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Quiet Chaos *The Force of the Past* *The Hummingbird* **The Hummingbird** *Chaos Calme* *One Hundred Days of Happiness* **The Prince** *Hamburgers in Paradise* **The Last Children of Tokyo** *Encounters with the Real in Contemporary Italian Literature and Cinema* *All Day Is A Long Time* **34 Patients** *Kant's Little Prussian* *Head and Other Reasons Why I Write* *Alain Elkann Interviews* **We Were Never Friends** **Romanzo Criminale** *Agostino* **The Hummingbird** **Doomi Golo—The Hidden Notebooks** *Almost Love* *Things the Grandchildren Should Know* **The Silentiary** *A Quiet Life* *Finding Marco* **Diving into Glass** *Swimming to Elba* *An American Story* *Break the Internet* *Crimini* *Kalme chaos / druk 31* *The Natural Way of Things* **The Hummingbird** *Seducing the Demon* **Her Last Affair** **The Interpreter** **Em & Me** **Seven Lies That Summer in Puglia** *Kalme chaos* *Mind on Fire*

For fans of Marian Keyes, Dolly Alderton and Holly Bourne, ALMOST LOVE is one of the most addictive and heartbreaking reads of the year 'Compulsive' Sunday Times 'Breaks another boundary' Irish Times 'A must-read' Image 'Honest and poignant' Elle 'Intelligent and compelling' Daily Mail When Sarah falls for Matthew, she falls hard. So it doesn't matter that he's twenty years older. That he sees her only in secret. That, slowly but surely, she's sacrificing everything else in her life to be with him. Sarah's friends are worried. Her father can't understand how she could allow herself to be used like this. And she's on the verge of losing her job. But Sarah can't help it. She is addicted to being desired by Matthew. And love is supposed to hurt. Isn't it? "A winner: tense and terrifying with a twist you'll never see coming. You won't soon forget these characters and the shocking ways their lives intersect." -- Laura Dave, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Last Thing He Told Me* Every marriage has its secrets.... Skyla lives alone in the shadow of the defunct drive-in movie theater that she and her husband ran for nearly fifty years. Ever since Hollis's death in a freak accident the year before, Skyla spends her nights ruminating about the regrets and deceptions in her long marriage. That is, until she rents a cottage on the property to a charming British man, Teddy Cornwell.... A thousand miles away, Linelle is about to turn fifty. Bored by her spouse and fired from her job when a questionable photo from her youth surfaces on social media, her only source of joy is an on-line affair with her very first love, a man she's not seen in nearly thirty years, Teddy Cornwell... While in New York City, Jeremy, a failed and bitter writer, accepts an assignment to review a new restaurant in Providence. Years ago, Providence was the site of his first great love and first great heartbreak—and maybe, just maybe, he'll look her up when he's back in town... Part page-turning thriller, part homage to film noir, and dazzling in its insight into the often desperate desires of the human heart, *Her Last Affair* is a tense and atmospheric novel of love lost and found again. 'Masterly: a cabinet of curiosities and delights, packed with small wonders' IAN MCEWAN 'Pulls off the extraordinary feat of making you believe he is writing for your ears alone' HOWARD JACOBSON 'A remarkable accomplishment, a true gift to the world' MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM 'Ardent, gripping, and inventive to the core' JHUMPA LAHIRI 'A spellbinding experience: clever, funny and deeply moving' RODDY DOYLE 'See, Dad? We're off to a very good start. The Man of the Future is a woman' Marco Carrera is 'the hummingbird,' a man with the almost supernatural ability to stay still as the world around him continues to change. As he navigates the challenges of life - confronting the death of his sister and the absence of his brother; taking care of his parents; raising his granddaughter; coming to terms with his love for the enigmatic Luisa - Marco Carrera comes to represent the quiet heroism that pervades so

much of our everyday existence. A surprising and deeply moving reinvention of the family saga, this is a thrilling novel about the need to look to the future with hope and live with intensity to the very end. How does one young man survive the deaths of his entire family and manage to make something worthwhile of his life? In *Things The Grandchildren Should Know* Mark Oliver Everett tells the story of what it's like to grow up the insecure son of a genius in a wacky Virginia Ice Storm-like family. Left to run wild with his sister, his father off in some parallel universe of his own invention, Everett's upbringing was 'ridiculous, sometimes tragic and always unsteady'. But somehow he manages to not only survive his crazy upbringing and ensuing tragedies; he makes something of his life, striking out on a journey to find himself by channelling his experiences into his, eventually, critically acclaimed music with the Eels. But it's not an easy path. Told with surprising candour, *Things The Grandchildren Should Know* is an inspiring and remarkable story, full of hope, humour and wry wisdom.

