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- **Zakaria Tamer**
  - *Sour Grapes*
  - Winner of the 2021 Veterans Writing Award for Translation
  - "An important work of feminist excavation that is so much more fun than that phrase implies."
    —Lilith Magazine

- **Miriam Karpilove**
  - *A Provincial Newspaper and Other Stories*
  - Featured in the Jewish Book Council’s annual Book Club Reading Guide
  - "A thoughtful commentary on a lost world that has striking relevance for ours.”
    —New York Times

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  - *A Sleepless Eye*
  - Ibrahim al-Koni was named the Cultural Personality of the Year at the 2023 Sharjah International Book Fair

- **Brian O’Hare**
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Uncommon Allies
American Jews and Christians Uniting against Hitler, 1933-1945
Alan M. Shore

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6 x 9, 272 pages, 20 black-and-white illustrations, notes, bibliography, index
SEPTEMBER 2024

Religious leaders uniting in shared purpose in the shadow of World War II.

“[Shore] has collected Jewish and non-Jewish book manuscripts that have rarely, if ever, been explored by scholars.”
—Yaakov Ariel, author of An Unusual Relationship: Evangelical Christians and Jews

On March 27, 1933, representatives from across the American religious spectrum came to Madison Square Garden, united in a shared purpose to speak out against the rise of fascism in Germany and Adolph Hitler’s seizure of power. This rally—the first of several held at the Garden before, during, and after World War II—represents an unexplored moment of Jewish and Christian relations, challenging assumptions about Christian leaders’ indifference to the Jewish plight and their guilt as the realities of the Holocaust came to light. In Uncommon Allies, Alan Shore uses an impressive range of primary and secondary sources, including English and Yiddish newspapers of the time and neglected histories of various religious organizations, to shine a light on these pivotal rallies.

From the groundbreaking 1933 rally to a series of events in 1943 as the reality of Hitler’s “Final Solution” came to light, and ending in a postwar rally in 1945, as religious groups struggled with finding a way to help displaced and struggling Jews, Shore unearths the united religious front in the face of the horror of Nazism. Each rally is vividly presented and analyzed in terms of its background, planning, execution, content, and press coverage. Tracing the impact of these rallies through the years, Shore draws a clear line to the partnership between Christian and Jewish Zionists and the rhetorical use of “Judeo-Christian values.”

Alan M. Shore is a national ministry representative at Chosen People Ministries, an Evangelical Christian nonprofit with ministries in sixteen countries. He holds a PhD in modern Jewish history and culture from the Graduate Theological Union and is author most recently of the foreword to A Hebraic Inkling: C. S. Lewis on Judaism and the Jews by P. H. Brazier.
We Never Swim in the Same River Twice

Hassouna Mosbahi
Translated from the Arabic by William Maynard Hutchins

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A poignant novel of friendship and identity in the aftermath of revolution.

“Mosbahi is a wonderful novelist. . . . Translations such as this will enrich discussions of the Arab Spring.”
—Lamia Benyoussef, translator of The Perplexity of a Muslim Woman

Originally published in 2020, Hassouna Mosbahi’s riveting novel explores the human psyche amidst the turbulent aftermath of the Arab Spring in Tunisia. Through the experiences of three friends, Mosbahi narrates the profound impact of violence and cultural change in Tunisian society and the ways in which those shifts are reflected in their personal lives.

We meet Saleem, on the brink of turning fifty, whose once blissful marriage teeters on the edge as his mental health deteriorates. Aziz, a retired postal clerk with an unassuming appearance, finds solace in literature and international cinema. And Omran, a well-traveled writer and public intellectual, navigates a complex relationship with a young Franco-Tunisian woman who lives in Paris. As these men forge an unlikely friendship over drinks at a coastal bar in Bizerte, and through long walks along the beach, they grapple with the increasing political extremism that surrounds them. Repelled by the Jihadist rhetoric and the brand of masculinity it represents, the three friends question their relationship to their country, which is both their home and a place they feel alienated from.

