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The Whispering Muse New Directions
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Noémi Szécsi's vampires for adults - a cross between Christopher Moore and Charlaine Harris of Sookie Stackhouse fame.

A Novel Minotaur Books

Beloved New York Times bestseller M. C. Beaton's cranky, crafty Agatha Raisin—now the star of a hit T.V. show—is back on the case again in *Hot to Trot*. When Private Detective Agatha Raisin learns that her friend and one-

time lover Charles Fraith is to be married to a mysterious socialite, Miss Mary Brown-Field, she sees it as her duty to find out what she can about the woman. Coming up empty, Agatha—out of selfless concern for Charles, of course—does the only sensible thing she can think of: she crashes their wedding, which ends in a public altercation. Nursing a hangover the next morning, she gets a phone call from Charles, with even more disturbing news: Mary has been murdered. Agatha takes on the case, and quickly becomes entrenched in the competitive equestrian world, in which Mary had been enmeshed—as well as the victim's surprisingly violent past.

Agatha finds no shortage of motives among a wide range of characters, from Mary's old riding competitors, to enemies from her schoolgirl days, to her surly father, who threatens Agatha to mind her own business. Meanwhile, the police department has its money on another suspect: Agatha. Will she track down the criminal in time, or end up behind bars herself?

Bulgarian Literature as World

Literature Simon and Schuster Already celebrated far beyond his native Iceland, the novels of Sjón arrive on waves of praise from writers, critics, and readers worldwide. Sjón has won countless international awards and earned ringing comparisons to Borges, Calvino, and Iceland's other literary superstar, the Nobel Prize winner Halldór

Laxness. The Whispering Muse is his masterpiece so far. The year is 1949 and Valdimar Haraldsson, an eccentric Icelander with elevated ideas about the influence of fish consumption on Nordic civilization, has had the extraordinary good fortune to be invited to join a Danish merchant ship on its way to the Black Sea. Among the crew is the mythical hero Caeneus, disguised as the second mate. Every evening after dinner he entrances his fellow travelers with the tale of how he sailed with the fabled vessel the Argo on its quest to retrieve the Golden Fleece. What unfolds is a slender but masterful, brilliant, and always entertaining novel that ranges deftly from the comic to the mythic as it weaves together tales of antiquity with the modern world in a voice so singular

as to seem possessed.

A Novel Farrar, Straus and Giroux

A full-length tale based on the popular "Rich Kids of Instagram" blog revolves around a core group of spoiled young people who extravagantly indulge in sex, drugs and power-play hedonism, with scandalous results. Co-written by the award-winning author of *High Before Homeroom*. Original.

Baba Dunja's Last Love Catapult

After Zack's wife disappears, he drives across America with a camera, his memories, and a duffle bag of marijuana.

*The D*Photographer Marion Boyars
Publishers

'Tangled with darkness like its lush, decaying setting, Villa Pacifica had me gripped to the very end.'-Emily Perkins A

couple arrive in a dead-end coastal village somewhere in South America.

The only place to stay is Villa Pacifica, part hotel and part animal sanctuary run by eccentric ex-pats. Travel guide-writer Ute and her husband Jerry are joined by an assortment of travellers: in-your-face American Max; sporty flight attendants from Australia; musicians Luis and Helga - all looking for something out of the ordinary. Ute begins to meet the locals and explore the villa's surrounds. She senses that the place taps into her most intimate fears. Its disturbances may well be beyond the rational mind. Soon, personalities and relationships begin to crack. When a huge storm descends on the coast, travellers and locals are thrown back on their own devices. The hot-house world that prowls below the

surface of Villa Pacifica rises to engulf everyone. Madness begins to take hold. An ever-present air of sensuality and danger haunts Kapka Kassabova's new novel. Villa Pacifica is an exotic romp through a place where the primal, spiritual and cerebral collide. This is a visceral, gripping story from one of New Zealand's most talented writers.

Climates Graywolf Press

Scars explores a crime committed by a 39-year-old labourer who shot his wife twice in the face with a shotgun by examining the circumstances of four characters who have some connection to the crime: A young reporter, Angel, who lives with his mother and works the courthouse beat; A dissolute attorney who clings to life only for his nightly baccarat; A misanthropic and dwindling

judge who's creating a superfluous Dorian Gray translation; and her killer, Luis Fiore, who, on May Day, went duck hunting with his wife, daughter and a bottle of gin.

