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Letter from the Publisher

I am writing to you from our new beautiful office and storefront in Amherst, Mass, located on 69 Main Street, just a few steps away from the Emily Dickinson Homestead. Over the last several decades, the space we now occupy was a barbershop and before that, a student laundry. I imagine customers in both enjoying an abundance of stories, at once intimate and significant, while getting a haircut or washing their clothes. It seems fitting to me that our books are now continuing those important conversations. Over the past year, the world seems to have been turned upside down. Ravaging wars in Ukraine and the Middle East have brought enormous suffering and resurfaced ancient hatreds. The need for translation feels urgent. Restless Books has always been about expanding the diet of English-language readers with stories originating in distant places, geographically and metaphorically.

One example is our children's book *Daniel and Ismail*, about the unlikely friendship between two boys, one Palestinian and one Jewish. This book was written in Spanish in Chile, which has the largest Palestinian community outside of the Arab world. We published it in 2019 trilingually: English, Hebrew, and Arabic. It has lately touched a chord. *The New York Times* recently described it as a prime example of how "children's literature fosters more than just basic awareness of the similarities and differences in our shared humanity: It conjures a realm where we can imagine — together — something better than what is."

Our next season is full of similar jewels. April will bring Kuwaiti author Bothayna AI-Essa's *The Book Censor's Library*, translated from the Arabic by Ranya Abdelrahman and Sawad Hussain. At a time when book banning is unfortunately pushing us back to a period around the Second World War II, the novel is a plea for open debate. Its satire of censorship, secret archives, and the looming eye of an all-powerful government is reminiscent of canonical literature about liberty and free speech, including *1984, Darkness at Noon, The Handmaid's Tale*, and *Fahrenheit 451*. Remember: censorship isn't only about banning books, a strategy unfortunately we are all familiar with; it is also about being apathetic toward the act and art of reading. *Tenderloin*, Joy Sorman's macabre but entrancing novel of an obsessive French butcher also hits shelves (and guts) in April. This gorgeous, stomach-churning tale probes the thin borders between human, animal, flesh, and meat. It won the 2013 François Mauriac prize, and we are very pleased to bring it to English-speaking readers.

The winning novel of our 2022 Prize for New Immigrant Writing is a gripping and poignant tale of power, identity, and unconditional, unconventional love. *Between This World and the Next* by Praveen Herat follows a British war photographer and a young Cambodian woman whose lives become entangled as they seek to intervene in a web of sex-trafficking and arms deals, drawing them deeper into a world of crime, corruption, and difficult truths. I have no doubt you will find this narrative a refreshing new take on immigrant writing.

A new translation of the Batchelder Award-winning classic *The Wildcat Behind Glass* rounds out our season. This story of two sisters coming of age during the onset of fascism in Greece is beloved worldwide. It reflects the life of its author, Alki Zei, an outspoken supporter of democracy who was forced into political exile for her views. Karen Emmerich's translation, the first in over fifty years, brings the timeless tale to a new generation of readers.

Our monthly online series "Rereading the Classics," in partnership with the New York Public Library and the Jones Library in Amherst, has been going strong since 2017. We have recently discussed *One Thousand and One Nights, Dracula*, Toni Morrison, Jorge Luis Borges, and Elizabeth Bishop. Likewise, our in-person and online workshops for emerging immigrant writers have allowed many people new to this country to find their voices and share their stories.

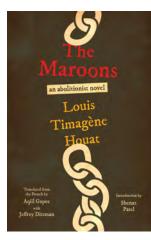
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Un placer, Ilan Stavans





Winter/Spring 2024



Hardcover List Price: US \$18.00 ISBN: 9781632063557 Publication: Feb 20, 2024 5" x 7.125" • 176 pages Fiction: Classics—World Literature / Slavery / Colonization / Indian Ocean / French / Réunion Island Rights Held: World English eBook ISBN: 9781632063564

• A TIMELY CONTRIBUTION TO AN ONGOING DEBATE:

While *Les Marrons* was originally published with the goal of informing French readers about the conditions of the Maroons, its modern translation adds depth to the ongoing debate over sovereignty of the Mascarene Islands, another legacy of French colonialism that remains to be solved.

 HISTORIC PERSPECTIVE: Based on Houat's experience with colonial authorities as a young music teacher in 1835, *The Maroons* depicts the cruel treatment of the Maroons on Réunion Island (then Bourbon).

