

## Strange Companion A Story Of Survival

The ultimate survival guide for starving artists, writers, performers — and anyone whose dreams can't be contained by an office cubicle. Filled with down-to-earth advice and sustenance for your most far-flung dreams, The Lost Soul Companion is the perfect guide for anyone grappling with the darker side of creativity. A source of support when your day job gets you down, a refreshing reservoir of humor when you're knee-deep in rejection slips, this remarkable little book offers both inspiration and compassion, plus surefire strategies for surviving in what can sometimes seem like “a world of meanies.” From the anti-procrastination “chopstick plan,” to the importance of staying well nourished (toaster-oven-snack recipes included), The Lost Soul Companion will speak to anyone with big dreams and creative spirit who nonetheless finds it tough some days just to get out of bed.

In the Hugo-award winning, epic New York Times Bestseller and basis for the BBC miniseries, two men change England's history when they bring magic back into the world. In the midst of the Napoleonic Wars in 1806, most people believe magic to have long since disappeared from England - until the reclusive Mr. Norrell reveals his powers and becomes an overnight celebrity. Another practicing magician then emerges: the young and daring Jonathan Strange. He becomes Norrell's pupil, and the two join forces in the war against France. But Strange is increasingly drawn to the wild, most

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perilous forms of magic, and he soon risks sacrificing his partnership with Norrell and everything else he holds dear. Susanna Clarke's brilliant first novel is an utterly compelling epic tale of nineteenth-century England and the two magicians who, first as teacher and pupil and then as rivals, emerge to change its history.

Companion to The Growing Erbs Series... In TOWN GIRL Diane sends Kimmy a little story in the mail to cheer her up after tragedy strikes twice: she stepped on a nail AND her friend moved away. ENEMY CAT is just what Kimmy needed - a story of courage... When a strange cat comes prowling through the neighborhood, Honey shows he's more than just a sleek beautiful honey-colored housecat. He's tough too!

Billy Shaw lives in Potter's Pleasure Palace, the best entertainment venue in Yorkshire, complete with dancing and swingboats and picnickers and a roller-skating rink. Jasper Harper lives in the big house above the valley with his eccentric mother Edie and Uncle Charles, brother and sister authors who have come from London to write in the seclusion of the moors. When it is arranged for Billy to become Jasper's companion, he arrives to find a wild, peculiar boy in a curiously haphazard household where the air is thick with secrets. Later, when Charles and Edie are found dead, it's ruled a double suicide. But fictions have become tangled up in facts, and it's left to Anna Sallis, almost a century later, to unravel the knots and piece together the truth.

New York, 1948 After years of trying to break into New York City's literary scene, Madeline Slaughter is emotionally and physically exhausted. When a friend

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offers her a safe haven as the live-in companion to reclusive, bestselling novelist Victor Hallowell she jumps at the chance to escape the city. Madeline expects to find rest and quiet in the forests of Upstate New York. Instead, she finds Victor, handsome and intensely passionate, and Audrey Coffin, Victor's mysterious and beautiful neighbor. When Victor offers her a kiss and the promise of more Madeline allows herself to become entangled even as Audrey is also claiming her heart. The only problem is that Audrey and Victor are ex-lovers with plenty of baggage between them. As Madeline finds herself opening up and falling in love with both she starts to wonder, can there be a future for all three?

Eight stories about the distillation of wisdom, concerning dream worlds, magical thinking, the subconscious and the soul.

In *The Story of Reason in Islam*, leading public intellectual and political activist Sari Nusseibeh narrates a sweeping intellectual history—a quest for knowledge inspired by the Qu'ran and its language, a quest that employed Reason in the service of Faith. Eschewing the conventional separation of Faith and Reason, he takes a fresh look at why and how Islamic reasoning evolved over time. He surveys the different Islamic schools of thought and how they dealt with major philosophical issues, showing that Reason pervaded all disciplines, from philosophy and science to language, poetry, and law. Along the way, the best known Muslim philosophers are introduced in a new light. Countering received chronologies, in this story Reason reaches its zenith in the early seventeenth century; it then trails off, its demise

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as sudden as its appearance. Thereafter, Reason loses out to passive belief, lifeless logic, and a self-contained legalism—in other words, to a less flexible Islam. Nusseibeh's speculations as to why this occurred focus on the fortunes and misfortunes of classical Arabic in the Islamic world. Change, he suggests, may only come from the revivification of language itself.

