

The Ropemaker 1 Peter Dickinson

Tilja has grown up in the peaceful Valley, which is protected from the fearsome Empire by an enchanted forest. But the forest's power has begun to fade and the Valley is in danger. Tilja is the youngest of four brave souls who venture into the Empire together to find the mysterious magician who can save the Valley. And much to her amazement, Tilja gradually learns that only she, an ordinary girl with no magical powers, has the ability to protect her group and their quest from the Empire's sorcerers. When Theodore's safe, predictable world is destroyed, his life—and his faith—are in danger. Thirteen-year-old Theodore has lived in China all his life and never felt terror, until his father's missionary settlement is attacked and burned in the night. Theodore follows his father's orders and hides in the forest, only creeping back the next morning to see if anything—or anyone—has survived. But before he reaches the smoldering wreckage he runs into the formidable Mrs. Jones, a botanist and adventurer who's traveling across China on horseback with her young companion, Lung. The three head into the Himalayan foothills, where a mountainside escape puts them at the mercy of the Lama Amchi. The holy man seems interested in Theodore and leads the group to an extraordinary hidden monastery. But deep in the mountains, with winter coming and monks following their every move, will rescue come at a price? Are Theodore and his friends honored guests—or prisoners? This ebook features an illustrated personal history of Peter Dickinson including rare images from the author's collection.

Medieval life meets Arthurian magic in a novel that transcends boundaries of time and age, appealing to children of 9+ and older readers alike. The winner of the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize and the Smarties Prize bronze award in 2001, this timeless novel is stunningly reissued for a new generation. The year is 1199, the place the Welsh Marches. Young Arthur de Caldicot is given a magical shining stone in which his legendary namesake is revealed. In 100 short chapters that brilliantly evoke life in a medieval manor, stories of the boy King Arthur begin to echo - and anticipate - the secrets and mysteries that emerge in his own life . . . "As bright and as vivid as the pictures in a Book of Hours. Deep scholarship, high imagination, and great gifts of storytelling have gone into this; I was spellbound." - Philip Pullman, *The Guardian*

In the cavernous halls of Buckingham Palace, a series of pranks lead to murder in this mystery by CWA Gold Dagger winner Peter Dickinson. Princess Louise and her father, King Victor II of England, agree that life has become painfully dull. When she's not in school, Louise spends her days roaming the palace and fulfilling her royal duties while her father fusses over budgets and attempts to keep his family out of the tabloids. So when a prankster begins placing frogs on the breakfast trays, Louise delights in the break from routine—as does King Victor. But this innocent mischief soon escalates into bloodshed when a

body is found in the palace. In an attempt to quell his family's panic, King Victor resolves to catch the killer. At last he has a purpose—but the palace may be in greater danger than either he or Louise suspects.

Emma Tupper's Diary

The Devil's Children, Heartsease, and The Weathermonger

The New York City Draft Riots of 1863

Showing Three Generations of Those who Came Before May, 1692, on the Basis of the Farmer's Register

Tulku

This series of contemporary writing meets the requirements of the revised national Curriculum. This text contains nine stories from the Arthurian myths and legends.

In these collection, you will find stories that range from the mythic to contemporary fantasy to science fiction. You will find a troll, gryphons, a beloved dog, the Land of the Dead, an owl, a minotaur, and a very alien Cat. Earth and Air is the third and final book in a trilogy of shared collections connected by the four classical elements. It follows previous volumes Water: Tales of Elemental Spirits and Fire: Tales of Elemental Spirits, written by both Peter Dickinson and Robin McKinley. Ridiki is Steff's beloved dog, named after Eurydice, whom the poet Orpheus tried to bring back from the dead. When, like her namesake, Ridiki is bitten by a snake and dies, Steff decides that he too should journey to the Underworld to ask the King of the Land of the Dead for his dog back. Mari is the seventh child of a family in which troll blood still runs. When her husband goes missing in a Scottish loch, she must draw upon the power of her blood to rescue him. Sophie, a young girl, fashions a witch's broomstick out of an ash sapling, and gets more than she bargained for. An escaped slave, Varro, must kill a gryphon, in order to survive. A boy named Yanni allies himself with an owl and a goddess in order to fight an ancient evil. A group of mind-bonded space travelers must face an unknown threat and solve the murder of a companion before time runs out. All of these stories are about, in one way or another, the contrary and magical pull of two elements, Earth and Air. Each story showcases the manifold talents of a master storyteller and craftsman who has twice won the Carnegie Medal and the Whitbread Award, as well as the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize. A Junior Library Guild Selection "These unusual, memorable tales from a much-admired writer should appeal both to teens and Dickinson's adult fans."—Publishers Weekly "Strange, sometimes

