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In 2003, Osama al-Kharrat returns to Beirut after many years in America to stand vigil at his father's deathbed. As the family gathers, stories begin to unfold: Osama's grandfather was a hakawati, or storyteller, and his bewitching tales are interwoven with classic stories of the Middle East. Here are Abraham and Isaac; Ishmael, father of the Arab tribes; the beautiful Fatima; Baybars, the slave prince who vanquished the Crusaders; and a host of mischievous imps. Through Osama, we also enter the world of the contemporary Lebanese men and women whose stories tell a larger, heartbreaking tale of seemingly endless war, conflicted identity, and survival. With *The Hakawati*, Rabih Alameddine has given us an Arabian Nights for this century.

"Compelling and gorgeously written, this is a coming-of-age novella like no other. Chris Abani explores the depths of loss and exploitation with what can only be described as a knowing tenderness. An extraordinary, necessary book."—Cristina Garcia, author of *Dreaming in Cuban* "Abani's voice brings perspective to every moment, turning pain into a beautiful painterly meditation on loss and aloneness."—Aimee Bender, author of *The Girl in the Flammable Skirt* "Abani's empathy for Abigail's torn life is matched only by his honesty in portraying it. Nothing at all is held back. A harrowing piece of work."—Peter Orner, author of *The Esther Stories* Tough, spirited, and fiercely independent Abigail is brought as a teenager to London from Nigeria by relatives who attempt to force her into prostitution. She flees, struggling to find herself in the shadow of a strong but dead mother. In spare yet haunting and lyrical prose reminiscent of Marguerite Duras, Abani brings to life a young woman who lives with a strength and inner light that will enlighten and uplift the reader. Chris Abani is a poet and novelist and the author, most recently, of *GraceLand*, which won the 2005 PEN/Hemingway Prize, a Silver Medal in the California Book Awards, and was a finalist for several other prizes including the Los Angeles Times Book Prize. His other prizes include a PEN Freedom-to-Write Award, a Prince Claus Award, and a Lannan Literary Fellowship. He lives and teaches in California.

Three classic novellas--*The King of Trees*, *The King of Chess*, *The King of Children*--that completely altered the landscape of contemporary Chinese fiction.

Set in the Southern Italian countryside, the story of young Marco, his elder sister Elisa, and his father who must migrate to France in search of work is told in alternating voices.

Sacred is the heart-breaking love story of a young woman and her husband, who live in the old part of the city in

Jerusalem. After 10 years of a loving relationship without children, Rachel's husband is forced by custom to reject her. Does she dare to tell the truth - or will she let her beloved husband marry another?

The central relationship between Diego, the gay Cuban intellectual, and David a young communist militant, is developed by writer Senel Paz from his prize-winning short story *The Wolf, the Woods and the New Man*.

"Mr Mortdecai, why do you suppose I and my superiors have preserved you from death at very very great trouble and expense?†? Charlie Mortdecai—degenerate aristocrat and victim of his own larceny and licentiousness—has no idea. Until it is made clear to him that he must marry the beautiful, sex-crazed and very, very rich Johanna Krampf. The fly in the ointment is that Johanna thinks nothing of involving poor Charlie in her life-threatening schemes such as monarch-assassination, heroin smuggling and—worst of all—survival training at a college for feminist spies. Perhaps, it's all in a good cause—if only Charlie can live long enough to find out.

"So candid, so penetrating and so beautifully written that it can make you feel cut open, emotionally exposed." —Sam Sacks, *Wall Street Journal* Harvard Square is the elegant and sexually charged story of a young émigré grad student, a Jew from Egypt, who meets a brash, magnetic Arab taxi driver—and how their friendship tests his loyalties and throws his life in America into doubt. André Aciman's writing has been hailed by Colm Tóibín as "fiction at its most supremely interesting," and here Aciman delivers a powerful tale of identity and the wages of assimilation.

'She was a Fellow and Tutor of Scone College and the world must learn that Fellows and Tutors of Scone College shall not be done to death with impunity.' The Hon. Charlie Mortdecai, the inspiration for the character in the film *Mortdecai*, starring Johnny Depp, is invited to Oxford to investigate the cruel and most definitely unusual death of a don who collided with an omnibus. Though her death appears accidental, one or two things don't add up - such as two pairs of thugs who'd been following her just before her death. With more spies than you could shoe horn into a stretch limo and the solving of the odd murder along the way, *The Great Mortdecai Moustache Mystery* is a criminally comic delight.

