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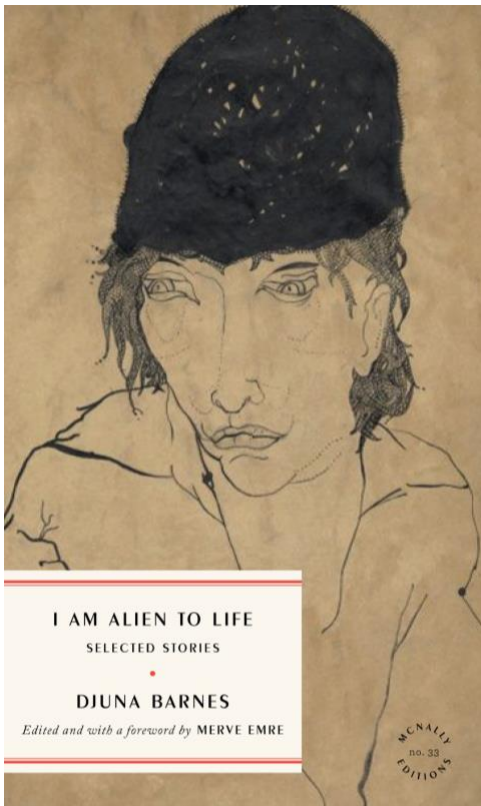
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I Am Alien to Life: Selected Stories

By Djuna Barnes

Edited and with a foreword by Merve Emre

Paperback ISBN: 9781961341227 • Oct 8, 2024 • 5" x 8.5" • 240 pages • \$18.00
• Fiction—Short Stories • Rights: Public / Intro: World, Audio • eBook ISBN:
9781961341234

The best of Djuna Barnes’s dark, droll, incisive short fiction, spanning her all-too-brief career, edited and introduced by Merve Emre.

“A writer of wild and original gifts.” —**Elizabeth Hardwick**

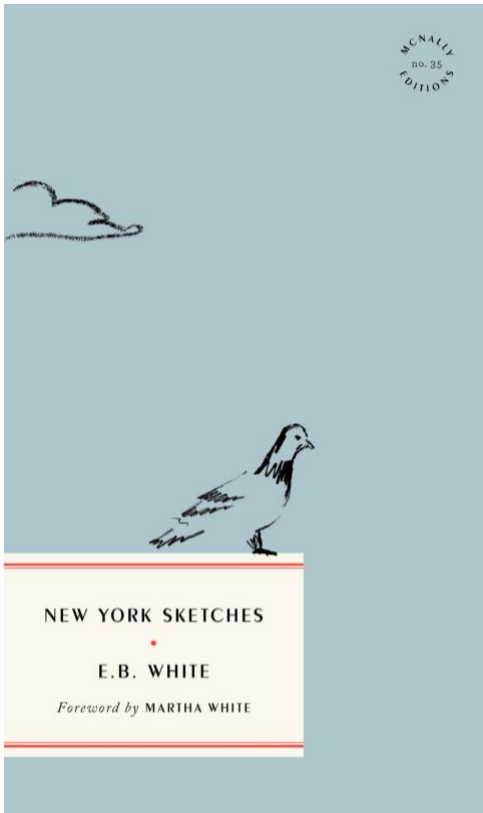
Djuna Barnes is rightly remembered for *Nightwood*, her breakthrough and final novel: a hallmark of modernist literature, championed by T. S. Eliot, and one of the first, strangest, and most brilliant novels of love between women to be published in the twentieth century. Barnes’s career began long before *Nightwood*, however, with journalism, essays, drama, and satire of extraordinary wit and courage.

Here are all the stories Barnes sought to preserve, in the versions she preferred, as well as rarities as selected by critic and *New Yorker* contributor Merve Emre. These are tales of women *tragique* and tremendous all at once, of sons and daughters initiated into the ugly comedy of life, monuments all to a worldview singular and scathing. As Emre writes in her foreword, “[Barnes’s] themes are love and death, especially in Paris and New York; the corruption of nature by culture; the tainted innocence of children; and the mute misery of beasts . . . her characters may be alien to life, but they are alive—spectacularly, grotesquely alive.”

Born in New York State, **Djuna Barnes** (1892–1982) worked as a journalist during World War I and spent the inter-war years in Paris and London among the most celebrated writers and artists of the twentieth century. She published three novels, short fiction, nonfiction, poetry, skits, and a three-act play between 1914 and 1950.

Merve Emre is a professor of creative writing and criticism at Wesleyan University and a contributing writer at the *New Yorker*.





New York Sketches

By E. B. White

Foreword by Martha White

Paperback ISBN: 9781946022738 • Dec 3, 2024 • 5" x 8.5" • 224 pages • \$18.00 • Nonfiction—Essays / New York • Rights: World English, Audio • eBook ISBN: 9781946022745

E. B. White’s greatest stories, essays, jokes, and tall tales about the city he saw clearest, loved best, and skewered mercilessly.

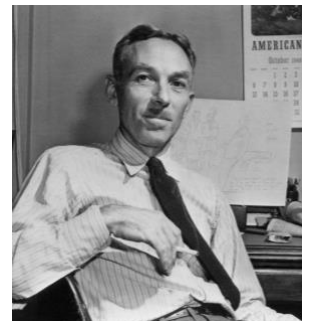
“Some of the finest examples of contemporary, genuinely American prose . . . Eloquence without affectation, profundity without pomposity, and wit without frivolity or hostility. [Like] Thoreau and Twain, White’s creative, humane, and graceful perceptions are an education for the sensibilities.” —*Washington Post*

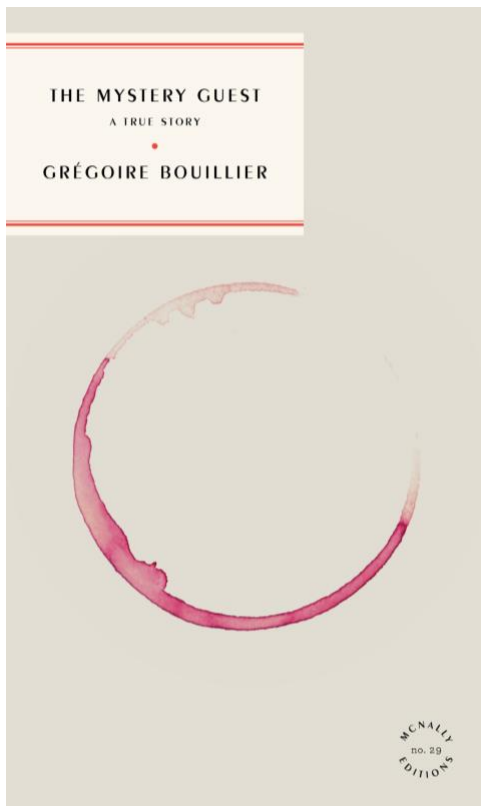
Over more than fifty years at the *New Yorker*, E. B. White came to define a kind of ideal American prose: clear, casual, democratic, urbane. He also did more than any writer to define his favorite city. In *New York Sketches*, the first collection of his casual pieces about the city, White ranges at whim from the nesting habits of pigeons to the aisles of a calculator trade-show on Eighth Avenue, from the behavior of snails in aquariums to the ghosts of old romance that haunt a flower shop or a fire escape or an old hotel. These sketches, some less than a page long, many written for a laugh, show us White at his most playful and inventive.

New York Sketches is a diversion for every New Yorker—native, adoptive, aspiring, or far from home—and a perfect introduction, not only to what White called “the inscrutable and lovely town,” but to the everyday enchantments of one of her fondest reporters.

Elwyn Brooks White (1899–1985) was born in Mount Vernon, NY, the youngest of six children. He is best known today for his classic children’s books *Charlotte’s Web* and *Stuart Little*; he was also among the best and funniest American prose stylists of the 20th century.

