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Topping the charts in Britain, this witty, dishy, and smart ("Entertainment Weekly") bestseller chronicles a glorious English summer a century ago, when the world was on the cusp of irrevocable change.

In 1911, Canadians went to the polls to decide the fate of their country in an election that raised issues vital to Canada's national independence and its place in the world. Canada 1911 revisits and re-

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*examines this momentous turn in
Canadian history, when Canadians
truly found themselves at a parting
of the ways.*

*A family memoir that traces the
myths, legends, and secrets of seven
generations of remarkable women
All families have their myths and
legends. For many years Juliet
Nicolson accepted hers--the
dangerous beauty of her flamenco
dancing great-great-grandmother
Pepita, the flirty manipulation of
her great-grandmother Victoria, the
infamous eccentricity of her
grandmother Vita Sackville-West,
her mother's Tory-conventional
background. But then Juliet, a
distinguished historian, started to*

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question. As she did so, she sifted fact from fiction, uncovering details and secrets long held just out of sight. A House Full of Daughters takes us through seven generations of women. In the nineteenth-century slums of Malaga, the salons of fin-de-siecle Washington D.C., an English boarding school during the Second World War, Chelsea in the 1960s, the knife-edge that was New York City in the 1980s, these women emerge for Juliet as people in their own right, but also as part of who she is and where she has come from. A House Full of Daughters is one woman's investigation into the nature of family, memory, and the

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past. As Juliet finds uncomfortable patterns reflected in these distant and more recent versions of herself, she realizes her challenge is to embrace the good and reject the hazards that have trapped past generations.

Winner of the 1921 Pulitzer Prize, The Age of Innocence is an elegant, masterful portrait of desire and betrayal in old New York—now with a new introduction from acclaimed author Colm Tóibín for the novel's centennial. With vivid power, Wharton evokes a time of gaslit streets, formal dances held in the ballrooms of stately brownstones, and society people "who dreaded scandal more than

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disease." This is Newland Archer's world as he prepares to marry the docile May Welland. Then, suddenly, the mysterious, intensely nonconformist Countess Ellen Olenska returns to New York after a long absence, turning Archer's world upside down. This classic Wharton tale of thwarted love is an exuberantly comic and profoundly moving look at the passions of the human heart, as well as a literary achievement of the highest order.

A Handbook for Literary Detectives
Views and Reviews
The Great Pearl Heist
Shaw and the Actresses Franchise League
Frostquake

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The Lake House

**** THE SUNDAY TIMES**

BESTSELLER ** 'Juliet Nicolson is brilliant at recapturing mood, moment and character . . . This book is a must' Peter Hennessy On Boxing Day 1962, when Juliet Nicolson was eight years old, the snow began to fall. It did not stop for ten weeks. The drifts in East Sussex reached twenty-three feet. In London, milkmen made deliveries on skis. On Dartmoor 2,000 ponies were buried in the snow, and starving foxes ate sheep alive. It wasn't just the weather that was bad. The threat of nuclear war had reached its terrifying height with the recent Cuban Missile Crisis. Unemployment was on the rise, de Gaulle was blocking Britain from joining the European Economic

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Community, Winston Churchill, still the symbol of Great Britishness, was fading. These shadows hung over a country paralysed by frozen heating oil, burst pipes and power cuts. And yet underneath the frozen surface, new life was beginning to stir. From poets to pop stars, shopkeepers to schoolchildren, and her own family's experiences, Juliet Nicolson traces the hardship of that frozen winter and the emancipation that followed. That spring, new life was unleashed, along with freedoms we take for granted today. 'Frostquake is wholly remarkable . . . a rare and engrossing read that brought that time straight back to my memory and consciousness' Vanessa Redgrave 'As gripping as any thriller, Frostquake is the story of a national trauma that came out

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*of nowhere and changed us forever.
Brilliantly written and almost eerily
relevant to our current troubles, I
read it in one sitting' Tony Parsons*

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'BOOK TO LOOK OUT FOR' IN
2021****

