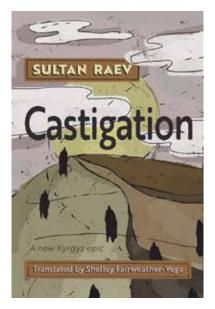
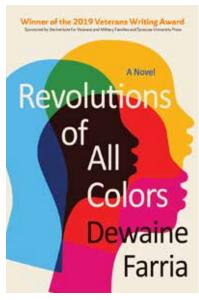


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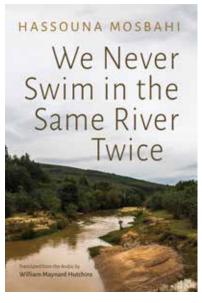
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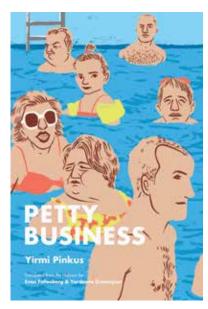
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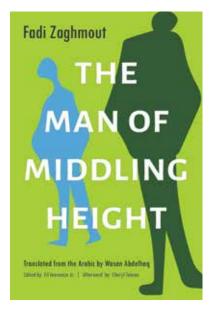
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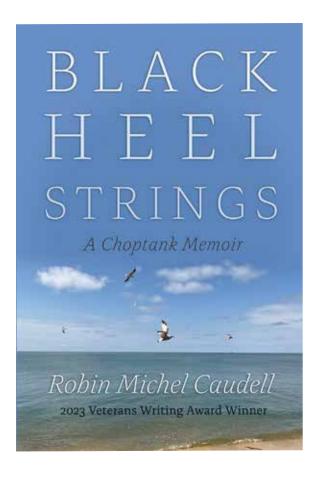
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"Caudell's gifts recall Toni Morrison. Sentence after sentence reads like poetry. The earth and sea come alive through her words, as though the author's language gave birth to the natural world itself. Simply stunning."

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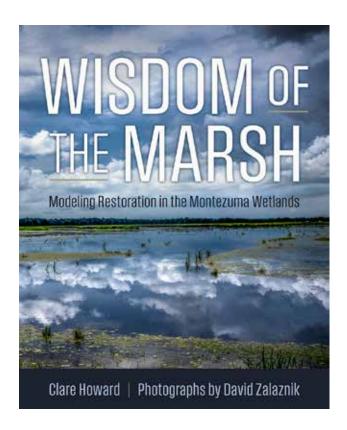
"A breathtaking memoir in the spirit of Jesmyn Ward. Growing up in the shadows of Jim Crow that persisted longer on the Eastern Shore than in other places, Caudell shares her childhood journey on landscapes rife with prejudice, disappointment, and, yet, still full of hope. A treasure and an absolute must-read!"

-Kate Clifford Lawson, New York Times best-selling author of Walk With Me: A Biography of Fannie Lou Hamer

In this lyrical memoir, Robin Michel Caudell meditates on memory and identity as she traces her childhood in a Black family navigating poverty and racism on the Delmarva Peninsula. Many know Frederick Douglass and Harriet Tubman's exodus stories out of bondage in rural Maryland, but what about the people who stayed? It is from this place and history that Caudell's story begins. Growing up in the segregated 1960s, Caudell is the living legacy of the ones who did not run away and of the Free People of Color/Christianized Indians who partnered with their enslaved brethren in a precarious dance of love in Chesapeake Country.

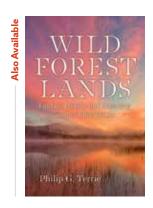
The memoir's title references a physical anomaly, believed to be indicative of Indigenous ancestry, which skips generations among Caudell's Kellum kin. This trait is visible as a dark line that extends upward from the Achilles tendon, a visible link to her ancestry. An emotional odyssey, Black Heel Strings weaves Caudell's adult and childhood memories into a vivid tapestry that honors belonging, resilience, and recovery in her community and in this place.

An award-winning journalist and videographer, Robin Michel Caudell is a staff writer at the Press Republican. Her poetry has been anthologized in national and international publications. A native of Maryland's Eastern Shore, Caudell is a graduate of the University of Maryland at College Park and Goddard College. She is an alumna of Cave Canem, Gotham Writers Workshop, Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown, and Bread Loaf Writers' Conference. She served in the US Air Force and was a John L. Levitow Honor Graduate.



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"From Indigenous knowledge and ecological restoration to the deep personal bonds that draw people to care for the land, Wisdom of the Marsh is both an elegy and a call to honor the beauty, value, and wisdom that wetlands quietly hold as a climate solution. I will never look at Montezuma or any wetland the same way again."

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"Wisdom of the Marsh is a lovely book inspiring a passion for wetlands and hope for their conservation. Howard's stories of the people engaged in this effort illustrate how any of us can have a meaningful impact on our world and the 'watery' places in it."

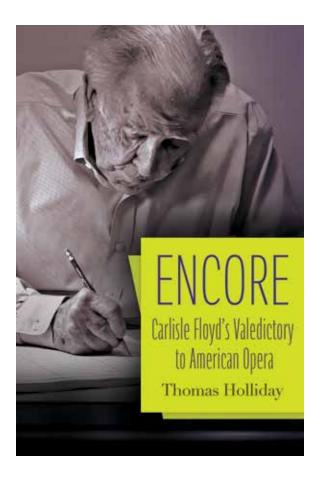
-Megan Garvey, stewardship director, The Wetlands Conservancy

Wisdom of the Marsh takes an in-depth look at the Montezuma Wetlands Complex through the overlapping lens of environmental and social justice. Exploring the history of the land and its relationship with the people who inhabited it, writer Clare Howard and photographer David Zalaznik present a complete portrait of the marsh's exploitation and restoration, providing a hopeful perspective through which to view our future.

