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Smoothing is often used to reduce noise within an image or to produce a less pixelated image. Most smoothing methods are based on low pass filters. Smoothing is also usually based on a single value representing the image, such as the average value of the image or the middle (median) value. In image processing, to smooth a data set is to create an approximating function that attempts to capture important patterns in the data, while leaving out noise or other fine-scale structures/rapid phenomena. In smoothing, the data points of a signal are modified so individual points (presumably because of noise) are reduced, and points that are lower than the adjacent points are increased leading to a smoother signal. Smoothing may be used in two important ways that can aid in data analysis; by being able to extract more information from the data as long as the assumption of smoothing is reasonable and; by being able to provide analyses that are both flexible and robust. Filtering and prediction is about observing moving objects when the observations are corrupted by random errors. Smoothing, Filtering and Prediction - Estimating The Past, Present and Future describes the classical smoothing, filtering and prediction techniques together with some more recently developed embellishments for improving performance within applications. It aims to present the subject in an accessible way, so that it can serve as a practical guide for undergraduates and newcomers to the field.

Cosimo di Rondó, a young Italian nobleman of the eighteenth century, rebels against his parents by climbing into the trees and remaining there for the rest of his life. He adapts efficiently to an existence in the forest canopy—he hunts, sows crops, plays games with earth-bound friends, fights forest fires, solves engineering problems, and even manages to have love affairs. From his perch in the trees, Cosimo sees the Age of Enlightenment pass by and a new century dawn.

Lasciati gli studi di medicina per dedicarsi al lavoro di redattore di giornale il giovane SDG seppe scrivere in quegli anni alcune tra le pi belle rappresentazioni di uno spaccato di vita napoletana. La Napoli dei vicoli, delle sue donne, delle mille botteghe e della miseria fu dipinta in ogni sua pi impercettibile sfumatura come solo la mano d'un 'verista sentimentale', come egli si definiva, poteva. In quest'opera egli racconta, in quindici brevi storie, alcuni drammi causati dalla miseria come quello d'una madre che vede morire il bambino Ndreuccio per un semplice malanno, della giovane Serafina accoltellata per strada, la vedova Carmela costretta a chiudere un suo maschietto all'Albergo dei Poveri e mandare la bambinella ad imparar a cucire da una sartina, o le lacrime della piccola Bettina che ritrova vuota la sua calza lasciata alla befana. Ma anche storie apparentemente comuni come quella di Fortunata la fiorista accoltellata dal marito per gelosia, o quella dell'incontro in ospedale della giovane e bella Suor Carmelina che seppe turbarlo, o ancora dell'ingenuit di Antonietta sedotta da un marinaio. Nelle descrizioni appaiono sempre i vicoli che pullulano di vita, sedi di tante amicizie occasionali come quella dell'amico Richter appassionato di musica classica. Peppino Battimeli un acquafrescaio conosciuto da tutti che stato spedito all'ospedale dei matti. La solitudine di Manlio.

This is the first unexpurgated English edition of Curzio Malaparte's legendary work *The Skin*. The book begins in 1943, with Allied forces cementing their grip on the devastated city of Naples. The sometime Fascist and ever-resourceful Curzio Malaparte is working with the Americans as a liaison officer. He looks after Colonel Jack Hamilton, "a Christian gentleman . . . an American in the noblest sense of the word," who speaks French and cites the classics and holds his nose as the two men tour the squalid streets of a city in ruins where liberation is only another word for desperation. Veterans of the disbanded Italian army beg for work. A rare specimen from the city's famous aquarium is served up at a ceremonial dinner for high Allied officers. Prostitution is rampant. The smell of death is everywhere. Subtle, cynical, evasive, manipulative, unnerving, always astonishing, Malaparte is a supreme artist of the unreliable, both the product and the prophet of a world gone rotten to the core.