The Maroons

Louis Timagène Houat Translated from the French by Aqiil Gopee with Jeffrey Diteman

A rediscovered classic now available in English for the first time, *The Maroons* is a fervid account of slavery and escape on nineteenth-century Réunion Island.

Frême is a young African man forced into slavery on Réunion, an island east of Madagascar in the Indian Ocean. Plagued by memories of his childhood sweetheart, a white woman named Marie, Frême seeks her out—but when they are persecuted for their love, the two flee into the forest. There they meet other "maroons": formerly enslaved people and courageous rebels who have chosen freedom at the risk of their lives.

The only known novel by Black abolitionist and political exile Louis Timagène Houat, *The Maroons* highlights slavery's abject conditions under the French empire, and attests to the widespread phenomenon of enslaved people escaping captivity to forge a new life beyond the reach of so-called "civilization." Banned by colonial authorities at the time of its publication in 1844, the book fell into obscurity for over a century before its rediscovery in the 1970s. Since its first reissue in France, the novel has been recognized for its extraordinary historical significance and literary quality.

"The questions [*The Maroons*] demanded that we sit with well over a century ago still hold within this current environment: What does freedom cost? And is true emancipation when one is willing to risk one's own freedom and life to free others?"

—Shanta Lee, author of GHETTOCLAUSTROPHOBIA and Black Metamorphoses

"As I read this first contemporary account of the dark and brutal beginnings of our islands' history . . . I saw the ashes of the past still smoldering all about me."

—Ananda Devi, author of *Eve Out of Her Ruins*

LOUIS TIMAGÈNE HOUAT was a French writer and physician. Originally from Bourbon Island, now known as La Réunion, he was the author of the first novel in Réunionese literature, *Les Marrons*, which he published in Paris in 1844.

Counsel Culture

Kim Hye-jin Translated from the Korean by Jamie Chang

From award-winning Korean author Kim Hye-jin comes the contemplative, superbly-crafted story of a woman scapegoated by sudden tragedy, and the unexpected paths she must wander in search of redemption.

Haesoo is a successful therapist and regular guest on a popular TV program. But when she makes a scripted negative comment about a public figure who later commits suicide, she finds herself ostracized by friends, fired from her job, and her marriage begins to unravel. These details come to the reader gradually, in meditative prose, through bits and pieces of letters that Haesoo writes and finally abandons as she walks alone through her city.

One day she has an unexpcted encounter with Sei, a 10-year-old girl attempting to feed an orange cat. Stray cats seem to be everywhere; they have the convern of one other neighborhood woman and the ire of everyone else. Like Haesoo and Sei, the cats endure various insults and recover slowly. Haesoo, who would not otherwise care about animals or form relationships with children, now finds herself pulled back by degrees into the larger world.

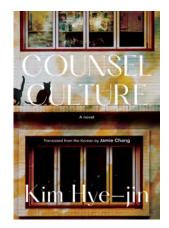
Praise for Kim Hye-Jin:

"Readers will be grateful to discover this new author." —*Publisher's Weekly*

"Urgent, timely, tender." —Yoon Choi, author of *Skinship*



KIM HYE-JIN is an award-winning author from Daegu, South Korea. She won the JoongAng Literature Award in 2013 for *Joongang Station*, the Shin Dong-yup Prize for Literature in 2018 for *Concerning My Daughter*, and the Daesan Literary Award in 2020 for *The Work of No.9*. She was also the Special Award Laureate of the 4th Lee Hochul Literary Prize for Peace in 2020 and winner of the 2023 Kim Yoo-jung Literary Award.



Paperback List Price: US \$18.00 ISBN: 9781632062321 Publication: March 5, 2024 5" x 7.125" • 208 pages Fiction: South Korea / Cancel Culture / Urban Isolation / Rescue Cats Rights Held: North America eBook ISBN: 9781632062338

- A SECOND NOVEL FROM PRIZE-WINNING AUTHOR: In her typical style, author Hye-jin approaches the controversial topic of cancel culture from an original perspective, tackling not the drama of cancel culture but what it means to live in a society that gives so much of its care and focus to what takes place on a screen.
- A TIMELY LOOK AT OUR OBSESSION WITH SOCIAL MEDIA: Like Haesoo, participants in discussions on TV news programs are usually coiffed and their conversations carefully scripted. What happens offstage, of course, can bear little resemblance to the manufactured images we project about ourselves.

