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 loved this book not just from the first
 chapter or the first page but from the first
 paragraph... The voice is just so honest
 and riveting and insightful about creativity
 and life." —Curtis Sittenfeld An
 extraordinary new novel of art, love, and
 ambition from Lily King, the New York
 Times bestselling author of Euphoria
 Following the breakout success of her
 critically acclaimed and award-winning
 novel Euphoria, Lily King returns with
 another instant New York Times bestseller:
 an unforgettable portrait of an artist as a

young woman. Blindsided by her mother's
 sudden death, and wrecked by a recent
 love affair, Casey Peabody has arrived in
 Massachusetts in the summer of 1997
 without a plan. Her mail consists of
 wedding invitations and final notices from
 debt collectors. A former child golf
 prodigy, she now waits tables in Harvard
 Square and rents a tiny, moldy room at
 the side of a garage where she works on
 the novel she's been writing for six years.
 At thirty-one, Casey is still clutching onto
 something nearly all her old friends have
 let go of: the determination to live a
 creative life. When she falls for two very
 different men at the same time, her world
 fractures even more. Casey's fight to fulfill
 her creative ambitions and balance the
 conflicting demands of art and life is
 challenged in ways that push her to the
 brink. Writers & Lovers follows Casey—a
 smart and achingly vulnerable

protagonist—in the last days of a long
 youth, a time when every element of her
 life comes to a crisis. Written with King's
 trademark humor, heart, and intelligence,
 Writers & Lovers is a transfixing novel that
 explores the terrifying and exhilarating
 leap between the end of one phase of life
 and the beginning of another.

The Evening of the Holiday Knopf
 Books for Young Readers
 Meet Lily Wilder: New Yorker, lawyer
 extraordinaire, blushing bride. And totally
 incapable of being faithful to one man.
 Lily's fiancé Will is a brilliant, handsome
 archaeologist. Lily is sassy, impulsive, fond
 of a good drink (or five) and has no
 business getting married. Lily likes Will,
 but does she love him? Will loves Lily, but
 does he know her? As the wedding
 approaches, Lily's nights—and mornings,
 and afternoons—of booze, laughter and
 questionable decisions become a growing

reminder that the happiest day of her life might turn out to be her worst mistake yet. Unapologetically sexy with the ribald humor of *Bridesmaids*, this joyously provocative debut introduces a self-assured protagonist you won't soon forget.

You Never Get It Back Farrar, Straus and Giroux

Long out of print, Shirley Hazzard's classic novel of love and memory *A Young Englishwoman* working in Naples, Jenny comes to Italy fleeing a history that threatened to undo her. Alone in the fabulously ruined city, she idly follows up a letter of introduction from an acquaintance and thus changes her life forever. Through the letter, she meets Giocanda, a beautiful and gifted writer, and Gianni, a famous Roman film director and Giocanda's lover. At work she encounters Justin, a Scotsman whose inscrutability Jenny finds mysteriously attractive. As she becomes increasingly involved in the lives of these three, she discovers that the past--and the patterns of a lifetime--are not easily discarded.

The Ancient Shore New York Review of Books

Passionate undercurrents sweep in and out of this eloquent novel about a love affair in a summer countryside in Italy and its inevitable end.

The Life to Come Penguin

Collected Stories includes both volumes of the National Book Award-winning author Shirley Hazzard's short-story collections—*Cliffs of Fall* and *People in Glass Houses*—alongside uncollected works and two previously unpublished stories Shirley Hazzard's *Collected Stories* is a work of staggering breadth and accomplishment. Taken together, these twenty-eight short stories are masterworks in telescoping focus, ranging from quotidian struggles between beauty and pragmatism to satirical send-ups of international bureaucracy, from the Italian countryside to suburban Connecticut. Hazzard's heroes are high-minded romantics who attempt to fit their feelings into the twentieth-century world of office jobs and dreary marriages. After all, as she writes in "The Picnic," "It was tempting to confine oneself to what one could cope with. And one couldn't cope with love." And yet it is the comedy, the tragedy, and the splendor of love, the pursuit and the absence of it, that animates Hazzard's stories and provides the truth and beauty that her protagonists seek. Hazzard once said, "The idea that somebody has expressed something, in a supreme way, that it can be expressed; this is, I think, an enormous feature of literature." Her stories themselves are a supreme

evocation of writing at its very best: probing, uncompromising, and deeply felt. *Cliffs of Fall* Macmillan