beautiful tales."—*Kirkus Reviews Praise for Water: Tales of Elemental Spirits World Fantasy Award finalist* "There is plenty here to excite, enthrall, and move even the pickiest readers."—*School Library Journal* "... a collection of enchanting tales."—*Publishers Weekly Praise for Fire: Tales of Elemental Spirits* "This collection of beautifully crafted tales will find a warm welcome."—*School Library Journal* "Dickinson's offerings are notable for their sophisticated magical thinking and subtlety of expression."—*The Horn Book* "Dickinson's stories are told with a storyteller's cadence."—*Booklist* "This collection ... offers something for every fantasy fan."—*Library Media Connection Praise for Peter Dickinson's children's books:* "One of the real masters of children's literature."—*Philip Pullman* "Peter Dickinson is a national treasure."—*The Guardian* "Magnificent. Peter Dickinson is the past-master storyteller of our day."—*The Times Literary Supplement* Peter Dickinson is the author of over fifty books including *Eva*, *Emma Tupper's Dairy*, and the *Michael L. Printz Honor Book The Ropemaker*. He has twice received the *Crime Writers' Association's Gold Dagger* as well as the *Guardian Award* and *Whitbread Prize*. He lives in England and is married to the novelist *Robin McKinley*.

Each of these stories touches on the idea of a twin, ghostly double of a live person, or a secret self.

Eva's hospital room looks out onto the skyscrapers of a huge city, but since waking up from her coma she only dreams of trees Thirteen-year-old Eva opens her eyes to find herself in a hospital, her body paralyzed while it heals from a devastating accident. Her mother says that Eva will be able to move her hands and face soon and that everything is going to be fine, but something in her voice tells Eva it's not that simple. The doctors give Eva a keyboard that turns her typing into speech and controls a mirror that rotates to look around the room and out the window—every direction except back at her bed. What are the doctors trying to hide from her? And why, in an overpopulated world where humans have tamed all the wild places, does Eva keep dreaming of a forest she's never seen? This ebook features an illustrated personal history of Peter Dickinson including rare images from the author's collection.

A Box of Nothing
Skeleton-in-Waiting

Eva
Giant Cold
Tears of the Salamander

For one young boy, a box full of nothing is a ticket to adventure While skipping school, James sees his mother on the street. He ducks inside an abandoned store, where an aged shopkeeper asks what he wants to buy. When James says "nothing," the old man sells it to him: a heavy cardboard box stuffed full of top-quality nothing. James tries to explain this to his mother, but she doesn't believe him and throws the box over the fence and into the dump. He sneaks in to retrieve his new possession—and finds himself trapped in another world. The dump is an eerie place populated by hyperintelligent rats, monstrous seagulls, and a very clever pile of garbage called the Burra. Once it was a thriving community, but something strange has happened, and the dump has become stuck in time. To get back home, James must help the Burra save the dump—using all the nothing he can find. This ebook features an illustrated personal history of Peter Dickinson including rare images from the author's collection.

In July 1863 New York City experienced widespread rioting unparalleled in the history of the nation. Here for the first time is a scholarly analysis of the Draft Riots, dealing with motives and with the reasons for the recurring civil disorders in nineteenth-century New York: the appalling living conditions, the corruption of the civic government, and the geographical and economic factors that led up to the social upheaval.

