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The Nickel Boys

Every story in this book is true - except one. Some tell of crimes that have gone unpunished by the law. Some are crimes against laws that are unwritten. And some are crimes that exist only in the mind. This collection of short stories covers a multitude of sins. Getting away with murder is easy if you know how - even easier if you're a high-flying City trader like Terry Hills and have the help of someone who has been Yakuza trained. Most of us have wanted Peace

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and quiet at some time in our lives. Simon and Petra found the perfect spot in the country - but there was a reason it was so quiet. Neville's job was keeping the books for dodgy loan-shark Harold Hole. It was a humdrum existence until a mad idea took hold of Neville and wouldn't let him go. It was the ink. The Red ink and green ink. When you've nothing else to live for, all you want is A perfect day to die. Finding one isn't always so easy. Especially when someone else has got the same idea. Everyone has a big secret. Little Freddy Martin's was bigger than most. He could make money appear out of thin air. It's always nice to have A reminder of home. Unless you're a crook who is planning the biggest con of his life - and home is the last thing on your mind. It's the hardest question for every woman. What do you buy For the man who has everything? Especially one who is too wrapped up in his business even to notice. Barrister Isobel Lang found an answer that made a new man out of her husband, Alan. Nothing ever happens in Nogales - it's just a sleepy Mexican border town. As long as you keep your wits about you, that is. When Eric Lowe is made redundant from Sharman Brothers after 20 years loyal service, the last thing he wants is to Spend more time with the family. Eric cooks up a plan to avoid admitting the awful truth to his wife - but it backfires in ways he could never have imagined. Like all representatives in India of Her Britannic Majesty, Queen Victoria, Henry St. John Fitzroy Outram always kept A stiff upper lip, even under the most trying circumstances. But would he be able to manage the banquet given in his honour by His Highness, the Maharaja of Kathiawar? Life as a woman's journalist held plenty of surprises for Jay.

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When she found the ancient stenograph machine with its dusty old records of long ago court cases she found she was poking her nose into a case of Breach of promise - with consequences no-one could have predicted. Wherever Maddy Beale worked, she always stole something as a point of honour - Something worth stealing. When she got a position with the Earl and Countess of Marske, she stole something bigger than she had ever imagined possible. One of the more delicate tasks of the Dean of Westminster Abbey is to provide a fit and proper Place to rest for the great and the good. But some people, however famous, are simply beyond the pale. Derek and Maureene had their heart set on running their own pub - Maureene wanted nothing more than to stand proudly behind the bar serving customers. Eventually, they found a perfect jewel of a country pub - The Red Cow. There was just one problem . . . Some men manage to get it all - the good things in life just fall into their lap. It was like that with Chief Inspector Ray Hedges. A beautiful young wife and a fortune in property meant he could leave the Metropolitan Police and live a life of luxury. Of course, there was still that one Loose End. Some lies are so big they can put you behind bars if you're caught out. Maria Childs had told the lie out of harsh necessity and now it was coming back to haunt her - and it was all because of the Recipe for marmalade.

Reckless Endangerment

The Tyler family had the perfect life - until sixteen-year-old Leah decided she didn't want to be perfect

anymore. While Leah's parents fight to save their daughter from destroying her brilliant future, Leah's younger sister, Justine, must cope with the damage her out-of-control sibling leaves in her wake. Will this family survive? What happens when love just isn't enough? Jodi Picoult fans will love *In Leah's Wake* - a heartbreaking, ultimately redemptive story about family, connection and our responsibility to those we love.

The Life and Death of Lizzie Morris

"In the Heart of the Vosges and Other Sketches by a "Devious Traveller"" by Matilda Betham-Edwards. 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.

Stories

The non-fiction work of the great Latin American poet and writer is collected here with essays, reviews, lectures, and political commentary on everything from Ellery Queen to the Kabbalah. Reprint.

