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"This is cultural history of the first order, and it is liberal and humane history at its very best."—David Cannadine An essential work for anyone who wishes to

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understand the social history of the nineteenth century, Schnitzler's Century is the culmination of Peter Gay's thirty-five years of scholarship on bourgeois culture and society. Using Arthur Schnitzler, the sexually emboldened Viennese playwright, as his master of ceremonies, Gay offers a brilliant reexamination of the hundred-

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year period that began with the defeat of Napoleon and concluded with the conflagration of 1914. This is a defining work by one of America's greatest historians.

This collection of short stories by a major German writer of the twentieth century includes Fear, Amok, The Burning Secret,

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The Royal Game, and Letter From an Unknown Woman

Finding her comfortable bourgeois existence as wife and mother predictable after eight years of marriage, Irene Wagner brings a little excitement into it by starting an affair with a rising young pianist. Her lover ' s former mistress

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begins blackmailing her, threatening to give her secret away to her husband. Irene is soon in the grip of agonizing fear.

Written in the spring of 1913, and first published in 1920, this novella is one of Stefan Zweig ' s most powerful studies of a woman ' s mind and emotions. La Paura (1954) the Roberto Rossellini film based

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on the Stefan Zweig novel Fear was the last of the extraordinary features in which Rossellini directed Ingrid Bergman, who was then his wife.

The author chronicles his early life in this account of growing up, an unwanted child, in Austria, from the terrors of the prewar years to the anarchy of the occupation

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A Book of Simple Living

The Luneburg Variation

Days in the Caucasus

Stefan Zweig at the End of the World

Magnus Carlsen and the Match That
Made Chess Great Again

A Memoir

Drawing on a great wealth of newly

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available sources, this definitive biography recounts the eventful life of a great writer spoiled by success—a life lived in the shadow of two world wars, and which ended tragically in a suicide pact. Matuschek examines three major

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phases in the life of the world-famous Austrian author—his years of apprenticeship, his years of success as a professional working writer in Salzburg, and finally his years of exile in Britain, the USA and Brazil. Including the sort of

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personal detail conspicuously absent from Zweig's memoir, and incorporating newly discovered documents, Matuschek's biography offers us a privileged view into the private world of the master of psychological insight. From the

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Trade Paperback edition.

Chess Story *New York Review of Books*

This is the story of about the strangest thing that I've ever encountered, old art dealer that I am.' It is perhaps the finest art

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collection of its kind, acquired through a lifetime of sacrifice - but when a dealer comes to see it, he finds something quite unexpected, and is drawn into a peculiar deception of the collector himself... Stefan Zweig was a wildly popular

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writer of compelling short fiction: in this collection there are peaks of extraordinary emotion, stories of all that is human crushed by the movements of history, of letters that fill a young heart or drive a person towards death, of obsession and

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desire. They will stay with the reader for ever.

Bhutanese Tales of the Yeti is a collection of twenty-two stories set in four different regions of Bhutan. The presence of the yeti is ubiquitous to the kingdoms of the

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Himalayas, where beliefs and attitudes related to it go beyond scientific judgment and analysis. The Bhutanese consider the yeti, or the migo, to be an essential part of the backdrop of their existence. Believed to possess supernatural

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powers enabling it to become invisible at will, the yeti often manifests itself in a tangible form and then suddenly vanishes, leaving behind nothing but an unexpected void. Folklore about the abominable snowman has existed for centuries;

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however, with the far-reaching impact of the media, the perpetuation of this oral tradition is threatened. This collection of stories is an attempt to document a vital tradition before it is wiped out entirely. The book is well illustrated

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*and includes maps of the four
regions.*

*Schnitzler's Century: The Making of
Middle-Class Culture 1815-1914*

*The Royal Game by Stefan Zweig
(Book Analysis)*

Amok and other Stories

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Chess

Journeys

The World of Yesterday

**This classic Austrian
novella paints a deeply
moving portrait of a
woman whose quest for**

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**passion and purpose
comes at a steep price
The less I felt in myself,
the more strongly I was
drawn to those places
where the whirligig of life
spins most rapidly. So**

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begins an extraordinary day in the life of Mrs C—recently bereaved and searching for excitement and meaning. Drawn to the bright lights of a casino, and the passion

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**of a desperate stranger,
she discovers a purpose
once again but at what
cost? In this vivid and
moving tale of a
compassionate woman,
and her defining**

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**experience, Zweig
explores the power of
intense love,
overwhelming loneliness
and regret that can last
for a lifetime.**