Through the ceaseless work of professionals and volunteers, the Montezuma wetlands are slowly healing. Bird species are returning to the area, plant life is beginning to thrive once more, and educational programs continue the work and care that had formed the heart of Indigenous communities' stewardship of this land. By providing a new understanding of wetlands and promoting renewed ways to interact with them, Wisdom of the Marsh offers an optimistic vision of how we can continue to rehabilitate our environment.

Clare Howard is a journalist formerly of the Journal Star in Peoria, IL, writing on environmental issues, and a member of the Society of Environmental Journalists. She is the author of In the Spirit of Wetlands.

David Zalaznik is a photojournalist formerly of the Lincoln Courier and the Journal Star in Peoria, IL. He is the author of the book Life along the Illinois River and the photographer for In the Spirit of the Wetlands.



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The final work and days of an American opera icon.

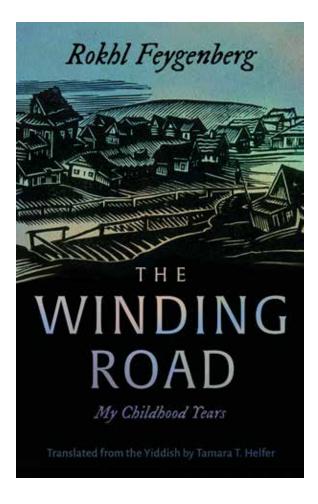
"It is always a treat to get an insider perspective on the life of a great composer. . . . This book is written throughout in a very captivating and eminently readable fashion; we really get an idea of Carlisle Floyd, the man."

-Colleen Renihan, author of The Operatic Archive: American Opera as History

In 2010, Carlisle Floyd, one of American opera's most titanic talents, found himself at an impasse. Caring for family and with few leads as to his next project, he unexpectedly found a spark of inspiration in the story of Edward Kynaston. This seventeenth-century British actor had his star turn on the stage unceremoniously ended by a ban on male actors performing women's roles. Centuries later, his misfortune gave this brilliant composer a way back onto the stage he valued so much.

In this companion to Falling Up: The Days and Nights of Carlisle Floyd, Thomas Holliday follows Floyd through his creatively fruitful final decade, focusing on his relationship with family and the production of his final opera, Prince of Players, inspired by the life and work of Kynaston. Told through reminiscences from those closest to him, the book is an intimate portrait of the composer's creative process. Encore is a testament to Floyd's work and enduring influence, a portrait of an icon still innovating and creating until the end.

Thomas Holliday is an opera stage director and writer who has worked with companies in New York, New Jersey, Colorado, Tennessee, and elsewhere. He is the author of Falling Up: The Days and Nights of Carlisle Floyd.



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# The Winding Road

## My Childhood Years

## Rokhl Feygenberg

Translated from the Yiddish by Tamara T. Helfer

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A young woman finds her voice, facing the realities of nineteenth-century shtetl life.

"The novel conveys the complexity of shtetl life with all its religious and folk traditions, personalities, class divisions, pettiness, and generosity."

-Rachel Mines, translator of "A Plague of Cholera" and Other Stories

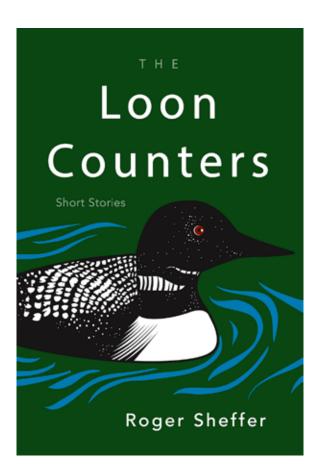
Rokhl Feygenberg became one of the youngest authors published in Yiddish when her autobiographical debut, "The Winding Road," was released serially in 1905. This fictionalized account of her own rough childhood in a small Belarusian shtetl in the 1890s is framed by the deaths of her father when she was five and that of her mother when she was fourteen. Forced to provide and care for her family, the narrator finds escape through books and is inspired by them to invent an alternate fantasy life for herself, transforming the challenges of her everyday into a dreamscape world of city life and romance.

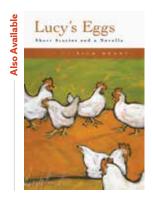
In Tamara T. Helfer's masterful translation, the narrator describes her fictional village of Bulin, deep in wild swampland and forests, far away from the world of books where she finds solace. Readers are enmeshed in the daily rituals of rural Jewish life, following the narrator through her long days of labor and caring for family. Her story, at times funny, at times full of pathos, is a clear-eyed description of youthful imaginings with three-dimensional, flawed characters and vivid descriptions of everyday shtetl life.

The Winding Road presents an unvarnished portrait of nineteenth-century Jewish life and offers readers a deeper understanding of the vast distance turn-of-the-century women traveled to find a fully realized life.

**Rokhl Feygenberg** (1885-1972) was born in the shtetl of Lyuban, Minsk Guberniya. Orphaned at fifteen, she lived in various cities throughout Europe and Israel before settling permanently in Tel Aviv in 1933. Among the earliest women professional authors published in the Yiddish press, Feygenberg went on to write novels, plays, essays, and a significant body of journalism in Yiddish and Hebrew. Feygenberg's 1926 book about the Dubova pogroms was instrumental in the defense and acquittal of Shalom Schwarzbard.