In this gripping novel by CWA Gold Dagger winner Peter Dickinson, the survivor of a manor-house crime delves into the past to solve a mystery At the elegant English manor known as Snailwood, tourists come daily to hear decades-old gossip about the second wife of the sixth earl. Zena was a remarkable young woman whose scandalous reputation has been dimmed neither by time nor by her bizarre death. In the 1930s, Zena was the star of a notorious party set whose members included playwrights, politicians, and Nazi sympathizers. They passed wild weekends at Snailwood, arguing about politics and drinking until dawn. At the center of their parties was the manor's magnificent tower clock. The clock stopped long ago, but the darkness of its legacy continues to spread. When a workman offers to fix the clock for free, the only remaining survivor of the old days is forced to revisit her memories of Zena's last mad party, when death came to Snailwood and Britain changed forever.

Four children embark on a quest for a new land at the dawn of human history Africa, two hundred thousand years ago: Suth and Noli were orphaned the night the murderous strangers came, speaking an unfamiliar language and bringing violence to the peaceful Moonhawk tribe. Determined not to die in the desert, Suth and Noli slip away with Ko and Mana. Suth, the eldest, leads them; Noli's dreams of the future guide them. Ko gives them courage; Mana gives them peace. Their search for a new Good Place, one of food and

safety, will take them across the valleys and plains of prehistoric Africa and bring them together as a tribe and as a family.

Po's Story

The Lion Tamer's Daughter and Other Stories

The Changes Trilogy

The Blue Hawk

One Foot in the Grave

Praise for Peter Dickinson's mysteries: "A literary magician controlling an apparently inexhaustible supply of effects."—Penelope Lively For best-selling author Lady Margaret, the past is no longer a pleasant memory. Her first lover's mysterious death and the seeming inevitability of her inheriting the family's stately home are cast in new light by secrets unwillingly revisited. The first in a series of reprints of Peter Dickinson's mysteries, this classic British mystery will win fans currently engrossed in *Downton Abbey*. Peter Dickinson has twice received the Crime Writers' Association's Gold Dagger. He lives in England and is married to the novelist Robin McKinley.

Sensible Emma spends the summer with her eccentric Scottish cousins, who are experimenting with an old submarine to see if they can find a monster in the family loch.

ONCE THE 24 MOST powerful magicians in the Empire pledged to use their magic only to protect the people. But the promise that bound them has now corrupted them. They have become a single terrible entity with a limitless desire for domination. Only the Ropemaker may be able to stop them, but he has not been seen for over 200 years. Into this dangerous world come Saranja, Maja, and Ribek. They seek the Ropemaker so that he might restore the ancient magic that protects their valley. It is the task they were born to, but now it seems there is far more than the valley at stake should they fail. . . .

A *New York Times* Notable Book: CWA Gold Dagger winner Peter Dickinson revisits his alternate British monarchy, ensnaring the imagined royal family in a dark conspiracy of kidnapping, politics, scandal, and murder Britain's beloved Princess Louise is a grown woman now, married to commoner Piers Chandler and enchanted by their infant son, Davy. While visiting a certain Mrs. Walsh—a mysterious old woman claiming to be a royal relation, a Romanov who escaped the terror of the Russian Revolution—Louise and little Davy are nearly taken captive by would-be kidnappers. Through pluck and quick thinking, Her Royal Highness avoids the unthinkable, but Mrs. Walsh is killed in the melee, leaving her secrets unspoken and her mysteries unsolved. Not easily daunted, the young princess turns to her husband for help in unraveling the tangled truth about the murdered Mrs. Walsh—a hunt that soon leads them to Tashkent, the teeming capital city of Uzbekistan, where they hope to find answers. But some doors to the past are opened only at gravest risk to life and limb—even for those of royal blood. Bringing back many of the unforgettable characters from his acclaimed *King and Joker*, Dickinson's *Skeleton-in-Waiting* is yet

another majestic thriller from a true master mystery novelist, offering further proof that this author has few equals among crime fiction royalty.