"A parable about memory, mythic characters, and confessional regrets . . . An ethereal, resonating literary gift" (Booklist, starred review) from the internationally bestselling author of *Strange Weather in Tokyo*. "On a summer afternoon, Tsukiko and her former high school teacher have prepared and eaten somen noodles together. "Tell me a story from long ago," Sensei says. "I wasn't alive long ago," Tsukiko says, "but should I tell you a story from when I was little?" "Please do," Sensei replies, and so Tsukiko tells him that, when she was a child, she awakened one day to find something with a pale red face and something with a dark red face in her room, arguing with each other. They had human bodies, long noses, and wings. They were tengu, creatures that appear in Japanese folktales. The tengu attach themselves to Tsukiko and begin to follow her everywhere. Where did they come from and why are they here? And what other invisible and unacknowledged forces are acting upon Tsukiko's seemingly peaceful world?"

A 2015 William C. Morris YA Debut Award Finalist  
Magical realism, lyrical prose, and the pain and passion of human love haunt this hypnotic generational saga. Foolish love appears to be the Roux family birthright, an

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ominous forecast for its most recent progeny, Ava Lavender. Ava — in all other ways a normal girl — is born with the wings of a bird. In a quest to understand her peculiar disposition and a growing desire to fit in with her peers, sixteen-year old Ava ventures into the wider world, ill-prepared for what she might discover and naive to the twisted motives of others. Others like the pious Nathaniel Sorrows, who mistakes Ava for an angel and whose obsession with her grows until the night of the summer solstice celebration. That night, the skies open up, rain and feathers fill the air, and Ava's quest and her family's saga build to a devastating crescendo. First-time author Leslye Walton has constructed a layered and unforgettable mythology of what it means to be born with hearts that are tragically, exquisitely human.

In this early work of science fiction narrated by an Englishman in America on business, Doctors Bainbridge and Castleton discover that their patient is one Dirk Peters, a character from Edgar Allan Poe's novel *The Narrative of A. Gordon Pym*. Bainbridge recounts the story Peters tells, of his journey with Pym to a strange land at the South Pole. From a lake of boiling lava in Antarctica to lengthy discussions of Poe's "The Raven," this odd novelty of an adventure tale has something for anyone who appreciates Poe, Lovecraft, and classic literature. Little is known about 19th-century American writer CHARLES ROMYN DAKE, whose only published work is *A Strange Discovery*.

In 1886, Robert Louis Stevenson published one of the best-known stories in the English language: *DR. JEKYLL & MR. HYDE*, a dark fantasy in which a

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kindly doctor concocts a potion that transforms him into the living embodiment of pure evil. Now, over a century later, comes the other side of Jekyll & Hyde: a companion novel that tells the tale of ruthless banker Geoffrey Bodkin quaffing the potion and unleashing his saintly counterpart, Father Whitechapel. "What's intriguing about Jekyll & Hyde is that Stevenson clearly states that the drug itself is neither diabolical nor divine," Keller says. "It simply brings forth the repressed side of one's personality: fiend or angel. So I wondered what would happen if a wealthy but conflicted businessman took the potion and became the living, giving saint he's always longed to be?" Yet MR. BODKIN & FATHER WHITECHAPEL is no sweet fantasy, but an unsettling story of greed and charity, of embezzlement, scandal and murder. For if Father Whitechapel is beloved by the paupers of the East End, he is the stuff of nightmares for Victorian London's upper classes, who seek to stop him by any means: even branding him the city's most notorious criminal: Jack the Ripper. Integrating Stevenson's original prose, in all its Victorian splendor, as well as true events from nineteenth-century East End London, MR. BODKIN & FATHER WHITECHAPEL is a suspenseful adaptation of DR. JEKYLL & MR. HYDE that takes literary mash-ups to a new level of sophistication while exploring the catastrophic consequences of unhindered goodness.