Martha White, granddaughter of E. B. White, is a writer and editor.





The Mystery Guest: A True Story

By Grégoire Bouillier

Translated from the French by Ben Truman

Paperback ISBN: 9781961341050 • Pub: May 21, 2024 • 5" x 8.5" • 128 pages • \$18.00 • Nonfiction – Memoir / French / Breakups / Love Story • Rights: World English, Audio • eBook ISBN: 9781961341074

A “frank and wry, mad and graceful” (*Slate*, Best Books of the Year) true story about getting dumped, and getting over it.

“This perfect little book . . . says: We are human, heartbroken, grim, and funny in our despair, yet hopeful and miracle-prone, and some of us are French.” —**John Hodgman**

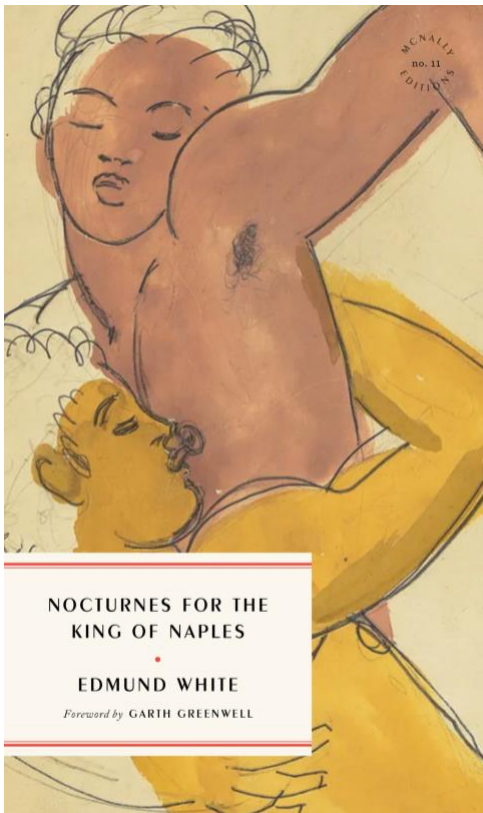
When the phone rang on a cold November afternoon in 1990, Grégoire Bouillier had no way of knowing that the caller was the woman who had left him, without warning, five years before. And he couldn't have guessed why she was calling: not to say she was sorry, not to explain why she'd vanished from his life, but to invite him to a party. A birthday party. For a woman he'd never met.

Here is the unlikely but true account of how one man got over a broken heart, regained his faith in literature, participated—by mistake—in a work of performance art, threw away his turtlenecks, spent his rent money on a 1964 bordeaux that nobody ever drank, and fell in love again. Named one of the year's best books by *Slate* and the *San Francisco Chronicle* when it first appeared in English, *The Mystery Guest* is a “darkly hilarious . . . odyssey . . . that wends its loopy way toward yes” (*O, the Oprah Magazine*).

Grégoire Bouillier was born in Tizi Ouzou, Algeria, and raised in Paris. A former editor of the magazine *Science et Vie*, he is the author of several memoirs including *Report on Myself*, which received the Prix de Flore, and *Le Dossier M*.

A London native, **Ben Truman** lives in New York.





Nocturnes for the King of Naples

By Edmund White

Foreword by Garth Greenwell

Paperback ISBN: 9781946022660 • Pub: Jun 4, 2024 • 5" x 8.5" • 178 pages • \$18.00 • Fiction – Gay / Literary / Erotic • Rights: World English, Audio • eBook ISBN: 9781961341074

The letters of a seducer to the great love of his life, a sensual tour-de-force by “the paterfamilias of queer literature” (*New York Times*).

A “near perfect poetic effusion disguised as a novel, [written] in the voice of a younger man who rejects a sophisticated, well-traveled, and widely-admired older lover.” — *Gay and Lesbian Review*

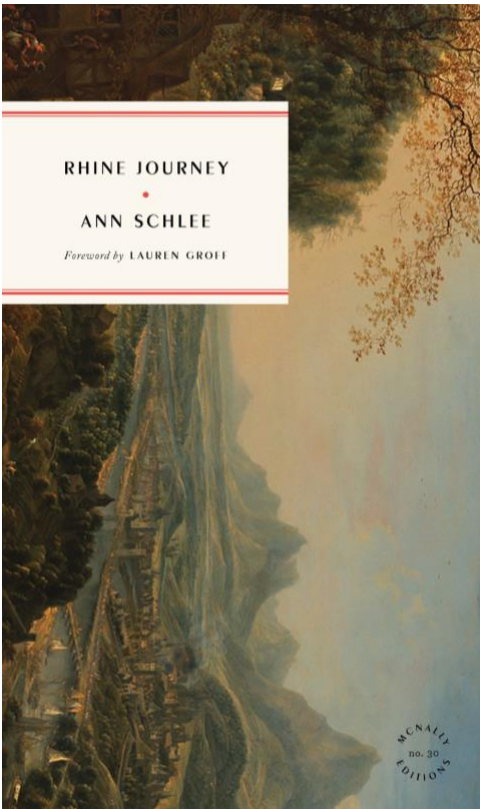
“Can’t sleep tonight. Was lying in bed reading the biography of a great man whose genius deserted him . . . The genius who deserted me was you.” In a series of late-night letters, gorgeous, funny, crammed with memory, sensuality, and regret, a seducer calls across the years to the great love of his youth: an older, revered expatriate known, in his adoptive city, as the King of Naples. As the narrator evokes their affair, in scenes of beauty and remorse, his memories range over the men who came after and before, especially the seductive father who still haunts his erotic imagination.

First published in 1975, before the trilogy of frankly autobiographical novels that made him famous, *Nocturnes for the King of Naples* reveals Edmund White at his most poetic, playful, and evocative, a magician on the level of James Salter, James Merrill, or Vladimir Nabokov.

Born in 1940, **Edmund White** is the author of novels including the autobiographical trilogy *A Boy’s Own Story*, *The Beautiful Room Is Empty*, and *The Farewell Symphony*; biographies of Jean Genet, Marcel Proust, and Arthur Rimbaud; as well as memoirs, short stories, and criticism. He is an Officier de l’Ordre des Arts et des Lettres. He lives in New York City.

Garth Greenwell is author of the novels *What Belongs to You* and *Cleanness* and the novella *Mitko*, which was a finalist for the Edmund White Debut Fiction Award.





Rhine Journey

By Ann Schlee

Foreword by Lauren Groff

Paperback ISBN: 9781961341098 • Pub: Jul 16, 2024 • 5" x 8.5" • 176 pages • \$18.00 • Fiction – Historical / 19th Century Europe • Rights: World English (UK sold), Audio • eBook ISBN: 9781961341104

On a Victorian pleasure cruise, a chance encounter opens the floodgates to desire, regret, and possibility in this “little period gem of feeling and clarity” (*The Guardian*), which was shortlisted for the Booker Prize.

