

## Death Of A Naturalist By Seamus Heaney Budgieuk

*From the New York Times bestselling author of H is for Hawk and winner of the Samuel Johnson Prize for nonfiction, comes a transcendent collection of essays about the natural world. Animals don't exist in order to teach us things, but that is what they have always done, and most of what they teach us is what we think we know about ourselves. Helen Macdonald's bestselling debut H is for Hawk brought the astonishing story of her relationship with goshawk Mabel to global critical acclaim and announced Macdonald as one of this century's most important and insightful nature writers. H is for Hawk won the Samuel Johnson Prize for Nonfiction and the Costa Book Award, and was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award and the Kirkus Prize for Nonfiction, launching poet and falconer Macdonald as our preeminent nature essayist, with a semi-regular column in the New York Times Magazine. In Vesper Flights Helen Macdonald brings together a collection of her best loved essays, along with new pieces on topics ranging from nostalgia for a vanishing countryside to the tribulations of farming ostriches to her own private vespers while trying to fall asleep. Meditating on notions of captivity and freedom, immigration and flight, Helen invites us into her most intimate experiences: observing the massive migration of songbirds from*

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*the top of the Empire State Building, watching tens of thousands of cranes in Hungary, seeking the last golden orioles in Suffolk's poplar forests. She writes with heart-tugging clarity about wild boar, swifts, mushroom hunting, migraines, the strangeness of birds' nests, and the unexpected guidance and comfort we find when watching wildlife. By one of this century's most important and insightful nature writers, Vesper Flights is a captivating and foundational book about observation, fascination, time, memory, love and loss and how we make sense of the world around us.*

*In The Spirit Level, as ever with Seamus Heaney, personal memory and humble domestic objects -- a whitewash brush, a sofa, a swing -- are endowed with talismanic significance, and throughout the collection he addresses his growing concerns, which inevitably include the political situation in his native Northern Ireland, in a poetry that never ceases to be fluid, alert, and completely truthful. Part of a series providing an authoritative history of the book in Ireland, this volume comprehensively outlines the history of 20th-century Irish book culture. This book embraces all the written and printed traditions and heritages of Ireland and places them in the global context of a worldwide interest in book histories. Poems, 1965-1975 gathers nearly all of the poems from Seamus Heaney's first four collections: Death of a Naturalist (1966), Door into the Dark (1969), Wintering*

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*Out (1972), and North (1975).*

*Vesper Flights*

*Poems*

*Selected Poems 1988-2013*

*A Doll's House, Miss Julie, The Weavers, Mrs Warren's Profession, Three Sisters, Strife*

*The Testament of Cresseid & Seven Fables*

*The Animal Way of Death*

A biography of the composer, musician, and conductor of the New York Philharmonic.

'Seamus Heaney has gone beyond the themes of his earlier poetry and has made the giant step towards the most ambitious, most intractable themes of maturity. The power of this book comes from a sense that he is reaching out towards a type of desolation and of isolation without which no imagination can be seen to have grown up.' Eavan Boland, Irish Times 'Keyed and pitched unlike any other significant poet at work in the language anywhere.' Harold Bloom, Times Literary Supplement

Field Work is the record of four years during which Seamus Heaney left the violence of Belfast to settle in a country cottage with his family in Glanmore, County Wicklow. Heeding "an early warning system to get back inside my own