Soon to be a major motion picture! Book 3 of the *After* series—newly revised and expanded, Anna Todd's *After* fanfiction racked up 1 billion reads online and captivated readers across the globe. Experience the internet's most talked-about book for yourself from the writer *Cosmopolitan* called "the biggest literary phenomenon of her generation." Tessa and Hardin's love was complicated before. Now it's more confusing than ever. **AFTER WE FELL**...Life will never be the same. #HESSA Just as Tessa makes the biggest decision of her life, everything changes. Revelations about first her family, and then Hardin's, throw everything they knew before in doubt and makes their hard-won future together more difficult to claim. Tessa's life begins to come unglued. Nothing is what she thought it was. Not her friends. Not her family. The one person she should be able to rely on, Hardin, is furious when he discovers the massive secret she's been keeping. And rather than being understanding, he turns to sabotage. Tessa knows Hardin loves her and will do anything to protect her, but there's a difference between loving someone and being able to have them in your life. This cycle of jealousy, unpredictable anger, and forgiveness is exhausting. She's never felt so intensely for anyone, so exhilarated by someone's kiss—but is the irrepressible heat between her and Hardin worth all the drama? Love used to be enough to hold them together. But if Tessa follows her heart now, will it be...the end?

This book presents a semiotic study of the re-elaboration of Christian narratives and values in a corpus of Italian novels published after the Second Vatican Council (1960s). It tackles the complex set of ideas expressed by Italian writers about the biblical narration of human origins and traditional religious language and ritual, the perceived clash between the immanent and transcendent nature and role of the Church, and the problematic notion of sanctity emerging from contemporary narrative.

In the basement of a Boston bookstore, Firmin is born in a shredded copy *Finnegans Wake*, nurtured on a diet of *Zane Grey*, *Lady Chatterley's Lover*, and *Jane Eyre* (which tastes a lot like lettuce). While his twelve siblings gnaw these books obliviously, for Firmin the words, thoughts, deeds, and hopes—all the literature he consumes—soon consume him. Emboldened by reading, intoxicated by curiosity, foraging for food, Firmin ventures out of his bookstore sanctuary, carrying with him all the yearnings and failings of

humanity itself. It's a lot to ask of a rat—especially when his home is on the verge of annihilation. A novel that is by turns hilarious, tragic, and hopeful, *Firmin* is a masterpiece of literary imagination. For here, a tender soul, a vagabond and philosopher, struggles with mortality and meaning—in a tale for anyone who has ever feasted on a book...and then had to turn the final page. NOTE: This edition does not include illustrations.

Winner of the Premio Strega, Italy's most prestigious literary award, *The Faithful Lover* is a sumptuously imagined collection by one of the twentieth century's most renowned writers. Eclectic and astute, these remarkable stories show us that the border between this world and the out-of-this-world may be more permeable than we think. In *Encounter*, a young man eavesdrops on a pair of ghostly lovers, while in *Lights*, the whisperings of a mysterious voice steer the unnamed narrator towards an elusive destination. Other stories are grounded in the everyday, showcasing the incisive mix of tragedy and comedy that is central to Bontempelli's work. The upside of insanity creates a moral dilemma for a loving mother in *Empress*, while in *Octogenarian*, an elderly woman summons her family to her deathbed for one final, hilarious domestic dispute. The title story pokes brutal fun at the narrators' fleeting affections, and in the renowned novella *Water*, an ethereal young woman's innocence wrecks havoc on a host of admirers. This is a breathtakingly elegant and unsentimental collection. Bontempelli challenges our view of the world by looking beyond the old ideas to a startling truth, a way of seeing that is an unwavering source of joy and surprise.

Take a tour of Toronto, look around Lisbon or hot-foot it to Helsinki with this global adventure in a book! 30 best-loved cities from around the world are brought to life with illustrations by Martin Haake, which show in fabulous detail key landmarks, famous people, iconic buildings and cultural icons for all the family to enjoy. A search-and-find game on every page helps young readers to explore every city and spot the hundreds of details that makes each place unique.