Hardcover List Price: US \$18.00 ISBN: 9781632063342 Publication: April 2, 2024 5" x 7.125" • 224 pages Fiction: Satire / Dystopia / Speculative / Political Rights Held: World English eBook ISBN: 9781632063359

POLITICALLY TIMELY:

Censorship is on the rise in the U.S. as multiple states pass widespread bans on material for school classrooms and libraries, and the issue will be a hot topic for the 2024 presidential election.

- PROTEST AND RESISTANCE: Al-Essa's parable is a call to arms and a dire warning for readers, urging individual action even at great risk.
- PLAYFUL VOICE: AI-Essa's tone is deceptively light, even whimsical, and the story moves quickly—it's a zippy yarn despite harrowing subject matter.

The Book Censor's Library

Bothayna Al-Essa Translated from the Arabic by Ranya Abdelrahman and Sawad Hussain

A perilous and fantastical satire of banned books, secret libraries, and the looming eye of an allpowerful government, from award-winning Kuwaiti author Bothayna Al-Essa.

The new book censor hasn't slept soundly in weeks. By day, he combs through manuscripts at a government office, looking for anything that would make a book unfit to publish—allusions to queerness, unapproved religions, any mention of life before the Revolution. By night, pilfered novels pile up in the house he shares with his wife and daughter and the characters of literary classics crowd his dreams. As the siren song of forbidden reading continues to beckon, he descends into a netherworld of resistance fighters, undercover booksellers, and outlaw librarians trying to save their history and culture.

Reckoning with the global threat to free speech and the bleak future it all but guarantees, Bothayna Al-Essa marries the steely dystopia of Orwell's *1984* with the madcap absurdity of Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland*, resulting in a dreadful twist worthy of Kafka. *The Book Censor's Library* is a warning call and a love letter to stories and the delicious act of losing oneself in them.

"Lyrical and poetic . . . Al-Essa has a way of making the reader feel as if they themselves are being oppressed . . . Her words are heavy as she highlights the moments that change life abruptly."

-Manal Shakir, Arab News

BOTHAYNA AL-ESSA is the bestselling Kuwaiti author of nearly a dozen novels and additional children's books. She is also the founder of Takween, a bookshop and publisher of critically acclaimed works. Her most recent book, *The Book Censor's Library*, won the Sharjah Award for Creativity in the novel category in 2021 and is her third novel to appear in English, after *Lost in Mecca* and *All That I Want to Forget*. Al-Essa was author-in-residence at the British Centre for Literary Translation for the summer of 2023, and the recipient of Kuwait's Nation Encouragement Award for her fiction in 2003 and 2012. She has written books on writing and led writing workshops throughout the Arab world.

Joy Sorman

Translated from the French by Lara Vergnaud

Can killing be an act of love? Hypnotic, gruesome, and exultant, Joy Sorman's macabre ballet whirls from industrial slaughterhouses to the boutique butcher shops of Paris.

Pim is a delicate youth—stringy, solemn, and prone to bouts of unexplained weeping. When he enrolls in trade school as an apprentice butcher, his mentors have low expectations, but his lanky body conceals a peculiar flame: a passionate devotion to animals. In a business that strives to distance the chopping block from the dinner plate, his ardor might seem like a handicap, but Pim rises through the knife-wielding ranks with a barely-tethered zeal. He scours blood from floor mats and stacks carcasses in the cold room by day. By night he tries to slake his appetites: at the table, over boudin sausage and steak tartare, and in bed, with women whose flanks, ribs, and haunches he maps as they undress each other.

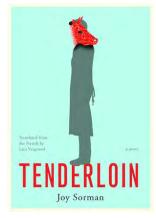
As Pim's professional successses mount, his cravings gnaw. Meat crowds his waking thoughts. Even as he carves ripe flesh from exquisite bone, he labors to close the gap between man and beast—to be seen, understood, even loved, by a primordial mind. Will this ravenous obsession yield to madness, or to ecstasy?

"Ah, the drama of being a carnivore! And the guilty pleasure with which one opens this little blood-red book, which borrows from the magic of reality as much as from the truth of the fable." —Augustin Trapenard, *Elle France*

"Its lean style is tender like a mother-raised veal cutlet." —Emmanuelle de Boysson, *Marie Claire*



JOY SORMAN is a novelist and documentarian who lives and works in Paris. She has written fourteen books, including *Boys, boys, boys*, which was awarded the 2005 Prix de Flore, *La peau de l'ours, À la folie,* and *Sciences de la vie*, which was published by Restless Books in 2021 as *Life Sciences. Tenderloin,* for which she received the 2013 François Mauriac prize from l'Académie française, is Sorman's second novel to be translated into English.