**Tamara T. Helfer** was a 2023 Yiddish Book Center Translation Fellow. She is a former research astronomer, science educator, and program developer with broad interests in the intersection of history, genealogy, and storytelling.





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## Tales of the odd and the extraordinary in lakeside North Country.

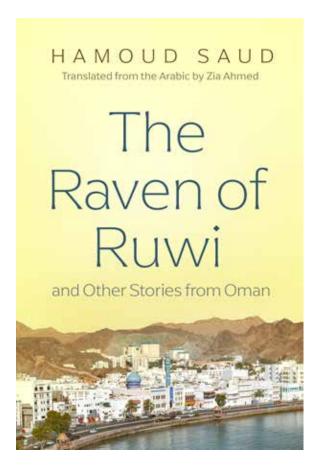
"With riveting dialogue, propulsive pacing, and vividly drawn settings, The Loon Counters lingers in the imagination and will make the reader who hasn't yet been north of Cooperstown wish to get in the car and head past the blue line this weekend. Others may wisely choose to stay at home and read these stories instead."

-Natalia Rachel Singer, professor emerita, St. Lawrence University

In the fictional Adirondack towns of Silver Lake and Lost River, a colorful cast of residents coexist, sometimes unharmoniously, with seasonal visitors, travelers, and vacationers. Their stories are told in The Loon Counters, which sees the residents and visitors of the community encounter Olympic torchbearers, a mysteriously unseen-but-often-heard violinist, pushy hikers, and brooding art museum security guards. The characters recur across stories, seasons, and locations, finely illustrating the subtle shifts in the life of a rural, isolated Adirondack enclave.

Across sixteen interconnected stories, Roger Sheffer explores the lives and world of this community of outsiders who call this unique region home. Sheffer crafts stories that speak to the complex charm of the Adirondacks, the isolation and the community, the nostalgia, and the conservation, all the while finding the small places people carve for themselves in nature.

Roger Sheffer has published three collections of fiction and has won several national short story contests. His stories have appeared in many magazines, including Blueline, The Missouri Review, Third Coast, Arts and Letters, and Adirondack Life. He taught writing and literature at Minnesota State University, Mankato.



"A compelling and nuanced narrative world. Saud examines the city through multiple layers-geographical, urban, and human-giving equal attention to both the marginal and the central."

> -Jokha Alharthi, winner of the International Booker Prize and author of Celestial Bodies

"A master storyteller's melancholic soul-stirring work."

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# The Raven of Ruwi and Other Stories from Oman

Hamoud Saud

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Foreword by Jokha Alharthi

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A haunting collection of interconnected Omani short stories that present a portrait of a city and country caught between memory and modernity.

"A showstopper of a collection, as symphonic as life, full of impossible longing, elusive truths, and bright sharp shards of hard-earned wisdom. I cannot say it emphatically enough: read this, please."

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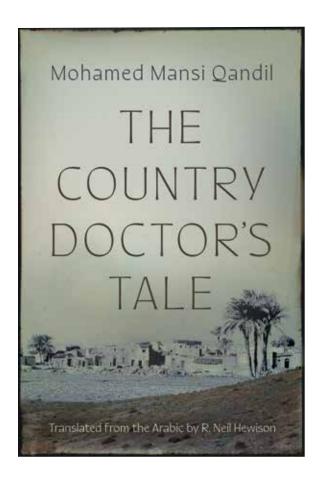
In this lyrical collection, Omani author Hamoud Saud invites readers into the soul of Muscat, the capital city of Oman, a country famed for its long coastline, rugged mountains, and stark desert landscapes. This geography provides the backdrop for stories that reveal both the beauty and hardship of a country and people on the margins.

Saud's Muscat is not a postcard-perfect city but a living, breathing place of cement forests, forgotten roundabouts, and ravens perched on bank flagpoles. In "The Raven of Ruwi," a narrator wanders the city's commercial district where Indian music drifts from balconies and the streets are filled with weary bank workers. In "The Sad Donkey of Muscat," a blind man recounts the city's history as told to him by a donkey. And in "Post Office of the Dead," a forgotten postmaster receives letters from Dostoevsky and Kafka, triggering a surreal unraveling of time and identity.

These stories are fabulist in spirit but grounded in the textures of everyday life: the scent of karak tea, the chatter of schoolgirls, the heat rising from asphalt. Through them, Saud explores themes of displacement, nostalgia, and the erasure of memory in the face of rapid urbanization. At once intimate and expansive, The Raven of Ruwi and Other Stories from Oman is a powerful meditation on place, identity, and the stories that cities tell.

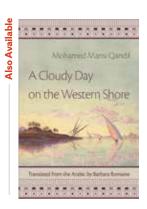
Hamoud Saud is an Omani writer of short stories and literary nonfiction. His work frequently appears in Arabic newspapers and culture magazines, and some of it has been translated into Azerbaijani, English, Japanese, and Spanish.

Zia Ahmed's translations of Arabic fiction and literary nonfiction have appeared in Asymptote, Denver Quarterly, and The Markaz Review. He lives in Virginia.



"A gripping novel by a well-known but under-translated Egyptian author.... The novel is translated beautifully -impeccably."

> -Marilyn Booth, translator of Celestial Bodies, winner of the International Booker Prize



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## A deeply human, sharply observed portrait of rural Egyptian life.

"The novel is at once an absorbing story of village life in Upper Egypt around 1980, and a searing indictment of multiple forms of oppression: women at the hands of their male relatives, the marginalized at the hands of the police, everyone at the hands of the thoroughly corrupt government.... A flawless translation."