Caro Llewellyn's family was unconventional from the beginning. Her parents met in hospital, where her father, confined to an iron lung after contracting polio, seduced his nurse and married her. Growing up, Caro watched her father embrace life, undaunted and ingenious in the face of his severe paralysis. From him, she learned courage; from her writer mother independence. She fell in love with literature and writers; when she was asked by Salman Rushdie to direct a festival in New York, she felt she'd been offered the life of her dreams. Until one day, jogging through Central Park, she lost all feeling in her legs. Diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, Caro's world shattered. She knew all too well what life in a wheelchair meant, and, faced with her own mortality, that she must look back at her father's exemplary fortitude and grace to find a way forward. An at times emotionally brutal memoir of family, vulnerability and purpose, *Diving into Glass* is a smart, often funny portrait of the realities of disability and an intimate account of three lives filled with astounding vigour and audacity. A powerful meditation on loss and memory seen through the prism of 9/11, by one of our greatest authors. Ben Matson lost someone he loved in the 9/11 attacks. Or thinks he did - no body has been recovered, and she shouldn't have been on that particular plane at that time. But he knows she was. The world has moved on from that terrible day. Nearly 20 years later, it has faded into a dull memory for most people. But a chance encounter rekindles Ben's interest in the event, and the inconsistencies that always bothered him. Then the announcement of the recovery of an unidentified plane crash sets off a chain of events that will lead Ben to question everything he thought he knew . . . Thoughtful, impeccably researched and dazzling in its writing, this is Ben's story, the story of what happened to his fiancé, and the story of all that happened on 9/11.

Christopher Priest is a genre-leading author of SFF fiction. His novel, *THE PRESTIGE*, won a number of awards and was adapted into a critically acclaimed, Oscar-nominated film directed by Christopher Nolan (*TENET*, *INCEPTION*) starring Hugh Jackman (*THE GREATEST SHOWMAN*, *X-MEN*), Christian Bale (*THE BIG SHORT*, *BATMAN BEGINS*), Michael Caine (*THE ITALIAN JOB*) and Scarlett Johansson (*MARRIAGE STORY*, *THE AVENGERS*). A bizarre stranger enters the life of one Gianni Orzan, then promptly rewrites his entire past in this award-winning Italian novel. 'Glorious!' CLARE POOLEY

'Compelling' SUNDAY EXPRESS 'Beautiful, uplifting and deeply moving' FREYA SAMPSON

From the Sunday Times bestselling author of *Saving Missy* A mother. A daughter. A secret waiting to be discovered. This is raw, semi-autobiographical fiction at its most painfully honest' Observer

'Brilliant, lyrical, hilarious, heartbreaking' Cristina García

David is only fourteen when he first tries crack cocaine. He is instantly hooked, and spends the next decade fighting his way out of jail and rehab. Though he reaches a tenuous sobriety, it is only when he takes a literature class at the local community college that something within him ignites. Set on Florida's Gulf Coast, *All Day Is a Long Time* is a spectacular account of what it takes to return from the brink to the world around us. In this unforgettable debut, David Sanchez demonstrates the importance of hope, and the redemptive power of the written word. 'A wonder, an important, essential new voice' Justin Torres

Lotti Coates lives in the shadow of a genius: her father George is a brilliant and celebrated Australian painter. When Lotti meets the outcast waif Kyla at a suburban Canberra school, two worlds are set to collide. Slowly Kyla

is drawn into the orbit of the Coates family. Or is it the other way around? As Lotti and Kyla navigate their way towards adulthood, dark secrets start to unravel, with devastating consequences ... We Were Never Friends is a story of friendship, the pursuit of a creative life and the legacies we leave behind. Praise for We Were Never Friends by Margaret Bearman 'This intelligent, subtle novel is a complex study of family dynamics, class divides, adolescent pecking orders, and the murky moral landscapes of artistic practice and inspiration.' —Kerryn Goldsworthy, The Sydney Morning Herald 'Margaret Bearman's intimate, unsettling novel of family dysfunction perfectly captures the ambivalent passions of girlhood while offering an incisive critique of the cult of artistic genius. Sharp and subtle at the same time, refusing any easy certainties, We Were Never Friends is a haunting portrait of the human capacity for cruelty and love in equal measure.' —Kirsten Tranter, bestselling author of The Legacy 'A compelling and authentic journey into the heart of an Australian family. What is art? What's true courage? I could not put it down.' —Melissa Ashley, bestselling author of The Birdman's Wife

