he writes, but it's actually a cultural phenomenon, a product of our civilization. It began within philosophy--Adam Smith himself not only wrote *The Wealth of Nations*, but also *The Theory of Moral Sentiments*--and economics, as Sedlacek shows, is

woven out of history, myth, religion, and ethics. "Even the most sophisticated mathematical model," Sedlacek writes, "is, de facto, a story, a parable, our effort to (rationally) grasp the world around us." Economics not only describes the world, but establishes normative standards, identifying ideal conditions. Science, he claims, is a system of beliefs to which we are committed. To grasp the beliefs underlying economics, he breaks out of the field's confines with a tour de force exploration of economic thinking, broadly defined, over the millennia. He ranges from the epic of Gilgamesh and the Old Testament to the emergence of Christianity, from Descartes and Adam Smith to the consumerism in *Fight Club*. Throughout, he asks searching meta-economic questions: What is the meaning and the point of economics? Can we do ethically all that we can do technically? Does it pay to be good? Placing the wisdom of philosophers and poets over strict mathematical models of human behavior, Sedlacek's groundbreaking work promises to change the way we calculate economic value.

The Machine Stops Illustrated E M Forster 2021-04-02 ""The Machine Stops"" is a science fiction short story (12,300 words) by E. M. Forster. After initial publication in *The Oxford and Cambridge Review* (November 1909), the story was republished in Forster's *The Eternal Moment and Other Stories* in 1928. After being voted one of the best novellas up to 1965, it was included that same year in the populist anthology *Modern Short Stories*.<sup>[1]</sup> In 1973 it was also included in *The Science Fiction Hall of Fame, Volume Two*. The story, set in a world where humanity lives underground and relies on a giant machine to provide its needs, predicted technologies such as instant messaging and the Internet."

The Queen's Necklace Italo Calvino 2011-02-15 'The inspector ordered that the bird be searched. One of the agents stalled saying it made him feel sick, and after some fierce pecking another withdrew sucking a bleeding finger.' In these two stories from an inventive, comic master of the form, old friends and friendly rivals Pietro and Tommasso discover a treasure lost by the side of the road, and become suspected of using a blameless chicken for devious ends. Italo Calvino's writing explores the fringes of these small, unusual scenes and finds incalculable wisdom and humour there. This book contains *The Queen's Necklace* and *The Workshop Hen*.

The Gifts of War Margaret Drabble 2011-02-15 'Her feelings for the child redeemed her from bitterness, and shed some light on the dark industrial terraces and the waste lands of the city's rubble.' One of the most acclaimed novelists of her generation, Margaret Drabble is an unmatched observer of postwar English lives, portraying social change, sexual liberation, landscape, class and the messy complications of human relationships with intricacy and honesty. In these two stories of lives colliding, a mother buying a birthday gift has her dreams destroyed, and a honeymoon leads to an unexpected epiphany. This book contains *The Gifts of War* and *Hassan's Tower*.

Interrogating Boundaries of the Nonhuman Matthias Stephan 2022-05-23 This collection asks whether literary works that interrogate and alter the terms of human-nonhuman relations can point to new, more sustainable ways forward.

Coming Up for Air George Orwell 2021-01-07 Set at the beginning of the Second World War, *Coming Up for Air* describes suburban insurance agent George Bowling's return to his birthplace, a sedate Oxfordshire village. This new edition of one of George Orwell's early pre-war works explores the historical and political context of the novel.

The Lathe Of Heaven Ursula K. Le Guin 2022-07-19 With a new introduction by Kelly Link, the Locus Award-winning science fiction novel by legendary author Ursula K. Le Guin, set in a world where one man's dreams rewrite the future. During a time racked by war and environmental catastrophe, George Orr discovers his dreams alter reality. George is compelled to receive treatment from Dr. William Haber, an ambitious sleep psychiatrist who quickly grasps the immense power George holds. After becoming adept at manipulating George's dreams to reshape the world, Haber seeks the same power for himself. George—with some surprising help—must resist Haber's attempts, which threaten to destroy reality itself. A classic of the science fiction genre, *The Lathe of Heaven* is prescient in its exploration of the moral risks when overwhelming power is coupled with techno-utopianism.