The First Stone

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Interested in journalism and creative writing and want to write a book? Read inspiring stories and practical advice from America's most respected journalists. The country's most prominent journalists and nonfiction authors gather each year at Harvard's Nieman Conference on Narrative Journalism. *Telling True Stories* presents their best advice—covering everything from finding a good topic, to structuring narrative stories, to writing and selling your first book. More than fifty well-known writers offer their most powerful tips, including: • Tom Wolfe on the emotional core of the story • Gay Talese on writing about private lives • Malcolm Gladwell on the limits of profiles • Nora Ephron on narrative writing and screenwriters • Alma Guillermoprieto on telling the story and telling the truth • Dozens of Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists from the *Atlantic Monthly*, *New Yorker*, *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Washington Post* and more . . . The essays contain important counsel for new and career journalists, as well as for freelance writers, radio producers, and memoirists. Packed with refreshingly candid and insightful recommendations, *Telling True Stories* will show anyone fascinated by the art of writing nonfiction how to bring people, scenes, and ideas to life on the page.

Life is Beautiful

Four clairvoyant Earthlings are summoned to a distant galaxy, to assist an abducted race of humans; struggling to defeat an invasion of astral entities. This epic sci-fi/fantasy draws us out of ordinary reality and

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into multiple worlds of extraterrestrial beauty, fabled history, and life-and-death stakes. Read and be transported.

True Stories

TRAPPED AND HUNTED! Shortly after her trial on New Venus, Zyra Zanr is captured by a team of rival bounty hunters and brought aboard their ship, the Lilith. They intend to take her to the planet Sojo, home of a powerful crime boss who nurses a grievance against her. Zyra fears for her life, knowing death awaits her at the end of the journey. Can Zyra escape her impending doom? Or will her captors' seething hatred for her result in her ultimate demise? To survive what's coming her way, Zyra will have to turn the table on the Lilith's crew and show them why she is the most feared bounty hunter in the galaxy.

Collected Fictions

AT THE SHARP END OF LIGHTNING: The intertwined worlds of Oceanlight and Earth are no longer hidden from view of each other. In one realm, Yalara Narika, a winged Sea Sprite, searches for her family and she encounters a deadly blue haze at sea. Escaping the poison makes her realize that her world, Oceanlight, is experiencing sudden and catastrophic environmental change. Meanwhile, in the safe suburban normality of North Wales, Einion Morgan Alban, a restless youth with haemophilia, is nearly murdered by a man in a white suit who intentionally shoves him off a cliff. If Yalara and Einion don't

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uncover the connections between their worlds and near-deaths, it will have dire consequences for the worlds they live in. Book one of the OCEANLIGHT series.

Stranger Than Fiction

Welcome to the nightmarish future of The Theta Timeline, where '1984' meets 'Slaughterhouse-Five.' Leaders who rely on war and fear. The men and women who refuse to accept a tyrannical government. And an unreliable means of time travel in which most people don't survive. Freedom was not stolen overnight, but gradually chipped away through a campaign of war and terror. People were told new laws and restrictions were for their own good. But the reality was a monstrous regime bent on controlling its subjects. Now, there is only one way to stop the Tyranny: go back in time and prevent it from ever starting. At times eloquent, funny, satirical, and infuriating, The Theta Timeline is not only Dietzel's most powerful book, it is as important as any dystopian vision created to date.

Ultimate Betrayal

Lives are about to be flipped upside down through a demonstration of the power of pure love. Hanna, Bull, and Gwen live in a world where loss is a reality and there are no holidays from pain. They are all connected, and find solace in each other as they come together to unearth a long-held secret that changes them forever.

Beyond the River of Shame

Crime and Deception in Toronto Michael Dion is an actor, not a detective, but when Amanda, an attractive young actress, asks him to help her find Kyle, her friend's rebellious son, how can he refuse? The gig turns out to be much more than Michael had bargained for. Kyle has fallen into the clutches of small-time drug dealers. Egged on by Amanda, Michael bluffs and blusters his way to secure the boy's release. The thugs overreact, putting Michael's life at risk until his fellow actors and special effects artists come to his rescue."

At the Sharp End of Lightning

A fictionalized account of the true story of Sam Baker and the woman he bid on at a slave auction. Florie becomes his travel companion, and later his wife, as they embark on a perilous journey from the Black Sea to the uncharted heart of Central Africa and the headwaters of the Nile.

The Theta Timeline

Two months into a solo source-to-sea navigation of the Amazon river, adventurer, Davey du Plessis, was ambushed and shot within the isolated jungles of Peru. The adventure turned into an intense moment-to-moment struggle to survive as he made his way, wounded, through the dense jungle, seeking rescue and safety. Choosing To Live is Davey's personal account of his Amazon experience. He retells the

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remarkable story with an endearing openness, while sharing unique insights into the power of compassion and his ability to maintain motivation in his balance between life and death.