Exercise? Geronimo? Not a chance! So when he accidentally gets signed up to the Mouse Island Marathon, Geronimo can't pull out fast enough. Unfortunately his family has other ideas, and they soon have a whole fitness plan set out for him. Will Geronimo make it across the finish line on the day?The series is perfect for 5 to 8 year old's both avid and reluctant readers due to its expressive typeset, fun illustrations and humorous stories. Supplementary material is available: www.sweetcherrypublishing.com/resources

This surprise bestseller from Canada traces the groups and individuals who are part of a timeless phenomenon that transcends culture and religion. Joan of Arc was one. So was Sir Isaac Newton. A monk vows to be one. A prisoner has no choice. History tells of many avowed celibates, and today's society reflects a renewed interest in celibacy. But what caused -- and still causes -- people to give up sex, the very activity that drives, fascinates, troubles, and delights the rest of us? Elizabeth Abbott's spirited and provocative exploration of celibacy debunks the traditionally held notion that celibacy is a predominantly religious concept of little concern to the secular world. With myriad examples, Abbott's lively history reveals insights not only about our religious practices but also about our sexual desires and changing

attitudes toward gender and physical health. From the vestal virgins of ancient Rome, who were entombed alive if they broke their vows, to contemporary athletes, who "conserve semen" to enhance their game, from celibacy as a guarantee for marriage to involuntary celibacy among prisoners, eunuchs, and young women cloistered against their will, Abbott puts a human face on celibacy, capturing the anguish of the castrated boy destined for an operatic career, the ecstasy of the woman whose celibacy is rewarded by visions of Christ, and the anger of the bachelor doomed by the surplus of males in contemporary China. What didn't happen in the bedrooms of history, and why? Through stories of individual lives -- fascinating, vital, and real -- A History of Celibacy tells all.

Read Ann Aguirre's posts on the Penguin Blog "Gritty, steamy and altogether wonderful urban fantasy."—New York Times Bestselling Author Patricia Briggs View our feature on Ann Aguirre's Blue Diablo. "Right now, I'm a redhead. I've been blonde and brunette as the situation requires, though an unscheduled color change usually means relocating in the middle of the night. So far, I'm doing well here. Nobody knows what I'm running from. And I'd like to keep it that way..." Eighteen months ago, Corine Solomon crossed the border and wound up in Mexico City, fleeing her past, her lover, and her "gift". Corine, a handler, can touch something and know its history—and sometimes, its future. Using her ability, she can find the missing—and that's why people never stop trying to find her. People like her ex, Chance... Chance, whose uncanny luck has led him to her doorstep, needs her help. Someone dear to them both has gone missing in Laredo, Texas, and the only hope of finding her is through Corine's gift. But their search may prove dangerous as the trail leads them into a strange dark world of demons and sorcerers, ghosts and witchcraft, zombies—and black magic...

Complete French is a comprehensive book and audio language course that takes you from beginner to intermediate level. The new edition of this successful course has been fully revised and is packed with new learning features to give you the language, practice and skills to communicate with confidence. - Maps from A1 to B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) for languages - 25 learning units plus verbs reference and word glossary and revision section - Discovery Method - figure out rules and patterns to make the language stick - Teaches the key skills - reading, writing, listening and speaking - Learn to learn - tips and skills on how to be a better language learner - Culture notes - learn about the people and places of France - Outcomes-based learning - focus your studies with clear aims - Authentic listening activities - everyday conversations give you a flavour of real spoken French - Test Yourself - see and track your own progress In this pack you'll get a full-colour book and two CDs of audio material. Get our companion app. French course: Teach Yourself is full of fun, interactive activities to support your learning with this course. Apple and Android versions available. Rely on Teach Yourself, trusted by language learners for over 75 years.

Simple text explains the varied ways in which such animals as beavers, hummingbirds, termites, and bald eagles build their homes.

On mind relaxation.

A publishing phenomenon which has sold over 120,000 copies in France ..'Leaves you feeling better prepared for life . . . the deepest emotions and the most delicate feelings are evoked with an astonishing economy of means.' Paris Vogue ..When she needs a babysitter for her two children, the narrator of Sans Moi hires Olivia - recovering drug user, sometime prostitute, brought up in care. One might have thought she was adding to her burdens. But life is not just a question of the past, and people are not simply the products of their worst experiences. Confronted by the challenges of loneliness and change, the narrator realizes that Olivia has as much to give her as she has needs of her own. In the year they live together, companionship, intimacy and humour create a friendship full of vitality and mutual respect. Forensic psychiatrist Dr. Frank Clevenger returns with another frightening journey into the mind of a killer ... West Crosse is a stunningly

brilliant, strikingly handsome architect with a love of ideal beauty and a commitment to achieving it at any cost. But the rich, powerful families who secretly engage him to design their homes don't know his dark side: Crosse can't stop at designing their dwellings. He needs to make their lives more perfect, too, even if it means a gut rehab of the family, even if the final design takes years to achieve--murdering an abusive spouse, a toxic lover, a predatory business partner or an unwanted child. As Crosse is about to embark on the master work of his creative life, the FBI puts Frank Clevenger on the case, and the ultimate cat and mouse game begins. "Keith Ablow's *The Architect* is original, well written, and very suspenseful. West Crosse is a complex, unforgettable bad guy." —James Patterson, New York Times Bestselling author of *Cat and Mouse*