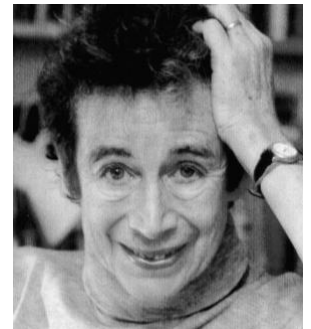
“The writing in *Rhine Journey* is always taut and wonderful . . . graceful, economical, and emotionally acute” —**Lauren Groff**

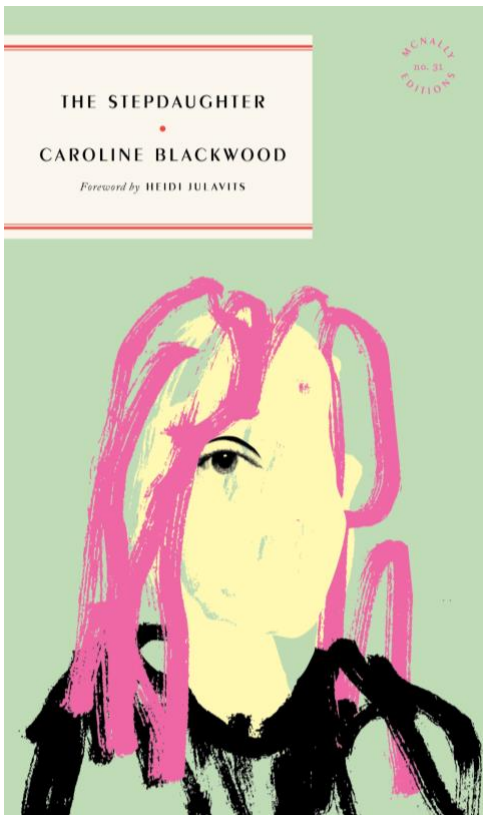
It is 1851, only three years since Europe was convulsed by workers’ revolutions, but already English tourists are returning to the Continent, taking the waters at Baden Baden, then traveling by paddle steamer down the Rhine valley, celebrated for its romantic vistas. Among the sightseers are the pious Reverend Charles Morrison, his wife and daughter, and his maiden sister, Charlotte, a seemingly meek middle-aged woman who’s spent her life attending to the needs of others.

Like the river upon which they’re traveling, however, Charlotte contains hidden depths. A chance encounter with a fellow passenger in Coblenz sparks a Damascene moment, unleashing in her a sudden and violent awakening of memory, fear, and sexual desire. As the travelers are swept onward to Cologne, Charlotte wrestles with what Lauren Groff in her foreword to this new edition describes as “a subtle and total derangement of understanding,” eventually surging toward a moment of crisis.

Ann Schlee was born in Connecticut in 1934 and grew up in Egypt, Sudan, Khartoum, and Eritrea. Her five children’s novels include *The Vandal*, which won the 1980 Guardian Children’s Fiction Prize. *Rhine Journey* was shortlisted for the Booker Prize in 1981.

Lauren Groff is the author of seven books, most recently *The Vaster Wilds*, *Matrix*, and *Florida*. She lives in Gainesville, Florida.





The Stepdaughter

Caroline Blackwood

Foreword by Heidi Julavits

Paperback ISBN: 9781961341128 • Pub: Aug 6, 2024 • 5" x 8.5" • 128 pages • \$18.00 • Fiction – Epistolary / Psychological Suspense / Family Drama • Rights: World English, Audio • eBook ISBN: 9781961341135

A wicked stepmother finds her ideal prey in Caroline Blackwood's "quite brilliant" debut (*The Times*).

"Contained and ferocious, at once disarmingly and ambiguously candid about blistering feelings which are made to seem commonplace and all the more frightening for that."

—Jane Miller, *Times Literary Supplement*

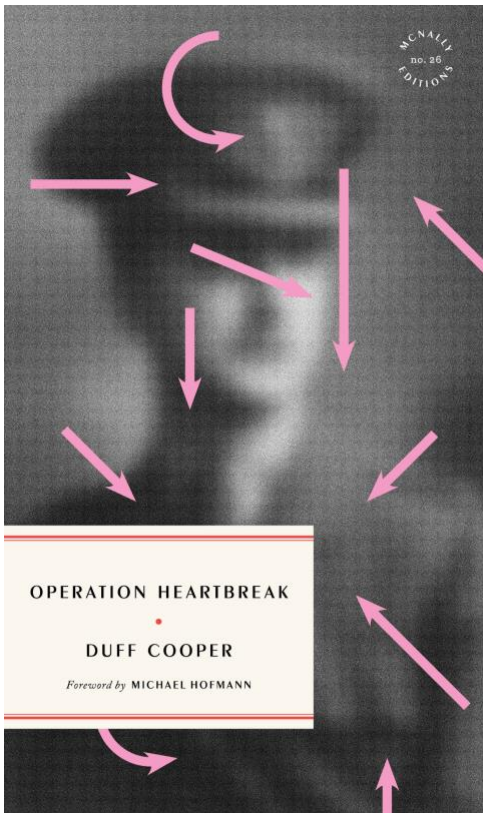
A lavish Upper West Side apartment is the site of a familial cold war about to enter a phase of dangerous escalation. J is a lonely woman without even the luxury of being alone. Her husband has fled to Paris with his latest flame, but he's left J not only with their own four-year-old daughter, but with the sulky cake-mix addicted, thirteen-year-old Renata, a leftover from his previous marriage. The presence of a pert au pair, Monique, serves only to make J feel more isolated and self-conscious. What she'd like is someone to blame.

Writing letters to imaginary friends, J delights in dwelling on the hapless Renata, who "invites a kind of cruelty." Like so many stepmothers before her, J will find that wickedness, once indulged, is a difficult habit to kick. A mordant black splinter of a book, Caroline Blackwood's first novel *The Stepmother* is proof positive of her eternal mastery—and mockery—of the darkest depths of human feeling.

Caroline Blackwood (1931–1996) was born into an aristocratic Anglo-Irish family and was notorious for her tumultuous marriages to Lucian Freud, Israel Citkowitz, and Robert Lowell. Taking up writing later in life, she wrote acclaimed works of reportage, fiction, biography, and even a cookbook.

Heidi Julavits is the author of four novels and two books of nonfiction. She is a founding editor of *The Believer* magazine and a professor at Columbia University.





Operation Heartbreak

By Duff Cooper

Afterword by Michael Hofmann

Paperback ISBN: 9781961341029 • Feb 13, 2024 • 5" x 8.5" • 176 pages • \$18.00
• Fiction – British / World War II • Rights: North America, Audio • eBook
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A perfectly told tale of defeat and glory inspired by a real secret mission in World War II—and perhaps the only great novel written by a politician.

“A story of why men go to war . . . heart-wrenching love story; a wonderful novel by a masterly writer that should be on everyone’s bookshelf.” —**Nina Bawden**

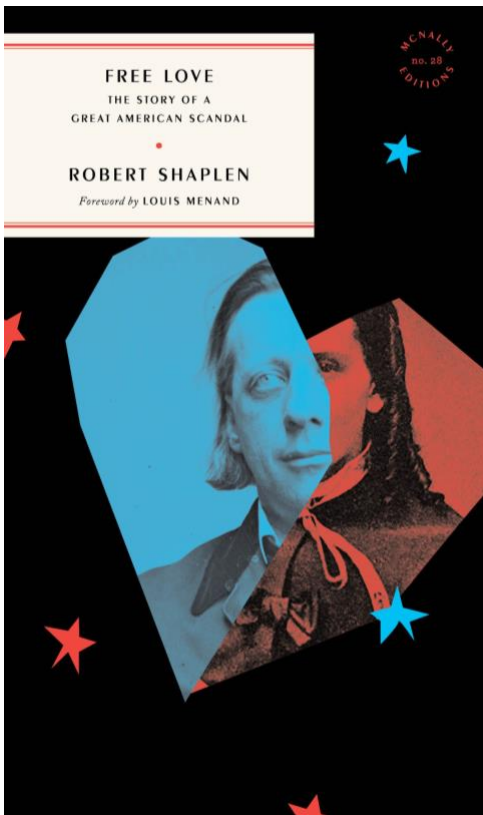
Orphaned in the first months of World War I when his father is killed in action, Willie Maryington dreams only of joining the same cavalry regiment and going to the front. The Armistice dashes seventeen-year-old Willie’s plans, but not his dreams of glory, and he makes the regiment the center of his adult existence. As the years go by, Willie falls increasingly out of step with the modern machinery of war. When hostilities break out again, Willie has become a relic. No one could guess that he would be chosen for a mission whose outcome might well decide the course of the Second World War.