We Never Swim in the Same River Twice offers an alternative narrative of the Arab Spring, one that challenges Western media’s depiction of a “blessed revolution,” and gives readers an intimate and elegiac portrait of Tunisian history.

Hassouna Mosbahi is a Tunisian writer, literary critic, and journalist. He is the author of several novels and short story collections.

William Maynard Hutchins is professor emeritus in the Department of Philosophy and Religion at Appalachian State University. His translations include Hassan Nasr’s Return to Dar al-Basha and Naguib Mahfouz’s Cairo Trilogy.
The House of the Edrisis

A Novel, Volume One

Ghazaleh Alizadeh
Translated from the Persian by M. R. Ghanoonparvar

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6 x 9, 304 pages
Series: Middle East Literature in Translation

OCTOBER 2024

A story of revolution, power, and transformation by one of Iran’s most prominent female novelists.

“Alizadeh is a remarkable writer whose works are now receiving more critical attention among scholars, students, and critics of Persian literature.”
—Nasrin Rahimieh, UC Irvine

“The English translation of Alizadeh’s The House of Edrisis stands as a testament to the brilliance of Persian literature, particularly within the modernist movement. This novel, a major work of Persian literary achievement, now opens its doors to a broader audience through a masterful translation by Ghanoonparvar.”
—M. Mehdi Khorrami, author of Literary Subterfuge and Contemporary Persian Fiction

Celebrated Iranian novelist Ghazaleh Alizadeh’s The House of the Edrisis is a novel deeply rooted in historical and cultural significance inviting readers into a world of revolution, power, and societal transformation. The story revolves around a once-affluent aristocratic family and their majestic house, a decaying and melancholy backdrop for the unfolding drama among a colorful cast of disgraced family members and disillusioned revolutionaries.

Set in Central Asia, Alizadeh’s story cleverly parallels the Islamic Revolution in Iran and offers an intimate portrait of both young ideologues-turned-tyrants and jaded women whose hope for change slowly fades. With a sardonic tone and elements of black comedy and farce, The House of the Edrisis offers an engrossing reflection on a turbulent history and the enduring spirit of men and women living through it.

Ghazaleh Alizadeh (1947-1996) was an Iranian poet, novelist, and short story writer. The House of the Edrisis was awarded a prize for the best novel of “Twenty Years of Fiction Writing” by Iran’s Ministry of Islamic Culture and Guidance in 1999. Her short stories include “The Crossroad,” “After Summer,” and “The In-transitory Journal.”

M. R. Ghanoonparvar is professor emeritus of Persian and comparative literature at the University of Texas at Austin. He has published widely on Persian literature and culture in both English and Persian. He is the translator of In the Alley of the Friend: On the Poetry of Hafez.
Once There Was Warsaw
A Memoir
Ber Kutsher
Translated from the Yiddish by Gerald Marcus

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eBook $44.95 9780815657170
6 x 9, 334 pages, 1 black-and-white illustration, 1 map, glossary, bibliography, index
Series: Judaic Traditions in Literature, Music, and Art
SEPTEMBER 2024

“A memoir of the thriving Jewish Warsaw that was.

“Kutsher’s memoir is not only a monument of Holocaust remembrance but a testimony to the lives of the Jews murdered in the Holocaust. This is a valuable component of Holocaust literature that is too often effaced in most assigned readings about World War II and the destruction of European Jewry.”

—Marc Caplan, author of Yiddish Writers in Weimar Berlin: A Fugitive Modernism

“The book gives vivid snapshots that in total depicts an important chapter of Polish Jewish cultural history.”