*The extraordinary story of the first
'All India' national cricket tour of
Great Britain and Ireland - and how
the idea of India as a nation took
shape on the cricket pitch.*

*This book is about WAR—not the
causes and results, not the
planning and the campaigns, not
the artillery and the bombs. It is
about the heinous crimes
committed by the combatants, the
horrifying experiences of civilians,
the devastation of cities and
villages, the killing and the dying,
the glory leading to revulsion and*

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guilt, and the assimilation of suffering that either ends in death or in the triumph of the soul. It looks at the struggle of the church to remain faithful and the servants of the church who seek to bring sense and solace to the victims. It discusses antisemitism, racism, and war itself from biblical perspectives. It reveals the unjustifiable reasons for engaging in war and how this brings catastrophic results for all peoples—the mental instability of the survivors and the loss and grief of those on the home front. In war, how can men and women carry out the actions that they do? As Viktor Frankl writes: “After all, man is that being who has invented the gas chambers of Auschwitz; however, he is also that being who has

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entered those gas chambers upright, with the Lord's Prayer or the Shema Yisrael on his lips." Within weeks letters would be burned, pages torn. Promises would be broken and hearts betrayed. But for now the countryside languished, golden and fading... Cecily Chadwick is idling away the long, hot summer of 1911 when a mysterious countess moves into the large, deserted country house on the edge of her sleepy English village. Rumors abound about the countess's many husbands and lovers, her opulent wealth, and the tragedies that have marked her life. As Cecily gets to know her, she becomes fascinated by the remarkable woman—riveted by her tales of life on the Continent, and of the famous people she once

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knew. But the countess is clearly troubled by her memories, and by ruinous secrets that haunt her... Staying with the countess is a successful novelist and dear friend who has been summoned to write the countess's memoirs. For aspiring writer Cecily, the novelist's presence only adds to the intrigue of the house. But it is the countess's grandson, Jack, who draws Cecily further into the tangled web of the countess's past, and sweeps her into an uncertain future...

Desire and Time in Modern English Fiction: 1919-2017

A Guide to Reading Interests in Memoirs, Autobiographies, and Diaries

Art, Design, and Performance in Britain, 1901-1910

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The Lost Boys

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A Memoir of Seven Generations

The Swedenborg Society was founded in London ... [in] 1810 to translate, publish and sell the works of Emanuel Swedenborg (1688-1772). This book tells the story of how a society founded with just forty members grew into a body with nearly one thousand members worldwide, continuously commissioning new translations over the years and thus keeping Swedenborg's works in print and ideas alive. It is also the story of the men and women who founded the Society and who sustained it over two centuries. -- Book jacket.

On the morning of Saturday 22nd April 1978, members of an Active

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Service Unit of the IRA hijacked a car and crossed the countryside to the town of Lisburn. Within an hour, they had killed an off-duty policeman in front of his young son. In *Anatomy of a Killing*, award-winning journalist Ian Cobain documents the hours leading up to the killing, and the months and years of violence, attrition and rebellion surrounding it. Drawing on interviews with those most closely involved, as well as court files, police notes, military intelligence reports, IRA strategy papers, memoirs and government records, this is a unique perspective on the Troubles, and a revelatory work of investigative journalism.

An exquisite strand of pale pink

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pearls, worth more than the Hope Diamond, has been bought by a Hatton Garden broker. Word of the 'Mona Lisa of Pearls' spreads around the world, captivating jewellers as well as thieves. In transit to London from Paris, the necklace vanishes without a trace. Thoroughly researched, compellingly colourful, *The Great Pearl Heist* is a gripping narrative account of this little-known, yet extraordinary crime. In the spirit of *The Great Train Robbery* and the tales of Sherlock Holmes, this is the true story set in London's golden Edwardian era.