-Kay Heikkinen, translator of Granada: The Complete Trilogy

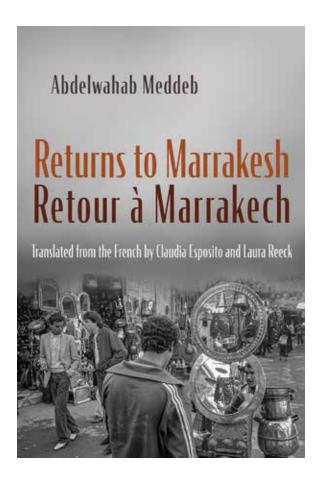
In a remote Egyptian village, a young doctor arrives to open a long-abandoned clinic. Recently released from prison for political dissent, he's been exiled from Cairo to this dusty outpost. As he immerses himself among the myriad ailments of the impoverished villagers, from scorpion stings and boils to the debilitating effects of bilharzia, he is drawn to a young nurse who becomes a trusted companion and provides an emotional refuge from his traumatic past. Farah represents everything the city doctor thinks he wants and offers a chance to rebuild his life. But are her ambitions really in line with his? And if this is love, is redemption certain to follow?

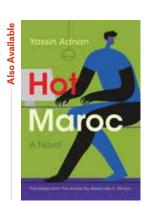
In this absorbing novel, Qandil weaves together forbidden love, political corruption, and the clash between tradition and desire. The doctor's world expands to include al-lazya, the queen of a gypsy tribe who sees through his pretensions, and a menacing district chief of police reminding him that no one escapes the reach of authority.

Qandil's novel evokes the beauties and cruelties of life in a small community on the edge of the Nile as our doctor's journey takes him through the muddy lanes of the village, the verdant fields of maize, and finally a grim quest in the haunting landscape of the White Desert-all the while struggling with an imperfect moral compass.

Award-winning Egyptian novelist Mohamed Mansi Qandil worked as a physician before becoming an author and literary critic. He is the author of several short-story collections and novels, including A Cloudy Day on the Western Shore.

R. Neil Hewison served as editorial director of the American University in Cairo Press until his retirement in 2017. He has translated works by Egyptian writers Yusuf Idris, Yusuf Abu Rayya, Gamal al-Ghitani, and Naguib Mahfouz. He lives in the village of Tunis in the Fayoum.





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"The translation is masterful in its accuracy and precision. And it is elegant. It preserves the uniqueness of Meddeb's rhythms in its prose."

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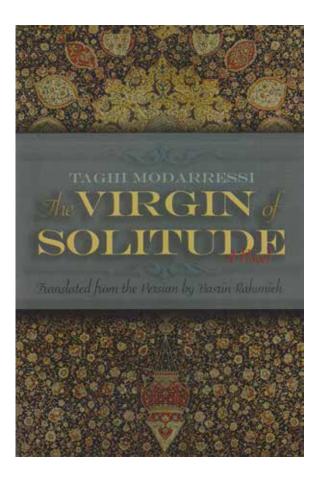
"On the way to Marrakesh, a superb sunrise, the sun high in the sky." With this simple yet luminous opening, Abdelwahab Meddeb invites the reader to wander the vibrant streets and sacred sites of this lively city in the heart of Morocco. Returns to Marrakesh chronicles Meddeb's return visits to the Red City from 1968 through the 1990s, documenting both his personal journey and the city's transformation across three pivotal decades. Through his distinctive blend of poetic prose and keen observation, Meddeb reveals Marrakesh as a historical crossroads where diverse populations-lewish and Muslim communities, different social classes, Sufi mystics, and merchants—have created a uniquely multilayered urban space.

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Abdelwahab Meddeb (1946-2014) was a North African intellectual and author of several fiction and nonfiction works primarily in French. Among many other works, he is author of the novels Talismano and Phantasia.

Claudia Esposito is associate professor of French at the University of Massachusetts, Boston. She is author of The Narrative Mediterranean: Beyond France and the Maghreb.

Laura Reeck is the author of Writerly Identities in Beur Fiction and Beyond and coeditor of Post-Migratory Cultures in Postcolonial France.



"Modarressi represented the best of his generation of writers: an openness, a generosity of spirit, a playful seriousness, and a love for writing that cut across the boundaries of time, and limitations of culture and politics."

-Azar Nafisi, author of Reading Lolita in Tehran

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# The Virgin of Solitude

## A Novel

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Traces the story of a teenager and his Austrian grandmother as they search for connection and meaning amid a society unraveling around them.

"A closely observed study of estrangement, telling the parallel stories of teenage Nuri, a blond, blue-eyed Iranian, and his Austrian grandmother."

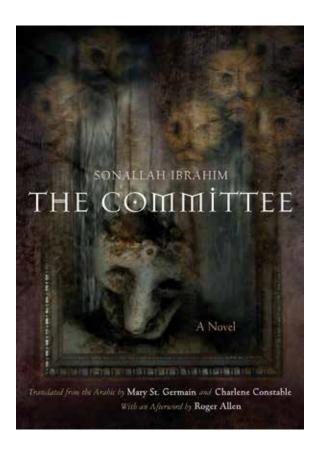
On the streets of Tehran, Nuri Hushiar knows his blond hair and blue eyes attract attention. While he relishes the attention, he cannot avoid the uneasy feeling of being out of place. This sense of being exceptional and estranged is the hallmark of his character and the focus of his struggle in Taghi Modarressi's last stunning novel.

Set around the time of the revolution, The Virgin of Solitude follows the parallel lives of a transplanted Austrian woman, who has made Iran her home, and her grandson, Nuri, who desperately misses his mother but hides his longing behind a veneer of teenage bravado. As the turmoil of the revolution envelops the country, grandmother and grandson witness the dissolution of social class and political order while searching for a sense of belonging.