A collection of the great

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**writer's observations,
made during his travels
across the Europe he
loved so much When I am
on a journey, all ties
suddenly fall away. I feel
myself quite unburdened,**

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**disconnected, free -
There is something in it
marvellously uplifting
and invigorating. Whole
past epochs suddenly
return: nothing is lost,
everything still full of**

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**inception, enticement.
For the insatiably curious
and ardent Europhile
Stefan Zweig, travel was
both a necessary cultural
education and a personal
balm for the depression**

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**he experienced when
rooted in one place for
too long. He spent much
of his life weaving
between the countries of
Europe, visiting authors
and friends, exploring the**

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**continent in the heyday
of international rail
travel. Comprising a
lifetime's observations on
Zweig's travels in Europe,
this collection can be
dipped into or savoured**

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**at length, and paints a
rich and sensitive picture
of Europe before the
Second World War.**

**A set of 50 fascinating,
disturbing, moving or
funny short books**

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**published in an appealing
new format to celebrate
the 50th anniversary of
Penguin Modern Classics**
*** Our summary is short,
simple and pragmatic. It
allows you to have the**

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**essential ideas of a big
book in less than 30
minutes. By reading this
summary, you will learn
what interests you in
identifying and
cultivating your gifts. You**

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will also learn: that your talents reveal part of your individuality; that strengthening your faculties gives you the opportunity to accomplish yourself; that

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by perfecting his chess skills, the main character has sharpened his intelligence and learned to better control his emotions; that by devoting yourself to your

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**passion, you can
overcome moral trials.
Published posthumously
in 1943, Stefan Zweig's
short story The Chess
Player relates the
meeting and**

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**confrontation of two
chess players who are at
odds with each other.
One is a peasant who has
become a world champion
thanks to his skill at
chess, the only talent he**

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possesses. The other is an Austrian aristocrat, whom the Gestapo officers have subjected to total isolation in a hotel room. To resist this psychological torture, he

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played mental chess games. Despite their different backgrounds, each of them benefited from exploiting their talent. What benefits can you gain from your

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of coffee!**

**An Autobiography
Gathering Evidence
A Novel**

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Those Who Forget Fear

The Queen's Gambit

She was born to be Queen
of Scotland, she was
briefly the Queen of
France and she had a claim

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to being Queen of England, which resulted in her having her head chopped off. They chopped off her head after she was found guilty of conspiring to have Queen Elizabeth

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(1533-1603) assassinated so that she could take power. Had she not been executed, she would eventually have become Queen of England when Elizabeth died. That was

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only one of the many controversies in which she was involved. Her first husband, who became the King of France, making her the Queen, died shortly thereafter and her second

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husband was found murdered, apparently strangled. Mary Queen of Scots (1542-1587) was believed to have been complicit in that murder. This widely acclaimed

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biography by Stefan Zweig is regarded as the best of the many biographies of this famous woman. The great thing about the author, Stefan Zweig, is that his biographies are

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smooth and easy to read. By contrast, there is a weighty tome with exactly the same title but 880 pages long. Here in 386 easy to read pages you can learn everything about

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Mary Queen of Scots that you will probably ever want to know.

The great Austrian writer Stefan Zweig was a master anatomist of the deceitful heart, and Impatience of

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the Heart, the only novel he published during his lifetime, uncovers the seed of selfishness within even the finest of feelings. Hofmiller, an Austro-Hungarian cavalry

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officer stationed at the edge of the empire, is invited to a party at the home of a rich local landowner, a world away from the dreary routine of the barracks. The

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surroundings are glamorous, wine flows freely, and the exhilarated young Hofmiller asks his host's lovely daughter for a dance, only to discover

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that sickness has left her painfully crippled. It is a minor blunder that will destroy his life, as pity and guilt gradually implicate him in a well-meaning but tragically

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wrongheaded plot to restore the unhappy invalid to health.

Sam Renshawe is giving up everything to follow his chess dream. It's 1990 and he's in Yugoslavia for the

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Chess Olympiad where he is playing the most important game of his career.

However, events on the board cause him to reconsider his life, especially the recent

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split from his girlfriend caused by his chess addiction. How much is he willing to sacrifice to achieve his goals? In lucid prose, 'Chess Fever' is a fresh, surprising,

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funny and moving novel that celebrates chess, but also literature, love and life.