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- GENRE HORROR + LITERARY FICTION: Readers of Han Kang, Ottessa Moshfegh, Mariana Enríquez, and Jenny Hval will delight in this unrepentantly visceral novel with crossover appeal.
- A CONTROVERSIAL
 POSITION: Guaranteed to
 provoke discussion among
 friends and book groups,
 Sorman makes the case for
 eating meat at great personal
 and collective cost—and
 in opposition to much
 contemporary thinking.
- CLIMATE AND SUSTAINABILITY: Tenderloin is an urgent and rigorous call for reforming our disastrous modern model of consumption.





Hardcover List Price: US \$18 ISBN: 9781632063649 Publication: May 7, 2024 Yonder • 5.5" x 8.25" • 176 pages Fiction: World Literature / Family & Siblings / World War II / Fascism / Europe / Greece Rights Held: World English eBook ISBN: 9781632063656

INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AND HONORED: Wildcat Under Glass has been awarded multiple accolades, including the 2007 Premio Andersen – Il mondo dell'infanzia, the 1970 Mildred L. Batchelder Award, the 1968 ALA Notable Book selection, and the 1969 Horn Book Honor List selection.

• STRONG AND RESILIENT FEMALE PROTAGONISTS:

With its brave female protagonist and themes of survival, strength, and the search for identity, this is a must-read for fans of adventure, suspense, and literary fiction.

• VIVID IMAGERY AND DESCRIPTIVE PROSE: A classic of Greek literature, *Wildcat Under Glass* displays Alki Zei's literary abilities at their best.

The Wildcat Behind Glass

Alki Zei Translated from the Greek by Karen Emmerich

Melia is spellbound by the stuffed wildcat in her family's living room—her cousin swears that it comes to life and roams the streets at night. When she finds a signed note from the animal with secret instructions, a thrilling and dangerous adventure begins.

For Melia and her sister Myrto, summer means a break from Grandfather's history lessons and weeks of running free at the seaside with their ragtag group of friends. Best of all, cousin Nikos will visit and tell his fabulous stories about the taxidermied wildcat, which opens its blue glass eye when it wants to do good deeds and its black one when it makes trouble. The black eye must be open lately because all the adults have been acting strangely, arguing about politics and fearful of the police. Soon even the children are divided—who can Melia trust? And can the wildcat help keep her family safe?

Set in Greece during the 1930s, when the nation was torn apart by fascism, *The Wildcat Behind Glass* is an unforgettable tale of family, humanity, and what it means to be free. From its 1963 release to the dozens of international editions and honors that followed including a Mildred L. Batchelder Award, the novel has enchanted generations of young readers. Now, a fresh English translation—the first in over 50 years—breathes new life into the timeless story.

"A masterpiece! Undoubtedly perfect, extremely moving. One should not always refrain from expressing one's enthusiasm! This novel sums up all the essential qualities that one seeks in the children's literature of our times." —Bernard Epin, L'Ecole et la Nation

ALKI ZEI born in Athens in 1923, studied philosophy at the University of Athens, drama at the Athens Conservatory, and screenwriting at the Moscow Cinema Institute. She got her start in publishing by writing YA short stories for the Greek magazine Neaniki Foni. During the Second World War, she was actively involved in the struggle for freedom and democracy and against the German occupation of Greece. From 1974 until her death in 2020, she lived in Athens.

Between this World and the Next

Praveen Herat

WINNER OF THE RESTLESS BOOKS PRIZE FOR NEW IMMIGRANT WRITING

Praveen Herat's gripping literary thriller is a breathtaking exploration of power, identity, unconditional love, and the question of how far we'll go to uncover the truth.

Besieged by grief, British war photographer Joseph Nightingale travels to Cambodia, attempting to come to terms with a past that haunts him and a present that has grown unrecognizable. There, a surreal night and a brush with death lead him to Song, a young Cambodian woman grappling with the mounting psychological and physical scars left by a lifetime of poverty and violence. When Song mysteriously disappears, it's up to Joseph to piece together the clues, and he finds himself entangled in a web of transnational crime, arms dealing, sex trafficking, and corruption, where nothing and no one are what they seem.