A Novel Open Letter Books

A road trip novel from the author of *Fup* that “reads like Kerouac’s *On the Road* as it might have been written by Hunter S. Thompson” (*The Plain Dealer*). George Gatin is a Bay Area tow-truck operator who wrecks cars as part of an insurance scam. One of the cars he is hired to demolish is a snow-white Cadillac that was supposed to be a present for the Big Bopper, who died in the Iowa plane crash that killed Buddy Holly and Ritchie Valens. Gatin has a change of heart and takes off in the car, heading for Texas where the Bopper is buried. Armed with

a thousand hits of Benzedrine and chased by adversaries real and imagined, Gastin navigates a road trip that covers many miles and states of mind. Traveling in time from the Beat era to the dawn of the sixties, from the coffeehouses of North Beach to the open plains of America, Gastin picks up some extraordinary hitchhikers: the self-proclaimed “world’s greatest salesman,” the Reverend Double-Gone Johnson, and a battered housewife with a box of old 45s. As the miles and sleepless hours roll by, Gastin’s trip becomes a blur of fantasy and reality fueled by a soundtrack of classic rock ‘n’ roll. “His surreal voyage into the chaos of night carries him into the heart of America’s darkest psychological landscapes. Not Fade Away shakes, rattles, and rolls.”

—San Francisco Chronicle

Little Dancer Aged Fourteen Simon and Schuster

In 1980s Bulgaria, a fifteen-year-old pianist struggles to prevent his hatred of the communist regime from ruining his chances at success.

Gray Ghost Open Letter Books

The post World War II marriage of young Englishwoman Grace Allingham to the dashing, aristocratic Frenchman Charles-Eduard is adversely affected by Grace's discovery that her husband's ideas of marriage include serial adultery, while their young son Sigismund applies his juvenile wiles in the direction of parental divorce.

The True Story Behind Degas's

Masterpiece Mulholland Books

Written in 1928 by French biographer

and novelist Andre Maurois, *Climates* became a best seller in France and all over Europe. The first 100,000 copies printed of its Russian translation sold out the day they appeared in Moscow bookstores. This magnificently written novel about a double conjugal failure is imbued with subtle yet profound psychological insights of a caliber that arguably rivals Tolstoy's. Here Phillippe Marcenat, an erudite yet conventional industrialist from central France, falls madly in love with and marries the beautiful but unreliable Odile despite his family's disapproval. Soon, Phillippe's possessiveness and jealousy drive her away. Brokenhearted, Phillippe then marries the devoted and sincere Isabelle and promptly inflicts on his new wife the very same woes he endured at the

hands of Odile. But Isabelle's integrity and determination to save her marriage adds yet another dimension to this extraordinary work on the dynamics and vicissitudes of love.

Three Crimes Routledge

Sergeant Gauthier Bachmann is the perfect Nazi soldier. But after a horrifying defeat at Voroshenko, where most of his Eighth Hessian Infantry Regiment was slaughtered in a single instant, Bachmann was declared mentally unfit to serve. Incapable of accepting this judgment, and of returning to his girlfriend and a quiet life as a gold- and silversmith, Bachmann wanders the war-ravaged countryside, trying to find a way to rejoin his regiment, or any regiment, and return to the front. While trying to find his

regiment and come to terms with the horrors he has seen and committed, the increasingly unstable Bachmann is manipulated by a series of figures from the war's underbelly - deserters and collaborators, corrupt officers and sexual predators - who induce him to carry out their venal missions, which they've justified against the background of institutionalized murder going on all around them.

The Finno-Ugrian Vampire Open Letter Books

Published in 1986, three years before the fall of the Berlin Wall, *Wolf Hunt* was the first novel to portray the human cost of Communist policies on Bulgarian villagers, forced by the government to abandon their land and traditional way of life. Darkly comic and tragic, the novel

centers on an ill-fated winter hunting expedition of six neighbors whose history together is long and interwoven. The ensuing story takes the reader on a voyage of shifting perspectives that places the calamitous history of twentieth-century Bulgaria into a human context of helplessness and desperation. *Rich Kids of Instagram* 18% Gray Don Carpenter's *Hard Rain Falling* is a tough-as-nails account of being down and out, but never down for good—a Dostoyevskian tale of crime, punishment, and the pursuit of an ever-elusive redemption. The novel follows the adventures of Jack Levitt, an orphaned teenager living off his wits in the fleabag hotels and seedy pool halls of Portland, Oregon. Jack befriends Billy Lancing, a young black runaway and

pool hustler extraordinaire. A heist gone wrong gets Jack sent to reform school, from which he emerges embittered by abuse and solitary confinement. In the meantime Billy has joined the middle class—married, fathered a son, acquired a business and a mistress. But neither Jack nor Billy can escape their troubled pasts, and they will meet again in San Quentin before their strange double drama comes to a violent and revelatory end.