America and Americans, and Selected Nonfiction

Explores the key challenges in writing narrative non-fiction, and shows how some of the best in the business do it - an invaluable guide for anyone who wants to tell true stories well.

Choosing to Live

Uniquely examining the link between Australian writers and social change, this study investigates the motives behind literary figures who strive to become activists and social intellectuals. Exploring this intimate connection, this resource asks what such a bond reveals about Australian literature and the power of the written word. With fresh insight, this guide delves into the activism, careers, and writings of Judith Wright, Patrick White, Oodgeroo of the tribe of Noonuccal, Les Murray, Helen Garner, David Malouf and Tim Winton.

Writing True Stories

Readers will feel they know someone just like the characters in this timely novel on social status and social media. Steen Sand, CEO of Stensure Networks, is the head honcho at an IT firm that's developed an

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Internet service to monitor, compute, and publish people's social status. His chief operating officer, Irene Lund, serves as his muse. He needs her to be part of his world, or he can't achieve anything of significance. But does she feel the same? Chief financial officer, Michael Jensen, is a hard-core pessimist who has learned the hard way not to speak up against the status quo, in spite of his natural inclination to do so. Jensen's a numbers guy. He relates to spreadsheets better than he does to people. Will this cost him in the end? Louise Hald, chief marketing officer, joined Stensure's management team after leaving her post as an assistant professor at a business school. She's beginning to wonder if she'll ever move past the "assistant" part in the eyes of her coworkers. What can she do to ensure she gets ahead? And then there's Sophie Bech. She's made the long trip back to Denmark from South Africa for her own private reasons, and everything looks different to her now. She wonders what her return will hold for her. Was it a mistake? Will her fresh set of eyes-and values-help or hinder the team? Reductionism-understanding complex things by reducing them to fundamental parts and interactions-comes up against social status, so subtle, intricate, and sought-after, in this intriguing modern-day novel. Will these characters-and their supporting players-make the changes they need to survive in today's world? Or will they succumb to the allure of using easy but underhanded methods to get ahead?

Selected Non-fictions

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From shark attacks and blazing airships to exploding spacecraft and sinking submarines, find out what made the difference between life and death in these ten thrilling stories of survival. Gripping and engaging for readers who prefer real life to fiction.

Mulberry May Belle and Bandit the Wonder Dog

‘This is literary critique and biography at its finest. Australian Financial Review Helen Garner is one of Australia’s most important and most admired writers. She is revered for her fearless honesty in the pursuit of her craft. But Garner also courts controversy, not least because she refuses to be constrained by the rules of literary form. She has never been afraid to write herself into her nonfiction, and many of her own experiences help to shape her fiction. But who is the ‘I’ in Helen Garner’s work? Bernadette Brennan’s *A Writing Life* is the first full-length study of Garner’s forty years of work, a literary portrait that maps all of her books against the different stages of her life. Brennan has had access to previously unavailable papers in Garner’s archive, and she provides a lively and rigorous reading of the books, journals and correspondence of one of Australia’s most beloved women of letters. Garner has always been a boundary-crosser. Refusing the constrictions of literary genre she has sought to write across and craft her own versions of them. She readily admits to a ‘me’ character in all her work. That character is a carefully constructed self. In her fiction, she unsettles her readers’ assumptions about protagonists by creating

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'Helen' characters, most blatantly in 'Little Helen's Sunday Afternoon', 'Habe Dank' and The Spare Room. In so doing, she demonstrates the complexity of a constructed fictional self. Dr Bernadette Brennan is an academic and researcher in contemporary Australian writing, literature and ethics. She is the author of a number of publications, including a monograph on Brian Castro and two edited collections: *Just Words?: Australian Authors Writing for Justice* (UQP 2008), and *Ethical Investigations: Essays on Australian Literature and Poetics* (Vagabond 2008). She lives in Sydney. 'Billed as "the first full-length study of Garner's 40 years of work, a literary portrait that maps all of her books against the different stages of her life". Well, who wouldn't want to read that?' Australian 'Brennan's depiction of Garner's fearless approach to the very difficult subjects of *The First Stone*, *Joe Cinque's Consolation* and *This House of Grief* is beautifully modulated and a real triumph. She has captured and interpreted an important writer and her work beautifully.' *Books + Publishing* 'Brennan has produced a literary portrait that more than does its subject justice. It is not a biography; Garner was quite clear that she didn't want that, but because Garner is so often present in her own writing, it's inevitable that her life is reflected in the discussion of her works. This helps put her works in context, and a picture emerges of an amazing writer Bernadette Brennan has done us all a great favour in delivering this immensely enjoyable book.' *Mark Rubbo, Readings* 'Brennan is an astute and sensitive reader of Garner's work.' *Big Issue* 'The writing is clear, measured, and graceful throughout The readings of the fiction are astute and straightforward, tracing Garner's development from