Inspired by a real-life triumph of British counterintelligence (codenamed “Operation Mincemeat”), *Operation Heartbreak* was suppressed by the British government until 1950. It is a study in nostalgia and bewildered idealism to place beside the novels of Joseph Roth and Ford Madox Ford.

A decorated officer during World War I, **Alfred Duff Cooper** (1890–1954) was a statesman, diplomat, and historian. In 1938 he resigned from Parliament in protest of Britain’s appeasement policy toward Nazi Germany. Called back by Winston Churchill in 1940, he became Ambassador to France and 1st Viscount Norwich. He was married to famed society debutant, actress, and writer Lady Diana Cooper. *Operation Heartbreak* is his only novel.



Michael Hofmann is an award-winning, German-born poet, translator, and essayist.



Free Love: The Story of a Great American Scandal

By Robert Shaplen

Foreword by Louis Menand

Paperback ISBN: 9781946022912 • Apr 16, 2024 • 5" x 8.5" • 288 pages • \$18.00 • Nonfiction – Reportage / Civil War Era U.S. / Political Scandal • Rights: World, Audio • eBook ISBN: 9781961341005 • UK Price: £15.99

An illuminating, hugely entertaining account of “one of the most sensational trials in American history” (*New York Times*).

“Remarkably level-headed and absorbing . . . Shaplen does not render a verdict, but he gives us the facts we need to reach our own.”

—Louis Menand, from the Foreword

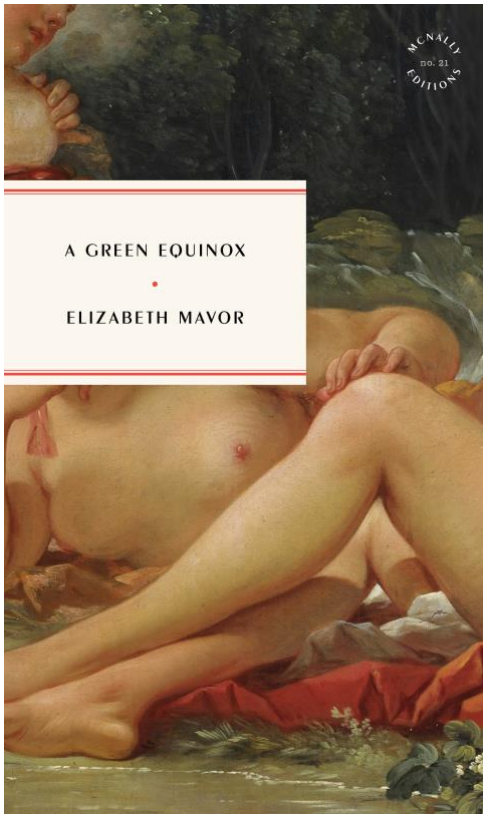
On the night of July 3, 1870, Elizabeth Tilton confessed to her husband that she’d had an affair with their pastor, Henry Ward Beecher. This secret would soon transfix America, for Beecher was the most famous preacher of the day, a presidential hopeful, a hero of Abolition, and a supporter of women’s suffrage. When Beecher tried to silence the Tiltons, it was a whisper network of suffragists, notably Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, who spread news of the affair, and the radical Victoria Woodhull—an outspoken proponent of “free love”—seized on it as political dynamite. Her public accusations led to even more public trials, which shocked the country and divided the most progressive thinkers of the era.

In 1953, the journalist Robert Shaplen revisited the Tilton-Beecher affair in a series of articles for the *New Yorker*, relying on court transcripts, love-letters, newspaper reports and illustrations, even political cartoons—to reanimate the scandal and to expose a lingering strand of America’s cultural DNA.

Robert Shaplen was a *New Yorker* staff writer the magazine’s Far East correspondent from 1962 to 1978. Of his ten published books, *Free Love* (originally titled *Free Love and Heavenly Sinners*) was his only foray into nineteenth century American history.

Louis Menand is an award-winning essayist, critic, author, professor, and historian, best known for his Pulitzer-winning book *The Metaphysical Club*.





A Green Equinox

By Elizabeth Mavor

Paperback ISBN: 9781946022684 • Pub: Sep 12, 2023 • 5" x 8.5" • 224 pages • \$18.00 • Fiction / Literary / LGBTQ+ • Rights: World (UK sold), Audio • eBook ISBN: 9781946022691

A finalist for the 1973 Booker Prize, *A Green Equinox* is the beguiling tale of a brilliant young woman who falls in love first with her lover’s wife, and then with his mother.

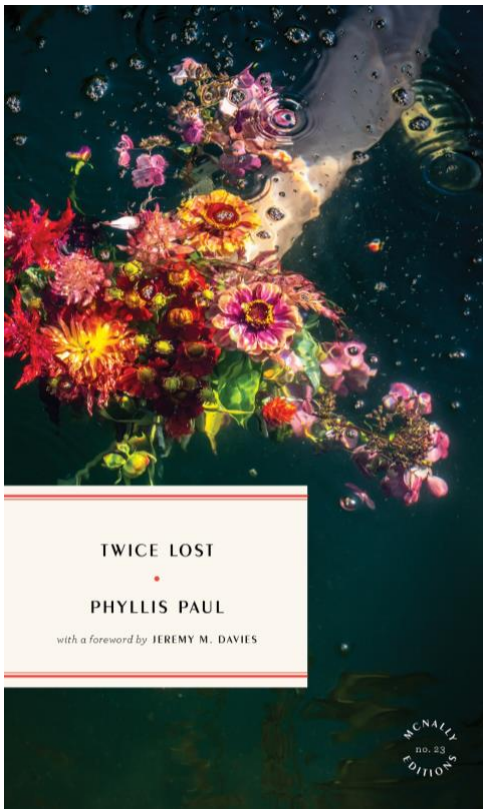
“Funny, surprising and unpredictable. This extraordinary novel . . . operates as a cry for passion and against lassitude . . . This is that rare bird, a novel entirely sui generis, with no clear antecedents and no imitators. It is old-fashioned in the best way: intrepid, eccentric, and not giving a damn.” —**John Self**, *The Guardian*

Hero Kinoull is an antiquarian bookseller whose sedate life in the picturesque English town of Beaudesert is turned upside down between the spring and autumn equinoxes of a single year. First her quiet but forbidden liaison with Hugh Shafto, the curator of the country’s finest collection of Rococo art, comes to an abrupt halt when she develops an adoration for his straight-talking, do-gooding wife Belle. But this relationship leads to other, even more unexpected feelings for Belle’s widowed mother-in-law, the majestic Kate Shafto, who spends her days tending her garden and sailing her handmade boats in the waters of the miniature archipelago she’s constructed in a disused gravel-pit.

Published two years after Elizabeth Mavor’s famous work, *The Ladies of Llangollen*—a biography of two eighteenth-century Irish gentlewomen who scandalized their families by eloping to Wales—*A Green Equinox* is itself an intrepid exploration of gender, female sexuality, and passion: romantic, carnal, and cerebral.

Born in Glasgow and educated at Oxford, **Elizabeth Mavor** (1927–2013) was drawn to the lives of women who flouted convention. Her most celebrated work was a biography of cross-dressing aristocratic companions Lady Eleanor Butler and Sarah Ponsonby, *The Ladies of Llangollen* (1971). Mavor was married to the cartoonist and illustrator Haro Hodson. Her novel *A Green Equinox* was a finalist for the 1973 Booker Prize.





Twice Lost

By Phyllis Paul

Foreword by Jeremy M. Davies

Paperback ISBN: 9781946022486 • Pub: Oct 24, 2023 • 5" x 8.5" • 272 pages • \$18.00 • Fiction / Gothic / Psychological Suspense • Rights: World, Audio, Film / TV • eBook ISBN: 9781946022493 • UK Price: £15.99

Who could have been so cruel as to do away with poor Vivian Lambert? And why oh why couldn't she just stay dead?