Nasrin Rahimieh's translation captures the tone and mood of the original, rendering both Modarressi's subtle humor and assured prose with effortless precision.

Taghi Modarressi was born in Iran and educated as a doctor. He continued his education in the United States and became a member of the Department of Psychiatry of the University of Maryland School of Medicine. He is the author of The Book of Absent People and The Pilgrim's Rules of Etiquette. He was married to the novelist Anne Tyler.

Nasrin Rahimieh is Howard Baskerville Professor of Humanities in the Department of Comparative Literature and associate dean for academic personnel in the School of Humanities at University of California, Irvine. She is the editor in chief of the journal, Iranian Studies. She is the author of several books, including Missing Persians: Discovering Voices in Iranian Cultural History.



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## A Novel

Sonallah Ibrahim

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A gripping novel that is at once a grotesque mystery and a biting allegory of imperialism and tawdry consumerism.

"This is a wonderful existential novel."

-Booklist

"This powerful, thought-provoking novel offers a fascinating glimpse of the mechanics of repression worldwide."

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"Possesses both uncanny contemporary relevance and, in its surreal climax and dénouement, tremendous narrative and symbolic force."

-Kirkus

This wry take on Kafka's novel The Trial revolves around its narrator's attempts to petition successfully the elusive ruling body of his country, known simply as "the Committee." Consequences for his actions range from the absurd to the hideous.

Ibrahim offers an unbroken first-person narrative rendered in brief, crisp prose framed by a conspicuous absence of vivid imagery. Furthermore, the petitioner is a man without identity. The ideal antihero, he remains, as does his country, unnamed throughout the intricate plot with a locale suggestive of 1970s Cairo.

The Committee pierces the inflammatory terrain between ordinary men, unbridled displays of power, and other broader concerns of the author's native Egypt. The novel's corrosive, shocking conclusion catapults satiric surrealism into a new realm.

Sonallah Ibrahim (1937-2025) was an Egyptian novelist and a major literary figure in the Arab world. He published short stories, historical and scientific children's books, translations of American and German fiction, and seven novels, including Tilka al-ra'iha (The Smell of It), Beirut-Beirut, and Warda.

Mary St. Germain is head of the Near East section at the University of Washington Libraries. She is the co-editor of the first volume of Essays in Arabic Literary Biography.

Charlene Constable studied Arabic at the University of Washington and has traveled in Syria, Jordan, and Egypt.

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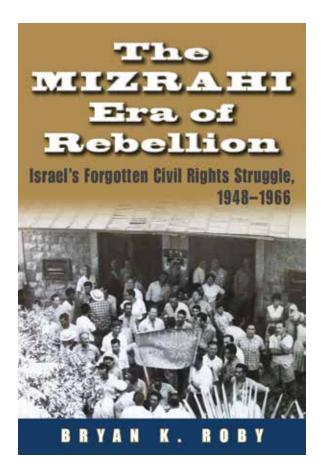
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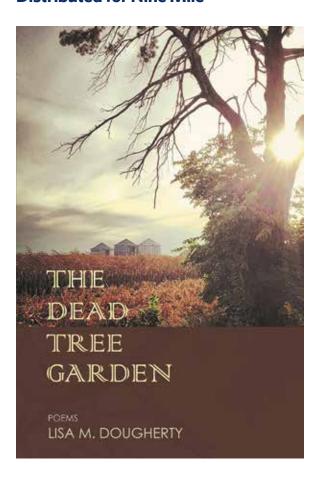
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During the postwar period of 1948-56, over 400,000 lews from the Middle East and Asia immigrated to the newly established state of Israel. By the end of the 1950s, Mizrahim, also known as "Oriental lewry," represented the ethnic majority of the Israeli Jewish population. Despite their large numbers, Mizrahim were considered outsiders because of their non-European origins. Viewed as foreigners who came from culturally backward and distant lands, they suffered decades of socioeconomic, political, and educational injustices.

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Bryan K. Roby is an associate professor of Jewish and Middle Eastern history at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. After earning his PhD at the University of Manchester (UK), he completed a postdoctoral fellowship at New York University and was a visiting fellow at the University of Michigan's Frankel Institute for Judaic Studies. His research focuses on the history of race/racism, Black diasporas, and Jewish identity in Israel/Palestine and North Africa from the nineteenth century to the present.

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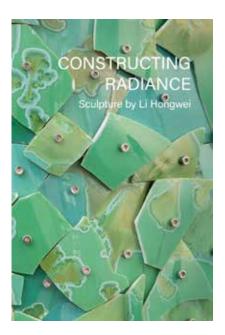
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On what playground Do we keep the fingers we have Pointed toward what We want to name other As if separation is desire And not a child Who does not want To go to bed at night Asking to be slept with, Afraid of morning And waking up without?

Lisa M. Dougherty is the author of Small as Hope in the Helicopter Rain and coauthor of The Answer is Not Here. Her work has appeared in the anthologies Alongside We Travel: Contemporary Poets on Autism, Double Kiss: Stories, Poems, and Essays on the Art of Billiards, and Keystone Poetry: Contemporary Poets on Pennsylvania. Her poem "Kildeer" was short-listed for the Pushcart Prize. She lives in Erie, PA, with her husband and their two daughters.