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the allegedly unstructured Monkey Grip, which in fact offers a formal equivalent to the push-me pull-you vagaries of love and junk, through the perfection of The Children's Bach and the experiments in voice and style in Postcards from Surfers, to the late-style bareness and hardness of The Spare Room.' Sydney Morning Herald 'This book offers an illuminating discussion of Garner's boundary crossing work. Its own magic lies in bringing elements of memoir and criticism into an absorbing conversation that begins with a rich contextualisation of Garner's work, and extends into the literary and ethical questions with which Brennan has long been concerned.' Australian 'Absorbing, informative and engaging read.' Conversation 'Brennan examines both assumptions by tracing Garner's steps to becoming a full-time writer in a style that is both thoughtful and readable.' Australian Book Review 'Bernadette Brennan brings a calm eye and an easy grace to her descriptions of Garner's life, literature and impact on Australia's cultural and socio-political landscape She draws a more complex picture of one of our best known and most skilled writers than we've enjoyed in a full-length volume before.' A Bigger Brighter World 'Probably my favourite book so far [this year]. A marvellous tribute to one of Australia's great writers.' Mark Rubbo, The Best Books We've Read This Year (So Far) 2017, Readings 'Bernadette Brennan's first full-length study of Helen Garner's work, A Writing Life, has inspired me to pile Garner's books on my bedside table, and to look at each of them again with fresh eyes.' The Best Books We've Read This Year (So Far) 2017, Readings 'A remarkably shrewd study of Garner's work knitted with a tender representation of

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her personal life.' Mascara Literary Review 'Brennan performs a kind of call for literature, its criticism as well as creation.' Sydney Review of Books

Stage Business

Tallahassee, Florida, 1960s: Brought up by his loving, strict and clear-sighted grandmother, Elwood Curtis is about to enroll at the local black college. But one innocent mistake is enough to destroy his future, and so Elwood arrives instead at the Nickel Academy, which claims to provide training for its inmates to become "honorable and honest men". In reality, the Nickel Academy is a chamber of horrors, where abuse is rife. Stunned to find himself in this vicious environment, Elwood attempts to live by Dr. Martin Luther King's assertion, "Throw us in jail and we will still love you." But his new friend Turner believes the only way to survive is to emulate the cruelty of their oppressors. The tension between Elwood's idealism and Turner's skepticism leads to a decision that will have decades-long repercussions

Ephaidria

Over 3,200 entries An essential guide to authors and their works that focuses on the general canon of British literature from the fifteenth century to the present. There is also some coverage of non-fiction such as biographies, memoirs, and science, as well as inclusion of major American and Commonwealth writers. This online-exclusive new edition adds 60,000 new words, including over 50 new entries dealing with

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authors who have risen to prominence in the last five years, as well as fully updating the entries that currently exist. Each entry provides details of a writer's nationality and birth/death dates, followed by a listing of their titles arranged chronologically by date of publication.

What They Don't Know

Meet Zegin. He is a Shooter. As the best starship diagnostic troubleshooter in Cydonia, he has contained and averted countless catastrophes. Not all jobs go as planned, however, and even the best shooter can't foresee the future. Follow Zegin as he battles against time, defeating rogue computer viruses, seeking solutions to tricky, puzzling problems, averting war, disaster, and avoiding almost certain death! Look inside for Zegin's first two action packed adventures: Zegin's Infection, and Zegin's Abduction, and the added bonus of Jezi's Dilemma. A story about Jezi, who finds herself misrouted, and exceedingly late, after waking from stasis. Also inside, a special sneak peek at Timothy's next work in progress, and a Zegin's Adventures Glossary. Crack the book and take a look! Adventure awaits you in Epsilon!