The Edinburgh Companion to Virginia Woolf and the Arts is the most authoritative and up-to-date guide to Virginia Woolf's artistic

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influences and associations. In original, extensive and newly researched chapters by internationally recognised authors, the Companion explores Woolf's ideas about creativity and the nature of art in the context of the recent 'turn to the visual' in modernist studies with its focus on visual technologies and the significance of material production. The in-depth chapters place Woolf's work in relation to the most influential aesthetic theories and artistic practices, including Bloomsbury aesthetics, art and race, Vanessa Bell and painting, art galleries, theatre, music, dance, fashion, entertaining, garden and book design, broadcasting, film, and photography. No previous book

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concerned with Woolf and the arts has been so wide ranging or has paid such close attention to both public and domestic art forms. Illustrated with 16 colour as well as 39 black and white illustrations and with guides to further reading, the Companion will be an essential reference work for scholars, students and the general public. Key Features* An essential reference tool for all those working on or interested in Virginia Woolf, the arts, visual culture and modernist studies* Provides a new intellectual framework for the exciting discoveries of the past decades* Draws on archival and historical research into Virginia Woolf's manuscripts and her Bloomsbury milieu* Original

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chapters from expert
contributors newly commissioned
by Maggie Humm, widely known
for her important work on
Virginia Woolf and visual
culture*Combines broad
synthesis and original reflection
setting Woolf's work in historical,
cultural and artistic contexts

Staging Equality

Britain from the Shadow of the
First World War to the Dawn of
the Jazz Age

At the Edge of Summer

Abdication

Dancing Into Shadow in 1911

My Three Fathers

*In this book, we have hand-
picked the most
sophisticated,
unanticipated, absorbing*

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(if not at times crackpot!), original and musing book reviews of "The Perfect Summer: England 1911, Just Before the Storm." Don't say we didn't warn you: these reviews are known to shock with their unconventionality or intimacy. Some may be startled by their biting sincerity; others may be spellbound by their unbridled flights of fantasy. Don't buy this book if: 1. You don't have nerves of steel. 2. You expect to get pregnant in the next five minutes. 3.

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You've heard it all. This book analyzes the development of the Lost Generation narrative following the First World War. The author examines narratives that illustrate the fracture of upper-class identity, including well-known examples of the Lost Generation—Robert Graves, Siegfried Sassoon, and Vera Brittain—as well as other less typical cases—George Mallory and JRR Tolkien—to demonstrate the effects of the First World War on British society, culture, and politics.

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*From critically acclaimed
historian Juliet Nicolson,
a novel of a King and
country torn between
private desire and public
duty on the eve of the
Second World War*

*The acclaimed author of
Letters from Skye returns
with an extraordinary
story of a friendship born
of proximity but boundless
in the face of separation
and war. Luc Crépet is
accustomed to his mother's
bringing wounded creatures
to their idyllic château
in the French countryside,
where healing comes
naturally amid the lush*

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wildflowers and crumbling stone walls. Yet his *maman's* newest project is the most surprising: a fifteen-year-old Scottish girl grieving over her parents' fate. A curious child with an artistic soul, Clare Ross finds solace in her connection to Luc, and she in turn inspires him in ways he never thought possible. Then, just as suddenly as Clare arrives, she is gone, whisked away by her grandfather to the farthest reaches of the globe. Devastated by her departure, Luc begins to

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write letters to Clare—and, even as she moves from Portugal to Africa and beyond, the memory of the summer they shared keeps her grounded. Years later, in the wake of World War I, Clare, now an artist, returns to France to help create facial prostheses for wounded soldiers. One of the wary veterans who comes to the studio seems familiar, and as his mask takes shape beneath her fingers, she recognizes Luc. But is this soldier, made bitter by battle and betrayal, the same boy who

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once wrote her wistful letters from Paris? After war and so many years apart, can Clare and Luc recapture how they felt at the edge of that long-ago summer? Bringing to life two unforgettable characters and the rich historical period they inhabit, Jessica Brockmole shows how love and forgiveness can redeem us. Praise for Jessica Brockmole's Letters From Skye "A remarkable story of two women, their loves, their secrets, and two world wars [in which] the beauty of Scotland, the

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tragedy of war, the longings of the heart, and the struggles of a family torn apart by disloyalty are brilliantly drawn.—Publishers Weekly (starred review)

“Tantalizing . . . sure to please readers who enjoyed other epistolary novels like The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society.”—Stratford