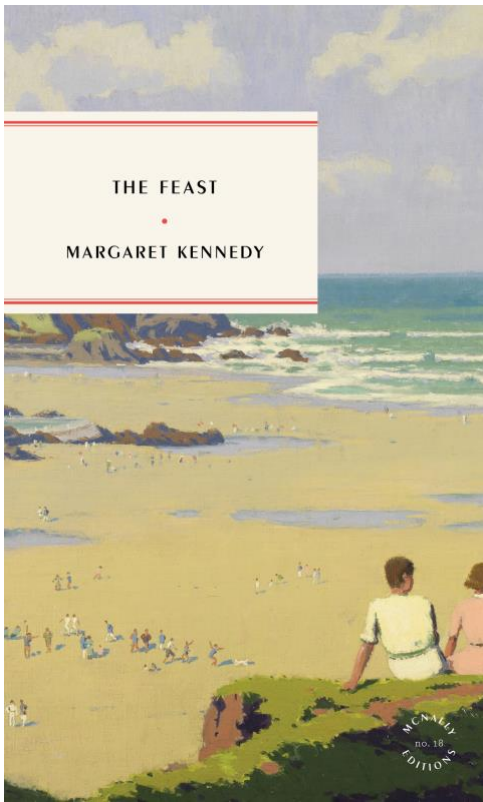
“Beautifully executed, deeply unsettling, [*Twice Lost*] is enigmatic and ambiguous in the way of Shirley Jackson’s *The Haunting of Hill House* . . . An unnerving atmosphere of mystery and menace . . . Astonishing.” —**Michael Dirda**, *Washington Post*

In a rustic, idyllic English village, on a summer’s day, in the midst of a carefree tennis party, a fragile, needy child, left too much on her own, vanishes from her family’s front garden. Years pass and the mystery persists: an enduring torment for the teenage Christine Gray, the last person to see Vivian alive. Perhaps if she’d shown the girl a little kindness, and seen her safely home, Vivian might still be with them? Yet when someone claiming to be a grown-up Vivian returns to the land of the living, the enigma only deepens, threatening to consume the wicked and innocent alike.

Equal parts *The Turn of the Screw*, *Picnic at Hanging Rock*, and gothic thriller, *Twice Lost* was admired by such authors as Elizabeth Bowen, Rebecca West, and John Cowper Powys—yet the strange, haunting novels of Phyllis Paul are themselves a mystery with no simple solution. Virtually lost to time even before her death, her novels have been out of print for more than fifty years, and fetch fantastic prices in the rare book trade.

Phyllis Paul published eleven novels between 1933 and 1967, but otherwise left almost no trace of herself. She was unmarried, lived quietly, and was intensely private, maintaining that a writer should only be known through her work. She died in 1973, at the age of 70, after being hit by a motorcycle. If not for a label on her pocket handkerchief, her body would have remained unidentified.

Jeremy M. Davies is a writer and editor who lives in New York.



The Feast

By Margaret Kennedy

The Feast • Paperback ISBN: 9781946022509 • Pub: Jun 6, 2023 • 5" x 8.5" • 336 pages • \$18.00 • Fiction / Classics / Satire • Rights: North America, Audio (produced) • eBook ISBN: 9781946022516

A hilarious and ingenious upstairs-downstairs tragicomedy from postwar England, set at a doomed seaside resort.

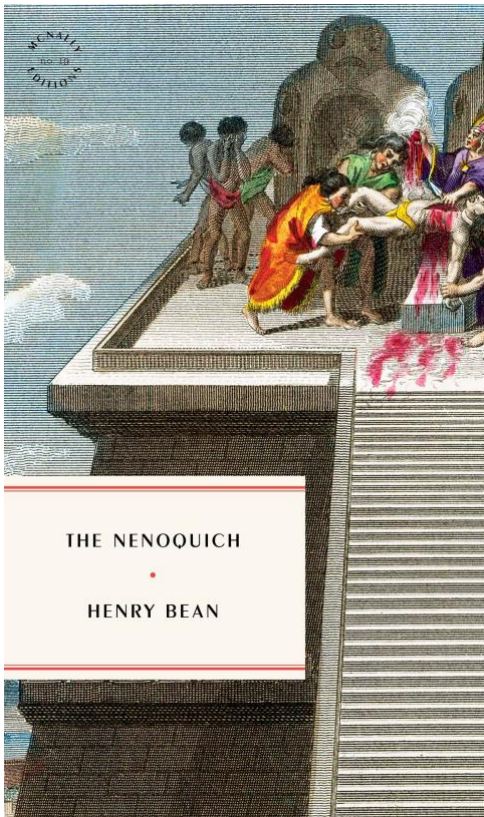
“Hilarious and perceptive, here’s the perfect seaside holiday read. We’re in Cornwall in 1947, where a landslide has buried a hotel, fatally crushing guests in the rubble . . . Events leading up to the disaster are entertainingly revealed through the diaries, letters, thoughts, and conversations of the inmates of the hotel . . . The nail-biting tension . . . will keep you on the very edge of your deckchair.” —*Daily Mail*

Summer, 1947. A bizarre catastrophe rocks a seaside village in Cornwall when a cliff tumbles down on the Pendizack Manor Hotel. The hotel is obliterated, and seven guests are killed in the disaster. Everyone else makes a narrow escape. As the survivors tell their stories, the events of the previous week are revealed, and a parade of sins exposed. Gluttony, Lecherousness, Sloth, Pride, Covetousness, Envy and Wrath: all are in residence at Pendizack Manor, and as the day of the disaster creeps closer, it becomes clear that who’s spared and who’s lost might not be as arbitrary as first assumed.

A modern upstairs-downstairs comedy with an old-fashioned morality play tucked away inside, *The Feast* is sly, kaleidoscopic, and utterly ingenious, a novel that only Margaret Kennedy could have written.

Margaret Kennedy (1896–1967) found popular acclaim before the age of thirty with her 1924 novel *The Constant Nymph*. It sold copies in the millions and spawned no fewer than three screen adaptations. One of the most successful and prolific British novelists of the twentieth century, she also produced literary criticism, plays, screenplays, and a biography of Jane Austen.





The Nenoquich

By Henry Bean

Paperback ISBN: 9781946022622 • Pub: Jul 18, 2023 • 5" x 8.5" • 216 pages • \$18.00 • Fiction / Literary / Psychological • Rights: World, Audio • eBook ISBN: 9781946022639 • UK Price: £15.99

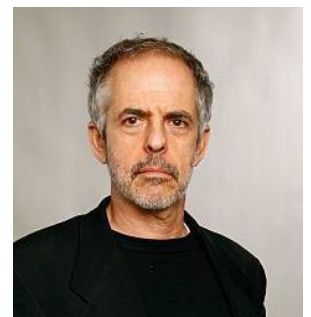
An unsung masterpiece squatting in the ashes of the sixties: the diary of a seducer hammering on the walls of his own loneliness.