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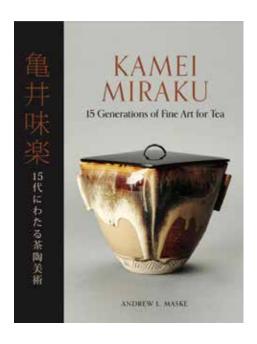
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Sculpture, a product of constructing forms in three-dimensional space, is embedded in the history of human endeavor and is often associated with a search for meaning. Radiance is an ephemeral condition, a reflection of light or a rare luminosity. Radiance often suggests an exquisite harmony as universals underlying reality unite in timeless balance. These words which contextualize the exhibition suggest a framework for contemplating the ever-expanding achievement of sculptor Li Hongwei.

Wayne Higby is director of the Alfred Ceramic Art Museum and is a professor at the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University.



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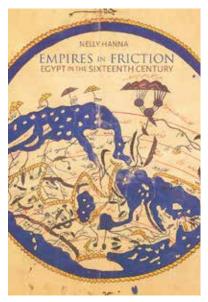
Being born into a traditional Japanese artistic family means inheriting more than just a craft—it includes a family name, artistic style, tools, property, clientele, and a deep-rooted legacy. The Takatori lineage dates back over 400 years and began when Korean potter Hachizō was brought to Japan by warlord Kuroda Nagamasa to produce ceramics for the powerful Kuroda domain. Through generations, the Takatori potters weathered political turmoil and shifts in patronage, evolving to meet the aesthetic demands of the tea ceremony elite.

Today, Miraku Kamei XV balances the Takatori tradition with modernization amid economic and urban change. Andrew Maske's book explores fifteen generations of this family of master potters, honoring their history, identity, and innovative expression.

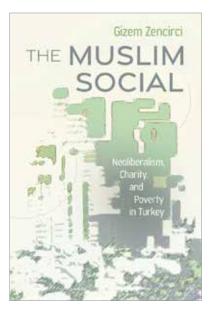
Andrew L. Maske has authored numerous articles on Asian art, culture, and ceramics, and was a major contributor to the Metropolitan Museum's exhibition catalogue Turning Point: Oribe and the Arts of Sixteenth Century Japan. He is the author of several books, including A Force of Nature: The Ceramic Art of Randy Johnston.

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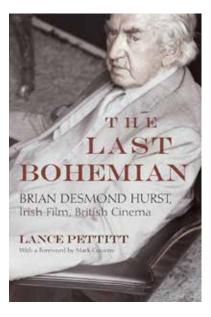
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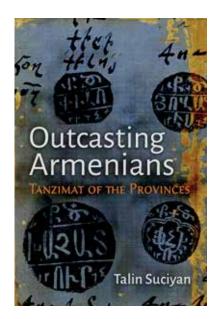
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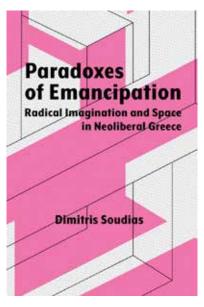
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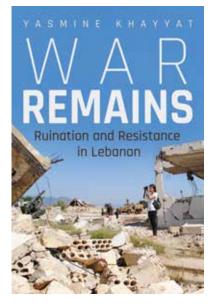
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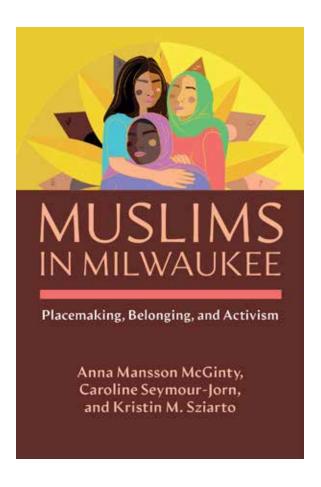
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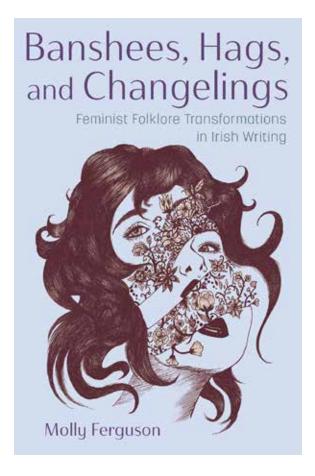
Muslims in Milwaukee explores the everyday lives, identities, and activism of Muslims in a midsized Midwestern city. Milwaukee is one of America's most segregated cities, yet within its boundaries, a vibrant Muslim community is reshaping narratives and embodied practices of belonging, civic engagement, and urban placemaking. While considerable scholarship on Muslim Americans has concentrated on larger metropolitan centers like New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago, or on Detroit's historic Arab neighborhoods, this book turns our attention to an understudied city where Muslim communities are small but rapidly growing, and where their experiences unfold within distinct local landscapes of race, segregation, and opportunity.

Drawing on over a decade of ethnographic fieldwork, surveys, and extensive interviews with community members, students, artists, activists, and leaders, the authors examine how local political, economic, and historical structures shape Muslim American experiences and civic participation, situating their analysis within the dual dynamics of belonging on one hand and exclusion and discrimination on the other.

Anna Mansson McGinty is associate professor of geography and women's and gender studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She is the author of Becoming Muslim: Western Women's Conversions to Islam.

Caroline Seymour-Jorn is professor of global studies and comparative literature at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She is the author of Cultural Criticism in Egyptian Women's Writing and Creating Spaces of Hope.

Kristin M. Sziarto is an associate professor of geography at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She has published numerous articles in journals such as Contemporary Islam, An International Journal for Critical Geographies, and Territory, Politics, Governance.