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head," Heaney wrote poems with a new strength and maturity, moving from the political concerns of his landmark volume *North* to a more personal, contemplative approach to the world and to his own writing. In *Field Work* he "brings a meditative music to bear upon fundamental themes of person and place, the mutuality of ourselves and the world" (Denis Donoghue, *The New York Times Book Review*). A new edition of the later selected work of a Nobel Prize-winning poet often considered to be "the greatest poet of our age" (*The Guardian*), Seamus Heaney was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1995 "for works of lyrical beauty and ethical depth, which exalt everyday miracles and the living past." He saw poetry as a vocation and credited it with "the power to persuade the vulnerable part of our consciousness of its rightness in spite of the evidence of wrongness all around it, the power to remind us that we are hunters and gatherers of values." Paul Muldoon wrote that Heaney was "the only poet I can think of who was recognized worldwide as having moral as well as literary authority." Shortly before his death in 2013, Seamus Heaney began to compile *Selected Poems 1988–2013*, and although he was unable to complete the project, his choices have been followed here. This volume encapsulates the finest work from *Seeing Things* (1991) with its lines of loss and revelation; *The Spirit Level* (1996) where we experience "the poem as ploughshare that turns time / Up and over."; the landmark translation of *Beowulf* (1999); *Electric Light* (2001), a book of origins and oracles; and his final collections, *District and Circle* (2006) and *Human Chain* (2010), which limn the interconnectedness of being, our lifelines to our inherited past.

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The Nobel Lecture

Mrs. Vargas and the Dead Naturalist

Crediting Poetry

California's Frontier Naturalists

Field Work

The Wildest Woman in America and the Fight for Cumberland Island

Brave orphan Mina dreams of becoming a great scientist, even though she's just a beginner. But when her parents; killer escapes from prison and threatens to kill again, she must make the terrifying leap from apprentice to master sooner than planned; if she wants to survive. Book 1 of The Naturalist combines historical fantasy with thrilling adventure and a touch of Renaissance romance.

"A biography of Theodore Roosevelt focusing on his career as a naturalist, his role as a pioneer for wilderness engagement, and an early advocate for museum building"--

Seamus Heaney's Nobel Lecture, captured here in Crediting Poetry, is a powerful defense of poetry as "the ship and the anchor" of our spirit within an ocean of violent, divisive politics and "world-sorrow." Beginning with the "creaturely existence" of his childhood in a thatched farmstead in rural

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County Derry, Heaney traces his path in "the wideness of language." It is a way forged by listening: to the "burbles and squeaks" of BBC and Radio Eireann from a wireless speaker, to the triple-rhyme in a line of Yeats', but also to the sound of gunfire in Ulster and the keening desolation of all the "wounded spots on the face of the earth." Out of all these sounds Heaney discovers the necessity of poetic order--"an order where we can at last grow up to that which we stored up as we grew." It is poetry's ability to convey the forces of the marvelous and the murderous together, Heaney writes, that gives it "at once a buoyancy and a holding," and persuades us of its "truth to life." Heaney's lecture not only finds a way of crediting poetry "without anxiety or apology," but it persuades us, eloquently and gracefully, of the "rightness" and "thereness" of our veritable human being.

An inspiring, thought-provoking, and adventurous biography of one woman's fearless crusade to save an island from greed and environmental disaster. In a "moving homage and an adventure story that artfully articulates the ferocities of nature and humanity," Harlan captures the larger-than-life story of Carol

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Ruckdeschel, the wildest woman in America (Kirkus Reviews). She wrestles alligators, eats roadkill, rides horses bareback, and lives in a ramshackle cabin that she built by hand in an island wilderness. A combination of Henry David Thoreau and Jane Goodall, Carol is a self-taught scientist who has become a tireless defender of sea turtles on Cumberland Island, a national park off the coast of Georgia. Cumberland, the country's largest and most biologically diverse barrier island, is celebrated for its windswept dunes and feral horses. Steel magnate Thomas Carnegie once owned much of the island, and in recent years, Carnegie heirs and the National Park Service have clashed with Carol over the island's future. What happens when a dirt-poor naturalist with only a high school diploma becomes an outspoken advocate on a celebrated but divisive island? Untamed is the story of an American original standing her ground and fighting for what she believes in, no matter the cost, "an environmental classic that belongs on the shelf alongside Carson, Leopold, Muir, and Thoreau" (Thomas Rain Crowe). "Vivid. . . Ms. Ruckdeschel's biography, and the way this wandering soul came to settle for so many decades on Cumberland Island, is