Perfect Gallows

King and Joker

Inside Grandad

A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England

To save his friend, a daring young boy infiltrates a healing center. If it weren't for the migraines, Barry would be an ordinary boy. When a headache strikes him during the school day, he goes to the nurse's office to beg for aspirin. He is waiting for her help when a chubby girl puts her hands on his neck. Heat flows through them, and when it stops, the headache is gone. Her name is Pinkie, and she has a special ability. Her stepfather uses her ability to found a highly profitable healing center, Barry fears the gentle little girl is being exploited. On the outside, he is a scared, sickly teenager. But inside he is Bear—and Bear is afraid of nothing. To save his friend, he infiltrates the healing center, where he discovers those who plan to cure the world's ills also know something about causing pain. This ebook features an illustrated personal history of the author, including rare images from the author's collection.

As a member of the Kin, a band of people living in prehistoric times, young Po wants to prove his bravery but finds that doing so requires overcoming many obstacles.

CWA Gold Dagger winner Peter Dickinson is back: Now-retired Scotland Yard superintendent James Pibble isn't about to go quietly into the night when there's a murder case or two (or three) to solve. At Flycatchers, a well-to-do nursing home watched over by no-nonsense nurse Miss Puddle, detective James Pibble shuttles between his nothing-to-live-for present and memories of the crimes he's solved—or failed to. He's roared into existence when he discovers a dead body on top of the water tower. Security guard George Tosca isn't the only one at Flycatchers who notices a bit too abruptly. There have been other suspicious deaths in the last three years, including those of military man Sir Archibald Gunter and Mr. Banks, an inveterate gambler and shareholder in the home. The arrival of a woman in black sets off a sinister chain of events, and before long Pibble is on the case. As he travels down a twisting path of blackmail and escalating violence, Pibble finds that his life is suddenly filled with meaning again. He will bring a cunning killer to justice—or die trying. But the real reason he went up to the tower on that stormy winter night is one he'll carry to his grave. *One Foot in the Grave* is the 6th book in the James Pibble Mysteries, but you may enjoy reading the series in order. To save a country, a girl and her grandfather must learn what it means to be a hero. The greatest hero in the history of Varina was known to every schoolchild. His parents were on their way to the city when a storm drove them to take shelter in the mountainside. A bandit, and a scholar. When the storm did not abate, they asked the priest to give their child a name, and he christened the boy Res. He was to grow to be a warrior, a scholar, and a man of god, and his name would lead an oppressed people to independence for the first time. But he did not survive. Generations later, Vax's oldest living descendant is in London, teaching the language of Varina to his inquisitive young grandson. When his homeland is torn apart once more by war, calls come for this man to take up the mantle of the Vax name—and become a hero for his people. This ebook features an illustrated personal history of Peter Dickinson including rare images from the author's collection.

The Last Houseparty

Tales of Elemental Creatures

Cumberland parish registers

The Armies of the Streets

Death of a Unicorn

Three months after returning Magician Emery Thane's heart to his body, Ceony Twill is well on her way to becoming a Folder. Unfortunately, not all of Ceony's thoughts have been focused on paper magic. Though she was promised romance by a fortuity box, Ceony still hasn't broken the teacher-student barrier with Emery, despite their growing closeness. When a magician with a penchant for revenge believes that Ceony possesses a secret, he vows to discover it ...even if it tears apart the very fabric of their magical world. After a series of attacks target Ceony and catch those she holds most dear in the crossfire, Ceony knows she must find the true limits of her powers ...and keep her knowledge from falling into wayward hands.

A dictionary of surnames of the first settlers of New England and 3 successive generations prior to 1692.

Chuck is a whippet. A very nervous whippet, who's scared of absolutely everything: paper bags, pigeons, supermarket trolleys, cats (even the little fluffy ones). Some people say Chuck's a wimpet, not a whippet, and Mum keeps pretending she's going to give Chuck away, but Danielle loves her scaredy-cat whippet and knows that there's more to Chuck than meets the eye... Seven funny, charming and totally whippet-friendly stories from Peter Dickinson, the winner of several major awards for his books for young readers - and the owner of three whippets!

After she and Suth rescue four small children following an attack on Good Place about 200,000 years ago, Noli heeds the warnings of Moonhawk and leads the group to safety.