Ambientato durante la seconda guerra mondiale in un paese dell'Europa dell'Est, *L'uccello dipinto* è la storia di un bambino ebreo e della sua miracolosa ricerca della salvezza. Allo scoppio del conflitto la famiglia lo nasconde in un villaggio di campagna e lo affida alle cure di un'anziana bambinaia, sperando di risparmiargli le violenze dell'esercito invasore; ma dopo la morte della donna inizia per lui un solitario vagabondare nel tentativo di ricongiungersi ai genitori. Tra le atrocità dei soldati tedeschi e quelle dei contadini – che lo credono un ebreo o uno zingaro in possesso di poteri malefici – il bambino scoprirà sulla natura umana molto più di quanto la sua giovane età avrebbe dovuto consentirgli. Fin dalla sua uscita, nel 1965, *L'uccello dipinto* destò scalpore su entrambi i lati della Cortina di Ferro, divenendo uno dei libri più controversi nell'era della guerra fredda. Cinquant'anni dopo, caduto il velo delle ideologie, questo romanzo insieme autobiografico e universale continua a parlarci, con il coraggio e l'eloquenza dei grandi classici, del problema della libertà individuale e della violenza della società. Con una introduzione dell'autore.

Non importa che siate liberi professionisti, manager o dipendenti, ciò che conta è la consapevolezza che il mondo del lavoro è totalmente cambiato. La diffusione degli smartphone e dei device tecnologici impone una riconsiderazione del tempo: possiamo continuare a pensare secondo orari di lavoro fissi, ma ormai sempre più spesso sono gli strumenti a dettarci task, compiti e orari. Con un conseguente aumento dello stress. Il mondo del lavoro di oggi non è peggiore di quello di ieri, è solo un mondo diverso, con abitudini diverse. Oggi è possibile, per esempio, lavorare in mobilità con la stessa efficienza con la quale si lavora da una postazione fissa. A volte anche meglio. Ciò che conta è la capacità di organizzare il tempo e il lavoro con una metodologia efficace e una conoscenza accurata dei migliori tool disponibili. Essere always on è una criticità che va affrontata e dominata, non subita. Mobile working vi insegnerà a conoscere tutti gli strumenti ideali per lavorare mobile, ma è importantissimo che siate voi, alla fine, a scegliere il terreno sul quale giocare.

*Shorter Prose Pieces* is a collection of lectures and quotes by Oscar Wilde, in which he talks about various topics and themes. In *Slaves of Fashion*, Wilde criticizes the evils of corsetry, and in *Woman's Dress*, he advises women to suspend the weight and reduce the number of layers of clothing and make it more hygienic. He advises them to wear more antique dresses. Other pieces such as *Costume*, *Phrases*, and *Philosophies for the Use of the Young and The American Invasion* are also included in the volume.

*The 120 Days of Sodom* is Sade's masterpiece. A still unsurpassed catalogue of sexual aberrations and the first systematic exploration of the psychopathology of sex, it was written during Sade's imprisonment and then lost after the storming of the Bastille in 1789. Later rediscovered, the manuscript remained unpublished until 1936 and is now introduced by Simone de Beauvoir's landmark essay, 'Must We Burn Sade?' Unique in its enduring capacity to shock and provoke, *The 120 days of Sodom* must stand as one of the most controversial books ever written. Sumptuous novel centering on the life of sixteenth-century Italian Isabella D'Este.

Puccini's non-operatic songs, *Arie da camera e da chiesa* for voice and piano, have never before been collected--many until now have never been published. They cover the entire span of the composer's life: the earliest was written when Puccini was in his teens, the latest when the composer was in his sixties. Working from musical manuscripts, letters, documents, and other sources, Michael Kaye shows Puccini--whose music is the mainstay of every opera house in the world--in a new light. The words and music of fifteen songs, including little-known music from the operas *Edgar* and *La Rondine*, are provided. More than a dozen fascinating--some rare--photographs give an extra dimension to the book. About the Author Michael Kaye received his M.M. in opera from the New England Conservatory. He has served on the artistic staffs of opera companies in Boston, Chicago, Cologne, San Francisco and New York.

"It began as a mistake." By middle age, Henry Chinaski has lost more than twelve years of his life to the U.S. Postal Service. In a world where his three true, bitter pleasures are women, booze, and racetrack betting, he somehow drags his hangover out of bed every dawn to lug waterlogged mailbags up mud-soaked mountains, outsmart vicious guard dogs, and pray to survive the day-to-day trials of sadistic bosses and certifiable coworkers. This classic 1971 novel—the one that catapulted its author to national fame—is the perfect introduction to the grimly hysterical world of legendary writer, poet, and Dirty Old Man Charles Bukowski and his fictional alter ego, Chinaski.