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When Marcia Aldrich's friend took his own life at the age of forty-six, they had known each other many years. As part of his preparations for death, he gave her many of his possessions, concealing his purposes in doing so, and when he committed his long-contemplated act, he was alone in a bare apartment. In *Companion to an Untold Story*, Aldrich struggles with her own failure to act on her suspicions about her friend's intentions. She pieces together the rough outline of his plan to die and the details of its execution. Yet she acknowledges that she cannot provide a complete narrative of why he killed himself. The story remains private to her friend, and out of that difficulty is born another story—the aftershocks of his suicide and the author's responses to what it set in motion. This book, modeled on the type of reference book called a "companion," attempts to find a form adequate to the way these two stories criss-cross, tangle, knot, and break. Organized alphabetically, the entries introduce, document, and reflect upon how suicide is so resistant to acceptance that it swallows up other aspects of a person's life. Aldrich finds an indirect approach to her friend's death, assembling letters, objects, and memories to archive an ungrievable loss and create a memorial to a life that does not easily make a claim on public attention. Intimate and austere, clear eyed and tender, this innovative work creates a new form in which to experience grief,

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remembrance, and reconciliation.

“[An] extraordinary, memorable and truly haunting book.” —Jojo Moyes, #1 New York Times bestselling author Laura Purcell's *THE SHAPE OF DARKNESS* is now out from Penguin! Some doors are locked for a reason. When Elsie married handsome young heir Rupert Bainbridge, she believed she was destined for a life of luxury. But pregnant and widowed just weeks after their wedding, with her new servants resentful and the local villagers actively hostile, Elsie has only her late husband's awkward cousin for company. Or so she thinks. Inside her new home lies a locked door, beyond which is a painted wooden figure—a silent companion—that bears a striking resemblance to Elsie herself. The residents of the estate are terrified of the figure, but Elsie tries to shrug this off as simple superstition—that is, until she notices the figure's eyes following her. A Victorian ghost story that evokes a most unsettling kind of fear, *The Silent Companions* is a tale that creeps its way through the consciousness in ways you least expect—much like the companions themselves.

When his father died, young Johannes did not know what to do. He was now all alone in the world and he was inconsolable. With his inheritance, he decided to explore the world and he had only one goal in mind: to be as good as his father in the hope of one day finding him again in heaven. Hans Christian Andersen (1805-1875) was a Danish author, poet

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and artist. Celebrated for children's literature, his most cherished fairy tales include "The Emperor's New Clothes", "The Little Mermaid", "The Nightingale", "The Steadfast Tin Soldier", "The Snow Queen", "The Ugly Duckling" and "The Little Match Girl". His books have been translated into every living language, and today there is no child or adult that has not met Andersen's whimsical characters. His fairy tales have been adapted to stage and screen countless times, most notably by Disney with the animated films "The Little Mermaid" in 1989 and "Frozen", which is loosely based on "The Snow Queen", in 2013. Thanks to Andersen's contribution to children's literature, his birth date, April 2, is celebrated as International Children's Book Day.

A young woman, still mourning the loss of her first love, believes he has been reincarnated into the body of her adopted niece. Now she is determined to find out why he has come back to her. Taking on the topics of love, loss, and how we deal with grief, this is a twisted love triangle among the living, the dead, and the reincarnated.

From Lovecraft to Borges to Gaiman, a century of intrepid literary experimentation has created a corpus of dark and strange stories that transcend all known genre boundaries. Together these stories form The Weird, and its practitioners include some of the greatest names in twentieth and twenty-first century literature. Exotic and esoteric, The Weird plunges you into dark domains and

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brings you face to face with surreal monstrosities. You won't find any elves or wizards here...but you will find the biggest, boldest, and downright most peculiar stories from the last hundred years bound together in the biggest Weird collection ever assembled. The Weird features 110 stories by an all-star cast, from literary legends to international bestsellers to Booker Prize winners: including William Gibson, George R. R. Martin, Stephen King, Angela Carter, Kelly Link, Franz Kafka, China Miéville, Clive Barker, Haruki Murakami, M. R. James, Neil Gaiman, Mervyn Peake, and Michael Chabon. The Weird is the winner of the 2012 World Fantasy Award for Best Anthology At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Brand alchemist, prime minister whisperer and shadow trend tweaker, Jones Byrne did his best contract work remotely, hidden in the seams of his upstate New York factory loft. But one mystery client has made an irresistible offer that will pull him back into the light, and force him to face his greatest failure: his degenerate expat past life in Tokyo. He had barely escaped, just a year ago, before everything flipped upside down and Japan dropped a veil over its largely depopulated, earthquake-scarred cities, cutting off all contact with the outside world. That's around the time the rumors began. They said that Tokyo had returned to its dark, old ways. But this time, warped and infected by the pharmacological and technological graffiti of 2043. This version of Tokyo was a place no foreigner had been unfortunate enough to lay eyes upon. Until now. Byrne's

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mystery client promised to make him well and truly wealthy, for just one day's work. Just one day. But this will be the hardest day's work of Byrne's life, if he can make it out of Tokyo alive.