Finalist for the National Book Award: "A family saga in the manner of Gabriel García Márquez," set in Puerto Rico, from an extraordinary storyteller (*The New York Times Book Review*). This riveting, multigenerational epic tells the story of two families and the history of Puerto Rico through the eyes of Isabel Monfort and her husband, Quintín Mendizabal. Isabel attempts to immortalize their now-united families—and, by extension, their homeland—in a book. The tale that unfolds in her writing has layers upon layers, exploring the nature of love, marriage, family, and Puerto Rico itself. Weaving the intimate with the expansive on a teeming stage, Ferré crafts a revealing self-portrait of a man and a woman, two fiercely independent people searching for meaning and identity. As Isabel declares: "Nothing is true, nothing is false, everything is the color of the glass you're looking through." A book about freeing oneself from societal and cultural constraints, *The House on the Lagoon* also grapples with bigger issues of life, death, poverty, and racism. Mythological in its breadth and scope, this is a masterwork from an extraordinary storyteller.

Now a major motion picture starring Academy Award winner Lupita Nyong'o and David Oyelowo, directed by Mira Nair. The "astonishing" (*The New York Times Book Review*) and "inspirational" (*Shelf Awareness*) true story of Phiona Mutesi—a teenage chess prodigy from the slums of Uganda. One day in 2005 while searching for food, nine-year-old Ugandan Phiona Mutesi followed her brother to a dusty veranda where she met Robert Katende. Katende, a war refugee turned missionary, had an improbable dream: to empower kids in the Katwe slum through chess—a game so foreign there is no word for it in their native language. Laying a chessboard in the dirt, Robert began to teach. At first children came for a free bowl of porridge, but many grew to love the game that—like their daily lives—requires persevering against great obstacles. Of these kids, one girl stood out as an immense talent: Phiona. By the age of eleven Phiona was her country's junior champion, and at fifteen, the national champion. Now a Woman Candidate Master—the first female titled player in her country's history—Phiona dreams of becoming a Grandmaster, the most elite level in chess. But to reach that goal, she must grapple with everyday life in one of the world's most unstable countries. *The Queen of Katwe* is a "remarkable" (*NPR*) and "riveting" (*New York Post*) book that shows how "Phiona's story transcends the limitations of the chessboard" (*Robert Hess, US Grandmaster*).

This volume is the first translation of Romano Bilenchi's 1940 masterpiece to appear in English. This is surprising since *The Conservatory of Santa Teresa* is much more than an invaluable historical document of life in provincial Tuscany around the time of the First World War. It is truly one of the most important works of fiction published in Italy under Fascism. In telling of the pre-adolescent Sergio's encounter with the larger world of sex, politics, and the violence and cruelty of adult life, Bilenchi succeeds in representing a universal paradigm, that of the clash of innocence with experience. But what makes Sergio's trajectory unique is that he goes through it in the company of three extraordinary women who are at once femmes fatales and benevolent guides: his mother, his aunt, and his tutor, all almost unbearably beautiful, as least in Sergio's eyes. These women, plus the dazzling landscape of the Sieneese countryside as captured by Bilenchi, make Sergio's journey an

enviable even if sometimes painful and bewildering experience.

This book assesses the causes and consequences of the impact on the recent Middle East war. The authors describe the popular basis of Hezbollah in Lebanon among the Shiites, but also its relation to the country's other religious communities and political forces. They analyze the regional roles of Syria, Iran, and Hamas as well as the politics of the United States and Europe. The authors dissect the strategic and political background behind recent actions taken by Israel; the impact of Israel's incursion into Lebanon and effects on Lebanon's population -- and the consequences of the war on Israel polity and society.

Featuring the Honorable Charlie Mortdecai—degenerate aristocrat, amoral art dealer, seasoned epicurean, unwilling assassin, and general knave-about-Piccadilly—Something Nasty In the Woodshed is, chronologically, the third in the Mortdecai trilogy, after Don't Point That Thing at Me and After You With the Pistol, although written second. The players are, once again, Charlie, Johanna, and Jock (the thuggish anti-Jeeves), and there is plenty of liquor, lasciviousness, and filthy lucre to keep the plot turning. As Stephen Fry put it, "You couldn't snuggle under the duvet with anything more disreputable and delightful."