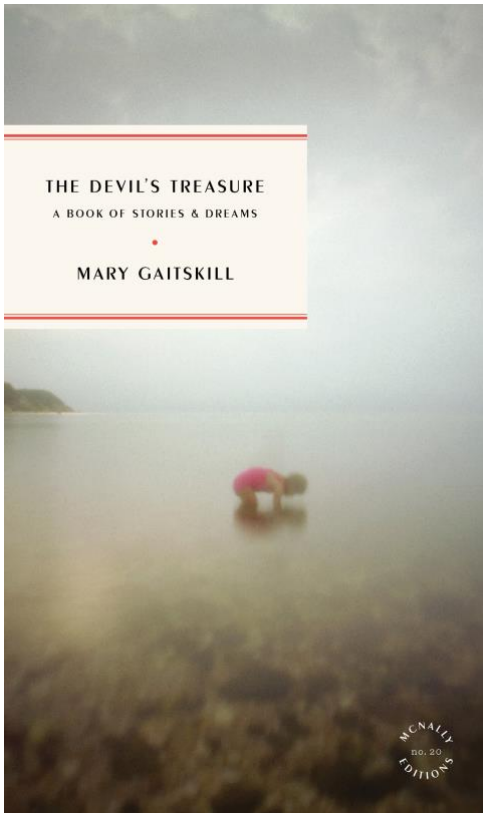
“This debut, or better say *rebut*, is our first masterpiece this decade—and it was written in 1982 . . . [A] ruthlessly brilliant novel . . . Bean’s sentences approach the speed of light without any loss of iridescent precision.” —**Vincenzo Barney**, *LA Review of Books*

One day, eavesdropping on a phone call, Harold Raab, a writer with nothing to write, hears his roommate refer intriguingly to a woman Harold has never met. Curiosity leads to obsession and to an affair with the married Charlotte Cobin, all of which Harold faithfully records in the notebook that becomes his deeper obsession. As the relationship with Charlotte complicates and darkens, Harold’s poisons emerge. He’s discovered a subject he can write about, but now reveals himself as someone whose intelligence, wit, and sexual delirium mask a terror of human connection. Adrift in the ruins of 1970s Berkeley, he is—like the dark hero of a nineteenth century romance—disastrously unprepared for actual love, and even for life.

Originally published in 1982 under the title *False Match*, and long out of print, *The Nenoquich* is an unsparing, painful, and often very funny story of fading illusions. It captures a generation at sea, and a seducer out of his depth. This edition includes a new preface by the author.

Henry Bean's screenplays include *Internal Affairs*, *Deep Cover*, and *Basic Instinct 2*. He wrote and directed the films *The Believer* and *Noise* and collaborated with Chantal Akerman on several of her films. He has written for “K Street” (HBO) and “The OA” (Netflix). He has published short fiction in *McSweeney's*, *Black Clock*, and other places. *The Nenoquich* remains his only novel.





The Devil's Treasure: A Book of Stories and Dreams

By Mary Gaitskill

Paperback ISBN: 9781946022820 • Pub: Aug 15, 2023 • 5" x 8.5" • 280 pages
• \$18.00 • Fiction / Literary / Autobiographical / Essay • Rights: North America, Audio • eBook ISBN: 9781946022837

A bewitching collage of fiction, memoir, and mythography from the author unique in her “ability to evoke the hidden life, the life unseen, the life we don’t even know we are living.” (Parul Sehgal, *New York Times Magazine*)

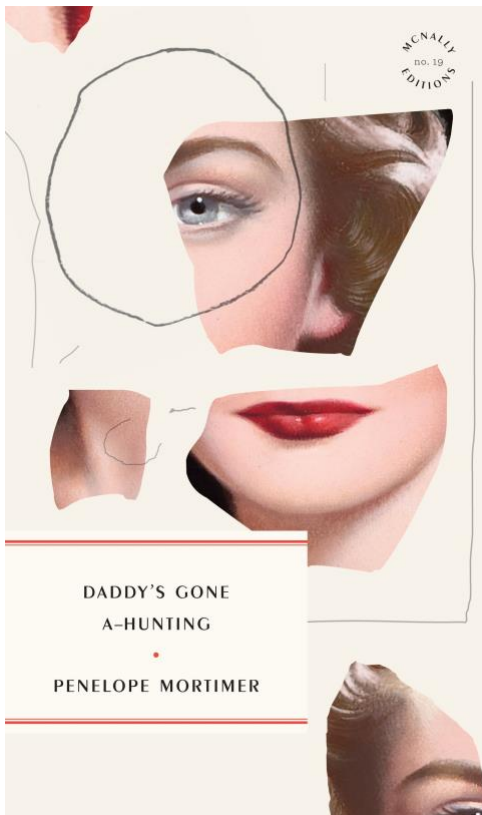
“This superb book is for more than just super fans. Gaitskill speaks about the opposition inside us, the doubleness of human nature, and a longing for unity.” —**Michael Silverblatt, [KCRW Bookworm](#)**

In this searching biography of the writer’s imagination, Mary Gaitskill excavates her own novels, revealing their origins and obsessions, the personal and societal pressures that formed them, and the life story hidden between their pages. Using the techniques of collage, *The Devil's Treasure* splices fiction together with commentary and personal history, and with the fairy tale that gives the book its title, about a little girl who ventures into Hell through a suburban trapdoor.

The result is the best book we have about contemporary fiction, the forces ranged against it, and the forces that bring it into being. “Even among other artists attracted to weakness as a theme, [Gaitskill] is rare in being able to look at it on its own terms. She doesn’t treat it like a curiosity, like Diane Arbus, or a chink in the armor that might let in faith, like Flannery O’Connor . . . She looks—just looks—and sees everything.” —Parul Sehgal, *New York Times*

Mary Gaitskill is the author of the story collections *Bad Behavior*, *Because They Wanted To* (nominated for the PEN/Faulkner Award), and *Don’t Cry*; the novels *The Mare*, *Veronica* (nominated for the National Book Award), and *Two Girls, Fat and Thin*; and the novella *This is Pleasure*. Her stories and essays have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *Harper’s*, as well as many other journals, and in *The Best American Short Stories* and *The O. Henry Prize Stories*.





Daddy's Gone A-Hunting

By Penelope Mortimer

Paperback ISBN: 9781946022264 • Pub: May 17, 2022 • 5" x 8.5" • 264 pages • \$18.00 • Fiction / British / Psychological • Rights: US, Audio (produced) • eBook ISBN: 9781946022325

A “remarkable and deeply disturbing” novel (*Daily Telegraph*) of suburban loneliness and subversion.

“Plangent, excoriating . . . Mortimer’s style, spare and singular, cuts through the decades like a scalpel.” —*The Observer*

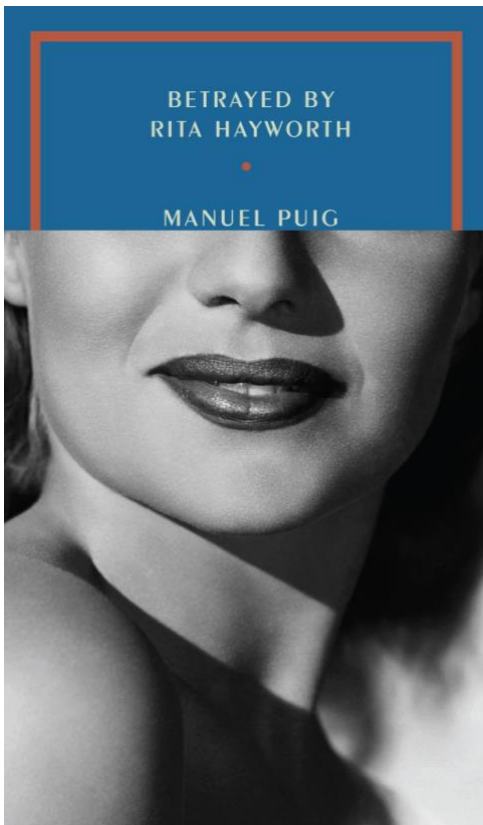
“Mortimer peels several layers of skin off the subjects of motherhood, marriage, and monogamy.” —Nick Hornby, *The Believer*

A bourgeois housewife, Ruth Whiting, is “paralyzed by triviality,” measuring out her days in coffee mornings, glasses of sherry, and bridge parties—routines that barely disturb the solitude of her existence. Her husband spends his weeknights in town; their daughter, eighteen-year-old Angela, is at Oxford; and their sons are at boarding school. When Angela finds herself unexpectedly pregnant, Ruth realizes that she has to do everything in her power to stop her daughter from sleepwalking into a life like her own.

