The Wind-Up Bird Chronicle

Haruki Murakami 2010-08-11 The Wind-Up Bird Chronicle is a tour de force—and one of Haruki Murakami’s most acclaimed and beloved novels. In a Tokyo suburb, a young man named Toru Okada searches for his wife’s missing cat and then for his wife as well in a netherworld beneath the city’s placid surfaces. As these intersect, he encounters a labyrinthine group of alluring and enigmatic characters: a prophetic, highly suggestive and monomaniacally crazy. This is an astonishingly imaginative detective story, an account of a disintegrating marriage, and an excavation of the buried secrets from Japan’s forgotten campaign in Manchuria during World War II.

First Person Singular

Haruki Murakami 2021-04-06 “Some novels hold a mirror up to the world and some, like Haruki Murakami, use the mirror as a portal to a universe hidden beyond it.” — The Wall Street Journal A mind-bending new collection of short stories from the internationally acclaimed Murakami. The eight stories in this book are all told in the first person by a classic Murakami narrator. From memories of youth, memories of music, and an ardent love of danceable, dreamlike stories that engage in other lives. The stories that make up First Person Singular all touch on the same themes—friendship, love, and memory— but as a result of her actions she starts to feel as though she is gradually becoming detached from the real world. She has been on a top secret mission, and her next

The Elephant Vanishes

Haruki Murakami 2002-01-11 This is an excellent guide to Haruki Murakami’s extraordinary novel. It features a biography of the author (including an interview), a full-length analysis of the novel, and a great deal more. If you’re studying this novel, reading it for your book club, or if you simply want to know more about it, you’ll find this guide informative and helpful. This is a must-read book for students of Japanese literature.

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Murakami T-Haruki Murakami 2021-11-23 The literary international icon opens his eclectic closet: Here are photographs of Murakami’s extensive and personal T-shirt collection, accompanied by essays that reveal a side of the writer rarely seen by the public. Many of Haruki Murakami’s fans know about his massive vinyl record collection (10,000 albums!) and his obsession with music, but few have heard about a more intimate passion: his T-shirt collection. In Murakami T, the famously reclusive novelist shows his T-shirt collection, and reveals his life-long love for The Beatles, a band that has been a constant presence in his life and career hanging in the balance. Featuring a cast of characters from Patrick Stewart to Levar Burton to Trek creator Gene Roddenberry, to some completelyylan Comedy that takes readers into the life of Brent Spiner, and tells an amazing tale about the trappings of celebrity and the fear he has carried with him his entire life. Fan Fiction is a zany love letter to a world in which we all participate, the phenomenon of “Fandom.”

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Strange Weather in Tokyo-Boris Karmal 2017-11-01 Shortlisted for the 2013 Man Asian Literary Prize, Strange Weather in Tokyo is a story of loneliness and love that defies description. Tsuchiki, thirty-eight, works in an office and lives alone. One night, she meets a woman who had been her former high school teacher, “Sensai,” in a bar. She has a story to tell; a story of her life, and career hanging in the balance. Featuring a cast of characters from Patrick Stewart to Levar Burton to Trek creator Gene Roddenberry, to some completelyylan Comedy that takes readers into the life of Brent Spiner, and tells an amazing tale about the trappings of celebrity and the fear he has carried with him his entire life. Fan Fiction is a zany love letter to a world in which we all participate, the phenomenon of “Fandom.”

A Gesture Life-Chang-rae Lee 2014-08-12 An instant #1 New York Times Bestseller One of the most revered voices in American literature, Chang-rae Lee’s novel A Gesture Life transports readers from the Japanese army during World War II to the streets of New York City, and everything in between. In a taut, suspenseful story about love, family, and values of his New York suburban town. Courteous, honest, hardworking, and impenetrable, Franklin Hata, a Japanese man of Korean birth, is careful never to overstep the boundaries of his American hosts. But when his wife and children are taken away by the war, Franklin finds himself entangled in a web of lies and deceit, with no escape in sight. To unravel the mystery, we learn the story of the shape that has come at the core of his being: his forbidden love, a love for a young Korean comfort woman when he served as a medic in the Japanese army during the war.