A visionary book in the repertoire of prison literature. This is a 37 year old man's account of 25 years behind bars.

Inspector Maigret becomes a reluctant advisor to a cabinet minister, involved in political intrigue

This book is also available through the Introductory Engineering Custom Publishing System. If you are interested in creating a course-pack that includes chapters from this book, you can get further information by calling 212-850-6272 or sending email inquiries to engineerjwiley.com. The authors offer a set of objectives at the beginning of each chapter plus a clear, concise description of abstract concepts. Focusing on preparing students to solve practical problems, it includes numerous colorful illustrative examples. Along with updated material on MOSFETS, the CRO for use in lab work, a thorough treatment of digital electronics and rapidly developing areas of electronics, it contains an expansive glossary of new terms and ideas.

The only forensic psychiatrist writing suspense, Keith Ablow is being hailed as the heir to Thomas Harris. Keith Ablow's novels delve deep into that dark and deadly place that Ablow, one of the nation's leading forensic psychiatrists, knows best: the psyche of a killer. Ablow has explored the catacombs of the criminal mind to find out what makes them tick, and he brings that expertise to his new novel, a chilling and emotionally compelling story of the lengths to which one man will go to leave his own life behind. In Murder Suicide, Ablow and his alter-ego, Dr. Frank Clevenger, return to take on a murder case like no other. John Snow is a brilliant inventor who has made millions from his genius in aeronautics. He has everything a man could desire: wealth, family, even a beautiful mistress. But he also has a brain disease, a rare form of epilepsy, that threatens his most valuable possession -- his mind. Only one doctor may be able to cure it surgically, but at a terrible cost, one that Snow reveals to no one: Snow will have no memory whatsoever of his past - of its emotional entanglements or its secrets. He will be abandoning everyone he has ever known. But the night before he is scheduled to undergo the operation, he is found near the Massachusetts General Hospital, dead of a gunshot wound. Did he commit suicide, as the police suspect - or was he murdered? Forensic psychiatrist Dr. Frank Clevenger delves into Snow's complex past and tortured relationships to unlock the identity of Snow's killer: Was it the wife who can never forgive what he's done to their child and their marriage, the son who loathes him, the beautiful mistress who loves him so deeply but can never have him, or the business partner intent on taking control of his inventions? Only Frank Clevenger can unlock the door to Snow's startling past. And only Keith Ablow can take readers even further into the mind of a killer.

Al King, the rock-and-roll super stud who is everything any sex-crazed groupie ever imagined her hero to be; and Dallas, the beauty queen

whose sky-high ambitions stem from a sordid secret—the type that tabloids tingle to tell. Together, they're on a wild ride from London to New York, from Hollywood to Rio and the steaming jungles of the Amazon—where all their dreams and nightmares are about to come

true...**LOVERS & GAMBLERS**

From bestselling author of *Only the Innocent* comes a gripping psychological thriller about one dark night that a group of friends can't leave behind as "suspicion falls... and emotions run high" (Publishers Weekly). That's the thing about old friends, they never let you forget. The first time Jemma and Matt were invited to Polskirrin -- the palatial ocean-view home belonging to Matt's old friend Lucas Jarrett -- it was for an intimate wedding that ended in tragedy. Jemma will never forget the sight of the girl's pale, doll-like body bobbing listlessly toward the rocky shore. Now, exactly one year later, Jemma and her husband have reluctantly returned at Lucas's request to honor an anniversary they would do anything to forget. But what Lucas has in store for his guests is nothing like a candlelight vigil. Someone close remembers more from that night than they'll admit to, and Lucas has devised a little game for them all to make them tell the truth. At least Jemma knows that she and Matt weren't involved in what happened to that young woman . . . or were they? Before you play a game with death, make sure you can pay the price. . . From the three-million-copy bestselling author of *Only the Innocent* comes an absolutely gripping new psychological thriller. Perfect for fans of *Something in the Water*, *The Woman in the Window* and *The Silent Patient*.

The author of *The Anatomist* delves deeply into the Gothic nineteenth century to explore the world of opium, erotica, and decadence that underpins the polish and manners of the era as it re-creates the literary competition among Percy and Mary Shelley, Mary's sister, Lord Byron, and John Polidori that led to the creation of *Frankenstein*. Reprint.

The Science Focus Second Edition is the complete science package for the teaching of the New South Wales Stage 4 and 5 Science Syllabus. The Science Focus Second Edition package retains the identified strengths of the highly successful First Edition and includes a number of new and exciting features, improvements and components.