A doctor in the Dutch East Indies torn between his medical duty to help and

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his own mixed emotions; a middle-aged maidservant whose devotion to her master leads her to commit a terrible act; a hotel waiter whose love for an unapproachable

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aristocratic beauty
culminates in an almost
lyrical death and a
prisoner-of-war longing to
be home again in Russia.
In these four stories,
Stefan Zweig shows his

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gift for the acute analysis of emotional dilemmas. His four tragic and moving cameos of the human condition are played out against cosmopolitan and colonial backgrounds

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in the first half of the
twentieth century.

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A Game of Chess and Other
Stories

The Royal Game

Mary Queen of Scotland and

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the Isles

Brief Notes from the Hills

The Collected Novellas of
Stefan Zweig

Unlock the more

straightforward side of

The Royal Game with this

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concise and insightful summary and analysis! This engaging summary presents an analysis of The Royal Game by Stefan Zweig which tackles the themes of insanity and passion, as

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well as the reality of the Second World War, metaphorically through a chess tournament. The story has been adapted for film and stage, as both an opera and a play. Zweig

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was, during his time, the most translated author in the world and another of his works was featured in Le Monde's 100 Books of the Century. Find out everything you need to

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know about The Royal Game in a fraction of the time! This in-depth and informative reading guide brings you:

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- Character studies
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Stefan Zweig (1881-1942) was a poet, novelist, and dramatist, but it was his

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biographies that expressed his full genius, recreating for his international audience the Elizabethan age, the French Revolution, the great days of voyages and

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discoveries. In this autobiography he holds the mirror up to his own age, telling the story of a generation that "was loaded down with a burden of fate as was hardly any

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other in the course of history." Zweig attracted to himself the best minds and loftiest souls of his era: Freud, Yeats, Borgese, Pirandello, Gorky, Ravel, Joyce,

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Toscanini, Jane Addams, Anatole France, and Romain Rolland are but a few of the friends he writes about.

By the 1930s, Stefan Zweig, born to an affluent

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Jewish family in Vienna, had become the most widely translated living author in the world. His novels, short stories, and biographies became instant bestsellers, and his

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cultural patronage, his generosity, and his literary connections, were legendary. In 1934, following Hitler's rise to power, Zweig left Vienna for England, then New

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York, and, finally,
Petropolis, a suburb of Rio
de Janeiro. With the
destruction of the
cultural milieu of pre-
Nazi Europe, Zweig's life
in exile became

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increasingly isolated. In 1942 he and his wife, Lotte Altmann, were found dead. They had committed suicide, just after Zweig had completed his famous autobiography, *The World*

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of Yesterday. The Impossible Exile tells the mesmerizing and tragic story of Zweig's extraordinary rise and fall, the gulf between the world of ideas in Europe

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and in America, and the alienation of the refugees forced into exile. Zweig embodied and witnessed the end of an era: the great Central European civilization of Vienna and

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Berlin.

Financial Times Book of the Year An urgent new novel about death, war, and memory from the highly acclaimed Croatian writer In this breathtaking final

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work, Daša Drndić reaches new heights. Andreas Ban's suicide attempt has failed. Though very ill, he still finds the will to tap on the glass of history to summon those

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imprisoned within.
Mercilessly, he dissects society and his environment, shunning all favors as he goes after the evils and hidden secrets of our times.

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History remembers the names of the perpetrators, not the victims—Ban remembers and honors the lost. He travels from Rijeka to Zagreb, from Belgrade to Tirana, from

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Parisian avenues to Italian castles. Ghosts follow him wherever he goes: chess grandmasters who disappeared during WWII; the lost inhabitants of Latvia; war criminals

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who found work in the CIA and died peacefully in their beds. Ban's family is with him too, those already dead and those with one foot in the grave. As if left with

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only a few pieces in a chess game, Andreas Ban—and Daša Drndić—play a stunning last match against Death.

The Impossible Exile
Chess Story

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Twenty-Four Hours in the
Life of a Woman
And Other Stories
My Family's Story in Nazi
Europe - A Memoir, A
History, A Warning
"[Makes] the very convincing case

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that, until and unless there is a full accounting for what happened with Donald Trump, 2020 is not over and never will be.” —The New Yorker
“Riveting...we can never be reminded too often to never forget.” —The Wall Street Journal Journalist G é raldine Schwarz’s astonishing memoir of her

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German and French grandparents' lives during World War II "also serves as a perceptive look at the current rise of far-right nationalism throughout Europe and the US" (Publishers Weekly). During World War II, Géraldine Schwarz's German grandparents were neither heroes nor