Gazette “An absorbing and rewarding saga of loss and discovery.”—Kate Alcott, author of *The Dressmaker*

“A sweeping and sweet (but not saccharine) love story.”—USA Today “[A]

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dazzling little
jewel.”—*Richmond Times-
Dispatch* “A captivating
love story that celebrates
the power of
hope.”—*Vanessa
Diffenbaugh*, author of *The
Language of Flowers*
*The German Red Cross and
the Plan to Kill “Unfit”
Citizens 1933-1945*
The Edwardian Sense
*The Eye, the Hand, the
Mind*
*Follow These Writers...In
Kent*
*And the Elegant Deceptions
of My Mother, Susan Mary
Alsop*
The frozen winter of 1962

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*and how Britain emerged a
different country*

"A devoted and brilliant achievement." The New York Review of Books In 1948, as civil war ravaged Greece, children were abducted and sent to communist "camps" behind the Iron Curtain. Eleni Gatzoyiannis, 41, defied the traditions of her small village and the terror of the communist insurgents to arrange for the escape of her three daughters and her son, Nicola. For that act, she was imprisoned, tortured, and executed in cold blood. Nicholas Gage joined his father in Massachusetts at the age of nine and grew up to be a top investigative reporter for the

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New York Times. And finally he returned to Greece to uncover the story he cared about most -- the story of his mother's heroic life and tragic death.

Peace at last, after Lloyd George declared it had been 'the war to end all wars', would surely bring relief and a renewed sense of optimism? But this assumption turned out to be deeply misplaced as people began to realise that the men they loved were never coming home. The Great Silence is the story of the pause between 1918 and 1920. A two-minute silence to celebrate those who died was underpinned by a more enduring silence born out of national grief. Those who

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had danced through settled Edwardian times, now faced a changed world. Some struggled to come to terms with the last four years, while others were anxious to move towards a new future. Change came to women, who were given the vote only five years after Emily Davidson had thrown herself on the ground at Ascot race course, to the poor, determined to tolerate their condition no longer, and to those permanently scarred, mentally and physically, by the conflict. The British Monarchy feared for its survival as monarchies around Europe collapsed and Eric Horne, one time butler to the gentry, found himself working in

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a way he considered unseemly for a servant of his calibre. Whether it was embraced or rejected, change had arrived as the impact of a tragic war was gradually absorbed. With her trademark focus on daily life, Juliet Nicolson evokes what England was like during this fascinating hinge in history. Follow these Writers in KENT Ever wished you had a knowledgeable friend who could help you find out more about the places that inspired your favourite writers? This book is that friendly guide around Kent, along main roads and off beaten tracks, along country lanes and coastal paths. Whether you are

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on holiday in Kent or lucky enough to live in the Garden of England, dip into this book to find out more about the colourful writers, Men of Kent and Kentish Men (not forgetting some very significant Maids of Kent and Kentish Maids) who have been inspired by this beautiful county. Enjoy your travels!

A “sparkling social history” that brings the twilight of the Edwardian era to life (Entertainment Weekly). The Perfect Summer chronicles a glorious English summer just over a century ago, when the world was on the cusp of irrevocable change. That summer of 1911, a new king was

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crowned and the aristocracy was at play, bounding from one house party to the next. But perfection was not for all. Cracks in the social fabric were showing. The country was brought to a standstill by industrial strikes. Temperatures rose steadily to more than 100 degrees; by August, deaths from heatstroke were too many for newspapers to report. Drawing on material from intimate and rarely seen sources and narrated from the viewpoints of a series of exceptional individuals—among them a debutante, a choirboy, a politician, a trade unionist, a butler, and the queen—The Perfect Summer is a vividly

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rendered glimpse of a bygone time and place. "Brimming with delectable information and little-known facts . . . manages to describe every stratum of English society . . . Where Nicolson is especially good, however, is with the royals and the aristocracy, whose country estates, salons, entertainments, and affairs—discreet and indiscreet—she describes with accuracy and humor." —The Providence Journal "A hugely interesting portrait of a society teetering on a precipice both nationally and internationally . . . As page turning as a novel."