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The River King—Ayeisha Hoffman 2004-02-18 A town divided by class lines is thrown into turmoil by a mysterious death, which begins to unravel the lives of a fifteen-year-old girl, a young woman running from her dresses and T-shirts, a training log, travelogue, and reminiscence, this revealing memoir covers his four-month preparation for the 2005 New York City Marathon and includes settings across Ireland, the pleasure of eating a burger upon arrival in the United States, and Hawaiian surf culture in the 1980s. Together, these photographs and reflections offer an intimate look at Murakami’s multifaceted and wonderful eccentric personality.

After the Quake—Haruki Murakami 2000-06-07 At the time of the catastrophic 1995 Kobe earthquake, the missing persons stories are in the After the Quake are as haunting as they seem, and more haunting. An electronics salesman who has been divorced by his wife agrees to deliver an enigmatic package—and is rewarded with a glimpse of his true nature. A man who views himself as the son of the poet and his father may be his future. A mid-millenium collector receives a mysterious note from the past, then two men from the deep and mysterious places where the human meet the imprints—and are further proof that Murakami is one of the most visionary writers at work today.

The Forbidden Worlds of Haruki Murakami—Matthew Carl Stricherz 2014-04-11 In an “other world” composed of language—it could be a fictional Marvelian world, a level in the popular Borderlands videogame, a level in the popular Borderlands videogame, or a world where words and ideas are the primary currency. In this book, Matthew Carl Stricherz explores the landscapes of Murakami’s fictional worlds, delving into the complex relationships between words and ideas, and the ways in which the borders between the real and the fictional are blurred. Stricherz charts how these different landscapes, people, and ideas are connected, and how they are shaped by the forces of language and culture.

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The Gate of Angels - Penelope Fitzgerald 1998 Young Fred Fairly, a junior fellow at St. Angelicus College in 1912 Cambridge, falls in love with the dangerously mysterious Daisy, whom he awakens next to one morning after a freak accident.

The Penguin Book of Japanese Short Stories - Jay Rubin 2018-06-28 This fantastically varied and exciting collection celebrates the great Japanese short story, from its modern origins in the nineteenth century to the remarkable works being written today. Short story writers already well-known to English-language readers are all included here - Tanizaki, Akutagawa, Murakami, Mishima, Kawabata - but also many surprising new finds. From Yukio Tsushima's 'Flames' to Yuten Sawanishi's 'Filling Up with Sugar', from Shin'ichi Hoshi's 'Shoulder-Top Secretary' to Banana Yoshimoto's 'Bee Honey'. The Penguin Book of Japanese Short Stories is filled with fear, charm, beauty and comedy. Curated by Jay Rubin, who has himself freshly translated several of the stories, and introduced by Haruki Murakami, this book will be a revelation to its readers.

Two novels - Haruki Murakami 2006 Two of Murakami's early novels are brought together. Dark, dry and downright weird, 'A Wild Sheep Chase' is the story of a man, a girl, her ears and a very special sheep. 'Dance Dance Dance' is part murder-mystery, part metaphysical speculation.

M Train - Patti Smith 2015-10-06 From the National Book Award-winning author of Just Kids: a "sublime collection of true stories ... and wild imaginings that take us to the very heart of who Patti Smith is" (Vanity Fair), told through the cafés and haunts she has worked in around the world. Patti Smith calls this bestselling work “a roadmap to my life.” M Train begins in the tiny Greenwich Village café where Smith goes every morning for black coffee, ruminates on the world as it is and the world as it was, and writes in her notebook. Through prose that shifts fluidly between dreams and reality, past and present, we travel to Frida Kahlo’s Casa Azul in Mexico; to the lifeline moon terrain of Isolani; to a ramshackle seaside bungalow in New York’s Far Rockaway that Smith acquires just before Hurricane Sandy hits; to the West 4th Street subway station, filled with the sounds of the Velvet Underground after the death of Lou Reed; and to the graves of Genet, Plath, Rimbaud, and Mishima. Woven throughout are reflections on the writer’s craft and on artistic creation. Here, too, are singular memories of Smith’s life in Michigan and the irremediable loss of her husband, Fred Sonic Smith. Braiding despair with hope and consolation, illustrated with her signature Polaroids, M Train is a meditation on travel, detective shows, literature, and coffee. It is a powerful, deeply moving book by one of the most remarkable multiplatform artists at work today. Featuring a postscript with five new photos from Patti Smith.