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villains; they were merely Mitläufer—those who followed the current. Once the war ended, they wanted to bury the past under the wreckage of the Third Reich. Decades later, while delving through filing cabinets in the basement of their apartment building in Mannheim,

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Schwarz discovers that in 1938, her paternal grandfather Karl took advantage of Nazi policies to buy a business from a Jewish family for a low price. She finds letters from the only survivor of this family (all the others perished in Auschwitz), demanding reparations. But Karl

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Schwarz refused to acknowledge his responsibility. Geraldine starts to question the past: How guilty were her grandparents? What makes us complicit? On her mother's side, she investigates the role of her French grandfather, a policeman in Vichy. Weaving together the threads of three

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generations of her family story with Europe's process of post-war reckoning, Schwarz explores how millions were seduced by ideology, overcome by a fog of denial after the war, and, in Germany at least, eventually managed to transform collective guilt into democratic

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responsibility. She asks: How can nations learn from history? And she observes that countries that avoid confronting the past are especially vulnerable to extremism. Searing and unforgettable, *Those Who Forget* “deserves to be read and discussed widely...this is Schwarz’s invaluable

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warning” (The Washington Post Book Review).

An NYRB Classics Original Stefan Zweig was particularly drawn to the novella, and *Confusion*, a rigorous and yet transporting dramatization of the conflict between the heart and the mind, is among his supreme

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achievements in the form. A young man who is rapidly going to the dogs in Berlin is packed off by his father to a university in a sleepy provincial town. There a brilliant lecture awakens in him a wild passion for learning—as well as a peculiarly intense fascination with the graying professor who gave

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the talk. The student grows close to the professor, becoming a regular visitor to the apartment he shares with his much younger wife. He takes it upon himself to urge his teacher to finish the great work of scholarship that he has been laboring at for years and even offers to help him in any way

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he can. The professor welcomes the young man's attentions, at least on some days. On others, he rages without apparent reason or turns away from his disciple with cold scorn. The young man is baffled, wounded. He cannot understand. But the wife understands. She understands

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perfectly. And one way or another she will help him to understand too.

Stefan's Zweig's Letter from an Unknown Woman and other stories contains a new translation by the award-winning Anthea Bell of one of his most celebrated novellas, Letter from an Unknown Woman , the

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inspiration for a classic 1948 Hollywood film by Max Oph ü ls, as well as three new stories, appearing in English for the first time. A famous author receives a letter on his forty-first birthday. He doesn't know the sender, but still the letter concerns him intimately. Its story is earnest, even

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piteous: the story of a life lived in service to an unannounced, unnoticed love. In the other stories in this collection, a young man mistakes the girl he loves for her sister; two erstwhile lovers meet after an age spent apart; and a married woman repays a debt of gratitude. All four

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tales, newly translated by the award-winning Anthea Bell, are among Zweig's most celebrated and compelling work-expertly paced, laced with empathy and an unwaveringly acute sense of psychological detail. The basis for the hit Netflix series! "What Walter Tevis did for pool in The

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Hustler, he does for chess in "The Queen's Gambit" (Playboy). When eight-year-old Beth Harmon's parents are killed in an automobile accident, she's placed in an orphanage in Mount Sterling, Kentucky. Plain and shy, Beth learns to play chess from the janitor in the basement and discovers she is a

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prodigy. Though penniless, she is desperate to learn more—and steals a chess magazine and enough money to enter a tournament. Beth also steals some of her foster mother's tranquilizers to which she is becoming addicted. At thirteen, Beth wins the chess tournament. By the age of

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sixteen she is competing in the US Open Championship and, like Fast Eddie in *The Hustler*, she hates to lose. By eighteen she is the US champion—and Russia awaits . . . Fast-paced and elegantly written, *The Queen's Gambit* is a thriller masquerading as a chess novel—one

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that's sure to keep you on the edge of your seat. "The Queen's Gambit is sheer entertainment. It is a book I reread every few years—for the pure pleasure and skill of it." —Michael Ondaatje, Man Booker Prize–winning author of *The English Patient*
The Royal Game and Other Stories

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Lord of Dark Places

The Collected Stories of Stefan Zweig

Tales of Obsession and Desire

SUMMARY - The Royal Game &

Other Stories By Stefan Zweig

A Biography of Stefan Zweig

Born in Vienna in 1881,

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Stefan Zweig was one of the most respected authors of his time. Foreseeing Nazi Germany's domination of Europe, Zweig left Austria in 1933. In 1941, following a successful lecture tour of