A Stoney Calhoun Novel Minotaur Books
Gender in Translation is a broad-ranging, imaginative and lively look at feminist issues surrounding translation studies. Students and teachers of translation studies, linguistics, gender studies and women's studies will find this unprecedented work invaluable and

thought-provoking reading. Sherry Simon argues that translation of feminist texts - with a view to promoting feminist perspectives - is a cultural intervention, seeking to create new cultural meanings and bring about social change. She takes a close look at specific issues which include: the history of feminist theories of language and translation studies; linguistic issues, including a critical examination of the work of Luce Irigaray; a look at women translators through history, from the Renaissance to the twentieth century; feminist translations of the Bible; an analysis of the ways in which French feminist texts such as De Beauvoir's *The Second Sex* have been translated into English.

An Agatha Raisin Mystery Open Letter Books

After deciding to take a term off from their studies to think about their plans for the future, school friends Maya, Sirma and Spartacus set off hitchhiking to the sea and onwards to the Greek island of Thasos. Along the way they meet Boril Krustev, a middle aged widower, who they recognise as a former rock star. As the four journey through the troubled Balkan states, old wounds surface as they reflect on their past, the politics of their land and overcoming the guilt and shame they feel about the turbulence of their relationships with each other.

The Magic of Saida Open Road + Grove/Atlantic

18% Gray Open Letter Books

Hesperus Press

The consuming passion of Wacholder, the star of Lind's most playful work, is

his only true friend and nemesis, Würz, who hasn't left his house in 17 years. When Wacholder's 74th letter seemingly has no effect, he turns to other increasingly outlandish schemes to defeat his rival, even staging a rally to declare Würz's non-existence. A feverishly comic novel.

The Translator's Bride New York Review of Books

An affectionate and very funny gallery of twenty great world authors from the pen of "the most subtle and gifted writer in contemporary Spanish literature" (The Boston Globe). In addition to his own busy career as "one of Europe's most intriguing contemporary writers" (TLS), Javier Marías is also the translator into Spanish of works by Hardy, Stevenson, Conrad, Faulkner, Nabokov, and

Laurence Sterne. His love for these authors is the touchstone of *Written Lives*. Collected here are twenty pieces recounting great writers' lives, "or, more precisely, snippets of writers' lives." Thomas Mann, Rilke, Arthur Conan Doyle, Turgenev, Djuna Barnes, Emily Brontë, Malcolm Lowry, and Kipling appear ("all fairly disastrous individuals"), and "almost nothing" in his stories is invented. Like Isak Dinesen (who "claimed to have poor sight, yet could spot a four-leaf clover in a field from a remarkable distance away"), Marías has a sharp eye. Nabokov is here, making "the highly improbable assertion that he is 'as American as April in Arizona,'" as is Oscar Wilde, who, in debt on his deathbed, ordered up champagne, "remarking cheerfully, 'I am

dying beyond my means.'" Faulkner, we find, when fired from his post office job, explained that he was not prepared "to be beholden to any son-of-a-bitch who had two cents to buy a stamp." Affection glows in the pages of *Written Lives*, evidence, as Marías remarks, that "although I have enjoyed writing all my books, this was the one with which I had the most fun."

A Memoir Farrar, Straus and Giroux Britton Rainstar never knew he could love a woman as deeply as he does Manuela Aloe and be so terrified of her at the same time. It's not just that he thinks she's out of his league. It's more that the longer he stays with her, the closer to death he seems to come. A vicious dog is somehow let loose in his hotel room. He's threatened at gunpoint

by a man in a skeleton costume. And when he finally ends up in the hospital, someone pushes his wheelchair down the stairs. Nothing anything like this has ever happened to Britt before--and while Manuela's never around when the so-called "accidents" happen, neither can Britt prove she's behind the many threats on his life. Is a rival for Manuela's

affections trying to chase him away? Is there more to Manuela herself than meets the eye? Whatever it is, Britt better find out fast--before whoever's after him hits their mark, and the man who never thought he'd land the ultimate girl ends up paying the ultimate price.

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