Alain Elkann has mastered the art of the interview. With a background in novels and journalism, and having published over twenty books translated across ten languages, he infuses his interviews with innovation, allowing them to flow freely and organically. Alain Elkann Interviews will provide an unprecedented window into the minds of some of the most well-known and -respected figures of the last twenty-five years. This volume explores the Italian contribution to the current global phenomenon of a "return to reality" by examining the country's rich cultural production in literature and cinema. The focus is particularly on works from the period spanning the Nineties to the present day which offer alternatives to notions of reality as manufactured by the collusion between the neo-liberal state and the media. The book also discusses Italy's relationship with its own cultural past by investigating how Italian authors deal with the return of the specter of Neorealism as it haunts the modern artistic imagination in this new epoch of crisis. Furthermore, the volume engages in dialogue with previous works of criticism on contemporary Italian realism, while going beyond them in devoting equal attention to cinema and literature. The resulting interactions will aid the reader in understanding how the critical arts respond to the triumph of hyperrealism in the current era of the virtual spectacle as they seek new ways to promote cognitive transformations and foster ethical interventions. Discover the profound and moving portrait of one doctor's life and work in the NHS 'Wonderful - insightful and compassionate' Dr Richard Shepherd, bestselling author of Unnatural Causes _____ They can't teach you how to be a doctor at medical school . . . As a junior doctor, Dr Tom Templeton learnt how to do his job from books, professors and other doctors and nurses. But the most important lessons - tolerance, kindness, resilience and bravery - he learnt from his patients. Here, he shares the stories of just 34, and how they changed his life while he was helping theirs. From a stillbirth to the old woman who lived a century, from the inhabitants of stately homes to the homeless, these stories whether heartwarming or heartbreaking, funny or tragic, are always inspiring and illuminating. We are all patients, but discover for the first time how the doctors see us . . . _____ 'An admirably told story' Spectator 'Informative and personal, humbling and healing' Observer 'An uplifting work: complex, precise and bracing' Susie Boyt, Financial Times 'A profound book about the intrication of literature and life, about the modest, miraculous ways art helps us to live' Garth Greenwell

In twenty-nine intimate, brilliant and funny essays, Claire Messud reflects on a childhood move from her Connecticut home to Australia; the complex relationship between her modern Canadian mother and a fiercely single French Catholic aunt; and a trip to Beirut, where her pied-noir father had once lived, while he was dying. She meditates on contemporary classics from Kazuo Ishiguro, Teju Cole, Rachel Cusk and Valeria Luiselli; examines three facets of Albert Camus and *The Stranger*; and tours her favorite paintings at Boston's Museum of Fine Arts. Crafting a vivid portrait of a life in celebration of the power of literature, Messud proves once again 'an absolute master storyteller' (Rebecca Carroll, Los Angeles Times). 'I can think of few writers capable of such thrilling seriousness expressed with so lavish a gift' Rachel Cusk, Evening Standard

Italy's best crime writers present nine gripping, often darkly humorous short stories with setting ranging from Milan to Palermo by way of Rome and even Guadeloupe. The mafia is not just

Sicilian but also Albanian, Croatian, and Chinese. Traditional media is over. The internet reigns. And in the attention economy, influencers are royalty. But who are they ... and how do you become one? Break the Internet takes a deep dive into the influencer industry, tracing its evolution from blogging and legacy social media such as Tumblr to today's world in which YouTube, Instagram, and TikTok dominate. Surveying the new media landscape that the rise of online celebrity has created, it is an insider account of a trend which is set to dominate our future — experts estimate that the economy of influence will be valued at \$24bn globally by 2025. Olivia Yallop enrolls in an influencer bootcamp, goes undercover at a fan meetup, and shadows online vloggers, Instagrammers, and content creators to understand how online personas are built, uncovering what it is really like to live a branded life and trade in a 'social stock market'. From mumfluencers and activists to governments and investors, everyone wants to build their online influence. But how do you stay authentic in a system designed to commodify identity? Break the Internet examines both the dangers and the transformative potential of online culture.

Thirteen-year-old Agostino is spending the summer at a Tuscan seaside resort with his beautiful widowed mother. When she takes up with a cocksure new companion, Agostino, feeling ignored and unloved, begins hanging around with a group of local young toughs. Though repelled by their squalor and brutality, and repeatedly humiliated for his weakness and ignorance when it comes to women and sex, the boy is increasingly, masochistically drawn to the gang and its rough games. He finds himself unable to make sense of his troubled feelings. Hoping to be full of manly calm, he is instead beset by guilty curiosity and an urgent desire to sever, at any cost, the thread of troubled sensuality that binds him to his mother.