—Jan Schwarz, author of Survivors and Exiles: Yiddish Culture after 1945

As a young man in interwar Warsaw, newspaperman Ber Kutscher threw himself into the city’s vibrant Jewish arts and culture scene from the headquarters of the Association of Jewish Writers and Journalists at Tlomkatse 13. In Once There Was Warsaw, Kutsher’s achingly human depictions of writers, cabbies, artists, neighbors, and more are translated from the Yiddish into English for the first time, painting a tangible portrait of a moment in Polish history too quickly buried by the horrors of World War II.

Kutsher viewed his memoir, originally published in 1955 after witnessing the devastation of his home and relocating to France, as something of a holy mission, an opportunity to present the lives of the people who brought Warsaw to life while still making room to mourn the past. Written with humor, heart, and a deeply felt grief, Once There Was Warsaw is a complex and layered portrayal of a city and its people and the pain in remembering just how much was lost in its absence.

Ber Kutsher (1893–1978) was a writer and newspaperman. He came of age in Warsaw between the world wars, and his writing explores the lives of the Yiddish-speaking community in Poland during that time. He published his memoir, Geven amol varshe, in Paris in 1955.

Gerald Marcus has been a student and avid reader of Yiddish for more than twenty-five years and grew up surrounded by Yiddish-speaking relatives and friends. He is the translator of Reuben Iceland’s memoir, From Our Springtime, and Joseph Rolnik’s With Rake in Hand.
New in Paper . . .

Bociany
Chava Rosenfarb
Translated from the Yiddish by the author

Paper $19.95 9780815611714
6 x 9, 440 pages
Series: Library of Modern Jewish Literature

NOVEMBER 2024

Follows the destinies of characters from the Polish town of Bociany as they grow up, grow old, and leave the shtetl for the city.

“In cogent and evocative prose, translated from the Yiddish by the author, Rosenfarb describes the religious and political stew that was prewar Poland.”
—Publishers Weekly

“A vivid story of life in a shtetl in the title village during the years immediately preceding WWII; specifically, it’s a dramatization of the ethnic and religious traditions that form the characters of its winning protagonists, gentle Yacov and his beloved Binele. But the [book’s] great character is Yacov’s resourceful mother, Hindele Polin, a crafty widow whose hard-earned wisdom and plucky survival skills make her a worthy successor to the village heroines of Sholom Aleichem’s fiction.”
—Kirkus Reviews

In Bociany, Rosenfarb offers completely absorbing portrayals of Jews and Christians from several walks of life in the shtetl. Her primary characters are the scribe’s widow Hindele, her son Yacov, the chalk vendor Yossele Abedale, and his daughter Binele. Jewish relations with neighboring Catholics are generally civil, if complicated. Despite living next door to a convent, Hindele finds the nuns’ behavior implacably alien.

Rosenfarb establishes an indelible sense of place, evoking its charm and the shtetl residents’ ease with the natural world. Her vivid characters and portrait of the preurban, pre-Holocaust world ring true. Yet even in isolated Bociany, new ideas—socialism, Zionism, Polish nationalism, secularism—begin to challenge the shtetl’s traditional agrarian and mercantile economy.

Chava Rosenfarb was born in Łódź, Poland. She was a survivor of the Łódź Ghetto as well as the Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen concentration camps. She was the recipient of numerous literary prizes. In 1979, she was awarded the Manger Prize—the highest award for Yiddish literature—for her trilogy Tree of Life (Der boim fun leib).
"Littleton gives a detailed, lively account of the three-month strike, providing valuable context about the parties and their complex interests."

—Choice

"Every day Cynthia shows us how smart and well-informed she is with her reporting. What we didn’t know is just how compelling a storyteller she is! If you are in the entertainment industry or aspire to be, this book is a MUST READ page turner."

—Warren Littlefield, TV producer and former president of NBC Entertainment

TV on Strike examines the upheaval in the entertainment industry by telling the inside story of the first writers’ strike—the hundred-day writers’ strike that thwarted Hollywood in late 2007 and early 2008. The television industry’s uneasy transition to the digital age was the driving force behind what seemed then to be the most significant labor dispute of the twenty-first century. Now, in 2024, we know it was only the first battle.