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big enough on its own, but Mr. Harlan hints at bigger questions."—Wall Street Journal "Wild country produces wild people, who sometimes are just what's needed to keep that wild cycle going. This is a memorable portrait." —Bill McKibben "Deliciously engrossing. . . . Readers are in for a wild ride." —Citizen-Times

Gravities

Heaney Glossarial Concordance (1)

The Rattle Bag

The Spirit Level

Interviews with Seamus Heaney

A Naturalist's Guide to the Tropics

**A classic since its first publication in 1947, *Adventures with a Texas Naturalist* distills a lifetime of patient observations of the natural world. This reprint contains a new introduction by noted nature writer Rick Bass.**

**A Boston Globe Best Poetry Book of 2011 Winner of the 2011 Griffin Poetry Prize Winner of the 2011 Poetry Now Award Seamus Heaney's new collection elicits continuities and solidarities, between husband and wife, child and parent, then and now, inside an intently remembered present—the stepping stones of the day, the weight and heft of what is passed from hand to hand, lifted and lowered.**

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**Human Chain** also broaches larger questions of transmission, of lifelines to the inherited past. There are newly minted versions of anonymous early Irish lyrics, poems that stand at the crossroads of oral and written, and other "hermit songs" that weigh equally in their balance the craft of scribe and the poet's early calling as scholar. A remarkable sequence entitled "Route 101" plots the descent into the underworld in the *Aeneid* against single moments in the arc of a life, from a 1950s childhood to the birth of a first grandchild. Other poems display a Virgilian *pietas* for the dead—friends, neighbors, family—that is yet wholly and movingly vernacular. **Human Chain** also includes a poetic "herbal" adapted from the Breton poet Guillevic—lyrics as delicate as ferns, which puzzle briefly over the world of things and landscapes that exclude human speech, while affirming the interconnectedness of phenomena, as of a self-sufficiency in which we too are included.

This volume gathers nearly all of the poems from Heaney's first four collections: *Death of a Naturalist* (1966), *Door into the Dark* (1969), *Wintering Out* (1972), and *North* (1975). This volume gathers nearly all of the poems from Heaney's first four collections: *Death of a Naturalist* (1966), *Door into the Dark* (1969), *Wintering Out* (1972), and *North* (1975).

A vivid and original account of one of Ireland's greatest poets by an acclaimed Irish historian and literary biographer The most important Irish poet of the

postwar era, Seamus Heaney rose to prominence as his native Northern Ireland descended into sectarian violence. A national figure at a time when nationality was deeply contested, Heaney also won international acclaim, culminating in the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1995. In *On Seamus Heaney*, leading Irish historian and literary critic R. F. Foster gives an incisive and eloquent account of the poet and his work against the background of a changing Ireland. Drawing on unpublished drafts and correspondence, Foster provides illuminating and personal interpretations of Heaney's work. Though a deeply charismatic figure, Heaney refused to don the mantle of public spokesperson, and Foster identifies a deliberate evasiveness and creative ambiguity in his poetry. In this, and in Heaney's evocation of a disappearing rural Ireland haunted by political violence, Foster finds parallels with the other towering figure of Irish poetry, W. B. Yeats. Foster also discusses Heaney's cosmopolitanism, his support for dissident poets abroad, and his increasing focus in his later work on death and spiritual transcendence. Above all, Foster examines how Heaney created an extraordinary connection with an exceptionally wide readership, giving him an authority and power unique among contemporary writers. Combining a vivid account of Heaney's life and a compelling reading of his entire oeuvre, *On Seamus Heaney* extends our understanding of the man as it enriches our appreciation of his poetry.