Alberto Moravia's classic, startling portrait of innocence lost was written in 1942 but rejected by Fascist censors and not published until 1944, when it became a best seller and secured the author the first literary prize of his career. Revived here in a new translation by Michael F. Moore, Agostino is poised to captivate a twenty-first-century audience. Shortlisted for the Wellcome Book Prize 2019 '[A] painfully intense, courageous and gripping account of [Fanning's] journey to the underworld of madness and back. This is a brave and instructive book.' Irish Times 'Extraordinary. An account of mental illness, grief, delusions, homelessness, a fractured family relationship ... and all while trying to recover and create. Superb writing on a frequently difficult subject.' Sinéad Gleeson Arnold Thomas Fanning had his first experience of depression during adolescence, following the death of his mother. Some ten years later, an up-and-coming playwright, he was overcome by mania and delusions. Thus began a terrible period in which he was often suicidal, increasingly disconnected from family and friends, sometimes in trouble with the law, and homeless in London. Drawing on his own memories, the recollections of people who knew him when he was at his worst, and medical and police records, Arnold Thomas Fanning has produced a beautifully written, devastatingly intense account of madness - and recovery, to the point where he has not had any serious illness for over a decade and has become an acclaimed playwright. Fanning conveys the consciousness of a person living with mania, psychosis and severe depression with a startling precision and intimacy. Mind on Fire is the gripping, sometimes harrowing, and ultimately uplifting testament of a person who has visited hellish regions of the mind. 'Arnold Thomas Fanning offers the most vivid and unflinching window into the mind of someone who is in the throes of madness ... It was like nothing I'd read before' Rick Edwards 'Mind on Fire is a truly powerful, arresting, haunting account. Arnold Thomas Fanning has reckoned with the darkest matter of his heart and mind, and I challenge anyone not to be moved by that.' Sara Baume, author of Spill Simmer Falter Wither and A Line Made by Walking 'In this strange and singular book, Arnold Thomas Fanning mercilessly excavates the infernal underworld of his own years of madness. As reminiscent as it occasionally is of John Healy's The Grass Arena, and even of Orwell's Down and Out in Paris and London, the book is ultimately not quite like anything else I've read, and brought me as close to the lived reality of mental illness as I have ever been. It's a significant achievement: a painful, inexorable work of autobiography, whose existence is its own form of redemption.' Mark O'Connell, Baillie Gifford Prize-shortlisted author of To Be a Machine 'This is an extraordinary memoir about how it feels to be depressed, delusional, desperate' The Observer

'Incredibly important' Emilie Pine, author of *Notes to Self* 'A ratcheting pace, a tight first-person immediacy, and utterly staggering to be a passenger over its entire warped course ... An indelible, ground-shaking account' Hilary A White, *Irish Independent*, *Memoir of the Year*, *Best Reads of 2018* 'A spellbinding memoir that should prove both moving and hopefully cathartic for the reader.' RTE Culture 'Told in tight and immediate first-person, and imbued with a startling momentum that ratchets unnervingly, Fanning's publishing debut ... is a significant achievement and should be a talking point in publishing this year.' *Irish Independent* 'Fanning's debut book lays it on the line in a deeply personal and compelling chronicle of his descent into depression and his way back out.' RTE Guide 'Wonderful' Joseph O'Connor, *Irish Times Books of the Year* 'Unsparingly direct, searing and honest ... It is gripping to read and must have been exhausting to live' *Medical Independent* 'One of the most gripping and revealing memoirs I've read in a long time. A controlled and artful exploration of absolute loss of control, an unsettling and at times very moving reconstruction of a period of serious mental illness, *Mind on Fire* is a beautiful book about a terrifying thing.' Mark O'Connell, *Irish Times Books of the Year* 'Gripping' Sinéad Gleeson, *Irish Times Books of the Year* 'Shocking' Liz Nugent, *Irish Times Books of the Year* 'Poignant, beautifully detailed memoir' Sarah Gilmartin, *Irish Times*, *Best debuts of 2018* 'Brave and illuminating' *Sunday Business Post* 'This is the type of account that not only grips you wholesale as the pages flutter past, it also changes your very perception of psychology' Hilary A White, *Sunday Independent* *Memoir of the Year* *It is 1977. A new force is terrorising Rome - a mob of reckless, ultraviolent youths known as La Banda della Magliana. As the gang ruthlessly take control of Rome's heroin trade, they begin an inexorable rise to power. Banda della Magliana intend to own the streets of Rome - unless their internal struggles tear them apart. Based on Rome's modern gangland history, *Romanzo Criminale* fearlessly confronts Italy's Age of Lead: war on the streets and terrorism, kidnappings and corruption at the highest levels of government. The winner of the Strega Prize, Italy's top literary award, and the basis of an internationally acclaimed motion picture, *Quiet Chaos* is now available in America. Author Sandro Veronesi, whose work has been glowingly compared to the novels of Ian McEwan and Martin Amis, dazzles with this powerfully compelling, often darkly funny story of a television producer whose world is misshapen by ironic tragedy. On the shores of the Mediterranean, exhausted from an afternoon of surfing, Pietro Paladini is shaken out of his stupor by a distant noise. "Over there!" he cries to his brother, Carlo, sunning beside him. "Over there!" So begins the adventure that will tear a hole in Pietro's life. For while he and his brother struggle to save two drowning swimmers, a tragedy is unfolding down the road at his summer cottage. Instead of coming home to a hero's welcome, Pietro is greeted by the flashing lights of an ambulance, the wide-eyed stare of his young daughter, Claudia, and the terrible news that his fiancée, Lara, is dead. Life must go on. Or does it? Pietro, a true iconoclast, has to find his own way. When he drops Claudia off for the first day of school, he decides to wait outside for her all day, and then every day. To protect her. To protect himself. To wait for the heavy fist of grief to strike. But as the days and weeks go by, the small parking lot in front of the school becomes his refuge from the world as well as the place where family and colleagues come to relieve their own suffering—among them, the woman he rescued from the waves. And Pietro plunges deeper into the depths of his life before seeing the simple truth before his eyes. An unforgettable contemporary fable about stepping out of life after it cruelly turns everything upside-down, and finding a resolution to the unsolvable problem of loss in the beauty and strangeness of the everyday, *Quiet Chaos* is another literary wonder from Sandro Veronesi author of *The Force of the Past*. "Marco Carrera is 'the hummingbird,' a man with an almost supernatural ability to remain still amid the chaos of an ever-changing world. Though his life is rife with emotional challenges—suffering the death of his sister and the absence of his brother; caring for his sa elderly parents; raising his granddaughter when her mother, Marco's own child, is no longer capable; loving an enigmatic woman—Marco carries on with a noble stoicism that belies an intensity for living. As the years pass and the arc of his life bends, Marco finds himself filled with joy for the future as the baton passes from him to the next generation." In post-WWII South America, a struggling writer embarks on a murderous thought*