High school freshman Martine (Teenie for short) is a good student, with a bright future ahead of her. She's desperate to be accepted into a prestigious study abroad program in Spain so that she can see what life is like beyond the streets of Brooklyn. She wouldn't mind escaping from her strict (though lovable) parents for awhile either. But when the captain of the basketball team starts to pay attention to her after she's pined away for him for months and Cherise, her best friend, meets a guy online, Teenie's mind is on anything but her schoolwork. Teenie's longtime crush isn't what he seemed to be, nor is her best friend's online love. Can Teenie get her act together in time to save her friendship with Cherise, save her grade point average so that she can study in Spain, and save herself from a potentially dangerous relationship? Christopher Grant makes a stunning literary debut with this warmly told story about friends, family, and finding oneself.

On Shirley Hazzard Farrar, Straus and Giroux

Only those who keep their wit and affections about them will survive the mass conditioning of the Organization, where confusion solemnly rules and conformity is king. As in our world itself, humanity prevails in the courage, love, and laughter of singular spirits--of men and women for whom life is an adventure no Organization can quell, and whose souls remain their own.

Madeleine Is Sleeping Penguin

"Shattuck leaves us not only with a deepened appreciation of Proust's great work but of all great literature as well."—Richard Bernstein, *New York Times* For any reader who has been humbled by the language, the density, or the sheer weight of Marcel Proust's *In Search of Lost Time*, Roger Shattuck is a godsend. Winner of the National Book Award for Marcel Proust, a sweeping examination of Proust's life and works, Shattuck now offers a useful and eminently readable guidebook to Proust's epic masterpiece, and a contemplation of memory and consciousness throughout great literature. Here, Shattuck laments Proust's defenselessness against zealous editors, praises some translations, and presents Proust as a novelist whose philosophical gifts were matched only by his irrepressible comic sense. *Proust's Way*, the culmination of a lifetime of scholarship, will serve as the next generation's guide to one of the world's finest writers of fiction.

Because You Have To National Geographic Books

NATIONAL BESTSELLER • A stunning novel that tells the powerful story of Ora, an Israeli mother, and her extraordinary love for her son, Ofer, in a haunting meditation on war and family. "One of the few novels that feel as though they have made a difference to the world." —*The New York Times Book Review* Just before his release from service in the Israeli army, Ora's son Ofer is sent back to the front for a major offensive. In a fit of preemptive grief and magical thinking, so that no bad news can reach her, Ora sets out on an epic hike in the Galilee. She is joined by an unlikely companion—Avram, a former friend and lover with a troubled past—and as they sleep out in the hills, Ora begins to conjure her son. Ofer's story, as told by Ora, becomes a surprising balm both for her and for Avram.

Shirley Hazzard Catapult

A collection of short fiction sensitively probes the emotions, desires, and inner conflicts of a variety of characters in ten stories that include "The Party," "Weekend," "Harold," "A Place in the Country," "The Worst Moment of the Day," and the title piece. Original. 10,000 first printing.

Writers & Lovers Shirley Hazzard: A Writing Life

"Born in Australia, Shirley Hazzard first moved to Naples as a young woman in the 1950s to take up a job with the United Nations. It was the beginning of a long love affair with the city. Battered by World War II, Naples would remain for decades one of the most violent and impoverished places in Italy, but in its passion, vivacity, and beauty, the city still justified the loving words written about it by Goethe, Byron, and other literary travelers over the centuries." "The Ancient Shore collects the best of Hazzard's writings on Naples, along with a classic *New Yorker* essay by her late husband, Francis Steegmuller. With Hazzard as our guide, we encounter Henry James, Oscar Wilde, and of course Goethe, but Hazzard's concern is primarily with the Naples of our own time - often violently unforgiving to innocent tourists, but able to transport the visitor who attends patiently to its rhythms and history."--BOOK JACKET.