**The Methuen Drama Book of Naturalist Plays**  
**The Misadventures of an Amateur Naturalist**  
**Nature's Everyday Mysteries**  
**Death of a Naturalist**  
**The Warlock and the Wolf**  
**A Naturalist's Scrapbook**

*Selected poems from a Nobel laureate Seamus Heaney had the idea to make a personal selection of poems from across the entire arc of his writing life, a collection small yet comprehensive enough to serve as an introduction for all comers. He never managed to do this himself, but now, finally, the project has been returned to, resulting in an intimate gathering of poems chosen and introduced by the Heaney family. No other selection of Heaney's poems exists that has such a broad range, drawing from the first to the last of his prizewinning collections. In 100 Poems, readers will enjoy the most loved and celebrated poems, and will discover new favorites. It is a singular and welcoming anthology, reaching far and wide, for now and for years to come.*

*An account of the life and work of the renowned contemporary poet charts his experiences before and after winning the 1995 Nobel Prize in Literature while discussing the artistic and ethical challenges he faced during the years of the Ulster Troubles.*

*Between my finger and my thumb The squat pen rests; snug as a gun. -- from 'Digging' With its lyrical and descriptive powers, Death of a Naturalist marked the auspicious debut of one of the century's finest poets.*

*The study of Naturalist theatre remains a staple and often foundational part of the curriculum at all*

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*levels of drama education. This anthology of six of the most commonly studied and revived Naturalist plays from the European repertoire offers a unique compendium that will serve as required reading for drama courses and is ideal for theatre practitioners and fans. The selected plays perfectly reflect the formal and geographical diversity of Naturalist theatre as well as its major philosophical, political, and theatrical preoccupations. The volume includes Henrik Ibsen's A Doll's House (1879), August Strindberg's Miss Julie (1888), Gerhart Hauptmann's The Weavers (1892), Bernard Shaw's Mrs Warren's Profession (1893), Anton Chekhov's Three Sisters (1901), and John Galsworthy's Strife (1909). A critical introduction by Dr. Chris Megson contextualizes the emergence of Naturalist theatre in the late nineteenth century, identifying its principal aims and methods; provides an analysis of the selected plays, mapping their key preoccupations; and ends by considering Naturalism's enduring legacy and resonance today.*

*Seeing Things*

*Wintering Out*

*Shadow Country*

*Poems, 1965-1975*

*Door into the Dark*

*The Oxford History of the Irish Book, Volume V*

Death of a Naturalist (1966) marked the auspicious debut of Seamus Heaney, a universally acclaimed master of modern literature. As a first book of poems, it is remarkable for its accurate perceptions and rich linguistic gifts.

Beautifully illustrated throughout with color plates, photographs, and drawings,

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this volume is a comprehensive introduction to the natural history of the tropics worldwide. 59 color photos. 21 maps.

Seamus Heaney's new collection starts "In an age of bare hands and cast iron" and ends as "The automatic lock / clunks shut" in the eerie new conditions of a menaced twenty-first century. In their haunted, almost visionary clarity, the poems assay the weight and worth of what has been held in the hand and in the memory. Images out of a childhood spent safe from the horrors of World War II – railway sleepers, a sledgehammer, the "heavyweight / Silence" of "Cattle out in rain" – are colored by a strongly contemporary sense that "Anything can happen," and other images from the dangerous present – a journey on the Underground, a melting glacier – are fraught with this same anxiety. But *District and Circle*, which includes a number of prose poems and translations, offers resistance as the poet gathers his staying powers and stands his ground in the hiding places of love and excited language. In a sequence like "The Tollund Man in Springtime" and in several poems which "do the rounds of the district" – its known roads and rivers and trees, its familiar and unfamiliar ghosts – the gravity of memorial is transformed into the grace of recollection. With more relish and conviction than ever, Seamus Heaney maintains his trust in the obduracy of workaday realities and the mystery of everyday renewals. *District and Circle* is the winner of the 2007 Poetry Now award and the 2006 T.S. Eliot Prize for Poetry.

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As selected by the author, *Opened Ground* includes the essential work from Heaney's twelve previous books of poetry, as well as new sequences drawn from two of his landmark translations, *The Cure at Troy* and *Sweeney Astray*, and several previously uncollected poems. Heaney's voice is like no other--"by turns mythological and journalistic, rural and sophisticated, reminiscent and impatient, stern and yielding, curt and expansive" (Helen Vendler, *The New Yorker*)--and this is a one-volume testament to the musicality and precision of that voice. The book closes with Heaney's Nobel Lecture: "Crediting Poetry."