The strike put a spotlight on how the advent of new media distribution platforms reshaped the traditional business models that governed the television industry for decades. The uncertainty that sent writers out into the streets of Los Angeles and New York with picket signs laid bare the depth of the divide between the media barons who rule the entertainment industry and the writers who are integral as the creators of movies and television shows.

With both sides afraid of losing millions in future profits, a critical communication breakdown spurred a fierce battle with repercussions reverberated in the 2023 writers and actors strikes. The saga of the 2007–2008 Writers Guild of America strike is told through the eyes of the key players on both sides of the negotiating table and of the foot soldiers who surprised even themselves with the strength of their resolve to fight for their rights in the face of an ambiguous future. In the years since the strike ended, the rise of digital distribution platforms has continued to change the business landscape in ways that few could have predicted when Hollywood guilds were first feverishly trying to hammer out a contract template for a new era.

Cynthia Littleton is co-editor-in-chief of news development at Variety and coauthor of Season Finale: The Unexpected Rise and Fall of the WB and UPN.
New in Paper . . .

Radical Chapters

Pacifist Bookseller Roy Kepler and the Paperback Revolution, Revised Edition

Michael Doyle

Paper $24.95 9780815607076    eBook $24.95 9780815657293

6 x 9, 450 pages, 9 black-and-white illustrations, bibliography, index

DECEMBER 2024

In a new foreword for this revised edition, Doyle updates Kepler’s story and assesses how the bookstore and the community it serves have remained socially engaged and commercially viable amid the tumult of the twenty-first century.

“In generous, elegant prose, Doyle traces Kepler’s life and times from World War II as a radical pacifist, antinuclear activist during the Cold War, and antiwar activist from the Vietnam War to his death in 1994.”

—San Francisco Chronicle

Long a hub for literary bohemians, countercultural musicians, and readers interested in a good browse, Kepler’s Books and Magazines is one of the most influential independent bookstores in American history. When owner Roy Kepler opened the San Francisco Bay Area store in 1955, he led the way as a pioneer in the “paperback revolution.” He popularized the once radical idea of selling affordable books in an intellectually bracing coffeehouse atmosphere.

Paperback selling was not the only revolution Kepler supported, however. In Radical Chapters, Doyle sheds light on Kepler’s remarkable contributions to pacifism and social change. He highlights Kepler’s achievements in advocating radical pacifism during World War II, antinuclear activism during the Cold War era, and antiwar activism during the Vietnam War. During those decades, Kepler played an integral role, creating a community and a space to exchange ideas for such notable figures as Jerry Garcia, Joan Baez, and Stewart Brand. Doyle’s fascinating chronicle captures the man who inspired that community and offers a moving tribute to his legacy.

Michael Doyle is a reporter in Washington, DC with E&E News/POLITICO and formerly was with the DC bureau of the McClatchy newspaper chain. He holds master’s degrees from Johns Hopkins University and Yale Law School, where he was a Knight Journalism Fellow. He is the author of The Forestport Breaks: A Nineteenth-Century Conspiracy along the Black River Canal and The Ministers’ War: John W. Mears, the Oneida Community, and the Crusade for Public Morality, both also published by Syracuse University Press.
New in Paper . . .

Oneida Iroquois Folklore, Myth, and History

New York Oral Narrative from the Notes of H. E. Allen and Others

Anthony Wonderley

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6 x 9, 292 pages, 25 black-and-white illustrations, 4 maps, notes, bibliography, index

Series: The Iroquois and Their Neighbors

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Reintroduced Oneida folklore sheds light on a rich yet nearly forgotten body of Native American verbal literature.

“Wonderley’s rich, layered book brings together Oneida oral traditions, the history of those traditions, elements of Oneida history, and the two Oneida women who were the principal sources of material that Hope Emily Allen, a non-Native independent scholar, collected and preserved in manuscript form.”