Proust's Way: A Field Guide to In Search of Lost Time Black Inc.

A fantastic and philosophical vision of the apocalypse by one of the most striking Italian novelists of the twentieth century. From his solitary *buen retiro* in the mountains, the last man on earth drives to the capital Chrysopolis to see if anyone else has survived the Vanishing. But

there's no one else, living or dead, in that city of "holy plutocracy," with its fifty-six banks and as many churches. He'd left the metropolis to escape his fellow humans and their struggles and ambitions, but to find that the entire human race has evaporated in an instant is more than he had bargained for. Meanwhile, life itself—the rest of nature—is just beginning to flourish now that human beings are gone. Guido Morselli's arresting postapocalyptic novel, written just before he died by suicide in 1973, depicts a man much like the author himself—lonely, brilliant, difficult—and a world much like our own, mesmerized by money, speed, and machines. Dissipatio H.G. is a precocious portrait of our Anthropocene world, and a philosophical last will and testament from a great Italian outsider.

Defeat of an Ideal Catapult

Spanning the 1960s to the 2000s, these nonfiction writings showcase Shirley Hazzard's extensive thinking on global politics, international relations, the history and fraught present of Western literary culture, and postwar life in Europe and Asia. They add essential clarity to the themes that dominate her award-winning fiction and expand the intellectual registers in which her writings work. Hazzard writes about her employment at the United Nations and the institution's manifold failings. She shares her personal experience with the aftermath of the Hiroshima atomic bombing and the nature of life in late-1940s Hong Kong. She speaks to the decline of the hero as a public figure in Western literature and affirms the ongoing power of fiction to console, inspire, and direct human life, despite—or maybe because of—the world's disheartening realities. Cementing Hazzard's place as one of the twentieth century's sharpest and most versatile thinkers, this collection also encapsulates for readers the critical events defining postwar letters, thought, and politics.

Bronxwood HarperCollins

Part memoir, part handbook, part survey of the contemporary literary scene, Joan Frank's *Because You Have To: A Writing Life* is a collection of essays that, taken together, provide a walking tour of the writing life. Frank's aim is to form a coherent vision, one that may provide some communion about realities of the writer's vocation that have struck her as rarely revealed. Frank offers what she has learned as a writer not only to other writers, but to those to whom good writing matters. Her insights about "thinking on paper" are never dogmatic or pontifical; rather, they are cordial and intellectually welcoming. Original, witty, and practical,

Frank ably steers us through the journey of her own life as a writer, as well as through the careers and work of other writers. Her subjects range widely, from the "boot camp" conditioning of marketing work to squaring off with rejection and envy; from sustaining belief in art's necessity to the baffling subjectivity of literary perception and the magical books that nourish writers. Frank's personal journey is wonderfully told, so that what in these essays is particular becomes useful and universal.

The Collected Stories of Shirley Hazzard Macmillan

The subtle portrait of a great but difficult man and a legendary island. When friends die, one's own credentials change: one becomes a survivor. Graham Greene has already had biographers, one of whom has served him mightily. Yet I hope that there is room for the remembrance of a friend who knew him—not wisely, perhaps, but fairly well—on an island that was "not his kind of place," but where he came season after season, year after year; and where he, too, will be subsumed into the capacious story. For millennia the cliffs of Capri have sheltered pleasure-seekers and refugees alike, among them the emperors Augustus and Tiberius, Henry James, Rilke, and Lenin, and hosts of artists, eccentrics, and outcasts. Here in the 1960s Graham Greene became friends with Shirley Hazzard and her husband, the writer Francis Steegmuller; their friendship lasted until Greene's death in 1991. In *Greene on Capri*, Hazzard uses their ever volatile intimacy as a prism through which to illuminate Greene's mercurial character, his work and talk, and the extraordinary literary culture that long thrived on this ravishing, enchanted island.