—Joanna Trollope

Twilight of the Immortal

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Life Stories

The Kings and Queens of Britain

C.P. Snow's Strangers and

Brothers as Mid-twentieth-
century History

The Age of Innocence

1918-1920 Living in the Shadow
of the Great War

Charles Edward was ruler of the German Duchy of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, president of the German Red Cross, and the grandson of Queen Victoria. He was closely allied with the rise of Adolf Hitler and the implementation of eugenic policies designed to improve German racial health. When war began in 1939, Hitler ordered a secret program of murder by poison gas and starvation to eliminate the mentally and physically handicapped "ballast people"; approximately 250,000 people were

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eventually killed. Readers in medicine, law, sociology and history will be interested in this tragic story of a weak-willed, but powerful Nazi leader who facilitated this murderous program, even though one of his own relatives died in the "euthanasia" scheme. Although Charles Edward traveled to neutral countries during the war, he did nothing to broadcast the inhumane treatment of his own and thousands of other families whose relatives disappeared into the murder machine.

Bill Patten grew up in the heart of privileged society to American parents—a debutante mother, a diplomatic father—stationed in Europe. Weekends away from his English boarding school were often spent at the regal country estates of important policy makers and historical figures of the mid-twentieth century. When Bill was twelve years old,

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his father, William Patten, died, and his mother remarried the renowned columnist Joe Alsop. Patten was swept into Washington during the Kennedy years, where he bore witness to his stepfather's legendary power-brokering, and watched a very different father figure at work. In 1996, when he was forty-seven years old, Bill Patten learned that his biological father was not William Patten, but the noted English diplomat, Duff Cooper. In this quest to know his triumvirate of fathers, Bill Patten offers an unforgettable memoir. *My Three Fathers* is a search for identity—and a luscious chronicle of a fascinating, bygone era of American aristocracy. *The Perfect Summer* England 1911, Just Before the Storm Open Road + Grove/Atlantic

Early 20th century non-commercial theaters emerged as hubs of social

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transformation on both sides of the Atlantic. The 1904–1907 seasons at London’s Royal Court Theatre were a particularly galvanizing force, with 11 plays by Bernard Shaw—along with works by Granville Barker, John Galsworthy and Elizabeth Robins—that starred activist performers and challenged social conventions. Many of these plays were seen on American stages. Featuring more conversation than plot points, the new drama collectively urged audiences to recognize themselves in the characters. In 1908, four hundred actresses attended a London hotel luncheon, determined to effect change for women. The hot topics—chillingly pertinent today—mixed public and private controversies over sexuality, income distribution and full citizenship across gender and class lines. A resolution emerged to form the Actresses Franchise League, which

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produced original suffrage plays,
participated in mass demonstrations and
collaborated with ordinary women.

I Glanced Out the Window and Saw the
Edge of the World

Modernism, the Middlebrow, and British
Garment Culture

Cricket Country

Anatomy of a Killing

The Great Silence

You're Nose Is in My Crotch! and Other
Things You Shouldn't Know about the
Perfect Summer

*This is the twentieth in a
series of occasional volumes
devoted to studies in
British art, published by
the Yale Center for British
Art and the Paul Mellon
Centre for Studies in
British Art and distributed
by Yale University Press.*

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--Book Jacket.

From the notable emergence of orphan figures in late eighteenth-century literature, through early- and middle-period Victorian fiction and, as this book argues, well into the fin de siècle, this potent literary type is remarkable for its consistent recurrence and its metamorphosis as a register of cultural conditions. The striking ubiquity of orphans in the literature of these periods encourages inquiry into their metaphoric implications and the manner in which they function as barometers of burgeoning social concerns. The

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overwhelming majority of criticism focusing on orphans centres particularly on the form as an early- to middle-century convention, primarily found in social and domestic works; in effect, the non-traditional, aberrant, at times Gothic orphan of the fin de siecle has been largely overlooked, if not denied outright. This oversight has given rise to the need for a study of this potent cultural figure as it pertains to preoccupations characteristic of more recent instances. This book examines the noticeable difference between orphans of genre fiction of the fin de siecle and their

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predecessors in works including first-wave Gothic and the majority of Victorian fiction, and the variance of their symbolic references and cultural implications.