—Choice

This is the first major book to explore uniquely Haudenosaunee (Iroquois), and specifically Oneida, components in the Native American oral narrative as it existed around 1900. Drawn largely from early twentieth-century journals by non-Indigenous scholar Hope Emily Allen, much of which was published in *Oneida Iroquois Folklore, Myth, and History* for the first time.

Even as he studies time-honored themes and such stories as the Haudenosaunee account of creation, Anthony Wonderley breaks new ground examining links between legend, history, and everyday life. He pointedly questions how oral traditions are born and develop. Uncovering tales told over the course of 400 years, Wonderley further defines and considers endurance and sequence in oral narratives. Finally, possible links between Oneida folklore and material culture are explored in discussions of craft works and archaeological artifacts of cultural and symbolic importance. Arguably the most complete study of its kind, the book will appeal to a wide range of professional disciplines from anthropology, history, and folklore to religion and Native American studies.

*Anthony Wonderley* worked for the Oneida Indian Nation in its cultural management and preservation programs and for the Oneida Community Mansion House as Curator of Collections and Interpretation. He is the author of *At the Font of the Marvelous: Exploring Oral Narrative and Mythic Imagery of the Iroquois and Their Neighbors* and co-author of *Origins of the Iroquois League: Narratives, Symbols, and Archaeology* with Martha L. Sempowski.
New in Paper . . .

Seneca Ray Stoddard
Transforming the Adirondack Wilderness in Text and Image

Jeffrey L. Horrell

Paper $29.95 9780815604983

NOVEMBER 2024

Explores the nature of Seneca Ray Stoddard’s work and examines how it influenced and was influenced by the changing attitudes toward wilderness in the last half of the nineteenth century.

Seneca Ray Stoddard's photographic and literary work paralleled the era of exploration of this region as well as the early years of photography. It was during his lifetime— as a result of the changing perceptions of the wilderness—that the area first attracted artists, tourists, and summer residents.

Jeffrey L. Horrell’s book explores the nature of this Adirondack pioneer’s work and examines how it influenced and was influenced by the changing attitudes toward wilderness in the last half of the nineteenth century. It is the first complete volume to provide an in-depth study of both Stoddard’s writing and photography. Through his photographs and publishing ventures, Stoddard moved from recording the wilderness landscape to defending it against the logging industry and other developers.

Stoddard was instrumental in creating the modern perception of the “forever wild” landscape of the Adirondacks. Although there had been a well-established tradition of guidebooks for American tourist regions, Stoddard’s practice of including illustrations based on photographs represented a new departure. Horrell shows how Stoddard’s work reflected matters of class and power on the emerging tourist industry and its effect on the popular literature of the day.

Jeffrey L. Horrell is Dean of Libraries Emeritus at Dartmouth College. He received his PhD in Humanities from Syracuse University with a concentration in the history of photography.
New in Paper . . .

**In Search of Walid Masoud**
*A Novel*

Jabra Ibrahim Jabra
Translated from the Arabic by Roger Allen and Adnan Haydar

Paper $19.95 9780815604587
6 × 9, 302 pages
Series: Middle East Literature in Translation

**SEPTEMBER 2024**

This gripping novel, expertly translated, brings to an English-speaking audience an important work of Palestinian literature.

“Beautifully fashioned, unusual, and richly satisfying.”—Kirkus Reviews

“The perspective this novel offers not only on the problem of Palestine but also on the Arab world is a revelation.”—Booklist

Walid Masoud disappears. A Palestinian intellectual, he has been living in Baghdad since the first Israeli War of 1948. As a member of an organization engaged in the armed struggle against Israel, suspicion arises that he has gone underground as part of a political movement. Masoud leaves behind a lengthy but disconnected tape recording of garbled utterances through which Jabra Ibrahim Jabra artfully crafts the basis for the narration. He transforms the transcription of the tape by each of Masoud’s comrades into a study of character. Through a series of monologues, each becomes a narrator of his own experience.