Merlin Dreams

A Bone from a Dry Sea

The Glass Magician

Angel Isle

Earth and Air

The Ropemaker Delacorte Press

While revisiting the house he was once heir to and reconsidering his refusal of the house and a

modest fortune, a now successful British actor's life is changed by a bizarre murder. Can a child defeat a frozen giant and bring summer back to Apple Island? It's the last night of a family's holiday on a tropical island filled with black beaches, sweetfruit, and red-necked looby birds. Their final adventure is to climb the island's tallest mountain before they leave in the morning. But when the child—who might be you—wakes up the next morning, the world has become a frozen wasteland and the father has been transformed into ice. Setting out in search of Giant Cold, a frozen monster no one has ever seen, you—now a tiny elf—meet two giants: white-beard, a scholar; and black-beard, a sailor. You're forced to live inside a bottle and travel with black-beard—until the looby birds snatch up the bottle. Flying over forests, fields, and seas, you must rescue Apple Island from Giant Cold and his armies of wind, snow, and ice. With only the warmth of your own life—a tiny spark—you take on the powerful giant. Riding the wind up to the mountain peak, your tiny size will become your greatest asset as you make a surprising discovery about yourself. Giant Cold is a strikingly original, big-hearted fantasy about love, family, and finding your way home. This ebook features black-and-white illustrations by Alan Cober and an illustrated personal history of Peter Dickinson including rare images from the author's collection.

In this "exceptional" British mystery by a Gold Dagger winner, an aging aristocrat and her longtime lover explore the dark events of their shared past (The Atlanta Journal-Constitution). Lady Lucy Vereker Seddon is dying of a terminal illness when something she hears on the radio reminds her of her younger, darker days and inspires her to question her dearest friend and former lover, Paul Ackerley, about his role in a series of past family tragedies. There was the strange death of Lucy's brother-in-law, the brute Gerry Grantworth, in the Yellow Room of Blatchards—the huge and ugly Vereker estate—and the subsequent destruction by fire of the sprawling manor house. And then there was the infamous Seddon Affair, the sordid scandal that rocked Great Britain in the midst of the Suez Crisis. Surprised to hear that the woman he has always loved suspects him to be the culprit behind these events—especially since he always assumed Lucy herself helped engineer them—Paul suggests that they each record their memories and compare them. By doing so, perhaps they will both find their way to the long-hidden and terrible truth. Told through an alternating series of memories and flashbacks, The Yellow Room Conspiracy brilliantly re-creates a post-war era and a world of privilege corrupted by greed, jealousy, lust, and lies. The astonishing Peter Dickinson, one of Britain's greatest suspense novelists of

the late twentieth century, ingeniously wraps a love story around a mystery and once again solidifies his position alongside luminaries such as P. D. James, Ruth Rendell, Peter Lovesey, and Reginald Hill.

The Siege of Boston

The Ropemaker

The Weathermonger

Chuck and Danielle

Healer

Combining fact with fantasy and science with romance, Peter Dickinson, an award-winning novelist, sets out to prove that dragons really did exist, whilst Wayne Anderson's illustrations bring these creatures to life.

A former child soldier tries to learn the ways of peace in an African nation in this “rip-roaring adventure story” by a Carnegie Medal winner (Publishers Weekly). Paul remembers nothing from before the conflict. Twelve years old, he is no longer a child. He is a warrior—one of a handful of elite commandos who live only to fight the corrupt government of Nagala. He has no family but the boys who fight beside him, and he owns nothing but his AK-47 rifle. This is the only life he has ever known, and it is one he understands—right until the day the standoff ends and his life changes forever. Paul buries his AK and heads north to attend school and attempt to live life as just another child. But at night, the battlefield consumes his dreams. When a rogue faction stages a coup in the capital and Paul’s adoptive father is put in prison, the boy turns into a warrior once more. It is too late for him to have a childhood, but Paul will do whatever it takes to guarantee himself a future. From the author Philip Pullman called “one of the real masters of children’s literature,” this is an extraordinary novel for readers of all ages, a winner of the prestigious Whitbread Award in which “Dickinson deals intelligently with vital issues, devises potent symbols with his usual skill, and offers much to discuss in a vivid and compelling setting” (Kirkus Reviews). This ebook features an illustrated personal history of Peter Dickinson including rare images from the author’s collection.