An epistolary tale told through a series of seventeen letters by men describes their affairs and desperate entreaties for replies that may never come, in a work that culminates in a single, eighteenth letter by a distant, implacable woman who sympathetically answers their pleas. Original.

Gwen's life has been a rollercoaster since she discovered she was the Ruby, the final member of the secret time-traveling Circle of Twelve. In between searching through history for the other time-travelers and asking for a bit of their blood (gross!), she's been trying to figure out what all the mysteries and prophecies surrounding the Circle really mean. At least Gwen has plenty of help. Her best friend Lesley follows every lead diligently on the Internet. James the ghost teaches Gwen how to fit in at an eighteenth century party. And

Xemerius, the gargoyle demon who has been following Gwen since he caught her kissing Gideon in a church, offers advice on everything. Oh, yes. And of course there is Gideon, the Diamond. One minute he's very warm indeed; the next he's freezing cold. Gwen's not sure what's going on there, but she's pretty much destined to find out. From evil vampires to a mysterious pack of wolves, new threats of danger and vengeance test Bella and Edward's romance in the second book of the irresistible Twilight saga. For Bella Swan, there is one thing more important than life itself: Edward Cullen. But being in love with a vampire is even more dangerous than Bella could ever have imagined. Edward has already rescued Bella from the clutches of one evil vampire, but now, as their daring relationship threatens all that is near and dear to them, they realize their troubles may be just beginning. Bella and Edward face a devastating separation, the mysterious appearance of dangerous wolves roaming the forest in Forks, a terrifying threat of revenge from a female vampire and a deliciously sinister encounter with Italy's reigning royal family of vampires, the Volturi. Passionate, riveting, and full of surprising twists and turns, this vampire love saga is well on its way to literary immortality. It's here! #1 bestselling author Stephenie Meyer makes a triumphant return to the world of Twilight with the highly anticipated companion, *Midnight Sun*: the iconic love story of Bella and Edward told from the vampire's point of view. "People do not want to just read Meyer's books; they want to climb inside them and live there." -- Time "A literary phenomenon." -- The New York Times

Most kids in the developed world finish high school—but not in the United States. More than a million drop out every year, and the numbers are rising. *Dropping Out* provides answers to fundamental questions: Who drops out, and why? What happens to them when they do? How can we prevent at-risk kids from short-circuiting their futures?

Per quasi tre anni Gulbahar Haitiwaji è stata privata della libertà e ha subito violenza dalla polizia, centinaia di ore di interrogatori, fame, freddo, torture, sterilizzazione forzata e dodici ore al giorno di propaganda cinese, costretta in un drammatico programma di repressione e distruzione della minoranza musulmana degli uiguri. Nata nello Xinjiang, nella Cina occidentale, Haitiwaji viveva in Francia da dieci anni quando, una mattina del novembre 2016, è stata richiamata in Cina con il pretesto di chiudere alcune pratiche amministrative. Accusata di celare posizioni indipendentiste e attività terroristiche dietro il suo esilio in Francia, è sparita nelle viscere del terrificante sistema dei campi di concentramento ideati dal Partito comunista cinese per annientare il suo popolo. Più di un milione di uiguri sono stati deportati nei «campi di rieducazione» sulla base di infondate accuse di «terrorismo, infiltrazione e separatismo». Gli Xinjiang Papers, rivelati dal «New York Times» nel novembre 2019, denunciano e provano una repressione basata sulla detenzione di massa, la più devastante dall'era di Mao. Salvata grazie alle disperate trattative della figlia e all'ostinazione del ministero degli Affari esteri francese, Haitiwaji è la prima sopravvissuta ai campi cinesi a testimoniare. La pubblicazione di questo libro comporta un terribile rischio che lei e la sua famiglia hanno deciso di assumersi perché la sua voce essenziale raggiunga l'Occidente e ne scuota l'indifferenza. Best seller internazionale pubblicato in 12 Paesi.