First published in 1958, *Daddy's Gone A-Hunting* shocked critics with its “feminine rage” (*New York Times*). It captures the suffocation of a repressive marriage and the desperate longing for connection between a mother and daughter who must join forces in a man’s world.

Penelope Mortimer (1918–1999) was the author of nine novels; one collection of short stories; two volumes of memoir, the Whitbread Prize-winning *About Time* and *About Time Too*; and a biography of the Queen Mother. Her screenwriting credits include Otto Preminger’s *Bunny Lake is Missing* (1965), which she cowrote with her then-husband John Mortimer. She was also a film critic for the *Observer*.





Betrayed by Rita Hayworth

By Manuel Puig

Translated from the Spanish by Suzanne Jill Levine

Paperback ISBN: 9781946022424 • Pub: Jun 14, 2022 • 5" x 8.5" • 320 pages • \$18.00 • Fiction / LGBTQ+ / Argentina • Rights: North America, Audio • eBook ISBN: 9781946022431

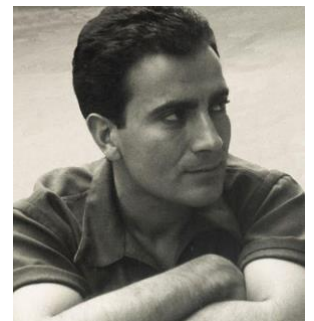
Manuel Puig's "dazzling and wholly original debut" (*New York Times Book Review*) is a startling anatomy of a small town in thrall to its own petty lusts, betrayals, scandals, thefts, and gossip—but most of all, to the movies.

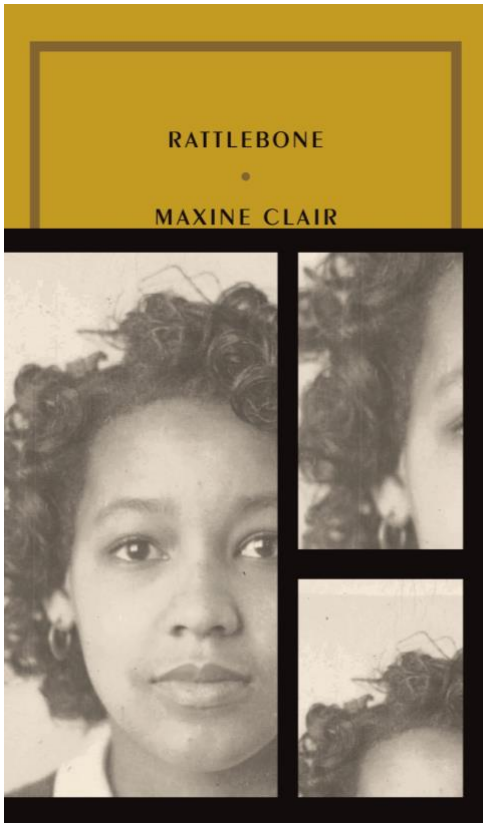
"Puig's novels are deliberately playful and provocatively effeminate . . . entertaining—often riotously so . . . and his experimentations with dialogue still seem radical and groundbreaking." —*New Yorker*

When it appeared in 1968, Manuel Puig's debut—a portrait of the artist as a child in small-town Argentina—was hailed as revolutionary. Borrowing from the language of "true romance" and movie magazines, the techniques of American modernism, and Hollywood montage, Puig created an exuberant queer aesthetic while also celebrating the secret lives of women.

Hanging on the conversations of his mother, friends, and neighbors, Puig's stand-in Toto pieces together stories as full of passion, desire, and revenge as anything dreamed up for the silver screen. "A screamingly funny book, with scenes of such utter bathos that only a student of final reels such as Puig could possibly have verbally recreated for us" (Alexander Coleman, *New York Times*), it is also a bittersweet love letter to the golden age of Hollywood.

Born in a small town in the Argentine pampas, **Manuel Puig** (1932–1990) read philosophy at the University of Buenos Aires before winning a scholarship to study film direction at Cinecittà Studios in Rome. Exiled from Argentina, he settled in New York City in 1963. His 1976 novel *Kiss of the Spider Woman* was filmed in 1985 by the Argentine-Brazilian director Héctor Babenco, thereafter becoming a Broadway musical in 1993. Puig's novels have been translated into fourteen languages.





Rattlebone

By Maxine Clair

Paperback ISBN: 9781946022462 • Pub: Jun 28, 2022 • 5" x 8.5" • 208 pages • \$18.00 • Fiction / Short Stories / Black • Rights: World English (UK sold), Audio (produced) • eBook ISBN: 9781946022479

Too long unavailable, this luminous classic of small-town life in the segregated 1950s has “magic dust sprinkled over each and every page” (*New York Times Book Review*).

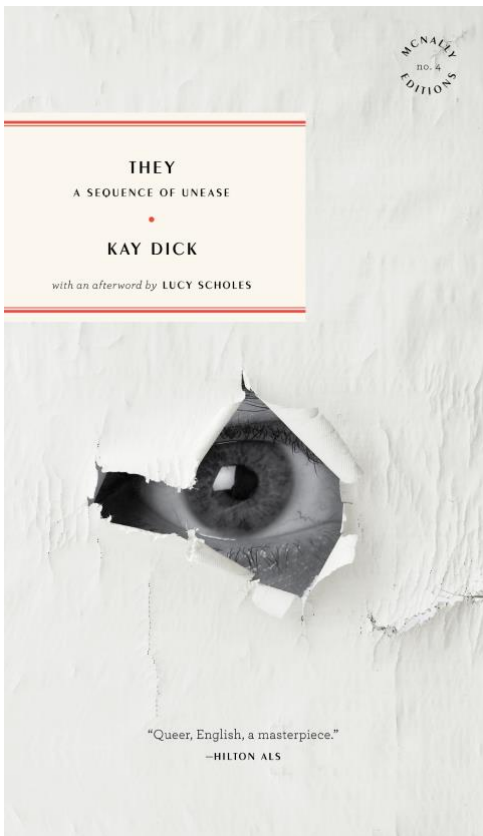
“I read *Rattlebone* when it was first published in 1994. I loved it then, and all these years later I love it more. Now I understand how rare it is to find a book that contains such indelible characters, and such enormity of heart. Welcome back, *Rattlebone*, may you get all the love and attention you have long deserved.” —**Ann Patchett**

Irene Wilson knows that a “no-name invisible something” has settled over her parents’ marriage and suspects her glamorous new teacher is to blame. Irene is not alone in her suspicions. In *Rattlebone*, a small Black town outside Kansas City in the segregated 1950s, secrets are hard to keep and growing up is a community affair.

As Irene is initiated into adult passion and loss, her family story takes its place in a tightly woven tapestry of neighbors whose griefs and joys are as vivid as her own. *Rattlebone* is a one-of-a-kind triumph of American fiction, one that captures an entire world through the eyes of an unforgettable heroine.

Maxine Clair was born and raised in Kansas City, Kansas. She is the author of the poetry collection *Coping with Gravity* and the novel *The October Suite*. On its first publication, in 1994, *Rattlebone* received both the Literary Award from the Black Caucus of the American Library Association and the Chicago Tribune Heartland Prize. Clair is a professor emerita at George Washington University.