Pulse-pounding and poignant, *Between this World and the Next* balances unforgettable moments of cruelty with scenes of devastating softness In this arresting, beautifully paced page-turner, Praveen Herat blurs the boundaries between good and evil, inviting readers to reexamine complicity and the consequences of looking the other way.

"Riven by dark acts, the story is uplifted by love—the love between sisters, the love of the bereaved, and a remarkable platonic love between Joseph and Song. A passionate exploration of power, poverty, and greed."

—Prize Judges Tiphanie Yanique, Deepak Unnikrishnan, and Ilan Stavans



PRAVEEN HERAT was born in London to Sri Lankan parents and educated in the UK, where he graduated from Oxford and completed UEA's Creative Writing MA. In between times, he has worked in a variety of fields: supporting victims of domestic abuse, project-managing museum events, and working with young people as an academic coach. He currently resides in Paris.



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- GENRE THRILLER + LITERARY FICTION: With arresting prose and plot, the novel will appeal to both literary readers as well as fans of thrillers, crime novels, or anyone looking to pick up a book they won't be able to put down.
- INTERNATIONAL FOCUS: With vivid descriptions of Phnom Penh, England, Ukraine, and Monrovia alike, the novel will appeal to readers from across the globe.
- A WILD RIDE AND A DEEP LOOK AT THE PROBLEMS THAT CONTINUE TO PLAGUE US: Herat skillfully leads readers on a captivating journey full of surprises and revelations, ensuring that the reader never once feels lost.

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Excerpt from Between This World and the Next

Open your eyes. Empty your mind. What's happening in the present will pass.

This is what Song tells herself.

It's dark and hot and the middle of the night. Through the light that comes from the open door, she sees a bead of sweat on the tip of his nose.

He's kind to have given her fruit juice. How long since she's tasted juice like that. Fresh from Pursat oranges, so sharp, so sweet, the little flakes of pulp floating on her tongue.

No one has touched her in a very long time. So many hands for so many years and then weeks and months of not being touched at all.

He holds her head down, twists it to her good side.

Images circle in her mind. Her old home. The starlight on the floor. Her golden bear under the crook of her arm.

Don't follow those thoughts, Song tells herself. You're eighteen, not twelve. Her body goes limp. The bead of sweat finally falls—a drop on her cheek that runs away like a tear.

When they want to imagine someone else, they close their eyes. But his eyes are open, eating her up. He gasps, tenses, stays completely still.

When she looks again, he is standing in the corner of the room. His back is turned and his shoulders are hunched.

"Okun charan," he says to the back of the door. Thank you very much. As if she had had a choice. She listens to his feet slap down the stairs, then gets up and crosses the courtyard via the walkway. In the guest apartment she hurries to the wet room. She will wash it away and it will flow to the river. Dissolve into the endless tides of the sea.

After she is clean, she wraps herself in her sampot and winds her krama around her head so the burned side is covered. Down in the building's entrance hall she lights the incense sticks in the spirit house. She checks the small blue and white saucer of lychee and smells the jasmine.

"Respect the spirits but don't think they give a damn about your sister," Mr. Thom makes a point of telling her. "Just accept the truth. She's as good as dead."

But Sovanna will find her. And then, anything and everything will be possible.

An army truck thunders along the street. Song blows out the match and ducks into the shadows, crouching between the scooters that are parked inside the hall. Through the metal concertina gate she sees

soldiers in the truck bed. People are unhappy with the results of the elections and the men will make sure they keep their objections to themselves.

Up above, she hears Thom slamming the door of the Naga Bar; the drunken muttering of the last barang as they lurch into the street and hail their motodops. The power goes out suddenly: no more karaoke, no streetlight. After the sound of the engines have faded, there is only a barking dog and the noodle boy tapping his woodblock. Toc-Toc. Toc. Toc. Toc.

Back in her room, she looks down at the trio of men on the street corner, bathed in the light of the almost full moon: the tire repairer, asleep within a fort of inner tubes; the cyclo driver curled in his passenger seat like a house cat; the motodop lying flat on his back, his feet crossed casually on the handlebars of his Daelim. She knows each man well, his temperament, his mien, their grumbles and quarrels and laughs. She knows the people who dwell in the dark apartments above—their thoughtfulness at sunset, when they emerge onto their balconies to gaze east to the river in the rose-colored light. But none of them know her. Three rainy seasons have passed since Song has stepped outside. This building—this labyrinth of dank stairwells and partitioned boxes where bong thoms and drunken sexpats get their kicks—is her prison.