True Stories

When Sam Barnes' high-flying life in Dallas falls apart, he flees to the coastal town of Port Aransas and fades into the life of a reclusive beach bum. But things start to change when he meets Dave, Shelly, Bo, and Allie.

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Together they are tested and forced to confront their own issues. In doing so they discover family and community.

21 Aldgate

In honor of the centenary of the birth of Borges, this collection of his fiction has been gathered into a single volume. "An unparalleled treasury of marvels."--"Chicago Tribune."

Telling True Stories

In the autumn of 1992, two young women students at Melbourne University went to the police claiming that they had been indecently assaulted at a party. The man they accused was the head of their co-ed residential college. The shock of these charges split the community and painfully focused the debate about sex and power.'This is writing of great boldness and it will wring the heart an intense, eloquent and enthralling work'-AUSTRALIAN'This was never going to be an easy book to write, its pages are bathed in anguish and self-doubt, but suffused also with a white-hot anger'-GOOD WEEKEND'Travelling with Garner along the complex paths of this sad story is, strangely enough, enjoyable. The First Stone [is] a book worth reading for its writing'-SYDNEY MORNING HERALD ' Garner has ensured one thing: the debate about sexual harassment will now have a very public airing. And it will have it in the language of experience to which all women and men have access'-AGE

My Hard Heart

Writing True Stories is the essential book for anyone who has ever wanted to write a memoir or explore the wider territory of creative nonfiction. It provides practical guidance and inspiration on a vast array of writing topics, including how to access memories, find a narrative voice, build a vivid world on the page, create structure, use research-and face the difficulties of truth-telling. This book introduces and develops key writing skills, and then challenges more experienced writers to extend their knowledge and practice of the genre into literary nonfiction, true crime, biography, the personal essay, and travel and sojourn writing. Whether you want to write your own autobiography, investigate a wide-ranging political issue or bring to life an intriguing history, this book will be your guide. Writing True Stories is practical and easy to use as well as an encouraging and insightful companion on the writing journey. Written in a warm, clear and engaging style, it will get you started on the story you want to write-and keep you going until you reach the end. 'A rich, practical and accessible source of wisdom the complete tool kit.' Caroline Baum 'Patti is the writing whisperer! She taught me how to stop daydreaming and to get writing. I couldn't have written my memoir without her!' Jessica Rowe

A Dictionary of Writers and their Works

The bombshell is dropped, the news incredible. It could mean so much for so many. People think their prayers have been answered. Scientists promise this

advancement will only be used for good. Can they really guarantee that? The time period is what is referred to as 'end times' when fearful news is the rule of the day. Good news is scarce and so people hold onto this promise of 'help' like a life preserver since that may be what it will be to them. Meanwhile a certain element of criminals is exploding and no one knows what to do with them. Every day the newspaper reveals new horrors. Victims rise along with the perpetrators. It is obvious the battle between good and evil is heating up. It is no longer popular to believe, to have faith or profess your Christianity. It is a time when all that matters to most is what they want for themselves. Selfishness is running rampant and cold hearts and lack of love and conscience are evident. One solution found is going to pull most down to the level of those doing this evil. As has been said is all evil needs to succeed is for good men to do nothing.

True Stories of Survival

Life is good for Bradley Morris, an aging but vital World War II veteran, except for the nightmares and horrible memories of long-past days in combat. With his beloved wife Lizzie at his side, he travels back to the battlefield in Sicily where he was mortally wounded and his best friend died, and finds that facing his demons head-on helps bring peace of mind. But now he suddenly faces a far more painful situation: the potential loss of Lizzie, who appears to be in good health one minute and suffers a massive heart attack the next. As Lizzie lies in a coma and

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death seems near, others in the family accept what has to come. But Bradley refuses to give up. He relives in memory his and Lizzie's years together-their time as high school sweethearts, the ordeal of his going off to war, the trials of raising children, his alcoholism, and their learning and growing together through the racial strife surrounding the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in their home town of Memphis. Bradley gradually allows himself to acknowledge the inevitable and devotes himself to keeping promises made to Lizzie-particularly reconciliation with their son after a decades-old quarrel over the Vietnam war. And he must also find a way to overcome the guilt he feels for surviving his own war when his best friend did not. In the end, it is renewal of the faith he lost in battle that sees Bradley through.