experiment to help kickstart his career in this next tale of longing from the author of *Zama*. *The Silentiary* takes place in a nameless Latin American city during the early 1950s. A young man employed in middle management entertains an ambition to write a book of some sort. But first he must establish the necessary precondition, which the crowded and noisily industrialized city always denies him, however often he and his mother and wife move in search of it. He thinks of embarking on his writing career with something simple, a detective novel, and ponders the possibility of choosing a victim among the people he knows and planning a crime as if he himself were the killer. That way, he hopes, his book might finally begin to take shape. *The Silentiary*, along with *Zama* and *The Suicides*, is one of the three thematically linked novels by Di Benedetto that have come to be known as the *Trilogy of Expectation*, after the dedication "To the victims of expectation" in *Zama*. Together they constitute, in Juan José Saer's words, "one of the culminating moments of twentieth-century narrative fiction in Spanish." A fascinating exploration of our past, present, and future relationship with food

For the first time in human history, there is food in abundance throughout the world. More people than ever before are now freed of the struggle for daily survival, yet few of us are aware of how food lands on our plates. Behind every meal you eat, there is a story. *Hamburgers in Paradise* explains how. In this wise and passionate book, Louise Fresco takes readers on an enticing cultural journey to show how science has enabled us to overcome past scarcities—and why we have every reason to be optimistic about the future. Using hamburgers in the Garden of Eden as a metaphor for the confusion surrounding food today, she looks at everything from the dominance of supermarkets and the decrease of biodiversity to organic foods and GMOs. She casts doubt on many popular claims about sustainability, and takes issue with naïve rejections of globalization and the idealization of "true and honest" food. Fresco explores topics such as agriculture in human history, poverty and development, and surplus and obesity. She provides insightful discussions of basic foods such as bread, fish, and meat, and intertwines them with social topics like slow food and other gastronomy movements, the fear of technology and risk, food and climate change, the agricultural landscape, urban food systems, and food in art. The culmination of decades of research, *Hamburgers in Paradise* provides valuable insights into how our food is produced, how it is consumed, and how we can use the lessons of the past to design food systems to feed all humankind in the future.

A BOOK OF THE YEAR FOR THE GUARDIAN: 'DEEPLY PLEASURABLE' A BOOK OF THE YEAR FOR THE SPECTATOR: 'WHAT A JOY' 'Magnificent' Guardian 'A towering achievement' Financial Times 'Inventive, bold, unexpected' Sunday Times 'Everything that makes the novel worthwhile and engaging is here: warmth, wit, intelligence, love, death, high seriousness, low comedy, philosophy, subtle personal relationships and the complex interior life of human beings' Guardian 'Not since William Boyd's *Any Human Heart* has a novel captured the feast and famine nature of a single life with such invention and tenderness' Financial Times 'There is a pleasing sense of having grappled with the real stuff of life: loss, grief, love, desire, pain, uncertainty, confusion, joy, despair - all while having fun' The Sunday Times 'Instantly immersive, playfully inventive, effortlessly wise' Observer 'Masterly: a cabinet of curiosities and delights, packed with small wonders' Ian McEwan 'A real masterpiece. A funny, touching, profound book that made me cry like a little girl on the last page' Leïla Slimani 'A remarkable accomplishment, a true gift to the world' Michael Cunningham 'Ardent, gripping, and inventive to the core' Jhumpa Lahiri Marco Carrera is 'the hummingbird,' a man with the almost supernatural ability to stay still as the world around him continues to change. As he navigates the challenges of life - confronting the death of his sister and the absence of his brother; taking care of his parents as they approach the end of their lives; raising his granddaughter when her mother, Marco's own child, can no longer be there for her; coming to terms with his love for the enigmatic Luisa - Marco Carrera comes to represent the quiet heroism that pervades so much of our everyday existence. A thrilling novel about the need to look to the future with hope and live with intensity to the very end.