Once Sovanna has found her, they will go back to Battambang—to the days of playing tag under the stilts of the family home, the chickens squawking and scattering at their feet. In the heat of the midday sun, they will gather under the shade tree, listening to the sounds of the vast, silent country, sensing the year's turning through the harvests of fruits and vegetables.

At the end of their working nights in Phnom Penh, they would lie together and list those harvests as a way of remembering:

"Rice," she would say, resting her head in Sovanna's lap.

"Mango," Sovanna would reply.

"The flooded fields of lotus and lilies."

Song imagines she is helping Ma, chopping the greens for the evening meal: grilled buffalo, a special treat that proves their parents do their best, even in times of hardship, even in the midst of war. Ma tells her to call Sovanna and Pa. And when she shouts *bong*—big sister—Sovanna answers *oun*—little one—just as she has always done, even though she is only ten minutes older. Then she walks steadily across the field and Song sees her beautiful face in the twilight—a face to which Song's had once been completely identical.

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<u>The Invisible Elephant</u> Anna Anisimova, Illustrated by Yulia Sidneva Translated from the Russian by Ruth Ahmedzai Kemp

"A joyous story of unique abilities and possibilities." —*Booklist*

Hardcover List Price: US \$22 ISBN: 9781632063243 # 7.25" x 9.25" • 112 pages Children's Fiction / Ages 6 - 12—illustrated chapter book / blindness / disability / Russia Rights: World English, Audio • eBook ISBN: 9781632063250



<u>The House of the Lost on the Cape</u> Sachiko Kashiwaba Illustrations by Yukiko Saito Translated from the Japanese by Avery Fischer Udagawa

"A powerful story of healing." —*Kirkus Reviews, Starred Review*

Paperback List Price: US \$18 ISBN: 9781632063373 • 5.5" x 8.25" • 224 pages Middle Grade Fiction: Japan / Fantasy / Legend / Earthquake / Tsunami / Family Rights Held: World English • eBook ISBN: 9781632063380



Fishing for the Little Pike Juhani Karila Translated from the Finnish by Lola Rogers

"This twisted love letter to the rural region leaves a lasting impression." —*Publisher's Weekly*

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"I think it is the very best story of diablerie which I have read for many years." —Arthur Conan Doyle, author of Sherlock Holmes

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<u>The Simple Art of Killing a Woman</u> Patrícia Melo

Translated from the Portuguese by Sophie Lewis

"Though the subject is horrifying, especially in the details about marred and dismembered victims, the narrator's voice is captivating and compelling, offering strength and purpose rather than despair. A deeply affecting novel illuminating the costs of being a woman in a dangerous, misogynistic society."

—Kirkus Reviews

Paperback List Price: US \$17

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Savagery

Alejandra Banca Translated from the Spanish by Katie Brown Aug 6, 2024

Anna Thalberg Eduardo Sangarcía Translated from the Spanish by Elizabeth Bryer Sep 3, 2024



<u>An Unruled Body</u> Ani Gjika

"Readers will be impressed by the author's bold willingness to face the horrors of her childhood as she artfully blends an insightful look at her native country's societal issues with her own family's immigration story and her ongoing journey to sexual health. A poignant literary and personal achievement."

- Booklist, Starred Review

Hardcover List Price: US \$26 ISBN: 9781632063403 • 5" × 7.125" • 272 pages Nonfiction: Memoir / Sex & Gender / Literary / Travel Rights Held: North America, Audio eBook ISBN: 9781632063410

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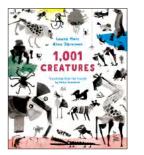
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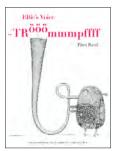


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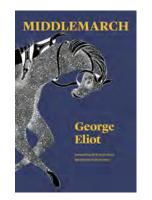
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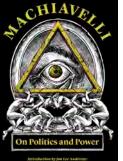
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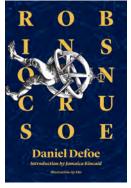
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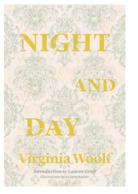
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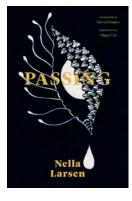
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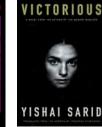
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