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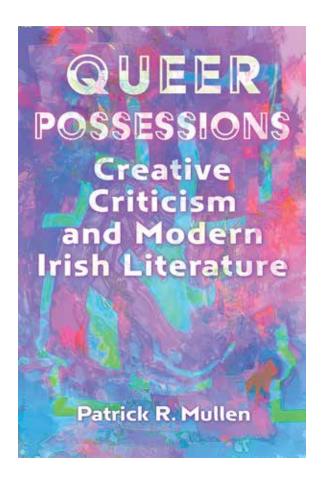
"The rich examinations of folkloric material as a repository of regressive and liberatory energies will be relevant to anyone interested in how a retold story can reanimate our readings and remake our understanding."

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Irish folklore is replete with images of the monstrous feminine. The wandering witch, the wailing banshee, the mysterious changeling and others recur throughout folktales and have become well-known through contemporary depictions in books and on screens. In the wake of recent feminist thinking, online movements, and revelations of gender-based violence in state institutions such as the Magdalene Laundries, women writers in Ireland and abroad have found new ways to adapt this folklore, addressing the underlying tensions inherent to these stories and reevaluating traditional myths.

In Banshees, Hags, and Changelings, Molly Ferguson examines how women writers and the recent cultural feminist reckoning in Ireland allow for a reappraisal of the subjects of these folktales and the anxieties they address. Exploring contemporary works, with attention paid to examples in science fiction and YA literature, Ferguson identifies the cultural processing of trauma resulting from gender-based violence through reconsiderations of the monstrous and the tensions that lie beneath each tale.

Molly Ferguson is an associate professor of English and affiliate faculty member in women's and gender studies at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana.



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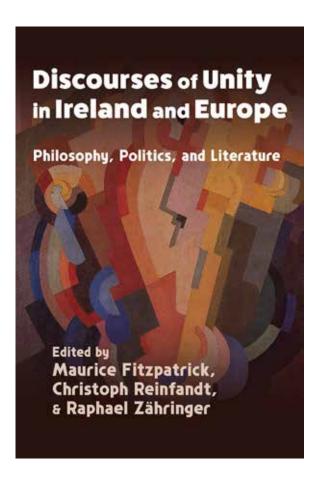
-Páraic Kerrigan, author of Reeling in the Queers: Tales of Ireland's LGBTQ Past

Too often, fleeting moments rooted in queer experience have appeared in popular fiction, only to be little remarked upon, often noted only as a sign of continuing neoliberal social advances. In Queer Possessions: Creative Criticism and Modern Irish Literature, Patrick Mullen makes the case for a more personal analysis of these moments, finding ways for readers to create new meaning and explore closer readings of key texts.

Queer Possessions is divided between close readings of modern Irish novels and films and creative readings of the same texts, to give readers the tools to engage more deeply with the process of analysis and criticism. In the first mode, Mullen examines how modern Irish literature has frequently featured comedy to represent queer sexuality and economic crisis in the twenty-first century. This analysis allows for the second mode, in which the text helps readers to assume a critical role, encouraging their own creative readings of texts and imagining more of the works.

Equal parts critical and playful, Queer Possessions works to rediscover misplaced queer history, encourage new forms of experiencing text, and empower readers to create new interpretations and works.

Patrick R. Mullen is an associate professor of history at Northeastern University. He is the author of The Poor Bugger's Tool: Irish Modernism, Queer Labor, and Postcolonial History.



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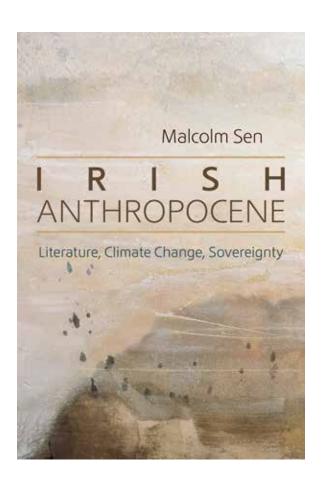
Crucial to all of this is the role of writers in reimagining Irish writing before and after the Northern Ireland peace process and in reconstituting an idea of Irish unity in their works. Maurice Fitzpatrick, Christoph Reinfandt, and Raphael Zähringer bring together scholars from the fields of philosophy, political science, diplomacy, history, and literary and cultural studies to interpret how the concept of unity has manifested in literary, historical, and political texts. This wide-ranging approach considers a variety of economic perspectives, including how generations of economic shifts have impacted the image of Ireland's relationship with the UK and Europe.

Ultimately, Discourses of Unity in Ireland and Europe provides coordinates for current debates about how to prepare for Irish unity and what shape it should or could take.

Maurice Fitzpatrick is a lecturer, film director, author, and visiting scholar at the University of Notre Dame. He is the author of The Boys of St. Columb's and John Hume in America: From Derry to DC.

Christoph Reinfandt is professor of English literatures and cultures at the University of Tübingen. He is the author of Englische Romantik: Eine Einführung and Romantic Communication: On the Continuity of Romanticism in Modern Culture.

Raphael Zähringer is a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Tübingen. He is the author of Hidden Topographies: Traces of Urban Reality in Dystopian Fiction.