Rare Earths

21 ALDGATE by Patricia Friedberg is character-driven historical fiction set in pre-WWII London's Jewish East End and fashionable Chelsea, as well as in Germany and France . It is a fictionalized story of the relationship between the artist, Paul Maze, and his young married assistant, Clara, during and after the writing of his memoir of the Great War. A feature film based on the author's screenplay of 21 Aldgate, titled "The One I Love," is presently in development by Progress Pictures, Ltd., U.K. and The Future Film Group, U.K. The target audience includes WWI and WWII history buffs, Jewish history enthusiasts, Anglophiles across the globe, and readers who enjoy

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a great love story. Similar to *The Postmistress* in tenor, *21 ALDGATE* is a story of love and war that bears witness to the prejudice, bias, aggression and propaganda that influenced British society during the buildup to WWII.

Whitby After Dark

Helen Garner visits the morgue, and goes cruising on a Russian ship. She sees women giving birth, and gets the sack for teaching her students about sex. She attends a school dance and a gun show. She writes about dreaming, about turning fifty, and the storm caused by *The First Stone*. Her story on the murder of the two-year-old Daniel Valerio wins her a Walkley Award. Garner looks at the world with a shrewd and sympathetic eye. Her non-fiction, with its many voices, is always passionate and compelling. *True Stories* is an extraordinary book, spanning twenty-five years of work, by one of Australia's great writers.

Emancipating Elias

This is a unique selection of nonfiction work by the quintessential American writer.

Constructed

This is a special signed and numbered edition of 250 copies to coincide with the presentation of the play adapted from this novel entitled *Irish Annals of Aotearoa* by playwright Simon O'Connor. The play was first performed at BATS Theatre, Wellington, in

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January 2001, and the Paekakariki Hotel in February 2001. The production was directed by David O'Donnell.

The Irish Annals of New Zealand

'Garner is a natural storyteller.' James Wood, *New Yorker* This handsome edition of Helen Garner's collected short fiction celebrates the seventy-fifth birthday of one of Australia's most loved authors. These stories—that delve into the complexities of love and longing, of the pain, darkness and joy of life—are all told with her characteristic sharpness of observation, honesty and humour. Each one a perfect piece, together they showcase Garner's mastery of the form. Helen Garner writes novels, stories, screenplays and works of non-fiction. In 2006 she received the inaugural Melbourne Prize for Literature, and in 2016 she won the prestigious Windham-Campbell Literature Prize for non-fiction. Garner won the NSW Premier's Literary Award for Fiction for Postcards from Surfers, and the Victorian and Queensland Premiers' Awards, as well as the Barbara Jefferis Award, for her novel *The Spare Room*. *Everywhere I Look* won the 2017 Indie Book Award for Non Fiction. 'Garner's stories share characteristics of the postcard: they flash before us carefully recorded images that remind us of harsher realities not pictured. And like postcards they are economically written, a bit of conversation is transcribed, a memory recalled, an event noted, scenes pass as if viewed from a train—momentarily, distinct and tantalising in their beauty.' *New York Times* 'A perfect introduction

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for first-timers who have not yet experienced the pleasures of Garner's writing.' Sydney Morning Herald 'Stories and True Stories are handsome companion volumes deservedly celebrating Helen Garner, our greatest contemporary practitioner of observation, self-interrogation and compassion. Everything she writes, in her candid, graceful prose, rings true, enlightens, stays.' Joan London, Sydney Morning Herald's Year in Reading 'Published in beautiful editions to celebrate life given shape in words.' Drusilla Modjeska, Sydney Morning Herald's Year in Reading 'Both of these books are concerned with moments of heartbreak and of hope, with loneliness and love, and with great cruelties, and the things that drive people to them. They are animated by a desire to understand what seems unfathomable, and to pay attention to the small pleasures of the everyday. Garner's precise descriptions, her interest in minute shifts of emotion, and the ways in which we reveal ourselves to others are always at work in these books, and make them a real joy to read.' Age 'As I leaf through the volumes, having just re-read both of them, I am still brought up short by another revelatory insight of the everyday I could go on and on, but I am out of words. Many happy returns Helen Garner!' Adelaide Advertiser 'Her prose is wiry, stark, precise, but to find her equal for the tone of generous humanity one has to call up writers like Isaac Babel and Anton Chekhov.' Wall Street Journal