The unforgettable bestseller *Wonder* has inspired a nationwide movement to Choose Kind. Now parents and educators can introduce the importance of choosing kind to younger readers with this gorgeous picture book, featuring Auggie and Daisy on an original adventure, written and illustrated by R. J. Palacio. Over 6 million people have fallen in love with *Wonder* and have joined the movement to Choose Kind. Now younger readers can meet Auggie Pullman, an ordinary boy with an extraordinary face, and his beloved dog, Daisy. Countless fans have asked R. J. Palacio to write a book for younger readers. With *We're All Wonders*, she makes her picture-book debut as both author and artist, with a spare, powerful text and striking, richly imagined illustrations. Palacio shows readers what it's like to live in Auggie's world—a world in which he feels like any other kid, but he's not always seen that way. *We're All Wonders* may be Auggie's story, but it taps into every child's longing to belong, and to be seen for who they truly are. It's the perfect way for families and educators to talk about empathy and kindness with young children. Praise for *Wonder*: A #1 New York Times Bestseller A USA Today Top 100 Bestseller An Indie Bestseller A Time Magazine 100 Best Young Adult Books of All Time Selection A Washington Post Best Kids' Book A Parents Magazine Top 10 Book of the Year A New York Times Book Review Notable Book An NPR Outstanding Backseat Book Club Pick An Entertainment Weekly 10 Great Kids' Books Selection A Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year A School Library Journal Best Book of the Year A Kirkus Reviews Best Book of the Year A Booklist Editors' Choice An E. B. White Read Aloud Award Winner An ALA Notable Book A Bank Street Best Book of the Year An IRA-CBC Teachers' Choice A New York Public Library 100 Titles for Reading and Sharing Selection A Christopher Award Winner "A beautiful, funny and sometimes sob-making story of quiet transformation." —The Wall Street Journal "A crackling page-turner filled with characters you can't help but root for." —Entertainment Weekly "Rich and memorable." —The New York Times Book Review "Wonder is the best kids' book of the year." —Slate.com "A glorious exploration of the nature of friendship, tenacity, fear, and most importantly, kindness." —The Huffington Post "Endearing, enduring Auggie and his family and friends will find a place in the hearts of readers and prompt reflection on how we treat others." —The Washington Post

In the explosive finale to the epic romantic saga, Bella has one final choice to make. Should she stay mortal and strengthen her connection to the werewolves, or leave it all behind to become a vampire? When you loved the one who was killing you, it left you no options. How could you run, how could you fight, when doing so would hurt that beloved one? If your life was all you had to give, how could you not give it? If it was someone you truly loved? To be irrevocably in love with a vampire is both fantasy and nightmare woven into a dangerously heightened reality for Bella Swan. Pulled in one direction by her intense passion for Edward Cullen, and in another by her profound connection to werewolf Jacob Black, a tumultuous year of temptation, loss, and strife have led her to the ultimate turning point. Her imminent choice to either join the dark but seductive world of immortals or to pursue a fully human life has become the thread from which the fates of two tribes hangs. This astonishing, breathlessly anticipated conclusion to the Twilight Saga illuminates the secrets and mysteries of this spellbinding romantic epic. It's here! #1 bestselling author Stephenie Meyer makes a triumphant return to the world of Twilight

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Argues that affirming the irreducible differences between men and women can lead to more transformative politics than the struggle for abstract equality between the sexes. In *The Symbolic Order of the Mother* Luisa Muraro identifies the bond between mother and child as ontologically fundamental to the development of culture and politics, and therefore as key to achieving truly emancipatory political change. Both corporeal development and language acquisition, which are the sources of all thinking, begin in this relationship. However, Western civilization has been defined by men, and Muraro recalls the admiration and envy she felt for the great philosophers as she strove to become one herself, as well as the desire for independence that opposed her to her mother. This conflict between philosophy and culture on the one hand and the relationship with the mother on the other constitutes the root of patriarchy's symbolic disorder, which blocks women's (and men's) access to genuine freedom. Muraro appeals to the feminist practice of gratitude to the mother and the recognition of her authority as a model of unconditional nurture and support that must be restored. This, she argues, is the symbolic order of the mother that must overcome the disorder of patriarchy. The mediating power of the mother tongue constitutes a symbolic order that comes before all others, for both women and men.