From the New York Times bestselling author of The Secret Keeper comes a “moody, suspenseful page-turner” (People, Best Book Pick) filled with mystery and spellbinding secrets. Living on her family’s idyllic lakeside estate in Cornwall, England, Alice Edevane is a bright, inquisitive, and precociously talented sixteen-year-old who loves to write stories. One

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midsummer's eve, after a beautiful party drawing hundreds of guests to the estate has ended, the Edevanes discover that their youngest child, eleven-month-old Theo, has vanished without a trace. He is never found, and the family is torn apart, the house abandoned. Decades later, Alice is living in London, having enjoyed a long successful career as a novelist. Miles away, Sadie Sparrow, a young detective in the London police force, is staying at her grandfather's house in Cornwall. While out walking one day, she stumbles upon the old Edevane estate—now

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crumbling and covered with vines. Her curiosity is sparked, setting off a series of events that will bring her and Alice together and reveal shocking truths about a past long gone...yet more present than ever. A lush, atmospheric tale of intertwined destinies from a masterful storyteller, The Lake House is an enthralling, thoroughly satisfying read.

Memoirs, autobiographies, and diaries represent the most personal and most intimate of genres, as well as one of the most abundant and popular. Gain new understanding and better serve your readers with this

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*detailed genre guide to
nearly 700 titles that also
includes notes on more than
2,800 read-alike and other
related titles. * A list of
subjects and suggested "read-
alikes" accompany each title
* Appendixes cover awards,
websites, and resources *
Detailed indexes provide
further points of access*

*100 Years of the College Art
Association*

*Edinburgh Companion to
Virginia Woolf and the Arts*

*At the Mercy of Their
Clothes*

*Orphans of late-Victorian
and Edwardian Fiction*

Eleni

A House Full of Daughters

The Eye, the Hand, the Mind, celebrating

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the centennial of the College Art Association, is filled with pictorial mementos and enlivening stories and anecdotes that connects the organization's sixteen goals and tells its rich, sometimes controversial, story. Readers will discover its role in major issues in higher education, preservation of world monuments, workforce issues and market equity, intellectual property and free speech, capturing conflicts and reconciliations inherent among artists and art historians, pedagogical approaches and critical interpretations/interventions as played out in association publications, annual conferences, advocacy efforts, and governance.

One hundred years ago, Canadians went to the polls to decide the fate of their country in an election that raised issues vital to Canada's national independence and its place in the world. Canadians faced a clear

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choice between free trade with the United States and fidelity to the British Empire, and the decisions they made in September 1911 helped shape Canada's political and economic history for the rest of the century. *Canada 1911* revisits and re-examines this momentous turn in Canadian history, when Canadians truly found themselves at a parting of the ways. It was Canada's first great modern election and one of the first expressions of the birth of modern Canada. The poet Rudyard Kipling famously wrote at the time that this election was nothing less than a fight for Canada's soul. This book will explain why.

The award-winning urbanologist and author of *Democracy in the Mirror* demonstrates how the roles of America's cities and suburbs are changing places, explaining how populations are shifting from one to the other and establishing

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communities that will significantly impact the future. 20,000 first printing.

Who was the first king of England? Did Henry I assassinate his brother? How did 'Bloody Mary' reinstate Roman Catholicism? For more than 1,000 years the British monarchy has dramatically shaped national and international history. Kings and queens have conquered territory, imposed religious change and extracted taxation, each with their own motivations and ambitions. In this fascinating book, Cath Senker delves into the extraordinary history of the British monarchy and its host of kings, queens and pretenders. There have been benevolent rulers, violent ones, religious fanatics, brilliant economists, masters of diplomacy and the power hungry. But whether they have abused their power or used it for good, each monarch has played a part in the rich tapestry of British

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history, coping with both international and civil wars, rebellions and criticism. The Kings & Queens of Britain introduces a thousand-year history, providing rich biographical detail of Britain's remarkable monarchs.