In an ancient kingdom, a boy and his hawk challenge the gods All his life, Tron has been destined to join the priests who rule his strange desert kingdom. When the old king grows sick, a ritual is called for to restore his health: the sacrifice of a blue hawk, the symbol of the god Gdu. For the first time, Tron is chosen to take part in the ritual. Just before the bird is

sacrificed, the young priest notices that its eyes are cloudy. The bird is sick, and to give its soul to the king would be to kill him. And so Tron steals the bird away. The priests are enraged at his disruption of the ritual. Some call for his head, but others see Tron's potential. They give him three months to train the wild bird—three months to save its life and rescue the kingdom from the wrath of the gods. This ebook features an illustrated personal history of Peter Dickinson including rare images from the author's collection.

The third book in the Changes trilogy.

The Yellow Room Conspiracy

Shadow of a Hero

Noli's Story

Book 1

The Kin

On a prehistoric shore, a young girl fights to help her tribe survive She is at home in the ocean, as comfortable in the water as she is on dry land. The child's people have made their homes by the bay for as long as anyone can remember, diving for mussels and any other food the ocean will serve to them. They have no language; they have no names. Although they know love and jealousy and pride, they are not quite human—not yet. This child of the sea will show them the way. Two million years later, Vinny is visiting her father at an archaeological site in Africa when they discover the remains of that forgotten tribe of cliff dwellers. Across the ocean of time, these two young women will find a connection, an inexplicable bond that builds slowly but arrives with all the power of a tidal wave. This ebook features an illustrated personal history of Peter Dickinson including rare images from the author's collection.

Three dystopian novels by an award-winning author that imagine a world where humankind has suddenly and violently rejected modern technology. Something has gone very wrong in England. In a tunnel beneath Wales one man opens a crack in a mysterious stone wall, and all over the island of Britain people react with horror to perfectly normal machines.

Abandoning their cars on the roads and destroying their own factories, many flee the cities for the countryside, where they return to farming and an old-fashioned life. When families are split apart and grown-ups forget how they used to live, young people face unexpected challenges. Nicola Gore survives on her own for nineteen days before she's taken in by a Sikh family that still remembers how to farm and forge steel by hand. Margaret and Jonathan brave the cold and risk terrible punishment in order to save a man's life and lift the fog of fear and hate that's smothering their village. And Geoffrey and his little sister, Sally, escape to France only to be sent back to England on a vital mission: to make their way north to Wales, alone, and find the thing under the stones that shattered civilization—the source of the Changes. Prolific author Peter Dickinson was known for "keeping up a page-turning pace," and these adventure-packed novels are some of his most important contributions to science fiction (The Guardian). This ebook features an illustrated personal history of Peter Dickinson including rare images from the author's collection.

An unusual and moving story about the magical bond between a boy and his grandfather. Does it just happen that Gavin and Grandad see the seal while they are fishing in the harbor? Just happen that Grandad talks about the selkies, the seal people who can leave the water and take human form? Just happen that Grandad is finishing the beautiful miniature boat he's making for Gavin's tenth birthday, and Gavin decides to call her Selkie? And at that moment, Grandad has his stroke. Could the selkies have something to do with all this? Day after day at the hospital, Gavin tries to get through to helpless and speechless Grandad, trying to reach him, explain what's happened to him. Everyone else has given up. But Gavin will try anything. Even asking the selkies to help. To do that, he must give them something to show them how much it matters. What is the dearest thing he owns?

Alfredo, a choir boy in 18th-century Italy, loses his family in a fire, and his mysterious Uncle Giorgio spirits him away to their ancestral home below a volcano. There he learns that Uncle Giorgio is the Master of the Mountain; he can control the volcano. He is also an alchemist, able to make gold from the tears of the fiery salamander he captured from the heart of the mountain. Alfredo is his heir, the next Master; and as Alfredo learns the history of his family and its power, he begins to suspect that his uncle is actually a fearsome sorcerer.

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A Crime Novel

Sleep and His Brother

Heartsease

The Seeing Stone