Life Everlasting

Stepping Stones

100 Poems

Adventures with a Texas Naturalist

The Irish Book in English, 1891-2000

"Death of a Naturalist" : a Glossarial Concordance to Seamus Heaney's "Death of a Naturalist"

For the fortieth anniversary of its publication, in May 2006, Faber are reissuing Seamus Heaney's classic first collection, *Death of a Naturalist*, which on its appearance in 1966 won the Cholmondeley Award, the E.C. Gregory Award, the Somerset Maugham Award and the Geoffrey Faber Memorial Prize. 'His words give us the soil-reek of Ireland, the colourful violence of his childhood on a farm in Derry. The full-blooded energy of these poems makes *Death of a Naturalist* the best first

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book of poems I've read for some time.' - C.B. Cox in the Spectator 'The power and precision of his best poems are a delight, and as a first collection Death of a Naturalist is outstanding [...] His subject is those things which are inherent or inherited. What he praises is to be praised in his own work.' - Christopher Ricks, New Statesman 'Now, to pry into roots, to finger slime, To stare big-eyed Narcissus, into some spring Is beneath all adult dignity. I rhyme To see myself, to set the darkness echoing.'

Seeing Things (1991), as Edward Hirsch wrote in The New York Times Book Review, "is a book of thresholds and crossings, of losses balanced by marvels, of casting and gathering and the hushed, contrary air between water and sky, earth and heaven." Along with translations from the Aeneid and the Inferno, this book offers several poems about Seamus Heaney's late father.

Professor Theo Cray is trained to see patterns where others see chaos. So when mutilated bodies found deep in the Montana woods leave the cops searching blindly for clues, Theo sees something they missed. Something unnatural. Something only he can stop. As a computational biologist, Theo is more familiar with digital code and microbes than the dark arts of forensic sleuthing. But a field trip to Montana suddenly lands him in the middle of an investigation into the bloody killing of one of his former students. As more details, and bodies, come to light, the local cops determine that the killer is either a grizzly gone rogue...or Theo himself. Racing to stay one step ahead of the police, Theo must use his scientific acumen to uncover the killer. Will he be able to become as cunning as the predator he hunts--before he becomes its prey?

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The greatest of the late medieval Scottish makars, Robert Henryson wrote in Lowland Scots, a distinctive northern version of English. He was profoundly influenced by Chaucer's vision of the frailty and pathos of human life. His greatest poem, and one of the rhetorical masterpieces of the literature of these islands, is the narrative Testament of Cresseid, set in the aftermath of the Trojan War, which completes the story of Chaucer's Troilus and Criseyde, offering a grim and tragic account of its faithless heroine's rejection by her lover Diomedes, and her decline into prostitution and leprosy. A work of unreconciled Shakespearean intensity, the Testament has been translated by Seamus Heaney into a confident and yet faithful modern English idiom which honours the poem's unique blend of detachment and compassion. A master of narrative, Henryson was also a comic master of the verse fable; his burlesques of human weakness in the guise of animal wisdom are traced with delicate comedy and irony. Seven of the Fables are here sparkingly translated; their burlesque freshness rendered to the last claw and feather. Seven Fables and The Testament of Cresseid is an extraordinarily rich and wide-ranging encounter between two poets across six centuries.

Human Chain

Seamus Heaney

North

The Naturalist

Translated by Seamus Heaney

Opened Ground

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***With this collection, first published in 1975, Heaney located a myth which allowed him to articulate a vision of Ireland--its people, history, and landscape--and which gave his poems direction, cohesion, and cumulative power. In North, the Irish experience is refracted through images drawn from different parts of the Northern European experience, and the idea of the north allows the poet to contemplate the violence on his home ground in relation to memories of the Scandinavian and English invasions which have marked Irish history so indelibly.***