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South America and several months in New York, Stefan Zweig and his wife Lotte emigrated to Brazil. Despairing at Europe's future and feeling increasingly isolated, the

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Zweigs committed suicide together in 1942. Stefan Zweig was an incessant correspondent but as the 1930s progressed, it became difficult for him to maintain contact with friends and

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**colleagues. As Zweig's
correspondence all but
ceased with the outbreak of
World War II, little is known
about his final years. Even
less is known about Lotte
Zweig, his second-wife,**

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secretary and travel-companion. This book provides an analysis of the Zweigs' time together and for the first time reproduces personal letters, written by the couple in Argentina and

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Brazil, along with editorial commentary. Furthermore, Lotte finally emerges from her husband's shadows, with the letters offering significant insights into their relationship and her

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experience of exile.

Jim Berzchak has a gift. His capabilities in the game of chess are remarkable and his brain works at levels most people only dream about. However, a horrific

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**blunder while playing at the
high school state
tournament costs his
Escanaba Eskimos the team
championship. Depressed,
he slips into a world of
solitude. His life stalls and**

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although he studies chess aggressively and enhances his skills, other aspects to his well being become reclusive. 15 years later a group of high school students coax Jim into

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reopening the defunct chess program. Through the kids, he finds he has an even better gift, the ability to teach the game and make it exciting. "The Eskychess Express is back on track!" or

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so it seems. Issues abound with their newfound success. Personal problems infect the team. Opponents take notice and hone their skills to incomprehensible levels. The pressure of

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competition makes Jim feel like collapsing. Can he get his life in order and lead his Eskimos over the second place hump? Or will they end up like him, devastated in life because they pinned too

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**many hopes on winning a
state championship title?
THE CLASSIC
INTERNATIONAL
BESTSELLER A new edition
of this classic Zweig story -
an epic chess match on a**

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transatlantic liner during WW2 unearths a story of persecution and obsession
On the deck of a transatlantic ocean liner, a crowd of passengers gathers to watch reigning chess

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**world champion Mirko
Czentovic take on a series of
amateur challengers. The
haughty grandmaster
dispatches all of his
opponents with ease, until
one Dr B steps forward from**

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**the crowd - a passionate
lover of the royal game who
still bears the mental scars
of imprisonment by the
Nazis in his native Austria.
The enigmatic genius
reluctantly agrees to**

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**challenge Czentovic, but at
what cost to his sanity?
Written during the Second
World War, The Royal Game
was the great Stefan
Zweig's final work - a
searing, suspenseful tale of**

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psychological torment and the price of obsession. An epic chess match on a transatlantic liner unearths a story of persecution and obsession. One of the most perfectly gripping novellas

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from a master of the form, Stefan Zweig. Chess world champion Mirko Czentovic is travelling on an ocean liner to Buenos Aires. Dull-witted in all but chess, he entertains himself on board

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by allowing others to challenge him in the game, before beating each of them and taking their money. But there is another passenger with a passion for chess: Dr B, previously driven to

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**insanity during Nazi
imprisonment by the chess
games in his imagination.
But in agreeing to take on
Czentovic, what price will Dr
B ultimately pay? A moving
portrait of one man's**

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madness, A Chess Story is a searing examination of the power of the mind and the evil it can do. Stefan Zweig (1881-1942) was born in Vienna, into a wealthy Austrian-Jewish family. He

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studied in Berlin and Vienna and was first known as a poet and translator, then as a biographer. Zweig travelled widely, living in Salzburg between the wars, and was an international

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bestseller with a string of hugely popular novellas including Letter from an Unknown Woman, Amok and Fear. In 1934, with the rise of Nazism, he moved to London, where he wrote his

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only novel Beware of Pity. He later moved on to Bath, taking British citizenship after the outbreak of the Second World War. With the fall of France in 1940 Zweig left Britain for New York,

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**before settling in Brazil,
where in 1942 he and his
wife were found dead in an
apparent double suicide.
Much of his work is available
from Pushkin Press.
New York, Argentina and**

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Brazil, 1940-42

Confusion

Letter from an Unknown

Woman

Chess Fever

Mini Modern Classics

Three Lives

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"Not since White Knights of Reykjavik, George Steiner's riveting account of the 1972 world championship match between Boris Spassky and Bobby Fischer, has a writer demonstrated such stunning

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insight into the nurturing madness that compels chess play at the master level." - Publishers Weekly At the opening of this amazing fiction from Paolo Maurensig, The Luneburg Variation, a cadaver is