THE NO. 1 INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER Over 300,000 copies sold Soon to be a major motion picture Winner of the Premio Strega Winner of the Prix du Livre Etranger Book of the Year for the Corriere

della Sera Erica Jong's memoir—a national bestseller—was probably the most wildly reviewed book of 2006. Critics called it everything from "brutally funny," "risqu? and wonderfully unrepentant," and "rowdy, self-deprecating, and endearing" to "a car wreck."* Throughout her book tour, Jong was unflappably funny, and responded to her critics with a hilarious essay on NPR's All Things Considered, which is included in this paperback edition. In addition to prominent review and feature coverage, Jong was a guest on Today and Real Time with Bill Maher. Even Rush Limbaugh flirted with Jong on his radio program: "I think she wants me. I think she's fantasizing about me." Love her, hate her, Jong still knows how to seduce the country and, most important, keep the pages turning.

****LONGLISTED FOR THE MAN BOOKER PRIZE**** Stefan Vogel, a young man growing up in the former East Germany, longs for love, glory and freedom - yearnings that express themselves in a lifelong fantasy of going to America. The hopeless son of an ambitious mother and a kind but unlucky diplomat, Stefan lurches between his budding, covert interests - girls and Romantic poetry - to find himself embroiled in dissident politics, which oddly seems to offer both. In time, by a series of blackly comic and increasingly dangerous manoeuvres, he contrives to make his fantasy come true, finding himself not only in the country of his dreams, but also married to the woman he idolises. America seems everything he expected and meanwhile his secrets are safely locked away behind the Berlin Wall. A new life of unbounded bliss seems to have been granted to him. And then that life begins to fall apart... As a young boy, running through the mountain valleys of Italy, Mark Gentile dreams of success—the kind of success that happens in a boardroom, far away from the country life. So after graduating from law school, Mark quickly climbs the corporate and legal ladder, eventually becoming CEO of a leading auto manufacturer. But after butting heads with company leaders, Mark fears he has compromised his ethics. With his wife's blessing, Mark returns to Acerenza, his birthplace in southern Italy. While enjoying the leisurely pace of the new life he's found in his old home, however, Mark must make a decision: Should he abandon his roots for a second time and satisfy his innate hunger for the struggles and rewards of corporate life? Or should he embrace his native land and create a more balanced life for himself and his family?

“A Handmaid’s Tale for the 21st century” (Prism Magazine), Wood’s dystopian tale about a group of young women held prisoner in the Australian desert is a prescient feminist fable for our times. As the Guardian writes, “contemporary feminism may have found its masterpiece of horror.” Drugged, dressed in old-fashioned rags, and fiending for a cigarette, Yolanda wakes up in a barren room. Verla, a young woman who seems vaguely familiar, sits nearby. Down a hallway echoing loudly with the voices of mysterious men, in a stark compound deep in the Australian outback, other captive women are just coming to. Starved, sedated, the girls can't be sure of anything—except the painful episodes in their pasts that link them. Drawing strength from the animal instincts they're forced to rely on, the women go from hunted to hunters, along the way becoming unforgettable and boldly original literary heroines that readers will both relate to and root for. The Natural Way of Things is a lucid and illusory fable and a brilliantly plotted novel of ideas that reminds us of mankind's own vast contradictions—the capacity for savagery, selfishness, resilience, and redemption all contained by a single, vulnerable body. Winner 2016 Stella Prize 2016 Prime Minister’s Literary Award in Fiction An Australian Indie Best Fiction Book & Overall Book of the Year Winner Finalist 2017 International Dublin Literary Award 2016 Voss Literary Prize 2016 Victorian Premier's Award 2016 The Miles Franklin Award 'Charming, touching, surprising and ultimately uplifting. Funny, moving . . . I defy anyone to finish this story without tears in their eyes' Graeme Simsion, author of The Rosie Project 'Hilarious but heart-wrenching' Daily Mail What would you do if you only had 100 days left to live? Lucio Battistini has a list: To win back his wife - the love of his life To become a dad his kids will always remember To help his father-in-law find love To let his friends know how much they mean to him And most of all he must make every moment count. So far, he hasn't been getting it right. And if Lucio is going to become the man he was always meant to be, he's got a lot of work to do . . . A sensually charged novel about two girls growing up fast in a failing industrial town on the coast of Italy Anna and Francesca are on the brink of everything: high school,