London's Greatest Thief and Scotland
Yard's Hunt for the World's Most
Valuable Necklace

The Memory of Lost Senses

The Decisive Election that Shaped the
Country

Dancing Into Shadow, England in 1911

The Great Inversion and the Future of the
American City

British Identity in World War I

This book studies C.P.

*Snow's eleven-volume series
of novels (Strangers and
Brothers) as documents
detailing the social and*

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political life of mid-twentieth-century Britain, and points out the uses for the novels in the academic study of that time period. Both Snow and his central character, Lewis S. Eliot, started from unremarkable origins in terms of their mutual background in the lower reaches of the middle class, their dreams of success in their teen years, and their early professional education in a new, struggling academic institution in the mid-1920s. Neither could really be considered typical for men of their class. Eliot's

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working life would include being a very minor town clerk, a barrister, an advisor to a powerful industrialist, a Cambridge don, a moderately powerful civil servant, and finally, in early retirement, a writer. Eliot would befriend members of both the traditional and Jewish upper classes, scholars and brilliant scientists, powerful behind-the-scenes civil servants, second-tier British and Nazi politicians, financiers and industrialists, Communists, and writers and artists, providing a fairly broad

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overview of parts of the middle class and ruling elites of the periods. Snow's sequence of novels is therefore useful to the historian of twentieth-century Britain, both in understanding the period as it recedes away from common experience and in presenting the period in the classroom. Snow was a classic twentieth-century writer who presented a more balanced account of the British «governing classes» of the middle third of the twentieth century than did the upper-class (and would-

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be upper-class) or working-class writers of the same period. His novels provide an insight that every student of twentieth-century Britain must have on hand.

This account of British life in the wake of World War I is “social history at its very best . . . insightful and utterly absorbing” (Minneapolis Star-Tribune).

As the euphoria of Armistice Day in 1918 quickly subsided, there was no denying the carnage that the Great War had left in its wake. Grief and shock overwhelmed the psyche of

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the British people—but from their despair, new life would slowly emerge. For veterans with faces demolished in the trenches, surgeon Harold Gillies brings hope with his miraculous skin-grafting procedure. Women win the vote, skirt hems leap, and Brits forget their troubles at packed dance halls. And two years later, the remains of a nameless combatant would be laid to rest in the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Westminster Abbey, as “The Great Silence,” observed in memory of the countless dead, halted citizens in silent

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reverence. This history of two transformative years in the life of a nation features countless characters, from an aging butler to a pair of newlyweds, from the Prince of Wales to T.E. Lawrence, the real-life Lawrence of Arabia. The Great Silence depicts a nation fighting the forces that threaten to tear it apart and discovering the common bonds that hold it together. "A pearl of anecdotal history, The Great Silence is a satisfying companion to major studies of World War I and its aftermath . . . as Nicolson

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proceeds through the familiar stages of grief—denial, anger and acceptance—she gives you a deeper understanding of not only this brief period, but also how war's sacrifices don't end after the fighting stops.” —The Seattle Times

“It may make you cry.”

—The Boston Globe

As the Great War tore through Europe in the spring of 1916, the privileged stars of Broadway still wore the height of Paris fashions, danced the tango and drank champagne--and ignited a great debate: Stick to the

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noble tradition of the theater? Or take the train west to a dusty crossroads called Hollywood and stake one's fortunes in the new frontier of motion pictures? Twilight of the Immortal tells the remarkable story of early Hollywood through the eyes of Rosemary McKisco, a wayward young heiress who throws in her lot with the great Alla Nazimova, the first openly lesbian star of stage and screen. Fleeing a respectable marriage to a wealthy Broadway producer on the eve of America's entry into the Great War,

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Rosemary follows Nazimova to Hollywood, navigating her twilight world where women prefer women and men prefer men. It is the heyday of the Silent Era--a time of indulgent excess, of scandals and free love. For a shining moment, Rudolph Valentino reigns as the silver screen's "Greatest Lover" and Rosemary is not immune to his magnetic charm. As his trusted confidante, she stands by him through the curses of his outrageous fortune--and barely survives his sudden, tragic death. By 1927, as Valentino's

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infamous funeral fades from the daily headlines to become the less volatile stuff of legend, Rosemary makes her peace with Hollywood at last, but at what cost?