Filboid Studge, the Story of a Mouse that Helped Saki 2011-02-15 H.H. Munro, better known by his pen name, Saki, wrote wickedly comic satires of upper-class Edwardian life. These seven short stories are macabre and extremely funny- they include a cat that is regrettably taught to speak, a vicious pet ferret

worshipped as a god, a businessman triumphantly selling an unpalatable breakfast mush, and many dark twists and barbs.

King John Berger 2014-08-30 A furious homage to the homeless and a lyrical meditation on language and experience. You will be led to a place you haven't been, from where few stories come. You will be led by King, a dog (or is he?) to a wasteland beside the motorway called Saint Valery.

Dear Illusion Kingsley Amis 2011-02-15 'I suppose it was conceited of me. But it was fun. And I felt like getting a bit of my own back on some of the people who'd conned and flattered me into wasting all those years.' In this wry, piercing short story from one of the greatest of all British postwar writers, an ageing poet considers the value of his art • and of the critics who've found genius in it. Then, with his final work, he exercises a unique revenge . . .

The Social Contract Jean-Jacques Rousseau 2017-07-31 In *The Social Contract*, Rousseau wrote one of the most influential studies ever made. It is as relevant today as when it was first published more than 250 years ago. Political society, Rousseau argued, required each individual to submit their personal desires to the 'general will'. At the same time, there was no 'divine right' of the monarchy to allow them to act as they pleased. Therefore, there must be a social contract between governor and governed - the only truly legitimate form of government. Rousseau's ideas influenced both the French and American Revolutions and created the foundations of the liberal democratic societies we live in today.

Gravity's Rainbow Thomas Pynchon 2013 Tyrone Slothrop, a GI in London in 1944, has a big problem. Whenever he gets an erection, a Blitz bomb hits. Slothrop gets excited, and then, "a screaming comes across the sky," heralding an angel of death, a V 2 rocket. Soon Tyrone is on the run from legions of bizarre enemies through the phantasmagoric horrors of Germany.

Mini Modern Classics Babylon Revisited F. Scott Fitzgerald 2011-02-15 F Scott Fitzgerald's stories defined the 1920s 'Jazz Age' generation, with their glittering dreams and tarnished hopes. This book features three tales of a fragile recovery, a cut-glass bowl and a life lost. It portrays the idealism of youth and the ravages of success.

Cannery Row John Steinbeck 2000-09-07 Lee Chong, the astute owner of the well-stocked grocery store, is also the proprietor of the Palace Flophouse that Mack and his troupe of good-natured 'boys' call home. Dora runs the brothel with clockwork efficiency and a generous heart, and Doc is the fount of all wisdom.

Mrs Frisby and the Rats of NIMH Robert C. O'Brien 2011-01-06 They are not like other rats. They work at night, in secret . . . Time is running out for Mrs Frisby. She must move her family of mice before the farmer destroys their home. But her youngest son, Timothy, is too ill to survive the move. Help comes in the unexpected form of a group of mysterious, super-intelligent rats. But the rats are in danger too, and little by little Mrs Frisby discovers their extraordinary past . . .

The Sexes Dorothy Parker 2011 Dorothy Parker captured early twentieth century American society like no one else could. She was a masterful observer of character, a witty, sharply exact composer of dialogue and a poignant reader of the subtleties of relationship. In these five stories, of relationships strained by ill-will, social distance or circumstance, all her strengths are clear.