Readers of *The Ship* (also translated by Adnan Haydar and Roger Allen) will remember the ingenious way the political themes emerge through the dialogue between passengers on a ship crossing the Mediterranean from the Arab to the European world. This novel echoes identical subjects: the misperceptions between Western and Islamic cultures, personal landscape as a shaper of culture, and the necessity of political commitment.

A tour de force that places the evolution of the Faulknerian style into a political register, this book is a testament to the brilliance of one of Palestine’s preeminent writers.

**Jabra’s characters, like Simone de Beauvoir’s set in Paris, or New York intellectuals of the 1950s, thrive on brilliant rationalizations of their own narcissism, while the humanism they affect is doomed to political impotence.”**—Publishers Weekly

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Jabra Ibrahim Jabra
Translated from the Arabic by Ghassan Nasr

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**Jabra Ibrahim Jabra** (1920–1994), a major figure in Arabic letters, is the author of the highly acclaimed novel *The Ship.*

**Roger Allen** is the Sascha Jane Patterson Harvie Professor Emeritus of Social Thought and Comparative Ethics, School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania. He received the 2020 Lifetime Achievement Award from Sheikh Hamad for Translation and International Understanding.

**Adnan Haydar** is a director of the Arabic program and professor of Arabic and comparative literature at the University of Arkansas. He has coauthored and coedited five books, including *Naguib Mahfouz: From Regional Fame to Global Recognition.*
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ANTHOLOGY

Distant Summers
Remembering Philip Casey, Writer, Fabulist, Friend
Edited by Eamonn Wall, Katie Donovan, and Michael Considine
Paper $24.95 9781851323142
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OCTOBER 2024

A tribute to one of Ireland's great literary talents, Distant Summers is a collection of prose and poetry by writers, friends, and family members of Philip Casey (1950–2018). Over sixty contributors praise Casey's gifts as a poet and novelist as well as highlighting their admiration for him as an individual.

ANTHOLOGY

Tearing Stripes off Zebras
Forty Years of Women Writing in Ireland
Edited by Nessa O'Mahony
Paper $24.95 9781851323005
5.5 x 8.5, 256 pages
OCTOBER 2024

Tearing Stripes off Zebras is an anthology of new literary writing by women involved with the Women’s Education Bureau (WEB) writers’ group. Established in the late eighties, WEB was led by poet Eavan Boland who served as the creative director and was committed to developing, mentoring, and promoting Irish women writers.

SHORT STORIES

Awkward Women
Mary Rose Callaghan
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Mary Rose Callaghan’s Awkward Women introduces readers to Sally Ann Fitzpatrick, an untidy, unruly, uncertain young woman living her life as best she can in a rapidly changing world. She strives bravely, and with delightfully self-deprecating irony, for a sense of her own identity and independence. Full of gentle sympathy and humorous understanding, these interconnected stories, set between the 1960s and the 1980s in Ireland and the United States, are thoroughly engaging and enriching.

POETRY

Washing Windows III
Irish Women Write Poetry
Edited by Alan Hayes and Nuala O’Connor
Paper $24.95 9781851323210
5.5 x 8.5, 160 pages, 9 color illustrations
OCTOBER 2024

The third volume in the series, Washing Windows III includes 100 new poems by Irish women poets who have not yet published a full collection. With a stunning introductory essay by coeditor Nuala O’Connor, this volume showcases the rich diversity of contemporary women’s writing.
POETRY

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Margaret Nohilly’s poetry covers a remarkable variety of subjects: observation of nature, a sense of place, family connections, town and country living, poets and artists. With a natural eye and ear for the poetic, Nohilly’s poems are finely tuned and carefully worked to achieve an intensity of sound. The ekphrastic poem, “La Sieste,” with its descriptive exuberance illustrates her sense of intimacy. This stunning collection reflects the gravitas of a poet deserving of a wide readership.