Collected Stories Farrar, Straus and Giroux
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themselves are a supreme evocation of writing at its very best: probing, uncompromising and deeply felt.

Teenie Vintage

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • From the Booker Prize-winning author of *Lincoln in the Bardo* and *Tenth of December* comes a literary master class on what makes great stories work and what they can tell us about ourselves—and our world today. **LONGLISTED FOR THE PEN/DIAMONSTEIN-SPIELVOGEL AWARD • ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR:** *The Washington Post*, *NPR*, *Time*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Esquire*, *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, *Town & Country*, *The Rumpus*, *Electric Lit*, *Thrillist*, *BookPage* • "[A] worship song to writers and readers."—*Oprah Daily* For the last twenty years, George Saunders has been teaching a class on the Russian short story to his MFA students at Syracuse University. In *A Swim in a Pond in the Rain*, he shares a version of that class with us, offering some of what he and his students have discovered together over the years. Paired with iconic short stories by Chekhov, Turgenev, Tolstoy, and Gogol, the seven essays in this book are intended for anyone interested in how fiction works and why it's more relevant than ever in these turbulent times. In his introduction, Saunders writes, "We're going to enter seven fastidiously constructed scale models of the world, made for a specific purpose that our time maybe doesn't fully endorse but that these writers accepted implicitly as the aim of art—namely, to ask the big questions, questions like, How are we supposed to be living down here? What were we put here to accomplish? What should we value? What is truth, anyway, and how might we recognize it?" He approaches the stories technically yet accessibly, and through them explains how narrative functions; why we stay immersed in a story and why we resist it; and the bedrock virtues a writer must foster. The process of writing, Saunders reminds us, is a technical craft, but also a way of training oneself to see the world with new openness and curiosity. *A Swim in a Pond in the Rain* is a deep exploration not just of how great writing works but of how the mind itself works while reading, and of how the reading and writing of stories make genuine connection possible. *Memorial* University of Chicago Press
The acclaimed author of *TYRELL* and *KENDRA* returns to *PUSH* to continue Tyrell's astonishing story. Tyrell's father is just out of jail, and Tyrell doesn't know how to deal with that. It's bad enough that his brother Troy is in foster care and that his mother is no help whatsoever. Now there's another thing up in his face, just

when he's trying to settle down. Tyrell's father has plans of his own, and doesn't seem to care whether or not Tyrell wants to go along with them. Tyrell can see the crash that's coming -- with his dad, with the rest of his family, with the girls he's seeing -- but he's not sure he can stop it. Or if he even wants to.

The Transit of Venus Columbia University Press

Once upon a time there was a war . . . and a young American who thought of himself as the Quiet American and the Ugly American, and who wished to be neither, who wanted instead to be the Wise

American, or the Good American, but who eventually came to witness himself as the Real American and finally as simply the Fucking American. That's me. This is the story of Skip Sands—spy-in-training, engaged in Psychological Operations against the Vietcong—and the disasters that befall him thanks to his famous uncle, a war hero known in intelligence circles simply as the Colonel. This is also the story of the Houston brothers, Bill and James, young men who drift out of the Arizona desert into a war in which the line between disinformation and delusion has

blurred away. In its vision of human folly, and its gritty, sympathetic portraits of men and women desperate for an end to their loneliness, whether in sex or death or by the grace of God, this is a story like nothing in our literature. *Tree of Smoke* is Denis Johnson's first full-length novel in nine years, and his most gripping, beautiful, and powerful work to date. *Tree of Smoke* is the 2007 National Book Award Winner for Fiction.

The Great Fire University of Notre Dame Press

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