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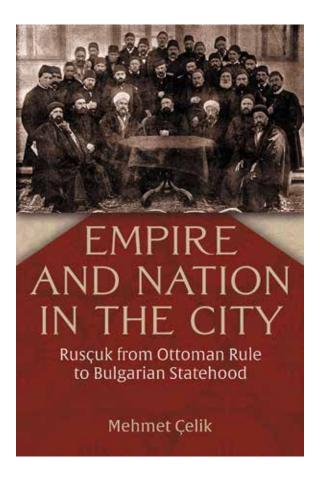
> -Eoin Flannery, author of Ireland and Ecocriticism: Literature, History, and Environmental Justice

In Irish Anthropocene, Malcolm Sen traces the ways in which contemporary Irish literature is deeply engaged with climate change issues. Drawing upon concepts of sovereignty, precarity, and disaster, Sen examines Irish literary works and their concern with realms of the political, the economic, and the ecological. The association of greenness with Ireland and its role in the corporatization of Ireland Inc. has been robustly critiqued to reveal the underbelly of Ireland's unsustainable energy and food regimes and its distressing environmental record with international climate change mitigation efforts.

Writing in the shadow of such emissions, contemporary authors are alert not only to the insincerity of pastoralist rhetoric and the instrumentalized greenery of Irish fiction, but they are also responding to the planetary-level threats dominating the discourse of the Anthropocene. The Irish canon has historically played a crucial role in Irish nationalism, and these works are often written at a time when questions of statehood and citizenship are increasingly at the forefront of Irish and geopolitical discourses.

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Malcolm Sen is the director of the Environmental Humanities Specialization and an associate professor at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He is the editor of A History of Irish Literature and the Environment and Race in Irish Literature and Culture.



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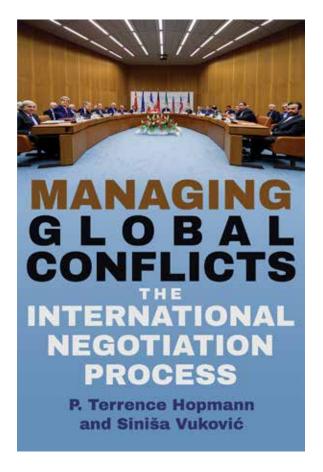
"Çelik's stimulating book draws on multilingual archival research to explore this urban center on the Danube as the vanguard of Ottoman reform."

> -Uğur Zekeriya Peçe, author of Island and Empire: How Civil War in Crete Mobilized the Ottoman World

To curb the influence of minority populations and "outside enemies," the Ottoman government implemented new and experimental Tanzimat reforms within the empire's center and provincial regions. By the 1860s, the city of Rusçuk in present-day Bulgaria and capital of the Ottoman Danube province became a test case for this expansive reform movement within an urbanizing and contested peripheral landscape. In Empire and Nation in the City, Mehmet Çelik traces how the Danube province and Rusçuk, in particular, experienced a series of swift political transitions from a "modernized" Ottoman administration, to a Russian provisional government, and finally to a Bulgarian

Celik examines the transformative effects of each political system, arguing that Bulgarian nationalism was not a uniform ideology, but a flexible and mutable one that engaged multiple loyalties—Bulgarian and Ottoman among them. To understand these competing loyalties, he explores the diverse religious and multiethnic makeup of Rusçuk and the multifaceted responses to imperial control, nationalist sympathies, and political movements. Rather than assess Ottoman rule and Bulgarian nationhood as separate periods, Celik bridges these moments to understand the continuity of Ottoman reforms within a burgeoning Bulgarian nation.

Mehmet Celik is a senior academic advisor and lecturer in the Department of History at the University of Texas at Austin. His research focuses on Ottoman, Balkan, and Turkish history.



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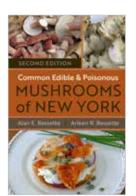
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P. Terrence Hopmann is a senior fellow at the Foreign Policy Institute and Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. He is coauthor of Unity and Disintegration in International Alliances: Comparative Studies, coeditor of Rethinking the Nuclear Weapons Dilemma in Europe, and author of The Negotiation Process and the Resolution of International Conflicts.

Siniša Vuković is director of the global policy MA program at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. He is the author of International Multiparty Mediation and Conflict Management: Challenges of Cooperation and Coordination and coauthor of Rethinking Conflict Management and Resolution.

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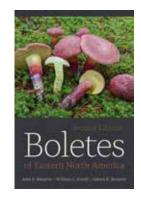
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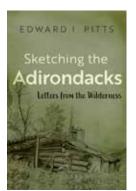
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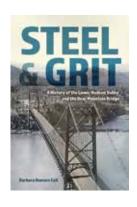


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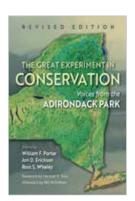
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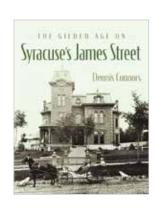
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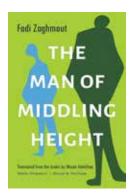
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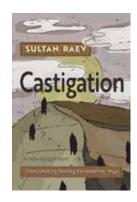
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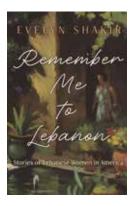
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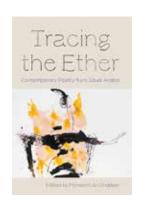
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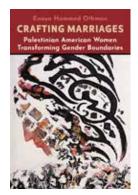
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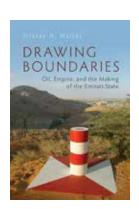


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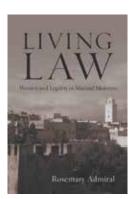
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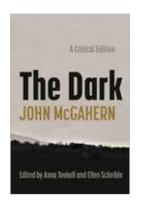


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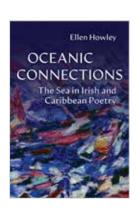
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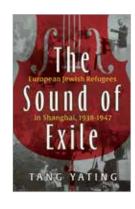


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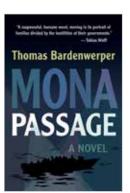


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