POETRY

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In this debut collection, Úna Ní Cheallaigh has produced a volume of elegy touched with beauty. Whether delving into the histories of victims and survivors of war and inhumanity, or drawing on her own personal sense of loss, she has crafted poems that touch the heart and soul. These are poems full of erudition, empathy, and lyric grace. They vividly embody the past, distant and near, recapturing lost lives and hidden stories, particularly of those stoical and determined women who kept going despite all that sought to stifle their art.

POETRY

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Geraldine Mills is one of the finest and most unique poets to have emerged in Ireland in recent decades. When the Light includes 124 poems selected from her previous poetry collections and her forty-year-long body of work, in addition to new poems completed in recent years.

POETRY

The Wind Stills to Listen
Deirdre Cartmill

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Deirdre Cartmill had two heart attacks in a week at the age of forty-three. This terrifying experience formed the backdrop of her third poetry collection, The Wind Stills to Listen. Occupying a liminal space between living and dying, hope and despair, the poems dive unflinchingly into grief and loss, to explore boundaries and thresholds.
POETRY

Impossible Blackbird
Theodore Deppe
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“To follow the poet’s discursive, supple stanzas from page to page is to marvel how miraculously he has joined moment to moment, how he has made a story that has become a life.”—Eva Bourke, author of Tattoos

In Theodore Deppe’s eighth book of poems, lyricism and a gift for narrative come together to explore the challenges and gifts of daily life on the coast of Connemara in the west of Ireland.

POETRY

Boy / Garsún
Gabriel Rosenstock
Paper $24.95 9781851323029
5.5 x 8.5, 142 pages
OCTOBER 2024

“Full of funny and tragic family observations, and a bold, rebellious instinct that makes the boy an artist.”—Hugo Hamilton, author of The Speckled People

In Garsún / Boy, Gabriel Rosenstock offers poems of childhood and growing up in County Limerick in the 1950s. Full of both tragedy and joy, the poems recount the artistic journey of a young man.

POETRY

Watching for the Hawk
Breda Spaight
Paper $19.95 9781851323043
5.5 x 8.5, 72 pages
OCTOBER 2024

This debut collection is an unflinching and intensely moving evocation of a childhood in rural Ireland. In vivid language, Spaight draws us into a world of parental conflict, poverty, illness, and loss. It is also a world of beauty, love, and courage, with the mother-daughter relationship at its heart. Watching for the Hawk is a marvelous addition to Irish poetry with Spaight giving voice to a changing Ireland through the prism of family.

PLAY

Silent Trade
Rosemary Jenkinson
Paper $19.95 9781851322954
5.5 x 8.5, 70 pages
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Silent Trade is a highly relevant contemporary play set in Belfast about Precious, a young Nigerian woman, who is trafficked into domestic servitude in a suburban house, before being sexually trafficked to a brothel. Eventually, she escapes to freedom and encounters the justice system. This play was inspired by engagement with organizations who deal with human trafficking, and with members of the Nigerian community who have knowledge and experience of exploitation.
SHORT STORIES

Love in the Time of Chaos
Rosemary Jenkinson
**Paper $24.95** 9781851322992 5.5 x 8.5, 174 pages
**OCTOBER 2024**

“A bold book in every meaning of the word: vivid in its characters, confident in its handling of all sorts of ideas, full of irreverence and mischief. Very, very funny yet full of intelligence and seriousness of purpose.”—Wendy Erskine, author of *Sweet Home*

Shortlisted for the Edge Hill Short Story Prize 2023, this compelling collection illustrates how the short story is an apt genre to represent complex issues and perceptions a quarter-century after the Good Friday Agreement.