The World-Ending Fire Wendell Berry 2018-05-01 The most comprehensive?and only author-authorized?Wendell Berry reader, "America's greatest philosopher on sustainable life and living" (Chicago Tribune). In a time when our relationship to the natural world is ruled by the violence and greed of unbridled consumerism, Wendell Berry speaks out in these prescient essays, drawn from his fifty-year campaign on behalf of American lands and communities. The writings gathered in *The World-Ending Fire* are the unique product of a life spent farming the fields of rural Kentucky with mules and horses, and of the rich, intimate knowledge of the land cultivated by this work. These are essays written in defiance of the false call to progress and in defense of local landscapes, essays that celebrate our cultural heritage, our history, and our home. With grace and conviction, Wendell Berry shows that we simply cannot afford to succumb to the mass-produced madness that drives our global economy?the natural world will not allow it. Yet he also shares with us a vision of consolation and of hope. We may be locked in an uneven struggle, but we can and must begin to treat our land, our neighbors, and ourselves with respect and care. As Berry urges, we must abandon arrogance and stand in awe.

The Machine Stops Edward Morgan Forster 2020-09-17 *The Machine Stops* "The Machine Stops" is a science fiction short story (12,300 words) by E. M.

Forster. After initial publication in *The Oxford and Cambridge Review* (November 1909), the story was republished in Forster's *The Eternal Moment and Other Stories* in 1928. After being voted one of the best novellas up to 1965.

Ways of Seeing John Berger 2008-09-25 Contains seven essays. Three of them use only pictures. Examines the relationship between what we see and what we know.

*Dora Bruder* Patrick Modiano 2014-11-18 Patrick Modiano opens *Dora Bruder* by telling how in 1988 he stumbled across an ad in the personal columns of the New Year's Eve 1941 edition of *Paris Soir*. Placed by the parents of a 15-year-old Jewish girl, Dora Bruder, who had run away from her Catholic boarding school, the ad sets Modiano off on a quest to find out everything he can about Dora and why, at the height of German reprisals, she ran away on a bitterly cold day from the people hiding her. He finds only one other official mention of her name on a list of Jews deported from Paris to Auschwitz in September 1942. With no knowledge of Dora Bruder aside from these two records, Modiano continues to dig for fragments from Dora's past. What little he discovers in official records and through remaining family members, becomes a meditation on the immense losses of the period—lost people, lost stories, and lost history. Modiano delivers a moving account of the ten-year investigation that took him back to the sights and sounds of Paris under the Nazi Occupation and the paranoia of the Pétain regime as he tries to find connections to Dora. In his efforts to exhume her from the past, Modiano realizes that he must come to terms with the specters of his own troubled adolescence. The result, a montage of creative and historical material, is Modiano's personal rumination on loss, both memoir and memorial.

A Breath of Lucifer R. K. Narayan 2011-02-15 These haunting tales from India's foremost storyteller, set in the fictional town of Malgudi, are filled with characters from every walk of life. Avaricious merchants, fleshy harlots, foolhardy teachers, beggars and rogues are all observed in minute detail, their stories told with great compassion, wisdom and wry, mischievous humour.

*The Machine Stops, the Celestial Omnibus, and Other Stories* E. M. Forster 2013-10 *The Machine Stops, The Celestial Omnibus, and Other Stories* is a collection of short stories from E. M. Forster, who is perhaps best known for his novels *Howards End* and *A Room with a View*. Included in the collection is *The Machine Stops*, a science fiction story that predicted the internet, video conferencing, and instant messaging. Forster, who deplored science fiction, wrote the story in response to an optimistic depiction of the future by H. G. Wells. The story is one of the earliest examples of dystopian science fiction. Also included is *The Story of a Panic*, the first story Forster ever wrote.

*The Celestial Omnibus and other Stories* E. M. Forster 2021-01-01 Eustace's career—if career it can be called—certainly dates from that afternoon in the chestnut woods above Ravello. I confess at once that I am a plain, simple man, with no pretensions to literary style. Still, I do flatter myself that I can tell a story without exaggerating, and I have therefore decided to give an unbiassed account of the extraordinary events of eight years ago.