adulthood, and the edge of ambition in their provincial town. It's summer in Piombino, Italy, and in their skimpy bathing suits, flaunting their newly acquired curves, the girls suddenly have everyone in their thrall. This power opens their imagination to a destiny beyond Piombino; the resort town of Elba is just a ferry ride away and yet they've never dared to go. Maybe the future is waiting for them there, or somewhere beyond. When their friendship suffers a blow, the girls set off on their own only to discover that their budding sexuality takes them further than they expect, though not as far as their dreams. As their choices take them to a painful crossroads, the girls must reconnect if they have any hope of escaping their small town destinies. In this poetic, prizewinning debut, Silvia Avallone captures the lost innocence of a generation. Harrowing yet ultimately redemptive, *Swimming to Elba* is a story about the power of friendship, and the way that family, friendship, and economics shape our world. After the acclaimed *New Finnish Grammar* and *The Last of the Vostyachs*, *The Interpreter* is the third in a trilogy of novels on the theme of language and identity. *The Interpreter* is both a quest, a thriller, and at times a comic picaresque caper around Europe, while also exploring profound issues of existence. Günther Stauber, head of Translation and Interpreting at a major international organisation in Geneva, seems to be suffering from a mysterious illness when his translations become unintelligible and resemble no known language. He insists he is not ill and that he is on the verge of discovering the primordial language once spoken by all living creatures. His boss, the novel's narrator, Felix Bellamy, decides Günther has to go. In turn, Felix starts speaking the same gibberish as the missing interpreter. And then his wife disappears, perhaps in search of Günther. He seeks help in a sanatorium in Munich where he is prescribed an intensive course in Romanian and forbidden from speaking French. He realises that he must talk to his missing colleague to understand what has happened to him and to have any hope of a cure. As he undergoes profound changes—speaking the language of dolphins, of whistles and squeaks—he is forced to confront the deep mysteries of life. Essential reading for fans of Diego Marani, and for anyone interested in language. Diego Marani was born in Ferrara, Italy in 1959. He has worked as a translator and policy officer for the European Commission and has written several other novels, collections of essays and short stories. *New Finnish Grammar* was published by Text in 2012 and was shortlisted for the Independent Foreign Fiction Award and the Best Translated Book Award. *The Last of the Vostyachs* was published by Text in 2013. Judith Landry won the 2012 Oxford-Weidenfeld Translation Prize for her translation of *New Finnish Grammar*. 'An enjoyable read rich with insight into how languages shape our lives.' *Daily Review* 'A mesmeric novel about communication.' *Saturday Paper* 'A great read...Playful and deliberately irreverent...[*The Interpreter*] is further evidence that Marani deserves to be better known than he is.' *Age/Sydney Morning Herald* 'A marvellous novel that is bound to be enjoyed by readers who appreciate the importance of language, identity and existence. Interesting, funny and highly original.' *BookMooch* 'Highly original, thought-provoking fiction.' *North & South* Pietro Paladini est immobile. Dans l'oeil du cyclone. Il ne sort plus de sa voiture, garée au bas de l'école de sa fille, à Milan. Ce quadragénaire séduisant que la vie avait épargné vient de perdre sa femme, Lara. Il attend de souffrir, mais ce n'est pas si facile de ressentir la perte. Les amis et les anonymes viennent lui parler, l'êtreindre, partager ce temps suspendu, ce " chaos calme " où il se réfugie désormais. Les collègues de travail à la veille d'une fusion financière sans précédent, un frère fumeur d'opium, une belle-soeur qui se dénude en pleine crise de nerfs, tous à un moment laissent tomber leurs masques. Tous renoncent à la comédie sociale. Sur cette situation digne de Beckett, Sandro Veronesi construit un roman émouvant, ample, magistralement tissé : le mélange de l'intime dans ce qu'il a de plus vibrant et du réel dans ce qu'il a de plus dérangeant. Na een noodlottige crisis neemt het leven van een man een geheel nieuwe wending en wijdt hij zich volledig aan zijn dochttertje. The first novel to be translated from Wolof to English, *Doomi Golo—The Hidden Notebooks* is a masterful work that conveys the story of Nguirane Faye and his attempts to communicate with his grandson before he dies. With a narrative structure that beautifully imitates the movements of a musical piece, Diop relates Faye's trauma of losing his only son, Assane Tall, which is compounded by his grandson Badou's migration to an unknown destination. While Faye feels