SHORT STORIES

Village Song / Amhrán Sráidbhaile
Catherine Foley
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In *Village Song*, Foley explores life in a rural Gaeltacht village in the south-east of Ireland over the space of a year, giving a rare glimpse into a unique way of life. She places the daily mysteries of life under the microscope to awaken the imagination of the reader to see the universal in the mundane. It takes a village to raise a child but it’s the child in the village that reveals the magic of belonging.

SHORT STORIES

Best Stories / Scothscéalta
Pádraic Ó Conaire
Translated from the Irish by Diarmuid de Faoite
With an Introduction by Pádraigín Riggs
**Paper $24.95** 9781851323166 5.5 x 8.5, 396 pages
**OCTOBER 2024**

Pádraic Ó Conaire is recognized as the father figure of the modern Irish short story. Selected from a variety of previous collections and first published in Irish in 1956, Scothscéalta went on to inspire generations of Irish people who have held a special place in their hearts for this fearless writer who created local yet universal stories of timeless feeling.

BIOGRAPHY | IRISH LANGUAGE

Úna Ní Fhaircheallaigh agus an Fhís Útóipeach Ghaelach
Riona Nic Congáil
**Paper $24.95** 9781851323173 5.5 x 8.5, 400 pages
**OCTOBER 2024**

An innovative work that reviews the mindset that inspired the generation and growth of the revival movement in Ireland from the time of the fin de siècle onwards. By conducting a biographical study of Úna Ní Fhaircheallaigh, the most influential woman in the Irish language during that period, a fresh insight is given into the influence of young people on the revival of the Irish language, and a re-reading of the function and importance of women in the movement. The influence of utopian thinking on the revivalists is shown and the type of utopianism, namely, the Gaelic utopian vision, which urged the social reformers of cultural nationalism to give back to the ugly history of the nineteenth century and to imagine and promote a different future in Ireland in the twentieth century.
FICTION | BILINGUAL

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Melanie Jones is a faculty member at Bard College in the Bard Prison Initiative program. She has a PhD in comparative literature, and her work has appeared in such journals as the Victorian Review.

Shayda Kafai is assistant professor of ethnic and women’s studies at California State Polytechnic University. Her work has appeared in the Journal of Lesbian Studies and Women’s Studies Quarterly.
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Robert Pruter is an independent scholar in both popular music history and in sport history. He is the author of His Chicago Soul and Doowop: The Chicago Scene as well as The Rise of American High School Sports and the Search for Control: 1880-1930.
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Harry Castleman practices law in Boston and has written seven other popular culture books with Podrazik. He has worked as a media producer and consultant for a number of political organizations and campaigns. He has also been a guest lecturer on TV history at Boston University’s College of Communication.

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J. Michael Ryan is professor-researcher at Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú. Dr. Ryan has edited more than sixteen volumes, including Gender in the Middle East and North Africa with Helen Rizzo.

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Nelly Hanna is Distinguished University Professor at the American University in Cairo. She has been visiting professor/guest lecturer at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris; Harvard University; and Waseda University, Tokyo. She is the author of numerous books including Artisan Entrepreneurs in Cairo and Early Modern Capitalism (1600–1800).
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Nitza Ben-Dov is a highly esteemed scholar of Israeli literature and was recently awarded the 2021 Israel Prize in Hebrew Literature in recognition of her work. She is the author of numerous articles and books and is professor of Hebrew and comparative literature at the University of Haifa.
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Patricia Fernández Lorenzo is an Honorary Collaborator of Universidad Complutense de Madrid. She worked as an entrepreneur in Spain, Lisbon, and Brussels, and was general director for European Affairs in the provincial government of Bizkaia in the Basque region of Spain.

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Emily J. Orlando is professor of English and E. Gerald Corrigan Chair in the Humanities and Social Sciences at Fairfield University. She is the author of Edith Wharton and the Visual Arts, editor of The Bloomsbury Handbook to Edith Wharton, and co-editor of Edith Wharton and Cosmopolitanism.
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