***Poet and critic are well met, as one of our best writers on poetry takes up one of the world's great poets. Whereas other books on the Nobel laureate Seamus Heaney have dwelt chiefly on the biographical, geographical, and political aspects of his writing, this book looks squarely and deeply at Heaney's poetry as art.***

***Describes the animal world's treatment of death, from animal burial and prey disposal behaviors to the important role of humans as scavengers.***

***NATIONAL BOOK AWARD WINNER • “Altogether gripping, shocking, and brilliantly told, not just a tour de force in its stylistic range, but a great American novel, as powerful a reading experience as nearly any in our literature.”—Michael Dirda, The New York Review of Books Killing Mister Watson, Lost Man’s River, and Bone by Bone—Peter Matthiessen’s great American epic about Everglades sugar planter and notorious outlaw E. J. Watson on the wild Florida frontier at the turn of the twentieth century—were originally conceived as one vast, mysterious novel. Now, in this bold new rendering, Matthiessen has marvelously distilled a monumental work while deepening the insights and motivations of his characters with brilliant rewriting throughout. Praise***

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***for Shadow Country “Magnificent . . . breathtaking . . . Finally now we have [this three-part saga] welded like a bell, and with Watson’s song the last sound, all the elements fuse and resonate.”—Los Angeles Times “Peter Matthiessen has done great things with the Watson trilogy. It’s the story of our continent, both land and people, and his writing does every justice to the blood fury of his themes.”—Don DeLillo “The fiction of Peter Matthiessen is the reason a lot of people in my generation decided to be writers. No doubt about it. Shadow Country lives up to anyone’s highest expectations for great writing.” —Richard Ford “Shadow Country, Matthiessen’s distillation of the earlier Watson saga, represents his original vision. It is the quintessence of his lifelong concerns, and a great legacy.”—W. S. Merwin “[An] epic masterpiece . . . a great American novel.”—The Miami Herald***

***A Collection of Poems and Drawings***

***Untamed***

***On Seamus Heaney***

***Theodore Roosevelt, a Lifetime of Exploration, and the Triumph of American Natural History***

***An Anthology of Poetry***

*Boston Globe nature columnist discusses the lovelorn messages sent by singing insects on autumn evenings, the messages contained in spiderwebs, the effects of winter snow on the way sound travels, the way all life depends on the unusual structure of water, and much more.*

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*Most fun is the author's description of ways to interact with other creatures (e.g., teaching wild birds to eat out of your hand).*

*"In California's Frontier Naturalists, Richard Beidleman has eloquently chronicled the history of explorations and discovery that revealed the grand legacy of California's biodiversity. More than just a series of scholarly essays about naturalists, collections, and species, this book provides lively insight into the motivation that lured diverse naturalists to California's 'natural cornucopia', their personalities, their remarkable experiences, and their lasting contributions."—Dieter Wilken, Santa Barbara Botanic Garden*

*Door into the Dark, Seamus Heaney's second collection of poems, first appeared in 1969. Already his widely celebrated gifts of precision, thoughtfulness, and musicality were everywhere apparent.*

*Gathers a wide selection of poems by British and American authors, including Frost, Ginsberg, Graves, Eliot, Hardy, Sharkespeare, Tennyson, Wordsworth, and Auden.*

*District and Circle*

*The Curious Naturalist*

*Selected Poems, 1966–1996*

**Aspiring young naturalist Celeste Rossan is determined to live a life of adventure and scientific discovery. But when her father loses everything, Celeste's hopes of ever leaving her home town are dashed... until she sees a narrow opportunity to escape to**

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Paris and attend the 1867 Exposition Universelle. Celeste seizes her chance, but the elements overwhelm her before she can make it five miles. In desperation, she seeks refuge in an abandoned chateau only to find herself trapped inside the den of an unknown species: a predator with an intelligence that rivals any human. It's the discovery of a lifetime. Or, it will be, if Celeste can earn the beast's trust without losing her nerve - or her heart - to her in the process. The Misadventures of an Amateur Naturalist is a queer historical fantasy for adventurers of all ages. Compelling short stories, written in the Latin tradition of magical realism  
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