E. M. Forster and His World Francis King 1978 From 1924, when E. M. Forster published "A Passage to India", until his death in 1970 at the age of 91, no new novel appeared, and yet by one of the great paradoxes of twentieth-century literature, his reputation and popularity continued to grow. Francis King examines every facet of Forster's intriguing personality, sympathetically probing the conflicts in his heredity between a raffish bohemianism and a staid respectability, and in his life between the demands of his sexual nature and the dominating power of his mother. Forster was a man whose gentle, self-deprecating manner concealed a singular toughness, resilience, and resolution, who was not slow to defend liberal causes wherever they were threatened. A compelling picture of Forster and his work emerges, with fascinating glimpses of the close friends who affected his emotional life and of the many personalities he encountered. -- From publisher's description.

*Chocky* John Wyndham 2009-07-02 Matthew's parents are worried. At eleven, he's much too old to have an imaginary friend, yet they find him talking to and arguing with a presence that even he admits is not physically there. This presence • Chocky • causes Matthew to ask difficult questions and say startling things: he speaks of complex mathematics and mocks human progress. Then, when Matthew does something incredible, it seems there is more than the imaginary about Chocky. Which is when others become interested and ask questions of their own: who is Chocky? And what could it want with an eleven-

year-old boy? A story of innocence and alien contact, Chocky is a sinister tale of manipulation and experimentation from afar.

Absalom, Absalom! William Faulkner 2021-08-31 "Absalom, Absalom!" by William Faulkner. Published by Good Press. Good Press publishes a wide range of titles that encompasses every genre. From well-known classics & literary fiction and non-fiction to forgotten?or yet undiscovered gems?of world literature, we issue the books that need to be read. Each Good Press edition has been meticulously edited and formatted to boost readability for all e-readers and devices. Our goal is to produce eBooks that are user-friendly and accessible to everyone in a high-quality digital format.

A View from the Bridge Arthur Miller 2010-04-30 A modern classic examining themes of sexuality, responsibility, betrayal and vengeance.

The Machine Stops E. M. Forster 2011-02 E.M. Forster is best known for his exquisite novels, but these two affecting short stories brilliantly combine the fantastical with the allegorical. In 'The Machine Stops', humanity has isolated itself beneath the ground, enmeshed in automated comforts, and in 'The Celestial Omnibus' a young boy takes a trip his parents believe impossible.

Rich in Russia John Updike 2011-02-15 In these two short stories, Updike's brilliant observational acuity is matched by a light, comic touch. The writer Henry Bech travels to Europe on a hapless cultural exchange, first to Russia, where he struggles to spend his money when everything - from his meals to his bugged hotel room - is already paid for, and then to Rumania.

The Hill of Devi E. M. Forster 1988

The Cornet-Player Who Betrayed Ireland Frank O'Connor 2011-02-15 Praised as Ireland's Chekhov, Frank O'Connor was a modern master of the short story. From an amateur brass band divided by partisanship to English soldiers who befriend their Irish captors, and from a child's comic confession to the end of a small-town friendship, these four humorous and tragic stories refract universal truths through the prism of 20th-century Ireland.

House of Leaves Mark Z. Danielewski 2000-03-07 "A novelistic mosaic that simultaneously reads like a thriller and like a strange, dreamlike excursion into the subconscious." —The New York Times Years ago, when House of Leaves was first being passed around, it was nothing more than a badly bundled heap of paper, parts of which would occasionally surface on the Internet. No one could have anticipated the small but devoted following this terrifying story would soon command. Starting with an odd assortment of marginalized youth -- musicians, tattoo artists, programmers, strippers, environmentalists, and adrenaline junkies -- the book eventually made its way into the hands of older generations, who not only found themselves in those strangely arranged pages but also discovered a way back into the lives of their estranged children. Now this astonishing novel is made available in book form, complete with the original colored words, vertical footnotes, and second and third appendices. The story remains unchanged, focusing on a young family that moves into a small home on Ash Tree Lane where they discover something is terribly wrong: their house is bigger on the inside than it is on the outside. Of course, neither Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist Will Navidson nor his companion Karen Green was prepared to face the consequences of that impossibility, until the day their two little children wandered off and their voices eerily began to return another story -- of creature darkness, of an ever-growing abyss behind a closet door, and of that unholy growl which soon enough would tear through their walls and consume all their dreams.