“Goodness, Abdication really is good. I’m in awe of Juliet’s ability” (Jessica Fellowes, New York Times bestselling author of The World of Downton Abbey). England, 1936. A beloved king is dead, and by year’s end, the charismatic new monarch will give up his throne for love. The world is on the brink of war. And in the tumultuous intervening

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months, three outsiders will find themselves embroiled in the hidden truths, undeclared loves, unspoken sympathies, and covert complicities of a glittering high society in the throes of upheaval. After a long journey from her home in Barbados, May Thomas secures a position as a secretary and driver and opens her heart to a man seemingly beyond her reach. Outwardly affable American spinster Evangeline Nettlefold finds her place in the uppermost social circles, but her growing resentment

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toward her childhood friend Wallis Simpson predicts disaster. A friendship catapults Julian Richardson from his mother's middle-class parlor to luxurious dinners with the king, yet he cannot forget those who struggle outside the gilded gates, nor his uneasy affection for May. As addictive as Downton Abbey, as poignant as The Remains of the Day, renowned historian Juliet Nicolson's debut novel is a breathtaking story inspired by a love affair that shook the world at a time when order and chaos

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battled for supremacy.

*Charles Edward of Saxe-
Coburg*

*Street Urchins, Sociopaths
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*Life and Death on a Divided
Island*

Canada 1911

*An Indian Odyssey in the Age
of Empire*

*In much of modern fiction, it is
the clothes that make the
character. Garments embody
personal and national histories.
They convey wealth, status,
aspiration, and morality (or a
lack thereof). They suggest
where characters have been and
where they might be headed, as*

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well as whether or not they are aware of their fate. At the Mercy of Their Clothes explores the agency of fashion in modern literature, its reflection of new relations between people and things, and its embodiment of a rapidly changing society confronted by war and cultural and economic upheaval. In some cases, people need garments to realize themselves. In other cases, the clothes control the person who wears them. Celia Marshik's study combines close readings of modernist and middlebrow works, a history of Britain in the early twentieth century, and the insights of thing theory. She focuses on four distinct categories of modern clothing: the evening gown, the

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mackintosh, the fancy dress costume, and secondhand attire. In their use of these clothes, we see authors negotiate shifting gender roles, weigh the value of individuality during national conflict, work through mortality, and depict changing class structures. Marshik's dynamic comparisons put Ulysses in conversation with Rebecca, Punch cartoons, articles in Vogue, and letters from consumers, illuminating opinions about specific garments and a widespread anxiety that people were no more than what they wore. Throughout her readings, Marshik emphasizes the persistent animation of clothing—and objectification of individuals—in early-twentieth-

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century literature and society. She argues that while artists and intellectuals celebrated the ability of modern individuals to remake themselves, a range of literary works and popular publications points to a lingering anxiety about how political, social, and economic conditions continued to constrain the individual.

Beginning with Somerset Maugham's innovative, sexually dissident South Seas novel and tales and Alfred Hitchcock's gay-inflected revisiting of the Jack the Ripper sensation in silent film, this book considers the continuing presence of the past in future-oriented work of the 1930s and the Second World War by Sylvia Townsend Warner,

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Virginia Woolf, George Orwell, and the playwright and novelist, Patrick Hamilton. The final three chapters carry the discussion to the present in analyses of works by lesbian, postcolonial, and gay authors such as Sarah Waters, Amitav Ghosh, and Alan Hollinghurst. Focusing on questions about temporality and changes in gender and sexuality, especially gay and lesbian, straight and queer, following the rejection of the Victorian patriarchal marriage model, this study examines the continuing influence of late Victorian Aestheticist and Decadent culture in Modernist writing and its permutations in England. England 1911, Just Before the Storm

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