They: A Sequence of Unease

By Kay Dick

Afterword by Lucy Scholes

Paperback ISBN: 9781946022288 • Pub: Feb 1, 2022 • 5" x 8.5" • 128 pages • \$18.00 • Fiction / Dystopian / LGBTQIA • Rights: US, Audio • eBook ISBN: 9781946022349

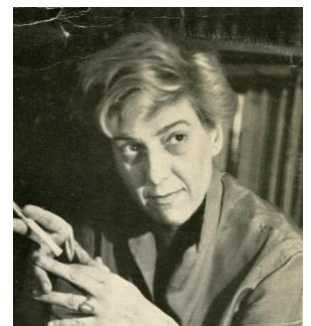
A rediscovered, dystopian classic about artists struggling to resist violent suppression—“queer, English, a masterpiece” (Hilton Als).

“A creepily prescient tale in which anonymous mobs target artists and destroy their art for the crime of individual vision. Insidiously horrifying!” —**Margaret Atwood**

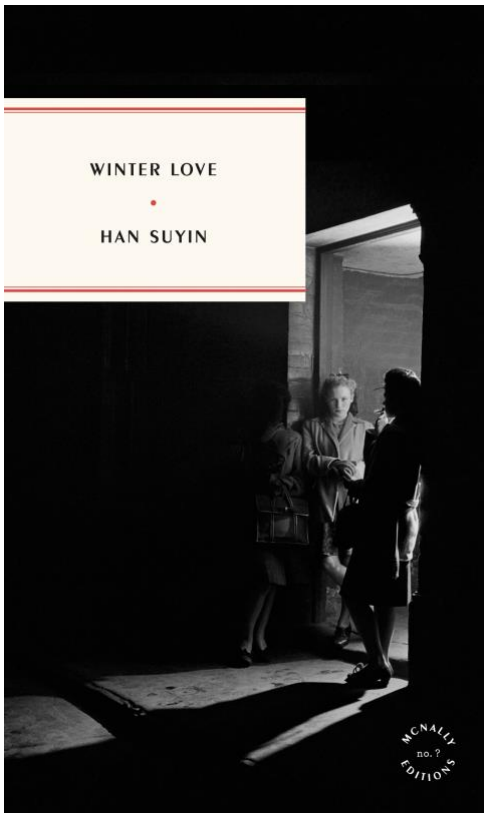
Set amid the rolling hills and the sandy, shingle beaches of coastal Sussex, this disquieting novel depicts an England in which bland conformity and cultural amnesia are the terrifying order of the day. Violent gangs roam the country destroying art and culture and brutalizing those who resist the purge. A loosely connected band attempts to evade the chilling mobs, but as the menacing “They” creep ever closer, it’s only a matter of time before the dissidents’ luck runs out.

Winner of the 1977 South East Arts Literature Prize, Kay Dick’s *They* is an uncanny and prescient vision of a world hostile to beauty, emotion, and the individual.

After being educated in Geneva and London, **Kay Dick** (1915–2001) found herself mixing with “a louche set” that included Ivy Compton-Burnett, Stevie Smith, and Muriel Spark. At the age of twenty-six, she became the first female director of an English publishing house, and from the 1940s through the ’60s, she and her long-term partner, the novelist Kathleen Farrell, were at the heart of the London literary scene. She published seven novels, a study of the commedia dell’arte, and two volumes of literary interviews.



Lucy Scholes is a critic in London. She writes for the *Times Literary Supplement*, *Financial Times*, *Paris Review Daily*, and *New York Times Book Review*, and is an editor at McNally Editions.



Winter Love

By Han Suyin

Paperback ISBN: 9781946022257 • Pub: Feb 8, 2022 • 5" x 8.5" • 160 pages • \$18.00 • Fiction / Historical / LGBTQIA / World War II • Rights: North America, Audio (produced) • eBook ISBN: 9781946022318

An unheralded queer classic set in wartime London—“Han Suyin’s outstanding achievement . . . her finest novel.” (Alison Hennegan)

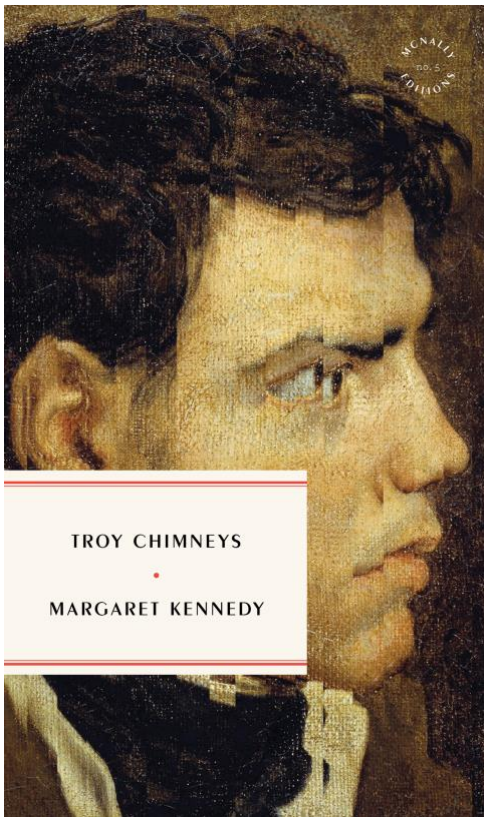
“[A] silvery, suggestive novella of love and friendship. The year is 1944, the place is London . . . It’s a bleakly cinematic book, full of unkempt gardens and smoky cafes . . . Read if you like: Sally Rooney, E.M. Forster, the Todd Haynes film *Carol*.” —Molly Young, *New York Times*

As a college student in London during the bitterly cold winter of 1944, Red falls in love with her married classmate Mara. Their affair unleashes a physical passion, jealousy, and self-doubt that sweep all her previous experiences aside and will leave her changed forever.

Set against the rubble of the bombed city, in a time of gray austerity and deprivation, *Winter Love* recalls a life at its most vivid. “Probably the best thing she has ever written” (*Daily Telegraph*), it is also Han Suyin’s most unexpected, tender, and stirring work.

Han Suyin (ca. 1917–2012) was born to a Chinese father and Belgian mother in Xinyang in the north-central province of Henan. She qualified as a doctor in London, thereafter moving to Hong Kong. The success of her novel *A Many-Splendored Thing* (1952)—adapted into the Hollywood film *Love Is a Many-Splendored Thing*, starring William Holden and Jennifer Jones—enabled her to give up her medical career and focus on her writing. She went on to publish more than thirty books, including novels, memoirs, biographies, and volumes of cultural and political history.





Troy Chimneys

By Margaret Kennedy

Paperback ISBN: 9781946022301 • Pub: Mar 8, 2022 • 5" x 8.5" • 288 pages • \$18.00 • Fiction / Historical / Regency Britain • Rights: US, Audio (produced) • eBook ISBN: 9781946022363

A Regency romance turned on its head: “Tense, touching, human, dire, and funny.” —Elizabeth Bowen

“It is hard not to see *Troy Chimneys* as something as a rebuttal to the civilized romance of *Pride and Prejudice* . . . The bite of sadness at the end of this surprising novel leaves a deeper gash than one expects from a book of such impeccable manners . . . Truly original.”

—Sam Sacks, *Wall Street Journal*

Troy Chimneys purports to be the private memoirs of Miles Lufton, a minor politician of Regency-era Britain. In them he recounts, with tongue partially in cheek, the battle between the two sides of his personality: the man of sensibility versus the ruthless social climber. But as he charms his way into love and power, the duel threatens to destroy him.

In Margaret Kennedy’s later novels, Anita Brookner observed, “virtue does not triumph, patience is not rewarded, people do not receive . . . their just deserts.” A tragicomic confession, by a hero worthy of Jane Austen, *Troy Chimneys* is the apogee of Kennedy’s late style.

Margaret Kennedy (1896–1967) found popular acclaim before the age of thirty with her 1924 novel *The Constant Nymph*. It sold copies in the millions and spawned no fewer than three screen adaptations. One of the most successful and prolific British novelists of the twentieth century, she also produced literary criticism, plays, screenplays, and a biography of Jane Austen.