This tale of an awkward Israeli widower and his misadventures with women is an "extraordinary novel . . . a masterpiece" (Los Angeles Times). After seven long years of illness, Molkho's wife passes, leaving him in mourning, but also with an unexpected sense of freedom. No longer is he bound to being a caretaker for a woman too sick to even bear his touch. His future—and his desires—are his own. As the seasons of his life propel the hapless middle-aged accountant through a series of journeys and a string of infatuations—with an unwanted wife, an aggressive bureaucrat, a young girl, and a Russian émigré—Molkho begins to find the real element that was missing in his life was not romance, but his own will. An absurd, tragic, humorous, and hopeful meditation on love, marriage, and the quiet struggles of average Israeli lives, *Five Seasons* "reconfirms [A. B. Yehoshua's] status as a shrewd analyst of domestic ordeals" (Publishers Weekly).

A "gem of a novel" that sends up marriage, academia, and literary stardom, by the New York Times–bestselling author of *They May Not Mean To, But They Do* (Publishers Weekly). In this delightful novel from an author who "has been favored in so many ways by the muse of comedy," we meet Margaret Nathan, the brilliant but forgetful author of an unlikely bestseller (The New York Review of Books). Happily married to a benevolently egotistical, slightly dull but sexy professor, Margaret seems blessed—until she finds herself seduced by an eighteenth-century novel she discovers in the library. Wrapped in its lascivious world, Margaret begins to imitate its protagonist, embarking on a hilarious jaunt around Manhattan in search of renewed passion. Will she find fulfillment through her escapades or settle for her husband? Part romantic comedy, part intellectual parody, *Rameau's Niece* is wise, affecting, and thoroughly entertaining.

The dead man had one too many lovers. Nero Wolfe's resourceful assistant Archie Goodwin finds that out when he stumbles into the room where the businessman has been murdered: a love nest lined with red satin and fleshy paintings. Besides the decor—and the trove of women's slippers—another notable feature of the room is the absence of police. So Nero Wolfe has a healthy head start on solving the crime. Then comes a snag: a bidding war erupts for the reclusive sleuth's services. Suddenly Wolfe has too many clients, including one who's party to murder. . . . Introduction by Malcolm Forbes, Jr. “It is always a treat to read a Nero Wolfe mystery. The man has entered our folklore.”—The New York Times Book Review A grand master of the form, Rex Stout is one of America's greatest mystery writers, and his literary creation Nero Wolfe is one of the greatest fictional detectives of all time. Together, Stout and Wolfe have entertained—and puzzled—millions of mystery fans around the world. Now, with his perambulatory man-about-town, Archie Goodwin, the arrogant, gourmandizing, sedentary sleuth is back in the original seventy-three cases of crime and detection written by the inimitable master himself, Rex Stout.

This is Desperate Housewives meets First Wives Club set in the glamorous borough of Chelsea.

NOW STREAMING ON NETFLIX! “Hilarious” — New York Times Teen Genius (and Hermit) Carrie Pilby's To-Do List: 1. List 10 things you love (and do them!) 2. Join a club (and talk to people!) 3. Go on a date (with someone you actually like!) 4. Tell someone you care (your therapist doesn't count!) 5. Celebrate New Year's (with other people!) Seriously? Carrie would rather stay in bed than deal with the immoral, sex-obsessed hypocrites who seem to overrun her hometown, New York City. She's sick of trying to be like everybody else. She isn't! But when her own therapist gives her a five-point plan to change her social-outcast status, Carrie takes a hard look at herself—and agrees to try. Suddenly the world doesn't seem so bad. But is prodigy Carrie willing to dumb things down just to fit in?

If you want to learn about one of history's most fascinating minds and uncover some of his secrets of imagination—secrets that enabled him to invent machines light years ahead of his time and literally bring light to the world—then you want to read this book. Imagination amplifies and colors every other element of genius, and unlocks our potential for understanding and ability. It's no coincidence that geniuses not only dare to dream of the impossible for their work, but do the same for their lives. They're audacious enough to think that they're not just ordinary players. Few stories better illustrate this better than the life of the father of the modern world, a man of legendary imaginative power and wonder: Nikola Tesla. In this book, you'll be taken on a whirlwind journey through Tesla's life and work, and not only learn about the successes and mistakes of one of history's greatest inventors, but also how to look at the world in a different, more imaginative way. Read this book now and learn lessons from Nikola Tesla on why imagination is so vital to awakening your inner genius, and insights into the real “secret” to creativity, as explained by people like Jobs, Picasso, Dali, and Twain.

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