certain that his grandson will return one day, he also is convinced that he will no longer be alive by then. Faye spends his days sitting under a mango tree in the courtyard of his home, reminiscing and observing his surroundings. He speaks to Badou through his seven notebooks, six of which are revealed to the reader, while the seventh, the "Book of Secrets," is highly confidential and reserved for Badou's eyes only. In the absence of letters from Badou, the notebooks form the only possible means of communication between the two, carrying within them tunes and repetitions that give this novel its unusual shape: loose and meandering on the one hand, coherent and tightly interwoven on the other. Translated by Vera Wülfing-Leckie and El Hadji Moustapha Diop. Yoshiro thinks he might never die. A hundred years old and counting, he is one of Japan's many 'old-elderly'; men and women who remember a time before the air and the sea were poisoned, before terrible catastrophe prompted Japan to shut itself off from the rest of the world. He may live for decades yet, but he knows his beloved great-grandson - born frail and prone to sickness - might not survive to adulthood. Day after day, it takes all of Yoshiro's sagacity to keep Mumei alive. As hopes for Japan's youngest generation fade, a secretive organisation embarks on an audacious plan to find a cure - might Yoshiro's great-grandson be the key to saving the last children of Tokyo? Based on a true story, *The Prince* is a "complex, informed, and intelligent saga" (Kirkus Reviews) about the web of love, betrayal, and murder that forged the most powerful criminal organization in history—the Mafia. In this remarkable novel, author Vito Bruschini brilliantly evokes the charismatic figure of Prince Ferdinando Licata, a wealthy Sicilian landowner who uses his personal power and charm to placate Sicilian peasants and fight off Mussolini's fascists. As tensions rise in Italy during the 1930s, with increasingly violent consequences, Licata attracts many friends and even more enemies. Eventually implicated in a grisly murder, the prince flees to America, where he ends up navigating a turf war between Irish and Italian gangs of the Lower East Side. Violence explodes in unexpected ways as Licata gains dominance over New York, with the help of a loyal townsman with blood ties to the prince who is forced to abandon his fiancée in Sicily. The two men return to their native land at the height of World War II in an outrageously bold maneuver engineered by Licata and mobster Lucky Luciano. Both the prince and his kinsman assist US naval intelligence during the invasion of Sicily and, once they are back on their native soil, they proceed to settle unfinished business with their enemies and unravel old secrets in a stunning and sinister finale. Through a spellbinding story and unforgettable characters, Bruschini depicts in visceral detail the dark intertwining roots of loyalty and betrayal, poverty and privilege, secrets and revelations that contributed to the rise of the Mafia in Sicily and America. From the author of the acclaimed debut novel *The Curiosity* comes an emotionally resonant tale about a woman who must take care of two wounded men – one, her soldier-husband, just home from the war in Iraq; the other, a dying World War II scholar-historian who harbors a long-buried secret. Deborah Birch is a seasoned hospice nurse whose daily work requires courage and compassion. But her skills and experience are tested in new and dramatic ways when her easygoing husband, Michael, returns from his third deployment to Iraq haunted by nightmares, anxiety, and rage. She is determined to help him heal, and to restore the tender, loving marriage they once had. At the same time, Deborah's primary patient is Barclay Reed, a retired history professor and expert in the Pacific Theater of World War II whose career ended in academic scandal. Alone in the world, the embittered professor is dying. As Barclay begrudgingly comes to trust Deborah, he tells her stories from that long-ago war, which help her find a way to help her husband battle his demons. Told with piercing empathy and heartbreaking realism, *The Hummingbird* is a masterful story of loving commitment, service to country, and absolution through wisdom and forgiveness. Na een noodlottige crisis neemt het leven van een man een geheel nieuwe wending en wijdt hij zich volledig aan zijn dochtertje. Tommaso has escaped discovery for thirty years - but a young private investigator, Will, has tracked him down. Tommaso asks him to pretend never to have found him. To persuade Will, Tommaso recounts the story of his life and his great love Anna. In the process, he comes to recognise his true role in the events which unfolded, and the legacy of unresolved grief. Now he's being presented with a second chance - but is he ready to pay the price it exacts? That

Summer In Puglia is a tale of love, loss, the perils of self-deception and the power of compassion. Puglia offers an ideal setting: its layers of history are integral to the story, itself an excavation of a man's past; Tommaso's increasingly vivid memories of its sensuous colours, aromas and tastes, and of how it felt to love and be loved, eventually transform the discomforting tone with which he at first tries to keep Will - and painful truths - at a distance. This remarkable debut combines a gripping plot and perceptive insights into human nature with delicate lyricism. 'Yes, I can appreciate that as a P.I. you don't often get the chance to give your clients good news - but I didn't hire you. I don't want people back home to know I'm alive. A valid reason? Simple: she was a murderer. My mother killed my love.' Wife. Mother. Spy.

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