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discovered, the body of a wealthy businessman from Vienna, apparently a suicide without plausible motivation. Next to the body is a chessboard made of rags with buttons for pieces whose positions on the

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board may hold the only clue. As the plot of this passionately colored, coolly controlled thriller unfolds, we meet two chess players—one a clever, persecuted Jew, the other a ruthless, persecuting German—who have

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faced each other many times before and played for stakes that are nothing less than life itself. A casual introduction, a challenge to a simple game of chess, a lovers' reunion, a meaningless infidelity: from such

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**City's South Street Seaport to
watch the World Chess
Championship between Norway's
Magnus Carlsen and Russia's
Sergey Karjakin. By the time it
was over would be front-page
news and thought by many the**

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greatest finish in chess history. With both Carlsen and Karjakin just twenty-five years old, it was the first time the championship had been waged among those who grew up playing chess against computers. Originally from

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Crimea, Karjakin had recently repatriated to Russia under the direct assistance of Putin. Carlsen, meanwhile, had expressed admiration for Donald Trump, and the first move of the tournament he played was called a

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Trompowsky Attack. Then there was the Russian leader of the World Chess Federation being barred from attending due to US sanctions, and chess fanatic and Trump adviser Peter Thiel being called on to make the honorary

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first move in sudden death. That the tournament even required sudden death was a shock.

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**Wes Anderson on Stefan Zweig:
"I had never heard of
Zweig...when I just more or less
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Hotel has elements that were sort of stolen from both these books. Two characters in our story are vaguely meant to represent Zweig himself — our “Author” character, played by Tom Wilkinson, and the theoretically

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fictionalised version of himself, played by Jude Law. But, in fact, M. Gustave, the main character who is played by Ralph Fiennes, is modelled significantly on Zweig as well." 2009 PEN Translation Prize Finalist The logic of

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capitalism, boom and bust, is unremitting and unforgiving. But what happens to human feeling in a completely commodified world? In The Post-Office Girl, Stefan Zweig, a deep analyst of the human passions, lays bare the

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**private life of
capitalism. Christine toils in a
provincial post office in
post–World War I Austria, a
country gripped by
unemployment. Out of the blue, a
telegram arrives from Christine's**

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**rich American aunt inviting her to
a resort in the Swiss Alps.**

**Christine is immediately swept up
into a world of inconceivable
wealth and unleashed desire. She
feels herself utterly transformed:
nothing is impossible. But then,**

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abruptly, her aunt cuts her loose. Christine returns to the post office, where yes, nothing will ever be the same. Christine meets Ferdinand, a bitter war veteran and disappointed architect, who works construction jobs when he

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can get them. They are drawn to each other, even as they are crushed by a sense of deprivation, of anger and shame. Work, politics, love, sex: everything is impossible for them. Life is meaningless, unless, through one

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desperate and decisive act, they can secretly remake their world from within. Cinderella meets Bonnie and Clyde in Zweig's haunting and hard-as-nails novel, completed during the 1930s, as he was driven by the Nazis into exile,

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unforgettable and unique. Stefan Zweig was born in 1881 in Vienna, into a wealthy Austrian-Jewish family. He studied in Berlin and Vienna and was first known as a poet and translator, then as a biographer. Between

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the wars, Zweig was an international bestseller with a string of hugely popular novellas including Letter from an Unknown Woman, Amok and Fear. In 1934, with the rise of Nazism, he left Austria, and lived in London, Bath

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and New York - a period during which he produced his most celebrated works: his only novel, *Beware of Pity*, and his memoir, *The World of Yesterday*. He eventually settled in Brazil, where in 1942 he and his wife were

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found dead in an apparent double suicide. Much of his work is available from Pushkin Press. Chess Story, also known as The Royal Game, is the Austrian master Stefan Zweig's final achievement, completed in

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Brazilian exile and sent off to his American publisher only days before his suicide in 1942. It is the only story in which Zweig looks at Nazism, and he does so with characteristic emphasis on the psychological. Travelers by ship

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from New York to Buenos Aires find that on board with them is the world champion of chess, an arrogant and unfriendly man. They come together to try their skills against him and are soundly defeated. Then a mysterious

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passenger steps forward to advise them and their fortunes change. How he came to possess his extraordinary grasp of the game of chess and at what cost lie at the heart of Zweig's story. This new translation of Chess

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Story brings out the work's unusual mixture of high suspense and poignant reflection.