Shortlisted for the 2013 Man Asian Literary Prize, *Strange Weather in Tokyo* is a story of loneliness and love that defies age. Tsukiko, thirty-eight, works in an office and lives alone. One night, she happens to meet one of her former high school teachers, "Sensei," in a local bar. Tsukiko had only ever called him "Sensei" ("Teacher"). He is thirty years her senior, retired, and presumably a widower. Their relationship develops from a perfunctory acknowledgment of each other as they eat and drink alone at the bar, to a hesitant intimacy which tilts awkwardly and poignantly into love. As Tsukiko and Sensei grow to know and love one another, time's passing is marked by Kawakami's gentle hints at the changing seasons: from warm sake to chilled beer, from the buds on the trees to the blooming of the cherry blossoms. *Strange Weather in Tokyo* is a moving, funny, and immersive tale of modern Japan and old-fashioned romance.

Have a ball with Dr. Seuss and the Cat in the Hat in this classic picture book...but don't forget to clean up your mess! A dreary day turns into a wild romp when this beloved story introduces readers to the Cat in the Hat and his troublemaking friends, Thing 1 and Thing 2. A favorite among kids, parents and teachers, this story uses simple words and basic rhyme to encourage and delight beginning readers. Then he said "That is that." And then he was gone With a tip of his hat. Originally

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created by Dr. Seuss himself, Beginner Books are fun, funny, and easy to read. Theseunjacketed hardcover early readers encourage children to read all on their own, using simple words and illustrations. Smaller than the classic large format Seuss picture books like The Lorax and Oh, The Places You'll Go!, these portable packages are perfect for practicing readers ages 3-7, and lucky parents too!

A young nobleman chosen to become a wolfdog, a warrior bonded to a fighting wolf, Isolfr is bound to Viradectis, a queen wolf, as they confront a powerful force of trolls, wyverns, and other supernatural creatures that threatens the complaisant human holdings. Reprint. A family relocates to a small house on Ash Tree Lane and discovers that the inside of their new home seems to be without boundaries

Winner of the Edgar Award for Young Adult Fiction! The other orphans say Margot is lucky. Lucky to survive the horrible accident that killed her family. Lucky to have her own room because she wakes up screaming every night. And finally, lucky to be chosen by a prestigious family to live at their remote country estate. But it wasn't luck that made the Suttons rescue Margot from her bleak existence at the group home. Margot was handpicked to be a companion to their silent, mysterious daughter, Agatha. At first, helping with Agatha--and getting to know her handsome younger brother--seems much better than the group home. But soon, the isolated house begins playing tricks on Margot's mind, making her question everything she believes about the Suttons . . . and herself. Margot's bad dreams may have stopped when

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she came to live with Agatha – but the real nightmare has just begun.

Jane Eyre meets Twilight in *Dark Companion*, a lush and romantic YA gothic tale about an orphaned girl who attends an exclusive private school and finds herself torn between the headmistress's two sons. Orphaned at the age of six, Jane Williams has grown up in a series of foster homes, learning to survive in the shadows of life. Through hard work and determination, she manages to win a scholarship to the exclusive Birch Grove Academy. There, for the first time, Jane finds herself accepted by a group of friends. She even starts tutoring the headmistress's gorgeous son, Lucien. Things seem too good to be true. They are. The more she learns about Birch Grove's recent past, the more Jane comes to suspect that there is something sinister going on. Why did the wife of a popular teacher kill herself? What happened to the former scholarship student, whose place Jane took? Why does Lucien's brother, Jack, seem to dislike her so much? As Jane begins to piece together the answers to the puzzle, she must find out why she was brought to Birch Grove—and what she would risk to stay there.... At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

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