Gwyneth Shepherd's sophisticated, beautiful cousin Charlotte has been prepared her entire life for traveling through time. But unexpectedly, it is Gwyneth who in the middle of class takes a sudden spin to a different era! Gwyneth must now unearth the mystery of why her mother would lie about her birth date to ward off suspicion about her ability, brush up on her history, and work with Gideon—the time traveler from a similarly gifted family that passes the gene through its male line, and whose presence becomes, in time, less insufferable and more essential. Together, Gwyneth and Gideon journey through time to discover who, in the 18th century and in contemporary London, they can trust. Kerstin Gier's *Ruby Red* is young adult novel full of fantasy and romance.

Long hailed as a seminal work of modernism in the tradition of Joyce and Kafka, and now available in a supple new English translation, Italo Svevo's charming and splendidly idiosyncratic novel conducts readers deep into one hilariously hyperactive and endlessly self-deluding mind. The mind in question belongs to Zeno Cosini, a neurotic Italian businessman who is writing his confessions at the behest of his psychiatrist. Here are Zeno's interminable attempts to quit smoking, his courtship of the beautiful yet unresponsive Ada, his unexpected—and unexpectedly happy—marriage to Ada's homely sister Augusta, and his affair with a shrill-voiced aspiring singer. Relating these misadventures with wry wit and a perspicacity at once unblinking and compassionate, Zeno's *Conscience* is a miracle of psychological realism.

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"Now a major motion picture! Includes full-color movie photos and exclusive content!"--Dust jacket.

Abandoned and mistreated, little Gerty is an angry and sometimes violent child, but is taken in by the gentle, virtuous lamplighter. From his gentle behavior Gerty learns how to curb her anger and let her virtue shine forth.

A rediscovered mountaineering classic and the extraordinary true story of a daring escape up Mount Kenya by three prisoners of war. When the clouds covering Mount Kenya part one morning to reveal its towering peaks for the first time, prisoner of war Felice Benuzzi is transfixed. The tedium of camp life is broken by the beginnings of a sudden idea - an outrageous, dangerous, brilliant idea. There are not many people who would break out of a P.O.W. camp, trek for days across perilous terrain before climbing the north face of Mount Kenya with improvised equipment, meagre rations, and with a picture of the mountain on a tin of beef among their more accurate guides. There are probably fewer still who would break back in to the camp on their return. But this is the remarkable story of three such men. *No Picnic on Mount Kenya* is a powerful testament to the human spirit of revolt and adventure in even the darkest of places. "The history of mountaineering can hardly present a parallel to this mad but thrilling escapade" - Saturday Review "A most extraordinary prisoner-of-war and escape story" - New Yorker "A mad venture and a gallant tribute to man's deep yearning for freedom" - Kirkus Reviews "The book crackles with the same dry humour as its title. It contains the prison-yard bartering and candlelight stitching that mark a classic jailbreak yarn; the encounters with wild beasts in Mount Kenya's forest belt are as gripping, and the descriptions of sparkling glaciers as awe-inspiring, as any passage in the great exploration diaries of the early 20th century" - The Economist Verbs and verb conjugations are the basic building blocks when learning a foreign language. Light, compact, and easy to carry wherever students go, books in this series offer approximately 300 frequently-used verbs that are presented in easy-to-read verb conjugation tables. Each verb includes its English equivalent, sample sentences, and related words and expressions. These books also include general instruction in verb usage. Titles in Barron's Verbs series are shorter versions of Barron's 501 Verbs books. This smaller-

format book is a handy reference sources for students taking Italian, as well as for Italian language teachers, and translators.

First English translation of Paola Masino's *Nascita e morte della massaia*, her most controversial novel that provoked Fascist censorship for its critical portrayal of marriage and motherhood.

When a nobleman is split in two, his separate halves pursue different adventures in a fantastically macabre tale by the author of *Invisible Cities*. It is the seventeenth century, and the Viscount Medardo of Terralba must go into battle against the Turks. But the inexperienced warrior is soon bisected lengthwise by a cannonball. Through a miracle of stitching, one half of him survives, returning to his feudal estate to lead a lavishly evil life. But soon his other, virtuous half appears—also very much alive. When the two halves become rivals for the love of the same woman, there's no telling the lengths each will go to in order to win. Now available in an independent volume for the first time, this deliciously bizarre novella of *is* Calvino at his most devious and winning.

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