A Writing Life

Chuck Palahniuk's world has always been, well,

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different from yours and mine. In his first collection of nonfiction, Chuck Palahniuk brings us into this world, and gives us a glimpse of what inspires his fiction. At the Rock Creek Lodge Testicle Festival in Missoula, Montana, average people perform public sex acts on an outdoor stage. In a mansion once occupied by The Rolling Stones, Marilyn Manson reads his own Tarot cards and talks sweetly to his beautiful actress girlfriend. Across the country, men build their own full-size castles and rocketships that will send them into space. Palahniuk himself experiments with steroids, works on an assembly line by day and as a hospice volunteer by night, and experiences the brutal murder of his father by a white supremacist. With this new direction, Chuck Palahniuk has proven he can do anything. **BONUS:** This ebook edition includes an excerpt from Chuck Palahniuk's *Doomed*.

Zegin's Adventures in Epsilon

Two stolen Pakistani nuclear bombs, a conspiracy to manipulate the global market in rare earths and a plot to assassinate the President of the United States. It's going to be a busy week for Ali Monpour, special investigator for the National Security Advisor. *Rare Earths* is a fast-paced political thriller ripped from today's headlines! Action and intrigue intertwine from the deserts of Balochistan to the halls of power in Washington, D.C.

In the Heart of the Vosges and Other Sketches by a "Devious Traveller"

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Lenore Lee wants nothing more than to make new friends in her new town of Whitby, Yorkshire, and to forget about the disturbing dreams that hold her captive at night. But what she discovers in Whitby, might be even more disturbing than the dreams. Dreams which may hold the key to her survival in the hidden world of the Supernatural

Literary Activists

Rogue Hunter

Sometimes heroes fall and take their loved ones down with them. Colonel Michael Cedars and reporter Hope Shane fell in love in a war zone, but then the world blew up and splintered their lives in two. Coming home again isn't always easy. A Marine accustomed to giving orders, Michael struggles to find his role in civilian life. Wounded, he faces new battles as he learns to walk again, struggles with wartime ghosts, and questions his abilities as a husband. Hope doesn't give up-not on the man she loves and not on her pursuit of justice. An investigative reporter, she's hot on the trail of a human trafficking ring. Danger intensifies as she gets closer to the truth, but the human traffickers know her weakness. Will Michael become her Achilles Heel? Is he still the hero she married or has he become a liability that could get them both killed?

In Leah's Wake

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Bandit is not your average Boston Terrier--he's a dog with a secret. In this second installment in the MULBERRY MAY BELLE children's book series you'll meet a dog that unzips his skin at midnight to reveal his 'true self.' You'll never look at your pet the same way again.

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These 18 stories probe the lies and secrets, the "fictions" in the lives of of parents and children, siblings, Germans and Jews, confused adolescents, and elderly lovers. ..".The actors in these beautiful, often sad stories carry with them complex histories of desire and pain, often longing for what they can't or shouldn't have. You've met them, fathers and mothers, daughters, sisters, uncles, lovers, presented here with humor and dignity, with a keen and dispassionate eye, reminiscent of another great Canadian storyteller, Rosen's cast will surprise you, instant by instant." - Daniel Coshnear, *Occupy & Other Love Stories* "In Rosen's book, amidst gorgeous imagery, people we care about stumble through attraction and betrayal. And move over Portnoy, with your raw liver in a milk bottle. Let a girl show you how it's done. The title story contains the most imaginative portrayal of self-pleasuring you'll ever read." - Norma Watkins, *The Last Resort: Taking the Mississippi Cure* "A young woman prepares to declare her independence from her parents only to discover that her mother is secretly struggling for her own autonomy; a free-spirited bartender deftly plays off the two women who try to hold him; an elderly

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husband tries to protect a favorite vacation spot from the encroachments of youth and time. Each situation opens a window onto another universal aspect of human character. Children, young people and the aged all have a voice here, and almost every one of them either hides a secret or uncovers someone else's. Rosen's writing is crisp and precise. Without a single excess word she paints a series of varied pictures ranging from the German countryside, a working-class Toronto neighborhood, or the American open road. Each story is a pleasure to read, and the collection as a whole demonstrates Rosen's talent in a dazzling variety of times, places and themes." - Ruhama Veltfort, *Strange Attractors*

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